

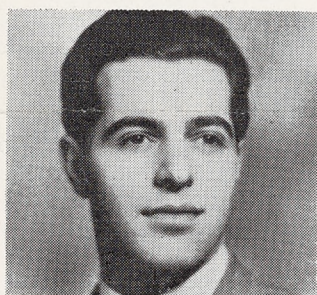
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Men's Club Sabbath To Take Place In Synagogue Tonight, Tomorrow; Members Of Club To Officiate In All Capacities At Services



Pictured above are (left to right): Men's Club President, Mr. Fred Heiser; Mr. Harry Ward, Chairman of Arrangements Committee; Isidor Lauer, the Baal Musaf; and Irving Silver, Preacher of the Day.

This Sabbath marks an important annual event in our Synagogue calendar — the Men's Club Sabbath. It is at that time that the members of our active Men's Club officiate at our services, filling all the roles in the service.

The Club members will begin to assume their roles tonight when Mr. Jacob Goldberg will act as the chazan for Friday night services.

Tomorrow morning, Mr. Hyman Gottlieb will chant the pesukay d'zimra; Mr. Aladar Bernath will be the chazan for the shacharis service; and Mr. Isidor Lauer will be the cantor for the mussaf service. Mr. Irving Silver will deliver the sermon of the day.

The arrangements for the event have been undertaken by a committee under the chairmanship of

Mr. Harry Ward. Messrs. H. William Hirsch and Frank L. Taks are the other members of the committee, with the Men's Club President Fred Heiser, as ex-officio.

Our synagogue is indeed fortunate that its lay members are equipped to assume the various roles in the service. A large attendance at these services will give encouragement to this kind of activity.

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Are you among those who will extend greetings to our

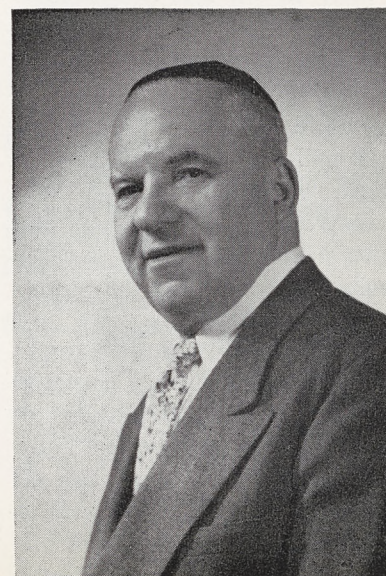
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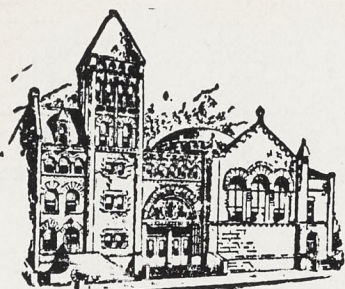
OUR VICE-PRESIDENT MAX MOSKOWITZ

in the W.S.I.S. 1956 Souvenir Album

All the friends of Mr. Moskowitz and the W.S.I.S. should join
in this important effort

Contact the Synagogue Office to insert your greetings.





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MEN'S CLUB REPORTS PROGRESS IN WELFARE FUND PROJECT

We are very happy to report that the Men's Club Welfare Fund committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Philip Nager, has reported that the project is progressing very satisfactorily. The Fund is being collected by the Committee of the Men's Club to aid the organization in its various philanthropic and synagogue projects which form an important part of its program.

Undoubtedly, many members of the Club will want to participate in this effort. We urge all those who have received our letter concerning the Fund will answer same as soon as possible.

TEEN-AGERS CLASS

Girls and boys in High School and Junior H.S., may now attend a refresher course in Hebrew on Tuesdays at 5 P.M. We would like all our readers to bring this information to the attention of the teen-agers in their family and among their friends.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Blessings Before The 'Shma'

"THE BLESSED G-D."

These 22 words are arranged alphabetically. When we rise to the heights of religious ecstasy, we praise G-d with the 22 letters of the alphabet.

"BE THOU BLESSED."

None of G-d's creations are to be worshipped, but **they** are to worship G-d and to obey His will. Now we are given the three attributes of G-d, describing how He is to be regarded, — namely

"OUR ROCK, OUR KING, OUR REDEEMER."

Rock in Hebrew is also understood as Creator — as we read "Do not read צור (rock) but ציור (Creator)." Thus our Rock or Creator; King or Ruler, and our Redeemer, who is our Saviour (and no one else).

