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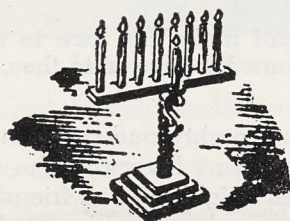
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CHANUKAH NOTES



The Chanukah festival continues today with the lighting tonight of six candles. The candles tonight should be lit **before** the Sabbath candles and tomorrow night, **after** the Havdalah is made.

The Meaning of Chanukah

The festival of Chanukah can hold many lessons for us today. The Rabbis have emphasized the miracle of the cruse of oil at the expense of the story of the Maccabean victory to point out the moral lesson of the times.

The Hasmonean victory was an important victory not only against foreign troops but against foreign influences which were undermining the Jewish nation and its religion.

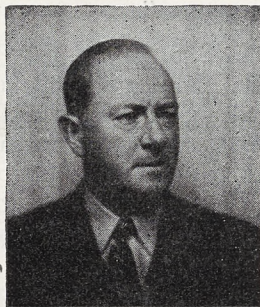
What made the battle of the Maccabees important was more than their military triumph. It was also their determined re-dedication to the elevated life of the Torah.

SCOUT MASTER & CUB MASTER NEEDED FOR OUR SCOUTS

Our Scouts have sent out an S.O.S. for volunteer fathers to help launch our Scout Troop. If you know someone who could serve as a Scout Master, kindly contact Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Rothberg at TR 4-2584.

There is room in our Cub Pack for additional Cubs (boys between the ages of 8 and 11). They also need volunteer mothers for the Sponsors Committee. For further information, please contact Mrs. Minnie Stern at TR 7-5761.

Director Harry Appel Among Leaders In Ticket Sales for Opera Benefit



Director Harry Appel

We are happy to announce the name of one of the leaders in the sale of tickets for our Opera Benefit Performance — our Director Harry Appel. Mr. Appel leads in the efforts for our Benefit Performance of Verdi's "La Traviata" on Sunday, January 16, 1955 at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Indeed, if all our readers and friends would share a part of Mr. Appel's effort, the burden of disposing of the Opera House tickets would be evenly distributed and made an easy task for all.

This year we are indeed fortunate in having an outstanding cast for the opera, including such world-famous stars as Dorothy Kirsten, Jan Peerce, and Robert Merrill. With such a cast, it should not be difficult to sell tickets.

Tickets have been priced from \$2.50 to \$25; with boxes, seating 8, at \$100 and \$125. All can, we are sure, find some prospective purchasers for tickets. Time is running short — why not call the Synagogue Office today?

NEW CLASS TO BE INAUGURATED SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Beginning with this Saturday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, and every Saturday thereafter one hour before Mincha, Rabbi Reichel will conduct a class in Mishna. The text will be interpreted in English. College men and women are cordially invited to attend.

Other classes for adults on Saturdays are given by Rabbi Pekier, in Yiddish, and by Mr. Isaac Allen, in English.

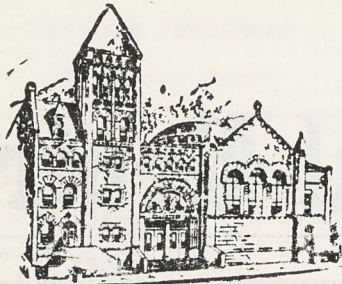
WELCOME HOME COLLEGIATES

During the winter vacation, we know that as in the past, many out-of-town college young men and women will be visiting our Synagogue. We therefore ask their parents to send us a note indicating when their children are expected to be in town. Our Rabbis and officers will be more than happy to invite them personally to receive honors at our Services.

SENIOR LEAGUE CHANUKAH AFFAIR THIS SUNDAY

Young men and young women of our Congregation over 21, are cordially invited to attend a Square Dance sponsored by our Senior League on Sunday night, December 26th. Come one, come all.

RESERVE
Monday Evening, Jan. 17, 1955
for
Women's Club
and
Men's Club
joint meeting



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By MORRIS JABLOW

Recently I visited the office of our Director Mr. Ben Glazer. In the reception room I was confronted by a large sign with a single word "THINK." As though commanded to do so, I began to think. Having a single-track mind, I began to think about our forthcoming Benefit Performance at the Metropolitan Opera House of "La Traviata," on Jan. 16, 1955.

I wondered how many of you, our readers, "think" of the forthcoming event, and realize that the funds are to be used for the maintenance of our many activities. -Of course you know that our Synagogue is open for religious services each and every day of the year; you also know that we conduct a modern Talmud Torah, a club department engaged in organizing and supervising groups of young people as well as classes for adults.

