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YOUR OPERA TICKETS?

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**ONLY 2 WEEKS TO OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE "RIGOLETTO"
METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

COME AND HEAR "PREVIEW" THIS MONDAY NIGHT



**Our Directors Jack Berlin (left), and Herman H. Cohen (right),
who are high in the list of ticket sellers.**

Mrs. Herman H. Cohen

Time is indeed short. Our gala Benefit Performance on Sunday evening, February 22, of Verdi's brilliant opera, "Rigoletto", is but two weeks distant. We urge all our readers who have not as yet purchased their tickets for this important affair to do so at once.

We also call upon all our friends and members of the congregational family to make one final effort to sell as many more tickets as they possibly can to their friends and acquaintances. It is what we do in these last remaining days that will determine the degree of success of this important Synagogue function.

Our opera Co-Chairmen, Messrs. Herman H. Cohen and Joseph Settel, have emphasized many times that attendance at this function will serve a two-fold purpose. Those who attend will be treated to one of the finest of operas in the Metropolitan's repertorie with an all-star cast of the highest order. Singing in the tenor role of the Duke will be the noted

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PURIM NEWS

Reserve Saturday night, February 28, (after the Megilah reading) for our Annual Purim Dinner and Entertainment, sponsored by our Men's Club and Women's League.

Women's League Notes

Open Meeting This Monday

All the members of the Women's League and their friends are cordially invited to the next Open Meeting of the League which will take place this Monday, February 9, in our Synagogue Building, Mrs. Harry Ward, President of the League has announced,

A very interesting program has been planned by Mrs. Michael Weingarten, Program Chairman. It will feature a talk and demonstration on Women in America, notably the status of women in politics, social service, medicine, and law. An outstanding authority on the subject will give the talk.

We are sure that all who attend will be treated to a most enjoyable as well as informative afternoon.

Coffee and cake will be served at the beginning of the meeting at 1 P.M.

A great deal of pleasure is added to one's enjoyment when the opera-goer is familiar with the opera, its plot and songs, before witnessing the performance.

This Monday evening, Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, in co-operation with Mrs. Annette Tullumelo, will present the highlights of "Rigoletto". They will give a detailed description of the setting and the plot and interpret the important musical themes, using both the piano and recordings of the opera.

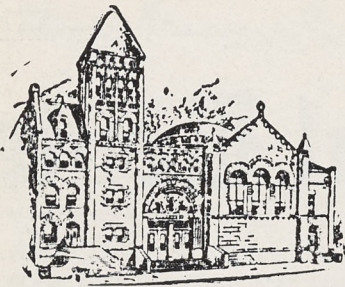
The evening will begin at 8:15 o'clock in our Synagogue Building. All are invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

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CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM

Mr. Samuel Silver, Chairman of Seder Committee, wishes to announce that he has made arrangements to have our Congregational Sedorim at the Esplanade Hotel, West End Avenue at 74th Street on March 30 and 31.

The price will be \$10.00 a person which will include all gratuities for waiters, check room, etc. For reservations contact our office.



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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

It is simply marvellous that such a young government, without any real seasoned statesmen and diplomats, can handle the mass of political, social and economic problems which beset it on all sides.

In the recent economic upheaval, a very wise and far-reaching decision was made not to subject the deposits of would-be investors abroad to the 10% compulsory loan, which the Israeli government imposed two weeks ago.

A niece and nephew of Max Moskowitz, of the W.S.I.S., to whom he had sent a doughnut making machine costing \$1500, came to see us to give us some messages for their uncle. They are fortunate to have such a big-hearted "rich uncle".

And so we are always thinking of the W.S.I.S. and the wonderful people we have in it.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th, 1952

Living in Israel, sometimes seems to me like living on top of a volcano. Something is always bursting forth and stirring up the people to the highest pitch of excitement which barely has time to subside when the next eruption occurs.



"AS R'CHASH SEES IT"

537th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"To Bury The Person On The Same Day He Was Hung"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are to bury the hung person on the day of his punishment. For that reason we do not allow him to hang long, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 21, verse 23, "But thou shalt surely bury him the same day."

The purpose of this commandment is to indicate, as we have said previously, that we are not to dishonor the criminal after he died. Death, Judaism teaches, atones for one's sin: therefore, his body shall, at the earliest moment, receive the same reverent treatment that is due to any other deceased. The hanging was delayed till near sunset, so that the body might without delay be taken down for burial.

