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Last Opportunity to Obtain Tickets for Benefit Opera Performance Of Puccini's "La Boheme" At Metropolitan Opera House

On Sunday evening, January 20

Opera committee looks forward to 100% participation and attendance

"If you have not yet obtained your tickets and would like to be with us on Sunday evening, January 20, please telephone the Synagogue Office at once."

The Opera Committee

CELEBRATING BAS MITZVAHS

On Saturday afternoon, March 23rd, we shall celebrate the Bas Mitzvahs of the young ladies of our Congregational family who have reached their twelfth birthday during the past year. The girls who wish to participate in the program are invited to attend a meeting of the group on Sunday Morning, January 20th, at 10:30 o'clock, in Rabbi Reichel's office.

CHAMISHA ASAR B'SHEVAT

This Thursday, Jewish Arbor Day will be celebrated. The day, which falls on the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, is known as Chamisha Asar B'Shevati, or simply, Tu B'Shevati.

The Talmud refers to this day as Rosh Hashona L'Ilanos, the beginning of the year for the trees. At this time, the Talmud tells us, the fruitfulness of the trees for the coming year is determined.

In the land of Israel, the day is set aside for the important work of planting new trees. Outside of Israel, it is customary to observe the day by eating of fruit products for which the Holy Land is noted. The penitential psalms are not recited on this day.

Professor Agus to Speak Monday Evening On "Origin of Ashkenazic Jew"

Talk Another In Series of Laymen's Institute Lectures



Irving Agus

A most interesting and informative subject will be the topic of the next in our series of Laymen's Institute lectures. This Monday evening, January 14, Professor Irving Agus will speak on the subject, "Origin of the Ashkenazic Jew." Inasmuch as virtually all the members of the congregation number themselves among this portion of Judaism, Professor Agus' talk should be of interest to all.

Professor Agus was dean of the Harry Fischel School of Talmudic Research in Jerusalem for several years. For the past five years he has been professor of Jewish and general history at Yeshiva University.

He studied at N.Y.U., Hebrew University and Dropsie College, receiving his Ph.D. from the latter institution. Among his published works, are "Rabbi Meir of Rothenburg," "The Responsa of the Tosaphists," as well as many scholarly articles on Jewish history.

We are sure, therefore, that his message will be one of great interest to all of us. We urge those who can possibly attend to do so; we are sure their coming will be amply rewarded.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

Our Journalism Club's Birthday edition of "The Teen Times" has just come off the press. Our young folks will indeed enjoy the literary creations of their friends. Free copies are available in our Social Department Office, or may be had upon request by phone or mail.

The new gym at P.S. 87 around the corner is available for our Teen Age Club members and Maccabees on Thursday evenings. Mrs. Naomi Redisch is in charge of the girls groups. For further information call our office or Herbert Goldberg at TR 3-5670.



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FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We realize that our young people are kept very busy at school and with their social activities. We feel, however, that Jewish boys and girls should remain loyal to their Jewish heritage and not forsake their sacred studies.

For the benefit of the young men of our congregation who are over the age of 13, we have an extension course in Jewish Studies which meets on Monday afternoons at 5:45 o'clock.

A similar group for girls of Post Bas Mitzvah age meets Tuesday evenings at 5:45 o'clock.

We hope that all our youth will take advantage of this program, which is the result of much planning and effort. Should you want any further information, please do not hesitate to call Rabbi Reichel.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemonah Esreh

"ACCEPT . . . THY PEOPLE ISRAEL AND THEIR PRAYER"

Every Amidah closes with the following 3 benedictions.

We pray here not for ourselves but for all Israel, that their prayers be not only merely accepted, but accepted "with favor" with goodwill, — not in the way the unworthy are answered. When we asked for

meat in the wilderness, we were answered and our desires satisfied, but not with favor, as the Psalmist put it, "He granted them their request, and as a result it sent leanness into their soul" (Psalm 106 verse 15).

"RESTORE THY SERVICE TO THE "DVIER" OF THY HOUSE"

The Hebrew word "DVIER" is translated "to the Inner Sanctuary" or "to the oracle" (connected with the word davar, "word"), "the place of the sacred word." We pray for the return to the Divine, so that the righteous, need not be offered as an atonement for our sins.

"THEIR PRAYERS"

That is, the prayers of Israel may be received with love and favor (On Rosh Chodesh and the Intermediate Days of Passover, and Succos, the following is added.)

