

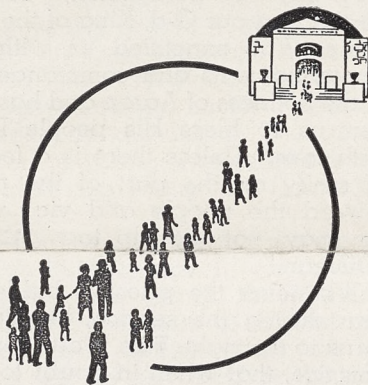
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**THIS IS THE TIME TO REGISTER
FOR THE NEW TERM
IN OUR TALMUD TORAH**



Sessions have already begun for the new term in all grades of our Talmud Torah and in the Daily Afternoon Kindergarten. Beginners may still join this week. There is a class for boys and girls on the 6 to 8 year old level and another Beginners' Class for those above 9.

Rabbi Reichel will be glad to answer any questions regarding your child's attendance in our school.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The next open meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Monday evening, January 16th. The guest speaker of the evening will be Congressman Arthur G. Klein, who will report on his recent visit to Germany and other countries of Europe as a representative of the U.S. Government.

AN INVITATION

The Chofetz Chaim Yeshiva will have a Malave Malke in our Synagogue next Saturday night, January 14th at 7:30 P.M. This affair will commemorate the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Yeshiva in our neighborhood.

Our own Rabbi Goldstein will be one of the guest speakers. The program also includes entertainment and refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

**MRS. GOLDSTEIN'S DIARY
WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK.**

**RECORDED "PREVIEW" OF AIDA BY DR. HENRY REICHLIN
AT FORUM THIS MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9th, AT 8:40**

Kurt Baum of the Cast of Aida, and Mrs. Baum To Be Guests of Honor

**WILL YOU BE WITH US AT THE
METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE
ON SUNDAY EVENING, JAN. 29th?**

Our Benefit Performance of "Aida" will be held at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 29th. There are still many tickets available for the opera and we ask that our members and friends help us by taking a pair of tickets for themselves and for their friends.

Our President, Lester Udell, spoke in the Congregation on Saturday morning about the importance of the opera in assuring ourselves of continuing the important work of the Synagogue. We trust that his words reached a responsive audience and that the opera will be an outstanding success this year.

Prices range from \$2.50 to \$20. Tickets may be reserved at the office by calling TR. 7-8281.

Story and Music of "Aida" (Continued from last week)

Act II is highlighted by a scene of beautiful pageantry and the playing of the highly popular "Triumphal March" for the returning and victorious Egyptian army.

In the 3rd Act, Aida (Stella Roman) laments the fact that she will never again see her native Ethiopia as she sings the beautiful aria "O, Patria Mia" (My Native Land). Her father, King Amonasro (Robert Merrill), induces her at long last to betray her lover, Rhadames (Kurt Baum) into giving her the secrets of the Egyptian army.

Rhadames is discovered at this time and is imprisoned. Amneris (Margaret Harshaw), the Pharaoh's daughter, begs him to marry her and thus save his life. Rhadames' love for Aida is too great, however, and he refuses the offer. He is finally sentenced to be entombed alive.

Two stages are seen in the final scene of the opera. On the lower stage, Aida suddenly appears in the vault of Rhadames in order to die with him. In each other's arms, the lovers sing the final duet, "O Terra Addio" (Farewell, Oh Earth) while above, Amneris prays for the soul of her lost lover.

This Monday evening, the entire W. S. I. S. Family will have a genuine treat when the Monday Evening Forums, sponsored by the Men's Club and the Women's League, will be resumed.

Dr. Henry Reichlin, musicologist and voice teacher, will give us the highlights of Verdi's best known opera, Aida. Dr. Reichlin, who has the rarest collection of opera records, will present for us selections from Aida sung by Caruso, Baum, Gadski and many other never to be forgotten masters.

Kurt Baum, the leading tenor, who is to sing Rhadames at our Benefit Performance, and his charming wife, will be the guests of honor.

Rabbi Goldstein will continue his series on "Books of the Bible." Mrs. Maurice Greenstein will be chairman of the evening. A reception and refreshments will conclude the evening's program. Come early to be sure of a seat.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

INSTITUTE ON "ISRAEL THEN AND NOW"

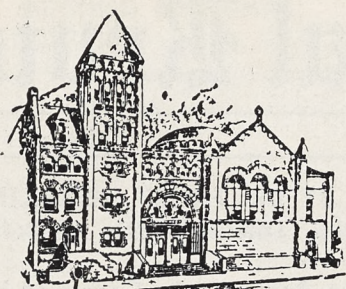
This newest project of our Women's League will be conducted by and for all the women of our Congregation and their friends on the afternoons of January 16th, January 30th and February 20th. Mark these important dates in your date book.

The participants will be Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mrs. Frank L. Taks and Mrs. Michael Weingarten.

No woman who wishes to have an intelligent understanding of the past, present and future of our people should miss this opportunity which our Women's League is providing.

FREE MOVIE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

All children are invited to attend a free movie at the RKO 81st Street Theatre, Sunday morning, January 15th at 10 o'clock. There will be door prizes and lots of fun. Have your children call at the Synagogue this week for their free tickets.



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IN YOUR WILL

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**The Priests Are Commanded
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By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

III

As each one of the three sentences of the Priestly Benediction is finished, the people answer, "Amen." The Talmud, in שְׁבוּעוֹת Shvuoth, says that Amen has two meanings. One, as we find it in Jeremiah, Chapter 28, verse 6: — "And the prophet, Jeremiah, said, Amen, the L-rd do so, (may it come to pass) L-rd perform. Thy words as Thou hast prophesied, (referring to the prophet Hananyah), to bring again the vessels of the L-rd's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon unto this place, Jerusalem."

