

**FIRST CHANUKAH
CANDLE TONIGHT
SABBATH SERVICES TOMORROW AT 8:30**

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LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

PROFESSOR JOSHUA FINKEL TO LECTURE THIS TUESDAY

For the coming three Tuesday nights, we shall have as the Guest Lecturer, Professor Joshua Finkel of Yeshiva University. Professor Finkel is an authority on Semitic Languages. His lectures will deal with the Arabic cultural and political life. His first lecture this Tuesday night, December 16th, will be on, "Pre-Islamic Arabia and the Koran". All our readers are cordially invited to enjoy this spiritual treat and to join the popular Tuesday night lecture series offered in our Laymen's Institute.

CIVIL DEFENSE NEWS

Our Head Usher and Director, Max Lazarus, has been appointed Chief Procurement Officer for Civil Defense for the Borough of Manhattan. On the alert of Saturday morning, December 13th, he will play a major role in cooperation with other civil defense agencies at its Headquarters.

The siren is set to sound off at 8:30 A.M. and the All Clear will follow at 8:45 A.M. During this period, all civil defense units will go into action. All people will be directed to go to shelter wherever they may be.

Make sure that in coming to Shule tomorrow, Shabbos Chanukah, you will not be on the streets during the period from 8:30 to 8:45 A.M.

HAPPY CHANUKAH



CHANUKAH NOTES

With the lighting of the first candle tonight, we begin the festival of Chanukah. The celebration of Chanukah commemorates the Jewish victory against the demoralizing and oppressing Syrians and ancient Greeks, who aimed to eradicate the practice of the Jewish religion. The revolt was started by the high-priest Mattathias, the Hasmonean, and it continued under his son, the great commander Judas Maccabee. On the 25th of the month of Kislev (165 B.C.E.), three years after the Temple had first been defiled, the Jewish troops entered Jerusalem, cleansed, repaired, and re-dedicated.

The Miracle of Chanukah

The priests were prepared to kindle the perpetual light, the seven-branched Menorah, as it was customary for them to light it every evening. However, only one small cruse of unpolluted oil with the seal

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Chanukah Party Tomorrow Night

All Our Members Cordially Invited

May we remind all our readers once more of the Gala Chanukah party and Festival which will be held under the combined sponsorship of our Men's Club and Women's League Saturday night, December 13, beginning at 8 P.M.

The affair which is an annual one features a pleasant evening of games and sociability.

Subscription is set at \$2 per person and tickets may be obtained at the door by those who have not already obtained their tickets.

We hope to see as many as possible of the members of the congregation and their friends at this event.

Women's League Notes

Chanukah Luncheon And Film Showing

Mrs. Harry Ward, President of our Women's League extends a cordial invitation on behalf of our Women's League to all the women of our congregation and their friends, to be our guests at the Chanukah Luncheon which is to be held at the Synagogue Building, on Monday, December 15th at 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Michael Weingarten, Cultural Chairman, has arranged a novel Chanukah program, including the showing of a fascinating new film, which will surely make the afternoon a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

A treat is in store for all those who attend. Don't miss it!!

Men's Club Notes

The next regular meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Monday evening, December 15, beginning at 8:30 in the Social Hall, Mr. H. William Hirsch, president of the Club has announced. All the members of the Club are cordially invited to attend.

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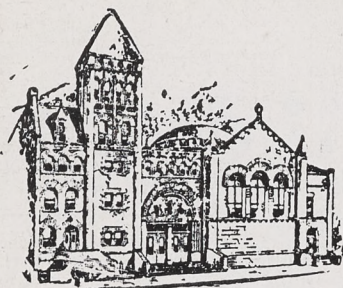
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HOMES FOR CHILDREN

We are happy to continue the listing of our members and friends who have contributed in answer to the Shemini Atzeres appeal made in the Synagogue for the Homes for Children in Israel:

William Ball, Bruno Bayer, Max Beiben, Sol Bellsey, Dr. Adolph Berger, Mrs. Manuel Bergman, H. C. Bernard, Jacob Birnbaum, Henry Blankfort, Albert Blumberg, Samuel Blumberg, Irving Bobick, J. Bram, Mrs. Braunstein, Mrs. Ida L. Cohen, Esther Cooper, Meyer J. Davidson, S. and A. Davis Foundation, A. Dresner, Sylvan Dresner, J. D. Dorfman, Moses Dyckman, Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg.

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Please Note!

