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OPERA CONCERT SET FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Joseph Settlet Once Again Chairman

On Sunday evening, December 22, the West Side Institutional Synagogue will hold its Annual Sunday Evening Opera Concert at the Metropolitan Opera House.

In light of the immense success of our concert last year, the Concert Committee, again headed by Mr. Joseph Settlet has no doubt that this year's affair will far surpass any held in the past.

The Metropolitan Opera House, with its unparalleled roster of world famous singers, its superb ballet, and its fine symphonic orchestra, will provide an evening of entertainment which will long be remembered.

The price of tickets range from \$1 to \$6.

Do not fail to attend this gala affair. Come to our office at your earliest possible convenience and arrange for your tickets.

UNVEILING

The unveiling of a monument erected to the memory of the late Morris Lazarus, father of our member Max Lazarus, will be held at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Sunday November 3rd, at 12:45 P.M.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:35

Weekly Portion — NOAH

Shabbath Rosh Chodesh

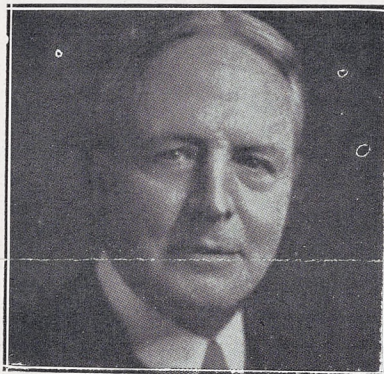
Friday Evening Service	4:40
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Class in Talmud	3:15
Mincha	4:30
Sunday Morning Services	6:45; 7:45; 8:45

Daily Services

Mornings	6:45; 7:45; 8:15
Mincha	4:40

Followed by the Interpretation of
the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

BIBLE CLASS AND FORUM OPENS MONDAY, NOV. 4



WILLIAM JAY SCHIEFFELIN

Rabbi Goldstein will resume his weekly Bible Class and Forum for the 1940-41 season next Monday evening, November 4th, at 8:30 P.M. William Jay Schieffelin, noted civic worker and chairman of the Citizens Union, will be the Rabbi's first guest speaker.

Mr. Schieffelin, a Ph.D. in Chemistry, worked in the Schieffelin & Co's laboratories for over twenty years, and became president and chairman of the board. Devoting a lifetime to civic service, he was chairman of the committee which demanded the Seabury investigation; treasurer of the Scottsboro Defense; trustee of Hampton Institute; and also president of the New York Federation of Churches. Mr. Schieffelin has been chairman of the Citizen's Union for the past 32 years, during which time he brought 22 actions to make officials obey the law, and won 18 of them.

CHASANIM PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

Last Saturday afternoon, Jess Ward, Lester Udell, and Jack Spiro, the Chasanim of the Simchath Torah service gave their annual party. Rabbi Goldstein was toastmaster, Zalmon Yavneh led the singing, and Rabbi Lifschitz said grace. The speakers at the party were as follows: Gustave Roth, Joseph Anderson, Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, Morris Steinberg, Sam Beier, Bernard Breitbart, Max Sanders, Morris Jablow, Daniel Weiss, Mrs. Isidore Freidman, Mrs. Sadie Finkelstein, Jack Spiro chasan Bereshis, Jess Ward chasan Torah, and Lester Udell chasan Maf-tir.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE STARTS SEMESTER

Classes To Be Held Every
Monday and Wednesday Evening

On Wednesday evening, October 30, the Laymen's Institute for Jewish Studies began its first semester at the West Side Institutional Synagogue. The Institute offers an Adult course of study in History, Philosophy, Ceremonials, Hebrew, Prayer, Liturgy, Mishnah, Prophets and Talmud. The purpose of these courses is to give the adult Jewish laity an opportunity to become more acquainted with its religion. Registration is still going on, and all members of the congregation are urged to register for one or more courses. A nominal fee of One Dollar is charged for registration. Special rates have been arranged for members.

The faculty consists of a number of competent, qualified instructors: Dr. Samuel Nirenstein, Philosophy; Dr. Baruch Braunstein, History; Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Prophets; Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschitz, Customs and Ceremonies; and Mr. Simon Konovitch, Hebrew.

All those who are interested in enrolling are urged to communicate with Rabbi Lifschitz, Registrar.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Annual Fall Luncheon

HOTEL WALDORF ASTORIA

Tuesday, November 19,

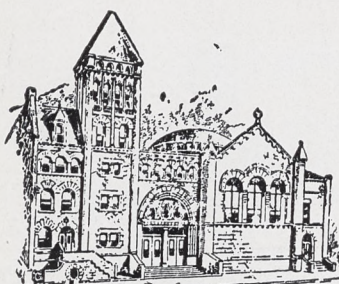
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MR. CITIZEN

On Tuesday, November 5th, we, along with millions of other citizens of this country, will go to the polls to exercise our most precious democratic right - the right to vote. We have been given this privilege for the purpose of effectively expressing our opinion as to which candidates and which policies will best serve the interests of our democracy.

