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SHEVUOS

Festival of Torah

Light candles - Thursday May 27th at 7:57 P.M.

SERVICES

Thursday Evening May 27th	8:00 P.M.
Friday and Saturday Mornings May 28th and 29th	8:45 A.M.
Light candles - Friday May 28th	7:58 P.M.
YIZKOR Memorial Services Saturday May 29th	10:30 A.M.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

WHAT PRICE PEACE?

When, in history, from the time of creation until the present, was there ever such a sacrifice for the sake of peace?

In our time, we witnessed the giving up of the Sinai, a most valuable piece of property, which served as a buffer zone for Israel forming a military advantage in case of an attack from the South - prior to that, oil fields, that were expanded and developed at a great financial cost to Israel, were returned to Egypt, as part of the Camp David Accord. This caused a great loss to Israel making her again dependent on foreign imports.

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From the President

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The breaking up of the Yamit Settlement was a tragic and heartrending event forcing army men and army women to evacuate the Diehards from the settlement and farms that they had built from sand and rock.

Can you possibly imagine driving down to the Negev viewing the hills of sandstone all about you and suddenly you see the contrast when you behold fields of green groves of date palms planted by Israeli farmers - it startles the viewer's mind.

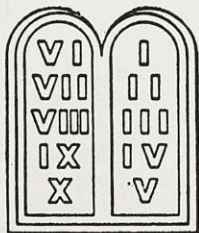
Yet, if this is the cost for a lasting peace between Egypt and Israel, B-Ezras HASHEM YISBORACH, it may be the beginning of a more productive and peaceful time for Israel.

When we complete most all of our Prayers, we ask HASHEM YISBORACH for peace and as the saying goes HASHEM YISBORACH helps those who help themselves. This may be a start and with HIS HELP and our everlasting faith in HIM, we must now put forth every effort to help Israel and stop all criticism.

Shalom to all and a HAPPY SHEVUOTH.

See you all in Schul.

Fred Kutner



FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Well, the Big Blizzard of 1982 has come and gone, marking the end of what was one of the worst winters in our history - and we go back a very long way . . . and we hope that with the nicer climate in Parkchester that some of our people will have brighter and happier things to talk about - like Miriam Margulis who is hopping around with a broken ankle, and Bella Roth who makes light of her accident at home . . . we're also happy to report that Sam Schneider is home from the hospital and so is Mildred Berliner . . . and let's send a word of cheer to Pauline Lehman and Aaron Bernstein both home-bound with ailments . . . the Sidney Klugmans and the Sam Sochrins returned from Florida just in time to escape the bad weather down there and enjoy the glorious spring Big Apple sunshine . . . welcome back . . . Some of our friends went to the mountains . . . like the Irving Greenfields and the Ben Levines . . . where Sophie picked up some avoirdupois (and not from eating spinach) . . . and Irving? . . . He enjoyed until they handed him the bill . . . and then he lost - his composure . . . Irving Wilson was at another Hotel where they speak a strange language . . . is that where the word "gibberish" comes from? . . . Irving is an expert We've got a lot of praise for Jerry Greenberg who is a great help . . . he worked at the Sedorim . . . and Max Spielberger can count on Jerry, who lives a big distance from the Shul, but he's always there when you need him . . . Anna Cheynovitz enjoyed another Hotel, with a "chazan" that sang like a Caruso . . . Speaking of cantors, one of them gave notice to the Synagogue officials that he was quitting - and this was a week before the High Holy Days . . . the President and his aides asked him why? And the cantor replied: If there were only five people like you, I'd stay, but there are 225 of you, and that's too much . . . Frank Nussbaum and his dear wife just returned from Israel and we have to wait until he catches his breath before we hear the details . . . and "Kelly" and Helen Winkler did such a terrific job on the White Elephant Sale . . . then departed on El Al for Eretz Yisrael . . . we wish them bon voyage and say: Come back with good news and enjoy a happy trip

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Shavuot



Chag Hakatzir — (The Harvest Festival) — Commemorates the climax of the grain festival which commenced with the gathering of the early wheat crop at Pesach and ended with the harvesting of the wheat produce at Shavuot.

Yom Habikkurim — (The Day of the First Fruits) — Refers to the ripening of the first fruits which were brought to the Temple in Jerusalem in appreciation of G-d's bountiful blessings.

Chag Shavuot — (The Feast of Weeks) — Symbolizes the counting of seven weeks from the second day of Pesach until the festival was ushered in.

Pentecost — (Greek origin meaning 50th) — Philo and Josephus denote the holiday of this name because this festival occurs on the 50th day after the offering of the omer.

