

OUR SYNAGOGUE DEPENDS ON YOU —
PLEASE OBTAIN YOUR OPERA TICKETS NOW!

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Final Ten Days for Sale of Tickets for Opera Benefit; Puccini's "La Boheme" to be Presented Sunday, January 20

With the approach of the date for the performance of our opera benefit at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Sunday evening, January 20, 1957, the Opera Committee has called upon every member and friend of the West Side Institutional Synagogue to make one further final effort on behalf of this very important congregational project. It is up to every reader of these columns to assure the success of the opera benefit by selling at least **one additional pair of tickets** to his friends or business associates in this final period before the opera.

Tickets to our benefit performance should not be difficult to sell. We are fortunate in presenting one of the most delightful operas in the Metropolitan repertoire, Puccini's "La Boheme." Moreover, Metropolitan stars, Jan Peerce and Dorothy Kirsten will lead a cast of famous Metropolitan singers. In addition, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus will appear under the direction of Tibor Kozma.

One final thought which the Opera Committee has emphasized. Many of our worshippers and friends have indicated that they will

not attend the opera performance because they will by then be away for their winter vacations. Many of these people have already shown that while they will not be with us physically on the night of the 20th, they will be there in spirit nonetheless. Thus, they have taken a pair of tickets to give to their friends or have sent in a contribution which they would have otherwise given for opera tickets. We hope that these people will **serve as an example** to all who cannot be with us on the night of January 20.

YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH SABBATH

Our Annual Youth Sabbath, at which the young men of our Congregational Family will conduct the Synagogue Services, and the young ladies will be the hostesses at a Kiddush, will be held on Friday night, March 22nd, and Saturday, March 23rd.

Those of our readers of the younger set who wish to participate as readers of a portion of the Torah, recipients of "Mitzvos", ushers, or hostesses, are cordially urged to return the coupon below at once.

Dear Rabbi Reichel:

I wish to participate in the W.S.I.S. Youth Sabbath on March 23rd as

- ☐ Reader of the Torah
- ☐ Recipient of a "Mitzvah"
- ☐ Hostess
- ☐ Usher

Signed

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TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Do Your Children Know The Story
of Purim?

What is the Megillah? The Seder?



Children who are over 5 years of age can easily learn the meaning of our Festivals and how to enjoy them. Parents are urged to enroll their children in our Hebrew School and Sunday morning Kindergarten at once, so that the youngsters will not miss the full enjoyment of the coming Purim and Passover holidays. Full and partial scholarships are available.

Visit our Principal this Sunday morning or any school day after-
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MEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The next regular meeting of our Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, January 7, beginning at 8:30 P.M. in our Synagogue. All the men of our congregation are cordially invited to attend both the business meeting and the regular social hour which will follow.

LAST CALL FOR ADULT HEBREW CLASSES

The Laymen's Institute will resume its courses in the study of Hebrew for adults beginning with this Wednesday night, January 9. Courses are being offered on three levels — Beginners, Elementary and Intermediate.

For further information, call or write Rabbi Reichel.

STAMP CLUB MEETING

This Monday evening, January 7, our Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 P.M. This interesting activity is open to all our worshippers — both young and old — of our congregation.



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BAR MITZVAH



Daniel H. Kahn

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Spitalny upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel Henry, which will be celebrated in our synagogue tomorrow morning.

Mazel Tov also to the grandma, Mrs. Fannie Zornberg.

Daniel is a pupil in our Hebrew School.

YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE

Our young folks over 21 are urged to reserve Sunday evening, January 13th, for another enjoyable meeting of the Young Adults League.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemonah Esreh

"AND SPEEDILY SET UP THE THRONE OF DAVID"

Here we have the order of our return. First Jerusalem shall be rebuilt, and then the EVERLASTING building, the Temple, (apparently we are not religiously ready for same) and then the Kingdom of David.

"BLESSED ART THOU WHO REBUILDEST JERUSALEM"

Note the very is "who rebuilds" in the present tense. How prophetic all this is, as we see it today. May we make ourselves worthy of a speedy rebuilding.

"SPEEDILY CAUSE THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID THY SERVANT TO FLOURISH"

As we read in Midrash Shachar Tov on Psalm 18, — the redemption will not come at one time, but little by little, — yet we pray that it "flourish" speedily. — So too the redemption is likened to "the morning star" and the rising sun, which appear little by little, and we pray for G-d's miracle to speed the "Day" of our redemption.

