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LESS THAN MONTH REMAINS TO COMPLETE OPERA BENEFIT EFFORT; PRESIDENT CALLS ON EVERY CONGREGANT TO SELL ONE MORE PAIR OF TICKETS

Speaking at our last Sabbath's services, our President Lester Udell had this to say:

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if each person here would only promise to dispose of but one more pair of tickets? If so, we would easily reach our goal of completing the sale of the opera house seats. We must reach that goal since the opera is one of the most important sources of financial support which we employ to meet our synagogue budget."

We hope that all who were in synagogue at that time — as well as those that were not — will take president Udell's message to heart.

If the task of disposing of the 3500 Metropolitan Opera House seats is left to a few devoted workers, it is an impossible feat to accomplish. However, if every member and reader disposes of **only one pair of tickets**, the task can be accomplished. In fact, the tickets should be very easy to sell. Puccini's "La Boheme," which we will see at the Metropolitan Opera House on Saturday night, January 20, 1957, is one of the most delightful and popular in the Metropolitan repertoire. We shall be privileged to hear the famous stars, Dorothy Kirsten and Jan Peerce, as well as the Metro-

politan Opera Orchestra and Chorus in this performance.

Our Opera Committee has purposely set the prices of the various seats in the Opera House so as to assure the availability of seats in every price range. There are tickets from \$2.50 each to \$25 each, with some ticket available for every one.

Why not call the Synagogue Office today, at TR 7-8281? Ask for someone to give you information about "opera tickets" and you can know that you have done your part in helping your synagogue when it needs you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



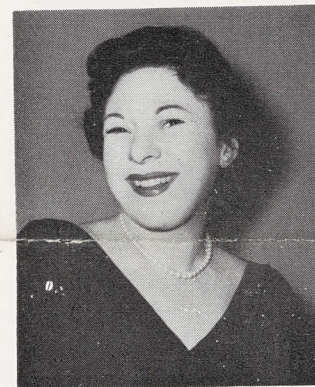
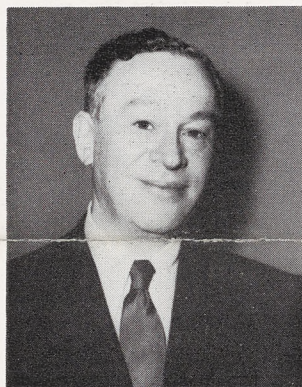
Mrs. Regina Margareten

The entire Congregation felicitates our matriarch, Mrs. Regina Margareten, on the occasion of her 93rd birthday. Mrs. Margareten is a regular worshipper at our synagogue Services and we wish her all happiness "ad meah v'esrim shanah" unto 120 years.

Fathers Welcome With Their Sons To Men's Club Service & Breakfast This Sunday

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN H. COHEN TO BE HOSTS

ON OCCASION OF THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen

Following a well-attended and successful start of the season, our second Father and Son Service and Breakfast, sponsored by our Men's Club will be held this Sunday morning, December 23rd, at 9:30 o'clock.

COLLEGIATES REUNION

Friday Night, Dec. 28th

at the W.S.I.S.

SAVE THE DATE

The young men will again conduct the services and the young ladies of our youth clubs will be the hostesses.

Our Director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen will be the hosts at the breakfast in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Mr. Cohen, will also

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TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Harvey L. Santer

Mazel tov to Mrs. Malka Santer, upon the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Harvey Laurence, which will be celebrated at our services tomorrow morning. Harvey is a pupil in our Hebrew school.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

There will be regular Hebrew School classes on Sunday morning, December 23rd.

Report cards have been distributed to all our pupils. Parents are urged to sign them and to see to it that they are returned by this Sunday.

The Junior congregation will meet on December 29th. Parents are most welcome.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemonah Esreh

"RESTORE OUR JUDGES"

The Government of Israel should restore "the judge" as of yore. The 'judge' has the right to decide questions according to Torah Law. May the prophecy of Isaiah, be completely fulfilled, namely — "And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, the city of righteousness, the faithful city." Isaiah 1:26.

