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CONFESSIONS

By Dr. Nathan Birnbaum

A TIME FOR ACTION (Conclusion)

I have not written merely to confess my sins. . . . and to criticize modern paganism. . . . but to appeal to the pious Jew. It is true, I have said nothing new that would lead away from the path of Judaism; but I want the community of the pious to shoulder the burden thus far thrown upon the individual; I want deeds where there have so far been ideals; and I want to point out ways that have not been pointed out so far.

You wait every day that God, in His great mercy, send his Messiah. Why do you wait for Him, rather hasten His coming by mending your ways?

You mourn about the age and its apostates. Why do you not mourn about yourselves, you, who have failed to overcome the age and to build a generation steeled against the impurity of our time, willing to bring about better times?

You know the teachings of the Torah, and its ways that lead man onward to the heights of holiness; why have you not walked in them?

You have not risen towards the holiness imparted by the understanding of God's ways. Is that not because there is no understanding without intensity and concentration; and because these require isolation from the confusions of the world?

You have not risen towards the holiness attained by the imitation of God's mercy. Is that not because God wants you to immerse yourselves ever more in your duties towards your fellowman; and because you only love your own comfort?

You have not risen towards the holiness attained by sharing in God's glory. Is that not because you have not remembered the dignity of your ancestors, the purity, grace and beauty of their tents; because your desire for comfort did not let you reflect in your sphere of
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"MADAME BUTTERFLY" AT THE MET DOROTHY KIRSTEN TO SING

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 2nd, 1947

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST NO.297 J.W.V.

The next meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 J.W.V. will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1947 at 8:30 P.M. at which time the Buddy Friedman Post will make its annual contribution for a scholarship to Yeshiva University.

At that meeting a representative of the Ladies Auxiliary of the J.W.V. will be present and deliver an address on the formation of a Ladies Auxiliary for the Buddy Friedman Post.

All mothers, wives and sisters of anyone who was in the service, whether a member of the Buddy Friedman Post or not are invited to the meeting.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Women's League will be held at the home of Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, 300 West End Avenue on Monday Afternoon, January 20th, at 1:30.

W.S.I.S. LEADS BOTH TEAM DIVISIONS

The Talmud Torah Basketball Team won two games last Sunday, in both Varsity Divisions. In the nightcap, our boys, sparkling in their new blue and white jerseys, outplayed a strong Jewish Center quintet which, up to last week, held first place. Our J. V.'s followed thru to defeat the Jewish Community School five.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt condolence to the family of
FLORENCE S. PADAWER
and to the family of
NATHAN FRANK
our esteemed member upon their tragic loss.



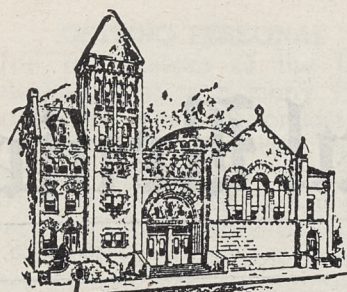
DOROTHY KIRSTEN

We are happy to announce that Dorothy Kirsten, one of the Metropolitan's outstanding singers is to play the leading feminine role in the opera "Madame Butterfly" which will be presented at our Benefit Performance on Sunday evening, March 2, 1947.

The fact, alone, that Miss Kirsten is singing is enough to induce many to attend the opera. For this particular performance there is also another inducement, it is the knowledge that while you are enjoying the evening, you are contributing toward the support of the Synagogue you cherish so much.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Due to the plight of our brethren overseas and their great needs, the Keren-Ami Council of our Talmud Torah has decided to allocate its funds collected this term to the following Rescue and Relief Agencies:
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269th COMMANDMENT

The Consecration of the Priest
By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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The laws of this commandment are that the כהן is called up to the Torah first, after that the Levite then the Israelite. If there is no כהן then the chain is broken and either a Levite or an Israelite may be called first. If there is a כהן but no Levite present, the כהן is called for the reading of the Torah, and has a double portion. The reason for not calling up to the Torah, in such a case one כהן after another, is

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that it might not be said that it was learned that the first כהן was unfit, and the second כהן had to be called in his place. The second כהן may not be called up, because this may cause his neighbor to be put to shame publicly. However, if the priests were known to be sinners then no honor is to be given to them as the Rabbis have so well put it, that "an illegitimate child who is a scholar precedes an ignorant priest". However, as has been said previously since there is no fine distinction as to the knowledge and wisdom of one person as over against another, humility demands that the כהן be called first, even though he may be an ignorant person. Further details of this commandment are explained in many places in the Talmud.

This commandment prevails at all times and refers to males and females for this is a command upon all to show honor to the seed of Aaron. One who trespasses this commandment breaks a positive commandment.

CONFESSION

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life the harmony and order of God's universe?

We cannot rise towards holiness unless we utterly give ourselves over to the Divine Word.

Let us, then unite to labor towards this end. Let us call our brethren and sisters that they may come and work and ascend with us.

How can this threefold holiness be attained?

To rise in the understanding of God, in fervor and humility, let us turn our minds to them. Let us strengthen them by the study of the Divine Word, by prayer, sacred hymn, and by purposeful labor. Let us keep away from the confusions of our world: drunken pleasure, in place of divine joy; the craving for money, in place of quiet satisfaction; intellectual confusion, in place of a wise heart.

These are not words; we call for deeds. . . . ready to offer our lives, and calling for those of all Israel. . . until there comes the end of days when the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established at the top of the hills and all the nations will stream to it (Isaiah II:2). "And many people shall go and say,

Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us of his ways, and we may walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord out of Jerusalem. And he will judge among the nations, and decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plough-shares, and their spears into pruning-knives: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and they shall not learn any more war. O House of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord."

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

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Vaad Hatzalah, Refugee Immigration Division Agudas Israel, Mizra-chi Expansion Fund Overseas Relief and Hias.

A special Keren Hayishuv of the American Religious Palestine Fund drive will be started before Purim.

Two eleven pound packages of school supplies and food were also sent to the Childrens' Orphan Home in Hungary adopted by our children.

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Mr. Isaac Allen's
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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

I hope all of you, our readers, know of the benefit performance of the complete Opera, "Madame Butterfly", at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Sunday evening, March 2nd, 1947. A wonderful company will sing the roles.

The cost of this opera is almost three times as much as previously. Consequently we are obliged to advance the price of the tickets. The tickets are priced as follows:

Orchestra \$20.00, 15.00, 10.00.
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Mr. Joseph Settel, Chairman of the Opera Committee, sincerely hopes that each and every friend of the Institution will feel it a duty to buy a few tickets and be present in person, or if away on vacation, to have someone else use the tickets.

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