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**SAMUEL SILVER CHAIRMAN
OF COMMUNITY SEDORIM**



Mr. Samuel Silver

We are happy to announce that our Treasurer, Samuel Silver, has been appointed chairman of the committee that is arranging the program for our Community Sedorim this year.

The Sedorim will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 30th and 31st.

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Men's Club Notes

Open Meeting This Monday To Feature Israel Travel Film

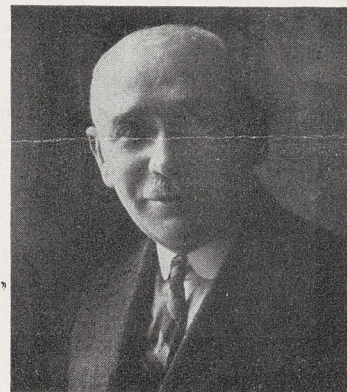
An open meeting of the Men's Club will be held this coming Monday, February 2, at 8:30 o'clock.

The highlight of the evening will be a talk by Mr. Sidney Rubinfeld, Sales promotion Manager of the El Al Israel Airlines. He will speak on travel to Israel and Civil Aviation in Israel. A film entitled "Building a Nation" will be shown.

All the members and friends of the Men's Club, both men and women, are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**Reserve Monday Afternoon
March 9th
for
Women's League
W.S.I.S.
Children's Village Luncheon**

ONLY A FEW WEEKS TO OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE ON FEB. 22nd



Our First Vice-President, Aaron Wartels, (right), and our Director Morris Levine, who are among the leaders in the sale of tickets.

HIGHLIGHTS OF "RIGOLETTO"

Monday evening, Feb. 9th, promises to be a memorable evening. Mrs. Herman H. Cohen has succeeded in obtaining the services of Mrs. Annette Tullumelo in the narration of the plot and description of the settings of "Rigoletto" in conjunction with Mrs. Cohen's interpretation of the important musical themes on the piano and by recordings. We promise you a fine evening's entertainment and we hope all of you will avail yourselves of this invitation and be in our building on Monday evening, Feb. 9th, at 8:15 o'clock.

There will be no admission charge.

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TALMUD TORAH NOTES

In celebration of Chamishah Asar B'Shevat our Women's League has provided delicious goodies, including fruit that is grown in Israel, for the pupils of our Hebrew School and indergarten. Mrs. Anna Verschleiser is in charge of the preparations.

Assemblies will be held in our Talmud Torah in celebration of Chamishah Asar B'Shevat.

To those of our readers who have already secured tickets, our sincere thanks.

To those who have not yet obtained their tickets — an urgent reminder to secure your tickets without delay.

Our Benefit Performance at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, Feb. 22nd, is drawing near. The opera, "Rigoletto" with a star cast of world-renowned artists will afford an evening of unmixed pleasure.

All of you are interested in our work. We need not remind you that the income from this venture will go towards maintaining our varied activities. It is therefore very important that we receive your support. Won't you please help us.

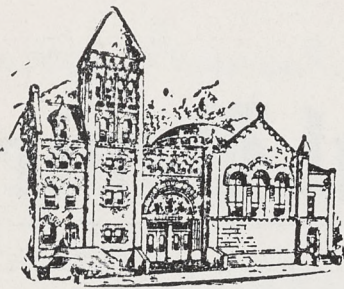
There are only a few weeks left. Please act now.

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Women's League Notes

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Women's League will be held this coming Monday, February 2, at the home of Mrs. Louis Shlansky, 115 Central Park West.

A luncheon will precede the meeting beginning at 12:30 o'clock. All the members of the Board are urged to attend the meeting.



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A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull

W.S.I.S. Social Director

Will it be — or won't it be, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to sit at home or come to the W.S.I.S. for our new Thespian Club to start Friday nights. Ah, that **is** the question! On February 6th we'll have the answer. So, all co-eds of college freshman age drop down at 8:30 on the 6th of February (a week after you read this) to find out.

Our Friday night, High-Schoolites Club is really on its way. This truly co-ed had another wonderful meeting last week — and the plans are for another terrific meeting this Friday night at 8:30 in the Council Room.

Ruth Ukeles still has room in her club for 12-year-old girls — which meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00 in the Council Room.

The Arts and Crafts Club is featuring textile drawing of a Jewish motif. Those who would like to "dress up" their hankies, scarves, or shirts, come to the Arts and Crafts on Wednesday nights, 7:30.

The Game Room is open every



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535TH OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"To Hang Him Who Was Judged To Be Hanged By The Beth Din"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are commanded to hang him whom the Beth Din or the court found to be guilty. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 21, verse 22, "And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou shalt hang him on a tree".

The purpose of this commandment was to give due publicity to the punishment so as to strike terror into the hearts of potential offenders.

Our process of punishment was certainly not that of the Roman type. The fiendish punishment of crucifying men alive, nailing them to the cross and prolonging their death-agonies for days, was a Roman invention. There were four methods of execution in Israel — stoning, burning, the sword, and strangulation. Hanging was sometimes added after death, in token of infamy, or

as a further deterrent; Joshua X, 26. Our method of hanging was as follows: After the person was stoned, a pillar of wood was sunk into the ground with part of the wood protruding from the ground. The person's hands were folded together and hung upon the wood toward evening and immediately thereafter untied. He was buried with the wood upon which he was hung and with the stone on which he was stoned, so that people should not say, "this was the wood upon which so and so was hung". If they permitted the body to remain that way over night, they trespassed a negative commandment which we will discuss in the next commandment.

