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CHANUKAH NOTES



The last day of the Chanukah holiday should be observed by the lighting tonight of the final set of eight candles, **before** the Sabbath candles are lit.

The Name "Chanukah"

These days are known as the Feast of Lights. They are however, also known as the Feast of Dedication, from the Hebrew, "chanukah" meaning "dedication."

The same word may be divided into two Hebrew words: "chanu" and "kah," that is, that the Maccabees rested from their struggles on the 25th day of Kislev.

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Only Month Remains for Completion of Effort To Make Benefit Opera A Synagogue Success

With the appearance of today's issue of the Review, only a little less than a month remains for the friends of the congregation to complete their efforts to make our Opera Benefit Performance this year a success.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

There will be regular Hebrew School classes on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. Please note that on Monday and Tuesday (26th and 27th) the classes will meet one hour earlier than their regular schedule. Also, the class of "Torah" will meet on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, at 2:20 P.M. The winter vacation will begin on December 28th, through Monday, January 2nd. All classes will be resumed on Tuesday, January 3rd.

As most of our readers must know, this year, we have the good fortune of obtaining for our Benefit, Johann Strauss' light opera, "Fledermaus." The opera will be sung in the new English text and lyrics by such noted Metropolitan Opera House stars as Patrice Munsel, Eleanor Steber, Jarmila Novotna, and Charles Kullman.

We must all work in these final weeks to make the benefit performance the success it must be in order for our synagogue to continue the wonderful and varied activities from which we all benefit. Our budget depends on the important source of income. We who use the synagogue's services cannot let the W.S.I.S. down.

Call the Synagogue office now. It is not too late as yet to send tickets to your friends and associates. They will be glad that they have the opportunity to see such a fine opera performance and help a worthy institution at the same time.

MEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The next regular meeting of our Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, December 19, Mr. Fred Heiser, President of the Club has announced. All the men members and friends of the Congregation are cordially urged to attend the meeting which will begin at 8:30 o'clock in the Synagogue building. New members will be welcome.

STAMP CLUB MEETING MONDAY EVENING

Mr. Jacob Goldberg, president of our Stamp Club, invites all philatelists to a meeting this Monday evening, December 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. Bring your duplicates along for some good trades.

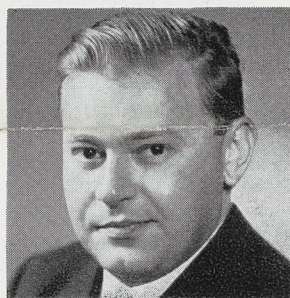
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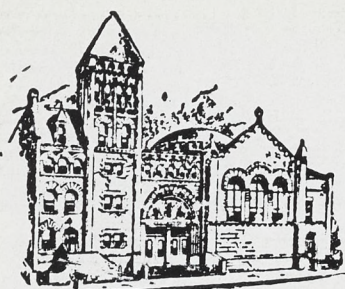
Presidium of our Mr. & Mrs. League

A Gala Dinner-Dance will be held in our gaily decorated auditorium on Saturday night, December 31st, under the sponsorship of the Mr. and Mrs. League.

The affair will feature an outstanding dance band. It will begin at 10 P.M., and is expected to last until 3 o'clock in the morning of January 1st.

The cost for tickets of which few are still available, is \$15.00 per

couple. This price includes — in addition to the dinner — hors d'oeuvres, ginger ale, club soda, ice, cocktail mixes, party hats and appropriate noise makers and favors. The Committee has announced that it will keep reservations open until December 21st, to afford those members of the W. S. I. S. Synagogue Family who are anxious to attend this outstanding and unique affair an opportunity to make the necessary reservations.



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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By MORRIS JABLOW

The time for our Benefit Performance of "FLEDERMAUS" is drawing near. Sunday evening, January 15, 1956, is but four weeks away from the time you, our readers, will see this article. However, our task of disposing of the 3500 tickets is not yet accomplished.

You all know how important it is for us to raise funds necessary to continue our many and varied activities. The proceeds of this Benefit Performance will be used for that very purpose, therefore success is imperative. Each one of us can contribute to this success, by personally participating in the disposal of tickets.

Only a slight effort on the part of each reader — by taking a few tickets for himself, and by interesting a friend or an associate to buy a few tickets,—will insure almost immediately a complete sell-out of the entire capacity of the Metropolitan Opera House. Will **you** do it?

