

BEGIN SAYING
"TAL UMATAR"
THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

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FAMOUS STAR ROBERT MERRILL WILL SING IN LA TRAVIATA AT OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE AT THE MET ON JAN. 16th, 1955



Robert Merrill

A thrilling musical evening awaits all our friends who will be present at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Sunday evening, January 16th, 1955, when 'La Traviata' will be sung at our Benefit Performance.

The cast includes world-renowned stars Dorothy Kirsten, Jan Peerce, Robert Merrill and others of the Met's famous singers. It is only on a rare occasion when such a galaxy of stars appear in one evening.

We are certain that each one of our readers will participate in this event, by securing tickets from us for himself and for friends and business associates. For, in participating

in this grand musical function, our friends can aid the Synagogue in its work, including all its varied activities and services. We entertain the high hope that we will have a **100% participation** of all our readers, friends and members. There are 3500 tickets to sell. Only by the co-operation of everyone can we hope to succeed in disposing of them.

Tickets are priced from \$2.50 to \$25.00 each.

Boxes (seating 8) \$100.00 and \$125.00.

We urge you to make your reservation **now**.

MEN'S CLUB

TO FEATURE FILM AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next regular meeting of our Men's Club will be held on Monday evening, December 6, beginning at 8:30 P.M. Aside from the regular social program of the evening, there will be an important business meeting to discuss some of the Men's Club plans for the coming year.

An interesting film will be shown at the meeting.

OUR GALA CHANUKAH AFFAIR TO BE HELD ON DEC. 19

Our Women's League president, Mrs. Michael Weingarten and our Men's Club President Abraham Eisenman, are happy to announce that a Gala Chanukah Party, Buffet Supper with Music by Joe Klein's Orchestra, will be held on Sunday, December 19, 1954 at 6:30 P.M. This affair is jointly sponsored by our Women's League, Men's Club and Mr. and Mrs. League.

Capacity for our Social Hall is limited. Only those making advance reservations or payment on or before December 3rd, can be accommodated. No reservations will be accepted at the door.

Supper service from 6:45 to 7:45. There will be entertainment, games and prizes galore. Tickets \$2.50 per person. Checks may be made payable to any one of the three groups, c/o W.S.I.S.

Heading the affair are: Mrs. Joseph Klein Chairman and Mrs. Fred Goldstein Co-Chairman, representing the Women's League; Mr. Al Braff Chairman and Mr. Myron Friedlander Co-

WORLD ACADEMY

Lecture Series

Rabbi Tibor H. Stern

Tuesday evening, Dec. 7

"Religious Equality for Women

In Jewish Law and the

Proposal for the 'New' Ketubah"

8:15 P.M.

THE MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE

Cordially invites young married couples of our Congregational Family to attend a

Friday Evening Get-Together

Tonight, December 3rd, at 8:15 o'clock

Theme: "Chanukah — Yesterday and Today"

Guest: Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

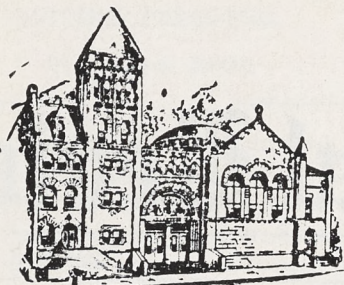
Moderator: Mr. Maurice Kalker

Group Singing to be led by: Mr. Michael Breen

Audience Participation

Refreshments

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SENIOR LEAGUE TO MEET THIS SUNDAY

Young adults of 21, are cordially invited to attend an open meeting of our Senior League this Sunday night, December 5th, at 8:30 P.M.

MRS. JACOB KAPLAN TO BE HOSTESS

On Monday afternoon, December 6th at 12:30 o'clock, Mrs. Jacob Kaplan will entertain the entire Executive Board of our Women's League at a Dessert Luncheon at her home.

An important meeting of the Board will follow the Luncheon and all Board members are urgently requested to attend promptly.

