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MEN'S CLUB REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of our Men's Club will be held this Monday night, November 4, at 8:30 in our Synagogue building. Mr. Bennet Cantor, President of the Club, urges all the men of the congregation who are interested in participating in the work of this organization to attend this meeting.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE TO SPONSOR SOMETHING NEW

Beginning with Thursday morning, November 4th, at 10:00 o'clock a Cultural Koffee Klatch will be sponsored by our Mr. and Mrs. League for the "better halves".

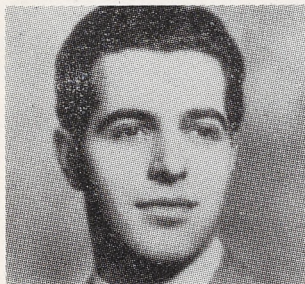
A survey course in Jewish History will be given by our own Rabbi Reichel. The purpose of this course is to "place" Jewish history with an eye to contemporary problems.

Don't miss "Our Cultural Koffee Klatch" this Thursday morning and every Thursday morning.

Selma Garfiel—Sally Goodgold
Mr. and Mrs. League Presidium

MEN'S CLUB DINNER FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS TO TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

**Gala Dinner at Riverside Plaza Hotel to honor
Outgoing President and current President and officers**



Fred Heiser
Outgoing President



Bennet Carter
Incoming President



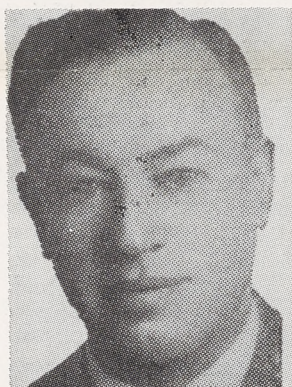
Irving Silver
**Chairman of
Dinner Committee**

A gala dinner to honor the outgoing president of the Men's Club, Mr. Fred Heiser, as well as the new officers, led by Mr. Bennet Carter, current president, will take place Monday, November 11th, Veteran's Day, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 153 W. 73 Street at 7 P.M. Cocktails will be served at 6:15 P.M. Ladies are invited. The charge covering cocktails and dinner is \$4.00 per person.

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Opera Benefit Performance To Feature Puccini's "Tosca" On Sunday, January 19, 1958

Committee Appointed to Head Disposal of 3,500 Tickets



Herman H. Cohen



Jacob Kaplan



Joseph Settel

The benefit opera performance of the W.S.I.S. this year will be the very popular opera "Tosca" by Puccini on Sunday night, January 19, 1958. It will feature a cast of some of the most popular and outstanding stars of the "Met" according to the assurances of the Metropolitan management. In future issues we will announce the names of the cast.

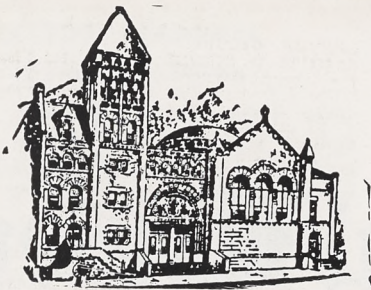
To supervise the sale of the 3500 tickets, President Lester Udell has appointed an opera committee of three Co-Chairmen, Herman H. Cohen, Jacob Kaplan and Joseph Settel.

The opera committee, appeals to all the readers of this Review to participate in this tremendous undertaking. Tickets are priced to fit every purse. They range from \$2.50 to \$25 per ticket.

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OPERA TICKETS

Boxes (8 seats) — \$100 and \$125
Orchestra — \$25, \$20, \$15, \$12.50
Grand Tier — \$15, \$12.50, \$10
Opera Club — \$10, \$7.50, \$5
Opera Guild — \$10, \$7.50, \$5
Dress Circle \$10, \$7.50, \$6
Balcony — \$5.50, \$5., \$4.50
Family Circle — \$3.50, \$2.50



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BEGINNERS HEBREW FOR ADULTS MONDAY AFTERNOONS

A class in Hebrew will be given by Miss Elsie Gleich in the Synagogue every Monday afternoon starting **Monday, November 4th** at 3:30 o'clock. All women are invited. This is especially convenient for those mothers whose children attend Talmud Torah.

No charge for these courses. Don't miss this opportunity to "brush up" on your Hebrew.