If you do stop to "think" you will know that your personal efforts to aid the sale of tickets will result in

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Preliminary Morning Blessings

Now that the blessing over the Torah has been recited, it is necessary to study the Torah immediately. Otherwise the benediction would be in vain. For that reason a selection from the Bible (Numbers, Chapter 6, verses 24 to 26) from the Mishnah (Peah, Chapter 1, Mishnah 1), and from the Talmud (Berachos 60a) follow.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord turn His face unto thee, and give thee peace."

These three sentences, the Priestly Benediction (the minimum amount to be read when one is called to the Torah) were chosen to indicate to us, first that we are members of "the kingdom of Priests" and accordingly we are to be a blessing to mankind.

To bless one with material and spiritual advantages, without giving him the proper protection against a green eye of jealousy and a violent hand would be a curse rather than a blessing, as we read in Judges, Chapter 6, verse 3: "And it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalakites, and the children of the east, and they went up against them. And they encamped, etc. and destroyed the products of the earth, etc., and they left no sustenance for Israel, etc." Hence the optative is used here, that G-d may keep the blessing intact.

The Rabbis say that if one obtains material prosperity and then

becomes haughty and arrogant, he loses the Divine favor and the good will of his neighbors and friends, as well as his share in the world to come. This is not a blessing. Macaulay said, "It is one thing to attain and another to retain."

The Rabbis in the Sifri say that, "and keep thee," refers to charity. Charity will keep or retain the blessing, as the Rabbis say in the Talmud Kesubos, 66b, "The salting (or preservation) of wealth (by giving charity) seems to make it less, but, just as meat is preserved by salting (which extracts the blood) so wealth is preserved by extracting charity from it."

The Rabbis say in the Sifri that we should have the light of truth, the light of the Torah, reflected in our conduct. Our faces should shine with divine grace. We should be spiritual. We say of some people that they look as if the Schechinah rests upon them.

A TIMELY NOTE FROM THE RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA

"Dear Colleagues:

You are probably already aware of the fact that this year New Year's Eve occurs on Friday evening. While it is much to be regretted, many of our people make large celebrations for the occasion. If they do so this year, they will be compounding a felony by adding Chilul Shabbos.

May we, therefore, suggest that you join us now in taking the necessary steps to avoid such a desecration of the Holy Sabbath."

making this venture a success, thus enabling us to continue the important work of building character, and promoting greater loyalty to Judaism.

I ask you to please "think," and then **act** promptly. Order your tickets at once, and approach your friends and associates, and you will make our opera a success.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

We have been receiving inquiries concerning a Social and Cultural Club, for men and women between 30 and 40 years of age. If there will be a further interest in this kind of group, we will be glad to sponsor it. Those interested should write to the Social Department, c/o W.S.I.S.

MAZEL TOV**Joanne Levine**

Congratulations to Director and Mrs. Morris Levine, upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Joanne, to Mr. Howard E. Glickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Glickman of Lawrence, L. I.

We wish the young couple every measure of the Almighty's bounteous blessings.

OUR CHANUKAH PARTY**An Evening Long To Be Remembered**

Those who were wise enough to put in their reservations early, had jolly good time last Sunday night, at our Chanukah Party — Delicious food, and lots of it, — Square and round dancing and lots of it — and in true Chanukah spirit, an inspiring dramatic presentation, directed by our own Jeanette Karp, with a cast of narrators made up of Mesdames Al Braff, Ben K. Eisenberg, William Foont and Fred Goldstein, from our Women's League, and Mesdames David Epstein, Maurice Goodgold, Gustave Oremland, Marvin Padower, from our Mr. and Mrs. League.

Mr. Abraham Eisenman, President of our Men's Club and Mrs. Michael Weingarten, President of our Women's League beamed with joy and pride at the atmosphere of good will and friendship which pervaded this W.S.I.S. Family function.

A special vote of thanks is due to the hard working Mrs. Joseph Klein chairman and Mrs. Fred Goldstein co-chairman for our Women's League; Mr. Al Braff chairman and Mr. Myron Friedlander co-chairman for the Men's Club and Mrs. Daniel Gribetz chairman, Mesdames Jerome Chrein, Morton Garfiel, Norman Kreisman, and Warren L. Schnur co-chairman for our Mr. and Mrs. League, and to the following mem-

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR PARENTS

We at the W.S.I.S. have prepared the children to celebrate Chanukah in the proper spirit. We ask your cooperation to bring home this "Children's Holidays" by seeing through the following recommendations:

1. Ask your child to relate to you the stories of Chanukah, its laws, and ceremonies.

2. Arrange "things" so that your child participates in the kindling of the Chanukah candles every night.

3. Present your child with Chanukah gifts and Chanukah "gelt."

4. During the week of Chanukah take your child to Chanukah concerts, parties, and shows.

5. Prepare special Chanukah foods for your children such as: potato latkes (pancakes), and especially foods that they enjoy immensely.

