

PRAYERS FOR ROSH CHODESH
THIS SATURDAY MORNING

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Opera Committee Asks For Full Support Of Congregation In Task Of Selling 3500 Opera Tickets For January 15, 1956

"The sale of this year's Benefit Performance tickets ought to be an easy one," the Opera Committee said recently. The Committee, composed of Messrs. Herman H. Cohen, Jacob Kaplan, and Joseph Settel, is in charge of disposing of the 3500 seats of the Metropolitan Opera House for the January 15, 1956, performance of Johann Strauss' "Fledermaus."

"Our friends should be eager to aid in the sale of the tickets and their friends, in turn, should be more

than happy to attend a performance of one of the most popular works in the Metropolitan's repertoire," the committee added.

The production of Fledermaus is in English — clear and entertaining — and is so written and presented that even the most "luke-warm" on grand opera will indeed be fascinated. It can meet and far surpass the best of current Broadway productions. An all-star Metropolitan Opera cast will participate and surely make the evening a delight to the eye, ear, and heart.

Although we are sure that our many friends are well aware of the purpose of this Benefit, we think it bears repetition. Our institution depends on all its friends for the support it needs to continue its varied activities. One of the ways in which we show our support is by participation in the Opera Benefit. We hope we can count on you for your cooperation.

Contact the Opera Committee or the Synagogue Office, therefore, for tickets for yourself and your friends.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Saturday, November 12 at 3 P.M.

Oneg Shabbat for Boys and Girls

Sunday morning

Gym program with the Jewish Center.

Sunday, November 13, at 7:30 P.M.

Intermediate group for boys and girls between 15 and 17.

Monday, November 14th at 7:30 P.M.

Post Bar Mitzvah Club. Boys and girls over 13 are welcome.

Friday, November 18th at 8:30 P.M.

Get Together of college age young men and women at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel, 230 West 79th Street.

TUESDAY NIGHT —

LADIES NIGHT

AT THE W.S.I.S.

Starting November 1st at 8 P.M., Ruth Kessler will lead a weekly informal program designed for your relaxation. This will include dancing, exercise, etc.

Since this group must necessarily be limited in number, please contact one of the following:

Mrs. Gene Kessler — TR 3-9161

Mrs. Maurice Kalker — EN 2-2481

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 8 P.M.

Prof. Hoenig's Lecture on
"Classics in Jewish Literature"

Wednesday, 7 P.M.

Beginner's Hebrew

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

Intermediate Hebrew

Wednesday, 8:30 P.M.

Advanced Hebrew

1955 Israel Dairy

By Mrs. Goldstein

Monday, May 30, 1955

An effort is being made to do away with these "Work Villages" altogether. The present policy of the government is to take the immigrants right from the boat and put them into homes of their own. Each family gets a house, a piece of ground, and implements with which to work their ground, so that they can get established, self-reliant and independent with as little delay as possible. Those who are still living in the "Work Villages," where conditions are far from desirable, are there from choice. The government is anxious to liquidate the Work Villages. Those remaining in the Mahbahrot are there because they prefer to live near a city, as the opportunity for making money is greater in the cities.

We passed thru Lydda — where the largest Airport in Israel is situated. This city, which is now all Jewish in population, was once so

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REMINDER

As members of the W.S.I.S. Family, it is our wish to take part in all your joys and sorrows. This we can only do, if you help us. Please call the office and inform us of sad or happy occasions.

We do not want to miss your name in our Review.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise — Psalm 149

"SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG. HIS PRAISE IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THOSE THAT LOVE HIM."

When the world will truly embrace the doctrine of Monotheism, then the songs of Israel will be new and different than the old ones. The former songs were mingled with sighing, with longing, and with deferred hope; the new ones will be full of unalloyed gladness and thanksgiving.

Here we have the phrase שיר חדש "new song" in the masculine gender, whilst elsewhere, referring to Egypt we have the feminine שירה חדשה "a new song." Man works, and brings home the fruits of his labors, — the sustenance, — which the woman receives. In regard to Egypt, the feminine form is used, because G-d did the work, and Israel was the recipient. Thus we pray here, in this Psalm, that we should be

worthy of being the male power, worthy alone, because of our own good deeds to be redeemed, and not because of G-d's pity. In Egypt, we did not deserve, on our own account, to be redeemed, but because of our suffering, G-d showed us His pity and redeemed us as an act of loving-kindness. Therefore, we say here, and at the close of the Hallel in the Hagadda on Passover night, שיר חדש (masculine form) that we should be worthy because of our merit to be redeemed physically and spiritually. Such a redemption is a lasting one. I pray that today the redemption of Israel in the Holy Land, shall not be merely out of pity for the scattered refugee, as at present; but should in the future be a lasting one because of our own worthiness.

