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A Bird's Eye View

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

The big news is that our clubs will have their own Chanukah party on December 20 at 7 P.M. in the Social Hall. There will be plays, charades, games, songs, puzzles, movies and refreshments. Everyone is invited. Bring your friends.

We are happy to announce that the Royals, a 15-16 year old boys club, have the gym facilities with the Jewish Center boys on Sundays from 12:15 to 1:30. The Maccabees, a 13-year-old boys' club, plays in the Gym from 11:00 to 12:15 on Sundays.

The newly formed sorority, Phi Lamda Kappa, for 15-16 year old girls, will have their Chanukah get-together at the home of Diane Hirsh, 105 W. 73rd St. Latkes are on the house. Boys, 17-18, invited.

A pundit to Sammy Ward on his Chanukah party for his 10-11 year old boys group last Wednesday.

I'd like to thank those girls who helped make the Square Dance on December 6 such a roaring success: Elaine Aibinder, Betty Arnt, Annette Friedman, and Rosalyn Klein. Also many thanks to the following who help make our Junior Congregation successful either as Chazanim or Gabbaim: Barbara Goldberg, Susan Jacobs, Danny Kahn, Stanley Kaplan, Mordechai Reuben, Victor Ringel, Abraham and Samson Sassoon, Danny Schuman. The Junior service takes place at 10:45 on Shabbat mornings.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Professor Joshua Finkel, of Yeshiva University, will lecture this Tuesday night, December 23, at 8 o'clock on "Mohammedan Law and Tradition."

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Adult Hebrew Classes in Full Swing

It is not too late to join one of the fine adult classes in Hebrew which are being offered in our Laymen's Institute. For further information regarding these courses, please contact Rabbi Reichel, the registrar.

ATTENTION

OUT-OF-TOWN COLLEGIATES

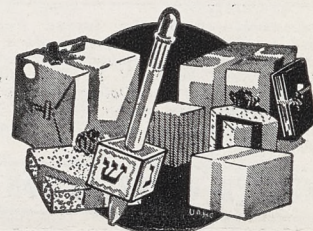
We are very anxious to hear from the collegiates in our congregation who will be in from out-of-town colleges for their winter vacations. We look forward to greeting them both at services and at our social functions. Please note the Midtown Jewish Collegiate event at the Beth Hillel this Saturday night.

Our collegiates will be the hosts to the out-of-towners at a get-together on Friday night, January 2, at the Synagogue.

NOTE FROM OUR HEBREW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

New Beginners Classes for boys and girls (from 6 years of age to 10) will be organized the first week in January. Parents who are interested in registering their children in our school should contact our office at once.

HAPPY CHANUKAH



CHANUKAH NOTES

With the lighting tonight of eight Chanukah candles, we come to the close of this holiday. The Chanukah candles tonight should be lit **before** the Sabbath candles are kindled.

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The Name of 'Chanukah'

These days are known as the Feast of Lights. They are, however, better known as the Feast of Dedication, from the Hebrew, Chanukah, meaning "dedication."

The word "Chanukah" is composed of two Hebrew words, "Chanu" meaning, they rested, i.e. from battle on the twenty-fifth, (the numerical value of 'kah' being 25.)

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Customs of Chanukah

It is customary to prepare special dishes such as "latkes." In general, during Chanukah, all food and delicacies should be prepared in holiday fashion.

In the spirit of the festival, it is the custom to distribute "Chanukah Gelt" and presents as a part of the general rejoicing.

The most popular Chanukah custom, however, is the game of "draydel." The four Hebrew letters ש נ ג ה aside from their use in the game of chance, signify the phrase 'Nes Gadol Hayoh Shom.' "A great miracle happened there."

JUNIOR COLLEGIATES

Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel will be the hosts to the Junior Collegiates at their home this Friday night, Dec. 19th, at 8:30 o'clock.

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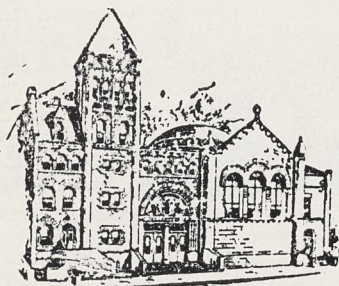
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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By MORRIS JABLOW

I am quite certain that you, our readers, are justly proud of our institution, and are pleased with our many activities, aimed at promoting greater loyalty in the hearts and minds of our people.

