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### SPECIAL CEREMONIES CONNECTED WITH ROSH HASHANAH

Although we usually think of the High Holy Days in terms of the Synagogue Service, there are many beautiful ceremonies that take place outside the House of God.

#### At The Table

The mistress of the home ushers in Rosh Hashanah by lighting the candles and pronouncing the festival blessings over them. The special benediction "Shehecheyanu" is added.

When the "Motzi" is made, the bread is dipped into the honey. The symbolism is obvious. It betokens a sweet year.

An apple too is dipped into honey for the same reason. A special prayer is recited; "May it be Thy will to grant us a good and sweet year."

On the second night a new fruit, not previously enjoyed is eaten and the blessing "Shehecheyanu" is made.

#### Tashlich

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah the Tashlich ceremony is performed. This ceremony takes place in the afternoon along the banks of a river or some other body of fresh water. Appropriate prayers are recited as part of this mystical custom. Central to the ceremony is the prophetic verse, "May you cast into the sea all their sins."

In our community, we customarily gather for Tashlich about one hour before Mincha near the 85th Street entrance to the reservoir path in Central Park.

#### **Rosh Hashanah Greetings**

On Rosh Hashanah, upon leaving the Synagogue, the High Holy Day greeting is לשנה מובה תכתבו

"May You Be Inscribed for a Good Year."

#### לשנה טובה תכתבו

The Officers of the Congregation and its affiliates, the Rabbis and all the Officials extend heartiest wishes to the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family for a year of health, happiness and good fortune.

### — FOR YOUR ATTENTION — SYNAGOGUE ORDINANCES AND PRACTICES

- 1) There are no vacant seats in our Synagogue during the High Holy Days. All seats have been reserved. We, therefore, request our worshippers not to bring children or guests, unless seats have been reserved for them.
- 2) A special guard will be at the main entrance. Admission cards must be shown to him. This regulation is essential to the safety and convenience of worshippers.
- 3) Tickets for the High Holy Days are not transferable. A seat may be used only by the one for whom it was reserved. Please abide by this ruling in order to avoid embarrassment to all concerned.
- 4) A children's service will be held on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the chapel. This service is for children from the ages of seven to twelve. The service will begin at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and will conclude at 1:00 o'clock.

- 5) The ushers serving during the High Holy Days do so voluntarily to maintain the proper decorum during the service. Your full cooperation with them will be greatly appreciated.
- 6) Worshippers are invited to take advantage of the checking facilities which are provided. At the checking counters white skull caps will be given to the male worshippers.
- 7) Uniform Prayer Books are available to all. At the close of services please leave the Prayer Book at your seat
- 8) The sermons are scheduled for the end of the service. The sounding of the Shofar will take place at about 10:00 o'clock.
- 9) Worshippers' attire should be conservative and subdued in keeping with the sanctity of the House of God and the solemnity of the season.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11 A.M.

#### A HIGH HOLY DAY MESSAGE

#### The Season of Refuge

One of the associations of the month of Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah, is a strange one. The name, Elul, is linked to the Biblical verse about the man who commits an unintentional murder and the provision of a Refuge City in which he can find safety and, ultimately, pardon (Exodus 21:13).

The strangeness of this association is understandable upon closer analysis. Judaism is steeped in the idea that man is innately good ("O Lord, the soul which you gave me is pure" a daily prayer). Moreover, the process of its perversion is often considered to be an abnormal one. Thus, the Talmud states: "A man does not sin except if seized by a momentary derangement".

A man's errors of the soul may, therefore, be considered as unintentional. This does not remove from man the responsibility for his error. Man must control this "momentary derangement", but a derangement it still is.

As a refuge for the perpetrators of these "unintentional" sins God provides the month of Elul, a time for rectifying the errors, for rearranging the derangement and for reestablishing man's control over his own acts and destiny.

The season of refuge provides limitless opportunities for us if we only exploit them. It is not only forgiveness that we seek, but self improvement and fulfillment. The opportunity, however, is also a responsibility. If we cannot secure our personal salvation in this season of refuge — when the spirit of prayer and piety fills the air — then our moral and religious dislocation may be permanent rather than momentary.

"V'im Lo Achshav, Eimati?" As the great sage Hillel put it: If not now . . . when?

A year of blessing for us all!

