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Will you please regard this as a

PERSONAL INVITATION

for

Friendship Night!!!

Sunday evening, November 4th at 8:15 P.M.

OUR GOAL

To make every one of our congregants and their friends feel part of the

WEST SIDE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

This project will feature none other than the Mayor of our City, Robert F. Wagner, as guest speaker.

Mayor Wagner, who was an ardent believer in friendship, brotherhood and good will towards all mankind, long before he entered public life, has kindly consented to give us some of his firsthand impressions of Israel during his sojourn there last year.

Besides an entertaining program and refreshments, there will be
PLENTY OF TIME TO SOCIALIZE AND GET ACQUAINTED
with one another.

This will be an excellent opportunity to meet neighbors and fellow residents of our community and get to know each other by name.

We hope this will be the beginning of many happy warm friendships.

We look forward to welcoming you all on November 4th.

Chairmen for Friendship Night:

For our Men's Club

Mr. Frank Taks
Mr. Saul Linzer

For our Women's League

Mrs. Adolph Gittler
Mrs. Winnie Pack

May We Remind You To

Reserve The Date

SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20, 1957

**for our benefit opera performance
at the Metropolitan Opera House**

HEBREW COURSES

FOR ADULTS

OPENING SESSION WEDNESDAY



Rabbi Morton Garfiel

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Morton Garfiel will again conduct our Hebrew Courses for Adults beginning this Wednesday night, October 31st. Rabbi Garfiel, who is a member and worshipper in our Synagogue, was ordained at Yeshiva University. He also possesses M.A. and L.L.B. degrees. He lived in the Holy Land for a number of years and has a native's approach to the Hebrew language.

Rabbi Meyer Wiseman of our Hebrew School Staff will also conduct a course on Wednesday nights.

The following classes which will meet this Wednesday night, will be continued providing there will be sufficient registrants. Even if you cannot attend this Wednesday, please call or write Rabbi Reichel if you wish to join one of these classes. The registration fee for the year has been nominally set for \$3.

Beginners — 7:30 P.M.

(Start from Aleph Bes)

Elementary — 7:30 P.M.

(For those who are able to read Hebrew)

Advanced — 8:45 P.M.

(For those who have some command of the Hebrew language)



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BAR MITZVAH



George P. Burak

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hauer, the grandparents, and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burak, the parents, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, George Peter, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue, tomorrow morning. George is a pupil in our Hebrew School.

MACCABEES TO HOLD EVENING

The Maccabees are opening their social season with a gala evening this Saturday night, October 27, at 8:30 P.M. There will be music, free refreshment and a wonderful time.

The Maccabees cordially invite all boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 14 to this affair and will look for you there.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

'Shemoneh Esreh'

Why do we not start the morning and evening 18 Benedictions as we do for Mussaf and Mincha with *כי שם ה' אקרא* "When I call upon the Lord ascribe greatness to our G-d (Deuteronomy 32, Verse 3)" The answer is that this would be a break between the Prayer of Redemption and the 18 Benedictions. As we said before "We must join the prayer of the redemption with the 18 Benedictions, without any interruption. However, the verse "Oh Lord open Thou my lips, and may my mouth declare Thy praise" is part of the 18 Benedictions and therefore is no break between the former and the latter.

"BLESSED"

This first benediction begins differently than all the rest. As a rule all the benedictions start with "Blessed art Thou O Lord" *מלך העולם* "King of the Universe, etc.", but this one begins with "Blessed art Thou O Lord, G-d of our Fathers, G-d of Abraham, G-d of Isaac and G-d of Jacob." Our prayers and our religion are not based upon a mystical or philosophical abstraction but upon a Personal G-d, as it was with our Patriarchs.

