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WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, AT HOTEL PIERRE



Mrs. Walter Freeman



Mrs. Jacob Goodman



Mrs. Joseph Kirsch

Members Urged To Obtain Opera Tickets Quickly

Paolo Silveri, the noted Italian Opera baritone, will star in the title role of Rigoletto in our forthcoming opera benefit. He made his Metropolitan debut as Don Giovanni on November 20, 1950 and has appeared in leading roles not only in the United States but in the principal European opera houses.

All our members and friends are urged to contact the Synagogue office as quickly as possible for their tickets to our Opera Benefit Performance, which is to take place on February 22, 1953 at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Tickets for the Opera will be distributed on a "first-come-first-served" basis, Herman H. Cohen, a co-chairman of the Opera Committee, has emphasized. The tickets have been priced from as low as \$2.50 to \$25 to enable all our members and friends to participate in this important Synagogue venture. We also have Boxes (seating 8) for 125 dollars. All who intend to attend are advised to notify the Synagogue as soon as possible.

The Opera performance will be a production of Verdi's popular and brilliant opera 'Rigoletto' with an all-star Metropolitan Opera cast including the noted soprano, Roberta Peters as Gilda.



Paolo Silveri

OUR SYNAGOGUE DECORUM

The Men's Club, under the leadership of its president H. William Hirsch, has volunteered to join the present ushering staff, headed by Max Lazarus, so as to guarantee the best possible decorum in the Synagogue and outside on Sabbath mornings. The present staff consists of Max Lazarus, Herman H. Cohen, Harry Cohen, Abraham Eisenman, Jacob Goldberg, Hyman Gordon, Isaac Hazelkorn, H. William Hirsch, Alexander Hirsh, Isaac Perlman, Herbert Perlman, and Isidore Sterkin.

No woman in our congregation should miss this extraordinary Social Event of the year.

An outstanding Fashion Show of stunning gowns by Sydelle, furs by Fredrica and hats by Rose Sapphire, is just one of the features of that afternoon, which will make it linger long in the memory of those who will be privileged to attend.

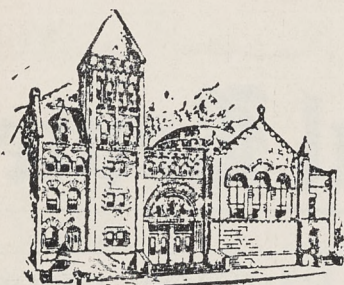
Mrs. Walter Freeman and Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Co-Chairmen on Prizes, report that the galaxy of prizes to be awarded at the Luncheon this year is most unusual, both as to quality and quantity.

Then, too, there is the Three Skin Mink Scarf, donated by Mrs. Joseph Liebergall, for which Mrs. Joseph Kirsch, the Subscription Book Chairman, is taking subscriptions.

Fifteen Dollars worth of Subscriptions entitles the holder to a Complimentary Ticket to the Luncheon. Why not make out your check of \$15.00, **at once**, payable to Women's League, W.S.I.S., and mail it to Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Chairman, 25 West 81st Street, TR 4-5068 or to Mrs. Lester Udell, Treasurer, 225 West 86th Street, TR 7-1260.

W.S.I. LEAGUE NEWS

Young married couples of the W.S.I. League are cordially invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Finkelstein, 311 East 72nd St. on Sunday night, December 7th at 8:30 when we will discuss the subject, "What Are the Obligations of Jewish Parents to Their Children in our Modern Society?"



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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

**JERUSALEM,
Monday, June, 2, 1952**

The water situation has been most satisfactory, so far. Here's hoping it keeps up that way. Hot running water is a rarity, but I have developed a scheme which works very well. Once a day I have a thermos bottle with hot water put on my dresser, so that it is available whenever I need it.

We are most fortunate in having a frigidaire, as ice is one of the most difficult things to get here. It seems ice is distributed here during the night and one man told us that he often stands on line from 3 A.M. till he has to go to work, in the morning, in order to get ice for his family. Another man told us that he has 5 children and they take turns, one night each, standing on the ice queue (as a line is called here).

