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Synagogue Calls For "Vote of Confidence"

As Benefit Opera Ticket Sale Effort Nears Close

At our last Saturday's services, the worshippers heard from our Director Herman H. Cohen, Co-chairman of the Opera Committee, urging them to show a "vote of confidence" in their congregation by the purchase of tickets for our Opera Benefit Performance. The time for our Benefit Performance of Johann Strauss' "Fledermaus" at the Metropolitan Opera House is quickly drawing near. It will soon be January 15, 1956. Only by a "vote of

confidence" in the Synagogue which serves us all, Mr. Cohen said, can this important congregational function be made the success it must be.

Surely for those who take advantage of the many activities which our Synagogue offers to all ages and groups, it is but a small showing of "confidence" that we ask at this time — the purchase of some tickets to one of the finest operas in the Metropolitan repertoire. "Fledermaus," as we have often said, is an

opera that will be enjoyed by all — it is, in truth, something which should not be missed.

A "vote of confidence" cannot be registered by letting our neighbor or friend do it for us. In our support of the Synagogue, there can be no "proxies." It is up to each one of our readers to communicate with the Synagogue office today, TR 7-8281, to obtain the tickets he needs for himself and for his friends.

ASARAH B'TEVES

This Sunday, we observe the minor fast day of Asarah B'Teves, the tenth day of the month of Teves.

The day commemorates the beginning of the fatal siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, of Babylon, which culminated in the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C.E.

As a minor fast, the observance lasts only from sunrise to sunset. Special portion of the Torah is read and selichos prayer are said.

MEN'S CLUB TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR ABRAHAM EISENMAN ON JANUARY 4

The W.S.I.S. Men's Club extends an invitation to all the members of the Congregation and their friends to pay homage to its late president, Abraham

Eisenman, at a Memorial Service on Wednesday, January 4th, at 8:00 P.M. At that time, a Lectern will be presented to the Congregation as a symbol of Mr. Eisenman's devoted efforts in behalf of the West Side Institutional Synagogue and its Men's Club.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES

Professor Hoenig's lecture on Jewish Classics will be given on Tuesday, December 27th.

There will be no adult Hebrew classes this Wednesday, December 28th.

You Can Still Go to the December 31st Party

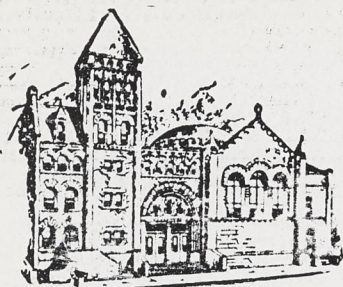
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the night through
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It is an honor and a duty to pay tribute to a man who so unselfishly devoted his time and effort to all of us during the years he was a member amongst us.

Our Rabbis Goldstein and Reichel will conduct the Memorial Service, assisted by our Cantor Yavneh. The presentation will be made by Mr. Fred Heiser, President of the Men's Club. Mr. H. William Hirsch, chairman of the arrangements committee will preside.

Please help us make the meeting a memorable one.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR OPERA TICKETS?



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AN URGENT MESSAGE

In the current awareness of Israel's security plight, one tends to overlook the day to day tasks with which the "Yishuv" struggles in a super-human effort to maintain its progress as a normal people. One of the most historic of these undertakings is the vast network of 268 Torah schools united under the "Chinuch Atzmai" school system.

If the holy land is to survive, physical strength alone cannot assure its future existence. Only a Torah-imbued youth, consecrated to the flaming ideals of Judaism which kept alive the spark of Zion throughout all centuries, can be the spiritual foundation of Israel reborn. The "Chinuch Atzmai" School system is carrying on this effort in unprecedented measure. Under the guidance of Israel's foremost rabbis, its schools provide a complete religious and secular education to 26,000 children in all parts of the land. It is an independent school system, free of party affiliations and has the warm support of all religious circles.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise — Conclusion

"AND BLESSED BE HIS GLORIOUS NAME: AND LET THE WHOLE EARTH BE FILLED WITH HIS GLORY: AMEN AND AMEN"

The repetition of the word Amen, is to emphasize that this will come to pass, in the future.

"AND DAVID BLESSED THE LORD BEFORE ALL THE PEOPLE"

This section comes from the First Book of Chronicles, 29:10-13. We are to stand there and remain standing for the next five verses. One of the reasons ascribed for the rule to stand, is the verse which introduces the next section from Nehemiah, where we read in Nehemiah, 9:5, "Then the Levites said, Stand up

and bless the Lord your G-d forever and ever," and the other reason is because of the loftiness of this prayer, one must rise to offer such a laudation.

David gathered together all the people to understand that all that we give for the House of G-d comes from Him.

"AND DAVID SAID BLESSED ART THOU THE G-D OF ISRAEL OUR FATHER"

Why did David make reference here to Jacob? Because Jacob was the first to receive the prophecy about the building of the Temple. He dreamt about the ladder from earth to heaven, and as he awoke and exclaimed, "Surely, the Lord is in this place: and I knew it not . . . This is none other but the House of G-d, and this is the Gate of Heaven . . . and he called the name of that place Beth-El,—The House of God." Genesis, 28:16, 17, 19 (see Targum).

Furthermore, David in addressing the people, who responded most willingly and liberally towards the Building Fund of the Holy Temple, reminded them of Father Jacob, who in the midst of distress, vowed and fulfilled his vow to build a House of G-d (see Genesis, 28: 20-22, and 32: 14-15.) David, on behalf of the people, is now rendering thanks for having been afforded the means, with which to carry out their vows.