These are the "Prime attributes" of G-d, the only ones invoked in the Tefilla. A reader was reciting the 18 Benedictions in the presence of Rabbi Chanina. To these three attributes "Great, Mighty and Revered G-d" he added others such as "Powerful, Proud, Fearful, Strong,

Surely Existent and Honored G-d." Rabbi Chanina waited until the Reader had finished. Then he said to him: "Have you now exhausted all the praises of thy Master? Why did you recite all these? We would not have been allowed to utter even the three, had they not been revealed by our teacher Moses in the Torah and introduced in the Tefillah, *תפלה* (the 18 Benedictions) by the Men of the Great Synod, yet you keep adding others. This may be compared to praising an earthly king, for being the owner of a few silver coins when, in fact, he possesses countless thousands of golden denars. — It is not praise it is disparagement (Ber. 33b). (The World of Prayers by Rabbi Elie Munk, page 131).

"GREAT"

This is also a reference to Abraham for the Lord promised Abraham "I shall make thee a GREAT nation" (Genesis 12, Verse 3). Many a time we may think we are unworthy. We should then be reminded of the "Z'chus Avos" of "The merits of the Patriarchs" of Abraham, and of the promise made, that we his children are to be a great spiritual people, even though we may sin temporarily. The story is told of the Vilna Gaon that when he heard a "Meshumad" asking for whisky, he gave it to him and said "Make a Bracha." Thereupon the "Meshumad" burst into laughter and

said "Rabbi I have long ago given up the greatest commandments and indulged in the greatest sins, and you ask me to make a Bracha." Then the Vilna Gaon replied: "True you will be punished, but you are still a Jew, and you are in the realm of the promise made by G-d "I will make thee a GREAT people." The renegade, we are told was duly impressed and was moved thereafter to lead a religious life. Thus we read in the 2nd Book of Samuel, Chapter 14, Verse 14, "He deviseth means by which His banished one be not expelled from Him."

"MIGHTY"

This is also a reference to Isaac, to **material** blessings as we read in Genesis, Chapter 26, Verse 12, "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in that year "MEAH SHEARIM", — **a hundredfold.**"

Our Women's League

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL LUNCHEON DECEMBER 10, 1956 IS THE DATE



Mrs. Eddie Schreiber



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Co-Chairmen of Dec. 10th Luncheon

Our faithful, fastidious and far-seeing Luncheon Co-chairmen Mrs. Eddie Schreiber and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, have been working diligently behind the scenes to set the stage for a new look, at our December 10th Luncheon. This winning combination, chairing our Women's League major function of the year, promises its members and their friends a memorable afternoon. Save the date **Now**.

For what? — Women's League Annual Luncheon

When? — Monday, December 10, 1956, 12 noon.

Where? — Sert Room, Waldorf Astoria

Cost? — Sale of one subscription book or \$15. Subscription books, available from Mrs. Joseph Kirsch, SU 7-1189.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

November 19th at the Franconia Hotel at 12 noon. Have you paid your dues? That is all that is necessary for your admission to this exciting afternoon.

BAZAAR — DECEMBER 16, 17, 18

Mrs. Harry Ward and Mrs. Jacob Isseks of our Women's League, and Mr. H. Wm. Hirsch and Mr. Bennett Carter of our Men's Club request that all packages be sent to the synagogue. Or if you call the synagogue and leave a message, we will be glad to pick it up.

