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SUCCOTH SERVICES

FIRST DAY

Tuesday, October 7th, 10:30 A. M.

CONCLUSION OF FESTIVAL

Simchath Torah Celebration
Initiation Ceremony of First Grade Children
Tuesday October 14th, 10:30 A. M.

Friday evening
Twilight Service
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning Service 11:00 to 12:00

Sunday Lecture Services will commence Sunday October 19th, 10:30 A. M.

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Succoth

The Succoth Festival will be inaugurated with services on Tuesday, October 7th at 10:30 A. M. Rabbi Brickner will preach.

As usual, the temple pulpit will be transformed by the Sisterhood, into a beautiful Succah decorated with evergreen, flowers and fruits of the Harvest season.

The concluding day of Succoth falls on Tuesday, October 14th.

Consecration Ceremony

The Ceremony of Consecration which was introduced for the first time last year, will again be held the last day of Succoth—Tuesday, October 14th. This ceremony left a profound impression on those who witnessed it, and it has already become as important and significant as confirmation.

In keeping with the spirit of the day, the children who have just entered the first grade of our Religious School will take part in the ceremony that will symbolize their entrance into the studies of our Torah and tradition.

The last day of Succoth is known in Jewish tradition as Simchath Torah—Rejoicing over the Torah. The ceremony will include the symbolization of the carrying on of tradition from generation to generation. The climax of the service will be the procession of the little first graders and their impressive pledge to the teachings of Judaism.

MEN'S CLUB

Round Table

The fifth season of the Round Table will open its sessions on Tuesday noon, October 21st. Rabbi Brickner will be the speaker at the opening session.

The plans this year include visiting speakers, and discussions led by members of the Men's Club.

Patrons of Our Course

So fine and expensive a Course that we offer again this year, can only be made possible when the sixteen hundred subscription books are sold in advance. Those purchasing books become, as it were, underwriters of the Course. Aside from the fact that it will pay you to become a subscriber at three dollars and fifty cents, you actually make possible in this way, the offering of this Course which is of benefit to the whole community.

Our Courses are acclaimed among the

best in the whole country.

Do not say you will buy single tickets. Support the Course by becoming a subscriber, or better yet, a patron.

Those purchasing ten Course tickets in advance, become patrons. The following have already added their names to the patron list:

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Miss Gertrude Bondy
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Mrs. Jos. G. Engelman
Mrs. J. J. Federman
Mrs. E. Goldberg
Mrs. Max P. Goodman
Mrs. Ida Kornhauser
Miss Clara Manche
Mrs. M. J. Spitalny
Mrs. Jos. L. Spitz
Mrs. Albert Ullman
Miss Iloma Ulmer
Mrs. E. R. Unger

Mrs. Ralph Wertheimer (List to be Continued)

SISTERHOOD

Cultural Courses

Books and Authors

Conducted by Mr. Joseph Remenyi. Chairman, Mrs. Theo. Fishel (Garfield 3982).

Opening Date—Friday, October 17th, 11 A. M.

Registration Fee-\$3.00.

Modern Social Problems

Conducted by Prof. Henry M. Busch. Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Newman (Glenville 3090).

Opening Date—Friday, October 24th, 11 A. M.

Registration Fee-\$2.00.

Jewish Current Events

Conducted by Rabbi B. R. Brickner. Chairman, Mrs. Cora Reinthal (Cedar 1376).

Opening Date—Friday, October 31st, 11 A. M.

Registration Fee—\$1.00 (used for magazines and periodicals from all over the world).

These courses will continue every Friday thereafter in the same order as given above.

Sisterhood Succoth Musicale and Tea

Wednesday, October 8th, 2:30 P. M.

IN THE RECREATION HALL

Orchestral music under the direction of Maurice Spitalny. Ballet Dancing under the direction of Miss Florence Shapero.

To carry out the harvest symbols, the Recreation Hall will be converted into a veritable bower of flowers, and a Succah will be constructed in the center.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE INVITED

DEAR SISTERHOOD MEMBER:

A committee has been at work during the Summer revising our Constitution. It is necessary that you vote on it before it is ratified. I am therefore calling a special meeting for Wednesday, October 8th at 2:00 P. M. sharp, in our Recreation Hall. This meeting will immediately precede our program and Succoth Social.

Your committees have worked hard to plan fine programs and to carry on Sisterhood activities for the coming year. Please come and be with us and help as often as you can this year. We want you.

With heartiest greetings for a happy New Year,

Sincerely,

RUTH B. STEIN,

President.

