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MARGARET HARSHAW TO BE FEATURED IN OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF "AIDA"



Margaret Harshaw

Margaret Harshaw will sing the role of Amneris in our benefit performance of "Aida" to be given at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 29, 1950. You may reserve your tickets by calling our office, TR. 7-8281, immediately. The price scale ranges from \$2.50 to \$20.00.

"An artist of great magnitude and of first rank. A great singer—a great actress." This was the critical judgment of the musical gazette, "L'Opera," when Miss Harshaw performed in Paris last year.

STORY AND MUSIC OF "AIDA"

The action takes place in Egypt. Rhadames, a young soldier portrayed by Kurt Baum, understands from the actions of the Egyptian High Priest that he will save the Egyptians from the invading enemy. Contemplating the glory that will be bestowed upon him in the future, Rhadames imagines that through his victories he will win the freedom and, eventually, the love of Aida, who has been captured by the enemy. He voices his love in the beautiful aria, "Celeste Aida" (Heavenly Aida).

(to be continued)

Please Note

A modern Ritualarium is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St. MO 3-0300.

JUSTICE FERDINAND PECORA TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT MEN'S CLUB MEETING, DECEMBER 19th

AN OPEN INVITATION . . . CONGREGATIONAL CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday Eve., Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.

We would like all the members of the Congregation to enjoy our Chanukah Party which is to be held on Sunday evening, December 18th at 8 o'clock at the Synagogue Building.

There will be a nominal charge of \$1 per person. The program of the evening will include, among other diversions, games and refreshments. Tickets can be obtained at the Synagogue office or by phoning TR. 7-8281.

The Chanukah Party will be sponsored jointly by our Women's League and Men's Club, with the following committee in charge: Mrs. Andrew Weiss, Chairman; Mrs. Frank L. Taks, Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Co-Chairmen; Frank L. Taks, Al Kirsh, and Myron Friedlander.

Beautiful and worthwhile prizes.

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For further information phone Mrs. Max Koch, 400 West End Ave. TR. 7-0690, Chairman, Women's League Knitting Project. Detach, fill in and mail to Women's League, W.S.I.S., 120 West 76th St.

Dear Mrs. Koch:

You can count on me for a sweater by January 9th.

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HON. FERDINAND PECORA

Justice Ferdinand Pecora of the Supreme Court of the State of New York for the County of New York will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club to be held in our Social Hall this Monday evening, December 19, at 8:30 P.M. The topic is "Peace on Earth" and Justice Pecora will present his analysis of current history.

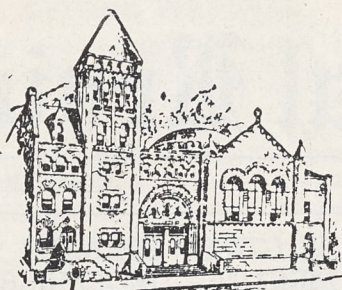
Justice Pecora has had an outstanding career in both the administrative and judiciary branches of government for the past quarter of a century. Beginning as Chief Assistant District Attorney, he has gradually climbed the ladder until he now occupies one of the most distinguished offices in our country. He has also been active in the interfaith movement.

Governor Herbert Lehman appointed him to a temporary vacancy on the Supreme Court of New York State in 1935. He was elected to this high post later in the same year and was reelected in the recent November elections.

President Max Lazarus will preside. All members and friends of the Men's Club are invited to attend together with their families.

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CHANUKAH, THE FESTIVAL OF DEDICATION

Chanukah commemorates the successful struggle for religious and political liberty carried on by a small band of Israelites, led by the brave Maccabees, against the vast army of their Syrian oppressors, under the leadership of Antiochus. This struggle culminated in the recapture of Jerusalem by the Israelites and the rededication of the Holy Temple (165 B. C. E.).

The custom of kindling the light finds its origin in the miracle which occurred during the rededication of the Temple. When the perpetual lamp was about to be lit, there was found only one cruse containing sufficient undefiled oil for one day, but by a miracle it lasted for eight days.

Since it is not permitted to do any work by the light of the Chanukah candles "V'ein lanu r'shus l'hish-tamash bahem," it has become the custom to indulge in games, riddles and other pastimes during the evenings of the festival.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to the Zahler brothers upon the loss of their father.