GALA CONCERT

On Tuesday evening, December 14th, at 8 o'clock, the world renowned concert singer Cantor Moshe Kusevitsky, will be featured at the Joan of Arc Jr. High School, at 154 West 93rd Street. This concert is being sponsored by the West Side Beth Jacob School, 323 West 85th Street. For tickets, call TR 7-8790. There will be no appeal.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Preliminary Morning Blessings

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments, and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the words of the Law."

The commandment ודברתך "And you shall speak of them . . . Deuteronomy, Chapter 6, verse 7.

The study of the Torah is the most sublime aspect of worship, because through the study of the Torah, we learn G-d's will. In the highest sense, it is even above prayer. For prayer might be a selfish act, asking G-d for something, like the child who seeks the parent for some need. Whilst in studying the Torah, we are like children who do not seek for anything for themselves, but inquire from their parent what he wants them to do. In studying the Torah, we seek out what G-d, our Holy Father, desires us to do, and not what we want of Him. The command to study the Torah, is essentially for the purpose of knowing

what is the correct conduct in life, and to live by it.

The Hebrew word להתעסק "occupying ourselves with" refers generally to business. Just as we make time for material business, so must we make time for our spiritual business,—the Torah. We must "BUSY" ourselves with the Torah. The Talmud in Shabbus tells us that after we shall leave this world, we shall be asked among other things; "Have you set aside a definite time for the study of the Torah?" From the cradle to the grave, the poet sang, "The Torah is the best סחורה "the best commodity."

We are to study it every day of our lives. The scholar is called a "Talmid Chacham" a "Disciple of the Sage" — **always** learning.

"Make pleasant, therefore, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our G-d, the words of Thy Law in our mouth and in the mouth of Thy people, the house of Israel, so that we with our offspring¹ and the offspring of Thy people, the house of Israel, may all know Thy name and learn Thy Law.² Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who teachest the Law to Thy People Israel."

As a rule we do not sin so much the sin of commission, as that of omission. We do not have enough desire, avidity in our approach to our religious duties. Therefore, we pray that the Torah may be made SWEET to us, just like candy, as it were. It is significant that when the child was brought for the first time to school, his mother brought honey along, as a symbol that what he learns may always be sweet to him. Sometimes, the Torah is not sweet

to us but rather bitter. It is not the Torah that is at fault, but we, ourselves. To a man with a spoiled stomach, or one who lives an inordinate life, give him sweets to eat and they taste bitter. His stomach, his way of life, is out of order. This is the explanation given in regard to the so-called bitter waters at Marah, the water were not bitter. "Ki Muhrim Haim" "they the people had a bad (or bitter) stomach."

COLLEGIATES TO SPONSOR PRE-CHANUKAH SOCIAL

Buddy Shale's quartet will provide the music for the first big affair of our Collegiates, at a pre-Chanukah Social, which will be held Saturday night, December 11th, at 8:30 o'clock in our Social Hall. All young people of college age are cordially invited to attend this gala event. Our readers are urged to bring this event to the attention of the college age boys and girls in their families. For tickets, call or write to the Collegiates c/o West Side Institutional Synagogue.

RE MINDER

This year, make your Chanukah or seasonal gifts to your employees and friends in the form of opera tickets for our benefit performance. This way it will be a triple blessing to the giver, receiver, and the Synagogue.

Chanukah (Cont'd)

Chairman, representing the Men's Club; and Mrs. Daniel Gribetz Chairman Mrs. Jerome Chrein and Mrs. Warren L. Schnur, Co-Chairmen, representing the Mr. and Mrs. League.

THIS IS THE WORLD ACADEMY

The epilogue of the drama of the wandering Jew is now being written in the land of our forefathers. The realization of the Jewish State is an established fact. The World Academy for Higher Jewish Studies in Jerusalem is engaged in the field of legislative and judicial research offered by some of the outstanding scholars of Constitutional Law in research known as "Hakika", which is being drawn up on the basis of the authoritative Jewish codes and in a form which will render it accessible to modern jurists. This can serve as a source of great influence in the introduction of Jewish Law into the legal system of Israel.

The World Academy publishes a Talmudic Encyclopedia giving all the sources from the Bible, and the Talmud, down to modern times, concerning all subjects related to Jewish Law. The six volumes which have already appeared, received wide recognition and commendation.

