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SHAVUOS FESTIVAL OF TORAH

Light Candles Tuesday evening May 17th 7:48 P.M.

Services

Tuesday evening May 17th 7:50 P.M.

Wednesday and Thursday Mornings May 18th & 19th 9:00 A.M.

Light Candles Wednesday evening May 18th 8:59 P.M.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICES

Thursday morning, May 19th 10:30 A.M.

Kindly note: Beginning with Friday evening May 20th, *Friday* evening services will be held at 7 P.M. for the duration of the summer months.

*You are cordially invited to the
Annual Breakfast
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Sunday morning May 15th at 9:30 A.M.
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT
An Emergency Open Letter**

Dear Congregants:

In one last desperate effort, I am writing to each and everyone of you to maintain a daily morning and evening minyan. It is most unfair and frustrating to the five or six regular minyonaires who attend day in and day out, whether it rains, snows or shines. They are there religiously to maintain the minyan because that is what upholds a Schul.

I must repeat myself that all of you, at one time or another, will have a Yahrzeit, and it will be incumbent upon you to say the Kaddish. Imagine the frustration when because there are only eight or nine members in attendance and you cannot. This has become the common occurrence of late.

Every Shabbos, the Rabbi makes the same plea for you men to help. Every night he makes personal phone calls asking for volunteers for the following morning. He could write a book about the excuses and insults, and only because he is endeavoring to maintain a minyan for your benefit.

The solution to this problem would be if everyone would volunteer for just one morning or one evening. If not Chas-V-Sholom, we will have to abandon the daily minyan and have services just for Shabbos. I am more than confident that this will not happen — so please call Rabbi Schwartz or Max Spielberger and make your commitment.

We will be celebrating the Holiday of Shabuoth on May 18 and 19th of this year, commemorating the giving and the accep-

tance of the Holy Torah at Mt. Sinai. Would it not be appropriate, at this time, to accept the responsibility of maintaining the minyan at your Schul?

Chag Samaoch
Shalom - See you in Schul
Bezras Hashem

Fred Kutner

GET WELL

Our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Al Hein, Max Klein, Leah Nussbaum, Rose Rakowitz and Harry Singer.

Our wish: Refuah Shlemah!

It's good to see Jack Lipton up and around after his recent hospitalization. Keep well!

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hein on the forthcoming graduation of their son Barry Robert Hein from University of Maryland, and to the happy grandparents Al & Evelyn Hein.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lefkowitz on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jared Lefkowitz.

Mrs. Sally Smith on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Kenneth Gesund.

Mrs. Ida Steinberg on the birth of grandson Harrison Andrew Whitman born to her children Joan and Howard Whitman.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Truzman on the engagement of their daughter Michelle to Barry Lipton son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Lipton.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller on the graduation of their daughter Dinah Miller from the Bronx High School of Science.

I wish to express my appreciation for the kind messages of condolence and donations to Young Israel in memory of my brother Joseph.

Philip Haiman

SHAVUOTH

Shavuoth like the other festivals has manifold reasons for its observance. The feast was one of the three pilgrimages which the Jews made to the temple at Jerusalem. It is the second of the agricultural festivals, the holiday of the wheat harvest. It was also called the Day of First Fruits. On this day the Jews carried an offering of the first fruits and two loaves of first ripened wheat. It is called the Pentecost, from the Greek, which means fifty, as the holiday is fifty days after Passover. In Jewish tradition, however, it has its significance as the Day of the Giving of the Law. On the sixth day of the month of Sivan after the Israelites had wandered for three months in the desert, Moses ascended Mount Sinai and received the stone tablets on which were engraved the Ten Commandments; the basis for the law of Israel and the moral code of the western world.

Shavuoth thus is the culmination of the holiday of Passover. The freedom the Jews had gained on Passover would have been meaningless if it were not fashioned and guarded by the divine law which they received on Shavuoth. Hence it is called the Festival of Revelation.

In some synagogues and homes flowers bedeck the pulpit and table as a symbol of the harvest season and of the green mountain of Sinai. On the first evening of Shavuoth devout Jews return to the synagogue and study hall after their holiday meal, reading excerpts, Prophets and Rabbinical literature. These selections are called "Tikkun Shavuoth." There is a tradition that King David died on Shavuoth and therefore the Scroll of Ruth is read in the synagogue as David was a descendant of Ruth.



"Shavuot"

The Festival of SHAVUOT is known by a number of names — each one denoting a different aspect of the Holiday.

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 of 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.

Z'man Matan Toratenu — (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.

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.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Straight Talk

The time has come when straight talk is necessary concerning the lackadaisical response to our frequent appeals, Rabbi Schwartz and President Fred Kutner, requesting members for their help to sustain the regular daily services. We have reached the critical stage where we often lack the necessary ten members of a Minyan whether it be for the morning or evening services. Were it not for the presence of the few dedicated members who are concerned, we would (heaven forbid) have infrequent services and perhaps not any at all. Many times we find it painful to witness Rabbi Schwartz's frantic efforts by personal approach and phone calls to solicit attendance of one, two, or more persons needed so that we could start services. Do you think it is right or fair to thrust this burden on your esteemed Rabbi? As members of Young Israel Synagogue it is incumbent upon all of us to carry out our own responsibilities so that our Shul can function in a normal manner. Bear in mind, if this is not done now, we are then depriving those who have Yahrzeit because of the lack of a Minyan. At this point I am addressing members who are seen only on the day of a Yahrzeit. What are your obligation to others?

