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HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF "AIDA"?

SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 29

There are only a few short weeks remaining before our Benefit Performance of "Aida" is presented at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 29. Assure yourselves of good seats by rushing to phone our office, TR. 7-8281, to make your reservations for this wonderful attraction. The price scale ranges from \$2.50 to \$20. A superb cast will sing Verdi's operatic masterpiece.

The cast includes:

The King	Philip Kinsman
Amneris	Margaret Harshaw
Aida	Stella Roman
Radames	Kurt Baum
Ramfis	Jerr me Hines
Amonasro	Robert Merrill
A messenger	Paul Franke
A priestess	Thelma Votipka
Conductor	Emil Cooper
Stage director	Desire Defrere
Chorus master	Kurt Adler
Choreography	Boris Romanoff

STORY AND MUSIC OF "AIDA"

(Continued from last week)

Act II Scene I

Aida (Stella Roman) and Amneris (Margaret Harshaw) occupy the stage. Amneris probes Aida's emotions. She deceitfully sympathizes with Aida because of the military defeat of her countrymen and betrays Aida into revealing her love for Radames (Kurt Baum) by informing her that he is dead. Aida's cry of anguish reveals all to Amneris.

Amneris proceeds to inform Aida that she had lied, that she too loved Radames, and **that she** is the daughter of Pharaoh. How can a mere captive like Aida compare herself to Amneris? Angered, Aida is about to announce her noble birth (which had wisely been kept secret heretofore), but Amneris haughtily leaves the stage. The secret remains.

(To be continued)

Please Note!

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

NEW TERM IN OUR TALMUD TORAH BEGINS FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY



(A scene from our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten)

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The following courses are being offered:

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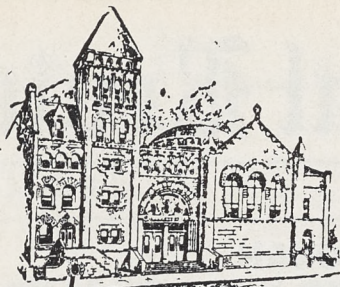
REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN NOW for the new term so that they will not miss the added interest which comes with starting their schooling with their friends on time.

FREE MOVIE SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15

All children are invited to attend a free movie at the RKO 81st Street Theatre, January 15th at 10 o'clock. There will be door prizes and lots of fun. Free tickets are available in the Talmud Torah office.

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE To Sponsor Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta Sunday Evening, Feb. 5th

The Mr. and Mrs. League cordially invites our members and readers—and prospective Mr. and Mrs. League members—to attend the performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" in our Social Hall on Sunday evening, February 5th. This Operetta will be performed by Arnold Spector's **Gilbert and Sullivan Players** with a cast of 35, who have appeared successfully at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Tickets are available at \$1.50 a piece by writing the Mr. and Mrs. League, c/o Synagogue.



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FROM RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S MAIL BOX

During the building campaign now being conducted by the Federation, those orthodox Jews who give to the building fund can earmark their contributions for the building fund either in its entirety, or in part, to a strictly orthodox and kosher hospital—Beth Israel Hospital, at 17th Street and Second Avenue.

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378th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

**The Priests Are Commanded
To Bless Israel Every Day.**

**By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
II**

Since the Torah does not say how often the priests are to bless Israel, it indicates that it is to be done every day. It is performed in the Holy City of Jerusalem every morning of the year. Just as the Rambam, Maimonides, points out in the Halacha I, Section I, that the words

וַעֲבַדְתֶּם אֶת ה' אֱלֹקֵיכֶם

"and you shall worship the L-rd your G-d," has no definite time connected therewith, it signifies, as Maimonides points out, that when no time is specified, it means every day. When we pray to G-d, our hands are open to receive G-d's bountiest good. The priests, however, rest their hands upon us as they confer the blessing of G-d.

The Hebrew text of the Priestly Benediction consists of three short verses, of three, five, and seven words respectively. It mounts by gradual stages from the petition, to

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Tuesday, July 26, 1949

From Tel Aviv we went to Rishon Le Zion, the Colony made famous by its large output of fine wines, and then we paid a second visit to Kibbutz Chofetz Chaim. A sign had been erected, to designate "The Lester Udell Orchard" for which Dad had brought a substantial amount of money from America. The purpose of yesterday's visit was to take a picture of the sign and as much of the orchard as possible. An orchard is a very desirable asset in a Kibbutz which observes the Biblical injunction to give the soil a rest, and to refrain from planting and sowing, every seven years. During that year they can have the fruits of their orchard to fall back upon for income.

Everything seems to be getting along nicely here and since our last visit they have transferred their din-

ing-room from the Synagogue building, where it used to be, to the lovely terrace, on which they have erected a large number of attractive looking white stone tables. It was in this picturesque background, under the open heaven, that we had our supper—a simple but wholesome and satisfying meal — composed almost entirely of home grown or home-made Kibbutz foods.

that for Divine favor, as a spiritual blessing, and in beautiful climax culminates in the petition for G-d's most consummate gift, "shalom," peace, the welfare in which all material and spiritual well-being is comprehended (Kautzch). In the Temple it was pronounced from a special tribune (duchan; hence the current name 'duchaning') after the sacrifice of the daily offering, morning, and evening. In the Synagogue, it was introduced into the daily Amidah.

