

FESTIVAL OF WEEKS TO BE OBSERVED BY JEWISH WORSHIPERS

Historical Features Stressed in Reform Synagogue as Anniversary of Dedication of Ancient Israel—Confirmation Service Ingathering of First Fruits of Spirit—Young People Carefully Instructed.

THE Feast of Weeks, or Shabuoth in Hebrew, was observed in the Reform synagogue on Sunday, May 23, when it will be observed in reform congregations; also on the same day and on May 24 in orthodox congregations. Special services will be held in all Jewish houses of worship, and in many of them the festival will be celebrated as confirmation day. These exercises have the two-fold purpose of signaling the pledge of loyalty on the part of the Jewish children to the faith of their fathers and of establishing the covenant of consecration to the one God and to the belief in his justice and truth as manifested in history.

It also marks the graduation of the confirmands from the religious school where the young boys and girls have been taught the tenets of their faith, including a knowledge of the Bible and the history of the Jewish people. These exercises have the two-fold purpose of signaling the pledge of loyalty on the part of the Jewish children to the faith of their fathers and of establishing the covenant of consecration to the one God and to the belief in his justice and truth as manifested in history.

The Feast of Weeks was an agricultural festival in its origin, which celebrated the gathering of the wheat harvest. A later tradition commended the giving of the Ten Commandments and the law on Mount Sinai. Thus in the modern reform synagogue the festival assumes an historical character which gives it its greatest significance in the eyes of the young people.

The reform synagogue stresses this historical feature of the Feast of Weeks as the anniversary of the dedication of ancient Israel to the faith in one God, and only in a symbolic manner refers to the agricultural aspect of the festival. The confirmation service is thus the symbol of the ingathering of the first fruits of the spirit. The young boys and girls are carefully instructed in their history and faith, and express before the congregation their understanding of and loyalty to the religion of their fathers.

Services celebrating the Feast of Weeks, or Shabuoth, will be held at Temple Beth Israel this morning at 10 o'clock. Confirmation exercises will be held at the same time. A class of 25 boys and girls is to be confirmed.

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has sent out requests to all the churches in the city, asking them to urge the observance of Pentecost day.

This evening Dr. McElveen continues his series of sermons on "Applying Christ's Ideas to Make a New Civilization." These sermons are attracting a good deal of attention. To-night the congregational minister will show the ideal of democracy would operate to make a new social order if that ideal could be increased in quantity and improved in quality. He will show how this was the first real democracy and how far we have advanced from the ancient Greek's understanding of that thought.

The congregational church folk are going to have a very busy week. Wednesday afternoon on the executive board of the women's association are going to give a May day fete to the members of that association as reward for a splendid year's work. On Wednesday the women are not to work; they are to be entertained for a splendid year's work.

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Mortgage to Be Burned on Day of Pentecost.
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Sermons at White Temple Tell About Prodigals.
Members of Glencoe Baptist Church Hold Reception at White Temple on Return From Attendance at Moody Institute.

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