The second meaning of Amen is: "it is true," being derived from the first letters of אֱמֶן מֶלֶךְ נֶאֱמָן which means, just as "G-d is the faithful King," so the utterances to which we answer Amen are true. Take for instance the prayer over bread: — "Blessed be the L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, who causes bread to be brought forth from the earth."

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE MEETING Sunday Evening, January 8th

An entertaining program is on the agenda at the Mr. and Mrs. League Get-Together, Sunday evening, January 8th at 8 P.M. All young married couples are invited to attend this meeting — and to join the organization.

Get Your Tickets Now for the Operetta on February 5th

The Program Committee urges all members and friends to purchase their tickets for the Operetta, "Pirates of Penzance," and to see that their friends and prospective members of the Mr. and Mrs. League join us that evening.

Call or write the Mr. and Mrs. League at the Synagogue for tickets. The price—\$1.50 per seat.

"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"

After the conclusion of the Benediction, the reader says שִׁים שְׁלוֹם "Grant Peace," and the priests then turn their faces to the Ark, with their hands down in a natural position, and remain standing on the platform until the cantor concludes the prayer of שִׁים שְׁלוֹם "Grant peace..." Before the priests turn their faces toward the people to bless them, they say the benediction, "Blessed be the L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us in the holiness of Aaron and has bidden us to bless His people Israel with love." Unless there is a feeling of amity on the part of the priest toward the people and vice versa he may not go up to דוכן "Duchan."

Whenever the priest is bidden to turn during the service, he always turns to the right. This is our general practice, that when in doubt to turn to the right. A great preacher added: "And keep on walking on that path".—

There are six disqualifications that keep a priest from raising his hands and blessing the people. First, if he stutters, second, if he has any outer physical defects, (on his hands or feet), third, if he commits a sin by which his child becomes unfit for the priesthood, as, for instance, if he marries a divorcee. Fourth, if his hands are unclean. To insure against this, the Levites wash the hands of the priests before they "duchan." Fifth, if he is below the age of thirteen, and sixth, if he drank a רביעית of wine, amounting to one and a half eggful before the Service.

MRS. JACOB KAPLAN, HOSTESS

On Monday afternoon, January 9th at 12:30 o'clock, Mrs. Jacob Kaplan will be hostess to our entire Women's League Executive Board at her home.

All the members of the Board are urged to attend.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Irving Kobrin, upon the loss of his mother, REBECCA KOBRIN.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member MORRIS MESSELOFF.

May the Almighty comfort them.

YOUTH NOTES . . .

The Collegiates will meet for an Oneg Shabbat this evening, January 6th at 8:15 P.M. with Rabbi Preil. These Oneg Shabbats have been proceeding quite successfully. A lively discussion, highlighted by the participation of many of the members, precedes the serving of refreshments and singing of Israeli songs. All young people of college age are invited to attend.

The young people of our Congregation will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:45 P.M. with Rabbi Reichel, in the Council Room. Lucille Friedman will lead the discussion. This group is open to young women above the age of 18 and young men above the age of 21.

At the last meeting of boys above the Bar Mitzvah age, it was decided to name the group the Pioneers (English translation of Chalutzim). Affairs and further plans for the group will be discussed at the next meeting. The group has decided to have an active athletic program.

The Royals will play a basketball game with its corresponding group in the Jewish Center. The game will be played in the Jewish Center gymnasium on Sunday, January 8th at 2 P.M.

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Light Candles Friday Evening.....	4:23
Weekly Portion: Vahyechee	
Friday Evening Service	4:35
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
P'sukei D'zimroh: Burt Shaller	
Baal Shachris: Herbert Goldberg	
Story: Barbara Kaplan	
Baal Mussaf: Elliot Wohl	
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children	
Age 2½ to 5	10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3:40
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	3:15
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	3:15
Mincha Service	4:15
Reader of Torah: Aaron Tomares	
Reader of Service: Moses Gottlieb	
The Sabbath Terminates	5:11
Sunday Morning Service	6:45, 8:45
Daily Services:	
Mornings	6:45, 8:00, 8:30
Mincha	4:35
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GETTING PERSONAL

Rabbi Shlome Laurence, president of the Agudath Israel Youth Organization in the Holy Land and member of the Religious Bloc, delivered a message to the Congregation, stressing the need for providing Homes for Children in Israel. . . . Our **Grandparents Parade** T.G. keeps growing. . . . Congratulations to our Director and Mrs. William Bassar upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Shenker. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Geza Fischer upon the birth of a granddaughter. . . . It is good to see Director Joseph Landowne back in our midst after his recent illness. . . . We hope that our members at Atlantic City enjoyed their stay: the Al Braffs, the George Jablows, the Max Kochs, the Max Lazarus's, the Elias Reutlingers, the Nat Trotskys, the Max Verschleisers and daughter, and Mrs. Esther Williams. . . . It was good to hear from Edward Hirtenstein from Israel. . . . **Happy Birthday** to Director Joseph Anderson, Isadore Baskowitz, Jack Bendheim, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Mrs. Louis David, Mrs. Samuel Diamond, Abraham M. Druckman, Richard Grossman, Levi Hershfield, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, and Maurice Spanbock. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gottlieb, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ratner, who will also be leaving shortly for Israel. . . . **Congratulations** to Ruth Smalheiser and Barney L. Sadler, and to Muriel Ostrowsky and Kenneth Cohen who were married in our Synagogue. . . .

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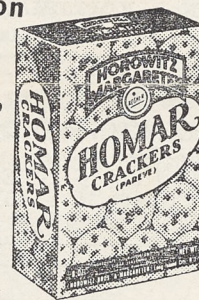
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