"AND HIS HORN BE EXALTED BY THY SALVATION"

Alone we may not be worthy of it, but we pray for G-d's help. The Talmud (in Shabbus 31 A) says, that after we pass out of this world, into the next, we shall be asked a number of questions — "Hast thou set aside time for the study of the Torah? Hast thou carried out thy business honestly? Hast thou looked forward for the salvation of Israel? Therefore in our prayer, the words "Kol Hayohm" "EVERY DAY" or "ALL THE DAY" are inserted to indicate that every day, we are to pray for (and work for) the redemption.

"BLESSED ART THOU WHO CAUSEST THE HORN OF SALVATION TO FLOURISH"

This is evidenced by the fact that amidst all our troubles, since the destruction of Jerusalem and the Holy Temple, we believe and pray for the redemption.

"HEAR OUR VOICE"

The word "Voice" is a cry without a clear statement, as we read in Genesis chapter 26 verse 5 "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice". He knew it was G-d's call, and obeyed immediately" to keep his "charge" etc., or as Moses began to read the Torah the people said "All the Lord hath said" — "We shall do, and shall hear". Exodus chapter 24 verse 7.

"SPARE"

This refers to anything we have made, like a vessel for instance — so, we say to G-d "spare us", whom you have made.

"AND HAVE MERCY"

Upon us in our need.

"IN MERCY"

That for which we ask.

"AND FAVOR"

That which we need, but for which we did not ask. We do not ask for all that we need, and all that is good for us. Our unasked prayer and favor, and our asked prayer, which is not for our good deny — (See the author's pamphlet entitled "A Letter on Prayer").

"SUPPLICATIONS" Unexpressed

"TURN US NOT AWAY EMPTY"

If all our prayers are not answered. We petition G-d, to answer some of them, that we should not be sent away "empty-handed". Here, too, as well as at the close of the final prayer we may add any prayer, for others, or as well for himself.

"ANSWER US"

This prayer is said here, by the individual on a Fast Day, and by the congregation between the prayer ending with "The redeemer of Israel and "heal us."

OUR ASSOCIATE REBBITZEN MRS. O. ASHER REICHEL TO BE HOSTESS TO BOARD MEETING.

The entire Executive Board of our Women's League is invited to a luncheon on Monday, January 7, at 12:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Asher Reichel, 230 West 79th Street.

The exciting results of our past two functions — the annual luncheon and our bazaar — will be announced. Don't you be the one to hear this news second-hand.

Also, at the same meeting, we will get plans under way for our Children's Village Luncheon, which will be held on Monday, February 25th, 1957.

Be sure to attend this important meeting.



TEEN AGERS SOCIAL THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

Our Maccabees and Teen Agers are sponsoring another gala Social this Saturday night, January 5th, at 8:30 o'clock, for young folks of our Congregational Family and their friends between the ages of 14 and 16. Refreshments will be served. All who will attend are assured of a wonderful time. There is a nominal admission fee.

YESHIVA TO HOLD DINNER

We would like to call the attention of our readers to the Melave Malke dinner of the Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim of Radun which will take place this Saturday night, January 5, at the Hotel Manhattan Towers. The Yeshiva offers instruction through the high school level and is located in our neighborhood, at 346 West 89th Street. It deserves the support of the entire community.

Those interested in attending the dinner may obtain details by telephoning the school, EN 2-1550.

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A THOUGHT

Today, upon a bus I saw a girl with
golden hair,

She seemed so gay, I envied her,
and wished that I were half so
fair,

I watched her as she rose to leave,
and saw her hobble down the
aisle.

She had one leg and wore a crutch,
but as she passed a smile.

Oh, G-d, forgive me when I whine: I
have two legs and the world is
mine.

* * *

Two legs to take me where I go,
Two eyes to see the sunset's glow,
Two ears to hear all that I should
know.

Oh, G-d, forgive me when I whine;
I'm blessed indeed and the world is
mine.

Talmud Torah Notes

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noon, and he will be glad to tell
you more about our program.

Our readers who know of children
who should attend our school, may
send us their names, addresses and
phone numbers. We will be glad to
contact the children and invite them
to visit our school. You will be do-
ing the child a favor, and at the
same time, strengthen Judaism in
our community.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Shevat 2

Light candles before4:24

Evening service4:35

Saturday, Shevat 3

Boh, Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftorah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

Morning services9:00

Youth congregation10:00

Chazanim: Irving Faust, Larry Hecht,
Mervin Lindenbaum

Junior congregation10:30

Sabbath kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) ? 10

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:00

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class3:00

Mincha4:00

Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward

Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath terminates5:14

Sunday, Shevat 4

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha4:35

Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

92 YEARS YOUNG

Our heartiest felicitations to Mr. Solomon Rosenfield upon his reaching his 92nd birthday. Mr. Rosenfield studies the Talmud daily in our Beth Hamidrash for several hours before Mincha Services. He has been a regular worshipper in our Synagogue for many years.

