

FESTIVAL OF SHEBOUTH OBSERVED AT TEMPLE

A class of 11 children was confirmed by Dr. Maurice Lefkovits at Temple Emanuel yesterday morning. Those in the class were Blanch H. B. Zien, Ernestine E. Traubman, Rudolph Segal, Sylvia Lugoff, Sarah Lisman, Annette Claire Hirschfield, Rose L. Hirsh, Molly Harris, Louis H. R. Gomberg, Eva R. Brusin and Maurice H. Blumenthal. Special musical numbers were sung in observance of the festival of Shebouth. Short talks were given on the following subjects: "Religion and Morality," Maurice Blumenthal; "The Idea of God," Molly Harris; "The Dignity of Man," Louis Gomberg, and "The Mission of Israel," Annette Hirschfield.

The feast of Shebouth was an agricultural festival in its origin which celebrated the gathering of the wheat harvest. A later tradition commemorates it as the anniversary of the giving of the ten commandments and the law on Mount Sinai. The reformed synagogue emphasizes this historical feature of the festival as the anniversary of the dedication of ancient Israel to the faith of God, and only in a symbolic manner refers to the agricultural aspect of the festival.