Thank you.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Cheshvan 21

Light candles before5:40

Evening services5:55

Saturday, Cheshvan 22

Weekly portion: Chaye Sarah

Genesis 23:1-25:18 I Kings 1:1-31

Morning service8:50

Youth congregation10:00

Chazanim: Jack Bendheim, Mervyn Frankel, George Linker

Reader: Larry Hecht

Sermonette: Lewis Pekier

Junior congregation10:30

Chazanim: Abraham Kraushar,
Aaron Reichel

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos3:30

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class4:15

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class4:15

Mincha5:15

Reader of Torah: Sanford Ward

Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan

Conclusion of Sabbath6:30

Sunday, Cheshvan 23

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

Daily Services

Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha4:55

Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein participated in the program of the National Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America . . . Lots of luck to our teen age club member, Michael Burak, who has been elevated to leadership of our Cub Pack . . . Our director, Herman H. Cohen, delivered an illuminating lecture on the subject, "Tax Status of Partnerships" before the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, at the Bernard Baruch School at C.C.N.Y. . . . Ye columnist will do some talking on his own when he discourses before his chapter of the American Jewish Congress on "Columbus and the role of the Jews in the discovery of America." Interestingly enough, much of the material for his talk was obtained by him among the copious volumes on Judaica in the study of our beloved Rabbi . . . A most hearty welcome into our congregational family to Sheldon Levy, an Assistant District Attorney of New York County. Sheldon decided on the spot to become a member when he listened in to some chit chat about W.S.I.S. affairs by our director, Max Lazarus and ye columnist . . . Welcome home from London to Mrs. Israel Leff . . . Best wishes in their new homes to Director and Mrs. Moe Oltarsh and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Trotzky . . . The host at our Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlisith tomorrow will be Mr. Leon Herman . . . Mazel Tov to Morris Marcus upon the birth of Vickie Betty to his children, Mr. and Mrs. Hy Marcen . . . Mazel tov to our Director and Mrs. Henry Hirsch upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mr. Daniel Gribetz's father . . . Many thanks to Albert Tabackman for his gift of games for our Game Room.

Birthday Greetings

Oct.

25—Anna Streit Gross

26—Michael Citron

Mrs. David Epstein

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Anniversary Greetings

Oct.

27—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bayer

Mr. and Mrs. William Foont

28—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Feinstein

30—Mr. and Mrs. Felix Bilgry

31—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kantrowitz

Nov.

1—Mr. and Mrs. Jules Citron

**MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL
DINNER ON NOVEMBER 25**

We would like to bring to the attention of our readers an important community project which is to take place on Sunday evening, November 25 — the 13th annual dinner of the Manhattan Day School. The dinner, which promises to be a gala affair, will take place at the Essex House.

While the school hopes for the support of the entire New York Jewish community, our synagogue has a special obligation in view of the fact that many of our congregants and officers are active in the work of the important institution. Samuel W. Siegel, our vice-president, is the school's president.

Reservations may be made by telephoning MO 3-5200, or our Synagogue Office. We urge you to do it today.

**YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE
MEETING**

The next meeting of the Young Adults League will be held in the Club Room, on Sunday, October 28th, at 8:15 P.M.

A discussion of the issues of the coming election by speakers from the Democratic and Republican Parties will highlight the evening. A Social Hour will be held after the meeting.

All young people over 21 are invited.

**WELCOME TO OUR
JUNIOR CONGREGATIONS'
BIRTHDAY PARTY**

At the Kiddush of our Youth and Junior Congregation this Saturday morning, all the youthful congregants will sing "Happy Birthday" to their schoolmates who celebrate their natal days during the months of September and October.

We are happy to add our good wishes to: Robert Curtiss, Richard Epstein, Beth Forman, Barbara Gluck, David Heiser, Judy Heitlinger, Frank Jarmuth, Patty Kalaf, Melvin Kaye, James Kebart, Adam Kertesz, Ronnie Miller, Nathan Mire, Steve Pomerantz, Elliot Shechter, Stephen Shechter and Marcia Tumpowsky.

The Youth Congregation (boys and girls over 10) will meet at 10 A.M., and the Junior Congregation (ages 6 to 9) will meet at 10:30 A.M. Gifts will be distributed to the celebrants with the good wishes of our P.T.A.

We hope to greet all the celebrants and their parents.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Are the young people in your family members of our Youth Group? For further information about Clubs on all age levels, you may write or call our Social Department.

**SOCIAL DEPARTMENT
SCHEDULE****Saturday, Oct. 27th, 8:30 P.M.**

Maccabees Social

Sunday, Oct. 28th, 12:30 P.M.

Journalism Club

Wednesday, Oct. 31st, 7:30 P.M.

Maccabees

Thursday, Nov. 1st, 4 P.M.

Cub Pack

Thursday, Nov. 1st, 7:30 P.M.

Teen Ager's Gym Program

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Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late Women's League member, **Mrs. Rae Levine.**

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