May G-d spare him many more years to us in good health and vigorous spirit.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our heartfelt welcome into our Congregational family to the following new members: Mrs. Dena Freudman, Max H. Joseph, Sheldon Levy, Joseph L. Rosenberg, Simon Steinfeld, and Leon Welker . . . Home on their winter vacation from their colleges out of town, we were happy to see the following collegiates at our Sabbath morning Services: Jay Kobrin, Martin Sage, Stanley Shulster and Joseph Weisenfeld . . . Congratulations to Stanley Klein and Seymour Klein who were elected president and vice president respectively by our Youth Congregation . . . Pleasant vacationing in Florida to Mr. Frank Frohman . . . In celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen will host our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shilishis tomorrow . . . Our heartiest mazel tov and best wishes to Rabbi and Mrs. Moishe C. Pekier upon the birth of a daughter, Rose; and to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Sabsevit upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Heller.

Birthday Greetings

Jan.

- 4—Judith Gold
- 5—Morris Bank
Director Herman H. Cohen
- 6—Jack Bendheim
Maurice Spanbock
- 7—Isadore Baskowitz
Mrs. Albert H. Colin
Louis Goldner
- 8—Director Joseph Anderson
Daniel Jesselson
- 9—Director Abraham M. Druckman
Miriam Sarah Reichel
- 10—Richard Grossman

Anniversary Greetings

Jan.

- 4—Mr. & Mrs. Alexander M. Golden
- 5—Mr. & Mrs. Louis Landowne
- 10—Mr. & Mrs. Arthur B. Gottlieb

REMEMBER YOUR SYNAGOGUE

When you are arranging your affairs — as every man should — by drawing up a last will and testament, may we suggest that you remember the Synagogue at that time.

Bequests to our institution to aid us in the furtherance of our work, should be drawn as follows:

"I give, devise and bequeath the sum of . . . to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, 122 West 76 Street, New York City, a religious corporation, incorporated in New York, for its work and purposes."

*News of Israel . . .***In the General Assembly of the United Nations****EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH BY ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER****MRS. GOLDA MEIR**

The desire for peace, Mr. President, is deeply rooted among the people of Israel. And when, just nine years ago, the United Nations General Assembly, by more than a two-thirds vote, adopted its resolution that a Jewish State be established in Palestine, our profoundest wish that the hand of friendship which we then extended to our Arab neighbors would be accepted. Can it be doubted that, had that then been done, the benefits to all the peoples of our region resulting from the peaceful cooperative endeavor of the Arab nations and of Israel would have been of the highest order? . . .

For eight years now Israel has been subjected to the unremitting violence of physical assault and to an equally unremitting intent to destroy our country economically through blockade, through boycott and through lawless interference with the development of our natural resources. Since Israel's efforts to repulse the concerted Arab onslaught in 1948, my country has had no respite from hostile acts and loudly proclaimed threats of destruction . . .

. . . A comfortable division has been made: The Arab States unilaterally enjoy the "rights of war;" Israel has the unilateral responsibility of keeping the peace. But beligerency is not a one-way street. Is it surprising if a people laboring under this monstrous distinction should finally become restive and at least seek a way of rescuing its life from the perils of a regulated war conducted against it from all sides?

For the people of Israel this paradox is not merely a question of logic or semantics. Among the "rights of

war" exercised against Israel has been the fedayeen campaign unleashed by Colonel Nasser in the summer of 1955 . . . Israel's narrow borders and long frontiers make it particularly vulnerable to terror squads who cross the border at night with the sole objective of indiscriminately shooting or bombing any Israel house, or any man, woman or child.

The campaign of terror unleashed against Israel was not stopped by the intervention of the United Nations. The cease-fire secured by the Secretary-General last April was not honored. Instead, despite exemplary restraint practiced by Israel immediately after that cease-fire agreement, violence increased on every border. Every sign pointed to the fact that the Egyptian dictator was about to realize his cherished and full publicized ambition of a second round aimed at destroying Israel. He had amassed huge stocks of heavy armaments, secured largely from the Soviet Union and affiliated countries. He had concluded treaties with Jordan and Syria according to which the military forces of these countries were placed under Egyptian High Command . . . We recognized the symptoms. Within the lifetime of nearly every person here present a dictator arose who, like this disciple of his, informed the world in advance of his blood-thirsty plans. The ashes of the crematoria, the carnage of millions, a world in ruin, testified to the fidelity with which he kept his purposes.

Such a lesson should not be forgotten. Certainly the people of Israel are not likely to forget what the threat of total extermination means.

(To be continued)

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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