

**GIVE A PAIR OF OPERA
TICKETS AS A CHANUKAH GIFT**

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CHANUKAH STARTS TUESDAY NIGHT

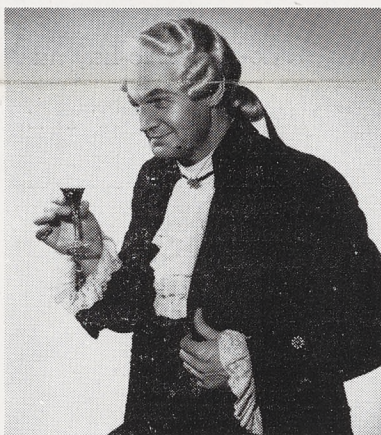
**FIRST CANDLE TO BE LIT
TUESDAY EVE., DEC. 17th**

With the lighting of the first candle on Tuesday evening, we begin the festival of Chanukah which lasts for eight days. The celebration of Chanukah commemorates the great victory of the Torah-True Jews over the Hellenic Syrians goaded and abetted by the assimilationist Jews who considered themselves more Greek than the Greeks themselves. These anti-religious forces aimed at the very foundations of Judaism such as Circumcision, Sabbath, Kashruth etc.

The Name of "Chanukah"

Chanukah or Feast of Lights, is
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Walter Cassel In Leading Baritone Role of "Tosca" Our Benefit Opera On Sunday, January 19, 1958



**Walter Cassel as "Scarpia"
in Tosca**

Walter Cassel, long a favorite in concert, opera, operetta, radio and television will sing the very important baritone role of "Scarpia" in the opera "Tosca" our benefit performance on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1958 at the Metropolitan Opera House. This popular baritone is one of the few native-born singers to receive all of his musical education and subsequent artistic experience and recognition in this country. Cassel has been acclaimed by critics for his amazing versatility in varied roles from Verdi to Wagner. His "Scarpia" in Tosca is considered one of the best. One of the newspapers recently characterized Cassel's Baron Scarpia as "... the most polished, detailed, and incisive since the late Antonio Scotti's."

A cast which includes such great artists as Walter Cassel, Zinka Milanov, and Carlo Bergonzi, should prove a real treat to everyone attending this opera on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1958 at the "Met". But the enjoyment is even greater with the knowledge that by attending the opera one is helping our Synagogue to carry on all its manifold activities in behalf of all of our congregants from kindergartener to grandfather. In addition, our Synagogue is very cognizant of all important Jewish institutions and activities such as Israel Bonds, Yeshivos, U.J.A., Homes for Children in Israel, World Academy, Torah Umesorah, Torah Schools for Israel, Hias and a host of others too numerous to mention.

Won't you, therefore, secure your tickets from us and derive an evening of physical joy and spiritual satisfaction. Tickets range from \$25 in the front rows of the orchestra to \$2.50 in the family circle. Contact the Synagogue office at once.

OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT AT OUR CHANUKAH PARTY

**SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 21st
IN THE SYNAGOGUE BUILDING AT 8:00 P.M.**



**Mrs. Jacob Isseks
Co-Chairman, Women's League**

The Chairmen and Committee for our Chanukah Party have made elaborate plans for your enjoyment. It will be a night for delicious food, wonderful entertainment, songs and games.

We have been fortunate in engaging THE MILOS to entertain us this evening. The Milos are an outstanding HYPNOTIST and MENTALIST presenting a performance of



**Mrs. Max Joseph
Co-Chairman, Women's League**

astounding mental and hypnotic feats. Lots of laughs and amusement. They have come to be known as the "Mentalaffables".

Don't forget the date: DECEMBER 21st.

Make your reservations immediately for yourself, your relatives and friends to celebrate Chanukah with us. Admission \$2.50 per person.



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MEN'S CLUB TO MEET

A regular meeting of our Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, December 16, at 8:30 P.M. in our Synagogue. All the men of the congregation are cordially invited to attend the meeting which consists of a business meeting to discuss the various activities of the Club as well as the usual social hour. We hope that more and more of the men of the congregation will become active participants in the Club's activities.

WELCOME HOME COLLEGIATES

During the winter vacation, we know that as in the past, many out-of-town college young men and women will be visiting our Synagogue. We therefore ask their parents to send us a note indicating when their children are expected to be in town. Our Rabbis and officers will be more than happy to invite them personally to receive honors at our Services.

They are also most welcome at the Chanukah Party of the Senior League which will be held on Sunday evening, December 22nd, at 8:00 o'clock.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE ASHRAY PSALM

(Continued)

"AND HIS TENDER MERCIES ARE OVER ALL HIS WORKS."

Therefore, we are commanded not to give pain even unto animals.

"ALL THY WORKS SHALL GIVE THANKS UNTO THEE, O LORD: AND THY LOVING ONES SHALL BLESS THEE."

It is natural, among all creatures, be they man or animal to be grateful at times for some kindness; but it is only the "Chasid", the "highly religious person" "the lover" of G-d who blesses Him even for woe. The Talmud has it "Just as we bless G-d for the good so are we to bless Him for the evil". We must accept whatever G-d gives with a blessing. The mourner when he rends his garment, or when he hears bad news, offers a blessing, "Bawruch Ah-taw A'do-Noi E-lo-hay-nu melech haw-oh-lawm dayan haw-emes." "Blessed be . . . the true Judge."