Are you contented only when your needs are met for the Yahrzeit service? Soon, this may not be possible unless you act now even if it could be a morning or evening a week. Relying on excuses won't solve our problem if you wish to continue to keep the Synagogue doors open. Sadly, I wish to remind you that many Shuls in the Bronx had closed their doors because of members' disregard and inaction. I had to write this article as a result of my own experience. Lacking a Minyan one morning (short 2 Jews) on a Yahrzeit, I was compelled to seek another Shul downtown. Don't let this happen to you.

We are looking forward to your immediate response to volunteer your help to sustain your Shul in the community. You will thereby be Zocha Alom Haba (the world to come). Call Rabbi Schwartz 792-0737, or President Fred Kutner 828-4570, or Dr. Reuben Klein 620-6617.

Dr. Reuben Klein
President, Men's Club

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:

Mr. Philip Haiman on the loss of his beloved brother Joseph Haiman.

Rose Rieder on the loss of beloved husband David.

Mrs. Selma Seidel on the loss of her beloved mother Rebecca Glaser.

Mrs. Pearl Steiner and family on the loss of beloved husband and father Fred Steiner.

Mrs. Rose Turk on the loss of beloved brother William Reich.

May they be comforted amongst the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dear Members:

Hello! I hope you are well.

The season draws to a close and I wish to express appreciation and gratitude to the members of our Executive Board and committee people not only for their dedication, but also for their genuine friendship.

The Women's League has maintained an excellent record with the help of our Donor Chairwomen Helen Sochrin and Esther Harap and her faithful assistant Sara Miller. Florence Maslow chairlady of the Tuesday Luncheons, and her wonderful ladies in the kitchen, Minna Altschiller, Dorothy Brodsky, Sara Kirsner, Anna Miller and Sally Smith. Thank you Sophie Levine for recording the Donor credit. Thanks to the Executive Board members Minna Altschiller, Faye August, Gert Edelman, Molly Gewertz, Hattie Haiman, Florence Maslow, Frances Pausack, Reba Pollack, Betty Waldman and Chaplain Rebbetzin Rachel Schwartz for their tireless efforts and time given. Thanks to my program chairlady Betty Waldman for terrific programs.

Thanks to Shirley Ide for helping with the Bazaar mailing and follow-up letters. Thank you Rabbi Schwartz for your excellent programs. Thanks to White Elephant chairpersons Evelyn Hein, Kelly Winkler and co-chairlady Gertrude Edelman and dedicated committee members too numerous to mention. Thanks to Evelyn Rich who serves along with Sara

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From the Women's League

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Kirsner every Sunday Breakfast meeting. Thanks to Anna Cheynovitz our all around wonderful chairlady.

Congratulations to Dorothy Brodsky the proud recipient of our "Woman of the Year" award.

Each and every member with their good deeds bring benefits to our Schul, and therefore we have achieved a very successful year.

Our deepest sympathy to Pearl Steiner and family on the loss of their beloved husband and father Fred Steiner. May the Father of all healing comfort you.

Congratulations to the future High School graduates, Michelle Truzman from Yeshiva Hirsch High School and Dinah Miller from the High School of Science.

Good luck to Reba Pollack incoming President for the Women's League.

With Hashem's help, I hope you have a healthy and happy Shevuoth.

Love and Shalom

Harriet Miller, President

Upcoming event - May 24th -

Donor Dinner Night.

BIRTHDAYS

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

BIRTHDAYS

(1) Susan Cohen, Morton Nussbaum, Hannah Lacher, Rose Wurmbrand; (3) David Bernfeld, Tillie Gross, Harry Seidel, Robert Liebert; (4) Edward J. Linder, Marjorie Berish, Dr. Mervyn Kaplan; (5) Harriet Miller, Sidney Sloan, David Zimmerman; (6) Ellen Lott; (7) Raymond Klugman, Harvey Erenstein, Myrna Soslowitz; (8) Elliott H. Solomon, Mollie Kramer, Max Vegotsky; (10) Goldye Rockman, Julius Solomon, Richard Friedman; (11) Tillie Kaplan; (12) Philip Kramer; (13) Sharon Lazarus; (15) Frank Horowitz, Rose Goldner, Lila Weiner, Frieda Breiner, Nat Brown, Helen Buchen (16) Selma Anshen; (17) Milton Levine, Marc Rosenberg, Dinah Miller; (18) Ruth Ort; (20) Sue Lehrer; (21) Sonya Malka Gross, Hannah Ostroff, Harold Levin, Robert Friedman; (23) Miriam Daniels, Myra Koch, Lillian Berish; (24) Milton Levitan, Gerald List,

Fred Graff; (25) George Ide, Irving Geller, Ben Shulman; (26) Sandy Cohen; (28) Miriam Margulis; (29) Myrna Kaplan; (30) Carol Tirnauer, Elsie Wiesenfeld.

ANNIVERSARIES

(2) Mr. and Mrs. Sol Laufer; (4) Mr. and Mrs. Denny Katz; (6) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Liebert; (7) Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Yablonsky; (15) Mr. and Mrs. Irving Roseman; (22) Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mednick; (27) Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Turk, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beeber * * * and many happy returns.

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

BIRTHDAYS

(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, Yuditha 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) Theodore Gewertz, Minna Stein, Melvyn Diamond, Mildred Berliner; (29) Evelyn Panzer, Joanna Harris, Rose Sherman; (30) Arnold Green, Marilyn Besen, Arnold Haiman; (31) Joel Waldman, Allan Katz, Betty Wadler.

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(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. Charles Feinstein, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Katz; (29) Mr. and Mrs. Carl Felman; (30) Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harap, Mr. and Mrs. Boris Stern; (31) Mr. and Mrs. Murray Weinreb * * * and many happy returns.

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