

MORNING SERVICES
TOMORROW AT 8:45

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS

"ALL STAR SHOW"

The Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans will participate in that organization's 10th Annual All-Star Show, Commander Marvin Padawer of the Post has announced.

The show will mark the veterans' organization's participation in the Tercentenary and is dedicated to the "300th Anniversary of Jewry in America." It will take place on Wednesday, May 18 in Madison Square Garden.

Tickets, available through the Post, are \$4.50 and \$6.00. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

WORLD ACADEMY

Lecture Series

Rabbi Tibor H. Stern

"Electricity, Chemistry, Medicine,
in Jewish Law"

Wednesday Eve., February 16

All welcome!

A NOTICE FOR COLLEGIATES

We don't know of any college that has sessions on George Washington's birthday February 22nd — so we decided to sponsor a Social Dance the night before, Monday, February 21st at 8 o'clock. We have made all the arrangements with all the trimmings. All we ask for, are our Collegiates and their friends.

Enough said?

MR. SAMUEL SILVER TO SERVE AGAIN AS SEDER CHAIRMAN



Samuel Silver

We are happy to announce that our Director, Mr. Samuel Silver, has been appointed this year to serve as chairman of the committee in charge of our annual Congregational Sederim.

The Seder nights fall this year, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 6 and 7. As in the past they will take place at the Hotel Esplanade, West End Avenue and 74th Street, within easy walking distance of the Synagogue.

There has been no change in the price: \$10 per person per night, including all gratuities.

Proper arrangements for a dignified and successful seder take some time. We ask, therefore, that those who are interested in attending, contact the Synagogue Office, as soon as possible.

SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

Young men and women over 21 are cordially invited to attend an open meeting of our Senior League.

The next meeting will take place on Sunday night, February 13, beginning at 8:30 o'clock in the Synagogue Building.

You Are Invited To Join Our Party



Mrs. Walter Freeman

Co-Treasurers of Children's Village Luncheon

Everyone loves a good time and that's what the Women's League promises you if you attend their Children's Village Luncheon on February 28th, 1955.

Time: 12 noon

Place: Synagogue

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Afternoon of Games

Price only \$2. per person — All monies go to the support of the W.S.I.S. Children's Village in Israel.

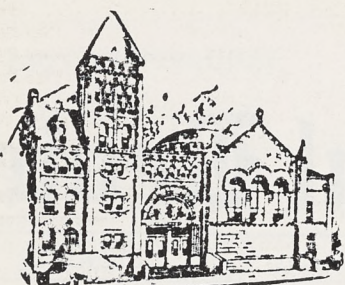
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Mrs. Leopold Hirsch

isfaction of knowing that you are providing comfort to children. Our Treasurers ask that you make your reservations at once. The blank below is for your convenience.

Enclosed please find check for.....
@ \$2. per person, for W.S.I.S. Children's Village Afternoon of Games on February 28.



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YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH SABBATH

Our Annual Youth Sabbath, at which the young men of our Congregational Family will conduct the Synagogue Services, and the young ladies will be the hostesses at a Kiddush, will be held on Saturday, March 26th.

Those of our readers of the younger set who wish to participate as readers of a portion of the Torah, recipients of "Mitzvos," ushers, or hostesses, are cordially urged to return the coupon below at once.

Dear Rabbi Reichel:

I wish to participate in the W.S.I.S. Youth Sabbath on March 26th as

- ☐ Reader of the Torah
☐ Recipient of a "Mitzvah"
☐ Hostess
☐ Usher

Name

Address

Phone

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Morning Blessings

"WHO GAVE TO THE ROOSTER"

This blessing is prescribed in the Talmud Berachos 60b. This may also be translated, see Job 38:36, as referring to the "mind". Now that we have passed through the night, and have thanked G-d for rising from sleep, we express our gratitude for the power of discernment, or for the power of nature, (of the rooster) that awakens us on the morning to perform His service. Israel Abrahams in his Companion to the Authorized Daily Prayer-Book says, "On awakening the worshipper expresses his sense of the order of Nature

and of the marvellous regularity of her operations." Hence it is probable that this benediction is to be traced to Job xxviii. 36, a passage eulogizing the providence and power of G-d. Various translations have been given of this verse in Job, but the Rabbis (Talmud, Rosh Hashana 26 a) translate it: "Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts (of man), or who hath given understanding to the cock?" Thus both the intelligence of man and the instinct of the whole animal world are derived from the same divine source.

"WHO HAS NOT MADE US A GENTILE... A SLAVE... A WOMAN"

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 4, verse 20: "But the L-rd hath taken you and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto Him a people of inheritance as ye are this day."

We thus express our thankfulness to G-d for not being born in any of these three categories. The reason is evident, namely because any one of the three mentioned are excused from observing many a Biblical commandment.

The Vilna Gaon, suggested instead of "Blessed art Thou... who has not made me a heathen," the positive statement, "Blessed art Thou who hast made me an Israelite." (See Talmud Menachos 43, and the "Rosh" on Talmud Berachos 60b; also Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim

46:4, Magen Abraham and Magen David, loc. cit., and the Vilna Gaon's Siddur.)

