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CHANUKAH CELEBRATION DECEMBER 21st

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MEN'S CLUB & WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our forces have combined to hold our ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY on DECEMBER 21st in the SYNAGOGUE BUILDING. This will be a time for gaiety and rejoicing. Come to our Party for an evening of wonderful entertainment, delicious refreshments, door prizes and many other surprises.

The Chairmen and Committees of all the groups have been putting their heads together, and since we know that many heads are better than one, we fell sure that they will come up with an evening that will long be remembered. They will fulfill their obligations of "eat, drink and be merry" in the shadow of the Chanukah Lights at the Synagogue.

The Celebration of Chanukah commemorates the Jewish Victory against the demoralizing and oppressing forces of Syria and Greece. Come and celebrate this miracle of Chanukah with us on December 21st. Invite your relatives and friends to join us.

YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE

Our young folks over 23, and their friends, are invited to a Pre-Chanuka Party on Sunday evening, December 15th in our Social Hall. A very interesting program is being planned by the energetic Arrangements Committee. Save that date!

THIS IS THE TIME

May we urge our parents to bring their youngsters to the very popular Saturday afternoon clubs conducted in our Synagogue at 3:00 o'clock. We have three groups to accommodate boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12.

Famous Tenor Of Italian Opera To Star In "Tosca", Our Benefit Performance On Sunday, January 19, 1958



**CARLO BERGONZI, who will sing
Mario Cavaradossi in "Tosca"**

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Presents**

**CHANUKA LAS VEGAS NITE
Saturday, December 14, 8:30 P.M.**

Here it is again! By popular demand, again we save you wear and tear, hotel expenses, etc. No need for you to travel.

December 14th we bring Las Vegas to you with all its fun and excitement plus something new — the spirit of Chanuka gelt the Las Vegas way.

Bring your mishpochah and friends. Have a Happy and Lucky Chanuka! Refreshments and drinks too!

REMINDER

Join our Cultural Koffee Klatch Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Rabbi Reichel conducts a Jewish History Hour.

SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

The next meeting of our dynamic Senior League (young people 18-23) will be held on Sunday evening, December 8th, at 8 o'clock in the Social Hall. Come and join the fun.

Carlo Bergonzi, who came to the Metropolitan opera as a result of his triumphs at the Teatro dell'Opera of Rome and La Scala of Milan, will appear in the leading tenor role of the artist Mario opposite Zinka Milanov in our benefit performance of "Tosca" at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday, January 19, 1958.

In addition, to the famous opera houses just mentioned, Bergonzi has also appeared as guest artist in various tenor roles in Buenos Aires, London, Monte Carlo, Toulouse and Trieste. His rise to prominence has been very rapid. He has been hailed by critics the world over. Our Synagogue patrons will have the opportunity of being among the first to enjoy the performance of this great artist.

Together with Zinka Milanov as "Tosca", Walter Cassel as "Scarpia", ably aided by such outstanding stars as Lorenzo Alvary and Gerhard Pechner, to name a few of the outstanding cast, all who will attend this opera on Sunday, January 19, 1958, are in for a real treat.

Prices of tickets fit every purse. They range from \$2.50 in the Family Circle to \$25 in the front rows of the orchestra.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our Parents are requested to attend the Pre-Chanukah Assembly of our Hebrew School pupils on Sunday, December 15th at 10:30 o'clock.

**JR. LEAGUE MEETING
Monday, December 9th
8:00 P.M.**



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SYNAGOGUE IN NEED OF PRAYER BOOKS

Our Synagogue being a very active one, makes good use of its prayer books. Thank G-d and as a result most of these holy books become worn. We are, therefore, constantly in need of new prayer books, the old ones having been rebound several times. A Prayer Book Fund has therefore been established.

One of those to contribute to this Fund has been Mr. Manny Gluck who has given us a donation for books in memory of our Late Director, Isaac Goldman and Yetta Haselkorn.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Prayer Book Fund in memory of a relative or friend may do so by contacting the Synagogue office.