"CREATOR OF HOLY BEINGS . . . MINISTERING SPIRITS."

Referring to angels, who are free of all human cravings and passions. Even they, too, as well as all human beings, are to worship G-d. The Midrash Rabba (78) and the Talmud in Hagiga 14, say that each day G-d creates a set of new angels, momentary messengers who proclaim a new song before Him.

"AND BLESS, AND PRAISE, AND GLORIFY AND REVERENCE AND SANCTIFY AND ASCRIBE SOVEREIGNTY."

Here we have six expressions of praise, according to the six appellations of G-d mentioned immediately in the next paragraph, namely:

"G-D, THE KING, THE GREAT, THE MIGHTY, AND AWESOME ONE HOLY IS HE."

"ALL OF THEM TAKE UPON THEMSELVES THE YOKE OF HEAVEN FROM ONE ANOTHER AND GIVE LEAVE TO ONE ANOTHER TO DECLARE THE HOLINESS OF THEIR CREATOR."

Here we have a note of the mystic. By the interaction of opposing and interdependent forces within the universe, harmony is achieved . . . In this way they all "receive the yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven" from one another, and give permission to one another to sanctify their Creator . . . Munk "The World of Prayer".

"IN TRANQUIL JOY OF SPIRIT."

This refers to the Heavenly Choir, each word being uttered with purity and holiness.

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY." Isaiah Chapter 6, verse 3.

This is rendered to mean "Thou art Holy in the upper worlds; Thou art Holy in the nether worlds; and Thou art Holy forever and ever." (Porat Yosef).

"OPHANIM"

This means wheels, probably associated with the Heavenly throne — and denoting swiftness, noise and rushing.

"CHAYOS"

This means living creatures.

"SERAPHIM"

This means "the fiery angels".

"BLESSED BE THE GLORY OF THE LORD FROM HIS HOLY PLACE."

As perpetually present as the Creator of the world — therefore it is proper that

"TO THE BLESSED THEY OFFER PLEASING MELODIES."

"TO THE KING THE LIVING AND EVER EXISTING G-D."

He is an ever-present, living G-d. We have a similar strain in the "Mohde Ahnie", or morning prayer, "I offer my thanks unto Thee, living and existing Ruler who hast returned unto me my soul, in mercy. Great is Thy faithfulness." Here too, G-d is portrayed as the living, daily Creator of the soul, giving us a fresh start every day.

Our Women's League

MRS. SAMUEL SIEGEL TO BE HOSTESS

Once again it is the very good fortune of the entire Executive Board of our Women's League to be invited to a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, 25 West 81st Street, on Monday afternoon, April 9, at 12:30 P.M.

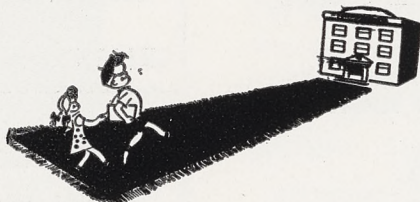
Mr. and Mrs. Siegel are celebrating their wedding anniversary and it is in honor of this event that Mrs. Siegel is giving the luncheon. In addition, several important Women's League matters will be discussed, including the preparations for the closing luncheon of the season. We hope, therefore, that as



Mrs. Samuel Siegel

many members of the Executive Board as are able will attend the luncheon.

YIZKOR APPEAL ON LAST DAY OF PASSOVER MADE ON BEHALF OF MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL



At the Yizkor Services on the last day of Passover, this past Tuesday, the annual appeal in our Synagogue was made for the work of the Manhattan Day School. This is the Jewish day school in our neighborhood, sponsored by our synagogue and the other traditional synagogues. The school provides both a fine secular education meeting all the highest standards of modern and progressive education as well as a complete religious education. It is the type of institution that deserves all the support we can give it.

The W.S.I.S. should feel a special responsibility towards the Manhattan Day School. Our synagogue is one of the original sponsoring institutions, with our Rabbi Goldstein as its founder. Many of our congregants are among its most ardent leaders and workers. Our own Vice-President Samuel W. Siegel, is the

president of the school, with Lester Udell and Siegfried Bendheim as vice-presidents.

