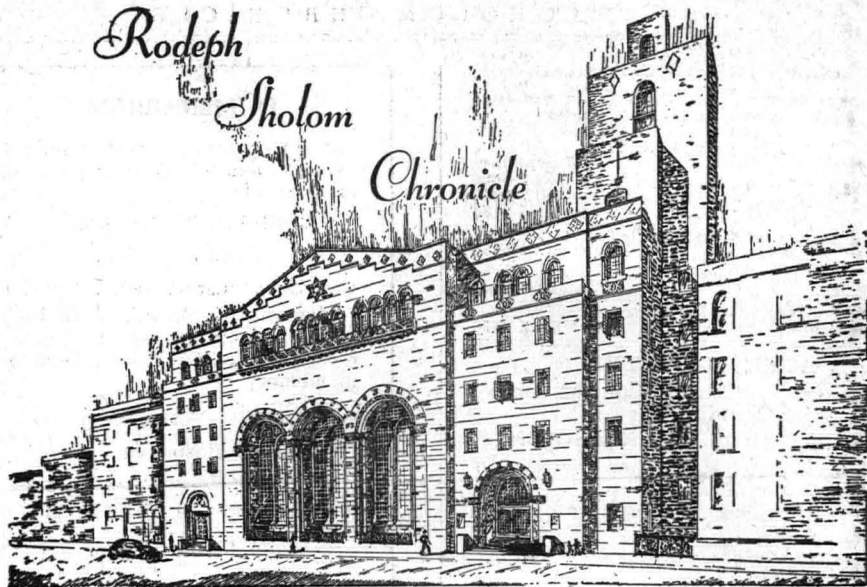


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SHEMINI ATZERETH SERVICES

This Friday Evening, September 28th, at 5:30

This Saturday Morning, September 29th at 10:00

RABBI NEWMAN

will preach on

**"OUR HOLY SCROLLS AMID THE
RUBBLE"**

PROCESSION OF THE SCROLLS

This Sunday Morning, September 30th, at 9:30

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENING AND
SUKKOTH CELEBRATION**

The Circuits (HaKafot)

This Saturday Morning, at the Shemini Atzereth Services in the Temple, the traditional Ceremony of the Circuits (ha-Kafot) of the Temple will take place. Moreover, the special ritual of the Handing Down of the Sefer Torah from Grandfather to Father to Son, in accordance with the Service in our Union Prayer Book will be held. Men of the Temple are urged to be with us in large numbers. Children and young people are also invited to attend. Inasmuch as our complete Yizkor Service is held on Yom Kippur and Passover, we will have an adaptation of the Memorial Service in the Union Prayer Book at the close of our Services this Saturday Morning. The occasion of "Simhat Torah" the "Rejoicing of the Law" has an extraordinary appeal this year because of joy in the hearts of Israel and mankind at the great events of the year past. Let us come to the Temple to voice our gratitude that God has smiled upon freemen everywhere and has granted us an opportunity to rebuild the world according to Israel's message.

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"CHRONICLE" ITEMS

We wish to acquaint our Congregants with the fact that the deadline for items to be included in the weekly issue of our "Chronicle" is Friday A.M. of the prior week. Contributions or news items which arrive too late to be included in one issue will be printed the following week.

MR. MANHEIMER'S COURSE

Registrations for Mr. Manheimer's course in a "Thousand Years of Jewish History" are now being received

IN MEMORIAM

Congregation Rodeph Sholom extends heartfelt sympathy to the families of

BERNARD J. BENJAMIN

WALLY MODEL

who have passed away.

Memorial Lights will be kindled at the Nameplates on the Bronze Memorial Tablets in the Temple in memory of

Caroline Lowenberg

David Rosenheim

The Page in the Book of Life dedicated to the memory of

June Elaine Tepper

will be opened.

The Yahrzeits of the following departed will also be observed and the Kaddish recited in their memory at the coming Sabbath Services;

Celia Bernstein

Max Brand

Dora Haft

Sidney Jaeger

Helen Marks

Josephine Myers

Julia Osterweil

Celia Samuel

Clara Strauss

May the Memory of the Righteous ever be a Benediction!

at the Temple Office, by Mrs. Samuel Sampliner, Registrar. The first lecture will take place on Tuesday evening, November 13th.

