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ROBERTA PETERS TO STAR IN OUR OPERA



Roberta Peters, famed Metropolitan Opera soprano will star in the W.S.I.S. Benefit Performance of Rigoletto on February 22, 1953.

Roberta Peters' debut at the Metropolitan took place on November

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MEN'S CLUB GAME NIGHT TOMORROW EVENING

Entertaining Evening Promised

All the members and friends of the congregation are invited to participate in the Men's Club Night of Games which will take place tomorrow evening, Saturday, November 23 at 8:30 in the Synagogue House, Messrs. Harry Cohen and Abraham Eisenman, co-chairmen for the affair have announced.

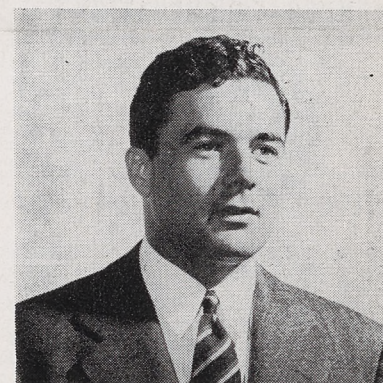
All who attend are promised a most entertaining and enjoyable evening.

In addition to the card and other games which will be held, the evening will feature refreshments and free prizes to the game winners.

For those who have not as yet obtained their tickets to this affair, tickets will be available at the door, at \$1.50 per person. All our friends and readers are cordially invited.

THEODORE KHEEL TO SPEAK AT MONDAY NIGHT FORUM

Will Discuss N.Y.C.
Transit Problem



Theodore W. Kheel

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We are happy to announce that Theodore W. Kheel, impartial chairman of the Transit Industry of the City of New York since 1949, will be the guest speaker at this Monday night's Forum and Bible Class.

Mr. Kheel's subject will be the "New York City Transit Problem," a problem which should be of intense interest to every one of us.

The guest speaker will be preceded by a talk by Rabbi Goldstein on the social messages of the prophets.

Mr. Kheel has been prominent in labor relations and mediation for many years. He was a review attorney for the National Labor Relations Board for two years before the war. During World War II he served as principal mediation officer of the National War Labor Board.

We are sure that all who attend will have a most informative and entertaining evening.

The forum is scheduled to start at 8:30 and all our readers and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The Men's Club will act as hosts and serve refreshments.

Women's League Luncheon, Fashion Show To Be Held On Monday, December 8

Affair To Be at Hotel Pierre



Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel
Chairman

Have you made your reservation yet for the Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show of our Women's League? If not, we suggest that you communicate, at once, with Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Luncheon Chairman, 25 W. 81st St., TR 4-5068.

The sale of a \$15. Book of Subscriptions for the Three Skin Mink Scarf, donated by Mrs. Joseph Liebergall, will entitle the seller to a Complimentary Ticket to the luncheon.

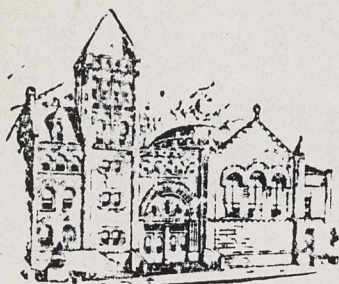


Mrs. Lester Udell
Treasurer

Write or phone, at once, to Mrs. Joseph Kirsch, Chairman of Subscription Books, 55 Central Park West, SU 7-1189.

If you prefer to send your own check of \$15., you may send it directly to Mrs. Lester Udell, Treasurer, Luncheon Committee, 225 W. 86th St., TR. 7-1260.

A delightful afternoon is in store for all those who attend.



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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

JERUSALEM

MAY 29, 1952

The first number on the programme consisted in the formation of two circles by the children. Those in the inner circle marched around with baskets made of strips of colored paper, on their shoulders (symbolizing the first fruit offering which is associated with the festival). The children in the outer circle stood clapping their hands and singing.

The second number on the programme consisted of recitations by 2 sweet little girls, entitled "On Shevuos we get presents". The first little girl said, "On Shevuos G-d gave us the 10 commandments", whereupon the whole class raised aloft, in their right hands, a piece of paper which they had cut out and numbered to resemble the decalogue which is in front of the ark, in most synagogues. The second child sang a song saying that G-d gave us our five senses, pointing to the part of the body associated with each of the senses. The next number on the programme was the presentation of a small bar of chocolate (a priceless treat there) to each



"AS
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523rd OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not to Establish the Testimony of One Witness"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

There is to be no physical or money punishment because of the testimony of one witness, even though the witness may be an upright and wise man or even a prophet. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 19, verse 15, "At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses shall a matter be established." Before guilt can be established, whether in a case of injury to life or property, the testimony must come from the mouth of at least two witnesses. The reason why we do not accept one witness is that at times one may be prejudiced unconsciously even though he be a good person. Whilst it is true that a man cannot be punished physically or monetarily by the testimony of one witness, nevertheless his testimony causes the person involved to take an oath, and to deny the testimony of the one witness.