The World Academy includes a seminary for "Dayanim", religious judges, for Israel. We point with pride to the success we have achieved in this field as several Fellows of this seminary have been appointed as judges, in Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem.

The World Academy has assembled microfilms and indexed all available manuscripts of The Talmud and its related rare as well as standard commentaries. The World Academy is publishing the first Revised Edition of the Complete Talmud which will be the greatest literary contribution to Jewish culture since its original composition.

The most recent addition to the World Academy is the Department of Ohr Olam (Light to the World), which is an intellectual revival

WHO WILL BE "MRS. LUCKY"?

That's a question the members of the Women's League have been asking as they are putting the finishing touches to their plans for their Annual Luncheon. Many will be fortunate to come away with one or more of our numerous beautiful prizes. But who will sit for her portrait by the gifted portrait painter, DAVID IMMERMAN? Want to find out? Easy does it!

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movement for our youth in the colleges and military camps throughout the world. We are thus carrying out the prophecy: "That from Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of G-d from Jerusalem."

Our sacred task is freighted with tremendous responsibilities. We need not only men of learning and character, but also men of courage, of vision, and of sacrificial devotion to revitalize our spiritual contribution and thus guarantee to the Jew and the world a model STATE.

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Light Candles Friday Evening4:08
Weekly Portion — Vayetzay
Genesis 28:10-32.3 Hosea 12:13-14:1-10
Friday Evening Service4:20
Saturday Morning Service9:00
Junior Congregations10:30
(Junior and Seniors)
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls from
9 to 11 years and a new 12 year old
group)3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:45
Mincha3:45
Reader of Torah: Seymour Ukeles
Reader of Service: Herbert Perlman
The Sabbath Terminates5:01
Begin saying שמע ישראל Saturday Night
Evening Service

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning6:45, 8:00, 9:00
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha4:20
Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Isaac Allen, upon the loss of her brother; to Mrs. Max Solomon and to Mr. Charles Kramer upon the passing of their father; to Mr. Reuben Popkin, upon the loss of his mother and to Mrs. Julius Golding, upon the loss of her dear father, Harry Herskovitz.

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Thanksgiving celebrations back home for the following of our out-of-town college students, were also cause for thanksgiving on our part in having them back with us for even a short stay: Judith and David Beier, Stephen Eisenberg, Jay Kobrin and Martin Sage . . . We are happy and proud to bestow our Congregational Citation of Merit upon our good member, Mr. Stephen Klein, President of Barton's Bonbonniere, who was signally honored by the Israeli Government in recognition of Barton's four year old "Sweets-for-Israel" program . . . All best wishes for a successful career to Raphael Yavneh, son of our beloved Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh, upon the occasion of the hanging out of his shingle for his new law office; and in their new homes to Director and Mrs. Moses Langer and to Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein . . . We are happy to roll out our Welcome Home Mat to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Segerman upon their return from Europe . . . Our prayers for a speedy return to good health by Mrs. Rachel Barowsky, Mrs. Meyer Pargament and Mrs. Zelda Reisman . . . The host for our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Markus Gruss . . . It was good to see Mr. Henry L. Kraushar back at Shul after his recent illness . . . Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Goodgold upon the birth of a son Jay Samuel . . . Many happy returns of their birthdays to Mrs. M. Bergman, Director Henry Blankfort, Mrs. Hyman Feld, Director Jacob Kaplan, Maurice Kaprow, Doris Linker, Mrs. Philip Nager, Director Moe Oltarsh, Ellen Sue Ringel, and Elizabeth Schnur . . . Our 1st Vice-President, Samuel W. Siegel, is to be congratulated on the very successful dinner of the Manhattan Day School last Sunday night. The W.S.I.S. had reason to be proud of the captivating musical presentation of Mrs. William B. Herlands. At the recent Women's League membership luncheon, Mrs. Eddie Schreiber definitely established her reputation as an orator. The entire membership luncheon was a real success . . .

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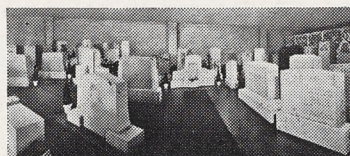
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