### PREPARE FOR THE SUCCOTH FESTIVAL

Although it may seem premature to mention Succoth in a Rosh Hashanah Bulletin, we must be mindful that the festival is less than three weeks away. It is time, therefore, to plan now.

Despite a very difficult period of construction, we are pleased to report that the congregation will have a large Succah to accommodate our members and worshippers during the forthcoming Festival.

#### Festival Meals to be Served

Full course meat meals will be served in the Succah on Sunday night, October 10th, Monday lunch, October 11th, Tuesday lunch, October 12th and during the Intermediate Days on Friday evening, October 15th and Saturday lunch, October 16th. On Monday night, October 11th, a fish dinner will be served.

All meals will be catered by Arnold Caterers. The charge per adult for meat meals is \$7.00 per plate, and \$3.50 for the fish dinner. Children under 13 years of age who are accompanied by parents will be charged \$3.00 per plate.

We urge all those interested in making their reservations, to contact the synagogue office as soon as possible.

#### Reserve A Lulav and Ethrog

We remind our worshippers to arrange for a Lulav and Ethrog. These symbolic fruits are used during the Hallel Service and in the procession around the synagogue. The Lulav procession has become more impressive year after year and more worshippers holding the Lulav and Ethrog have joined the line of march.

It is desirable to have a Lulav and Ethrog for Synagogue use and one for home use. Women and children should also be encouraged to observe the ceremony.

The purchase of a Lulav and Ethrog is of course a requirement of Jewish law. There is, however, a practical element involved. It contributes to the economy of Israel.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, will be happy to arrange for you to obtain a Lulav and Ethrog. Please call him at the synagogue office at your earliest convenience.

#### SHABBAT SHUVAH DISCOURSE

It is a traditional practice for a Halakhic discourse to be delivered on the Sabbath which occurs between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Such a discourse will be delivered by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on Saturday afternoon, October 2nd, following the Mincha service. The service begins at 6:10 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all men and women to attend this service and to remain for the discourse which will follow.

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25th

#### Birthdays

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Anna Bernstein, Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Benjamin Deutsch, Herman Greenberg, Dr. William F. Herzig, Joseph Kagan, Mrs. Kalman Kinzler, Mordie Mann, and Mrs. Isidore Silver.

#### **Engagement**

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Neustadter upon the engagement of their daughter Martha to Mr. Stuart Berman.

#### WEEK OF OCTOBER 2nd

#### Birthdays

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Norman V. Balinson, Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert, Dr. Joseph Litwins, Isaac E. Okun, Benjamin Perlman, I. Jerome Riker, Mrs. Anne H. Robbins, Sidney Scheinberg and Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman.

#### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The kiddush this Sabbath will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten in honor of a Yahrzeit observance.

#### A GOOD BEGINNING

Our congregational season began on a fine religious note last Saturday night, as close to four hundred persons gathered for the Midnight Selicoth Service. All ages were represented. It was especially gratifying to see how many young people came from all parts of the city, to participate in this service.

Our thanks to the ladies of the Sisterhood for preparing the delightful "midnight snack" which preceded the service. In serving as the hostesses for the congregation, they helped to make this social gathering reflect the spirit that has come to be associated with the family of Kehilath Jeshurun.

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#### **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR THE** YOUNG DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

#### **Junior Congregation**

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On both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur the Junior Congregation will meet from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 o'clock. The service is open to boys and girls between the ages of seven and twelve. A minimal reading knowledge of Hebrew is necessary, in order for the children to participate in this service. The service will be held in the Synagogue chapel.

The children will recite all of the special High Holy Day prayers and, on Rosh Hashanah, they will hear the sounding of the Shofar.

We make two urgent requests of parents:

- 1. Please do not bring children to the Junior Congregation under the age of 7 who have no reading knowledge of Hebrew. It is impossible for them to maintain the necessary level of attention which this service requires.
- 2. Once you have brought your children to the services — and please be sure to have them there when the service begins - do not enter the chapel to observe the service or to observe your children.

We are prepared to care for their needs during the service period. Your cooperation will enable us to conduct the service in a more inspiring and stimulating manner.

#### Service For Pre-Schoolers

This year, we are inaugurating a new service for our worshippers and for their pre-school children. On every Sabbath and festival we plan to hold a special group activity for children of nursery and kindergarten age. These children will learn some of the songs sung at the regular service and hear stories and play games related to the Sabbath and the festival.