"THEY SHALL SPEAK OF THE GLORY OF THY KINGDOM AND TALK OF THY POWER"

The "Chasid" the "lover of G-d" sees behind all occurrences the Glory of G-d's world, and His Power, and declares both, as we read in the next verse, "To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the majestic glory of His kingdom". This may also be the basis of the prayer, after שמע ישראל "Hear O Israel namely, "Blessed be the name of His Glorious Kingdom forever and ever."

"THE LORD UPHOLDETH ALL THAT FALL"

This verse begins with a "samech", and the previous one with a "mem." Since this Psalm is an acrostic of the alphabet, this verse should begin with a "nun". Why the omission of the נ (nun)? This has been done to avoid the mention of נפילה "the downfall" of man (Berachos 4b). Only when referring to G-d's raising up of man, is the letter "nun" in the word "The Lord upholdeth all that fall" is included in this song of the Divine mercy. Man's rise is due to the helping hand of G-d.

A READER COMMENTS

The following letter addressed to Rabbi Goldstein speaks for itself.
Dear Rabbi:

I want to again tell you how much I appreciate and thank you for your beautiful and inspiring comments on The Ashray Psalm in the W.S.I.S. Review of Nov. 29, 1957.

All of your weekly comments on The Prayer Book have been of such great spiritual stimulation, that their influence on myself, and all those whom I show them to is tremendous.

Again, my sincere thanks and best wishes for your continued good health.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
Emanuel Rosenberg

CONDOLENCES

We sorrowfully announce the passing of our Synagogue member and Men's Club member, **MYRON FRIEDLANDER**, and our Women's League Board Member, **GERTRUDE FRIEDLANDER** and the passing of **MAX WEINGARTEN**, brother of our member, Dr. Michael Weingarten.

ONEG SHABBAT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

This Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, all boys and girls of our neighborhood are invited to participate in an enjoyable hour with games, songs and refreshments. Our group leaders will be glad to invite your youngsters if you send a note to, or phone the Social Department, c/o W.S.I.S.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday, December 16th

You are cordially invited to attend a Board Meeting of the Women's League on **Monday, December 16th at 12:30 P.M.** in the Synagogue.

Mrs. Saul Bergman, Mrs. William Horwitz, Mrs. Edward Jacobs and Mrs. Louis Shlansky have kindly consented to be Hostesses for this afternoon. Our sincere thanks to these gracious women.

Come and hear the results of our Annual Luncheon and the plans for our coming Chanukah Celebration.

Please notify one of your hostesses if you cannot attend.

Luncheon will be served promptly.

Chanukah Notes*(Continued from Page 1)*

also known as the Feast of Dedication from the Hebrew, Chanukah, meaning, "dedication".

The word "Chanukah" is composed of two Hebrew words "chanu" meaning, they rested, i.e. from battle on the 25th (the numerical value of "kah" being 25.)

The Miracle of Chanukah

Our Rabbis have emphasized the miracle of the small cruse of oil with the seal of the High Priest unbroken sufficient for one day but miraculously lasting for eight days until a fresh supply could be obtained.

**The Lighting of
The Chanukah Menorah**

In commemoration of this miracle, Jews throughout the world light candle or oil menorahs on these eight days. We begin on the first night with one candle or oil wick and add one each day until all eight are lit. In addition, since the light of the Menorah is for show only and no utilitarian use is to be made of it, an extra candle, called the shamash is added. This Shamash is also used to light the other candles or wicks.

The candles can be lit at any time starting with after sunset until about the time when people are no more about the street. The reason for this is that the miracle should be publicized or "Pirsumah d'nisah". For the same reason it should be placed near a window. The candles must remain lit for at least a half-hour.

The first candle is placed at the extreme right of the Menorah. Each following night the additional candle is placed to the left of the previous ones. However, the order of lighting the candles is from left to right — so that the latest additional candle is lit first.

Special Prayers

During the eight days of Chanukah, the "al hanisim", a prayer of thanksgiving to G-d which in few words recounts the whole story of Chanukah is said in the "Shmoneh Esrah" prayer. In addition, the full Hallel is said each day and a portion of the Torah from the Book of Numbers (chap. 7) is read each day. This portion deals with the gifts of the tribal leaders during the dedication of the Tabernacle.

The "al Hanisim" prayer is also to be recited at Grace after meals.

NOTICE

A capable young man in our Congregation is in need of a morning job. Kindly contact the Synagogue office, TR 7-8281, or Rabbi Reichel.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

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to be Guest of Honor

at the

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January 12, 1958 — at the
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present at this dinner.

For further information, contact
Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein or Mr.
Jacob Kaplan.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO
OUR PARENTS**

We at the W.S.I.S. have prepared the children to celebrate Chanukah in the proper spirit.

