

HAVE YOU ORDERED
YOUR OPERA TICKETS?
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Opera Committee Urges Early Reservation of Tickets for Benefit;

All-Star Cast to be Featured in January 20, 1957 Performance of "La Boheme"

"The sooner you act, the more choice the seat," said Mr. Jacob Kaplan, Co-Chairman of our Opera Committee, in urging the entire congregation to make their seat reservations for our benefit opera performance as soon as possible.

Our opera performance this year of Puccini's delightful, "La Boheme," will take place on Sunday evening, January 20, 1957. Ticket sales are already in progress and letters have

already been sent out to all our congregants and friends urging them to help us dispose of the Opera House's 3500 tickets. But, as the Opera Committee points out, each year there are many who are disappointed when they attempt to make their seat choice because they have waited too long. We cannot urge our readers too strongly, therefore, to contact the Synagogue office as soon as possible and make their

seat reservations both for themselves and their friends. Only now in the early stages of the ticket sale, can we give them any assurance that their choices in their price-range can be filled.

Tickets are priced within the reach of all — from \$2.50 to \$25 each. Let us see not only a full participation on the part of all our friends, but a prompt answer to our call.

MEN'S CLUB TO MEET

A regular meeting of our Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, November 19, at 8:30 P.M. in our Synagogue. All the men of the congregation are cordially invited to attend the meeting which consists of a business meeting to discuss the various activities of the Club as well as the usual social hour. We hope that more and more of the men of the congregation will become active participants in the Club's activities.

STAMP CLUB MEETING

This Monday evening, November 19, at 7:30 P.M., our Stamp Club, will hold another of its regular meetings. All philatelists — both young and old — are cordially invited and urged to attend. May we especially invite the young people of the congregation to attend. They will find the Club meetings an excellent way to obtain an introduction to this fascinating hobby.

LETTER FROM ISRAEL

We are sure that our congregants will be interested in the following extract from a letter just received from a former congregant now residing in Israel:

"... Just a line to let you know that all of us here are fine. Things are a bit tense, of course, but the city is prepared. The building we live in is prepared. I have just come back from a neighbors' meeting and we have everything mapped out and work divided up. We are also prepared with lots of food on hand.

"... There is no point in writing about the news because it may be stale by the time this letter reaches you. Let us hope that all the preparations are superfluous, but in any case, **don't worry.**"

P.T.A. TO MEET

All our parents are urged to attend the "meet our teachers - meet our parents" night of our P.T.A., Tuesday night, November 20th, at 8 o'clock. Important plans for the season will be decided upon at this meeting, Mrs. Henry Lindenbaum, president of our P.T.A., declared. Refreshments will be served.

ONEG SHABBAT TONIGHT AT 8:30

Our Mr. and Mrs. League will sponsor tonight a Round Table Oneg Shabbat at the Synagogue. Rabbi Reichel will lead in a discussion of "The Basic Tenets of Our Faith."

Reserve Saturday Night, December First, Chanukah Cha Cha and Bagel Buffet

Members of the Women's League, Men's Club, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. League and their friends welcome.

Bring your two left feet and learn the latest steps with the right feet. Sam Janus, former Arthur Murray teacher will show you how.

A Kosher Champagne Hour will be conducted and the bubbling stuff will go to the winners.

To fortify you, refreshments including bagels, cheese, and lox will be served.

Donation \$2.00 per person. Limited reservations so get yours in at once.



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TORAH UMESORAH DINNER TO TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 11

One of the most significant aspects of the American Jewish community over the past decade has been the rapid, almost phenomenal, growth of the day school movement. There are presently over 200 day schools in 73 cities across the United States.

Standing in the forefront of this important movement is the Torah Umesorah, which is to hold its 13th Bar Mitzvah dinner on Tuesday, December 11, at the Hotel Pierre. Our own member, Mr. Stephen Klein, is chairman of the annual dinner.

Not only has Torah Umesorah established 80% of the day schools outside of New York City, but it has also served all such schools with educational guidance and programming, teacher-training, text publication, a national PTA, and a public relations campaign. Such a lasting contribution to the present and future of American Jewry is deserving of the support of all of us.

Information regarding the dinner may be obtained from the Torah Umesorah office, CO 7-8203.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

'Shemoneh Esreh'

"THOU ART MIGHTY — THOU REVIVEST THE DEAD."