THURSDAY, JUNE 5th

Tuesday was one of that type of days which we frequently have here, when there is a stream of visitors all day long. I will just tell you about two of our callers who were interesting. The first was a woman from the Agudah Girls Home in



"AS
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IT"

524th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"To Punish Plotting Witnesses Exactly According To Their Intent"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to punish false witnesses the way they desired to hurt others, either by money, by stripes or by death. Whereas, in Jewish law, intention to commit a crime is no punishable offense, it is otherwise with "plotting witnesses" עדים זוממים. In their case, intention is of the very essence of their crime, and they are to receive the punishment they intended for the innocent victim. As a rule, speaking is not equivalent to an act. However, in the case of plotting witnesses it is otherwise, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 19, verse 19, "And ye shall do unto him, as he had purposed to do unto his brother; so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee." Our holy Torah decreed that the law of retaliation be put into operation in such cases. If a set of witnesses testify against a man that he had committed an offense deserving

some particular form of punishment, and it is proven by other witnesses, that their testimony is false, then they receive the same punishment which the accused would receive if the truth were not discovered.

In case the penalty to that particular offense was of such a nature, that the court could not impose it, as for instance, excision by Heaven, then 39 stripes were to be administered. Society has to protect itself at all costs against this scourge.

In the case of money the plotting witnesses have to pay the original defendants the amount that they had intended the defendant to lose.

In regard to capital punishment, if the defendant is already slain, the plotting witnesses are not slain. They are slain only if the defendant was not as yet slain. For it is written, "Ye shall do unto him as he had purposed to do unto his brother," but it does not say "as he has done unto his brother." It is assumed that whilst he was slain because of the testimony, nevertheless the heavenly judgment was visited upon him, because of some wicked act. In all cases where punishment is involved, a warning has to be given in advance. This is not so, in the case of plotting witnesses.

This commandment prevailed only in Israel, and at the time when all the members of the Beth Din received proper ordination, namely, up to the time of Rabbi Jehuda ben Baba. If the Beth Din that did not carry out the law concerning the plotting witnesses, it annulled this positive commandment.

Jaffa which used to house about 70 working girls. This seems to be a very romantic home as about 30 of their girls have gotten married. In order to utilize their building to its utmost capacity, they have decided to take about 25 particularly bright girls, approximately 14 years of age, from the different MABAROT, and give them a 2-year training as kindergartners, so that they will be able to become self-supporting. At the same time, the women who are running this institution plan to open a kindergarten, in the building, utilizing those girls who are studying, as kindergartners. The woman who came to see us said that they required 1000 Lire to implement these 2 important projects and hoped that Dad could get it for them. He did, and they plan to start in the very near future.

The second one of our callers, on

Tuesday, whose visit interested me very much was Dad's erstwhile Jerusalem secretary. She gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl, 6½ months ago, and she walked in with the little girl in her arms and the little boy in her husband's arms. I never saw 2 more plump and husky looking infants in my life. When I said, those do not look like austerity babies, she said, "They are not. They are American babies. Everything that goes into their mouths comes from America." That tells the story of what is going on in Israel, as far as food is concerned. Those who have relatives or friends in America get along very nicely. As for the others, their situation is not an enviable one.

Please Note!

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

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SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 6
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LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Professor Mirsky To Deliver Final Bible Lecture

Professor Samuel K. Mirsky, of Yeshiva University, will deliver his final lecture "The Bible — Its Editions and Translations", on the following Tuesday night, December 9th, at 8:00 o'clock.

The members of the Tuesday History Class are invited this week to attend our P.T.A. Chanukah Meeting on Wednesday night, December 3rd, at 8:30 o'clock.

GALA P.T.A. EVENING THIS WEDNESDAY

Our P.T.A. cordially invites all our parents to share the joy of coming together at a gala Chanukah Meeting on Wednesday night, December 3rd at 8:30 o'clock.

The theme for the evening is "Chanukah vs. Christmas in the Jewish Home". Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein will talk on "Preparing a Home Chanukah Party". Our Principal and teachers will briefly discuss various aspects of the forthcoming festival.

Refreshments will be served. Fathers as well as mothers are invited to attend.

Women's League Notes

Mrs. Jacob Goodman To Be Hostess

All the members of the Women's League Executive Board will be the guests of Mrs. Jacob Goodman at a Dessert Luncheon which she is to give at her home on Monday afternoon, December 1st, 1952 at 12:30 o'clock.

An important meeting of the Women's League Executive Board will follow the Luncheon.

