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Last Opportunity to Buy Benefit Opera Tickets; Metropolitan Performance of "Fledermaus" On January 15, 1956 CAST YOUR "VOTE OF CONFIDENCE" BY ENJOYING OPERA WITH US

Our congregational effort on behalf of our Benefit Opera Performance is drawing to a close. With Johann Strauss' delightful opera — in English — "Fledermaus" to be performed for us on Sunday evening, January 15, 1956, there is little time to obtain tickets. We cannot urge you too strongly to contact the Synagogue office as soon as you possibly can so that you may join us at the Metropolitan, on Jan-

uary 15th.

As Mr. Herman Cohen, Co-Chairman of the Synagogue Opera Committee, has pointed out, that attendance at the Opera is equal to a "vote of confidence" in our Synagogue. Certainly, every one who makes use of our varied activities and facilities will want to show his "confidence" in this manner.

Attendance at the performance of "Fledermaus" is also a most pleas-

ant way of showing your "confidence." The opera will be performed in modern English. The famed Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus will perform under the direction of Tibor Kozma. The star-studded cast includes Eleanor Steber, Patrice Munsel, Jarmila Novotna, and Charles Kullman. It is certainly an evening to which we can all look forward with a great deal of pleasant anticipation.

In short, here is a splendid opportunity to show support to your institution, and enjoy a lovely evening at the same time. Why not take advantage of the opportunity? Please call our Synagogue office, TR 7-8281, and we will be glad to assist you.

SCHEDULE OF OPERA TICKET PRICES

Boxes (8 seats) \$100 and \$125
Orchestra — \$25, \$20, \$15, \$12.50
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Opera Club — \$10, \$7.50, \$5

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Dress Circle — \$10, \$7.50, \$6
Balcony — \$5, \$4
Family Circle — \$3.50, \$2.50

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

We are happy to announce that our member, Rabbi Morton Garfiel, will lead the adult conversational Hebrew courses on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 o'clock.

Miss Yocheved Fishbain of our Hebrew School staff conducts the Beginners and Elementary course for adults, also, on Wednesday evenings. The Beginners Class will begin at 6:45 o'clock and the Intermediate Class at 7:45. For further information, please call Rabbi Reichel at the Synagogue TR 7-8281.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Regular classes in our Hebrew School will be resumed this Tuesday afternoon, January 3rd.

Parents are urged to acknowledge the report cards that have been distributed recently, and to have them returned as soon as possible.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ABRAHAM EISENMAN TO BE HELD BY MEN'S CLUB THIS WED. NIGHT



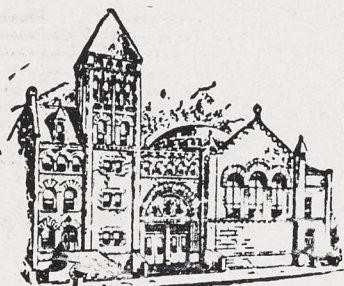
Mr. Abraham Eisenman

a lecturer in Mr. Eisenman's memory.

The Memorial Service for the late president of the Men's Club, Mr. Abraham N. Eisenman, will take place this Wednesday evening, January 4. The Men's Club extends an invitation to all the worshippers of the Congregation to attend these services. They will begin at 8 o'clock.

The Men's Club, which was led by Mr. Eisenman for two years, is arranging the services. Mr. H. William Hirsch is chairman of the arrangements committee and will preside. Both Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Reichel as well as Cantor Yavneh will participate in the services. During the evening, Mr. Fred Heiser, President of the Men's Club, will present to the Synagogue on behalf of the group,

Our Sages have spoken of paying respects to the departed as "chesed shel emes." We hope, therefore, that as many as possible will attend this Wednesday evening.



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JEWISH CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION NEEDS JEWISH FOSTER HOMES

Do you believe that the largest Jewish community in the world cannot provide sufficient foster homes for Jewish infants who are not for adoption? Fifty Jewish infants from birth to two years of age are living in non-Jewish foster homes because Jewish homes have not been found for them.

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Please Note!

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

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Psalms of Praise — Conclusion

"THINE O LORD IS THE GREATNESS, AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY"

Note the emphasis placed on the word γ THINE. All the great qualities now mentioned have no independent source.