SENIOR LEAGUE SOCIAL

All young people from 17 through 23 years of age are invited to a gala social evening on Sunday, November 3rd, at 8:30 o'clock in our Social Hall. Friends bring friends.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

"THE GOMEL PRAYER"

"TO THE UNDESERVING"

Even to the undeserving G-d shows טובים goodness. Therefore, for the good people who sin occasionally He should not subtract from their good deeds. The late Chief-Rabbi Kook said, that the CHAYAVIM — the punishments — we should see the goodness of G-d and that we should always be thankful to Him. If we live well, and things are going along well, we do not realize the goodness G-d is always showing us. Many a person has been brought to prayer and a personal relationship with G-d through sickness. We read in the Eighteen Benedictions, "And all the חיים Living Shall Give Thanks" The Talmud in Berachot 54b says "There are four who must offer thanks, and say the "Gomayl" Benediction. The four letters of the Hebrew word "chayim," "Life", each begins one of the words which indicate the four occasions for the (thanksgiving offering or) thanksgiving prayer. The **ches** begins the word "chawvush" "imprisoned" as we read in Psalm 107 "Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron." The **yud** stands for "yisurin" sickness," as we read in Psalm 107 "till their soul abhorreth all manner of food and they draw near unto the gates of death". The second "yud" begins the word yam "sea" as we read in Psalm 107 (referring to the waves of the sea) "They mount up to the heavens they go down to the depths — they reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end." The "mem" stands for the word "midbar" "desert" as we read in Psalm 107 "And they went astray in the wilderness in a solitary way — hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them." In each case, the verse ends with the words, "They shall praise the Lord for His kindness, and for His wonderful works for the children of men (Psalm 107).

Today since prayers have been substituted for sacrifices, if one is delivered from any of the four above mentioned dangerous situations, it is customary for him to come to the synagogue and be called up to the Torah. After the portion has been read to him and he has pronounced the second blessing, he adds the following "Gomayl Benediction," "Blessed art Thou O Lord, Our G-d, King of the universe who vouchsafest benefits unto the undeserving and who hast also vouchsafed all good unto me." Then the congregation responds thus, "He who hath vouchsafed all good unto thee, may He vouchsafe all good unto thee forever."

Another and more complete rendering of V'chol Hachayim" and "all the living" refers to **all** who have life, (even without any other bounties should eternally give thanks) as we read in the closing words of the Book of Psalms which we say every day in our prayers. "Let everything, that hath breath praise the Lord, praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150 verse 6).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO BUILDING COMMITTEE

APPROVAL UNANIMOUS — INFUSES GREATER ENERGY AND SPIRIT TO WORK ON BEHALF OF BUILDING PROJECT

The Board of Directors at their meeting on Thursday Night gave their unanimous approval to the Building Committee to continue with their work in behalf of the proposed erection of a new building to house the kindergarten, the Talmud Torah, Junior Congregation, arts and crafts, Women's League, Men's Club rooms and other rooms for social activities, also facilities for roof garden, succah and a new and modernized kitchen. In addition, our Social Hall will be renovated into a grand ballroom and lounge. This

approval is the final go ahead move for which the building committee had to wait, in order to begin actual construction.

However, all the approvals by the Board and efforts by the Building Committee can only be successful if you, our readers, will pitch in and underwrite this project with your contributions.

We are organizing a Volunteer Solicitors Squad. If you wish to be included in this group, — phone **at once** to Rabbi Goldstein — TR 7-8281 or TR 7-8251.

Men's Club Installation Dinner

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Mr. Irving Silver, chairman of the dinner installation committee, invites all members and worshippers to come and honor the officers of the men's Club.

In addition to Messrs. Heiser and Carter, the following current officers of the Men's Club will be honored: Leon Herman, Vice-President, Jacob Goldberg, Treasurer, Hyman Gottlieb, Financial Secretary, Louis Draiarsh, Recording Secretary and Alexander Kirsh, Sergeant at Arms.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our parents will surely be delighted to learn that our Sunday morning Kindergarten as well as our Saturday morning Kindergarten are in session.

Registration for the Sunday morning Kindergarten may be made daily in the Synagogue office.

Women's League

**MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR
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at 12 o'clock**

All you have to do to be invited as guest to the delightful Women's League Membership Luncheon, which is to be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel on Monday, November 25th, at 12 o'clock, is to pay your 1957-58 dues (if you are already a member), or to sign the attached membership blank and mail it at once together with your check of \$5.00 (for one year's dues), made out to Women's League WSIS.

A most enjoyable program, including games, is being arranged for the afternoon.

Won't you please give this matter your immediate attention, so that adequate preparations for all our guests may be made by the conscientious co-chairmen of this luncheon, Mrs. Irving Balmuth and Mrs. Edward Jacobs.

Fill out — cut off, and mail the attached no later than November 18th.

I hereby enroll as a member of the Women's League of the W.S.I.S. and will pay as my annual dues, \$5.00.

Name

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Make check payable to Women's League WSIS and mail to Women's League WSIS, 122 W. 76 Street.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OPEN MEETING**

**Monday, November 4th
at 12:30 P.M. in the Synagogue**

Mrs. Fred Goldstein, president of the Women's League, cordially invites you to attend an **Open Meeting** on Monday, November 4th at 12:30 P.M. in the Synagogue.

Mrs. Aaron Daniels, one of our new members, will entertain us with a review of the current hit play, "Long Day's Journey Into Night".