When we vote we must do so not as Jews, but as Americans; when we cast our ballot we must do so not as businessmen, or as laborers, but as citizens. Our duty is to determine the best course for democratic America. We will violate that duty if we approve a candidate with the expectation that he will give special privilege to us and to others similarly situated. We are not worthy of the right to vote if we do so in the hope that the man of our choice will deprive certain individuals or a certain class of individuals of the privileges to which they are entitled.

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THE 34th COMMANDMENT

"Thou Shalt Not Murder"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The 34th Commandment bids us not to slay any one, as it is written in Exodus, Chapter 20, verse 13 "Thou shalt not murder."

Our Rabbis are even opposed to the so called mercy killing, as Rabbi Salanter pointed out, that an hour in a persons life is not merely an hour, but may represent a whole life. In that hour he might repent and thus be worthy of everlasting bliss, as we read in the Talmud, "one may acquire eternity in a single hour." (Avodah Zorah 10b)

God created the world and commanded us to be fruitful and multiply, and not to destroy man by our hands. However, the wicked are to

be punished and uprooted from the world, they are like the thorns, whose destruction makes the world safer. In this connection the Bible commands, "And thou shalt uproot the evil from the midst."

We have in the Hebrew original two readings for the word murder, "Tirtzach" and "Tirtz-awch." One with an ah called "pahsach," and one with an aw called "kawmahtz." The "pahsach," means opening because it is uttered by opening one's mouth, while the second vowel is called "kawmahtz" because it is pronounced by closing the mouth. So one is apt to become an instrument of murder either by opening or by closing his mouth, as for instance: one who slanders and libels is an instrument of murder by the opening of his mouth. On the other hand, if one is able to save somebody from trouble by telling the truth about him, yet remains silent, he is an instrument of murder by the closing of the mouth.

Capital punishment for murder in the Jewish Law is meted out only when the person who kills does so with intent, and there are at least two witnesses present who warned the killer against committing the crime of murder, if he fails to listen to the admonition and commits the crime he is to be slain by the sword. The Jewish law does not recognize circumstantial evidence.

We have heard some people express the thought that as Jews they ought to vote for one particular candidate but as businessmen they ought to choose the other. This is an unreal dilemma. The events of the next few years will be of vital importance to all Americans. World peace, the preservation of democracy and the attainment of economic stability are essential to the well-being of Jews and Gentile, businessman and laborer. Which candidate can be most influential in effecting an ultimately just world peace? Which man is better equipped to act in the best interests of democracy and will be most zealous to do so? Which aspirant for office will be most effective in attaining economic stability? Our honest answers to these questions should be our only guide in making our choice. We should be faced by a dilemma only if, after an impersonal consideration we determine that neither candidate possesses all of the requisites. We must then evaluate the relative im-

portance of each of the necessary qualifications and cast our ballot for the best "all around man".

It is recognized that there is some difficulty involved in divorcing our thoughts from our personal interests. Perhaps it may be of some help if we keep in mind that what may be best for one person or a group of persons may not be best for the 130,000,000, farmers, workers and capitalists of the U. S., but that benefits which accrue to our nation will ultimately redound upon us as individuals or as occupational and religious groups. Selfish interests dominated the peace parley at the conclusion of the last war, and the world has suffered. Had the welfare of all nations been considered we would probably be at peace today.

Try to remember, if you will, that when you step into the polling booth next Tuesday you must lose your occupational and religious identity. The voting machine will register your vote as that of "Mr. Citizen".

THIS
AND
THAT



OUR RESPONSIBILITY

By RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHITZ

American Jewry is facing a steadily increasing social, religious and economic discrimination. The causes for the latter are too well known for us to discuss here. However let us examine some of the efforts being made to counteract this growing menace. There is for example the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Through the meetings arranged on the college campus and in the various fields of business and industry, it is doing much to break down the barriers of blind prejudice between Christian and Jew. However it is the sacred responsibility of Jewish leadership, lay as well as ministerial to make certain that our co-religionists live and act in a manner that will not neutralize the efforts made to achieve the desired good-will.

A most successful series of meetings conducted in City X will have ended in failure if it be discovered that in that very city Christian workers are being unfairly treated by their Jewish employers. All the good-will efforts will be of no avail if our Jewish youth will be observed by their Christian neighbors as being unsynagogued, undisciplined or unobserving elementary social courtesies; or idling away its leisure time in vulgar, indecent and socially or culturally unproductive pursuits. Judaism as well as Jews were accepted and regarded by the world not because of our "jitterbugs" and "moochers" but rather because we have contributed scholars, students and saintly personalities.

