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Teves 3, 5717

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, December 15,

8:30 P.M.

at the W.S.I.S.

Exceptionally Good Prizes

Refreshments Served

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ASARAH B'TEVES

Next Friday, we observe the minor fast day of Asarah B'Teves, the tenth day of the month of Teves.

The day commemorates the beginning of the fatal siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, of Babylon, which culminated in the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C.E.

As a minor fast, the observance lasts only from sunrise to sunset. Special portion of the Torah is read and selichos prayer are said.

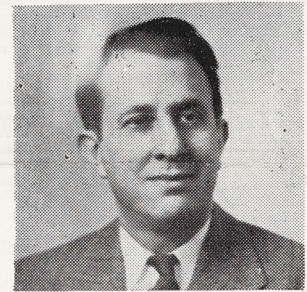
MENS CLUB — SPONSORED FATHER & SON SERVICE AND BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Fathers and sons of our Congregational Family are cordially invited to join our Men's Club in the first of a series of Father-and-Son Services and Breakfasts on Sunday morning, December 9th.

Our young men will conduct the entire services beginning 9:30 o'clock. The Shma Yisroel paragraphs should be recited before 9:20 A.M. (within the first quarter of the day).

At the delicious breakfast which will follow the services our Men's Club will be the hosts. Mmes. Monroe Gaines, Dan Gribetz, Samuel Gursky, Fred Heiser, Edwin Jarmuth and Daniel Rotto will be our charming hostesses at the breakfast.

As guest speaker we shall have Mr. Sanford Solarz. His topic will be "The Role of the Jews in the Discovery of America." Mr. Solarz, an attorney and a loyal member of our Synagogue, has been editing our



Sanford Solarz

"Getting Personal" column for the past 7 years. Now we will have an opportunity to hear him "getting personal" with a very intriguing theme in American history.

Herbert Goldberg, a member of our Clubs Department, will lead us in group singing on his guitar.

Mr. H. William Hirsch is in charge of the arrangements for this event.

Metropolitan Soprano Star Dorothy Kirsten to Perform In Our Benefit Performance of "La Boheme" on January 20, 1957

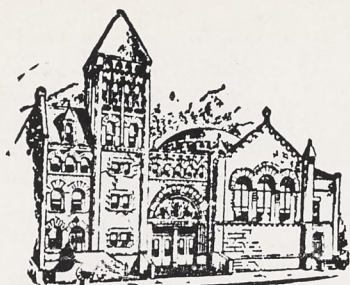


Dorothy Kirsten

We are happy to announce that among the star studded cast which will perform for us in our benefit performance of Puccini's "La Boheme" on Sunday evening, January 20, 1957, will be the renown soprano star, Dorothy Kirsten. She is part of a cast that includes Jan Peerce and other Metropolitan Opera singing stars. Of course, the Metropolitan Chorus and the Orchestra under the direction of Tibor Kozma will be a part of the evening's performance.

The participation of all these fine artists will make the evening of January 20 a most delightful one musically. But it is only by the efforts of every one of our readers that the evening can also be a successful one financially for our synagogue. We undertake an extensive obligation assuming the 3500 seats of the Opera House for this occasion. Our synagogue budget depends upon the revenue from this benefit performance. **We cannot fail our synagogue!**

We hope that each of our readers will regard this as a personal appeal to him to telephone the synagogue office, TR 7-8281, today to tell us that he is ready to take tickets for himself and his family and, in addition, to dispose of tickets among his friends and associates. We are counting on YOU.



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A SUGGESTION FOR A PLEASANT EVENING

On Sunday evening, December 16th, at 6:30 o'clock, the Manhattan Day School will hold its annual Dutch Supper. In addition to wonderful food, there will be a fine program of entertainment, including many prizes. The Manhattan Day School is located at 110 Manhattan Avenue, corner 104th Street.

Don't forget our Bazaar at Manhattan Towers Hotel, opening at 5 P.M. and closing at 10 that evening.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

Last Thursday night the Maccabees and the Teenagers opened up their basketball rivalry at the P.S. 87 gym. In a very exciting game the Maccabees managed to squeeze out victory by the score of 47-41. The game was close all the way and at half time the score was tied at 21-21. A rematch is already planned and another exciting game is in store.

