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Jacob I. Dienstag

For the coming two Tuesday nights, the guest lecturer will be Mr. Jacob I. Dienstag, Librarian of Yeshiva University.

His topic will be "The Golden Era of Jewish Literature".

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We are sure that all who attend will find his talks both interesting and informative.

The lectures will begin at 8 o'clock.

Enjoy Saturday Night, January 24 At WSIS Men's Club Party

All who will attend the Men's Club Night of Games and Card Party on Saturday night, January 24 beginning at 8 o'clock, are assured a very pleasant evening, Mr. H. William Hirsch, president of the Men's Club has announced.

A very enjoyable program has been prepared under the chairmanship of Mr. Harry Cohen and the co-chairmanship of Mr. Frank L. Taks.

Others serving on the hard working committee are: Messrs. Abe Fishbein, Jacob Goldberg, Isak Haselkorn, Isidore Sterkin and Harry Ward.

HAVE YOU OBTAINED YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF RIGOLETTO?

SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 22, 1953

Our big event at the Metropolitan Opera House on February 22nd, 1953, is drawing near. We suggest that you obtain tickets without delay, as the choice seats are becoming scarce.

A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull

W.S.I.S. Social Director

The Friday night High School-College Freshman's "Get Together" will start on an entirely new footing this Friday night. Miriam Gordon, our "caller" who gave us such a good time recently, will be in charge of the games and Israeli horas. It is definitely co-ed, so we hope to see you at 8:30 tonight.

And speaking of new groups, Ruth Ukeles will have her first meeting with her 12 year old girls this Sunday at 11:00. The plans sound wonderful—don't miss the opportunity.

The Arts and Crafts Club **for all ages**, meets Wednesdays at 7:30.

The Maccabees will meet this coming Wednesday, the 21st of January.

This week the Game room meets on Monday night. Those interested in entering the city-wide Jewish Center ping pong tournament, please see me. It will be held in March.

See you in the Synagogue . . .

We need not tell you that if you attend the performance of "Rigoletto", and we believe that all loyal friends of the Synagogue will attend, you will not only enjoy a wonderful performance of Verdi's brilliant opera, but in addition you will help provide the funds necessary for the continuance of our work.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RIGOLETTO

Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, wife of our Director and co-Chairman of the Opera Committee, who is an accomplished musician in her own right, has accepted our invitation to interpret the opera, "Rigoletto", on Monday evening, February 9th, at our Synagogue building. Mrs. Cohen will review the plot and interpret the highlights of the opera through recordings.

This musical treat will enhance the listening pleasure of those, in particular, who will attend our benefit performance. Admission free.

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W.S.I.S. LEAGUE GET TOGETHER SUNDAY

The W.S.I.S. League (composed of young married couples) will meet at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gustave Oremland, 175 West 76th Street, on Sunday night, January 18th, at 8:40.

Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg will review a current book of Jewish interest.

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PARENTS . . . IT IS NOT TOO LATE YET

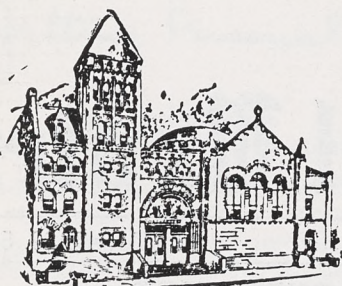
Yes, you may still enroll your boys and girls in the Beginners classes of our Hebrew School for the new term.

Call or visit our principal, this Sunday morning, or during the week, for detailed information about our school and program. Full and partial scholarships are available.

There are also two openings in our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten. Inquiries are welcome.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

A regular meeting of the Men's Club will be held this Monday evening, Jan. 19th, at 8:30 o'clock.



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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

Saturday, June 21, 1952

The different laws being enacted in this country, at present, are most interesting and most unique. The people who have been living here for any length of time are so accustomed to irregular and unusual conditions that nothing surprises them anymore. As one lady said to me "One day we are without kerosene, one day without money and one day without food. But this is our country and we must be willing to do without things to help it get strong."

The recent immigrants for the most part do not feel that way at all. They have been through a great deal of suffering in the countries that they came from and they believed that they would find Israel a land "flowing with milk and honey". It is not difficult to understand how they feel and why they feel that way, but their unconcealed resentment is just one more problem with which the authorities have to deal.

What we, in America, can do towards this situation is to send as



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531st OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not To Work Nor To Seed In The Rough Valley"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 21, verse 4, "And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which may neither be plowed nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley." The words, "rough valley" means a strong, uncultivated, unfrequented territory with a perennial brook. Its strong running water would carry away the blood of the heifer. This would symbolize the removal of the defilement from the land. Just as we have learned in the previous commandment concerning the heifer, namely, that the ceremony connected with it was to publicize the matter of the murder to arouse the community concerning its obligations, so the prohibition against working or sowing around the brook for all times, was to be a constant reminder to all that passed that way, concerning the murder that was committed.

This prohibition was for all times even when we did not possess Palestine. It refers to male and female

much food and clothing as possible, for the Maabarot.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1952

The other day we were visited by a man and his wife who are living in Pardes Hannoh, which is still a transit camp. Here it is infinitely less comfortable than in a Mabarah — a work village — and when I tell you that the standard of living in a MABARAH is very near the lowest level, you will get some idea of what life in a transit camp must be like.

At Pardes Hannoh there are 8000 refugees who stand in line, 3 times a day, with a pail in their hands, to get their food. They live in barracks, without any privacy, and they do nothing all day long, listlessly hang-

alike. One who trespassed it was to receive stripes.