"AND REMOVE FROM US SORROW"

Sorrow comes about through bad leaders.

"AND SUFFERING"

Our sighing, or groaning, come about through injustice or persecution. This blessing deals with justice. We believe that G-d is the G-d of justice. Since that must be so of the infinite G-d, the logic of our finite minds, even that weak and not always correct standard of measure, must lead us to believe that there must be justice between

man and man. Why then does this blessing mention "sorrow and suffering"? What has "sorrow and suffering" got to do with justice? The answer is this: If we but had "our judges as of old" and "our counsellors as at the beginning," then in that case we would not have the "sorrow and suffering" of to-day.

"AND REIGN THOU ALONE OVER US"

We pray that our hearts may be attuned properly and come nearer to G-d, that His law may prevail, bringing in its train, "lovingkindness and mercy."

"THE KING OF JUDGMENT"

The word "king" — in "the Holiness Benediction," as well as in this one, is said during the "Ten Days of Repentance," when man's destiny is being decided upon by the Divine Ruler.

"AND FOR THE SLANDERERS"

This prayer was added to the 18 benedictions about the time of Rabbi Gamliel during the First Century of the Common Era when the dissidents among our people, together with the outer enemies, brought spiritual contamination to our people and our faith.

"THE SLANDERERS"

These are such, who bring evil reports not so much to hurt others, but rather to gain something from the government, or from others. As for this type, their moral stamina is so low, that there is no hope, for them.

Note this prayer, follows the benediction for the restoration of judges and justice. Now this prayer, begins with the conjunctive, "vav" "and"—joining the prayer for justice, with this one, against SLANDER and WICKEDNESS.

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Judaism is concerned with the true purpose of the burial rites, and not with shallow and superficial considerations.

In time of tragedy, great care should be taken that the following rules are observed:

1. The deceased should be provided with a religious attendant (shomer) from the moment of death up to the time of the funeral.
2. There must be proper "taharah" or washing of the body by religiously qualified persons.
3. The body must be dressed in "tachrichim" (shrouds).
4. A simple wooden coffin without metal pegs should be used.
5. There should be no public viewing of the body.
6. The question of embalming which is a very common practice, should be referred to the rabbi in charge.
7. Flowers and music are not permitted.
8. The law requires that a tear be made in the garment of the mourner. For this purpose a jacket, vest, sweater or dress should be used. The "ribbon" generally offered, does not satisfy the requirements of the law and should not be used.
9. Burial should always be in the ground and not in a vault. The grave must be completely filled in, before leaving the funeral service.
10. There must be no Sabbath violation in the preparations for the funeral. On Holidays nothing should be done without consulting the Rabbi.
11. The burial should take place as soon as possible after death.

WELCOME TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATIONS BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the Kiddush of our Youth and Junior Congregations this Saturday morning, all the youthful congregants will sing "Happy Birthday" to their schoolmates who celebrate their natal days during the months of November and December. We also add our good wishes to: Sylvia Finker, James Fisher, Harriet Handler, Abba-Mayor Ben-Jaakov, Joseph Kalker, Arthur Sachs, David Schaefer, Terry Shulster, Daniel Van Engel and Evelyn Winkler.

Birthday presents 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.

Glat Kasher 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!

Father & Son Minyan

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entertain us with some of his repertoire of "good humor."

Our out-of-town collegiates, in for the winter vacation, will be the guests of honor and they are especially invited to attend.

Mr. H. William Hirsch, chairman of our Men's Club Committee, urges all our young people to be at the W.S.I.S. this Sunday morning. Incidentally, the Shma paragraph should be recited by 9:25 A.M. — within the first quarter of the day.

A QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question: Should Jewish families have Christmas trees in their home?

