

Temple Menorah to Confirm Class Of Seven at Shovues Rite Today

By RABBI HENRI FRONT
Shovues, the feast of weeks will be celebrated in Jewish Temples and Synagogues today. This holiday commemorates the giving of the 10 Commandments to the Jewish people at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

Special services will be conducted by Temple Menorah, Redondo Beach at 1 p. m. at the Masonic Temple, 116 Ruby Street, Redondo Beach, by Rabbi Henri E. Front, Spiritual leader of the South Bay's only liberal Jewish congregation.

A special feature of the Shovues service is the Confirmation ceremony. Instituted early in the 19th century by German Jews, Confirmation marks the graduation from the Religious School, and is always performed on Shovues. The young people who affirm

their faith in God and Judaism and their willingness to live according to the 10 Commandments, receive the Torah as did their fore-fathers who received it from Moses on Mt. Sinai.

THIS YEAR the Religious School of Temple Menorah will confirm the following seven young people:

Dan Komer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Komer; Gary Cole, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. Cole; Lee Spangler, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Spangler; Bob Mandel, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mandel; Jay Scharfman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scharfman; Kenneth Gerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerson; and Linda Siegel, daughter of Mrs. D. Price.

The world has had many

profound philosophers and wise lawmakers in the 35 centuries since Sinai, but none has produced as valid a program of personal and social morality as that of the Ten Commandments.

THE TRAGIC occurrences of the past few years make us all realize what a better world we would have now if all men would live up to this code.

The Ten Commandments have not only been a guide to all Western civilization, but also a constitution for the Jewish people. They made the Jewish folk "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation," commanded to live a spiritual life.

Because of this command an irreligious Jew became a con-

traddition in terms, a man untrue to his proper role and destiny.

SINCE SHAVUOS occurs about the time of the early harvest in the Holy Land, a number of thanksgiving features have been attached to it. In ancient times at the Shavuos season the Jewish farmers in Israel used to bring their first fruits to the Temple in Jerusalem as a thanks offering to God.

Shavuos was a jubilant annual event in those days. There was festive gaiety in the air as the roads leading to Jerusalem were clogged with long columns of farmers bringing the bounty of their vineyards, orchards and gardens to the Holy City. The carts bringing the produce

were a colorful sight; the horns of the dray oxen were gilded, and carts and baskets were gay with bright streamers.

THE MEMORY of those joyous harvest days has led to the custom of reading the Book of Ruth in the synagogues on Shavuos. Ruth deals with an idyllic story set in ancient Palestine at early harvest time. It relates how a family from the rustic town of Bethlehem, consisting of parents and two grown unmarried sons, emigrated to the Land of Moab to escape a famine that had broken out in their country. In Moab, the sons married Moabite girls, one of whom was Ruth.

The menfolk died, and the mother, the widowed Naomi, decided to return alone to hear

native Bethlehem. She sought to bid farewell to her widowed daughters-in-law, but Ruth refused to part from her. In a passage unmatched for expression of selfless devotion, Ruth declared:

"Entreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; they people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

Following the Confirmation Services at the Masonic Temple a reception will be held in honor of the Confirmands. The public is invited to witness the Confirmation.



PROM BOUNDR... Tom Kasterko calls for Miss Linda Ayles, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ayles, 1110 Patronella Ave., as they prepare to attend the Torrance High School Junior-Senior Prom. The scene was being duplicated throughout much of the city as the young couples gathered for the "big night."

'Old South' Rises Again At Junior Senior 'Prom'

"Melody of the Old South," a large southern colonial mansion which made the setting even more attractive and quite realistic.

The climax of the evening's program was the announcement of the selection of John Keith as the "Colonel" and Ginny Krausz as the "Belle of the Ball." The attendants chosen were: Linda Grubb, Gwen Piekatowski, Patty Woodman, Lois Wroge, Paul Wright, Mike Irvine, Howard Taylor, and John Gable.

Dinner, Dance Planned
The Redondo Beachcombers square dance club will hold a belated Mothers Day pot-luck dinner and square dance this evening at the Redondo Woman's Club, 400 S. Broadway at 5:30 p.m. The dancing starts at 7.

Welfare Federation Names Delegates in Harbor Area

WELFARE FEDERATION 224 Harbor Area representatives to the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles Area were elected Thursday at the annual meeting of this organization that conducts the Community Chest campaign.

More than 700 persons attended the event, held at the Biltmore Bowl, Los Angeles.

COMMUNITY representatives from the Harbor area elected to the board of governors included Mrs. Donald Armstrong 812 Via Conejo, Palos Verdes; Vince Bauchiero, manager, Bank of America, Lomita; Frode B. Kilstofte, president, Rossman Mill & Lumber Co., Ltd., Wilmington; and John Sonneborn, district, commercial manager, Pacific Telephone Co., San Pedro.

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