Our own Bea Weingarten, Program Chairman, will make suggestions for your reading pleasure.

Coffee and cake will be served at 12:30. Please be prompt so that we can fully enjoy this wonderful program.

**RABBI PEKIER RESUMES
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
TALMUD CLASS**

Last Wednesday night Rabbi Pekier resumed his Wednesday night Talmud Class which will meet from now on every Wednesday night at 8 P.M. till the end of June.

We invite all members and worshippers interested in studying the Talmud to join this class Wednesday night at 8 P.M.

REMINDER

Post Bar Mitzva and
Post Bas Mitzva

"Jewish Information Hour"

with Rabbi Reichel

**Sunday morning, November 3rd,
10:30**

ENGLISH TEACHERS NEEDED

We should like to inform the members of our Congregation of teaching positions in the English Departments of the Jewish Day Schools in Greater New York. The available positions are for teachers in primary, elementary, junior and senior high schools.

This is an excellent opportunity for those who would like to teach in a relaxed classroom situation on a full or part time basis.

Those interested are requested to contact the Yeshiva English Principals Association, 1776 Broadway, New York 19, N.Y., CI 5-8200.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening to.....4:33
Weekly Portion — Lech L'chaw
Genesis 12:1-17:27 Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Friday Evening Service4:40
Saturday Morning Service9:00
Youth Congregation10:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:10
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:10
Mincha4:10

Reader of Torah: William Etra

Reader of Service: Shelley Schneider

The Sabbath Terminates5:25

Daily Services

Sunday and Tuesday

Mornings7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Mincha4:40

Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

The Gymnasium at P.S. 87 is once again available for our young people on Thursday evenings. For future information, please call Rabbi Reichel's office.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 13 are welcome at our Sabbath afternoon Oneg Shabbat. Three groups meet at 3:00 o'clock for a wonderful time.

STAMP CLUB TO MEET

A regular meeting of our Stamp Club will take place this Monday evening, November 4, at 7:30 P.M., Mr. Jacob Goldberg, president of the group, has announced. Philatelists, young and old, are cordially invited to attend.

GETTING PERSONALby **Sanford Solarz**

Our annual Simchas Torah Chasanim Party has become one of the outstanding events of our Congregation. The party at the Synagogue last Saturday afternoon must rate among the finest that was ever held — if we may judge from the record breaking attendance, the delicious food, drinks, and various shades and flavors of oratory that emanated from the many speakers. The hosts for the occasion were our Simchas Torah Chasanim: President Lester Udell, Mr. Henry Zimet, and Mr. Aaron Neustadter. The toastmaster was our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. The speakers were: Rabbi Reichel, Rabbi Pekier, Isaac Allen, Samuel K. Beier, Bennett Carter, Morris Jablow, Harold Kaplan, Israel Kestenbaum, Lawrence Kobrin; Mmes. Morton Garfiel, Fred Goldstein, Maurice Goodgold, Henry Lindenbaum, and Miss Evelyn Goldstein . . . Our congregation has been vicariously honored by the appointment of our Director, Federal Judge David N. Edelstein, to the President's Advisory Council of Yeshiva University . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Blank-

fort, children of our Director and Mrs. Henry Blankfort, for their authorship of the hit play, "Monique" and to Dr. Henry Raphael Gold upon his election as president of the National Education Committee of the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi organization. . . . Ye columnist's son Stephen who is mayor of the Midwood High School, was one of the two delegates of his school to the three days' conference on Student Self-Government, held in Andover, N. Y. . . . Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pincus in their new home . . . Welcome home from Europe to Mr. and Mrs. William Wedeen . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon seudah shlishis tomorrow will be our second Vice-President, Mr. Max Moskowitz . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes upon the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Oltarsh and to the grandparents, Director and Mrs. Moe Oltarsh, and Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Friedman, who is a member of our Women's League Executive Board; to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Daniels on the birth of their granddaughter, Valerie Daniels Oltarsh and to Mr. and Mrs. Max Harris, upon the birth of Kenneth Harris, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Glass.

Birthday Greetings
Nov.

- 1—Howard L. Horowitz
- 3—Arthur M. Aibinder
Mrs. Sam Ehrman
Janet Ellen Rimberg
Sanford Solarz
- 4—Deborah Jane Goldstein
Nathan Kirsh
Alan Lee Rimberg
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- 3—Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fiedler
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- 7—Mr. & Mrs. Solomon M. Strausberg

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A modern Ritualarium (Mikvah) is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St. MO. 3-0300.

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ADULT COURSE**

Our Laymen's Institute will once again offer evening courses in Hebrew conversation on beginners, intermediate and advanced levels, providing there will be a sufficient number of students who will enroll now. We are also offering courses in Jewish History and Jewish Philosophy. Our readers who are interested in attending these courses are urged to contact Rabbi Reichel at once and advise him, as to what type of classes they would like to join.

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