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OF OPERA TICKETS!

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Success Of Synagogue Opera Benefit Depends On Your Effort This Week

The closing date for our sale of opera tickets is quickly approaching. Indeed, the efforts of our members, friends, and readers during the next few days may well determine whether or not this year's opera performance will benefit the synagogue as it must. Only through the financial support gained through the co-operation of our friends, can we continue our many activities which are offered our community.

It has been said many times by

our Opera Co-Chairmen that if each member of the synagogue would do his share, we would have long since completed our task. During the next few days, we hope that our readers will make this hope a reality. Please do your duty now!

The opera cast of Metropolitan stars for Verdi's "La Traviata" can virtually sell itself; with Alberto Erede conducting, and Dorothy Kirsten, Robert Merrill, and Jan Peerce participating, any opera

lover would jump at the chance to attend. We can assure those who do not consider themselves "opera-goers" that the ever popular Verdi opera will provide them with a fine evening's entertainment.

We hope we will hear from YOU this week to tell us that you will take another pair of tickets for yourself or for friends. Let us all make this synagogue effort the success it can and should be.

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of our Men's Club will be held on this Monday evening, January 3. All the men of the congregation who are interested in participating in the club's social and synagogue activities are cordially invited to attend, Mr. Abraham Eisenman, president of the Club declared.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 P.M. and will include a social program as well as the regular business meeting.

RESERVE

Monday Eve., Jan. 17, 1955

for

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and

Men's Club

joint meeting

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WORLD ACADEMY

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Rabbi Tibor H. Stern

"The Composition of the Jewish Prayer Book"

Wednesday, January 5, 1955

8:15 P.M.

SABBATH KINDERGARTEN TO OPEN NEXT SATURDAY

For the convenience of our young parents who would like to attend and participate in our popular Sabbath morning Services, our Congregation will again provide a Kindergarten Service for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 5, beginning next Saturday morning, January 8th. Our parents are cordially invited to bring their youngsters into our Kindergarten room, next to the Social Hall, every Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The youngsters should be called for after services.

THE MISHNA CLASS

will meet in the Synagogue this Saturday afternoon at 2:55 P.M.

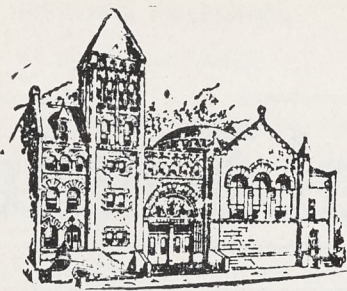
MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE TO MEET NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

One of our members, Mr. David Epstein will lead a discussion on "America Jewry's Stake in Israel", at the monthly Friday evening Get-Together of our Mr. and Mrs. League, which will take place on January 7th. Michael Breen will again lead us in group singing, Warren L. Schnur will be moderator. The hosts for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Chrein. All young married couples of our Synagogue Family, are urged to keep that date open. Our PTA are especially welcome to participate in this monthly program.

90 YEARS YOUNG

Our heartiest felicitations to Mr. Solomon Rosenfield upon his reaching his 90th birthday. Mr. Rosenfield studies the Talmud daily in our Beth Hamidrash for several hours before Mincha Services. He has been a regular worshipper in our Synagogue for many years.

May G-d spare him many more years to us in good health and vigorous spirit.



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TALMUD TORAH NOTES

All Hebrew classes will meet regularly beginning with Saturday and Sunday, January 1st and 2nd, at the usual time.

Our Junior Congregation will be the hosts at a Birthday Party next Saturday morning, January 8th.

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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Preliminary Morning Blessings

"And Be Gracious Unto Thee"

Namely to find grace in the eyes of all with whom we come in contact (as did Joseph). This is indispensable to one's success in life. Ability is not the only essential equipment for a career. It may be denied, disputed and even disregarded. Thus we also say in our "Grace after Meals." "May we find grace and good understanding in the sight of G-d and man." This, by the way, is the prayer with which my dear mother, of blessed memory, always sent me forth whenever I embarked upon any undertaking.

Our Rabbis have also rendered, "And be gracious unto thee," to

"The Lord lift up His countenance

This is a blessing for good will between G-d and Israel.

Peace or harmony is regarded by the Rabbis as of the greatest value. "There is nothing" they say "which holds and preserves blessing as peace." (See the last Mishna in the Mishna's).

So highly did the Almighty regard peace that even when the Israelites worshipped idols but lived peacefully (united) among themselves, He delayed punishment and waited patiently for their repentance, as we read in Hosea, Chapter 4, verse 17, "Ephraim is united (though) idolatrous, let him alone." Peace is deemed as such a priceless treasure that Israel was en-

mean that we be endowed with the spirit of pity or mercy. We, the Jewish people, have exercised this quality of mercy even at the peril of our national existence and toward those whose crimes against us have been enormous. I refer particularly to the First Book of Kings, Chapter 20, verse 31, where we read, "And his servants said unto him (Benhadad) behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are kings of mercy; let us, we pray thee put sackcloth on our loins . . . So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away (alive)."

unto Thee and Give thee Peace."

joined even when compelled to wage war, never to commence hostilities without sending one final epistle, offering peace to the enemy, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 20, verse 10, "When thou comest night unto a city to fight against it, then summon it with words of peace, etc." Moses carried out this injunction as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 2, verse 26. This has ever been the Jewish practice. Our divine prophets, when portraying the future golden age for Israel and for all humanity added the bright colors of universal peace to make the picture complete. (See Isaiah, Chapter 2, verse 4, Chapter 11, verses 6 to 9 and Micah, Chapter 4, verses 3 to 6.).