Every boy and girl in our Hebrew School will receive a box of Chanukah candles and a Menorah for use at home, with the compliments of our Women's League. The youngsters have learned the significance of Chanukah and the Laws concerning the lighting of candles, the special prayers and the melodies. We ask your cooperation to bring home this "Children's Holiday" by carrying out, the following recommendations:

Ask your child to relate to you the story of Chanukah, its laws and ceremonies.

Arrange it so that your child participates in the kindling of the Chanukah candles every night.

Present your child with Chanukah gifts and Chanukah "gelt."

During the week of Chanukah, take your child to Chanukah concerts, parties, shows and visits.

We urge you especially to take advantage of Chanukah candies, toys and the colorful Chanukah wrapping paper and napkins for your children's gifts.

All our parents and friends are invited to attend our Talmud Torah Chanukah Assembly on Sunday morning, Dec. 15th, at 10:30 o'clock, in the Social Hall. All the children present will receive Chanukah dreidels and candy with the good wishes of our Women's League.

Rabbi O. Asher Reichel
Principal

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening to4:09

Weekly Portion — Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1-40:33 Amos 2:6-38

Friday Evening Service4:20

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Youth Congregation10:00

Junior Congregation10:00

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:00

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class2:45

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45

Mincha3:45

Reader of Torah: Albert Schneider

Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan

The Sabbath Terminates5:00

Daily Services

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 9:00

Daily Mornings, Monday and

Tuesday6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Chanukah, Wednesday, Thursday

and Friday6:30, 7:30, 8:15

Mincha4:20

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

**Yahrzeits From
Our Memorial Plaque**

Dec. Kislev

14	21	— Arthur Horowitz
		John Gell
15	22	— Elias Stock
17	24	— Jacob Hurwitz
18	25	— Celia Bayer
		Moric Goldfinger
		Audrey Massott
19	26	— Annie Simon
		William Gluck
20	27	— Adolf Bendheim

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

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

We must confess to having been scooped by Congress Weekly, the official organ of American Jewish Congress which, in its Dec. 9th issue, noted that our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was joined by Gustav Stern on behalf of the chief Rabbi of Israel, in presenting to Harry S. Truman three ancient vases from Israel for the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri . . . Our Congregational Citation of Merit to Marianne Goldner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dezzo Goldner, upon her election to the Dean's List at Barnard College . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Mannie Gluck . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Etta Jaffin . . . Mazeltov to Mr. and Mrs. Siegel Schwartzberg upon the marriage of their daughter, Frances to Bernard Cheronoff . . . Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Goidell upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Robert Goidell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Goidell . . . Our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Max Harris from his recent accident . . . Many thanks to Mr. Chas. Fiedler for loaning the use of his truck to the Synagogue.

Birthday Greetings:

- 13—Steven Eisenberg
- 14—Samuel Schwarzman
- 15—Maurice Barnett
Julius Cohen
- 16—Morty Morris
- 17—Deborah Lee Streim
- 18—Beth Meryle Hirsch
Joanne Dale Kurtz
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Anniversary Greetings:

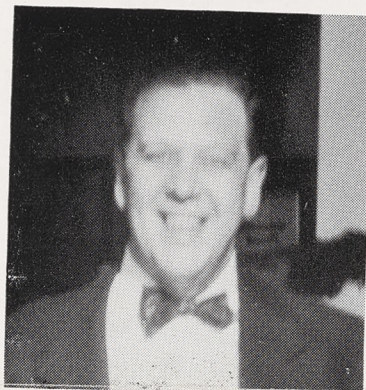
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OUR LAYMENTS INSTITUTE

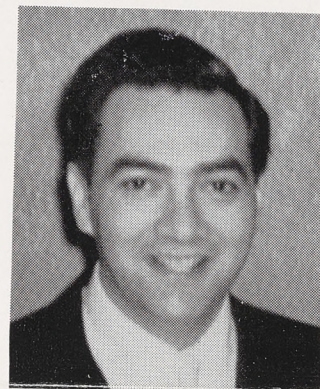
If you wish to brush up on your Hebrew, you may join our Monday evening Hebrew Class for Adults at 8 o'clock. A Hebrew Course is also offered for the mothers of our Hebrew School pupils and all interested, Monday afternoons at 3:30 o'clock.

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EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO CHANUKAH LAS VEGAS NITE This Saturday Night, December 14th, at 8:30 Sponsored By Mr. & Mrs. League



Norman Grober



Norman Kebart

Co-Chairmen of this Event

Las Vegas Nite, the event of the year
As always will bring fun and Chanukah cheer
Saturday night, December 14th is the date
Various games will be played, so don't be late
Everybody, Men's Club, Women's League and all the rest
Gather together, put your skill to the test
And win valuable prizes including those free at the door
Such excitement, such refreshments, as you've never had before

STAMP CLUB TO MEET

A regular meeting of the Stamp Club will take place this Monday evening, December 16, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Jacob Goldberg, president of the Club has announced. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

GALA SOCIAL OF OUR YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE

Young men and young women over 23 are invited to the Chanukah Social of our Young Adult League, this Sunday evening, December 15th, at 8:15 o'clock. There will be a variety program of entertainment and enjoyment, including a musical by our member Sig Altman. Come and join in the fun. Refreshments.

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