Answer: A Christmas tree is one of the symbols and observances of the Christian religion. It is most inappropriate in a Jewish home.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Teves 17

Light candles before4:11

Evening services4:25

Saturday, Teves 18

Weekly portion: Shemos

Exodus 1:1-6:1 Isaiah 27:6-28, 13:29,
22-23

Morning services9:00

Youth congregation10:00

Chazanim: Irving Faust, Stanley Klein,

Lewis Pekier

Sermonette: Seymour Klein

Junior congregation10:30

Participants: Abraham Kraushar, Jo-

seph Muzayan, Joseph Ratzersdorfer

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: Joseph Weisenfeld

Reader of Service: Hershel Gold

The Sabbath terminates5:02

Sunday and Tuesday

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha4:25

Followed by the explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Louis Wexler, upon the loss of her father, **Joseph Dvorkin**.

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Nathaniel E. Margolis, upon the passing of his father, **Louis Margolis**.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

All our Congregation joins in extending a hearty mazel tov to our popular Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yavneh upon the engagement of their son, Raphael to Miss Kuni Marcus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Marcus of Napanoch, N. Y. . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, Director and Mrs. Abraham M. Druckman, Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hofbauer and Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Schwartz . . . Welcome back from Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Max Chernofsky . . . It was good to see at our last Sabbath morning services the Burak Brothers-Paul, Michael, and George . . . Congratulations and best wishes for success to our Director Henry Hirsch upon his appointment as Chairman of the Annual Dinner, of the Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, which will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Sunday evening, January 6th . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be our 2nd Vice President Max Moskowitz . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Messrs. Abraham Greenberg, Henry Link, and Shiras Hauer. Mazel tov and best wishes to Rabbi and Mrs. Paul Eilberg upon the birth of a daughter. The mother is the former Rachel Spiegel, the former secretary for our beloved Rabbi Goldstein . . . Congratulations to Mr. Simeon H. F. Goldstein on being named as a Trustee of the City Club, New York's oldest civic organization . . . Delighted to have back with us, after many years of sojourn in Manhattan Beach, Manny and Henry Gluck — and their sister Lee. Brother Sy has always been in the neighborhood . . . Bouquets to Mrs. Mortimer Greer for being chairman of another successful Annual Dutch Supper sponsored by the Manhattan Day School P.T.A. . . . As we go to press, our Bazaar is just beginning. We'll let you know all about it in our next issue.

Birthday Greetings**Dec.**

- 22—Seth Michael Goldstein
George Levinson
23—Sherrie Signe Chrein

Our Women's League**OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON AT WALDORF
TERMED HUGE SUCCESS BY ALL ATTENDING**

The members of the Women's League can look back with sincere pride on a truly memorable afternoon at the Waldorf. Their Annual Luncheon, chaired and inspired by the incomparable Mrs. Eddie Schreiber and her indefatigable Associate chairman, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, obtained new heights of success — both financial and social. As ever our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel and President, Mrs. William Foont brought dignity and spiritual beauty to the afternoon's program. A sincere "Thank You" with all good blessings is extended to all the Luncheon officers, committee members and loyal friends of the Women's League.

Our grateful appreciation and thanks to: The Italian Line for their very attractive menus; Andy's Hair Stylist at 105 W. 72nd St. for his

generous gift certificate; Alfredo and Warendorf for their lovely floral center pieces; Philip Morris and Co. for cigarettes; Barton's Bonbonniere for square mints; Birnbaum, Genes-Lenger, Kedem, Hersh, Lipshutz, and Shapiro for their generous gifts of souvenir bottles of wine.

You might like to know that Mrs. Eddie Schreiber has had requests for copies of her inspired Luncheon Speech. If only the poise and delivery of our Jen could be put on paper too, to captivate and encourage others, as she did those present at the Women's League Annual Luncheon.

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following women for prizes which came in too late to be put on our Treasure Chest Sheet: Mrs. N. Cohen, Mrs. Betty Mann, Mrs. I. Rottenberg, and Mrs. Andrew Weiss.

- 24—Mrs. Milton M. Bernard
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27—David Don
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Anniversary Greetings

- 21—Director and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen
22—Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Horowitz
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