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Our Women's League, Men's Club, Mr. and Mrs. League and our Buddy Friedman Jewish War Veterans Post have joined hands and have gone "all out" to make our Chanukah Party tomorrow night (Saturday, December 10th) at 8 P.M., in our Social Hall a most de-

lightful affair.

Those who have already signified their intention to attend can look forward to that warm spirit of friendship and good-will, which is so characteristic of all W.S.I.S. functions. There will be enjoyable games, delicious refreshments and lovely

prizes — all for the minimum subscription charge of \$2.50 per person.

If you have not already made your reservation we suggest that you phone the Synagogue — TR 7-8281 — at once, and inquire if the limit of our capacity has not already been reached.

Charles Kullman, An Outstanding Singer, To Perform in Our Opera Benefit on January 15



Charles Kullman
as Eisenstein

We are happy to add the name of another of the Metropolitan Opera's stars to the list of those who will perform for us at our benefit opera on Sunday evening, January 15, 1956. Mr. Charles Kullman will play the role of Gabriel Von Eisenstein, in the opera "Fledermaus."

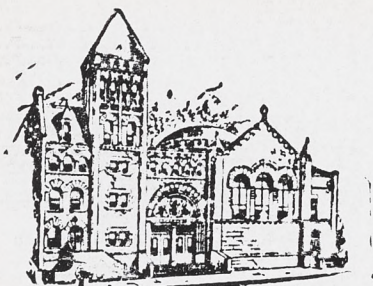
Mr. Kullman joins a list of stars including Eleanor Steber, Patrice Munsel and Jarmila Novotna. In addition, the noted Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus under the conductor Tibor Kozma will all join in the production of the Johann Strauss opera. We do not hesitate to repeat the fact that this production of the opera is entirely in English.

As usual, there are a stalwart few

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who are already very active in the task of disposing of the many tickets which we have on hand. We hope that this next week will see many more of our friends obtain tickets not only for themselves but for their friends and associates as well. Why not do your synagogue a good turn at the same time that you give a Chanukah gift to your friend by making the gift a pair of tickets to the Opera? A more delightful gift would be hard to obtain. Call the Synagogue office today, TR 7-8281.



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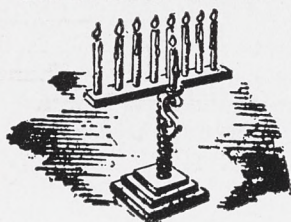
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CHANUKAH NOTES



With the lighting, before Shabbos, of the first candle tonight, we begin the festival of Chanukah. The festival commemorates the miracle of the temple lights, which took place, following a successful revolt, under the leadership of the Maccabees, against persecution for practicing the Jewish religion.

Chanukah Lights

In commemoration of the miracle, Jews throughout the centuries have lit candles for eight days beginning with the 25th of Kislev. We begin with one candle and add an extra light each night.

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 nisah' publicizing the miracle. Therefore, we place the

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THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise

"BLESSED BE THE LORD FOR ALL TIME."

This expresses the faith of the Jew, that we must bless G-d at all times, whether in sorrow or whether in joy, as we read in the Mishnah in Berachos, חייב אדם "one is obliged to bless G-d for sorrow, as we would bless for joy." Thus, we have 2 blessings: (1) "Blessed art Thou O Lord, the true Judge," and (2) "Blessed art Thou O Lord, our G-d, King of the Universe, who art good, and dispenses good."

The Ridniger Rebbe was asked how can we reconcile this? He answered, that wherever the word חייב is used, as a rule it is difficult to observe, as for instance, one is חייב obliged to honor his in-laws. One is חייב obliged to call upon his Rabbi during the Festivals, even to leave his home, if necessary. However, where the word, מצוה Mitzvah is used, the commandment can be carried out more easily, as for instance,

it is a Mitzvah to tell the story of the Exodus of Egypt.

The Mishnah, in using the term חייב, one is obliged, (as the Ridniger Rebbe, explained), to bless G-d for sorrow, as well as for joy, but it is a difficult obligation. King David declared "I will sing whether it is in Lovingkindness or whether he executes stern Justice, I will sing unto Thee, O Lord, I will sing praises." Psalms 101:1. The Midrash tells of a story of a man who in his hurry to make his steamer for a voyage, got his foot stuck into a nail, before he could get it extricated, and treated for same, he missed the boat. He cried out, "My luck." Two or three days later he heard the boat was sunk. Well could he have declared with the Prophet Isaiah, "I thank Thee that Thou hast punished me." Isaiah 12:1.