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Our teen-agers are invited to a Winter Session Torah Leadership Seminar sponsored by the Yeshiva University Synagogue Council Youth to be held at Woodridge, N.Y. from Tuesday, Dec. 24, through Sunday,

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE ASHRAY PSALM

(Continued)

"ONE GENERATION SHALL LAUD THY WORKS TO ANOTHER AND SHALL DECLARE THY MIGHTY ACTS"

We need no philosophical speculations, or theology by which to know G-d. Our own experiences, and the records of the experiences of our fathers, give us our knowledge of G-d. When Abraham believed in G-d, "it was regarded unto him as righteousness," because he had no tradition from his father Terach, the idolator; but with us is it a matter of what I call "experiential faith." We do not have to BELIEVE, as did Abraham. We **know** from the experiences of our history, that there is the Hand of G-d in the affairs of men. Man writes history and writes it poorly, then G-d RIGHTS history, in which man has failed. The existence of the Jewish people, is an evidence of G-d and His providence.

"AND MEN SHALL SPEAK OF THY TREMENDOUS ACTS: AND I WILL RECOUNT THY GREATNESS"

Yes, man, the outside world, shall speak of the marvellous occurrences of history, but not of G-d behind all these events. However, the Jew sees the greatness of G-d in every phase of life. At best the world is awed by His "tremendous acts." We see His greatness in His Providence over Israel, for "Behold the Guardian of Israel, neither sleepeth nor slumbereth."

"THEY SHALL POUR FORTH THE FAME OF THY GREAT GOODNESS, AND SHALL "EXULT" IN THY JUSTICE."

Israel is in ecstasy with G-d, and finds happiness and exultation in His righteousness, thru His Torah. Matthew Arnold, has well said, "All, or very nearly all, the nations of mankind have recognized the importance of conduct. They however, looked at conduct, not as something full of happiness and joy, but as something one could not manage to do without. No one has ever come near Israel in feeling, and in making others feel, that to righteousness belongs happiness!"

"They 'gush' about G-d's goodness."

"They sing joyously" about G-d's justice. In other words, the religious Jew sings, not only when G-d manifests His love to Him, but he also accepts, in the same spirit, His justice, as King David exclaimed, "Whether it be lovingkindness or strict justice, I sing (Psalm 101 verse 1), or as Job put it "The Lord gave, and the Lord took, blessed be the name of the Lord." The Pious Jew blesses G-d for ALL His works.

"THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL: SLOW TO ANGER AND OF GREAT LOVINGKINDNESS."

These are part of the 13 attributes of G-d's Mercy. The 13 are represented, as follows, in Exodus Chapter 34 verses 6 and 7 (1) "Lord, (2) Lord, (3) G-d, (4) Merciful and (5) Gracious, (6) Longsuffering, and abundant in (7) Goodness and (8) Truth, keeping (9) Lovingkindness for thousands, forgiving (10) Iniquity and (11) Transgression and (12) sin and who will by no means (13) Clear the guilty."

"THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL"

Divine goodness is not limited to the deserving. It is extended to ALL, — to the non-deserving as well as to the deserving.

December 29th. The nominal cost of \$37.50 includes traveling expenses. The week-end will feature sessions in Jewish studies, leadership skills

and techniques, recreation and winter sports.

For further information please contact Rabbi Reichel.

Women's League Activities

WOMEN'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON You, Too, Can Celebrate With Us



Mrs. William Foont
Advisory Chairman



Mrs. Harry Ward
Chairman of Arrangements



Mrs. Michael Weingarten
Advisory Chairman

The Annual Luncheon this year will be held at the Croydon Hotel, Dec. 9 at noon.

Our beloved and very capable Advisory Chairmen, Mrs. William Foont, Mrs. Harry Ward and Mrs. Michael Weingarten, anticipate one of the largest attendances in the Women's League history. Two special events are planned, which will be both delightful and memorable.

This is all you have to do — make your reservation by sending your check of \$15. to the Women's League of the W.S.I.S., 122 West 76th Street.

Your chairmen, Mrs. William Wedeen, Mrs. Edward Schreiber and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel will greatly appreciate your co-operation.

