

LIGHT FIRST CHANUKAH
CANDLE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

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CHANUKAH



Chanukah Lights

The time for the lighting of the candles begins at sunset and continues until there are no more people about in the street, because the main reason for the candle lighting is 'pirsumah d'nisah' publicizing the miracle. Therefore, we place the Chanukah candles at the window or in some other prominent place. The candles must remain lit at least a half-hour.

The first candle is placed at the extreme right of the Menorah. Each following night the additional candle is placed to the left of the previous ones. However, the order of lighting the candles is from left to right — that is, the latest additional candle is lit first.

Chanukah Lights on the Sabbath

When any day of Chanukah falls on the Sabbath, as does the sixth day this year, on Sabbath eve we light the Chanukah candles **before** the Sabbath lights, and then on Saturday night, **after** Havdalah is made.

Special Prayers

During the eight days of Chanu-
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WAR VETERANS POST TO HEAR SPEAKER

A meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans, affiliated with our Synagogue, will be held on Wednesday evening, December 22, at 8:30 P.M. A guest speaker from the Jewish War Veterans organization will be present.

"All veterans are invited and requested to attend," Mr. Marvin Padawer, commander of the Post said.

"Listen To Your Conscience,"

Pres. Udell Urges Congregation

"Listen to your consciences," President Lester Udell urged our congregation, "and see whether you have really made an effort on behalf of our benefit opera performance."

HEBREW SCHOOL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Pupils of our Hebrew School will welcome Chanukah at a special assembly this Sunday morning, Dec. 19th, at 10:30 o'clock. Each class has prepared a short presentation on some aspect of the Festival.

Watching the youth participate in play and in song will surely be a treat to all adults. We hope that all our parents will attend, with their children, this Sunday morning, in the spirit of Chanukah. A Chanukah memento will be given to every young person who will attend this affair.

Our pupils have received Chanukah menorahs and candles for their own personal use, with the compliments of our Women's League.

WORLD ACADEMY

Lecture Series

Rabbi Tibor H. Stern

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 22
"Halachic Point of View of
Adoption and Proselytization"
8:15 P.M.

Please note change of day.

MEN'S CLUB

Our next Men's Club meeting will be held on Monday evening, December 20, beginning at 8:30 o'clock in our Synagogue Building. All the men members of the Congregation who are interested in joining the club and participating in its activities are urged and invited to attend the meeting.

Speaking at last Saturday's services to the congregation, Pres. Udell urged support for our forthcoming benefit performance at the Metropolitan Opera House of Verdi's "La Traviata" on Sunday evening, January 16, 1955.

He was sure, the President continued, that if each member did pay heed to his conscience, he would dispose of enough, or even some tickets for the performance so that our job of selling the entire opera house would indeed be an easy one.

We hope that all our readers will take the words of the President to heart. Tickets have been priced so that all members of the congregation may find some within their reach. Tickets are available from \$2.50 to \$25 with boxes seating 8, at \$100 or \$125.

Call the Synagogue Office today.

PARTY NEWS — FOR CHANUKAH

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* WOMEN'S LEAGUE

* MR. & MRS. LEAGUE

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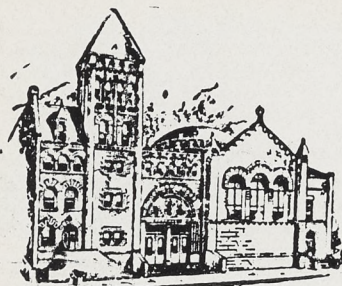
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A VISION AT DAWN

To build Yeshivahs in Israel seems to be a natural matter, but to establish a World Academy for Higher Jewish learning in Jerusalem which shall give the practical application of Torahcracy to the State of Israel requires prophecy of the purest type.

The prophet is none other than your esteemed leader, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, the prophecy is waiting to be realized upon the hills of Jerusalem, opposite the Tomb of another dreamer of Israel, Dr. Theodor Herzl.

The dawn of the vision will be materialized in the construction of the Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein Library Building. The first groundbreaking ceremony will not be of a physical nature but a gathering of friends at the Waldorf Astoria, Tuesday, December 21 at 5 P.M. with Mr. Lester Udell, President of the W.S.I.S. as host. The group of friends who will assemble there, will be the historic founders, of the Rabbi Goldstein Library Building, and will perpetuate the prophecy of this great realistic dreamer of Israel.

Tibor H. Stern

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Preliminary Morning Blessings

"Blessed art Thou who giveth the Torah"

In the Talmud in Berachos, 11 we read, "Rabbi Hamenuna said, 'This is the chief benediction'". Rashi commenting, gives the reason, "Because in this benediction there IS thankfulness to G-d, and praise for the Torah and Israel." Please note, "who giveth", and not, "who gave the Torah." G-d's word is not for the distant past but is an **ever present** obligation.

The Torah is not for Israel alone. It is for all mankind. As the Talmud says: "These are the ordinances by which if a **man** do them, he shall live by them" (Leviticus 18.5) — not priest, not Levite, not Israelite, but **man**." (Jacob Emden).