"These are the things which have no fixed measure: the corners of the field, the first fruits, the offerings brought on appearing before the Lord at the three festivals, the practice of charity and the study of the Law. — These are the things, the fruits of which a man enjoys in this world, while the stock remains for him for the world to come: viz., honoring father and mother, the practice of charity, timely attendance at the house of study morning and evening, hospitality to wayfarers, visiting the sick, dowering the bride, attending the dead to the grave, devotion in prayer, and making peace between man and his fellow; but the study of the Law is equal to them all." (Mishnah. Treatise Pea, ch. i.)

In regard to all these precepts, the reward has no measure. It has been very great. From the observance of giving to the poor of the corner of the field, Boaz chanced to meet Ruth who became his wife, and he was blessed to have as a grandchild, David, who became a

king of the Jewish People and so also from the first fruits, which was so blessed that it fed two thousand from what ordinarily would feed one hundred people. "And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of G-d bread of
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DIRECTOR AND MRS. GEORGE L. LIVINGSTON**Celebrate 40 Years Of Marriage**

The entire Congregation Family joins in felicitating our Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston and extend to them our prayerful best wishes upon the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

SYNAGOGUE OFFICE CAN OBTAIN STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

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JUNIOR CONGREGATIONS EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

We are happy to announce that two of our own old time 'graduates' of the Junior Congregation, Hershel Gold and Samuel Ward, are in charge of that activity this year.

Parents are urged to send their children to these sessions on Saturday mornings, which begin at 10:30. The youngsters present participate in congregational singing, serve as cantors and 'officials,' and partake of delicious refreshments at the close of the hour. There are two sections for "seniors" and "juniors."

We are sure that parents will understand the importance of such an activity for their children. By attending a service geared to their level and spiritual needs, the children's normal religious and spiritual development is greatly aided and enhanced. In addition, parents attending the regular services in our Synagogue are better able to worship undisturbed when they know that their children are being cared for.

The Prayer Book

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the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, 'Give unto the people, that they may eat.' And his servitor said, 'What, should I set this before a hundred men?' He said again, 'Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the L-rd, they shall eat, and shall leave thereof. So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the L-rd.' (II Kings, 4:42 to the end). So, also, in regard to appearing in the Temple, Hannah was blessed with a son, the Prophet Samuel, as we read in I Samuel 1:17, "And Eli answered and said (to Hannah) 'Go in peace: and the G-d of Israel thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.'" So, also, in regard to personal service, Abraham was blessed with a son, Isaac. So, also, in regard to the Torah, we are rewarded with character, which is a victory and not a gift, for from it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4, verse 23) or as the prophet Amos put it, "For thus saith the L-rd, unto the House of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live." Therefore the concluding words of this chapter of are, "And the study of the Torah is the sum of all (the preceding)". For through the study of the Torah we learn all the qualities of a victorious character.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 4:15
Weekly Portion — Vayigash
Friday Evening Service4:30
Saturday Morning Service9:00
Junior Congregations10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls from 9 to 12 years)3:00
Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class2:55
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:55
(Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class will be resumed next Saturday)
Mincha3:55
Reader of Torah: Joseph Weisenfeld
Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg
The Sabbath Terminates5:09
Daily Services:
Sunday Morning6:45, 8:00, 9:00
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Tuesday Morning (Asara Beteves)6:45, 7:30, 8:30
Tuesday Morning Selichos6:30, 8:10
Mincha4:30

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Mr. Charles Neuwirth, upon the passing of his mother, **Rose Neuwirth.**

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.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

We were happy to see at our last Sabbath morning services the following of our out-of-town Collegiates, who were in for their mid-year vacation and for the Chanukah holiday: Jay Ball, David and Judith Beier, Steven Eisenberg and Monroe Haas and Jack Wohl. It was also gratifying to us to observe that out-of-town College influences have not detracted from their loyalty to W.S.I.S. . . . Our Congregational Citation of Merit to Herbert Goldberg, son of Mr. and Mrs Jacob Goldberg, upon his election as Vice President of his class at City College . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Jacob Goldberg . . . Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kirsh upon the **engagement** of their son Robert to Miss Felice Rinder. Robert only recently returned from a stint with our Country's Armed Forces in Korea . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Schwartz upon the **marriage** of their daughter Audrey to Eugene Erlichman; to our members Dr. and Mrs. Leo Lindenbaum upon the **marriage** of their daughter Livia Susanne to our member Leo Schenker; and to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kalker upon the **birth** of a son Alan Jay, and to the grandparents Director and Mrs. Moses Langer and Mrs. Rose Kalker . . . Our matriarch Mrs. Regina

Margareten celebrated her 91st birthday by taking a picture with one of her six great-great-grandchildren, Wendy Weiss . . . Our best wishes for a pleasant stay in Florida to Men's Club President and Mrs. Abraham Eisenman, Vice Pres. Fred Heiser, Director and Mrs. Morris Levine, Director and Mrs. Joseph Settel and Treasurer and Mrs. Samuel Silver . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to our First Vice President Samuel W. Siegel . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander M.

Golden, Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Landowne, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ratner, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Lynton Charles Wiener . . . Many Happy Returns of their **birthdays** to Morris Bank, Jack Bendheim, Mrs. Kurt Benjamin, Mrs. Miki Berger, Dr. Gerald Blankfort, Director Herman H. Cohen, Carol Anne Etra, Jacob Golden, Mrs. Samuel Greenman, Abraham Charles Kalker, Beth Leah Levine, Robert Linker, Maurice Spanbock and Mrs. Samuel Tessler.



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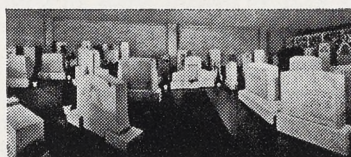
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