This commandment prevailed only during the Temple times when we had the power to inflict capital punishment. It refers only to males, for they only were judged for capital punishment.

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536TH COMMANDMENT

"Not To Allow The Person Hung Upon The Pillar Of Wood To Remain There Overnight"

We are not permitted to forsake the person hung and allow him to remain there overnight, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 21, verse 23, "His body shall not remain all night upon the tree."

The purpose of this commandment is not to allow the human figure to be dishonored by allowing it to remain hung overnight.

DO YOUR CHILDREN KNOW THE STORY OF PURIM ?

THE MEANING OF MEGILLAH, SEDER, YOM TOV ?

Monday night at 8:00 o'clock.

Another section of the Brownies for nine year old girls is being organized by Mrs. Arthur Lee. The first meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon, February 5th, at 3:30 o'clock in the Council Room.

See you in the Synagogue.

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COLLEGIATES TO MEET

The Collegiates of our Congregational Family are cordially invited to attend the next Get-Together of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council on Friday evening, January 30, at 8:30 o'clock, at the Jewish Center Auditorium, 131 W. 86th Street. Mr. Louis Krapin of the Anti-Defamation League will talk on "Inter-Faith on the College Campus".

Children who are 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 years of age can easily learn about the meaning of our Festivals and how to enjoy them. Parents are urged to enroll their children who do not attend a Hebrew School, so that they will not miss the full enjoyment of the coming Purim and Passover holidays. Scholarships are available.

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CHAMISHAH ASAR BISHEVAT

Tomorrow, the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat, is known as Chamishah Asar Bishevat and is Israeli Arbor Day. The Mishnah describes this day as the New Year for Trees.

We use this day to bring the significance of the upbuilding of Israel to the attention of all. It is customary to celebrate the occasion with fruit parties of noted Palestinian fruits, such as dates, figs, pomegranates and "bokser".

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE**PROFESSOR HOENIG
TO RESUME LECTURES
ON TUESDAY NIGHTS****Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig**

We are happy to welcome back to the U.S., and to the W.S.I.S., Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, long time lecturer at our Tuesday night Laymen's Institute classes. He has just returned from heading a group of

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening before	4.50
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Exodus 13.17-17.16 — Judges 4.4-5.311	
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Saturday Morning Service	9.00
Junior Congregation	10.45
Sabbath Kindergarten	
for Children 4 to 6	10.30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)	3.40
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class	
in English	3.30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	3.30
Mincha Service	4.30
Reader of Torah — Samuel Ward	
Reader of Service — Joseph Neustadter	
The Sabbath Terminates	5.46
Daily Services	
Sunday Mornings	6.45, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00
Daily Mornings	6.45, 7.45, 8.30
Mincha	4.50

students on an educational tour in the Holy Land.

Dr. Hoenig, who is Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, and an author on various aspects of Judaism — scholarly and popular — will begin a series of lectures on, "A Survey of Israel," this Tuesday night, February 3, at 8 o'clock. All our readers are cordially invited to greet Dr. Hoenig and attend his talk this Tuesday night.

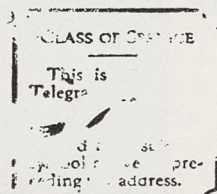
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Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Joseph Goodman, Mrs. Rebecca Stager, Mrs. Tillie Lesslau, Dr. Samuel Goodman, Abraham Goodman, Mrs. Rayles Berlow, and Mrs. Sarah Goodman, upon the passing of our member, MOSE GOODMAN.



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Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

We are happy in the opportunity and privilege we had to enable two of the classes of our neighboring Public School No. 87 to view history in the making by watching the Presidential inauguration ceremonies over our television set in our synagogue. An example of good neighbor policy in action enabled the children to witness democracy in action. We hope that the children made particular point of, as indeed they must have, of the ministers of the three major faiths, who rendered prayers at the swearing in of our country's new President. Jewry need never fear in the climate of democracy such as is our blessed country Welcome back home from Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Eisenman, and Bon Voyage to our director, Henry Blankfort who has just left us to return to his home on the West Coast . . . The legal profession has a new member in its ranks in the person of Jerome Kamerman who recently passed the New York State Bar examination. Best wishes to you, Jerry . . . The host at our tomorrow afternoon's weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishith will be our Director Philip Wohl, in memory of his wife's Yahrzeit . . . Our heartiest Mazel Tov to our good member, Joseph Steinman, upon the **marriage** of his son, Melvin, whose aufruf was held at our Synagogue; and to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham B. Block upon the birth of a granddaughter . . . **Wedding anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Mrs. Rebecca H. Becker, Carol Ann Berstein, Jay M. Cohen. Mrs. Isidore Ehrman, John D. Garrett, Mrs. Gabriel S. Goldstein, Nathan K. Gross, Mrs. Leopold Hirsch, Mrs. Jules Howard, Elliot Herbert Kamerman, Maurice Linker, Aaron Israel Reichel, Seymour Silberstein, Mrs. Arthur Udell, Richard Weinstein.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klein upon the engagement of their daughter, Jeanette, to Alfred Stern of Geneva, Switzerland . . . We felicitate Rene Kaufman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman, upon her graduation from Julia Richman High School and her entrance into N.Y.U. . . .



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