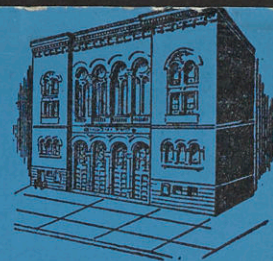


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CHILDREN TO BE SPECIAL GUESTS AT HAKAFOTH SERVICE

The Hakafoth Services of the last few years have brought capacity congregations to our synagogue to witness the procession of the Torah Scrolls on Simchat Torah and to join in celebrating this joyous festival. Many lovely features intended to make the service intelligible and more beautiful were introduced by us — each year improving upon the beauty, dignity and festiveness of the preceding one. As a result, our synagogue has attracted larger and larger numbers of worshippers who were delighted with a service that was gay and joyous in the traditional manner, yet dignified and aesthetic to suit the modern tastes.

This year, once again, a special Hakafoth Service has been prepared, and, following through on a practice initiated three years ago, the children will have important parts in the service. At the head of each of the seven Torah processions will be Junior Marshals selected from among the pupils of Ramaz School and our afternoon Religious School. A special Order of Service, incorporating the featured arrangements, will again be distributed to those who will attend our Services on Simchat Torah eve, this Monday evening, Oct. 22nd.

May we direct your attention to two requests we would like to make: First, come with your family and, by all means, bring the children. Simchat Torah is a holiday for young and old to enjoy, but it has become a children's festival above all. Particularly with children participating in the Service, we would like to have as many youngsters with us as possible. Flags and specially prepared boxes of candy will be distributed to the children, as usual.

In this regard, however, we strongly urge that children below the age of 4

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PHILLIP GOLDSMITH AND HARRY BAUMGARTEN APPOINTED GROOMS OF THE LAW

Maurice Finkelstein Designated Chasan Maftir

The traditional honors of Chasan Torah and Chasan Bereshith were awarded this year to Mr. A. Phillip Goldsmith and to Mr. Harry W. Baumgarten respectively. The announcement was made by Max J. Etra, President of the congregation, on behalf of his fellow-officers. The honor of Chasan Maftir was assigned to Professor Maurice Finkelstein.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION TO RESUME SERVICES NEXT SATURDAY

The Junior Congregation will resume its weekly service on Saturday morning, October 27th, at 10:00 o'clock in the Chapel.

The activity, conducted solely by the youngsters themselves, has been a source of genuine pride to us during the past few years. It was truly a pleasure to behold several "minyanim" of boys and girls, week in and week out, conduct their own service, participate in the rituals that are part of the Sabbath morning services, and partake of the kiddush which was provided by the Parents' Club.

This year the Junior Congregation will be under the supervision of Mr. Manfred Rechtschaffen, a young and competent leader of children. A graduate of Ramaz, Mr. Rechtschaffen is currently attending Yeshiva University, and has behind him several years of experience in handling groups of this kind. In the course of the year, he will try to develop from among our young worshippers several "chazanim" who will become familiar with the traditional melodies of the Sabbath morning service and, in addition, learn the technique of leading a congregation in prayer.

Our children, we know, will welcome this news of the resumption of the Junior Congregation. Our parents, we know, will recognize the importance of this weekly activity and will cooperate with us

The Chasan Torah is the one who is called to read the closing verses of the Pentateuch on Simchat Torah morning. The recipient of that honor, Mr. Goldsmith, has come to our congregation with a rich background of synagogue service. A relative new-comer in our midst he has already won a place for himself in the life and activities of our congregation. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of our congregation as well as of Ramaz School. United Jewish Appeal and Federation know him as a generous donor and an ardent worker. More recently he has become one of the generous friends of Yeshiva University and its medical school.

The Chasan Bereshith, Harry W. Baumgarten, will be called to the Torah to read the opening verses of Genesis. Mr. Baumgarten was elected treasurer of Kehilath Jeshurun last May. He is a trustee of Ramaz School and a parent of one of its students. He was the proud chairman of the Yeshiva University Appeal Committee which achieved such magnificent results within the synagogue membership last year. He will readily admit that the happiest hour of the week for him is the one that he spends in the Monday night Talmud class at our Adult Institute.