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Last Saturday an appeal was made in our Synagogue to support Israel's development by buying State of Israel Bonds as a tribute to **Israel's 10th Year of Independence.**

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening to4:09
Weekly Portion — Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4-36:43 Obadiah 1:1-21
Friday Evening Service4:20
Saturday Morning Service9:00
Youth Congregation10:00
Junior Congregation10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:00
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class2:45
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45
Mincha

Reader of Torah: James Herlands
Reader of Service: Seymour Ukeles
The Sabbath Terminates5:00

Daily Services

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 9:00
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha4:20
Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Dec.	Kislev	
7	14	— Rose Frank
8	15	— Simcha Simon Louis Schneider Alexander Globes
10	17	— David Isaac Joffe Amalia Gottfried Katie Davis Sophie Solomonica
11	18	— David Cohen
12	19	— Maurice L. Shaine Max Lefkowitz

Note: Yahrzeit candles should be lit the night prior to the yahrzeit day.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Always dedicated to noble causes, our Director, Mr. Abraham M. Druckman recently held a reception in his home in honor of Col. Solomon Goren, Chief of Chaplains of the Israeli Army on behalf of the Israeli Bond Drive . . . Our congregational congratulations to Mrs. Irving Bal-muth and Mrs. Edward Jacobs upon their success as Co-Chairmen of the recent Women's League Member-ship Luncheon, and as much as same to the Committee members and hostesses, who so ably assisted them . . . Our commendation to Mr. Stephen Whitford for his fine accompaniment to Mr. Joseph Friedman, the guest artist at our recent Friend-ship Night . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Friedlander . . . Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Frankel from their recent visit to Israel . . . All best wishes in their new home to Mr. Louis Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kreisman . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Joseph L. Rosenberg . . . Our pray-ers for a speedy recovery to good health to Mr. Mitchell A. Horowitz . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mandel upon the engagement of their son, M. Milo Mandel, to Miss Isabel Bierman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bierman . . . Simeon H. F. Goldstein will be one of the speakers on Tuesday evening, De-cember 10th at 8:30 o'clock at the Beacon Hotel on the subject of "ARE POLITICIANS NECESSARY", under the auspices of the MANHAT-TAN CIVIC CLUB.

Birthday Greetings:

Dec.

- 6—Linda Nan Levine
Rachel Pekier
- 7—Elizabeth Schnur
- 9—Director Henry Blankfort,
Director Moe Oltarsh
Lewis Pekier
- 10—Michael Blankfort
Mrs. Jacob Isseks
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ISRAELI DIARY

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

June 23, 1957

One day last week we went to Tel Aviv to bring personal regards to a number of people from New York who had asked us to do so.

On the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Road we passed hundreds and hundreds of new houses. To be sure this is a vital necessity, since several hun-dred-thousand immigrants had to be housed in the last few years. But the speed with which this has been accomplished is almost uncanny.

All the new settlements are being built on the tops of hills, bordering Arab territory, and the immigrants are taught to till their land with one hand and hold a sword in the other, as there is always the danger of Arab attacks, and they have to be prepared to ward off any attackers and protect the inhabitants of the settlements.

One cannot help wondering at and admiring the wonderful job that

has been done with the erstwhile barren mountain sides. There are rows upon rows of terracing from the tops to the bottoms of mountains and in between there are rows upon rows of grape, nut and other fruit and vegetable crops.

FRIENDSHIP NIGHT

Besides Lt. Commander Slutsky's interesting illustrated travelogue and our own talented Joseph Fried-man's musical treat, there was an enjoyable period for socializing and getting acquainted "over a cup of tea," at our recent Friendship Night.

Mr. Frank L. Taks, representing our Men's Club presided over the program part of the evening and Mrs. William Foont and Miss Ruth Davis, representing the Women's League, took care of the refresh-ments. They were assisted by Mes-dames Fred Goldstein, Jacob Gold-berg, Frank L. Taks, Fannie Vogel and Andrew Weiss.

A good time was had by all.

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