The first Benediction describes the "G'doolah" "The Greatness of G-d". Now in the second Bracha we speak of G-d's MIGHT. He conquers the forces of nature, through rain, by sustaining all human beings and by the resurrection of the dead, bringing us back to life. We read in the Talmud in Taanith 2 a and b, Rabbi Johanan said; the following three keys have not been entrusted to the keeping of any angel (or messenger), namely, — for a woman in childbirth, for rain and for the resurrection. For a woman in travail, it is written: And G-d harkened to her and opened her womb." (See Genesis 30, Verse 22); of rain, it is written

"The Lord will open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven, to give the rain of thy land in its season" (See Deuteronomy 28, Verse 12); of resurrection it is written "and he shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves" (See Ezekiel 37 Verse 13). In the Palestinian Talmud, they mention also the key of sustenance as it is written "Thou openest thy hand and satisfieth every living thing with favor" (See Psalm 145 Verse 16). Why does Rabbi Johanan omit this key? asks the Talmud. Because, answers the Talmud, he thinks rain is the same as sustenance.

"REVIVEST THE DEAD WITH GREAT MERCY"

Resurrection requires not merely mercy, but GREAT mercy.

"HEALEST THE SICK, LOOSEST THE BOUND, ETC."

Both of these are minute examples of vivification; for recovery and freedom, are examples of restored life.

"AND KEEPETH HIS FAITH TO THOSE THAT SLEEP IN THE DUST"

This is G-d's promise, as we read in Daniel, Chapter 12 Verse 2, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

"WHO IS LIKENED UNTO THEE — AND WHO RESEMBLETH THEE"

Here we have a twofold expression concerning G-d. 1) There is no one LIKE Him in His totality and 2) There is no one who RESEMBLETH Him in any form.

"WHO CAUSEST TO DIE AND RESTOREST LIFE"

This may also be a reference to all kinds of seed which are deposited in the earth and which become decayed. Yet the tiller of the soil who casts the seed in G-d, is rewarded. As a rule the farmer is a man of faith, because he sees G-d's special Providence and the life-giving and the life-renewing force of Resurrection.

"FATHER OF MERCY"

Here G-d is invoked as "FATHER". During the "Solemn Days" between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we look to G-d as our FATHER par excellence.

TEEN AGERS PRE-CHANUKA SOCIAL SATURDAY NIGHT, NOV. 24th

Our Teen-age groups, the Maccabees and Teen-Agers, are busily preparing for their Gala Pre Chanukah Social which will be held on Saturday night, November 24th, at 8:30 o'clock. There will be live music supplied by Joe Moss and his Symphony 4, refreshments, and a marvelous program. All our young people and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

MOTHERS

of

3 to 6 year olds

If you wish your little ones to participate in the first

CRADLE ROLL PROGRAM

of the season, will you please bring them to the

REHEARSAL

at the Synagogue Sunday morning, November 18th at 11 o'clock promptly.

Mrs. Morton D. Garfiel
Cradle Roll Chairman

Our Women's League

YOUR PRESENCE IS CORDIALLY REQUESTED
AT THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON, DECEMBER 10



Mrs. Harry Ward



Mrs. Michael Weingarten

Co-Chairmen of Arrangements

We look back with some relief on an exciting election behind us, and we look ahead with much anticipation to the Women's League Annual Luncheon almost upon us. Our beloved Mrs. Harry Ward and Mrs. Michael Weingarten, two capable and devoted Chairmen of Arrangements, urge every woman to get her reservation in at once in order to insure adequate planning for every one's comfort and enjoyment. They also stress that you note the time — 12 noon — and try to be prompt be-

cause a new, delightful and different program has been arranged for your pleasure. Reservations can be made by sending your check of \$15 made out to the Women's League of the W.S.I.S. to the Synagogue office. Mrs. Joseph Kirsch, Subscription Book Chairman can be reached at SU 7-1189 for additional books. Its not too late to save the date and be with the Women's League on Monday, December 10, 1956, in the Sert Room of the Waldorf Astoria.

LAST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT 12:30 AT THE FRANCONIA

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Membership Chairman, wants to thank the following women who have been instrumental in obtaining many new members through their untiring efforts in the Telephone Campaign: The Mesdames I. Allen, M. Alt, S. Beier, S. Bellsey, I. Balmuth, H. Cohen, M. Chernofsky, R. Davis, B. Eisenberg, M. Greenstein, P. Gertner, E. Goodman, W. Herlands, J. Isseks, J. Klein, M. Morse, G. Pauker, L. Pye, H. Soffer, H. Simon, S. Schneider, I. E. Stebbins, H. Ward.