Our Teen-Agers will feature a film party on our own sound projector on Monday night, December 10, at 7:30 P.M. Our young folks are cordially invited.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemonah Esreh

"FORGIVE US O FATHER, FOR WE HAVE SINNED"

First, we employ the term, Father, because a father, quickly forgives a sin. A "chet" is "a sin" committed without intent, or forethought, whilst a "pesha" is a wilful, premeditated sin, breaking the bond between parent and child. Then we go into the category of a slave. Therefore the term King is employed and we ask for a pardon.

A father not only excuses the child but also wipes away the dirt or the record of the sin. A King whilst he forgives his honor and pardons the sinner; however, the transgressions, the record, remains. The father rubs off the record, makes the slate clean. The father is not only a "one who pardons" but also "one who forgives."

"ABUNDANTLY FORGIVE"

G-d is most anxious to forgive. Note, the word pardon is not employed. Forgiveness includes the sin and the sinner, whilst pardon as we have observed, refers only to the person. We read in Isaiah 55:7, "Let the wicked forsake his way and the man of iniquity his thoughts; let him return unto the L-rd, and He will have compassion upon him; and as for our G-d, He will abundantly pardon."

"LOOK UPON OUR AFFLICTION"

After we have gone through the prayers, asking for Divine help for repentance, and seeking forgiveness, we now call upon G-d to look at our affliction, our sad plight, and to plead our cause even when there is "a prejudice against the Jew," and free our enemies from it.

"A MIGHTY REDEEMER"

One who will redeem us against prejudice, fanaticism, etc. Therefore He is called "Mighty" Redeemer, who performs acts defying the laws of nature, and human nature so that His will be done. This has been demonstrated with Pharaoh and Egypt, Hitler and Germany, Nasser and Egypt, etc.

"THE REDEEMER OF ISRAEL" or "WHO REDEEMS ISRAEL"

Not the Redeemer of yesterday, for G-d redeems Israel constantly from the recurring assaults and attacks levelled against Israel by its enemies and its detractors.

"HEAL US O L-RD AND WE SHALL BE HEALED"

This refers to G-d first as a physician as we read in Exodus 15:26, "For I the L-rd am your healer." G-d heals for the present like the doctor. But our prayer also calls upon Him in the words —

"SAVE US AND WE SHALL BE SAVED"

That is, from further sickness in the future.

"FOR THOU ART OUR PRAISE"

G-d's help to us is a source of praise to Him on our part.

"A PERFECT HEALING"

This refers to a two-fold healing of the body and the mind or soul. In this prayer for health, we include a prayer for anyone of our friends, who is sick — mentioning his or her name. It is interesting to note that in this prayer, there is included a petition for the healing of the soul and the body.

A healthy soul requires a healthy abode. To help us to be freer from sin, it is well that we keep our body as far as possible free from diseases

which may even affect our mind and mental attitudes, and reactions toward others. "Mens sana in corpore sano" — "A healthy mind in a healthy body."

The Torah encourages the use of a physician for healing or for curing. As a matter of fact, according to our Rabbinical teachings, one who acts contrary to considered medical advice, (even as it may affect one's fasting on Yom Kippur), is guilty of shedding blood.

"THE BIBLE AND HIGHER CRITICISM" TOPIC AT THIS MONDAY NIGHT LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next in our series of Laymen's Institute lectures will take place this Monday evening, December 10, at 8:30 P.M. At that time, Dr. Menachem Brayer will speak on the topic, "The Bible and Higher Criticism." The subject is one which we are sure is of concern to all traditional Jews.

Our speaker is well qualified to speak on the topic as his major field is that of Bible research. Ordained in 1940 in the Yeshiva of Kishinef-Bessarabia, he has had a most varied background. His activities have included work in the Zionist underground of Rumania, several years in a Nazi concentration camp, and rescue work in Rumania after the war. He came to the United States in 1948 and has been teach-



Dr. Menachem Brayer

ing Bible and its exegesis at Yeshiva University ever since.

