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PROFESSOR GRINSTEIN TO BE SPEAKER THIS MONDAY NIGHT

This Monday night, November 26, another in our popular series of Laymen's Institute lectures will take place. This week, Professor Hyman B. Grinstein, will speak on the topic "Hebraic Origins in American History." The lecture will begin promptly at 8:30.

Dr. Grinstein is especially well qualified to speak on this topic. He is a professor of American Jewish History at Yeshiva University. His book, "Rise of the Jewish Community of New York — 1654 - 1860" was published by the Jewish Publication Society. He is now preparing for publication an album of pictures to be entitled, "A Jewish Album of Old New York." In addition, he has written many articles in the field of American Jewish history.

YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT

Miss Avia Bloch, one of our members, who visited Israel and Russia last summer, will report on her trip at a meeting of our Y. A. L. this Sunday night, Nov. 25, at 8:30. A Social will follow. Young folks over 21 welcome.

Reservations Should Be Made Immediately For our Chanukah Party, Saturday, December 1



Pictured above (from left to right): Mrs. Daniel Gribetz, Mrs. Louis Reisman, and Mr. Jerry Chrein, Co-Chairmen of our Mr. and Mrs. League.

Hurry, hurry, hurry. If your reservations for Saturday night, December 1, are not already made, send them at once for the

CHANUKAH CHA CHA NIGHT AND BAGLE BUFFET.

This lively and interesting event is to be jointly sponsored by our Mr. and Mrs. League, Women's League, and Men's Club. The Co-Chairmen of our Mr. and Mrs. League, Mrs. Daniel Gribetz, Mrs. Louis Reisman and Mr. Jerry Chrein, who are in charge of arrangements are going all out to give you an evening of fun and entertainment. Under the expert instruction of Sam Janus, master of cha cha, tango,

meringue, and so forth, learn the latest dance steps. In addition, bottles of champagne will be distributed. All you have to do is win one during our Champagne Hour, (Kosher, by the way). Bagles, lox, and latkes and all the trimmings will top off the evening's festivities.

Don't forget the date, Saturday night, December 1, at 8 P.M. Donation is only \$2 per person.

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Herman H. Cohen Jacob Kaplan Joseph Settel
Opera Committee Co-Chairmen



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CHANUKAH NOTES

With the lighting next Wednesday night of the first candle, we begin the festival of Chanukah. The festival commemorates the miracle of the temple lights, which took place, following a successful revolt, under the leadership of the Maccabees, against persecution for practicing the Jewish religion.

Chanukah Lights

In commemoration of the miracle, Jews throughout the centuries have lit candles for eight days beginning with the 25th of Kislev. We begin with one candle and add an extra light each night.

The time for the lighting of the candles begins at sunset and continues until there are no more people about in the street, because the main reason for the candle lighting is 'pirsumah nisah' publicizing the miracle. Therefore, we place the Chanukah candles at the window or in some other prominent place. The candles must remain lit at least a half-hour.

The first candle is placed at the extreme right of the Menorah. Each following night the additional candle is placed to the left of the previous ones. However, the order of lighting the candles is from left to

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE KIDDUSH A

"WE WILL SANCTIFY THY NAME IN THE WORLD."

This is a dialogue between the congregation and the reader of the Service. It is a collective declaration that WE WILL sanctify G-d's name (at all costs). Although, having free agency, we are prone to sin, yet we will enthrone His name, in this world, even as they (the angels), sanctify it in the highest heavens. "Microcosm and Macrocosm, Heaven and Earth, are in harmony in proclaiming G-d's Holiness. We stand in the same posture, (with our feet closed) as do the Angels, as we read in Ezekiel Chapter 1 verse 7, "And their feet were closed." We also rise on our toes, uniting the upper world and this one, as we proclaim "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts" (Isaiah, chapter 6, verse 3).

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY."

Holy is repeated three times to indicate the superlative, and also to indicate that this attribute is true at all times, past, present and future. G-d is Holy is synonymous with separation, transcendentalism. His essence. But in regard to His work, —

"THE WHOLE WORLD IS FULL OF HIS GLORY."