This group will meet regularly in room 403, two flights above the Main Synagogue level. It will be under the th 🍍 supervision of Pearl Moskowitz and Helen Jarney, two very competent senior teenagers. The group will meet from 11:00 o'clock until the conclusion of the regular service.

#### Special High Holy Days Group

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, this group will meet in room 403 from 11:00 o'clock until 1:00 o'clock. A special program is being planned for them. We merely ask that parents refrain from sending children to this group if the youngsters might pose a

SCHEDULE OF ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES	5
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, ROSH HASHANAH EVE.	
Selichoth Service	7:30
Regular morning services will follow	
Evening	6:00
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, ROSH HASHANAH I	
MorningSermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein	8:00
Evening	6.00
	0:00
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, ROSH HASHANAH II  Morning	2.00
Sermon by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein	8:00
Evening	6:20
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1st	
*Evening	6:00
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, SHABBAT SHUVAH	
Morning	9:00
Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein	
Evening	6:10
Halakhic Discourse by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein	
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:10
WEEKDAY SERVICES	
**Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning Evening	8:30
	0:00
SCHEDULE OF YOM KIPPUR SERVICES	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5th	
Morning	7:15
Kol Nidre	6:15
Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein	
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6th	
Morning	8:30
Memorial prayers are recited as part of this service.	

- \* Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:00 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.
- \*\* Selichoth Services will be held during the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, one-half hour before the regular morning services.

supervision problem for the leaders. We leave the matter to your discretion.

#### A Double Function

In embarking upon this program, we feel that we are performing a double function. There is an obvious advantage to the children, who will gain important knowledge and experience in the area of Sabbath and Holiday services. As a by-product, we hope that this group will enable mothers of nursery and kindergarten age children to attend the regular service and to enjoy the opportunity for regular wor-

#### SPECIAL NOTE FOR **ROSH HASHANAH**

In accordance with our practice developed over the past few years, the sermon on both days of Rosh Hashanah will be delivered at the conclusion of the regular service. May we also call to our worshippers' attention, the fact that the salient ritual of the festival, the sounding of the Shofar, will take place at 10:00 o'clock.

Please, therefore, plan to be in your seats by 10:00 o'clock, so that you will be present for this important religious observance.

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### FRIDAY

*Evening	 6:00
SATURDAY	
Morning .	 9:00
	10:15

#### Weekly Portion: Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20 Haftorah: Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

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Evening	6:30
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:20

#### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	 7:30
	8:30
	6:00

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### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

Mrs. David Joseph Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert Mrs. Oscar Perlberger Mrs. Sam Taffet

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

Mrs. Hilda S. Berger Mrs. Alfred Kahn Mrs. Richard Kolb Mrs. Erwin Linden Mrs. Benjamin Perlman Mrs. Israel Wachter

#### PLEASE NOTE

The next edition of the Bulletin will appear on Friday, October 8th. In that issue, you will find all the information pertaining to the Sukkoth Festival.

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#### September

25-BERTHA HAUPTMAN

25-BANY KRAUSS

25-ANNA ZUCKER

26-NANNETTE KAHAN

26-FANNIE MOSKOWITZ

26-FANNY DATTNER

26-BESSIE ZINKOFSKY

26-ARTHUR CHABON

27-SAMUEL GOLD

27-ADOLPH DATTNER

28-YETTA KAPLAN

28-JULIUS SCHWARTZ

28-MITA WACHTER

29—BERTHA MAYER

29-MARGARET LEVIN

29-SAMUEL FELDMAN

29-ANNA GROSS

29-JACOB HASS

29-SARAH BALINSON

30-PHILIP POLNER

30-BELLA GOLDBERG

30-SARA B. KAPLAN

30-SARI BAUMGARTEN

30-ABRAHAM TITTON

#### October

1—SADIE H. LUBELL 2—WILLIAM BACHRACH 2-ANNA SHEAR

2-BESSIE N. COHEN

2-HANNAH RACHEL EPSTEIN

2-HARRIS B. GOLDMAN

4-ZALI LICHTMAN

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5-CARL SIEGEL

5-DORA BRODY

5-ROSA REINHOLD

6-JACOB SINGER

6-HYMAN SHAPIRO

6-IGNATZ KOLB

6-LEA KOLB

6-ROSE SIGALL

7-NACHOOM MARCUS

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