"Why asks Yavetz, does the conclusion of the Bracha, *נותן התורה* lack the customary determining phrase *לעמו ישראל* Because, he says that the Torah was given in the desert, free, as a common possession for all men.

Even the gentile who studies the Torah is considered the equal of the High Priest (Sifra Leviticus XVIII, 5).

The wealth of the Torah is inexhaustible. Whoever occupies himself with it constantly, always finds

novel and surprising ideas in its teachings. Even today, after 2,000 years have been devoted to research in Torah, the student finds the same abundance of stimulating ideas, the same treasure of spiritual values as on the day when the Torah was revealed at Mt. Sinai: (54 עירובין

כל זמן שאדם הוגה בהן מוצא בהן טעם Each day it seems to be a new gift to its devotee. Therefore, the Bracha concludes in the present-tense.

Everyone is to study the Torah, even if his powers of grasping and retention are weak. Whoever toils and does not give up, will finally obtain understanding as a "gift from G-d." (See Munk, "World of Prayer")

These blessings represent the formal blessing recited by him who is "called up" to the Reading of the Torah at a congregational service. It stresses the Selection of Israel (Exodus, 19.5) and the great fact of Revelation as a gift to Israel. All people may partake of this gift, its blessings, and its responsibilities as well. Israel as the prophet Isaiah put it, is to be "A Light to the Gentiles."

Chanukah Notes

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kah we recite the full Hallel every day. In addition, we read from the Torah the portion from the book of Numbers (chapter 7) dealing with the gifts of the leaders of the tribes at the dedication of the Tabernacle. In each "amidah" we repeat "al hanissim", a prayer of thanksgiving to G-d for the marvelous Chanukah triumph. At home we recite this prayer each time we say Grace after meals.

CHANUKAH

Benediction Over The Candles

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu me-lech ha-olam a-she- kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-sav v'tziva-nu l'had-lik ner shel cha-nukah.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst

sanctify us by Thy commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu me-lech ha-olam she-asah nis-sim la-a-vo-se-nu ba-yamim ha-hem baz'-man ha-zeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst wondrous things for our fathers, in days of yore at this season.

This blessing is recited **only** on the first evening of Chanukah:

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu me-lech ha-olam she-he-che-ya-nu v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our G-d Ruler of the world, who has granted us life, sustained us, and permitted us to reach this joyous season.

DIRECTOR AND MRS. HERMAN H. COHEN CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



The entire Congregational Family joins in felicitating our Director and Mrs. Herman Cohen and extend to them our prayerful best wishes upon the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO ACT AS HOSTESS at the CHANUKAH GATHERING of the

WOMEN'S BRANCH
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Wednesday Afternoon, Dec. 22nd,
1:30 o'clock

PROGRAM

Welcome — Mrs. Allen I. Edles,
President, Greater New York
Chapter

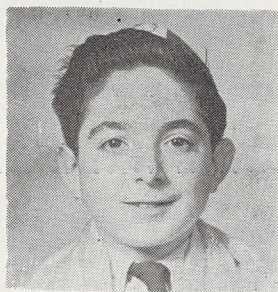
Greeting — Mrs. Harry Ward, Chair-
man, Executive Board, W.S.I.S.
Women's League

Chanukah Message — Rabbi O.
Asher Reichel

Musical Interlude — Cantor Zalmon
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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 4:08
Weekly Portion — Vayeshev
Gen. 37:1-40:23, Amos 2:6-16, 3:1-8
Friday Evening Service 4:20
Saturday Morning Service 8:50
Rosh Chodesh (Teves) Benschen
Junior Congregations 10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls
from 9 to 12 years) 3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 2:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 2:45
Mincha 3:45
Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter
Reader of Service: Herschel Gold
The Sabbath Terminates 4:58
Daily Services:
Sunday Morning 6:45, 8:00, 9:00
Daily Mornings 6:30, 7:30, 8:15
Mincha 4:20

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to the
family of our late member, **Louis
Schneider.**

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OVER 13!!

Our Post Bar Mitzvah group cor-
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By Sanford Solarz

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... **Wedding anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Blatt, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bloomgarten, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham M. Goldberg, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Max Horowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspin, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Mintz, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Whitcup . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to William Ball, Seth Michael Goldstein, Joanne Dale Kurtz, George Levinson, Abraham Robinov, Patricia Ann Sagon, Deborah Lee Streim and Mrs. Jess Ward . . . We are proud of the women of our Congregation who are rendering active service in national organizations. At the recent Convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, Mrs. Jess Ward was re-elected Chairman of the New York Council; Mrs. Aaron Neustadter was reappointed National Membership Chairman; and Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld, Chairman of the JNF New York Council.

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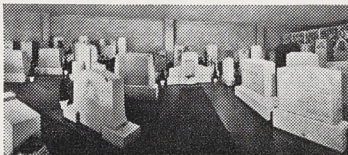
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