377th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

The Nazirite Is To Have His Hair Cut

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

The Nazirite is to cut his hair and to bring his sacrifices when he completes the period of his Naziriteship, or when he becomes unclean, for we read in Numbers, Chapter 6, verse 13, "And this is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his consecration are fulfilled"; . . . Verse 14, "And he shall present his offering unto the L-RD, one he-lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for peace-offerings." The sin offering was ordered as an atonement for his vow to abstain from drinking wine, an unnecessary self denial. The Rabbis in the Talmud Nedarim 10a say "He who refrains from wine, (or from anything permit-

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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Monday, July 18, 1949

According to what we read in The N. Y. Times, which we are receiving here regularly, there are individuals in the American State Department who do not realize that allowing a large number of Arabs to return to Israel before a stable and genuine peace is arranged, would be inviting war and bloodshed, all over again. The war in Palestine was started by Arabs. When they were losing, they ran away. Truces and armistices have been signed, with the Arab States, but their populations have been repeatedly told that when the time is favorable, the war against Israel will be resumed. Would it not be suicidal, under these conditions, to allow large numbers of Arabs to return? Don't the pro-Arabs in America know of this situation? Of course the Arabs should be compensated for their lost property, but that is as far as Israel can go at present. I make this point because I have read articles by Americans, condemning "the stubbornness of the

ted in the Torah), is called a sinner." We read in the book of Jeremiah, Chapter 22, verse 15 and 16, "Behold, thy father ate and drank but he executed justice and righteousness; then was it well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and the needy; then was it well; is not this the proper knowledge of me? saith the Lord."

One should cut his hair after the period of the Naziriteship, and bring the offerings as I have written above. There should always be a proper balance between the body and the soul. The body leads one to sin, therefore, he vows to make his body מִיָּאֵם look ugly. The Nazirite is either to let his hair grow long or to cut his hair entirely, but not to dress the hair which may entice another during this period of Naziriteship.

If the Nazirite did not cut his hair, but brought his offerings, he was permitted to drink wine, for the failure to cut the hair did not prevent him to return to his normal status. Nevertheless, the Nazirite should cut his hair as soon as possible after the period of his Naziriteship.

This law prevailed in Temple times and refers to male and female Nazirite. Anyone who trespassed this law and did not remove the hair at the end of the period of the Naziriteship, (which must be at least 30 days) violated our positive commandment.

Israel government." It is not stubbornness. It is a matter of retaining their hard-earned freedom for themselves, as well as for the thousands of refugees, who came here, in the hope that their oppressions would be at an end.

TALMUD TORAH PUPILS CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

The pupils of our Talmud Torah have been presented with Chanukah candles and lamps in order that they may be able to kindle their own Chanukah lights—thanks to the Women's League.

On Sunday Morning, December 18th at 10:30 o'clock, our Talmud Torah pupils will enjoy their annual Chanukah assembly to which their parents and friends are cordially invited. Every class presents its own playlet. The Women's League distributes goodies and dreidels to all the children. Parents are urged to set aside this morning for us at the W.S.I.S. It means much to the children if their parents and friends are with them on such occasions.

BAR MITZVAH



Jay Arthur Kobrin

Congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kobrin and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kobrin, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson, Jay Arthur, which will take place in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

TOYS REQUESTED

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Weekly Portion: Vayaishev
Friday Evening Service 4:20
Saturday Morning Services 8:45
Junior Congregation 10:30
P'sukei D'zimroh: Jack Cohen
Baal Shachris: Joseph Moses
Baal Mussaf: Victor Ringel

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children
2½ to 5 10:30

Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 3:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:00
Oneg Shabbos for Girls 3:15

Mincha Service 4:00

Reader of Torah: Jerry Kamerman

Reader of Service: Judah Gottlieb

Speaker: Jack Verschleiser

The Sabbath Terminates 4:57

Sunday Morning Service
(Chanukah) 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services:

Mornings

(Chanukah all week) 6:30, 7:45, 8:15

Wednesday,

Rosh Chodesh 6:30, 7:40, 8:10

Mincha 4:20

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GETTING PERSONAL

Among the few personal friends who attended the swearing-in ceremony of Senator William Benton of Connecticut was our Director A. M. Davis. . . . Our best wishes to our Director and Mrs. Julius Bayer for a healthful and refreshing stay in Florida. . . . **Many thanks** to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kirsh for donating some beautiful toys to the kindergarten. . . . A **Refuah shlaymah** to our Director Joseph Landowne. . . . **Happy Birthday** to William Ball, Barbara Carol Epstein, Seth Michael Goldstein, Miriam Herman, Morty Morris, George Levinson, our Matriarch Mrs. Regina Margareten, Mrs. Annie Mirken, Harry Verschleiser, and Mrs. Jess Ward. . . . **Wedding Anniversary Greetings** to Director and Mrs. Joseph Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Blatt, Director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Horowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspin, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mintz, and Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Schnee. . . . A **speedy recovery** to our Executive Director Morris Jablow. . . . It was gratifying to learn that our Talmud Torah pupil, Marshall Greenberg, was able to stand up in his morning class and sing a Chanukah song for the delight of his fellow classmates. . . . Glad to hear that Mrs. David Kamerman is on the mend. . . . **Welcome** to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ellern of Tel Aviv, who attended our Services last Shabbos. . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenman upon the birth of a grandson. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Shapiro upon the marriage of their son, Raphael, to Miriam Katzenberg. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Edna Bauman, of our office staff, upon her forthcoming marriage to Dr. Nathan Muchnick.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE

We would like to send our **Review** to your children who are away at College. We believe that they would welcome it because they would want to know what is happening back home and at the W.S.I.S.

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