The following ladies have helped to swell the list of exciting Door Prizes for this luncheon: Mesdames Max Chernofsky, Jacob Goodman, William Hurwitz, Edward Jacobs, Abraham Perchik, Harry Ward.

The generosity of the following ladies as hostesses has helped to

defray the cost of the Luncheon: Mesdames M. Alt, I. Balmuth, S. Bergman, A. Bernath, A. Eisenberg, W. Freeman, M. Friedlander, I. Friedman, W. Foont, F. Goldstein, H. S. Goldstein, E. Goodman, J. Isseks, M. Jablow, E. Jacobs, J. Karp, J. Kirsch, J. Klein, M. Koch, A. Perchik, G. Pauker, W. Pack, S. Schneider, H. Soffer, S. Siegel, L. Shlansky, E. Schreiber, M. Weingarten, E. Weiss, S. White, J. Yabrow.

If any names were omitted, it is due to the fact that we did not get them in time for this printing. Please notify Mrs. Jacobs.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Kislev 12

Light candles before4:18

Evening service4:30

Saturday, Kislev 13

Weekly portion: Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4-36:43 Obadiah 1:1-21

Morning service9:00

Youth Congregation10:00

Chazanin: Irving Faust, David

Greer, Stanley Klein

Sermonette: Mervyn Frankel

Junior congregation10:30

Participants: Joseph Muzayen,

Rachel Pekier, Aaron Reichel

Sabbath kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:50

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class2:50

Mincha3:50

Reader of Torah: James Herlands

Reader of Service: Herschel Gold

The Sabbath terminates5:10

Sunday, Kislev 14

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

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

Morning services7:00, 8:00, 8:45

Daily Services

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

Mincha4:30

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Deena Freudman upon the loss of her sister in London;

And to Mrs. Rachel Rose upon the loss of her father;

And to the family of our late member, **Dr. Benjamin Salzer.**

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Congregation was vicariously honored by the re-election of our beloved Rebbetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, to the Executive Board of the National Mizrahi Women's Organization One really certain way of paying tribute to our 1st vice-president, Mr. Samuel W. Siegel, is for as many of our members and friends as possible to inform him that they will attend the Annual Dinner of the Manhattan Day School, of which he is president, on Sunday eve, November 25th, at the Essex House . . . We were happy to have with us at our last Sabbath Services, Mr. Leopold Hirsch . . . We welcome the Krengels who were with us at services last Saturday . . . Congratulations to our talented Linore Friedman upon the splendid message she gave to our Women's League on Monday . . . The host of our Seuda Shalishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Harry Perlman . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to Mrs. Golda Silberman upon the birth of Berel Hersch, to her children, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kaufman; and to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Weiss, upon the birth of Jay Charles, to their children Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Armuth.

Birthday Greetings

Nov.

- 16—David Greer
Dr. I. W. Kahn
Jerome Kamerman
Richard Elihu Kobrin
- 17—Judith Penina Cohn
Harry Cohen
Susan Gross
Suzanne Weiss
- 18—Mrs. Harry Cohen
- 19—Mrs. Aaron Neustadter
Alan Mirken
- 21—Andrew Harold Feinstein
1st Vice-Pres. Samuel W. Siegel
- 22—Director Sol Bellsey
Mrs. Mortimer Greer
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Anniversary Greetings

- 16—Director and Mrs. Frank L. Taks
- 18—Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Landau
Director and Mrs. George Pauker
- 21—Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Spanback
Director and Mrs. Sol Redlich
- 22—Mr. and Mrs. Irving M. Feuerlicht

We're "C-A-L-L-I-N-G" For More BAZAAR MERCHANDISE

The Election is over — we must begin "buzzing" with Bazaar activity between now and its opening date, December 16th —



The "Go" signal has been given several weeks ago —and while some members have responded with enthusiasm — others have yet to get started.

Now is the time to make 'contact' — to make a concerted drive to turn your Bazaar "prospects" into 'givers.'

CALL your friends.

CALL your neighbors.

CALL your business associates.

Yes, even **CALL** your relatives.

Your 'Calls' will spell "merchandise" and thus insure a most successful 1956 Bazaar!

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