"AMEN AND AMEN"

This is the 53rd verse of Psalm 89, closing the third book of the Five Books of Psalms. The repetition of the word "Amen" is for emphasis. The word AMEN in English is not a translation, but a transliteration of the Hebrew word אמן. The translations, "it is true," or "so let it be" as G-d is the faithful King. The let-

ters of אמן are the 1st letters of אלה מלך נאמן "G-d Faithful King". See also Isaiah 65:16, "so that he who blesses himself by the earth, shall bless himself by the G-d of אמן truth, and he that sweareth by the earth shall swear by the G-d of אמן of truth.

"BLESSED BE THE LORD OUT OF ZION" (Psalm 135 verse 21)

We have here and in the next 2 verses, G-d being first recognized in Zion, at Moriah, in Israel (see next verse) and then by the whole world (see the concluding verse).

"The Lord out of Zion" refers to G-d's essential dwelling place. The question is asked where is G-d? The answer given in the Talmud, He is to be found in the 4 Ells, or cubits, of the Halacha, of the Law. The word ציון or Zion means, the gates, the places, מצוינים "distinguished" in Law. This is what G-d loves as the Psalmist declared, "The Lord loves the gates of Zion, more than all the dwellings of

Jacob." Psalm 87, verse 2. The people should be under the spirit of the Torah, the Law. Again the Psalmist declared in Psalm 34, verse 12, "Go ye children hearken unto me: 'I will teach you the fear of the Lord.'" It ought to read "Come ye children," and not "Go ye children," and not "go." The answer is, the Torah does not expect all Israel to sit and study (see Talmud, Berachos 32b), but wants Israel "to go" to their business, their professions, etc., and there to hearken unto G-d, to what He teaches in the שערי ציון in the gates of Zion, where the Halacha the Law is taught.

"WHO DWELLETH IN JERUSALEM"

This refers to the laity, the average city dweller. This is the natural way of life, the people in general are to go about their daily tasks under

the Law from Zion. In other words, "the Blessing of the Lord from Zion (Mt. Zion, the Temple) shall dwell in Jerusalem among those in Jerusalem.

Our Women's League

A FINAL REMINDER FROM THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

Ladies, check your calendar and be sure you have circled the date, **Monday, December 12th.** Our hostesses look forward to greeting you at 12 noon, in the Sert Room of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Please be prompt. An enjoyable afternoon, including a delicious luncheon, a beautiful fashion show, featuring fashions for all occasions and numerous costly prizes are awaiting you. It is not too late to invite a friend. Please call the Synagogue at once for any additional reservations.

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HEBREW SCHOOL CHANUKAH ASSEMBLY

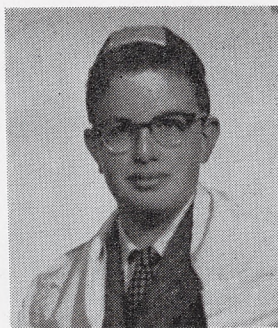


Our parents and friends are invited to attend the Chanukah Assembly of our Hebrew School pupils which will be held Sunday morning, December 11th at 10:30 o'clock. Our Women's League will provide "sweet remembrances" for this occasion. Mrs. Mannie Alt is Chairman of the "Women's League" Arrangements Committee.

The pupils of our school have already been presented by our Women's League with candles and menorahs, so that they may be able to celebrate according to the law and the spirit, the Festival of Chanukah.

During the week of Chanukah there will be celebrations of the Festival in all the classes, which will meet at their regular sessions.

BAR MITZVAH



Michael Grossmann

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sigfried Grossmann, the parents, and to Mrs. Bernard Elkon, the grandmother, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson, Michael, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning. The parents will be the hosts at a Kiddush following the services.