"MAY OUR REMEMBRANCE . . . ASCEND BEFORE THEE"

Why all these 8 synonyms designating our approach before G-d? One would seem to be enough. This is to be compared to one, in need of an introduction to the President. A friend who knew the President sent him a letter of introduction. He was so happy in the thought that now, he would see the President. He showed the letter to his neighbor. Thereupon the neighbor laughed and said, "Friend, this is only a beginning — You must travel to Washington then go to the White House, then you must pass a number of guards, then speak to someone, at the 'Information Desk', then

be directed to another room, then to the secretary of a Secretary of the President, then to the secretary, and then the secretary may say 'you cannot see the President, but tell me what you want and the President will think it over.' So is it with us, there are many stages of ethical, moral and religious living that are introductions to G-d.

These 8 synonyms of ascent, represent the eight heavens. On the Festival Days, we are nearest in our ascent, or approach to G-d, therefore, we feel then we may be worthy of special blessings.

"REMEMBER US"

The Hebrew means to think of us, in this case for "GOOD".

"BE MINDFUL"

The Hebrew means, not only to remember, but to do something about it. In this case to turn the "good" into a "blessing."

"AND SAVE US"

Whenever the term "hosea" is used, — it implies "salvation" or help, which comes when man has no power to help, then G-d helps completely.

"AND LET OUR EYES BEHOLD THY RETURN TO ZION IN MERCY"

If Zion is being rebuilt, it means the beginning of the indwelling of the Schechinah, G-d's very presence, in Zion. We do not see it, but we pray to note the spiritual opportunities.

"BLESSED ART THOU WHO CAUSES TO RESTORE HIS DIVINE PRESENCE UNTO ZION"

Note, it is not merely the rebuilding of Zion, but the chief purpose of the restoration namely that the Schechinah — G-d's presence, may rest in Zion — May we, by our religious, educational and spiritual efforts, make that a reality in our time.

News of Israel . . .

In the General Assembly of the United Nations

EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH BY ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER

MRS. GOLDA MEIR

(Continued from Last Week)

We are a small people in a small barren land which we revived with our labor and our love. The odds against us are heavy; the disparity of forces is great, but we have no alternative but to defend our lives and freedom and the right to security. We desire nothing more than peace, but we cannot equate peace merely with an apathetic readiness to be destroyed. If hostile forces gather for our proposed destruction they must not demand that we provide them with ideal conditions for the realization of their plans. Nor should it be permitted that the sincere desire for peace, shared by so many, be used as a shelter for such preparations.

The action of the Israel army in the unpopulated Sinai desert served to disrupt well-laid Egyptian plans and to liquidate new bases of active hostility against us . . .

I wonder, Mr. President, if there are any other countries represented in this Assembly who live under similar conditions. And I wonder whether there is a people in the world prepared to commit itself to a policy that, if placed in Israel's situation, it would take no action in self-defense . . .

. . . The practical problems which, it is claimed, divide the Arabs and Israel are not beyond solution. The world has, for instance, known and still knows refugee problems of far wider scope than those of the Arab refugees . . . Who more than the Jewish people has endured the tragic fate of the refugee? If today there is no bitter Jewish refugee problem in the world, it is because Israel supported by the solidarity of the Jewish people everywhere and with the aid of friendly governments has largely solved it. In the solution (of the refugee problem) Israel . . . is prepared to play its part. But while Israel was absorbing Jewish refugees to a number exceeding that of all the Arab refugees . . . the Arab States for their part, with the exception of Jordan, were erecting an iron wall between themselves and these kinsmen of theirs. And since then they have lost no opportunity for exploiting these people as a political weapon in their war against Israel.

The fundamental problem in the whole situation is the systematically organized Arab hostility against Israel. Arab enmity towards Israel is not a natural phenomenon. It is artificially fostered and nurtured . . . It is the Israel-Arab conflict which keeps the area at the mercy of dangerously contending outside forces. Only by the liquidation of that conflict will the people of the region be able to work out their own destinies in independence and hope. Only in that prospect lies hope for a brighter future of equality and progress for all the peoples concerned.

The concept of annihilating Israel is a legacy of Hitler's war against the Jewish people, and it is no mere coincidence that the soldiers of Nasser had an Arabic translation of "Mein Kampf" in their knapsacks.

What does Israel want? Its requirements are simple. We wish to be secure against threats to our territorial integrity and national independence. We wish to be left alone to pursue the work of developing our country and building a new society founded on social justice and individual liberty. We wish to cooperate with our neighbors for the common good of all the peoples of the region . . . We, the people of Israel, believe not only in the necessity but also in the possibility of peace.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Director and assistant treasurer Harold Kaplan, upon the passing of his brother, **Abraham Kaplan**;

And to our member Mr. Sol Brandes, upon the passing of his wife, **Frieda Brandes**;

And to our member Mr. Sam Manaccus, upon the passing of his sister, **Ida Lieberman**;

And to our member Mr. Marc Sorokin, upon the passing of his wife, **Maria F. Sorokin**.