This is also akin to the well-known adoration of the poet, who exclaimed, "O Lord, where shall I find thee? Where do I not find thee?"

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

Or "from its place," wherever it is.

"THE LORD SHALL REIGN"

Not only mystically, but also in the affairs of all men, in the annals of history. The Lord shall reign forever.

"THY G-D, O ZION, UNTO ALL GENERATIONS PRAISE YE THE L-RD."

Zion will never be entirely forsaken by G-d.

"PRAISE YE THE L-RD."

The Kiddushah ends with this resounding refrain, Halleluyah, "praise ye the L-rd."

right — that is, the latest additional candle is lit first.

Chanukah Lights on the Sabbath

When any day of Chanukah falls on the Sabbath, as does the third day this year, we light the Chanukah candles **before** the Sabbath lights, and then on Saturday night, **after** Havdalah is made.

Benediction Over The Candles

Baruch a-tah ado-noi ello-he-nu
me-lech ha-olam a-sheh kid-sha-nu
b'mitz-vo-sav v'tziva-nu l'had-lik ner
shel cha-nukah.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our
G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst
sanctify us by Thy command-
ments, and commanded us to kin-
dle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu
me-lech ha-olam she-asah nis-sim
la-a-vo-se-nu ba-yamim ha-hem
baz'mam ha-zah.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our
G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Gustave Roth

The entire congregation joins in a blessing of Mazel Tov and Good Health, "ad meah v'esrim shanah," to 120 years, with the help of G-d, to our devoted and loyal Director, Mr. Gustave Roth, upon the occasion of his 95th birthday on November 28th.

The activity and interest in congregational and communal undertakings shown by Mr. Roth could well serve as an excellent example to men and women one-third his age.

Our Women's League

LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 10 TO FEATURE NOVEL PROGRAM

Mrs. William Foont, the dynamic president of the Women's League, in co-operation with the Annual Luncheon Co-Chairmen Mrs. Eddie Schreiber and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, has arranged a dramatic program for our December 10 Luncheon. A colorful setting of "A Trip Abroad," an exciting fashion review will be held, featuring the newest creations of the better-known fashion stylists. Designer-clothes in youthful and women's sizes will include something for everyone's figure — both body and budget. Prizes galore and more treats in store for you if you join us on

**Monday, December 10, 1956 at
12 Noon**

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**Mrs. William Foont
Our Incomparable President**

We need your help to make this luncheon our biggest financial success. Our Synagogue merits your support, so, won't you join us on December 10?

OPEN MEETING THIS MONDAY AT NOON

You are cordially invited to attend an open meeting at the Synagogue. Our Chairman, Mrs. Michael Weingarten, will introduce a most novel program. Mrs. Martha Pollack, who worked with Henrietta Szold in Israel, will introduce us to the ease and excitement of learning conversational Hebrew and will actually start us conversing with each other as she shares some of her experiences in Israel with us.

"Bible History on the Adult Level" by our Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein has been received with such ardent enthusiasm that the Rabbi promises to continue this inspiring class.

Our Women's League Library, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Weingarten and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Altman, has been growing steadily. Come early and bring a friend, so that you can have first choice and discuss these books over a cup of coffee and cake, before our meeting begins.

LUNCHEON THANKS

Our Membership Chairman, Mrs. Edward Jacobs, wants to thank Mrs. George Pauker and Mrs. Madeline Gittler for the lovely door prizes. Miss Malvina Dell who sang so beautifully and her accompanist, helped to make this luncheon the outstanding success that it was. Miss Thelma Reiss of 235 West 76th Street is a piano teacher and anyone can avail themselves of her services. Mr. Peter Kay of Academy Floral at 2778 Broadway donated the lovely floral center piece that decorated our dais.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Samuel Schneider, upon the loss of his daughter, **Belle Julia Gurwitz**; to Mr. William Fisher upon the passing of his father **Isaac Fisher**; to the family of our late member **David Goldfeld**.