YOUTH LEADERS INSTITUTE Sponsored by YESHIVA UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

A Youth Leaders Workshop designed to help train young people with leadership in Synagogue Youth Groups, will meet on six consecutive Monday evenings, beginning with December 12th, at the Stern College for Women, 253 Lexington Avenue. Registration is open to young men and young women of our Synagogue who are interested in Synagogue youth work. A nominal registration fee will be charged for each participant. For further information, please call Rabbi Reichel at our Synagogue TR 7-8281.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL DUTCH SUPPER

On Sunday evening, December 18th at 6:30 o'clock, the Manhattan Day School at 110 Manhattan Avenue, will hold its Annual Dutch Supper. In addition, the children of the school choir will perform. Reservations are \$2.50 per person. Call MO 3-0300.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Kislev 24

Light first Chanukah candle before the lighting of the Shabbos candles

Light Shabbos candles

before4:09

Evening service4:20

Saturday, Kislev 25 — Chanukah I Prayers for the New Month

Weekly portion: Vayeshev

Genesis 41:1-44:17 Numbers 7:1-17
Zechariah 2:15-7, 3:1-10; 4:1-7

Morning services8:30

Junior congregations10:30

Sabbath kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Reichel's Mishna Class 3:15

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 2:45

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class2:45

Mincha3:45

Reader of Torah: Joel David Martz

Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath terminates5:00

The second Chanukah candles should be lit after the termination of the Sabbath.

Sunday, Kislev 26 — Chanukah II

Morning services7:00, 7:45, 8:45

Daily Services — Chanukah

Rosh Chodesh Teves — Thursday

and Friday

Morning services6:30, 7:30, 8:15

Mincha service4:20

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Our beloved Rabbi Goldstein, and vicariously through him, our Congregation, was signally honored by delivering the invocation at the dinner tended by our Mayor Wagner, celebrating the recent merger of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. labor organizations. George Meany and Walter P. Reuther were the Guests of Honor . . . Happy to have at our last Sabbath morning services Mr. and Mrs. Sholom Gordon from London, and Mr. and Mrs. Morty Langer and family from New Hampshire . . . Many thanks to the Goldenrod Cleaners for donating clothes for the needy . . . Best wishes in their new home to Mr. and Mrs. Usher Doppelt. We were indeed very happy to see Mrs. Doppelt with us at our Sabbath Services. She made a long walk across the Park — She certainly loves our Services . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Morris Martz . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery go for Mr. Samuel Gelberg . . . Happy vacation in Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwartz . . . Our heartiest mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Alt (Secretary of our Women's League) upon the engagement of their son, Stanley Aaron, to Susan Benbasset, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Benbasset; and to Mrs. Miriam Stecher upon the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Diana, to Arthur Brooks . . .

Birthdays

Dec. 9—Director Henry Blankfort
Director Moe Oltarsh
Dec. 10—Michael Blankfort
Judy Kraushar
Dec. 13—Steven Eisenberg
Dec. 14—Samuel Schwarzman
Dec. 15—Maurice Barnett
Julius Cohen

Anniversaries

Dec. 12—Judge and Mrs. William B. Herlands
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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 do the first and last days this year, we light the Chanukah candles **before** the Sabbath lights, and then on Saturday night, **after** Havdalah is made.

CHANUKAH BIRTHDAY SABBATH

At the Kiddush of our Junior Congregation this Saturday morning, our young people will sing "Happy Birthday" to our pupils who celebrate their natal days during the months of November and December:— Arnold Elman, Sylvia Finker, Ira Forman, Frank Jarmuth, Harriet Handler, Judy Kraushar, Beryl Shaw, Michael Spatz and Evelyn Winkler.

Junior Congregation Services begin at 10:30 o'clock. Gifts will be distributed to the celebrants, with the good wishes of our P.T.A. Our Rabbi will bless the children at the close of our Services.

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Benediction Over The Candles

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me-lech ha-olam a-sheer 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 command-
ments, and commanded us to kin-
dle 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.

NEW CLASS TO BEGIN

We are very happy to announce
the formation of a new class in
Chumosh and Rashi. Our member,
Mr. Israel Kestenbaum, will conduct
the class every Friday evening, in
our Synagogue Building.

The class will begin at 8:15 o'clock
and we urge as many as possible to
take advantage of this fine educa-
tional opportunity which we are
proud to be able to offer.

OUR POST BAR MITZVAH CLUB

Boys and girls of our congrega-
tional family, over thirteen, are in-
vited to a Latka Party this Monday
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sion period followed by a recreation-
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