Z'man Mattan Torasenu — (The Season for Giving of the Torah)—Our Prayer Books describe this holiday as the festival of Revelation because Moses received the Torah on this day from the Almighty on Mount Sinai.

Zohar—In poetic words of the Zohar, Shavuot depicts the seven weeks of courtship by Israel, the Bridegroom and his Bride, the Torah, which commenced with the betrothal at the Passover liberation and concluded by the wedlock — the giving of the Torah on Shavuot.

Maimonides — Suggests that Shavuot represents the anniversary of the Revelation on Mount Sinai because "We count the days that pass since the preceding Pesach festival, just as one who expects his most intimate friend and counts the days, even the hours".

Shloshes Yeme Hagbalah — When Israel was to receive the Torah at Mount Sinai, G-d commanded the people to observe a three day period of intense

preparation, which are known as the Shloshes Yeme Hagbalah — three days of delimitation and preparation for the revealing of the Torah. In later generations, these three days preceding Shavuot, have gained significance because they interrupt the mourning period of Sefiras Haomer. They introduce a joyous spirit and a refreshing atmosphere of festivity when marriages may be performed and celebrations held.

Akdamos — Prior to the reading of the Torah on the first day of Shavuot, the reader chants an introductory mystical poem of nine stanzas entitled from its opening word "Akdamos." This poem is Aramaic, was written by Meir ben Isaac Nahorai, Cantor of Worms. The lines are arranged in couplets, opening with the letters of the alphabet in their usual order. The name "Akdamos" means introduction and is intended to prepare the path for the story of the revelation to be read from the Torah in the morning.

Book Of Ruth — On the second day of Shavuot, prior to the reading of the Torah, the Book of Ruth is chanted in the Synagogue. The story is indeed appropriate, for its setting is in the fields of Boaz at harvest time, which coincides with the season of Shavuot. It relates how Ruth embraced the faith of Israel, even as a Jew renews his attachment on this day. Moreover, Ruth was a great-grandmother of King David, whose birthday and Yahrzeit occur on Shavuot.

Shavuot Dishes — The food customarily served on Shavuot is an integral part of its celebration. The traditional holiday dish consists of dairy food, cheese cakes and blintzes. These are said to be suggestive of the Torah, which is symbolically described as "honey and milk" (Song of Songs). The dairy menus, a meager diet, also suggests the path needed for the study and acquisition of Torah.



WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dear Members:

Hello! I hope you are well.

"Power of the Tongue" - "There is nothing worse than a bad tongue. It is the organ that speaks lies and spreads gossip." It says mean things that make people angry with each other. "There is nothing as cruel as a bad one." Our religion preaches the message of the good tongue, truth, kindness, compassion, understanding and love.

At this time of the year we are heading down the homestretch and preparing for the end of year routines. By the time you receive this issue of the Bulletin, our White Elephant fund raising will be completed.

With sincere heartfelt concerted effort of Evelyn Hein, Chairwoman, with her committee Esther and Al Harap ran a very successful Bazaar. We thank each and every person for your participation in helping to raise funds, which are greatly needed for our Schul.

Thank you to the younger generation Dinah Miller and Jerry Greenberg for coming to our aid at our Bazaar. You're great!

Thanks to Shirley Ide and Carl Everett for helping with the Bazaar mailing and follow-up thank you notes.

Hattie Haiman and Faye August co-chaired our raffle. Many thanks for all your efforts. Winners were - Evelyn Hein, Esther Harap, Reba Pollack and Ann Heisler.

Thank you Gary Ide and Carl Everett for the wonderful informative meeting in April.

Kovet to Faye August and Sarah Kerzner who were the proud recipients of our "Woman of the Year" Award. Congratulations.

Have a healthy and happy Shevuoth.

Shalom,
Harriet R. Miller
President

MEN'S CLUB (continued from page 2)

... With the help of all the dedicated workers (too numerous to mention) and the cashiers, Sam Pausack and Al Hein (they were watching each other) the White Elephant venture came out in the black ... So far, everything we said was of a personal nature ... let us give serious and sober reflection on the need of the men in the congregation and in the Men's Club for cooperating on the spiritual and economic needs of Young Israel of Parkchester ... we need more people at the services ... we need more support income-wise when the bills come in and become payable ... Don't leave it for the few ... make their task a little lighter by pitching in ... You'll get a lot of satisfaction when your efforts bring results.

Abe Gewertz,
President - Men's Club

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mrs. Helen Buchen on becoming a great grandmother.