We are sure that the speaker will have a message of interest and information for all those who attend.

Our Women's League

LAST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS FOR OUR LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 10

Attention, Ladies! You still have time to make a reservation for our Annual Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria, on December 10, if you call the Synagogue Office this Sunday, TR 7-8281.

We are expecting all our members and friends to help us make this Luncheon the best we ever have had.

Its success depends upon YOU.

Last Saturday an appeal was made in our Synagogue
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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Teves 3

Light candles before4:09
Evening services4:20

Saturday, Teves 4

Weekly portion: Vayigash

Genesis 44:18-47:27 Ezekiel 37:15-28
Morning service9:00
Youth congregation10:00
Junior congregation10:30
Participants: Adam Kertezs, Nathan
Mire, Joseph Muzayan, Michael
Steinlauf

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) ...3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ...2:45

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class2:45

Mincha3:45

Reader of Torah: Milton Belier

Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath terminates5:00

Sunday, Teves 5

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha4:20

Friday, Teves 10 — Fast of Teves

Selichos6:30, 8:00

Morning Services6:45,

7:20, 8:20

Mincha4:00

Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our devoted Director, Max J. Zimmer, upon the passing of his mother, **Rose Zimmer**.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Congregation was signally honored by having as its guest speaker at our last Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis, Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Deputy Minister of Religion in the State of Israel . . . The host at our Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Jacob Goldberg . . . Our congregational Chanukah party last Saturday night will live long in the memories of the record making hosts of members and friends who attended. Particular credit for which must be given to our Mr. and Mrs. League who took care of all the arrangements. That the latkes served reached the epitomy of deliciousness was due to the magic touch of Mrs. Gittel Silverman and Mrs. Fannie Vogel . . . Many thanks to our Director Saul Linzer for his gift of miniature Hatikva records as prizes for our Hebrew School and Social Department . . . Special commendation to Mrs. Morton Garfiel for her remarkably successful presentation of the first cradle roll program of the season for the youngsters of our Congregation . . . Heartiest mazel tov to our Director Max J. Zimmer upon his marriage to Georgia Hexter . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Squaire upon the birth of their granddaughter, Robin Lee . . . Happy to hear that Mrs. Herman Livingstone is on the mend . . .

Birthday Greetings

Dec.

- 7—Elizabeth Schnur
- 9—Director Henry Blankfort
Director Moe Oltarsh
Lewis Pekier
- 10—Michael Blankfort
Mrs. Dorothy Isseks
Judy Kraushar
- 13—Steven Eisenberg

Anniversary Greetings

Dec.

- 12—Judge and Mrs. William B. Herlands
- 13—Rabbi and Mrs. Morton Garfiel

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Are you bringing canned goods and wire hangers to the Synagogue?

Are you doing **whatever you can** to help make this Bazaar a financial success so that we may be able to continue the religious, philanthropic, cultural and civic activities which our Synagogue fosters?

Call TR 7-8281 if you wish your packages picked up.

Please fill in, detach and mail to Bazaar Committee, c/o W.S.I.S. 122 W. 76 St.

BAZAAR HOURS — 10 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

You may count on me to serve on the Bazaar Sales Force on:

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| Sunday, Dec. 16th — | afternoon ☐ |
| | evening ☐ |
| Monday, Dec. 17th — | morning ☐ |
| | afternoon ☐ |
| | evening ☐ |
| Tuesday, Dec. 18th — | morning ☐ |
| | afternoon ☐ |
| | evening ☐ |
| Special staff to set up the Bazaar | |
| Sunday — 10 A.M. to opening time — | |
| | 5 P.M. ☐ |

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Phone

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NOTES

Our next Oneg Shabbat Round Table with Rabbi Reichel will be held on Friday night, December 14, at 8:30 o'clock. Reserve this date.

Glat Kosher Luncheon Club —

The Wall Street Synagogue opened a Luncheon Club, in its new building, 47 Beekman Street, New York, near William, 2nd floor. Full luncheons, a la carte and sandwiches served Monday thru Thursday, from 11:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. Nominal prices! All friends welcome!

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