Professor Maurice Finkelstein, the Chasan Maftir, is a prominent attorney and scholar of the law. He is Professor of Law at St. John's University Law School. A member of a family of scholars, he is himself a devotee of Jewish scholarship. His pet organization is the Conference on Jewish Relations which publishes the quarterly, "Jewish Social Studies." He is one of those responsible for the recent publication of Freedom

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**Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 a. m.
"CYNIC, DOUBTER, SCOFFER—
ANOTHER LOOK AT ECCLESIASTES"**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

The first Open Meeting of the Sisterhood was held last Wednesday afternoon in the Social Hall, with a goodly number of the members present to get the new year off to a good start. As guest speaker, the Sisterhood had Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, who spoke on the subject, "Women and the State of Israel."

The Rabbi sub-divided his talk into three categories: the life of women in Israel insofar as their being mothers and housekeepers is concerned; the role of women outside the new state and their effect on the welfare of the young republic; and the status of women in Israel — social, religious, etc. In these connections, the Rabbi described the hardships that are imposed upon an Israeli wife and mother in her management of her household affairs; the Rabbi touched upon the work of Hadassah, Mizrahi Women's Organization, Pioneer Women and the Women's League for Israel; and he also clarified the many misconceptions that have arisen about how women are regarded in and by the government of the state.

In short, it was a talk that embodied not only elements of great interest, but important points of enlightenment and clarification. Those who heard the talk were amply rewarded; to those who could not attend the meeting, we can only say, "You missed something!"

Hear Reports on Annual Luncheon —

The meeting was interesting from other viewpoints as well. Several important reports were heard from the various committee chairmen, touching not only upon the work of the Sisterhood, but also upon the welfare of the group, and its participation in major campaigns of city-wide and nation-wide scope.

Chief among the reports were those of the Annual Luncheon, rendered by Mrs. Hyman Abrams and Mrs. A. Milton Brown, co-chairmen of the affair. They pointed out how important to the work of the Sisterhood was the success of this function, which will be held on Tuesday, December 11th, in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Plaza. Something new is being done this year: admission to the Luncheon may be had only by disposing of a booklet of raffles valued at \$15.00. No tickets will go on sale, nor will any special raffles be sold at the Luncheon. In other words, the raffle for the Portrait Painting Study to be done by the noted artist, David Immer-

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE LATTER DAYS OF SUKKOTH

Friday, October 19th

Lighting of Candles	4:50
Evening	5:00

Saturday, Shabbat Chol Hamoed

Morning	9:00
Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv)	4:50
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:45

Sunday, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning	8:00
Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv)	5:00

Monday, Shemini Azeret

Morning	9:00
Memorial Service (Yizkor)	10:45
Mincha	5:00

Ma'ariv and Hakafoth will follow

Tuesday, Simchat Torah

Morning	9:00
Evening	4:50

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Evening	4:50

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

New Member —

We extend a hearty welcome to Lafay Dribben who joined our Congregation this week.

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Alfred Casner, Mrs. Samuel I. Hyman, David Joseph, Samuel Rosen, Max Scheidt, Mrs. Abris Silberman and Nathaniel Sokolski.

Anniversaries —

Our best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kommel and to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ochacher who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

man, is the only raffle to be conducted, and will be the only means of gaining admission to this gala event.

Sisterhood members have received their raffle books and are already busily engaged in disposing of them. But in order to assure the successful outcome of the Luncheon, a 100% record of co-operation must be achieved. Both Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Brown stressed the importance of concerted effort on the part of all members so that this Luncheon may top all previous ones.

GROOMS OF THE LAW

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and Reason, a collection of essays in honor of the late Professor Morris Raphael Cohen.

A common characteristic of the three selectees is that they are observant Jews, faithful to the traditions of our people. Every Sabbath, and on weekdays too, they may be found in their appointed places in the House of God at prayer and at study. Such indeed are deserving to be designated as Grooms of the Law. Our congratulations to them and our best wishes to their families.