ALUMNI

Program for the Year

Every member of the Alumni Association who is a holder of a budget ticket, is entitled to free admission to the following affairs:

Two Forum Supper Dances The Intercollegiate Frolic. The Spring Dance.

Two Plays by the Dramatic Group.

Budget tickets may be obtained at the Temple office at three dollars each.

Welcome

We wish to extend our welcome to the following new teachers:

Solomon Abramov David Miller Jerome Bigelson Sarah Paikoff Sylvia Feinberg Daisy Yudkovsky

Rose Katzenberg

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Succoth Offerings

Children are requested to bring their Succoth offerings of fruits, corn, wheat, vegetables, Autumn leaves, etc., this Saturday, October 4th and this Sunday, October 5th. The Succah will be decorated on Monday.

Children are urged to bring an abundance of fruit.

In addition to the Succah in the Temple, another is being constructed in the Recreation Hall. Every child in the school will have an opportunity of visiting both Succahs. During their visit in the Recreation Hall, Rabbi Brickner will recite the Kiddush, and refreshments will be served.

High School Opens

The opening session of the high school department takes place this Sunday, October 5th at 10:15 A. M. All the pupils of this department including those who were confirmed last June, will report to the Auditorium where final selection of courses will be made.

Opening Club Rally

On Sunday afternoon, October 5th, at 3:00 P. M., the clubs will hold their opening rally in the Recreation Hall.

Children who were members of clubs last year or who are interested in joining one of the groups, are invited to attend. Rabbi Brickner will be present, and a program of songs and cheers is being prepared.

SUCCOTH - THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Its Significance

Succoth is the third pilgrimage festival and expresses the idea of gratitude. The celebration of the festival begins on the fifteenth day of the seventh month (Tishri) and lasted originally seven days. It was agricultural in origin which is evident from the name "Feast of Ingathering," from the ceremonies accompanying it, and from the season of its celebration. It was a Thanksgiving for the fruit harvest and also a general Thanksgiving for the bounty of nature.

The Symbols

The Succah or Booth was to be a structure especially built for the festival, thatched so as to be a protection against the sun, while allowing the stars to shine through it at night. It is supposed to commemorate the days of wandering in the desert of Sinai, when only booths of temporary shelters could be used.

The outstanding features of the feast are the Lulov, the Esrog and the Sukkah.

The original nature of the festival, as a thanksgiving day for the blessings of the harvest, is preserved in the ceremony of taking the four species of vegetation prescribed in Leviticus: "And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook, and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days."

The traditional interpretation fixes the meaning of these four species to include the citron (Esrog), the palm branch (Lulov), three myrtle twigs (Hadassim), the two willow branches (Aravos). These are to serve as symbols of the entire realm of vegetation, which has been blest by the gracious bounty of God. The myrtle and willow branches are tied together with the branch of the palm tree.

A beautiful symbolic interpretation is given to this ceremony by the Rabbis. The four species are compared by them to the four important organs of the human body: the heart (esrog), the spinal cord (lulov), the eye (myrtle leaf), and the lips (willow leaf), suggesting the thought that all the members of the body should unite in proclaiming God's glory and singing His praises (compare Psalms 35:10).

Concluding Day

Shemini Atzereth—Eighth Day of Assembly is celebrated as the concluding day of the festival.

Succoth culminating in Simchath Torah "The Rejoicing over the Torah" reminds us of Israel's eternal regard of the Torah and its place in Jewish life. On this day the annual reading of the Pentateuch is completed and begun anew for the coming year. It is the ninth day of Succoth for the Orthodox Jew. In our Temple it is combined with Shemini Atzereth.

"GOOD RESOLUTIONS FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE CONGRE-GATIONAL YEAR.

First—I won't take it for granted that temple work will "get done" by somebody; but will take it for granted that it won't "get done" unless I do it.

Second—I won't hope for a large congregation while I stay away myself.

Third—I won't expect the temple to be a cheerful place while I retain the liberty of growling.

Fourth—I won't be a sensitive plant and think somebody is always seeking to offend me.

Fifth—I won't expect the temple to be in fair financial condition while I fail to do my part faithfuly and regularly as well as I can, my conscience being my guide.

Sixth—I will make the temple a spiritual storehouse by looking beyond its wheels and organizations to the reality of its inspiration and comfort to my soul.

Seventh—I will never forget that the temple consists not of a Rabbi and an audience but of me, the people, responsible together with the Rabbi for the advance of spiritual life in this organization.

(Adapted from the Toledo Unitarian)