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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Week of Dec. 1

Sunday Shacharis	8:30
Daily Shacharis	7:15
Minchah followed by Exposition of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel	4:20
Fri., Dec 6—Candles by	4:11
Minchah	4:20
Sat., Dec. 7 — Sedrah: <i>Vayeishev</i> Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class	8:40
Shacharis	9:00

Blessing of New Chodesh Kiddush

Hosts: Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell Hauser

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class	3:30
Minchah	4:05
Seudah Shlishis Hosted by Leona Bisinger	

Sabbath Ends	5:08
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1st Chanukah Candle at Night

Week of December 8 — CHANUKAH

Sunday Shacharis	8:15
Mon., Tues. & Wed	7:15
Fri. — ROSH CHODESH TEVES	7:00
Minchah	4:20

Fri., Dec. 13 — Kindle Chanukah Candles

Before Sabbath Candles by	4:11
Minchah	4:20

Sat., Dec. 14 — CHANUKAH VII

Sedrah: <i>Miketz</i> Sedrah Class	8:30 / Shacharis	8:50
Talmud Class	3:30 / Minchah	4:05
Seudah Shlishis Hosts: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bialer		

Sabbath Ends	5:09
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Week of Dec. 15

Sunday Shacharis — CHAN. VIII	8:15
Minchah	4:20
Fri., Dec. 20 — Candles by	4:13
Minchah	4:20

Sat., Dec. 21 — Sedrah: *Vayigash*

Sedrah Class	8:40 / Shacharis	9:00
Talmud Class	3:30 / Minchah	4:10
Sabbath Ends		5:12

Week of Dec. 22 — Daily Minchah

Sun. — ASARAH BETEVES	8:15
Minchah (Vayechal)	4:05
Fri., Dec. 27 — Candles by	4:17
Minchah	4:25

Sat., Dec. 28 — Sedrah: *Vayechee*

Sedrah Class	8:40 / Shacharis	9:00
Talmud Class	3:30 / Minchah	4:15
Sabbath Ends		5:16

Week of Dec. 29 — Minchah

Fri., Jan 3 — Candles by	4:23
Minchah	4:30

Sat., Jan. 4 — Sedrah: *Shemos*

Sedrah Class	8:40 / Shacharis	9:00
Blessing of New Chodesh Talmud Class	3:30 / Minchah	4:15
Sabbath Ends		5:21

TO HOST A SABBATH KIDDUSH
OR A SEUDAH SHLISHIS
PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE

WSIS TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY ON SATURDAY JANUARY 18

Our Synagogue will be joining the Jewish community in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Yeshiva University at our Sabbath morning services January 18th. Rabbi Moshe Sherman, ordained by the Yeshiva and a doctoral candidate in its Bernard Revel Graduate School, will be the guest preacher. He is Professor of Jewish History at Hofstra University. Dr. Norman

Lamm, President of Y.U., will attend our services. A *kiddush* will follow.

Both Rabbis of our Congregation as well as a goodly number of our members have had very significant ties with Y.U. Our late Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was Professor of Homiletics at the Yeshiva and was instrumental in the school's acquisition of university status from the Board of Regents of New York State at the time he was President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregation of America (as noted in the just-published book, *The Maverick Rabbi*, written by his grandson, Rabbi Aaron I. Reichel, a Y.U. alumnus).

Our Rabbi O. Asher Reichel earned five diplomas from Y.U., including ordination and his doctorate. His scholarly work, *Isaac Halevy (1847-1914)—Spokesman and Historian of Jewish Tradition*, was published by the Yeshiva University Press with a Foreword by Dr. Samuel Belkin.

The 100th Anniversary celebration was launched recently with the unveiling of a United States postage stamp featuring the portrait of Dr. Bernard Revel, the university's first president. An impressive series of major events of national scope is being scheduled for the coming year—including a rededication of the sites on the lower East Side at 44 Canal Street and 302 East Broadway where the Yeshiva had its first homes.

The annual Chanukah Dinner of Y.U. will be held at The Waldorf-Astoria on Sunday evening, December 15th. For details call 960-0863.

"TAL UMATAR"
IN SHMONEH ESREI AS OF
WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 4

CONGREGATIONAL CHANUKAH SUPPER WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 6:30 P.M.

CO-SPONSORED BY MEN'S CLUB,
MR. & MRS. LEAGUE, AND WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Benjamin — Co-Chairmen

By reservation only. Checks (to W.S.I.S.) must reach our office by December 5.

Contribution \$10.00

Chanukah Party Committee, WSIS
120 W. 76 St., N.Y.C. 10023

Enclosed \$ _____ for _____ reservations to December 11th Chanukah Party @ \$10.00.

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YAHREZIT OF RABBI GOLDSTEIN

The *yahrzeit* of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein of blessed memory will be on the 24th of Teves. Rebbetzin Goldstein and his children, Simeon H.F. Goldstein, Gabriel F. Goldstein, and Rebbetzin O. Asher Reichel will sponsor the Seudah Shlishis on January 4th in his memory.

