

# Jewish Studies

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Add Gerald Weinstock to the list of Jewish altruists with a lofty purpose.

Head of the Basic Foods Division of Mallinckroft, Inc. of Englewood, N.J., Mr. Weinstock has made a large donation towards the strengthening of Jewish studies at Harvard University. He was graduated there in 1939.

Harvard and Judaism have had a long and strong link. Like Yale and Columbia, Dartmouth and other schools, Harvard has encouraged the study of Hebrew for centuries.

Jewish learning got a big boost at Harvard when the great philanthropist - glove manufacturer, Lucius Littauer, made possible a chair on Jewish studies at Harvard.

The chair was occupied resplendently for many years by one of the finest scholars in our history, Dr. Harry Wolfson, who died about a year ago.

But now Jewish studies will soar in importance at Harvard thanks to a gift of Mr. Weinstock and more than that, his initiative in rounding up some of the most prestigious people in America to spearhead a drive for more monies to create a Center for Jewish Studies which will make possible a widened curriculum and a larger staff.

Some donors just give; others engender more giving. Mr. Weinstock is in the latter category and history will be deeply indebted to this far-sighted and broad-hearted man.

Mr. Weinstock and the president of Harvard, Dr. Derek Bok, and the current head of Jewish studies up at Cambridge, the scintillating scholar, Dr. Isadore Twersky and the many allies of Mr. Weinstock would like large gifts to this enterprise. But they will be satisfied with smaller ones, too, such as I am sending. You too can be part of this effort. Send your contribution to University Development Office, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

ZOA HOUSE, NEW YORK -- Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, ZOA president, was re-elected to a third term.

# YOM KIPPUR SERVICES AT BETH SHOLOM

Yom Kippur, recognized as the holiest day of the Jewish year, will be observed by Jewish people throughout the free world, beginning at sundown on Sunday, October 3 and ending at sundown Monday, October 4.

Known as the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur Day brings to a close the ten days of repentance, which began with Rosh Hashanah, the first day of the Jewish New Year, 5737, on Saturday, September 25.

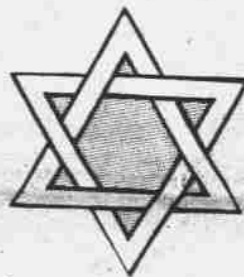
Since Biblical times, this day has been set aside to ask forgiveness of man's sins against God. Traditionally, religious Jews will observe a twenty-four hour period of total abstinence from food and drink. It is the Jewish belief that at sundown on Yom Kippur Day, God seals the Book of Life, in which he has written the fate of every individual.

Yom Kippur is also referred to as the Day of Judgment and so the day is spent in religious worship. Services begin on Sunday even-

ing with the recitation of the Kol Nidre prayer and will be brought to a symbolic finish with a single blast of the Shofar, the ram's horn, at the close of the Nillah Services, just prior to sundown on Monday.

Here in Las Vegas, services will be held at Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd. at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday evening and from 9:00 A.M. to sundown on Monday. All services are conducted and officiated by Rabbi Philip Shnairson, spiritual leader of the congregation, who will also deliver the High Holiday sermons. Cantor Joseph Kohn will chant the liturgy, assisted by the Temple High Holiday Choir under the direction of Morry King and Dr. Barry L. Fisher, with Martha Olson at the organ.

The traditional Yizkor services, memorializing the dead, will take place at 4:00 P.M. on Yom Kippur Day.



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