"HIS PRAISE IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS OR OF THOSE THAT LOVE HIM."

Israel will become better and better, as they begin to enjoy the Redemption. I think we are now at the entrance of this era.

"LET ISRAEL REJOICE IN HIS MAKER."

Or as the Hebrew has it בעשיו "In his making," namely, in the performance of a Mitzvah. Let us say, for instance, in the putting on the Tefilin, or in the observance of the Sabbath etc.

We might observe a commandment, with mental reservation or with a question in our mind as to why G-d should have given us so many commandments. Therefore, we have the following, —

"LET THE CHILDREN OF ZION REJOICE IN THEIR KING."

We are to be thankful to G-d our King (and not as we read in Ecclesiastes 10:20: "In thy thought, curse not the king") for giving us copious commandments, which are spiritual exercises, for the purification of our soul.

We read in the closing statement of each one of the chapters of the Ethics of the Fathers, Rabbi Chananya ben Akashya said, "The Holy One Blessed be He, wanted to make Israel worthy, wherefore He gave them a copious Torah, and many commandments. Rabbi Chananya gives the reason why the Jewish people are called "The Chosen People." We were chosen to live by and carry out the commandments of the

copious Torah, which G-d gave us. In view of this gift, we are freighted with more responsibilities than the other peoples. The more Torah, the more obligation. If only our young people, could understand this dictum of Rabbi Chananya, how wonderful would be the outlook for Israel today. We are made better, worthier, nobler, because of the copious Torah, and the many commandments. The more commandments we follow, the less our danger of going wrong. The Torah in view of its very minute and detailed exactions points out and indicates the safe road for every individual. Thus Israel was made worthy when G-d gave them much Torah and many commandments.

Our Women's League

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL LUNCHEON TO HAVE LAVISH TREASURE CHEST



Mrs. Walter Freeman



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One of the attractive features of the Women's League Annual Luncheon is their huge gift-laden table. Thanks to the untiring year round efforts of the dedicated Co-Chairmen Mrs. Walter Freeman and Mrs. Kate Goodman, attractive prizes are piling up. They urge all who have promised gifts to please bring them to the Synagogue as soon as possible. Those who have not promised may bring them too. Just be sure to have your name on the package.

Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Goodman are striving to fulfill a cherished dream — to have enough gifts so that every guest will leave the Luncheon with a beautiful prize. Please help them.

We hope you have saved the date.

Monday, December 12th, 1955

Sert Room, Waldorf Astoria

Admission, sale of one subscription book, or \$15.00.

Mrs. Weingarten To Review "Marjorie Morningstar" At Women's League Open Meeting This Monday

All the women of the congregation and their friends are invited to an **Open Meeting** November 14th at 12:30 noon.

Once again we will have the pleasure of listening to our own Beatrice Weingarten. She will review the most talked about novel of our day — "Marjorie Morningstar" by Herman Wouk.

This is a **treat** too good to be missed.

Come and join us for coffee and cake.

Please do not forget to bring your prizes for our December 12th Luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 21st FRANCONIA HOTEL 12:30 NOON

You are a guest of the Women's League at this enjoyable function; free to all paid-up members. Come and have a good time.

It is still not too late to make your reservations by writing to our Chairmen, Mrs. Edward Jacobs, 400 West End Avenue or Mrs. Joseph Klein, 210 West 78th Street.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

A special refresher course in the Hebrew language and in the Bible will be given on Thursday afternoons at 5 o'clock for boys and girls over 13 years of age. The first session will begin this Thursday, November 17 at 5 o'clock.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Cheshvan 26