We hope that all those who were not present in synagogue during the appeal will send in their contributions to this most worthwhile neighborhood educational endeavor. Checks should be made payable to the "Manhattan Day School" and sent to our Synagogue Office.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, our Women's League Board member Mrs. Jack Levine and Mrs. Henry Blankfort upon the passing of their sister **Mrs. Essie Planco**; and to Mrs. Wm. Basser upon the passing of her mother; and to Louis, Annabelle and Mina Reisman upon the passing of their brother **Dr. Henry Reisman**.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Nisan 25

Light candles before 6:05

Evening service 6:15

Mr. Kestenbaum's Chumosh

Class 8:30

Count the 11th day of the Omer

Saturday, Nisan 26

Prayers for the New Month of Iyar

Weekly portion: **Shemini**

Leviticus 9:1-11:47 II Samuel 6:1-23, 7:1-17

Morning Service 9:00

Junior congregations 10:30

Sabbath kindergarten 10:30

Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) 3:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 4:40

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class 4:40

Mincha 5:40

Sayings of the Fathers: 1st chapter

Reader of Torah: Richard Kobrin

Reader of Service: Samuel Ward

The Sabbath terminates 6:55

Sunday, Nisan 27

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

Wednesday, Nisan 30 and

Thursday, Iyar 1

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha 6:15

Followed by the explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

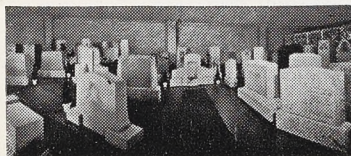
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Our Congregation was signally honored to have among the worshippers at our Passover services Israel's modern patriarch, Mr. Abraham Shapiro, who had just reached our shores on Israel's newest ocean liner, and who is famed for being among the founders of the colony Petach Tikvah in Israel 75 years ago, and for the heroic part he played in stemming the Arab riots in 1929 and 1936 . . . The success of our Congregational Sedorim, which were exceptionally well attended, was due in no small part to the efforts of the Chairman of the Seder Committee, our Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Silver, and Director and Mrs. Morris Jablow. On the first night the traditional four questions were asked by Stephen Bernard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bernard, and the door was opened for the Prophet Elijah by Miss Michele Siegel, daughter of V. Pres. and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, and Miss Lois Ullman, daughter of Dir. and Mrs. David H. Ullman. On the second night the questions were asked by Freddy S. Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein and grandson of our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, and the door was opened for Elijah by Miss Sarah Bloch and Miss Yonina Yavneh, daughter of our golden-voiced Cantor and Mrs. Zalman Yavneh . . . Happy to have back from Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rosenberg; from Mexico Mr. Max M. Horowitz; and from Chicago, Director and Mrs. Frank L. Taks . . . We note with pride the attainment by Roy Tumpowsky, of membership in the Senior Honor Society of Joan of Arc Junior High School and his acceptance as a student at the High School of Music and Arts . . . The host of our regular Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Robert Hofbauer . . . Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Leviton upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sondra to Burton Hochberg at the nuptial altar of our Synagogue . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan upon the birth of Avram to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kaplan; to our member Mr. Paul Garfunkel upon the birth of a granddaughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wiener upon the birth of Adrienne Carol to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lynton Wiener; and to Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Harris upon the birth of a daughter, Susan Lynn, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harris.

Professor Hoenig's Lecture on the Jewish Classics will be held this Tuesday, April 10th, at 8 P.M.

Birthday Greetings**April**

- 6—Michael Graham Goldstein
Director Moses Langer
- 7—Robert Bryan Greenfield
Director Joseph Shapiro
Clifford Weinstein
- 8—Louis H. Markowitz
Mrs. O. Asher Reichel
Mrs. Edward Ukeles
- 9—Eliot Martin Glazer
Director Frank L. Taks
- 11—Tobias Gross
- 12—Stanley R. Kaplan
Norman Ostrove

Anniversary Greetings

- 6—Director & Mrs. A. M. Druckman
- 7—Mr. & Mrs. Dan Gribetz
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Shapiro
- 12—Mr. & Mrs. Sol Brandes

**SENIOR LEAGUE
TO MEET SUNDAY NIGHT**



The Senior League (young adults over 21) of the West Side Institutional Synagogue will have the pleasure of holding another informal social on Sunday, April 8 at 8:15 p.m. In addition, there will be a short discussion on the controversial subject "To Believe or Not to Believe" which will be moderated by a speaker who can well qualify as an expert in this field.

Admission free.

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**WAR VETERANS POST TO HOLD
REGULAR MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY**

A regular meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans, which is affiliated with our Synagogue, will be held this Wednesday evening, April 11, beginning at 8:30 P.M.

Mr. Marvin Padawer, Commander of the Post, said that all veterans in the congregation, are cordially invited to this and all other meetings and to participate in the work of the Post.

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