We note here that the Bible speaks of burial and not of cremation, as the Jewish method of disposal of the dead. Tacitus (Hist. v. 5) remarked that the Jews buried their dead instead of burning them. Cremation has always been repugnant to Jewish feeling, and is in total variance with the law and custom of Israel.

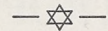
This law prevailed only when the Temple stood, when the Jewish Court was permitted to inflict capital punishment. This law applies to any

Within less than 3 weeks there have been 3 such out of the ordinary happenings, as the introduction and carrying out of the 10% compulsory loan law, the bombing of the home of Mr. Pinkus, Minister of Communications, and the introduction of the 2 days transport restriction (to save fuel) which went into force at 2 A.M. this morning.

It is expected that virtually all transport, both public and private, will be stalled today, due to the new travel restrictions. This will be not so much as a direct result of the Government's new regulations, but rather of the decision of organized taxi drivers to choose Friday and Saturday as their day of "rest".

dead person whether he was executed by the court of justice or killed by violence, or whether he died a natural death. A delay is permitted only when it is for the honor of the dead. To delay burial unnecessarily is an infringement of this Biblical Law.

He who trespasses this commandment and delays the burial of any dead for more than a day without sufficient excuse, violates this Biblical law.



538th COMMANDMENT

"To Return A Lost Article To Its Owners"

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We are to return a lost article to its owners as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 1, "Thou shalt surely bring them back unto thy brother". The Rabbis point out referring to Exodus, Chapter 23, verses 4 and 5, that this also refers to one's enemy. He is not only to keep it, but he should even take measures to restore the lost article to the loser. We are also bidden in this commandment not to hide ourselves from the lost article; saying, that this is no concern of mine. This commandment is mentioned three times in the Torah, indicating, of course, its great importance. It is of fundamental importance, because of its great value to society. We can truly say of it in the words of the Psalmist, "The statutes of the Lord are upright rejoicing the heart". In other words, wherever there are to be found any cattle or vessels (though they are lost) they are, as it were, at that very time, in the possession of their owners, because of our responsibility to restore lost property.

When this two days transportation law was announced, it was stated that private vehicles were permitted to choose one other day, in addition to the Sabbath, to keep their vehicles idle, while taxis had the choice of any two days. Except in Haifa, busses do not travel on the Sabbath. Trains are also idle on Saturdays. By a sort of conspiracy of all the taxi organizations, the country is now faced with a total paralysis of transport, on Saturday, apparently undertaken in order to defeat this measure on the part of the Government.

As matters now stand, there will be no taxis, even for emergencies, for two days.

Judge Edelstein To Greet Scouts In Synagogue On Scout Sabbath

Saturday, February 7th, has been designated as Scout Sabbath. The boys of our Scout Troop under the leadership of Mr. Sol Goldstone, our Cubs under the leadership of Mr. Sidney Kantor, and our Brownies under the leadership of Mrs. Morris Fleischman, are invited to participate in our Sabbath morning services, together with their parents and friends.

Our distinguished member and worshipper, Judge David N. Edelstein of the U.S. District Court, will deliver a message to the Scouts on this occasion.

The Scouts, Cubs, and Brownies will be honored in the main Synagogue at the close of the regular services. Our Junior Congregation will be their hosts beginning with 11:00 o'clock that morning.

Following the services, refreshments will be given to the youngsters at a reception and "Kiddush" in our Junior Congregation.

PURIM CARNIVAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 1st

The ANNUAL EVENT for our youngsters (and their parents, too) is our Purim Carnival, sponsored by our Social Department and Hebrew School P.T.A. This year it will be held on Purim Day, Sunday, March 1st.

A new variety of booths, delicious refreshments, gala prizes and a masquerade contest will highlight the afternoon.

Mrs. Jules Citron, chairlady in charge of prizes and gifts, announces that her committee can use all kinds of prize items suitable for youngsters — and still more. If our readers have any to spare, please leave word at the Synagogue office, attention Carnival Committee.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

Professor Sidney B. Hoenig is conducting a series of lectures on Israel, on Tuesday nights, at 8:00 o'clock.

Elementary Hebrew, with Mrs. Rachel B. Lieff is offered on Monday nights, at 7:30 o'clock. A workshop on the Prayer Book is conducted by Mrs. O. Asher Reichel on alternate Tuesday mornings at 10:30 o'clock, for women.

All are welcome to participate in these pleasant classes.