Light candles before 4:22
Evening Service 4:35

Saturday, Cheshvan 27

Prayers for the New Month

Weekly Portion: Chaye Sarah

Genesis 23:1-25:18 I Kings 1:1-31

Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregations 10:30

Leaders: Mervin Frankel, Seymour Klein, Louis Pekier, Michael Rosenberg

Sabbath Kindergarten

(children 4 to 6) 10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:00

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class 3:00

Mincha 4:00

Reader of Torah: Herschel Gold

Reader of Service: Shelly Schneider

The Sabbath terminates 5:12

Sunday, Cheshvan 28

Morning services 7:15, 8:00, 9:00

Monday, Cheshvan 29

Morning services 6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tuesday, Cheshvan 30 and

Wednesday, Kislev 1

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Morning services 6:30, 7:30, 8:15

Daily Services

Morning 6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha 4:35

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Director, Judge David N. Edelstein, were among the invited guests at a luncheon given by the City of New York to President Carlos Castillo Armas of Guatemala.

... Not only as an impresario of the opera, does our Director, Herman H. Cohen distinguish himself, but also as an eminent authority on accounting and taxation. He recently addressed the members of Rochester Accountants, Bar, Bankers, and Chamber of Commerce on the subject of "Income Tax Aspects of Investing in Gas and Oil Enterprises."

... We welcome into our neighborhood Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schwartz ... We are happy to welcome home Ilah Klein, daughter of our Women's League Executive Board member, Mrs. Joseph Klein, from her extensive trip to Europe ... The host of our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Leon Herman ... All best wishes to Mrs. Elsie Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter, the grandparents, and to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Neustadter, the parents, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Stanley Elias ... Mazel Tov to our Director and Mrs. William Bassar upon the birth of Pamela Arline to their children Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Shanker ... **Wedding Anniversary** greetings to Mr. and Mrs. William Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Linker, Director and Mrs. Harry Mirken, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schloss, Director and Mrs. Irving Streit, Director and Mrs. Frank L. Taks, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Udell, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Weiss, and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Yavneh ... Many happy returns of their **natal days** to Jacob Bayer, Harry Cohen, Samuel Cohen, Judith Penina Cohn, Myron Friedlander, Mrs. Aaron Gross, Susan Gross, Leo Jacobowitz, Dr. J. W. Kahn, Jerome Kamerman, Nathan Kamerman, Maurice Kaprow, Richard Elihu Kobrin, Samuel Pincus, Anna G. Robinov, Mrs. Julius Rosen, Stanley Shulster, Suzanne Weiss, and Dr. Louis Wexler.

PLEASE NOTE!

A modern Ritualarium (Mikvah) is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St., MO 3-0300.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS MEETING THIS WEEK

The Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans will hold its next meeting this Wednesday night, November 16, in the Synagogue building. All the members are urged to attend and to bring their friends as well, Marvin B. Padawer, Commander of the Post said.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at about 8:30 P.M.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL DINNER IN TWO WEEKS

May we remind our readers of the important neighborhood community project which is to take place in two weeks, the 12th annual dinner of the Manhattan Day School. The dinner will be held on Sunday evening, November 27th, at the Hotel Pierre.

Many of the officers and directors of our congregation are actively interested in the important and vital work the School is doing. Our own Vice President Samuel W. Siegel is the School's president. It is most fitting, therefore, that the members of the W.S.I.S. back these men in their important work.

Reservations may be made by telephone MO. 2-9504, or the Synagogue office. We urge you to do it today.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member **Isidor Alpert**.

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Israel Diary

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completely Arab, that if a Jew drove thru it, he was pelted with stones.

On the roads, there are many signs, cautioning drivers to be careful ... One was particularly intriguing. It read (in Hebrew): "Driver, Be Careful, To fly is only for aeroplanes. (A picture of an airplane punctuated this sentence.) You must go slowly and watch the road."

Among the many places we passed on our way back to Jerusalem, was Eshtaol, which was mentioned in the Haftorah of last Saturday, as the place where Samson lived.

Passing a place mentioned in the Bible, as we frequently do, here, gives one a unique and indescribable sensation.

When we came to the top of the steep mountainous road which leads up to and into Jerusalem, we beheld hundreds of children, all dressed in white, apparently waiting for somebody. The mystery was solved when we saw stretched from one side of the road to the other, elevated high enough not to interfere with traffic, an immense sign which read, in Hebrew, of course, "Welcome into the gates of Jerusalem", and we were told that the Prime Minister of the Union of Burma, U Nu, was on his way to Jerusalem. He is the first head of a State to be the official guest of the Government of Israel.

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