Show your interest in W.S.I.S. by helping us in this important venture.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise — Conclusion

"BLESSED BE THE LORD G-D WHO ALONE DOETH WONDROUS THINGS"

The Rabbis render this verse as follows, "Who doeth wondrous things alone." He is not dependent upon any human being or upon the Laws of Nature. Another explanation is as follows: G-d performs wondrous things known to Him alone. Man is often saved from a murderous hand, or from a serious malady, or from other kinds of misfortunes, without even having been aware of same. A person is deterred from a journey or a voyage,

and is delivered thereby, unwittingly, from an impending disaster. We are to thank G-d for the unknown as well as for the known deliverance, as we say daily in the "Modim" Thanksgiving prayer, "We give thanks unto Thee . . . shield of our salvation . . . We will give thanks unto Thee, and declare Thy praise for our lives . . . and for Thy miracles which are daily with us . . . evening, morning, and noon."

"THE LORD"

Here the Tetragrammaton, the four lettered name of G-d, is used. This is never pronounced as it is written, but we employ a circumlocution and pronounce it as Adonai. This Proper Name of G-d, will be

employed by all mankind when we read Zechariah 14:9, "And on that day the Lord shall be ONE, and His name ONE." Therefore the next verse follows naturally and is easily understood.

MAZEL TOV



Ann Paula Hirsch

Our heartiest congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch, upon the engagement of their daughter, Ann Paula, to Arthur Ingrahm Moll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Moll of Forest Hills.

The bride-to-be attended William Smith College and was graduated from Washington Square College. She is a regular worshipper in our Synagogue and has been active on our youth program.

Mr. Moll graduated the School of Business of C.C.N.Y. where he was president of the Senior Class. He also received an M.A. from Columbia where he is currently enrolled for graduate work in the School of Engineering.

Mazel Tov.

Chanukah Notes

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The Meaning of Chanukah

The festival can hold many lessons for us today. The Rabbis have emphasized the miracle of the cruse of oil instead of the military victory of the Maccabees to point up the moral lesson.

The Hasmonean victory was an important victory not only against foreign troops but also foreign influences which were internally undermining the Jewish religion. What made the battle of the time important was not its "military" significance but the determined re-redication of the people to an elevated life of Torah.

SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

Members of our Senior League (young adults) will meet at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel, 230 West 79th Street, Friday evening, December 16th at 8:30 o'clock.

Young people over 23 of our Congregational Family, who would like to receive invitations to the coming events of the Senior League should send their names and addresses to our Social Department.

Our Women's League

"TOPS" IS THE WORD FOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Women's League Annual Luncheon held in the Waldorf last Monday, December 12th, far surpassed the Committee's fondest hopes. Thanks to our "one in a million" Chairman, Mrs. Eddie Schreiber, and her loyal co-workers, the afternoon was an outstanding social and financial success. A special vote of thanks to two hard working, constant supporting right arms, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and Mrs. William Foont. Thanks also, to every single Women's League member who worked so ardently for the success of this function.

The afternoon's warmth, geniality and festiveness were enhanced by the generosity of the following concerns: Philip Morris, Cigarettes; Alfredo and Warendorf, Flowers; Bartons Bonbonniere, Square Mints; Hersh's Kosher Wines; Birnbaum's Winery; Lipshutz Kosher Wines and Shapiro's Kosher Wines.

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Jacob Kaplan
Co-Chairman
Dinner Committee

All of us know that the J.E.C. represents over 600 Jewish Schools in Greater New York and that all services of the Jewish Education Committee are gratis.

Most interesting is the help in food and in money that the J.E.C. is giving to many of the needy Yeshivahs in Greater New York. Thousands of dollars are going, this year, to our needy Yeshivahs.

Our services to the Yeshivahs include Educational Consultation, School Subsidies and Loans, Transportation, Lunch Programs, etc. In 1955 Yeshivahs received 49% of the total school grants distributed by the Jewish Education Committee.

Some of us may not know that the Jewish Education Committee receives practically its entire budget, well over \$600,000 a year from the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Over 120,000 Jewish children attend schools reached by the Jewish Education Committee. The service is rendered through a staff of expert consultants, special departments in various arts, in-service training courses for teachers and the publication of texts, syllabi and other teachers' aids, including scholarships and incentive grants.

If Federation did nothing else but support the Jewish Education Committee, it would merit our support. How much more then is it incumbent upon each and everyone of us to support Federation, which in addition to supporting the Jewish Education Committee maintains hospitals, homes for the aged, family agencies, child care agencies, community centers, camps and other vital health and welfare services.