In regard to forbidden matters, if one witness testifies this wine, or this meat, is not kosher, or it is kosher, his testimony is valid and sufficient.

In regard to money matters, the

witnesses do not have to give the testimony in the same court or in the same way, as for instance, one witness says, "before me, he made the loan," and the second witness says, "before me, he confessed that he made the loan." The two testimonials are joined together and are valid. So also, if one of the witnesses testified in one court in regard to the matter, and another witness testifies in another court, both evidences are added together and are valid.

Our Sages also relied upon one witness in the case where a woman's husband died and there were no two witnesses to verify the fact.

They accepted one witness (male or female) so as to prevent a woman from becoming an "Agunah", providing however that the woman made her own investigation and is satisfied that her husband is dead.

There are times when the defendant must pay, because of the testimony of one witness, as for instance, one says to his neighbor, "you owe me \$100." and one witness testifies that this is so, and the defendant says, "it is true I owe you \$100. but you also owe me \$100." The defendant would have to swear because there is one witness, and wherever there is one witness it means that the defendant must swear. However, in this case the defendant is unable to swear against the witness, because he admits that he borrowed \$100. Thus, the law is, that one who is obliged to swear and cannot swear, as in our case, must pay.

This commandment in regard to monetary matters prevails even today, at all places and at all times. One who trespasses it violates a negative commandment.

of the children. This candy was purchased with some of the scrip certificates sent by the Israeli Torah Fund of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Their clothing was simply outlandish. Most of them were absolutely in rags and I feel that one of the most vital projects, for women in America, is to collect and send clothes here.

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JERUSALEM, Monday, June, 2, 1952

There are always so many things to write about that I never remember to tell you about the weather. I know you will be pleased to hear that, for the most part of our stay

here, so far, it has been very comfortable. There have been just a few hot days and one **Chamtzeen**, as a period of extreme, almost unbearable heat, is called. A **Chamtzeen** is usually preceded by a very strong wind. One day Naomi took me over to the window and said "Mother, look what is going on outside." A fierce wind, which seemed like a cyclone, was raging through the streets, picking up the quantities of loose sand which abound here. What I beheld, reminded me of pictures I had seen of a sand-storm in a desert and it left me with a very weird feeling. However, the storm and the feeling both subsided in a short time.

BAR MITZVAH



Allen Tilem

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tilem upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Allen, which will be held in our Synagogue tomorrow morning. Congratulations also to the Grandma, Mrs. Lila Tilem.

Women's League Notes

If you are not already a member of our Women's League, this is a most desirable time to become one.

Send in your check of \$3.00, made payable to Women's League, W.S.I.S. and you will find an invitation waiting for you at the Riverside Plaza Hotel on November 24th at 12:30 o'clock, when the Women's League Membership Luncheon will take place.

The Elizabeth Arden Demonstration to be presented that afternoon is just one of the many treats and privileges to which your Women's League Membership will entitle you — Don't delay — Join at once!

Our indefatigable Membership Chairman, Mrs. Frank Taks, wishes to take this means of expressing her sincere appreciation to the following hostesses for their generous cooperation in connection with the forthcoming Membership Luncheon:

Mesdames Sol Bellsey, Saul Bergman, Jennie Bobis, Al Braff, William Cohen, Anna Dworkin, Annie Eisenberg, Walter Freeman, Joseph Friedman, Herbert S. Goldstein, Maurice Greenstein, Morris Jablow, Etta Jaffin, Jacob Kaplan, Jeanette Karp, Joseph Kirsrh, Max Koch, Lillian G. Levine, Joseph Liebergall, Sadie Lipman, Louis Meisel, Aaron Neustadter, Meyer L. Pargament, Abraham Perchik, Edward Schreiber, Morris Segerman, Charles Schwartz, Jules Shaftan, Samuel W. Siegel, Lester Weingarten, Andrew Weiss and Jennie Yabrow.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Professor Samuel K. Mirsky of Yeshiva To Lecture This Tuesday

"The Bible and Its Exegesis" is the subject of Professor Samuel K. Mirsky's second lecture on the Bible. The lecture will take place at the Laymen's Institute on Tuesday night, November 25, at 8 o'clock.