COLLEGIATE NOTES

Our Collegiates are planning a Chanukah Reunion Dinner and Social Evening on Sunday, Dec. 2. Young men and women of college age of our Congregational family, who wish to attend this affair are urged to inform the Collegiates Committee by card or letter at once.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Kislev 19

Light candles before4:13
Evening service4:25

Saturday, Kislev 20

Weekly portion: Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1 - 40:23 Amos 2:6 - 3:8

Morning service9:00

Youth Congregation10:00

Participants: Merwyn Frankel, Seymour Klein, Stanley Klein, Larry Hecht.

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 2:45

Mincha3:45

Reader of Torah: Seymour Ukeles

Reader of Service: Lawrence Kobrin

The Sabbath terminates5:04

Sunday, Kislev 21

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

Daily Services

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

Thursday and Friday — Chanukah

Morning services6:30, 7:30, 8:15

Mincha4:25

EVERYBODY IS COMING TO THE PRE-CHANUKAH SOCIAL OF OUR TEEN-AGERS

On Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 8:30 P.M. our Teen-Agers and Maccabees are having the biggest Pre-Chanukah Social ever, for our own teenage youth. Joe Moss' Orchestra will furnish the music. There will be professional entertainment, prizes and refreshments (including Chanukah latkes). Need any more be said?

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

May we suggest as an ideal Chanukah gift, one or more tickets for our Annual Benefit performance of truly one of the most beautiful of all operas, Puccini's "La Boheme", at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday, January 20. Such a gift will serve the two fold purpose of being the means of spending an entrancing cultural and musical evening with our members and friends, and also of giving our Congregation much needed revenue . . . Happy to have back with us from Israel and Europe, our members Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bendheim . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Jacob Goodman . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schreiber upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David . . . Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph H. Schreiber upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Werber.

Birthday Greetings**Nov.**

- 23—Jay Samuel Goodgold
 25—Mrs. Gittle Silverman
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 28—Director Joseph Buchsbaum
 Director Gustave Roth
 29—Michelle Liza Gershbein
 Lawrence R. Hecht
 Mrs. Sheldon Kalker
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Anniversary Greetings**Nov.**

- 24—Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kalker
 26—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gertz
 27—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Isseks
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Mrs. Jacob Isseks

The Bazaar opens its doors in three weeks. In order to make this function a financial success, loads of merchandise is needed. Begin now to bring canned food, furnishings, clothing, housewares, shoes and wire hangers, etc. to the Synagogue.

"Let us show that W.S.I.S. spirit."

Chanukah

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wondrous things for our fathers, in days of yore at this season.

This blessing is recited **only** on the first evening of Chanukah:

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu
 me-lech ha-olam she-he-che-ya-nu
 v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laz'man
 hazeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our G-d, Ruler of the world, who has granted us life, sustained us, and permitted us to reach this joyous season.

**AN OPEN LETTER
TO OUR PARENTS**

We at the W.S.I.S. have prepared the children to celebrate Chanukah in the proper spirit.

Every boy and girl in our Hebrew School will receive a box of Chanukah candles and a Menorah for use at home, with the compliments of our Women's League. The youngsters have learned the significance of Chanukah and the Laws concerning the lighting of candles and the special prayers. We ask your co-

operation to bring home this "Children's Holiday" by carrying out, the following recommendations:

1. Ask your child to relate to you the story of Chanukah, its laws and ceremonies.

2. Arrange it so that your child participates in the kindling of the Chanukah candles every night.

3. Present your child with Chanukah gifts and Chanukah "gelt."

4. During the week of Canukah, take your child to Chanukah concerts, parties, shows and visits.

5. Prepare special Chanukah foods for your children such as: potato latkes (pancakes), and especially foods that they enjoy immensely.

6. We urge you especially to take advantage of Chanukah candies, toys and the colorful Chanukah wrapping paper and napkins for your children's gifts.

All our parents and friends are invited to attend our Talmud Torah Chanukah Assembly on Sunday morning, Dec. 2nd, at 10:30 o'clock.

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