POST WAR WORK

The War Service Committee, under the direction of Mr. Felix A. Greenhut, has made plans for the post-war efforts of the Committee, whose main function this season will be rehabilitation work among the returning war veterans. Already there are requests from these men, to be affiliated in the work of the Temple and its auxiliaries. An employment service is being planned and business men in the Temple who have openings in their firms, are asked to get in touch with the Temple Office.

CAPT. PAUL N. PFEIFFER

We extend our warm congratulations to Capt. Paul Pfeiffer, a Bar Mitzvah and Confirmant of Rodeph Sholom, upon the award of the Legion of Merit which has been made to him. Capt. Pfeiffer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pfeiffer. The Citation reads as follows: "Paul N. Pfeiffer . . . Captain, Signal Corps . . . for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Italy from 20 July 1943 to May 8, 1945. By his superb leadership, technical insight and organizational ability Capt. Pfeiffer organized, trained, and administered the only weather cryptanalytic unit in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operation with such proficiency that complete, quick, and accurate enemy weather information vitally needed and otherwise unobtainable was distributed to all Allied strategic and tactical organizations of the Mediterranean Air Forces. By his tireless adherence to duty he contributed largely to the detailed weather information so essential to successful air operations and in so doing made a major contribution to the success of the Allied War effort, and reflected great credit upon himself and the army of the United States. Entered Service from New York, New York." Capt. Pfeiffer during his Service in the Mediterranean visited Palestine, and an article describing his experiences and impressions in Eretz Yisrael appeared recently in the "New Palestine."

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Troop 3-201 will meet in the Temple House for the first time this season, Wednesday afternoon, October 3rd, at 3:15 o'clock. Mrs. William Michelin, who has furnished such admirable leadership in years past, will again be in charge of the Troop. It is hoped that all girls who attended last year will return to continue their association with the Troop, and to aid in its excellent program of activity.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kolin upon the marriage of their daughter, Annette, to Corporal Howard Mandelbaum. Mr. Kolin is First Vice-President of the Men's Association and Mrs. Kolin is active in our P.T.A. We look forward to welcoming Corporal and Mrs. Kolin into the activities of our Congregation, and we wish them every happiness in the years to come.

A SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON-RECEPTION

to the Women in the New Families
of our Congregation, and to the
Mothers of the Confirmants
will be held on
Monday Afternoon, October 15th,
at 12:30 o'clock

in the Marcus Loew Auditorium of
the Temple House

MR. B. ROXAS SOLIS,

a native of the Philippines, will present a Musical Travelogue: "The Philippines in its Actuality." Mr. Solis an accomplished pianist and composer, is a member of the Philippine Rehabilitation Committee, which is headed by Dr. Kalow. This Committee is vitally interested in replacing books and materials which were wantonly destroyed during the Japanese occupation, and are now urgently needed so that the Philippine children may once more attend school.

The Sisterhood Bridge for the benefit of the Rosa Rosenheim Memorial Milk Fund will be held on Monday Afternoon, October 29th. We hope that all the women of the Congregation will come with their friends and help us raise the large amount of money needed to carry on this worthy charity. Subscription is \$1.25 per person and tickets can be obtained from the Chairman, Mrs. Nathan Goldmann or any member of her Committee.

AN ERA OF FELICITY FOR ISRAEL?

By Rabbi Louis I. Newman

An era of felicity is commencing for the people of Israel. We have sustained grievous losses; nearly six million of our fellow-Jews abroad have been slain by the Nazis and the Fascists. The stories which are now being chronicled regarding the sufferings of European Jewry beggar description. But they are indisputably true, and the clearer the picture becomes, the more shocking the details. Yet a remnant of Israel, the proverbial "Shearit Yisrael" has survived, and, though decimated and depressed, the Jewish communities of the Continent are beginning to rebuild their life anew. The survivors have emerged from the caves, the forests, the cellars, the catacombs, the prison-cells, the concentration camps, and other places of concealment or suffering. They are counting their losses; they are assembling the records of heroism and martyrdom; they are facing the future, determined that they will meet its challenge with fortitude.