6. We urge you especially to take advantage of Chanukah candies, toys, and the colorful Chanukah wrapping paper and napkins for your children's gifts. There are obtainable in Jewish book stores in our neighborhood. You may call our Synagogue for further information.

7. Our Hebrew School will have regular hours every Saturday and Sunday during December and January. There will be no classes, however, during the Public School winter vacation, December 28th, 29th, and 30th. On the 27th there will be a Chanukah Assembly for the entire school at 10:00 o'clock.

Rabbi O. Asher Reichel
Principal

bers of the respective committees.

Among those who deserve honorable mention for their all-out efforts for this affair are Mrs. Harry Ward, who rendered invaluable service in the food requirements for this function, Mmes. Al Braff, Ben K. Eisenberg, William Foont, Walter Freeman, Myron Friedlander, Samuel Gursky, Joseph Kirsch, Frank L. Taks, Michael Weingarten, Andrew Weiss and Miss Evelyn Goldstein, and Messrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Abraham Eisenman, William Foont, Isadore Lauer, Max Selsky, and Frank L. Taks."

RABBI STERN TO LECTURE

Rabbi Tibor H. Stern of the World Academy will lecture on Maimonides Friday evenings, 8:15 P.M., at the Windemere Hotel, 92nd Street and Riverside Drive.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Chanukah candles followed by

Friday Evening Candles up to4:09

Weekly Portion — Miketz

Genesis 44:17, Numbers 28:9-16,
Numbers 7:42-48

Friday Evening Service4:20

Saturday Morning and Rosh

Chodesh Services8:30

Junior Congregations10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls from

9 to 12 years)3:00

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class2:45

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:45

Mincha3:45

Reader of Torah: Albert Schmeidler

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath Terminates4:59

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning6:30, 7:45, 8:45

Monday Morning6:30, 7:30, 8:15

Daily Mornings — Tuesday

through Friday6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha4:20

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ignace Oksenberg and to Mr. Morris Basch, upon the passing of their father, our member **Benjamin Basch**.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Not too late for that Chanukah gift! And, getting really personal, what more wonderful and exciting one can there be from a member or friend of W.S.I.S. than a pair of tickets (or at least one) for one of the most beautiful of all operas, Verdi's immortal "La Traviata", to be presented by our Congregation as its annual Benefit Performance at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 16th. Truly, a gift for a glorious holiday, for a glorious opera and all for the glory of W.S.I.S. . . . Those of our worshippers who braved the elements last Shabbos were amply rewarded by the fine kiddush prepared by director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen in honor of their Silver wedding anniversary . . . Our Women's League has again scored, this time with its overwhelmingly successful Annual Luncheon given by it recently at the Waldorf Astoria. Too much credit can not be given to the Chairman of the affair, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, who gave of herself unstintingly and with dedication in order to insure its success. And, of course, she had the whole hearted support of the conscientious members who served on her committee . . . The host at our Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Aaron Neustadter . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin on the **birth** of another granddaughter Eban, to their children Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reichlin of California, and to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressner, the grandparents, upon the **birth** of Stephanie Frances to their children, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Friede . . . Did you see the beautiful Chanukah decorations in our Social Hall? Besides the active committee of adults responsible for this, we want to give thanks to little Miss Rosanne Schnur and young Master Bruce Davis who assisted.

Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arsham, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron W. Gross, Director and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Levine, Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisel, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter and Mr. and Mrs.

Irving Sabsevitiz . . . Many happy returns to their **natal days** to Mrs. Milton M. Bernard, Mrs. Elias Bloomgarten, Charles Cohen, Mrs. Julius Cohen, David Don, Mrs. Alexander M. Golden, Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Max Horowitz, George Jablow, Morton Leonard Landowne, Mrs. Regina Margaretten (91st), Director Adolph Meirowitz, Mrs. Bertha F. Rafsky, Robert Ratner, David Eric Rifkin, Patricia Ann Shenker, Douglas Weill, Gerald Bruce Weiss, and Toby Wohl.

EXTENSION TALMUD COURSE

The senior students of the Manhattan Day School voluntarily meet Sunday mornings for an additional Talmud class. Young teen-agers who would like to join this group which meets Sundays from 10 A.M. until noon, will be most welcome.

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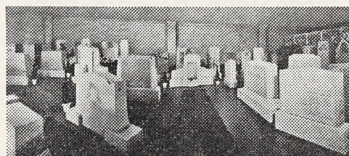
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