In order to provide funds to continue the very essential work we do, we have a Benefit Performance every year. This year we have taken the Metropolitan Opera House, (over 3200 seats) for the evening of Sunday, February 22nd, 1953, when Verdi's brilliant Opera "RIGOLETTO" will be presented for your enjoyment, with a star cast of singers.

You, our readers, realize that it is a tremendous task to dispose of that number of tickets. It cannot possibly be accomplished without the earnest and enthusiastic co-operation of each one of you. We urgently need your help to succeed.

Should you plan to be away for a vacation on Feb. 22, please buy a few tickets and dispose of them. You will then enjoy your vacation all the more, because of the feeling of satisfaction you will derive from the knowledge that you have performed your full duty to the Synagogue.

PLEASE ORDER YOUR TICKETS WITHOUT DELAY!



"AS
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SEES
IT"

527th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"To Offer Peace Before Entering Into A War"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to regard war as a last resort, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 20, verse 10, "When thou drawest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it." Verse 11, "And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace . . . all the people that are found therein shall become tributary unto thee." Verse 12, "And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it." Verse 13, "And when the L-rd thy G-d delivereth it into thy hand, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword;" Verse 14, "but the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take for a prey unto thyself . . . " We should always do good to our enemies, not because they are worthy, but because of our desire for peace, and to evidence good

character on our part. All traditional commentaries agree that these offers of peace had to be made to all enemies, even to those of the Canaanites. If they accepted our terms we were not to slay any-one of them. If they did not accept our terms, then in the case of the voluntary war on our part, all women and children were to be left alive. We were to leave one corner of the city open for anyone to flee therefrom. This is all mentioned in the Sifri, the Tannaitic Commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy. But even in a war against the seven nations, we were to offer peace, so that they could flee away before we attacked them. It is interesting to note that our law permitted our soldiers, when they entered into the enemy's territories and had not food to eat, to partake of forbidden foods. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 20, verse 10, "When thou drawest nigh unto a city to fight against it," and verse 14 . . . " . . . thou mayest eat . . . "

This law prevails when Israel is on its own land and refers to males because they are the ones who are fit for war and, therefore, are given permission to eat of the forbidden foods if there is a lack of their own supplies.

This law of proclaiming peace was to be an obligation of the whole community and particularly upon the King or any other head of the people. If they trespassed this law and failed to proclaim peace before they attacked the enemy, they annulled this positive commandment.

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:

Arthur Aibinder, Ralph Aminoff, Benjamin Axel, Eva Brams, A. M. Davis, Fred H. Diamond, Capt. Frank E. Fink, I. A. Jaspan, Norman Jaspan, M. L. Jesselson.

Maurice Kalker, Herman Kaminsky, Harold Kaplan, Lena Kessler, Max Klein, Charles H. Landis, I. Lauer, Jonas Leisten, Mrs. Lillian G. Levine, Morris Levinson, Joseph Liebergall, Mrs. Charles Marshall, P. May, Mrs. Tillie Meisel, Harry Miller, Mrs. J. Mosbacher, Max Moskowitz, Mrs. E. Myer.

Aaron Neustadter, Dr. Eric Offenbacher, Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, A. Reinhold, Gussi Rogoff, Theodore Rosen, Isidore Rosenberg, Esther Rubinson, G. Richard Rubinstein, H. Rudnick, Jennie Salaman,

Anna Schapiro, Byrde Schary, Mrs. Warren L. Schnur, E. Schreiber, Leon Selinger, Elmer Settel, Mrs. C. Shalita, S. Shapiro, E. Silberman, Alfred Silver, Jacob H. Silverstein, Ben Spanbock, Ben Spieler, Arthur L. Stein, Jos. S. Steinman.

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(to be continued)

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WEDNESDAY

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Boys — 11 years old	8:10
Arts and Crafts	7:30 - 8:45
Game Room	8:00 - 10:00

SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

A very interesting program and social evening was conducted by our young adults' group last Sunday night. For information concerning the group, write the W.S.I.S. Senior League.

OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE WRITE

My Dear Rabbi Reichel,

I want to thank you for your very kind letter which I received this week. I am most grateful to you and the West Side Institutional Synagogue that you made me a member of our Synagogue. I certainly will try and cooperate with you in every way that I possibly can. I was very fortunate to attend wonderful Rosh Hashonah services here in Japan. They were impressive and I had a wonderful opportunity to meet Jewish fellows from all over our great country. The Jewish Welfare Board supplied us with food from the states. As far as our Jewish community here in camp we have only 40 Jewish fellows but we meet regularly every Sabbath for services and generally someone supplies refreshments afterwards, to make it a very enjoyable evening. Although we have no Jewish chaplain here on the post, due to the limited number of Jewish personnel, we conduct our own services and I am happy to say that our services have attracted 100% of the Jewish personnel on this post. Otherwise I am fine and looking forward to my discharge. In closing, I want to thank you again for your kind New Year wishes. I pray to G-d that the coming year will be filled with joy and peace for all Israel and peoples all over the world.

Sincerely yours,
Louis Ornstein



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In your opinion, should a girl get a Jewish education and as much Jewish education as a boy?

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Who predominates at most public events, men or women? Who brings up our children, molds the character of future generations?

Who sets the tone of our homes and schools? Who's going to be the future leaders of our Jewish community — only men? Mostly men?

How are these future leaders, if they're women, going to develop intelligence, knowledge, Jewish interest, when they're young — just by feminine instinct? by "catching" it from the boys?

Does a girl gain anything personally from a Jewish education? Is she a happier Jew, a happier American? Does she learn things that will help her later to be a good Jewish mother and home-maker? Does she meet Jewish boys and young men of a finer type?

All right, now that you've thought it over, go ahead and check off your answer to our original question:-

Should a Girl Get As Much Jewish Education as a Boy?

Yes.....No.....

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Light Candles Friday Evening4:11

Weekly Portion: Miketz

Genesis 41:1-44:17 Numbers 7:54-59

I Kings 7:40-50

Friday Evening Service4:20

Saturday Morning Service8:40

Junior Congregation10:45

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children

4 to 610:30

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Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class

in English3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:00

Mincha Service4:00

Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter

Reader of Service: Lawrence Kobrin

The Sabbath Terminates4:59

Daily Services:

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

Mincha4:25

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Charles Fiedler and Children, upon the passing of their wife and mother, Clara Fiedler.

UNVEILING

Services for the unveiling of the memorial of **Mrs. Rose Lauer**, mother of our member, Mr. Isidore Lauer, will be held Sunday, December 21st, at 10:30 A.M., at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Block 100. No postponement.

Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

Though presently separated by space from our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, we are not so separated in spirit. We were thrilled to have received from them en route to Israel to attend their daughter's wedding, their radio-programmed Chanukah and Sabbath greetings . . . The W.S.I.S. Florida migratory season is beginning to pick up speed. Happy vacation time to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Herman and daughter who recently left for the Southland . . . Our Congregational Chanukah Festival Party given in our Social Hall last Saturday evening was an outstanding social and spiritual success, thanks to our Men's Club and Women's League who sponsored the event. Our hosts of members and friends who attended the party will not soon forget it, and those who were not there really missed a grand time. We can never stop urging greater and greater attendance at these congregational get-togethers of ours. Our eminent vocalist, Isadore Lauer, rendered a particularly inspiring benediction over the lighting of the Chanukah candles. Citations of merit for putting the affair across are hereby awarded to the Co-chairmen: Messrs. Harold Kaplan, Abraham Eisenman, Mesdames Myron Friedlander, and Harry Lippman; and to their committee: Mrs. Al Braff, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Mr. Myron Friedlander, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldberg, Mr. H. William Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mr. Isadore Lauer, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, and Mrs. Harry Ward . . . The hosts at our regular Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishith tomorrow will be Director Ben Glazer in memory of the yahrzeit of Mrs. Glazer's mother, Mrs. Marie Adler . . . Our earnest prayers for a speedy return to good health to Mrs. Saul Bergman, Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Mrs. Etta Jaffin, and Mr. Isidore Wiesenberger . . . **Wedding Anniversary greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Blatt, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bloomgarden, Director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Golub, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron W. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Horowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspan, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz . . .

Many happy returns of their **Birthdays** to Elaine Aibinder, William Ball, Mrs. Milton M. Bernard, Charles Cohen, Mrs. Julius Cohen, Max M. Horowitz, George Levinson, Mrs. Regina Margaretten, Director Adolph Meiowitz, Abraham Robinov, Max

Sachs, Mrs. Jess Ward. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Manischewitz upon the birth of a daughter . . . Glad to hear that Cantor Yavneh returned from the hospital . . . Also that Master Maury Forman is on the mend.

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