What is therefore to be done in order to secure the desired Christian-Jewish relationship. Let us begin with the child. The child of today is the man of tomorrow upon whom will rest the responsibility for either the honor or dishonor of Israel.

RADIO PROGRAMS OF JEWISH INTEREST

November
SUNDAY

9:45 A.M. Religious News Reporter WMCA

(Reginald Kennedy - Executive Director of the Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.) This program is broadcast every Sunday.

1:00 P.M. Church Of The Air WABC

Nov. 3 - Thomas Coolidge Fowler (Christian Science)

Nov. 10 - Paul Christopher Perrotta (Faculty of Providence College, St. Joseph)

Nov. 17 - Rabbi Leo Jung (Jewish Center, N.Y.)

Nov. 24 - Rev. George J. Campbell (Archdiocese of Portland, Ore.)

1:30 P.M. American Jewish Hour WHN

One hour of Jewish tales, songs, and wit every Sunday afternoon.

MONDAY

2:45 P.M. The Light Of The World WEAF

Biblical Drama presented from Monday through Friday.

TUESDAY

9:00 P.M. Free Speech Forum WEVD

Rev. William C. Kernan of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark

THURSDAY

7:30 P.M. Jewish Commentator WLTH

Edward V. Morand

SATURDAY

6:30 P.M. Religion In The News WEAF

Dr. Walter Van Kirk

7:00 P.M. Message Of Israel WJZ

Rabbi Joshua Liebman, Temple Israel, Boston, will deliver the sermons during the month of November

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ENGAGEMENT



BEULAH SEGAL

We take pleasure in announcing the engagement of Beulah Segal, daughter of our members Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Segal, to Mr. Mitchel Kass, son of Mrs. Anna Kass, and the late Mr. Sol Kass.

Miss Segal, graduate of Hunter College, is now teaching at James Monroe Evening High School. Mr. Kass is a graduate of the School of Education of New York University.

Our best wishes and heartiest congratulations are extended to the couple and to their families.

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Getting Personal

It was quite a gathering at Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein's home last Thursday. From the number of people who were present we think that the Rabbi and his wife know that we still love them. . . We were told that many of the guests overate because they just couldn't refuse those very pretty young ladies who served them. Frankly they can't be blamed. The bevy of beautiful hostesses included Nanette Udell, Bernice Breitbart, Naomi Anderson, Muriel V. Margareten, Joan Friedman, Joan Horwitz, and Bobbye Schwartz. . . In the midst of all this pleasantries we don't want to forget to wish Bernard Appel and Michael Salit a speedy recovery. . . Likewise to Roy, the man who checks our coats. . . Geraldine Haselkorn, our Girl Scout leader, is now to be addressed as Mrs. Joseph Hoffman. Congrats. . . If you don't want to be late you had better congratulate Director Morris Steinberg tomorrow 'cause November 6th is his birthday. . . By the way, folks, Park Avenue has nothing on us. To your editor comes the announcement of the organization of the "Junior Debs of the W. S. I. S." Barbara Sanders is the President, Charlotte Clein the V. - P., Eleanor Goldman the Corresponding Secretary, Susan Zysman the Recording Secretary, Harriet Frank the Treasurer, Peggy Richman the Membership Chairman, and Eileen Harris the Hostess Chairman. . . If that doesn't sound like a Social Register we don't know what does. . . The group will forego a Beaux Arts Ball this year but will raise funds to adopt a refugee child. . . Just imagine! They'll be mothers and at such a young age. . . Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rabbino on the occasion of their 42nd wedding anniversary. . . How's about phoning the synagogue office immediately and asking someone to call for the old toys which you have around the house. The Scouts would like to repair and distribute them to poor kiddies

Nat Trotzky:

My daughter's wedding at the Hotel Pierre was excellent in every way. I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for your efforts in making the affair a beautiful one.

Mrs. Eva Manacher

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EXECUTIVE LUNCHEON COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING



Photo by Louis Landowne
From left to right; Mesdames Jack Levine, Moses Langer, Herbert Gossett, Joseph Anderson, Herbert S. Goldstein, David H. Ullman, Albert H. Cohen, Samuel W. Siegel.

Women's League To Hold Open Meeting Monday, November 4th

The Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue has been energetically working on plans for their luncheon to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday afternoon, November 19th.

The above picture, taken in the Rabbi's study shows the Executive Committee busy at one of their recent meetings. Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, a member of this committee was unable to attend at the time the

picture was taken.

On Monday afternoon, November 4th the Women's League will hold their monthly open meeting. The women will have the pleasure of hearing Miss Juliette Aschner present "Books and Plays in Review". Mrs. Albert H. Cohen will act as chairman of this, the second open meeting of the season. Mrs. Cohen, along with Mrs. Annie Mirken will serve as hostesses.

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