The reason that the majority have retained the reading, "Who hast not made me a heathen," instead of "Who hast made me an Israelite," is given by the Magen Abraham in the Orach Chaim (46:4) as follows: "The Talmud says it would be better if man were not born." However, since he was born, then he can only thank G-d that he was not born a gentile.

We certainly should stand in awe and in reverence for this gratitude on the part of the Jew. In the darkest ages, persecuted and hounded by his enemies, when it was difficult to be a Jew, he proclaimed his thanksgiving for his higher destiny.

A SLAVE

We do not thank G-d for our freedom but for our destiny.

A WOMAN

We thank G-d for the privilege of having more obligations more Mitzvahs to observe.

"WHO MADE ME ACCORDING TO HIS WILL"

The woman does not complain and accepts with satisfaction the conditions as they are, and is pre-

pared to do her best with her responsibilities.

Save the date!

SUNDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27

Cantor Zalmon Yavneh

ANNUAL CONCERT

None of our readers will want to miss this exciting musical event!

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MAZEL TOV



Debra Siegel

Our heartiest congratulations to our First Vice-President, Mr. Samuel W. Siegel, and our Women's League Vice-President, Mrs. Siegel, upon the engagement of their daughter, Debra, to Daniel Rotto, son of Mr. Sol Rotto.

The bride-to-be, known to her friends as "Debbie," attended the University of California and was graduated from Washington Square College of New York University.

The prospective bridegroom was graduated from the School of Business of Columbia University and received a master's degree from the Graduate School of Business Administration of N.Y.U. During World War II, he served for three years as accounting officer in the Adjutant General's office attached to the Contract Termination Division of the U.S. Signal Corps.

TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Lloyd Joseph Shulman

Our heartiest congratulations to our Director and Mrs. Leo Weinstein the grandparents and to Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Shulman, the parents, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Lloyd Joseph, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

METROPOLITAN
MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Our readers may be interested in a special exhibit currently on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In conjunction with the celebration of the Tercentenary of American Jewry, the Museum is displaying a collection of Jewish ceremonial objects. Some of these beautiful and rare pieces date back before 1500. They include Torah ornaments, spice boxes and other objects.

The exhibit is now open and will remain so through most of February. The museum is located at Fifth Avenue and 82nd Street.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to 5:09

Weekly Portion — Jethro

Exodus 18:1-21:1 Isaiah 6:1-13, 7:1-6 9:5-6

Friday Evening Service5:20

Saturday Morning Service8:45

Junior Congregations10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten for Children

4 to 610:30

Oneg Shabbos (Girls from

9 to 12 years)3:00

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class3:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:40

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:40

Mincha4:40

Reader of Torah: Seymour Ukeles

Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath Terminates5:57

Daily Services:

Sunday Morning6:45, 8:00, 9:00

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha5:20

Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

TO SARAH BUCH

Although we are apart
Forever will remain in my heart
In heaven now you sleep
My love for you, forever re-
mains deep.

Yours,

Louis J. Buch

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

We were honored by the presence at our last Sabbath morning Services of Mr. Moses Feuerstein of Brookline, Massachusetts, Mr. William Weiss and Hon. William B. Herlands, President and Honorary Presidents, respectively, of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and not forgetting our Rabbi Goldstein . . . It was also a source of gratification to us to have at Services Mr. and Mrs. Leo Feigenbaum and their son from Syracuse . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to our President and Mrs. Lester Udell and daughter Maxine . . . Welcome home on the inbound W.S.I.S. Florida shuttle to our Director Abraham M. Druckman . . . Our best wishes to Dr. Irwin J. Cohen, son of our members Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Cohen upon his return from the military service and the reopening of his office . . . Happy to hear that Mrs. Aaron Neustadter is well on the road to robust health . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mr. Karl Eckstein and to Mrs. Isadore Sterkin . . . Our prospective membership list is continuing to grow: Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our members Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Tillem upon the birth of a daughter Susan Leslie to their children Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tillem; to our member Hon. Albert Wald upon the birth of a boy to his children Dr. and Mrs. Neil Wald, now in Japan; and to our members Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reichlin and Dr. and Mrs. William Damesheck upon the birth of a son Douglas James to their children Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Reichlin . . . Heartiest congratulations to Renee Merkin upon her engagement to Emil Kestenbaum in Los Angeles . . . Our thanks to Mr. George Handler for the colorful blocks that he has provided for our Kindergarten from time to time . . . **Wedding anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. David Ellman, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Herman, Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan and Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Rosenholz . . . Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Irving Bellsey, Judge David N. Edel-

stein, Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein, Charna Lee Horowitz, William Jacobs, Alexander Kirsh, Morton Langer, Annette Pash, Solomon Strausberg and Yonina Yavneh.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Mr. Julius Cohen upon the loss of his brother **Alexander Cohen**.

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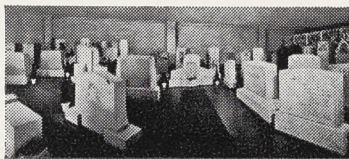
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