It is the unavoidable and historic duty of American Jewry to aid in the rehabilitation of our sister-communities abroad. We have undergone the hardships of war; many are the wounded in the hospitals of the land; many are the homes to which beloved sons and kinsmen will return no more. But Americans have felt the impact of the war far less than other peoples, and it has been possible to accumulate great stores of substance. Again we recall the words of Mordecai to Esther: "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to royal estate for such a time as this?" We must offer maximum help to our brothers in need; we must encourage them with words of understanding and good will; we must bring to bear our influence in the chancelleries of the nations, to the end that civil rights be restored in every land, and the doors of Zion be opened to Jewish immigration.

American Jews must not succumb to pessimism regarding their future in this country. It is true that propagandists of hate are seeking to disseminate the literature of prejudice; it is true that specific instances of bigotry arise in metropolitan centers. But we must not yield to the counsel of despair. The majority peoples have learned a bitter lesson, namely, that oppression of the Jewish minority is a prelude to national and international disaster. They have seen the consequences of anti-Semitic policies in the downfall of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. Mussolini has died the death of Jezebel; Hitler is either dead or powerless. Many of the perpetrators of savagery in the horror camps are being brought to trial. The Axis nations are prostrate. They and all the world know that any defiance of the Judaeo-Christian message brings doom in its train. The ideals of justice, mercy, brotherhood, truth and love cannot be flouted either in Japan, Germany or Italy, without eventual punishment by the God of the Universe. It will be a long time, if ever, before any nation undertakes a program based upon a denial of the Judaeo-Christian morality and because of this, the people of Israel can consider themselves secure.

It behooves us, therefore, to display the self-knowledge and self-reverence which alone can lead us to sovereign spiritual power. We must rejoice that we are members of the "kingdom of priests and the holy nation." We must hold forth to our children and young people an example of fidelity to Israel's message and zeal for Israel's institutions. In our homes we must practice the ceremonies and customs of our faith; in the synagogue and the community, we must heed the Rabbinic injunction that "upon three things the world rests: upon **Torah**, which is the Law; upon **Avodah**,

UNION FIELD CEMETERY

We respectfully invite your interest in the purchase of a plot in our beautiful Cemetery, which is recognized as one of the finest and best managed burial organizations in the metropolitan area. We have come to realize that it is wise to make preparation during our lifetime for the eventualities in advance so that we can consider the whole problem of "life in the house of peace" deliberately and with foresight. Rates in Union Field Cemetery are reasonable for four, six, eight and twelve grave plots.

For further information, call our Sexton, Mr. Jonas R. Goldberg, at the Temple office.

LEO KEISER — Chairman Cemetery Committee

OUR APPRECIATION

We wish to express our thanks to the ladies of the Sisterhood and the P.T.A. who assisted in the decoration of the Sukkah. The beauty of our Sukkah received much favorable comment and we are most grateful for the offerings of fruit and money received. A special word of thanks and appreciation is extended to Mr. Hyman Frankenthal, who thru the courtesy of Mr. Joseph Pulvermacher, contributed the bulk of the vegetables and fruits which added so much to the appearance of the Sukkah. Generous gifts were also received from

Mrs. Dore Felbel

Mrs. Abraham Siegel

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klein

Mrs. I. A. Wollheim

Mrs. Harry Tetelman

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lowenstein

Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Priester

The harvest offerings for the Sukkah will be augmented this Sunday by the gifts of the pupils of our Religious School. The fruit will be distributed after the Sukkah assembly among the sick and needy.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

With this mailing there is enclosed "THE BULLETIN" published by the Men's Association. A very active and interesting year has been planned. Your attention is directed to the program covering all meetings from October 2nd to May 21st, 1946. All Congregants and their families and friends are cordially invited to attend Open Meetings.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FESTIVAL

The Religious School will hold its Opening Session this Sunday Morning, September 30th, at 9:30 o'clock sharp. Pupils will report first to their class-rooms with their offerings for the adornment of the Sukkah. A Committee of the Parent-Teachers Association, headed by Mrs. Mortimer L. Schwarz, President, will cooperate in the arrangements and in the ushering. Mr. Benjamin Sellinger, the new Principal of the Religious School, will be introduced to the School, and will welcome the pupils and the teachers. There will be a Special Sukkoth Program, including the Procession of the Scrolls, and the Ceremony of the Handing Down of the Sefer Torah from Grandfathers to Fathers to Sons. We trust that there will be a number of such trios who will be with us at the Service.