Since the Reformation, the Priestly Blessing is a constituent of the service in many Protestant Churches.

The laws of this commandment are that the priests are not to perform the service unless there is a Minyan, ten Israelites, present, — the Cohanin may be among the ten. When the reader of the service comes to the Avodah רצה

then all of the priests of the congregation arise and ascend the platform and face the Ark, with their backs turned to the people. Their hands are relaxed and in their natural position, until the cantor or reader comes to the benediction of thanksgiving, וכל ההיים

Then they turn their faces toward the people, spread their fingers in the priestly fashion, raise up their hands parallel to their shoulders and they begin the Benediction. It is done in this way:—The cantor reads the Benediction for them, word by word, for it is written in our verse "saying unto them," and they repeat after him in a pleasant, sweet voice, word by word.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ben Glazer upon the passing of her mother, MARY ADLER.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, ISAAC A. NAIDITCH.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Rebecca Sorkin upon the passing of her brother, ABRAHAM ED-WABRICK.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Malcolm Toch upon the passing of his father, FRANK TOCH.

SWEATERS

which kept **your children** warm can now keep **other children** warm in the Transit Camps of Israel, provided they are in good condition.

We can use all sizes.

Won't you send your children's outgrown sweaters to the Synagogue, c/o Mrs. Max Koch, (Chairman, Women's League Sweaters for Israel Project), to swell our collection?

Can you Knit?

If you can, how about knitting a sweater, in any dark color except black for any age up to 12, before the 10th of January.

By that time we would like, with your **helpful cooperation**, to be able to send a few hundred sweaters to Israel.

Won't you please help us reach our goal?

TOYS REQUESTED

Our kindergarten can always use more games and toys. If you have any children's toys that you can spare, please bring them into the Synagogue office any week-day afternoon.

NEWLY ARRIVED NEIGHBORS

If you, our reader, or any of your friends have just moved into our neighborhood, we would like to invite you to share our Synagogue with us, as your spiritual home. Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Reichel would be glad to assist you in making your social as well as religious adjustment. Our phone number is TR 7-8281.

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Light Candles Friday Evening	4:17
Weekly Portion: Vayigash	
Friday Evening Service	4:15
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children	
Age 2½ to 5	10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	3:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	3:15
Mincha Service	4:15
Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward	
Reader of Service: Herbert Perlman	
The Sabbath Terminates	6:05
Sunday Morning Service	6:45—8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45—8:00—8:30
Mincha	4:30

Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

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GETTING PERSONAL

We are happy to note that, with some of our young people coming home on vacation from college, it means coming back to visit our Synagogue. Among those we noticed last week were Ralph Kestenbaum, Alan Mirken, Theodore Redlich, and Maurice Spanbock. . . . **Hail to the grandparents parade:** Mazel Tov to our Director and Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz and to Mr. and Mrs. David Kurtz, upon the birth of a daughter, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Irwin Kurtz. . . . Hearty congratulations also to our Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Roeder upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. David Moskowitz. . . . **Thanks** to Mrs. Harold Kaplan for contributing her own works of art, which now decorate the walls of our Council Room. Why not step in and see the achievements of our W.S.I.S. artist? . . . It was good to see at Services the Commanding Officer of the 9007 Air Force Administrative Wing (Reserve), Lieut. Colonel Sylvan Marshall. . . . All good wishes to Mrs. Henry Blankfort for a pleasant visit to California. Please remember us to the W.S.I.S. West Coast Contingent. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky upon the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Leonard M. Barsky. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ehrenfeld upon the marriage of their son, Alfred, to Doris Brown. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Lorberbaum upon the marriage of their daughter, Theodora, to Edwyn Grossman. . . . **Mazel Tov** to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Muney upon the marriage of their daughter, Muriel Rhoda, to Daniel Paul Savitt. . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Levine upon the birth of a son. . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Ignace Oksenberg upon the birth of a daughter. . . . **Happy Birthday Greetings** to Morris Bank, Mrs. Kurt Benjamin, Dr. Gerald Blankfort, Herman H. Cohen, Carol Anne Etra, Jacob Golden, Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Mrs. Samuel Greenman, Robert Linker, Reuben Richman, and Naomi Ross. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Kobrin, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Landowne. . . . **Congratulations** to Marion Jaretsky and Herbert S. Levitt, and to Annette Wernick and David Rosenberg, who were married in our Synagogue last Sunday. . . .

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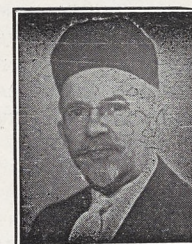
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