CONDOLENCES

We sorrowfully record the passing of the following of our Congregational Family and extend our sympathy to their dear ones:

Lila Goodman — wife of Howard and daughter-in-law of our Women's League Co-President Kate Goodman.

Bertha Miller — mother of Marilyn Sugerman and Robert.

Levy I. Wechsler — our member, husband of Dora, and father of Evelyn Grunberg and Harry.

The Synagogue's Mt. Eden Cemetery is located in Valhalla (Westchester), New York. Single graves as well as family plots are available. For details call our office.

MEN'S CLUB

Breakfast Meetings
Sundays, December 15 and
January 12 at 9:30

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M.C. Sabbath, Feb. 15

CHANUKAH BEGINS SATURDAY NIGHT DEC. 7

Chanukah commemorates one of the major turning points in Jewish history. In the year 168 B.C.E., the Syrian Emperor Antiochus Epiphanus launched a campaign of religious persecution against the Jews. His soldiers desecrated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. For three years Judah the Maccabee led a valiant army of loyal followers against the mighty Syrian legions. After routing the enemy hordes, they rededicated the Holy Temple and reestablished the traditional worship. This consecration was celebrated for eight days. To this day we kindle Chanukah lamps to celebrate not only the events of the hoary past but also the Almighty's mighty deeds throughout the ages.

The Chanukah lights are to be placed on the left side of the street entrance to one's home — facing the *mezuzah* on the right door post. This custom is observed in Israel. In the diaspora the Chanukah lights are placed at the window facing the street. If one's residence is more than thirty feet above street level it is preferable to place the lights near the left side of the entrance within the home, since above thirty feet the objective of *Pirum Haness* (publicizing the miracle) is not fulfilled. The preferred placement for the Chanukah candles is between one foot and one meter from the floor.

The first candle is placed at the extreme right of the *menorah*. Each night following an additional candle is placed to the left of the previous one. However, the order of lighting the candles is from left to right — so that the added candle is kindled first.

The Chanukah lights should last a half hour into the evening. On Friday the Chanukah candles, which are to be kindled before the Sabbath candles, should be extra large in order to last over an hour — Sabbath-size candles are recommended. On Saturday night the Chanukah candles are kindled at home after Havdalah.

Benedictions Over The Candles:

Baruch atah ado... elokeinu melech ha'olam asher kide'shanu bemitzvosav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Baruch atah ado... elokeinu melech ha'olam she'assah niseem la'avoseinu bayameem hahame ba'ze'man ha'zeh.

Blessing recited only at the first kindling:

Baruch atah ado... elokeinu melech ha'olam she'he'che'yanu ve'kee'ye'manu vehi'gee'anu la'ze'man ha'zeh.

CHAMISHAH ASAR B'SHEVAT SATURDAY JANUARY 25

Chamishah Asar B'Shevat (the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month Shevat), in Temple times determined the dating of the produce relating to tithes. The Mishnah refers to this day as *Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanos* (New Year for Trees). It is also called *Tu* (the *teth* and *vav* Hebrew letters total fifteen) *B'Shevat*.

Chamishah Asar B'Shevat is observed by the eating of fruit products for which the Holy Land is noted, such as dates, figs and grapes. We partake of fruit which we have not as yet eaten during the year for the blessing of *Shehechiyanu*.

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON ON MONDAY, DEC. 2

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BOARD MEETING, MON. DEC. 16

The hostesses for the Board Luncheon will be Jeannette Jacobs, Ethel Segerman and Ruth Werblud.

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OPEN MEETING, MON., JAN. 6

All are welcome to listen to our guest speaker, Dr. Susan Russo, eminent Chiropractor, whose topic will be "How to Eliminate Pain Without Medication." Refreshments.

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BOARD MEETING, MON. JAN. 27

The hostesses of the November Board Meeting were Sylvia Anstendig, Ruth Braff and Lillian Goldstein.

GETTING PERSONAL

At the Orthodox Union's Women's Branch Convention, Sally Goodgold spoke on "Sharing the Me," with our Rebbetzin Josephine Reichel as Moderator; and Fanny Wald received the *Ayshes Chayn* Award. Mrs. Wald was also the recipient of the Orthodox Woman-of-the-Year Award conferred by the Orthodox Women's Groups of the Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds.

Best wishes to our Treasurer & Mrs. Steven Goldstein and children in their new home.

Our members, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Herz, hosted a *kiddush*.

Our Neighboring Yeshiva, Manhattan Day School, 310 W. 75th St., will hold its annual Dinner at the New York Hilton on Sunday, March 2nd. For reservations call 595-6800.

MAZAL TOV

Birth

A boy to Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Eis, grandson of our President & Mrs. William T. Steinlauf and Mr. & Mrs. Philip Eis.

Bar Mitzvah

Avi, son of Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sussman and great-grandson of our Women's League Board member, Helen Bernath.

Marriage

Susan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore A. Merkin, and granddaughter of our member Dr. Leon Merkin, to Gary, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Berman

ASARAH BETEVES FAST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

This fast commemorates the beginning of the fatal siege of Jerusalem by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, which culminated in the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C.E. Selichos prayers are said in the morning and a penitential portion of the Torah is read both at Shacharis and at Minchah.