The Sukkoth Program will include the Processional with the ha-Kafot or Circuits of the Temple; Prayers, Songs, a Pageant, the Shemini Atzereth Services, the Blessing of the Esrog and the Lulav, and other rituals of the Tabernacles Season.

BAR MITZVAH

We are pleased to extend our hearty congratulations to Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Ira Witchell on the Bar Mitzvah ceremony of their son, Barry, this Saturday morning. We felicitate this new Son of the Commandant and his family, and we are confident that his induction into the religious fellowship of Israel will remain a memorable influence.

which is Worship and Work; and upon **Gemilut Hasadim**, which is the performance of clement deeds." We must prize aright the religion of Israel and its institutions. We must not place the synagogue lowest but highest in the roster of causes worthy of our championship and support. We must demonstrate that American Jewry can give to Judaism, our religious culture, our spiritual civilization, a grandeur never before attained in our annals. We must evince more the truth of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's words, that "sublimity is Hebrew by birth."

Renaissance and regeneration must be our watchwords. We must replenish our ranks; we must renew our resources; we must rekindle our enthusiasm. No one must anticipate an epoch entirely free from discrimination, barriers and exclusions. At the same time, however, the society in which we are entering will endeavor as never before to be just to the Jew. The righteous folk of other origins will wish to atone to Israel for the centuries of wrongs inflicted upon so many of the '**Am Segula**'. It is for us, therefore, to meet the opportunity of the dawning age with vision and with wisdom. In times of trial our forefathers brought forth a healing preaching. We must again be a "light unto the peoples", and send forth "the Law from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

REDUCING OUR MORTGAGE

The Appeal on Kol Nidrei Night met with a heartening response from our Congregants, and has inspired the Ways and Means Committee, headed by Mr. Albert M. Kahn, to redouble its efforts to "burn the mortgage" this year. In addition to those who have already enabled us to reduce the Mortgage from the sum of \$370,000, at which it stood when the Mortgage Redemption Campaign began its activities in the winter of 1943, over 200 new subscribers made their gifts on Yom Kippur Eve. With

outstanding added pledges, amounting to about \$50,000, our Mortgage indebtedness is a little over \$100,000. We have every incentive, therefore, to liquidate this obligation, without delay, while conditions continue favorable. We are pleased that Congregation Rodeph Sholom answered the Kol Nidrei Appeal so generously, thereby taking its place by the side of many other Congregations, numbers of them Reform synagogues, throughout Greater New York and the United States who had similar appeals on Yom Kippur Eve. Thus we have given further evidence that we consider helpfulness to our Temple a foremost cause enlisting our altruistic interest and cooperation. Surely the religious institutions of our country deserve every assistance, since the preservation of their ideals, the defense of freedom of worship, and the advancement of religious service must be numbered among the purposes for which the War was fought, and for which such vast sacrifices have been made.

Rodeph Sholom is seeking to meet the challenge placed before us by our returning Service men and women, as they enlist in the ranks of peace-time activities. Our young people are coming to us in ever-increasing numbers; our children's work is expanding; our welfare, community, and charity enterprises are taxing our facilities more and more. As devoted and loyal Congregants of Rodeph Sholom, and as advocates for the cause of religion, for which our brave youth have fought and died, let us continue to do our utmost in its behalf.

As the bee dies once it has stung,
so Israel's enemy dies ignominiously
once he has smitten him.

Bereshit Rabba, 17,3.

All Israelites are brothers.

Tanhuma, Nasso, 3.

There is no true justice unless
mercy is a part of it.

Zohar, iv, 146b.