P.T.A. MEETING THIS TUESDAY NIGHT

Parents of our Hebrew School pupils are cordially invited to attend a Pre-Purim P. T. A. meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ball, 365 West End Avenue, on Tuesday, February 10th, at 8:30 o'clock.

"Celebrating Purim at Home and at the Synagogue," will be the topic of the evening. Our principal and teachers will participate in the discussion.

This occasion will also serve as a farewell to the host and hostess of the evening, who are moving to their home in the near future. Mrs. Ball was formerly secretary of our P. T. A.

Mrs. Henry Lindenbaum, President of our P. T. A., urges all our parents to attend this important meeting.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Our Hebrew School P.T.A. has shared the cost with our Synagogue in the purchase of a slide and film strip projector which will implement the audio-visual program of our Hebrew School.

Our modern Talmud Torah has been geared to the use of progressive educational techniques, conscientious and capable instructors, and a dynamic school spirit.

We hope that more and more parents of our community will take advantage of our Hebrew School and Kindergarten, and enroll their children at an early age.

THE SOCIAL DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

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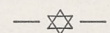
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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening before 5:00
Weekly Portion — Yisro
Exodus 18.1-20.23 Isaiah 6.1-7.6:9.5-6
Friday Evening Service5.00
Saturday Morning Service9.00
Junior Congregation10.45
Sabbath Kindergarten
 for Children 4 to 610.30
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Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class
 in English3.40
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The Sabbath Terminates5.56
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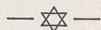
For an application, please telephone the Synagogue office, TR 7-8281 or 8251.

Getting Personal

by Sanford Solarz

To all the children of our Congregational Family whose birthdays fall during the month of February and March, our Talmud Torah will tender a gala Birthday Party at the Synagogue House. In order that we may know who such children are, we suggest that you mail a postcard to our Talmud Torah Office, without delay, stating the name, address and birthdate. An invitation will then follow giving the exact date and other particulars of the party. This birthday party is a great idea, and the thought occurs to us that it would also be a great idea for our congregation to sponsor a real big Wedding Anniversary Party for those of our members and friends whose anniversaries take place during a particular period of time . . . The following will be the hosts at our popular weekly Shabbos afternoon Seudah Shishith for the coming three weeks: Director Harry Appel, Director Joseph Buchsbaum and our good member Mr. Markus Nathansohn . . . With the departure for Florida of our beloved President and Mrs. Lester Udell and 1st Vice-President, Aaron Wartels, the vacation season of that W. S. I. S. winter colony has now become official. Also departed for the colony are Director and Mrs. Jess E. Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Gross. Happy vacation time to all of them! . . . It was good to see at our last Shabbos morning services, Morris Moskowitz. Our heartiest **mazel tov** to Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein upon the birth of a son, Clifford Allen, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Salzman . . . and to Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter upon the birth of a boy to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Naphtali Klausner . . . Many thanks to our Director G. Richard Rubenstein for the fur coats he has provided for some of our youngsters . . . Our prayers for a speedy return to good health by Max D. Spitzer and Mrs. Leon Todtfeld . . . Felicitations to David Silver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silver, who received his M.A. degree in Vocational Guidance from Columbia University . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Drucker, Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ostrow, Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Rosen-

holz, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spanbock . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Audrey Roberta Adelson, Ronnie Gail Cohen, Buddy Diamond, Mrs. Benjamin Glazer, Joseph Gold, Michael Goodman, Barbara Herlands, Linda Fran Levine and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Trotzky.



OF INTEREST TO YOUNG COUPLES

Why should every Jewish young couple in our community be affiliated with a Synagogue? Why should parents begin their sons' and daughters' religious education at an early age?

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Opera Performance

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Metropolitan star, Eugene Conley. The title role of Rigoletto will be sung by Paolo Silveri. Roberta Peters is scheduled to sing the soprano role of Gilda while Jerome Hines will play the part of Sparafucile. All these stars are well-known not only to informed opera goers but to all who have any acquaintance with the opera. Each is an artist of renown, and together they will present a production which will be long remembered by all who attend.

In addition, may we remind our readers once again that the Synagogue depends on this function for support to enable it to carry on its work. All who use the various facilities of the Synagogue at one time or another, and we are sure that all our readers have done so, should feel obligated to demonstrate their support for the work of the Synagogue through this means.

The Opera Committee has priced the tickets in the hope that every member of the Synagogue family will be able to show his support for the institution by attending. Tickets are available at all prices, starting at \$2.50 in the Family Circle to \$25 seats in the Orcheestra.

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