In keeping with the practice of our synagogue, the Grooms of the Law will be inducted into office at the Mussaf Service on Shemini Azeret. From then on until the close of the Festival they will officiate as presiding officers of the Congregation. In their honor a buffet-kiddush and reception will be given in the Social Hall of the synagogue at the close of services at Simchat Torah morning, Tuesday, October 23rd. At that reception the Kehilath Jeshurun family will assemble to do honor to the grooms and to bring to a joyous close the High Holiday festival season.

K. J. AT SUKKOTH TIME

True, it is only Chol Hamoed, and we have not as yet celebrated the latter days of the Sukkoth festival. But so much has occurred during the first days of Sukkoth, that we feel impelled to jot down some of these occurrences and we hope you will pardon us for "patting ourselves on the back." This has indeed been a memorable Sukkoth for us — for our worshippers, for those who joined in having their meals in our Sukkah, for the children of our schools . . . in short, for the entire congregational family who spent some time with us during the past few days.

To start with, we are happy to note that so many many more of our congregants took to heart our suggestion that they provide themselves with a Lulav and Ethrog for the holiday. The services Monday and Tuesday were something to behold. Never before did so many worshippers participate in the colorful procession in the Synagogue, each bearing his Lulav and Ethrog in the traditional Hoshanah service.

After the services, our worshippers proceeded to the Sukkah for Kiddush. There another beautiful sight awaited them. For the Sukkah had been decorated so beautifully, and so in keeping with this Feast of the Harvest, that it was inspiring merely to assemble in the Sukkah. This was especially true of the large number of our family who took advantage of the opportunity afforded them to have their holiday meals in the Sukkah in the company of their fellow members and friends. Young and old alike enjoyed not only the delicious repasts, but the traditional "zmiros" and Israeli songs, and true holiday spirit that permeated the four walls of the Sukkah.

The children of Ramaz School and our afternoon Religious School also partook of the Sukkah. The younger Ramaz children had their lunches served in the Sukkah on Wednesday and Thursday; the older ones visited the Sukkah and discussed the various symbols they found there. The children of the Religious School were served a light bite in the Sukkah so that they, too, could be given the true meaning and significance of what they had previously studied in the classroom.

All in all, and to all concerned either as participants or as spectators, this year's Sukkoth celebration had a deeper meaning and evoked greater feeling than ever before. May we here extend our

You are cordially invited to attend a

Reception and Buffet Kiddush

in honor of

Chasan Torah
MR. A. PHILLIP GOLDSMITH

Chasan Bereshith
MR. HARRY W. BAUMGARTEN

Chasan Maftir
PROF. MAURICE FINKELSTEIN

on Tuesday, October 23rd

following the regular service

AN INTERESTING REACTION

Rabbi Lookstein's sermons on Israel have aroused interest not only in our own congregational family but in the "press" as well. An editorial on one of the Rabbi's sermons appeared last month in the Catholic weekly, "America". The magazine, "America", is a Jesuit publication and is considered of a specially high intellectual calibre. It is interesting to note that this internationally known organ felt that Rabbi Lookstein's remarks were striking and required comment. The author of the editorial, who was not named, referred especially to the Rabbi's description of Israel as a source for "more than the Law . . . but for tenderness, sympathy, generosity and understanding for every stricken member of a persecuted people."

The Rabbi's talks on Israel, as was evident to all who heard them, were extraordinarily informative and perspicacious. We are glad that their fame is becoming known even beyond the confines of 85th Street!

thanks to all who shared in making this possible, with a special word of thanks to Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith and the members of her Sisterhood Sukkah Committee who did such a splendid job of decorating the Sukkah.

HAKAFOTH SERVICE

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not be brought to synagogue for the simple reason that they are too young to be expected to participate in the services. Experience has taught us that tots of that tender age hinder the progress of the service and make it difficult for the adults to take part in the proceedings as they would like to. We hope our readers will take this suggestion to heart.