We pray that the Almighty will spare all the bereaved families from further sorrow for scores of years to come.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Shevat 9

Light candles before 4:31
Evening service 4:40

Saturday, Shevat 10

B'shalach: Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Morning service 9:00

Youth congregation 10:00

Chazanim: Larry Hecht, Seymour

Klein, Stanley Klein

Junior congregation 10:30

Participants: Eudis Cohen, Kenneth Cohen

Sabbath kindergarten 10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:00

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class 3:00

Mincha 4:00

Reader of Torah: Lawrence Kobrin

Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh

The Sabbath terminates 5:20

Sunday, Shevat 11

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

Daily Services

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

Mincha 4:40

Followed by the explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

NOTICE

We are missing a volume of our new set of Gemoras, Baba Metzia.

Someone borrowed Soncino's Edition of the Book of Psalms and also a Soncino Edition of one of the tracts of the Talmud — Will the lender please return same to us.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Congregational thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldberg for their generous and thoughtful donation of books to the libraries of our Women's League and Hebrew School . . . Happy to hear from our Director Harry Appel en route from Sao Paulo, Brazil that all is well with him, and we have our welcome mat ready to role out upon his return . . . Now that Director and Mrs. Ben Glazer, Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Bernard and Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar are back from Florida, our Congregational Activities will be proportionately enhanced . . . Bon Voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kirsh, who will represent the W.S. I.S. in the West Indies for a short vacation . . . It was good to see Mr. Harry Perlman back at our services after his recent illness . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shilishis tomorrow will be Mr. Solomon Rosenfield . . . Ye columnist's son, Stephen, was named All-Scholastic soccer goalie by virtue of his fine play in that position on his Midwood High School Soccer Team . . . We extend our blessings and best wishes to Mrs. Joseph Bruno for a Refuah Shlema. Same goes to Mr. S. Shiras Haver . . . We were happy to hear from our member, Alexander Rauschman, of the thrilling story of his cousin, Paul Fried, who personally sponsored the entry of 28 members of his family from Hungary into the United States.

Birthday Greetings

Jan.

- 12—Liba Amin
Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel
13—Mordecai Feuerstein
Philip Gertner
14—Aaron Solomon Gertz
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16—Jay Finkelstein
Nathan K. Gross
17—Harvey Robert Gross
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Anniversary Greetings

Jan.

- 11—Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Chrein
Director & Mrs. Ben Glazer
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell A. Horowitz
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Weiss
17—Mr. & Mrs. Irving Balmuth
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Kobrin
(Silver Wedding Anniversary)
Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Carter

Among Our Synagogue Activities . . .**OF INTEREST
TO OUR YOUNG MOTHERS**

Do You Know Of Our Sabbath Morning Sitter's Service? . . . and about our Sunday Kindergarten?

Every Saturday morning, at 10:30 o'clock until services are over, we have arranged for a "sitter" in our kindergarten room, for children four to six years of age, so that the parents may be able to attend the Sabbath Services. The children have a good time and are anxious to come regularly.

And while we are on the subject, every young mother is cordially invited to visit our Sunday Morning Kindergarten and register her youngster for the current season.

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**A WORD ABOUT OUR POPULAR
ADULT HEBREW CLASSES**

If any of our readers wish to learn or to "re-learn" the Hebrew language and to participate more fully in the services, there is still time to enroll in our Elementary and Intermediate Hebrew Classes for adults which meets on Wednesday nights.

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NEWLY ARRIVED NEIGHBORS

If you, our reader, or any of your friends have just moved into our neighborhood, we would like to invite you to share our Synagogue with us, as your spiritual home. Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Reichel will be glad to assist you in making your social as well as religious adjustments. Their phone number is TR 7-8281.

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**RABBI REICHEL TO ADDRESS OUR
YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE**

This Sunday night, January 13th, at 8:30 o'clock our Young Adults League welcomes young folks over 21, to another enjoyable social evening.

Preceding the social hour Rabbi Reichel will address the group on "Problems Of An American Rabbi". Refreshments will be served.

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PARENTS . . .**IT IS NOT TOO LATE YET
FOR THE NEW TERM**

Yes, you may still enroll your boys and girls in the Beginners classes of our Hebrew School for the new term.

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