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"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"

526TH OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"To Anoint The Priest In The Time Of War"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to anoint one priest with anointing oil and to appoint him as the speaker in the army, during war. He was designated as מִשֹּׁה מִלְחָמָה as the priest "anointed for the war." He was the one who announced the following three verses, (Deuteronomy, Chapter 20, verses 5, 6 and 7). Verse 5, "What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it." Verse 6, "And what man is there that has planted a vineyard, and hath not used the fruit thereof? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man use the fruit thereof." Verse 7, "And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another

man take her." They were exempted **only** from fighting, but were consigned to the quartermaster's department. It was also their duty to mend the roads which made the army more potent. Then he, the Chaplain, would add his own words to stir up the people for the war. He who ought to go to war, and does not do so, is regarded as one who is not going to help the L-rd, as we read in the Book of Judges, Chapter 5, verse 23, "Curse ye Mer-oz, said the angel of the L-rd, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the L-rd, to the help of the L-rd against the mighty." (see Yalkut, Book of Judges, 58). Where the Bible says, "the captains and the officers shall speak," it means that after the anointed priest made the announcement, the officers were to cause it to be heard among the people. All of the above refers only to a voluntary war. In regard to a מִלְחָמָה מִצְוָה "a mandatory war", all had to go to war, even the groom from his chamber and the bride from her Chupah.

This commandment prevails among males at the time when Israel is in Israel. This commandment is an obligation of the whole community. If they trespassed and did not appoint from among them, an anointed priest, and he did not announce to the army the verses of the Bible to which we have referred, then the people of the community, and he, the anointed priest, annulled this positive commandment.

EXTRACT OF AN ADDRESS BY MRS. FRANK L. TAKS

(Cont. from Last Week)

We all want to be good — and believe me you all are good. We all want to be happy and to spend many lovely afternoons together. Give us the chance to show you that here you will find good will, fine spirit and cordiality. To you who have just come into our family today, let me assure you that here you will find real warmth and friendship. We are like one big family, even to the point of disagreeing at times, but that's what makes a family. We feel that a frank and honest interchange of ideas represents a program of real cooperation, so won't you come to the meetings and give us your ideas and suggestions, we will welcome them.

Won't you tell your neighbors and friends about our organization and our activities, and I feel sure that

you will have no difficulty in selling them on the idea of joining our ranks.

Please come to the meetings and enjoy thus the many social and cultural afternoons that we arrange for your pleasure.

Thank you very much for coming this afternoon. I pray that the year will be fruitful and satisfying to each and everyone of you personally, and I hope that it brings to you much success in all you do — good health — good fortune — many friends and happiness that never ends.

STAMP CLUB NOTES

Young and old are invited to attend a meeting of our Stamp Club, this Monday, December 15th, at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Abraham Goldberg will preside. Bring along your finest duplicates.

Free stamps will be distributed to all those who come by Mr. Goldberg.

Chanukah Notes

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of the High Priest unbroken was discovered. It was believed to be sufficient for only one day, but it miraculously lasted for eight days, until olives were obtained and fresh oil was made.

The Chanukah Lights

In commemoration of this miracle, Jews throughout the centuries have lit candles on these eight days. We begin on the first night (this evening, before the Sabbath candles are lit) by lighting one candle and add one candle each day until eight candles are lit. In addition, since we may not put the candles to profane use, there is an extra candle, called the shamash, with which we light the other candles.

The time for the lighting of the candles begins at sunset and continues until there are no more people about in the street, because the main reason for the candle lighting is 'pirsumah d'nisah' publicizing the miracle. It is for this reason, too, that we place the Chanukah candles at the window or in some other prominent place.

Blessings over the Candles

There are two blessings said every night over the candles. The first (similar to the blessing said on Friday night) is "who has commanded us to kindle the light of Chanukah." The second, thanks G-d "who has wrought miracles for our fathers in those days, in this season." In addition, on the first night only, we add the traditional "she-hecheyanu" blessing, thanking the L-rd who "has kept us in life and has preserved us and enabled us to reach this season."

Chanukah Lights on the Sabbath

When any day of Chanukah falls on the Sabbath, as do the first and eighth days this year, on Sabbath eve we light the Chanukah candles **before** the Sabbath lights, and then on Saturday night, **after** Havdalah is made.