Our second request is that you should come on time. The children should be brought at 5:00 o'clock — but not before 4:45, please — to the Chapel. They will be escorted to a section in the Main Synagogue especially reserved for them before the Hakafoth begin, where they will be properly supervised, and from where they will be able to join in the celebration of the holiday. Please be early because we expect another capacity congregation.

In summary, then:

1. By all means bring the children — but only those who are old enough to appreciate what is going on.

2. Have the youngsters in the Chapel between 4:45 and 5:00 o'clock. Be good enough to leave them there; they will be cared for properly.

3. After the services, parents may meet their children in the main lobby of the Synagogue House.

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WORSHIPPERS LAUD IMPRESSIVE HOLY DAY SERVICES

Once again we record with pride the conclusion of a High Holy Day season that has brought highest praise from the hundreds of worshippers who attended our services — both in the Main Synagogue and in the Auxiliary Service conducted in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. To permit the services to pass without a word of comment in these columns would indeed be to commit an injustice to these worshippers and, even more particularly, to the large number of them who took the trouble to write us of the spiritual satisfaction they derived from having been with us. For, from the very opening notes of the cantors on the first eve of Rosh Hashanah to the Shofar's blast on Yom Kippur night, our congregants participated in a religious experience they will long remember.

In the Main Synagogue, the renditions of Cantor Hyman Gertler and our Ritual Director, Mr. Joseph E. Adler, were a delight to the ear. Beautiful voices chanting the traditional prayers; melodic readings of the Torah; familiar congregational melodies sung lustily and enthusiastically — all blended together to render the liturgical phase of the service as beautiful as it could possibly be.

Add to this the inspiring sermons of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and his explanatory interpolations throughout the entire service, and one can readily understand why our congregants were thrilled and impressed.

At the Auxiliary Service —

A similar atmosphere obtained at the Auxiliary Service. With Rabbi Norman Lamm conducting the service and youthful Cantor Saul Klausner leading the worshippers in prayer, an equally memorable experience was afforded those residents of our community who could not be accommodated in the Main Synagogue.

Thanks to the Board of Ushers —

To a large extent, the beauty of the services and the decorum which prevailed were the result of the faithful and effective service rendered by our Board of Ushers under the chairmanship of Mr. George Jacobs. For a difficult job well done, we extend our warmest appreciation to the loyal group of ushers, junior ushers and usherettes who labored so devotedly to assure a decorous and orderly service.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION ENTERS FINAL WEEK

Jerome H. Rosenblum, Principal of our afternoon Religious School, has announced that enrollment for the new school year is entering its final week, and that parents who are interested in having their children attend our school must attend to their registration before Thursday, October 25th. Mr. Rosenblum said further that the extension in the enrollment period was made possible by special arrangements with the teaching staff which has prepared a special "interim" curriculum so that those who register now may reach the level of their class (which has been in session for a while already) within a very short time.

We cannot help but feel that those residents of our community who have eligible youngsters who are not attending a Talmud Torah, are doing themselves and the children a gross injustice. Especially since there exists in their vicinity a school that has so much to offer their sons and daughters — a school that has been pointed to as a model for others to emulate. This is not an idle boast on our part: ask the parents of any of our pupils or former pupils, or ask an official educational agency like the Jewish Education Committee.

Within recent weeks the school office has received calls from parents of youngsters who were withdrawn by reason of their having moved to other parts of the city. Two brothers, who moved to the Bronx, are re-registering with us in spite of the distance because, once having tasted of our school program, they cannot become reconciled to any other afternoon school.

We are happy to have so many children come to our school from veritably all parts of the city — from the Upper Bronx to Lower Manhattan. But we cannot help feeling that there are ever so many boys and girls who live in our neighborhood and who **belong** with us, but who, for some reason or other, are not numbered among our student body.

You may know of one — some boy or girl whose parents may, perhaps, not even know of the existence of our school. You can be instrumental in rendering a great service to that youngster by referring his mother or father to us. The school office will take over from that point. Get us the child; we'll keep him with us.