"THINE"

γ has also the meaning "FOR THEE", namely, that all greatness, power, and glory that one may possess, should be "FOR THEE," for the greater glory of G-d, and His Torah.

"THE GREATNESS"

Rabbi Akibah said, refers to the splitting of the Red Sea, and, והגבורה

"THE POWER"

This refers to the smiting of the first-born. Why this order? Was not the slaying of the first-born, before the splitting of the Red Sea? The answer, there is a great difference between the two in the wonders of the Lord. In regard to the slaying of the first-born of the Egyptians, Nature was changed to smite the Egyptian first-born, showing His

quality of Justice. But in regard to the splitting of the Red Sea, it was just the opposite. G-d disturbed the Natural order, not to punish, but to save the Israelites, from the Egyptians, who pursued them, evidencing His quality of mercy. Thus His greatness was shown by His mercy, and His power, was evidenced by His Quality of Justice.

"THINE O LORD IS THE KINGDOM"

If there are people, there may be a king, as we read, "There is no king, without a people,"—a nation. Not so is it with G-d. "Thine O Lord is the Kingdom." He was King before mankind, most popular, as we read in the "Adon Olum Hymn."

"Lord of the world, He reigned alone before any being was created." G-d does not depend upon people, as our verse has it, "Thine O Lord is the Kingdom." G-d does not depend upon mankind. The world and all it contains are His.

"AND THE SUPREMACY AS HEAD OVER ALL"

Even where there are leaders, who establish great kingdoms, like Alexander the Great, Nebuchadnezzar, the Roman Emperors, etc. "Thou art as head over all." Two great philosophic truths, both seemingly contradictory, are expressed in this verse,—the notion of G-d's Eminence and of His Transcendence. "G-d is the Kingdom" conveying the notion that He is everywhere, and G-d "lifts Himself up." ("His" supremacy as

head of all.) This conveys the idea that He is above our comprehension—transcendental. "That no man can see Him whilst yet alive." It is akin to what a Jewish philosopher has so well expressed, "O Lord, where shall I find Thee! But where shall I not find Thee." He is both absent, and present at the same time—absent and transcendental in His essence, but present and imminent are His manifestations.

"RICHES AND HONORS COME OF THEE"

When this verse is recited, some drop in money in the charity-box. They try to concretize by this act, the import of this verse, that all wealth comes from G-d, and should be utilized properly.

JUST A REMINDER

The Mr. and Mrs. League Party will be this Saturday Night, December 31st, at 9 o'clock. By reservation only.

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Israel Diary

by Mrs. Goldstein

Wednesday, June 8th, 1955

You might be interested in hearing what parting gifts were exchanged by the Burmese and Israeli Prime Ministers. U Nu gave Mr. Sharett a handsome silver bowl on which were depicted events in the life of Buddha. Mr. Sharett presented U Nu with a silver Passover plate and in the course of the presentation, spoke of the liberation of the Jewish people from Egypt. He said: "It was the spirit of this deliverance and freedom that permeated the life of the Jewish people."

U Nu is so honest and was so much impressed with the advanced stage of certain things in Israel that he did not hesitate to point out how far behind Israel the Burmese are. I'll give you just two instances in point. When he saw the large number of doctors, nurses, hospitals and medical facilities here, he said, "We have such a serious shortage of physicians, that medical students with one year's matriculation are used as so-called 'health assistants' and serve as doctors." He explained that when "health assistants" are sent out to communities, they take with them a list of diseases and their cures and they do not give any attention to persons afflicted with sicknesses not listed. When he heard that gas is used as fuel here, he said that the Burmese cut down trees, indiscriminately, for this purpose.

Sunday, June 12, 1955

When we make Havdalah here on Saturday nights, we do not use spices, for B'sumim, but sprays of peppermints or of pine, which are handed out to everybody at Maariv on Saturday night. That wouldn't be as simple, in New York, as it is here.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Mr. Charles Pomerantz, upon the loss of his mother, Tillie Pomerantz; and to our member, Mr. Jacob Nathanson, upon the passing of his father, Markus Nathanson.