Mr. Samuel S. Schneerson, President of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, announced that the Fourth Annual Dinner of the Jewish Education Committee in behalf of Federation will take place Tuesday, January 17, 1956 at the Roosevelt Hotel. The dinner will honor Mr. Saul Lance, past President of the Jewish Education Committee.

Mr. HERMAN WOUK, world famous author and lecturer will be guest speaker and will speak on the importance of Jewish education to the modern Jew.

May we urge you to make your reservations for the Jewish Education Committee dinner on January 17, 1956. Both men and women are invited. You will be supporting Jewish education, you will be supporting Federation, and you will be manifesting your belief in the great concept which describes Federation best of all — TSADAKAH.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Teves 1 —

Rosh Chodesh II and Chanukah VII

Light candles before 4:10

The Chanukah candles must be lit
before the time for lighting the Shabbos candles.

Evening service 4:20

Mr. Kestenbaum's Bible Class 8:15

Saturday, Teves 2 — Chanukah VIII

Weekly portion: Miketz

Genesis 41:1-44:17 Numbers 7:54-59

I Kings 7:40-50

Morning service 8:45

Junior congregations 10:30

Chazanim: David Greer, Edmond

Leisten

Sabbath kindergarten 10:30

Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 2:45

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class 2:45

Mincha 3:45

Reader of Torah: Joseph Weisenfeld

Reader of Service: Hershel Gold

The Sabbath terminates 5:01

Sunday, Teves 3

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

Daily services

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

Mincha 4:20

Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Henry Kaufman, upon the loss of his brother, **Michael Kaufman**, in Paris.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was a guest at a Luncheon given by our Mayor Wagner, to His Excellency Senior Don Luis Batlle-Berres, President of the Republic of Uruguay . . . Many thanks to our Associate Rebetzin, Josephine Reichel, and her assistants, Susan Gross, Barbara Hecht, and Susan Meisel, for the delicious "latkes" they prepared for the Post-Bar Mitzvah group Chanukah social . . . Heartiest congratulations to Stanley Alt, son of our members Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Alt, upon his admission to the New York Bar . . . Welcome home from Florida to our Chief Usher and Mrs. Max Lazarus and from Colorado to Mr. Joseph F. Cohen . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky, and Mr. and Mrs. Israel Rosenberg . . . Our Prayers for a speedy recovery go to our member Mr. Harry Sader and to Jay Kobrin . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Perchick upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Melville, to Miss Diane Claire Edelman; to Mrs. Lillian G. Levine, our Women's League Executive Board member, upon the birth of a granddaughter, Linda Nan, to her children Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Levine; to Mrs. Regina Margareten the great-grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Margareten the grandparents, upon the birth of a daughter, Jill Ellen, to their children Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berger; and to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Gottlieb upon the birth of a son to their children Mr. and Mrs. Moses Gottlieb, and in honor of this event the grandparents will be hosts at the Seuda Shlishis tomorrow . . . Our very special congratulations to

Mrs. Gittle Silverman, our very co-operative Women's League member, upon her 75th birthday and to Mrs. Regina Margareten, keen and alert as ever, on her 92nd birthday. "Ad meah v'esrim shana," to 120 years, to them both . . . The entire Congregation is indebted to Mmes. Al Braff, William Foont, Myron Friedlander, Joseph Friedlander, Fred Goldstein, Jacob Isseks, Joseph Klein, and Harry Ward of our Women's League; Messrs. Myron Friedlander, H. William Hirsch, and Alexander Kirsh of our Men's Club; Mmes. David Epstein, Sam Gursky, O. Asher Reichel, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rudnick of our Mr. and Mrs. League; and Mr. Marvin Padawer of our J. W. V. Post, for the splendid job they did in connection with our most successful Congregational Family Chanuka Party last Saturday night.

Birthday Greetings

Dec. 16—Morty Morris
Dec. 17—Deborah Lee Streim
Dec. 18—Joanne Dale Kurtz
Patricia Ann Sagon
Dec. 20—William Ball
Alan Jay Kalker
Abraham Robinov
Mrs. Jess Ward
Dec. 22—Seth Michael Goldstein
George Levinson

Anniversary Greetings

Dec. 16—Director & Mrs. Joseph Anderson
Dr. & Mrs. Mac Cohen
Dec. 18—Dr. & Mrs. Herman Mintz
Dec. 19—Mr. & Mrs. Max Chernofsky
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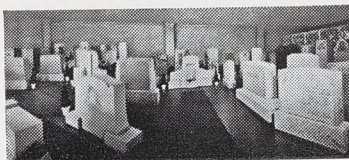
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