The Israeli government officially recognizes the school system and subsidizes 67% of the teacher's salaries. The remaining 33% besides the cost of building and school equipment, must be raised privately without public campaign by those concerned with the future of Torah in Israel.

In this country the American Friends of "Chinuch Atzmai" — Torah Schools for Israel — are to hold a dinner on Wednesday evening, January 11, at the Hotel Riverside Plaza. The sponsors of this dinner and its driving force are such outstanding leaders as Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Rabbi Aaron Kotler and Mr. Steven Klein. The office of Torah Schools for Israel is located at 154 Nassau Street, New York 38, N. Y.

This effort deserves the maximum support of every member of our

Congregation since never before in our history have so many Jewish children been united in a centralized religious school system, as "Chinuch Atzmai" is. For the sake of Zion, let us cooperate in making the dinner a demonstration of American Orthodoxy's solidarity, in standing behind maximum Torah education in Israel.

CHUMOSH AND RASHI CLASS

May we remind our readers of the fine opportunity which is available to them each Friday evening. Our member Mr. Israel Kestenbaum conducts a class in Chumosh and Rashi on the weekly portion, beginning at 8:15, in the Daily Synagogue. We are sure that all those who attend will find the time spent both instructing and inspiring.

BUYING TICKETS IS THE BEST "VOTE OF CONFIDENCE"



ISRAEL BOND APPEAL

At a recent Saturday morning services, the congregation heard a stirring appeal on behalf of State of Israel bonds by Mr. S. Robert Abrahami, of the State of Israel.

Those who responded are urged to send their checks in the requisite amount, payable to the "State of Israel," to the Synagogue office. Those who were not present or did not pledge for some reason are urged to contact the Synagogue office so that we may send you a prospectus and application.

The State of Israel needs our help now. We cannot afford to let her down.

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 at hours designated by the teachers. Also, the class of "Torah" will meet on Tuesday morning instead of Wednesday. The winter vacation will begin on December 28th, through Monday, January 2nd. All classes will be resumed on Tuesday, January 3rd.

A QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question: Should Jewish families have Christmas trees in their home?

Answer: A Christmas tree is one of the symbols and observances of the Christian religion. It is most inappropriate, therefore, in a Jewish home.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Teves 8

Light candles before4:12
Evening service4:25
Mr. Kestenbaum's Chumosh
Class8:15

Saturday, Teves 9

Weekly portion: Vayigash
Genesis 44:17-47:27 Ezekiel 37:15-28
Morning service9:00
Sabbath kindergarten10:30
Oneg Shabbos (boys, 9 to 12) 3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 2:45
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class2:45
Mincha service3:45

Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward

Read of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath terminates5:03

Sunday, Teves 10 — Fast Day

Selichos6:45, and about 8:30
Morning services7:00, 7:45, 8:45
Mincha4:15

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The Women's League wishes to express its thanks to Mrs. Harold Kaplan who threw herself so wholeheartedly into the task of pre-luncheon preparations, in spite of the fact that she knew it would be impossible for her to share in the pleasures of this delightful occasion. The Women's League also wishes to thank the following women whose donations were unavoidably omitted from the list of 70 lovely prizes which were raffled at its recent highly successful and exceedingly enjoyable luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria: Mesdames Max Chernofsky, Isidore Friedman, Jack Levine, Adolph Meirowitz, Anna Schieber, Eddie Schreiber, Isidore Stoll, Lester Udell, and Mina White . . . Our congregational citations of merit to our former Talmud Torah pupil, Manfred Kochen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Kochen, upon obtaining his Ph.D. in Mathematics at Columbia University, and also receiving a Ford Fellowship at Princeton and Harvard Universities; and to Mr. Moshe Dluznowsky, whose daughter is a pupil of our Hebrew School, for his story which appeared in the December issue of the monthly "Orthodox Jewish Life" published by the U.O.J.C.A., and his two novels which were recently published in Israel . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to Director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen, Director Abraham M. Druckman, Director and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, and Treasurer and Mrs. Samuel Silver . . . The host at our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis will be Mr. Aladar Bernath . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to our Director and Mrs. David Kamenman upon the **marriage** of their son, Norman, to Ruth Jacobs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs . . . Our congregation is the fortunate recipient of reverse foreign aid. Mr. Sholom Gordon of London was so inspired by our Sabbath morning services,

which he recently attended, that he donated to Mr. Isaac Allen's Sabbath afternoon Talmud class the Tractates of Talmud Gittin, the study of which the class has just begun. Our member, Mr. Meyer Pargament recently donated Tractates of the Talmud for Rabbi Pekier's classes. To both of these generous donors, our heartfelt thanks.

Birthday Greetings**December**

- 24—Mrs. Milton M. Bernard
Mrs. Alexander Golden
Director Adolph Meirowitz
Reuben Richman
- 25—Charles Cohen
Mrs. Julius Cohen
Max M. Horowitz
- 26—Simeon H. F. Goldstein
Mrs. Bertha F. Rafsky

- Toby Wohl
- 27—David Don
Morton Leonard Landowne
Gerald Bruce Weiss
- 28—Douglas Weill
- 29—George Jablow

Anniversary Greetings**December**

- 15—Mr. & Mrs. Louis Goldner
- 23—Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Goldberg
- 24—Mr. & Mrs. Aaron W. Gross
- 25—Mr. & Mrs. Howard Glickman
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Sabsevit
- 26—Dir. & Mrs. Joseph Landowne
- 27—Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Isseks
Dir. & Mrs. George L. Livingston
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- 28—Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Diamond
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