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532nd COMMANDMENT "The Law Of The Beautiful Captive Woman"

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 21, verse 10 and 11, "When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies . . . and thou carriest them away captive", verse 11, "and seest among the captives a woman of goodly form, and thou hast a desire unto her, and wouldest take her to thee to wife". The Torah here makes a concession to human nature during wartime. The Israelite was to bring her into his house and have her cut her hair, leave her nails grow long, substitute for the beautiful garment she wore, plain, simple ones and remove all the jewelry and ornaments that she had for the purpose of enticing, and permit her to cry for a month for her parents because of her enforced absence.

The Torah well understood that if we did not permit the Israelite to take the captive, he would marry her in a prohibited fashion, because of the strength of his passion at that time. In order to quiet his passion, the Torah commanded details which we mentioned so as to remove the source of temptation from his eyes. If after the period of the month he still wants to marry her, he may do so but she must be converted to Judaism.

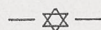
This commandment prevailed when Israel was on its own land and he who trespassed it and did not carry out the details as mentioned, annulled this positive commandment.

ing around. You can imagine what this does to their morale.

As its name, Transit Camp, implies, this is just supposed to be a transition place till these immigrants can be settled somewhere permanently. Unfortunately some of them have to stay here a very long time and the man and woman who visited us had been there for one year already. They asked us to intercede with their uncle in America, whom we know, to send them 400 Lire for which they can buy a little one-room bungalow. The Jewish Agency gives a piece of ground near a large city, to any refugee who can get the money to buy a bungalow. The Agency is anxious for these people to become self-supporting, and near a big city, there is always a chance for employment.

TALMUD TORAH STAMP CLUB NEWS

Stamp collectors who would like to trade stamps and to receive some gift sets from Mr. Alexander Kirsh, should attend the next meeting, Sunday, January 25th, at 10:00 A.M. sharp.



IN MAKING A WILL

What institution is more worthy of support that the Synagogue which has always been the very heart and soul of Jewish life and is the symbol of Jewish dignity and values to the world.

What more noble and valuable bequest can one make than to remember the institution that has done so much good for so many people and has inspired hundred of thousands to live better lives?

Please remember that a bequest to our worthy Synagogue is one of the ways in which the future stability of our Institution will be assured.

If you want to make a provision for the W.S.I.S. in your last Will and Testament, make sure that you use the following wording.

"I give and bequeath to the West Side Institutional Synagogue 120-138 West 76th St., N.Y.C., a domestic religious corporation, the sum of \$....."

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening before 4:33
Weekly Portion: Va'ayra
Exodus 6:2-9:35 Numbers 28:9-15
Isaiah 66:1-24

Friday Evening Service4:35
Saturday Morning Service
(Rosh Chodesh)9:00
Junior Congregation10:45
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children
4 to 610:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:40
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class in
English3:15
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:15
Mincha Service4:15
Reader of Torah: Herbert Goldberg
Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh
The Sabbath Terminates4:29

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning6:45, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00
Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha4:45



P.T.A. NOTES

Dr. and Mrs. Monroe Gaines will be the hosts to the parents of the pupils of our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten, this Wednesday night, January 21st, at 8:30 o'clock, at their home, 161 West 75th St.

Parents will have an opportunity to discuss the programs with the teachers and the principal.

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Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our director George L. Livingston, upon the passing of his brother **Ira B. Livingston**.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Simon Klein, upon the passing of his sister, **Ruth Rusak**.

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For those of us interested in the cause of Jewish education, it is incumbent upon us to come to this dinner in order to prove to the J.E.C. and to Federation our abiding interest in the work of both of these organizations.

So, send in your reservatioin for this dinner at the Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, at 6:30 P.M., January 22. Have our Mr. Morris Jablow make this reservation for you.

Lester Udell, President

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Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

The entire Congregation extends a hearty Mazel Tov to our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Naomi, to Major Shear-Yashuv Cohen, which will take place this coming week in the Holy Land . . . We welcome back home, Director and Mrs. William Horwitz from their recent South American cruise, Mr. Harold Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Amin and daughter, Liba, from Florida, and Joseph F. Cohen from the Mid-West and Ruth Selsky from the Coast . . . Our heartiest congratulations and well wishes upon their recent election to our Congregation's Board of Directors to Messrs. Jess E. Gross, Henry Hirsch and Joseph Weinstein . . . The host at tomorrow afternoon's weekly Seuda Shlishith will be our Director Joseph Landowne . . .

Our Synagogue on Shabbos afternoons is literally a bee hive of Talmudic learning. In one part of the Synagogue our Rabbi Pekier conducts a Talmud class in Yiddish. His class will begin a new tractate, "Sanhedrin". In another part of the Synagogue Rabbi Reichel, in his own inimitable way, conducts a Talmud class in English, — tractate, "Succah". So it seems that regardless of what your particular linguistic taste might be, W.S.I.S. will expound the Talmud to all and sundry who but care to know and to learn . . . The boys and girls are now running neck and neck in our Baby Derby: Our heartiest Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flaks upon the birth of a son, Monte, to the grandmother Mrs. Rachel Flaks, and the great grandmother Mrs. Maria Rothmann; and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Breitbart, upon the birth of a daughter, Carol Cecelia . . . All best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Binder upon the marriage of their son, Irwin David, to Barbara Newman. Irwin has just been released from the army with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. The "aufruf" was held at our Synagogue last Shabbos morning . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kobrin, and Mr.

and Mrs. Harold Wohl . . . Many happy returns to their **birthdays** to Sol Brandes, Beth Esther Charney, Allan Jeffrey Cohen, Mrs. Sigg Eienberg, Sandra Phyllis Goodman, Harvey Robert Gross, Mrs. Minette Verschleiser Horowitz, Sondra Lippman, Roy Stuart Tumpowsky, Mrs. Bertha Warshauer, and Edward Weinstein.

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