Special Prayers

During the eight days of Chanukah we recite the full Hallel every day. In addition, we read from the Torah the portion from the book of Numbers (chapter 7) dealing with the gifts of the tribal leaders at the dedication of the Tabernacle. In each "amidah" we repeat "al hanissim", a prayer of thanksgiving to G-d for the marvellous Chanukah triumph. At home we recite this prayer each time we say Grace after meals.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

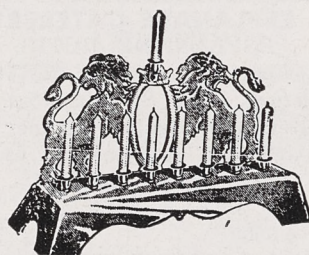
Copies of the Chanukah issue of our Talmud Torah newspaper are available for your youngsters — and all prospective Talmud Torah pupils — for the asking.

During Chanukah week, daily Festival assemblies will be held.

There will be a meeting of the Stamp Club on Sunday, December 14, at 10 o'clock.

OUR DAILY KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

This Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the children of our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten and Daily Morning Nursery will celebrate Chanukah together with their parents at an As-4) and in our Kindergarten (for children from 4 to 5). We heartily recommend our young parents to take advantage of these helpful facilities.

**CHANUKAH****Benediction Over the Candles**

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu
me-lech ha-olam a-she- kid-sha-nu
b'mitz-vo-sav v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik
ner shel cha-nukah.

Blessed be Thou, O L—d our
G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst
sanctify us by Thy command-
ments, and commanded us to kin-
dle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu
me-lech ha-olam she-a-sah ni-sim
la-a-vo-se-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem
baz'-man hazeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L—d our
G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst
wondrous things for our fathers,
in days of yore at this season.

This blessing is recited **only** on the
first eve of Chanukah:

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu
me-lech ha-olam she-he-che-ya-nu
v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laz'man
hazeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L—d our
G-d, Ruler of the world, who hast
granted us life, sustained us, and
permitted us to celebrate this joy-
ous festival.

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Light Candles Friday Evening4:09
and Chanukah Candles before4:09

Weekly Portion: Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1-40:23 Numbers 7:12-17

Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Friday Evening Service4:20

Saturday Morning Service8:30

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Mornings6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:20

(Rosh Chodesh - Thursday and Friday)

Mincha4:20

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by Sanford Solarz

Our felicitations and best wishes to our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein who are leaving for Israel today to attend the wedding of their daughter, Naomi, to Major Shear-Yashuv Cohen of the Israeli Army. Whilst we cannot be with them physically, our hearts and prayers are with them . . . Welcome home to Irving Kobrin and Herbert Tumpowsky; also happy to have back with us after his recent sojourn in Florida, our Director Joseph Settel . . . It was good to see at our last Shabbos morning services, Pvt. David Wassertheil, who will soon be going overseas to do his bit for Democracy, the world over . . . The speaker at our last Shabbos morning services was Dr. Joseph Kaminsky who delivered a stirring address on behalf of "Torah Umesorah". Have you sent your check? . . . The host at our regular Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishith tomorrow, will be Mr. Morris L. Martz. . . . Our congregation is fortunate in having on its bench as Chazanim pinch-hitters, such eminent vocalists as our Irving Silver and Isadore Lauer, who have been doing such a grand job recently, pinch-hitting for our beloved and inimitable Cantor Yavneh during his stay at the hospital . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Jacques Pierot, Jr. and Ben Wohl . . . We are happy that our recent urgings to the male of the species to pick up speed as the girls in our Baby Derby are forging well ahead, is taking effect. Our heartiest mazel tov upon the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kalker and the grandparents, Director and Mrs. Moses Langer and Mrs. Rose Kalker. . . . Many thanks to our Women's League for their generous contribution of Chanukah Menorahs, Candles and Dreidels, to the boys and girls of our Talmud Torah . . . May **Wedding Anniversary** bells continue to ring for Director and Mrs. Joseph

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The Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council will convene this Friday night at the Jewish Center, 131 W. 86th Street, at 8:30 o'clock. The guest speaker for the evening will be Rabbi Abraham Burstein, prominent author, lecturer, and chaplain at Riker's Island. His topic will be "How to Write Novels for the Jewish Adolescent". Rabbi Burstein has to his credit a number of volumes for young people.

The Collegiates will sponsor a Chanukah Square Dance at the Beth Hillel, 124 West 95th Street, on Saturday night, December 20th. Keep the date open.

YOUNG MEN OFFICIATE AT SABBATH MINCHA

Any young man of the Congregation who is interested in officiating at Sabbath Mincha Services, either as Chazan or as Reader of the Torah, is urged to contact Rabbi Reichel at the Synagogue office.

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