A LETTER FROM OVERSEAS

Our Director and Mrs. Sol Redlich received a letter from their son, Theodore, who is with the United States Army in Europe, of which the following excerpts should be of "Jewish interest" to our readers:

"Friday night I was in Venice, and since it was the first night of Chanuka, I was moved to explore the situation of Venetian Jewry. On an excellent map provided by the Government Tourist Agency, I located a "Tempio Israelitico." It was in the heart of a very poor neighborhood. About 60 people were crowded into a small room. It was sloped like a long hallway, with benches on the two long sides. At one end of the room were the Rabbi and the Cantor, and at the other end of the Ark about 20 of the 60 congregants were children between 6 and 12 years old, and they all sat together. Every so often the cantor would stop, and the kids would start singing. I was immediately impressed by the vigor and obvious pleasure with which they sang. I'd never seen anything quite like it before. The melodies they used were also new to me . . .

"The Rabbi delivered a sermon on the Story of Joseph and his Brothers. But "Joseph" was "Guiseppe"! Italian is very easy on the ears, and I really got a kick out of it. After the Service, I tried to speak with the Rabbi, but he spoke only Italian so I couldn't get through to him at all. But he called over his daughter, a girl of about 20 and attractive in a dark, Italian, sort of way. She knew some English. I told her how much I enjoyed the Service, especially the children, and that I wanted to give some money to the Synagogue . . . When I told her I was leaving the following day, she suggested I mail it.

"She told me that of 300,000 Venetians, about 1000 were Jews. They have the Old Folk's Home, the School and five Synagogues."



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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Teves 15

Light candles before4:17
Evening Service4:30
Mr. Kestenbaum's Class8:15
Chumosh and Rashi

Saturday, Teves 16

Weekly portion: Vayechi
Genesis 47:28-50:28 I Kings 2:1-12
Morning Service9:00
Junior congregations10:30
Chazanim: Michael Rosenberg,
Larry Hecht
Sabbath Kindergarten10:30
Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) 3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 2:50
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class2:50
Mincha3:50
Reader of Torah: Lionel Etra
Reader of Service: Shelly Schneider
The Sabbath terminates5:08

Sunday, Teves 17

Morning services7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Monday, Teves 18

Morning services7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Daily Services

Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha services4:30
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Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

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The completion by Mr. Issac Allen's Sabbath afternoon Talmud Class of a tractate of Baba Bathra, was the occasion for a most impressive "siyum" celebration which was arranged by Mr. Jacob Goodman. Among the principal speakers at the event were our beloved Rabbis Herbert S. Goldstein, O. Asher Reichel and Moishe Pekier, and Messrs. Isaac Allen, Jacob Goodman, Israel Kestenbaum, and Morton Rubenstein; and lending musical background to the words of wisdom that flowed over the gathering were the beautiful and inspired vocal renditions by our own famed Cantor Zalmon Yavneh . . . Hope that you tuned in on the recent broadcast by our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein who was a guest on Barry Gray's radio program . . . Happy to have back with us Mr. and Mrs. Jason Jacobowitz from their honeymoon trip to Florida; also our best wishes for their continuation of their honeymooning in their new home in our neighborhood . . . All best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fischer in their new home . . . Welcome home from Florida to Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan; and from Mexico to Mr. Abraham Krumbein . . . Good to have back with us after their recent illnesses our life member, Mr. Morris J. Sydney and our member Mr. Albert Blumberg . . . Congratulations to our members Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fuchs, upon the **engagement** of their son, Joseph, to Hassida Stein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Stein . . . Mazel tov to our Director and Mrs. Moe Oltarsh upon the **birth** of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neger; to Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsh upon the **birth** of a daughter Beth Meryle to their children Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Alan J. Hirsch in the Canal Zone; and to Director Philip Wohl upon the **birth** of Harlan Andrew to his children Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Levy. . . . The host of the Sabbath Seuda Shlishis will be Mr. Jacob Goodman.

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 —Mrs. Miki Berger
 Jacob Golden
 Abraham Charles Kalker
 Robert Linker
 Mrs. Samuel B. Tessler
 4—Judith Gold
 5—Director Herman H. Cohen
 Morris Bank
 Carol Anne Etra

Anniversary Greetings**January**

- 1 Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Gross
 Mr. & Mrs. Lynton Wiener

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cohen
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