Professor Mirsky is a member of the Yeshiva University faculty and is the editor of the journal "Talpith," which is published under the auspices of Yeshiva University.

All our readers and friends are welcome.

Hebrew Courses for Adults

Elementary Hebrew is being offered on Monday nights at 7:30 and on Tuesday mornings at 10:30. Beginners and Intermediate Hebrew classes will be offered on Tuesday nights at 7:15.

For further information about these courses, please contact the registrar, Rabbi Reichel at the Synagogue, TR 7-8281.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

All boys and girls of our Hebrew School who have had a birthday in September, October, or November are invited, with their parents, to a gala Birthday Party in our Synagogue, tomorrow afternoon, November 22nd, at 1:45 o'clock. Our parents will help prepare the delicacies and our teachers will lead us in games, songs and festive celebration by the birthday celebrants. All the pupils of our school and all the young people of our youth groups are invited to join in the fun.

Roberta Peters to Star

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17, 1950. Since that time she has been acclaimed by critics and public alike as one of the truly great performers. We are indeed fortunate in having her as one of the stars in the cast of the Synagogue Opera. Miss Peters plays the part of Gilda in Verdi's opera.

Our director, Herman H. Cohen, one of the co-chairmen of the opera has announced that he "expects every member of the W.S.I.S. family to demonstrate his loyalty and support of the Synagogue by participation in this affair." All our members and friends are urged to contact the office for tickets, not only for themselves but for their friends and acquaintances as well.

Tickets are priced from \$2.50 to \$25, "one to fit every purse," Mr. Cohen said.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening4:14

Weekly Portion: Toldohs

Genesis 25:19-28:9 Malachi 1:1-2:7

Friday Evening Service4:25

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:45

Talmud Class in English3:05

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:05

Mincha Service4:05

Reader of Torah: Jason Jacobowitz

Reader of Service: Samuel Ward

The Sabbath Terminates5:02

Daily Services:

Mornings6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha4:25

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

UNVEILING

The unveiling of the monument in memory of **Gusti Brandt** will take place on Sunday, November 23 at 1 P.M. at the Beth David Cemetery. No postponement.

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CHAPTER TO HOLD FOLK DANCE

The Naomi Chapter of the Mizrachi Women's Organization will hold a folk dance and social in our Synagogue Building this Sunday evening, November 23. The dance which is scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock is for beginners and experts both.

All our readers are invited to the function. Subscription is set at \$2.50 per couple.

Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

We casually dropped in on the morning session of the United Nations Assembly on Armistice Day, but what we saw and heard was not casual, indeed it was an epochal event in the history of the Jewish people. For there before the assembled delegates of all the free nations of the world glowing tribute was rendered to Chaim Weizmann, first president of the State of Israel — one of its foremost architects, who was on that day laid to his final rest. And as we listened to these tributes, we could only wonder if on some future Armistice Day the nations of the world will pay homage to Israel's great prophet Isaiah, not in words but by fulfilling his prophecy "Nation shall not life up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" . . . We were happy to have with us at our last Sabbath morning services, Chaplain Nathan Estersohn who will soon be on his way to the West Coast, and Simeon H. F. Goldstein, son of our beloved Rabbi, and his daughter, Debbie Jane. Simeon proved himself to be a worthy "chip off the block" when he spoke at the Sabbath afternoon's Seuda Shlishith. The host at tomorrow afternoon's Seuda will be Leon Herman . . . Our heartiest Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum upon the birth of Lauren Rachel to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Korngold. As much of same to all parties concerned . . . Thanks lots to Mr. Alexander Kirsh for his generous donation of a modern stamp catalog to our Philatelic Club . . . Our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross in their new home . . . First sign of winter! Happy times to Director Joseph Settel during his Florida sojourn . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. David Gertz, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kalkor and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Redlich . . . Many happy returns of their **Birthdays** to Sol Bellsey, Andrew Harold Feinstein, Jason Jacobowitz, 2nd Vice-President Samuel W. Siegel and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Slayner . . . Please remember the Manhattan Day School Dinner at the Hotel Ambassador, on Sunday eve, November 23rd. Our 2nd Vice-President, Sam Siegel, is president of the school . . . Congratulations to Justin Bayer, upon his election as a Director of the Thread Institute.

COLLEGIATE NOTES

The Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council invites all young men and young women of college age to its Friday night Forum at the Auditorium of the Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street, tonight, November 21st at 8:15 o'clock. The guest speaker will be Eli Klein of the B'nei Akiva movement. He will talk on "The Religious Crisis in Israel."

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