Our Assemblyman Hon. John Dearie on his marriage to Miss Ketty Krug in Chicago.

Our President, Fred Kutner and wife Ruth on the birth of a Sabra grandson in Jerusalem, to their children Rabbi Joel and Penina Kutner.

Hayim Schwartz, son of our Rabbi and Mrs. Maurice L. Schwartz, on being awarded a Regents Scholarship.

GET WELL

Our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Mildred Berliner, Pauline Lehman, Miriam Margulis and Samuel Schneider. Refuah Shlemah!

It's good to see Esther Reisman back after her recent hospitalization.

REMINDER

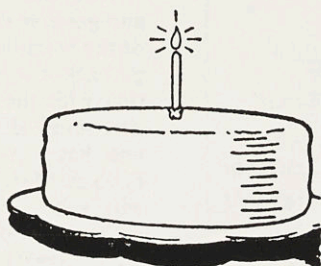
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Best wishes and felicitations to the following members having birthdays or anniversaries in May:

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(1) Justin Green, Max Green, Reba Pollack, Sidney Sussman; (2) Bea Mandel, David Robinson; (3) Sam Berman, Gene Kohen, Marcia Turchin; (4) Steven Fusfeld; (5) Amy Neiman, Rachel Kest, Michelle Gross, Irene Stern; (6) Barbara Gura, Mark Steiner; (8) Yetta Daniels; (9) Benjamin Kohen; (10) Melvin Zwisohn, Alan Groginsky, Charles Siegel, Max Melzer; (11) Leslie Ackerman; (12) Esther Maslin; (14) Susan Zuckerman; (15) Rachel Bernstein, Mae S. Willner, Lester Kornblum; (17) Barry Smith, Steven Weinreb, Stephen Astor, Yudittha Bienenfeld; (20) Stuart Gross, Neil Rosenberg, Essie Ornitz; (21) Harvey Berish, Linda Schnur; (22) Morris Mednick, Harold Lehrer, Robert S. Yablonsky; (24) Abe Ondelman; (26) Alexander Levy, Rona Jacobs, Betty Waldman, Julia Zaret; (27) Leah Feldman, Theodore Gewertz, Minna Stein, Melvyn Diamond, Mildred Berliner; (28) Dr. Leonard Sussman; (29) Evelyn Panzer, Joanna Harris, Rose Sherman; (30) Arnold Green, Marilyn Besen, Arnold Haiman; (31) Joel Waldman, Allan Katz, Betty Wadler.

ANNIVERSARIES

(1) Mr. and Mrs. Ted Buchsbaum, Mr. and Mrs. David Astor; (20) Mr. and Mrs. Werner Loew, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kornblum; (26) Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sussman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feinstein, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Katz; (29) Mr. and Mrs. Carl Felman; (30) Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harap, Mr. and Mrs. Boris Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Konigsberg; (31) Mr. and Mrs. Murray Weinreb * * * and many happy returns.

Best wishes and felicitations to the following members having birthdays or anniversaries in June:

BIRTHDAYS

(1) Herman Reisman, Moe H. Scher, Richard Lehrer; (2) Robert Smith, Carol Seskin; (3) Jonathan Klugman; (4) Helen Joffe, Nathan Lotker; (5) Irving Roseman, Robin S. Stromberg; (6) Beverly List, Rhoda Moskowitz; (7) Ruth Astor; (10) Michael Feller, Ellis Rich, Helen Ross; (11) Joan Felman; (13) Jack Katz; (15) Joseph A. Brown; (16) Nathan Berliner; (17) Sheila Lott, Daniel Workman; (18) Max Kaplan; (19) Daniel Gross, Fay Spitz, Gail Weinreb, David Kezner, Irving Michlin; (20) Ira Bernstein, Syd Thau, Bella Spill; (21) Jeanne Sherman, David Katz; (22) Leona Levitan; (23) Jack Levy, Selma Seidel; (24) Esther Frishman; (25) Mitchel Workman; (27) Seth David Gross, Wendy Becker; (30) Sue Weiden, Molly Gewertz.

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(3) Mr. and Mrs. Max Pollack; (4) Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Benjamin; (6) Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Workman; (10) Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seidel; (12) Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shelby; (14) Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reisman; (15) Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kerner; (18) Mr. and Mrs. Hy Cohen; (19) Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wiesenfeld; (20) Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Kezner; (21) Mr. and Mrs. Irving Geller; (24) Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ringelheim, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Slove; (25) Mr. and Mrs. Al Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Gross; (27) Mr. and Mrs. Al Hein; (30) Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gewertz * * * and many happy returns.

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