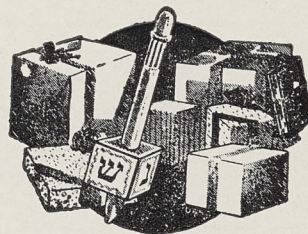
ATTENTION GIRLS OVER 13

There is a special class every Wednesday evening from 5:10 to 6:10, for girls above the age of 12. The curriculum consists of current events and historical aspects of Judaism.

Visit the class this Wednesday evening. You will feel that you have spent an enjoyable and worthwhile hour.

SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

The W.S.I.S. Senior League, composed of young adults of our Congregational Family, had a most successful organizational meeting and social at the home of Miss Debbie Siegel. A very interesting series of social affairs and programs was planned for the coming season. Young people of our Congregation who are interested in joining this group are urged to call the Synagogue office and leave their names.



Reserve

SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 13th

for the

Men's Club — Women's League

Chanukah Party and Festival

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Thursdays night
 Light Candles Friday Evening 4:11
 Weekly Portion: Vahyetze
 Genesis 28:10-32:3 Hosea 11:7-12:12
 Friday Evening Service 4:20
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:30
 Sabbath Kindergarten for
 Children 4 to 6 10:30
 Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 3:40
 Talmud Class in English 3:00
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:00
 Mincha Service 4:00
 Reader of Torah: Murray Yavneh
 Reader of Services: Joseph Neustadter
 The Sabbath Terminates 5:00
 Daily Services:
 Mornings 6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 8:30
 Mincha 4:20
 Followed by the Explanation of the
 Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Men's Club Notes

Open Meeting

There will be a regular open meeting of the Men's Club, to be held this Monday, December 1, at 8:30 in the Synagogue. All the men of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Rabbi Reichel whose topic will be "The New Generation."

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

The School Chanukah Assembly will be held on Sunday morning, December 7th, at 10:00 o'clock. All our readers and parents are invited to enjoy the presentations of our pupils.

Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

We were signally honored to have as guest speaker at our last Shabbos morning services, Mr. Eliahu Mazur, member of the Supreme Economic Council of the State of Israel, former president of the Jewish Community in Warsaw, and member of the first Israeli Knesset representing the Agudath Israel. We were also privileged to have among the worshippers at the services Mr. Joseph Brown from Toronto, Mr. Joseph Ettlinger of Stockholm, also Bert Lehmann, a one time resident of that city. Certainly there is nothing in these events to detract from a recent suggestion of ours that we should be renamed "World Wide Institutional Synagogue". . . . We were happy to award citations of merit to the following: Dr. Henry A. Rafsky upon his recent election, by the Pan-American Medical Association, as Vice-President of its Section of Gastroenterology; Mrs. Reuben Popkin for her work in making our first children's birthday party the great success that it was, also to the P.T.A. for its generous contribution of birthday gifts; Mrs. Albert Wald upon her elevation as chair-lady of the Resolutions Committee of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America Convention; and Paula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldberg, upon her election to the Arista of the Bronx High School of Science. . . . Welcome home from Europe to Mrs. Esther Herring. . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to our beloved Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, and to Mrs. Jack Leibowitz. Happy to hear that Mose Goodman is back on the road to good health. . . . Welcome home from serving overseas to Eugene Strauss. . . .

Wedding Anniversary Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Feuerlicht, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney N. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schlegman, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Turkel. . . . Many happy returns of their **Birthdays** to Mrs. M. Bergman, Director Joseph Buchsbaum, Michelle Liza Gershbein, Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Lawrence Robert Hecht, Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz, Director Jacob Kaplan, Jay Kobrin, William Label, Director Morris Levine, Mrs. Philip Nager, Ellen Sue Ringel, Director Gustave Roth, and Marc Alan Weistein.

A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull
W.S.I.S. Social Director

Howard Linzer and Liba Amin were elected President and Vice-President for the season of the Junior College group.

I really hope to see as many as possible down on Saturday night, December 6 for our big Square Dance. It's going to be quite a gala affair. Come and bring your friends.

The Friday night teen-age meetings are continuing with great success. To join the fun come down any Friday at 8:30.

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Torah Umesorah is dedicated to a maximum program of Jewish Education and has already achieved an enviable record in the history of American Jewry.

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