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## ASARAH B'TEVES NEXT THURSDAY

The minor fast day of Asarah B'Tevés, the tenth day of Teves will be observed next Thursday, January 2, 1958.

This fast commemorates the beginning of the fatal siege of Jerusalem by the armies of Nebuchadnezer, king of Babylon, which culminated in the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C.E.

Being a minor fast, it is observed by fasting from sunrise to sunset of the same day. Selichos prayers are said in the morning and a special portion of the Torah is read both at the Morning and at the Mincha Service.

Recently this day has received additional significance by being proclaimed by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, as the *yahrzeit* of all Jews murdered by the Nazis, whose day of death has remained unknown to us.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

A **Rummage Sale** of used, clean merchandise, is being planned by the Women's League. We expect to start this activity before Passover. However, **start now** to bring or send your rummage packages to the Synagogue, TR 7-8281, if you wish to have these packages picked up. Further details will be published later.

## MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NOTES

Our Thursday morning Cultural Kaffee Klatch hour will be resumed on Thursday morning, January 9th. Plan to be with us then.

## CONTRIBUTORS HOME FOR CHILDREN IN ISRAEL

A. Berger, Esther Breiner, Gabriele Feigenbaum, Jess Gross, Max Harris, Maurice Krengel, David Pretner, Benjamin Shapiro, Harry Weisenfeld.

## ALL STAR CAST OF "TOSCA" TO INCLUDE LORENZO ALVARY IN SUPPORTING ROLE

TIME IS GETTING SHORT FOR SALE OF TICKETS  
FOR OUR OPERA BENEFIT ON SUNDAY, JANUARY  
19, 1958 AT METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE



Lorenzo Alvary as Angelotti in  
"Tosca"

Lorenzo Alvary will sing the role of Angelotti in "Tosca," our benefit performance on Sunday, January 19, 1958. Alvary is well known to all opera goers. He has been with the Metropolitan Opera since 1943.

### Star Studded Cast

Alvary will appear in a star studded cast including such greats as Zinka Milanov, Carol Bergonzi, and Walter Cassel, in the main roles and Gerhard Pechner, Paul Franke and Osie Hawkins in supporting roles.

Our Synagogue expects every worshipper and friend of the Synagogue to participate in this musical event. **Don't let us down. We depend upon you. The time is getting short. Buy your tickets this week.**

The Opera Committee appeals to those of our members and friends who will be unable to attend the opera performance because of their winter vacations, not to let their synagogue suffer on that account, and purchase their tickets anyhow. Give it to a friend or business associate as a season's gift.

## HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

The regular Hebrew School schedule of classes will be resumed Thursday, January 2nd.

A second section for beginners will be opened next week. Children who have not been able to join our Talmud Torah will be able to accelerate their studies in this special class. For further information contact our office at once.

We welcome the opening of Junior High School No. 44 just across the street from our own building. Our class of Petach Tikvah which had to meet at a late hour in order to accommodate the many pupils who were obliged to attend late sessions at the Joan of Arc J.H.S., will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:20 o'clock beginning January 7th, due to the opening of the new high school. Parents who hesitated sending their children to Hebrew School at the late hour are urged to register their children at once for the regular sessions in our school. The Sunday morning hours will remain the same.

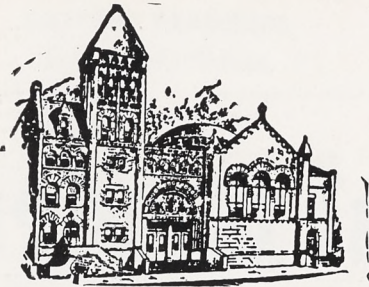
**Sunday, January 12th**

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### MAZEL TOV



**Mrs. Jacob Goodman**

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Emanuel Goodman and to our active and devoted Women's League Executive Board member Mrs. Goodman, upon the marriage of their son, Jacob, to Ilse Lehr, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Lehr. The "aufruf" was held in our Synagogue.

We wish the young couple every measure of marital happiness.

### PLEASE NOTE!

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

## THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

### Psalm 20

(Continued)

#### "OUT OF ZION."

not the sanctuary, but the nation — the people in general.

#### "AND ACCEPT THY SACRIFICE"

referring to the whole burnt offering, offered entirely to G-d. Neither the priest or the one bringing the offering — derives any benefit therefrom. This is an evidence of our sincerity.

#### "THY HEART'S DESIRES"

to be answered by G-d.

#### "OUR PLANS"

refers to what we can do to carry out our planned desires.

#### "WE WILL SHOUT"

or sing. We give thanks, and pray for the future.

#### "IN THY SALVATION"

that our own personal private prayers will be fulfilled. Our Rabbis put it this way, "If we pray for others, our prayers for ourselves are answered first."

#### "NOW ..... I KNOW"

more correctly, "I have known". Why the past tense? The answer is, I have known Him, but now I know Him better," or before "I believed in Him, now I KNOW HIM. Just as G-d helps us now, He will do so in the future."

#### "FROM HIS HOLY HEAVEN"

Although G-d is in Holiness in Heaven, He will come down to us, because we are joined to Him in Holiness, through the Torah.

#### WITH THE MIGHTY SAVING"

When G-d helps Israel, it is always a revelation of His Great Power, — the crossing of the Red Sea, the Revelation of the Law, the conquest of the Holy Land, particularly at Jericho, and in our own day in 1948, and at the Sinai Peninsula and Gaza — with little or no loss of life, — thank G-d. Would only that we be willing to understand this and all its implications.

#### "TRUST IN CHARIOTS . . . AND IN HORSES"

The nations have trusted fundamentally in the material bases, we have trusted fundamentally in G-d. There are many that believe in G-d, but not in His Way of Life.

#### "BUT WE WILL MAKE MENTION IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, OUR G-D"

Whether we find ourselves needing <sup>יהוה</sup> "the Lord," the symbol of Mercy, or "Elohim" G-d, meaning strict justice, we call upon Him at all times. We go further as the Psalmist put it (Psalm 1010:1) "Whether it be loving-kindness or strict justice (which Thou showest), I will sing".

#### "THEY ARE BORED DOWN AND ARE FALLEN"

They do not exist for ever. They fall, and as history has shown us, they pass out from the world scene.

#### "WE ARE RISEN AND STAND UPRIGHT"

We remain standing even although we are constantly persecuted.

#### "SAVE LORD"

Although we are near to Thee, and even if we are not near, we beseech G-d, that we be answered.

#### "ON THE DAY WHEN WE CALL"

The servant who is not on personal terms, must go through official channels before he can reach the king — this takes quite some time. We pray also, that although we are not close to Him, as we should be, He may answer us NOW — when we call upon Him.

**Chanukah Party of Women's League & Men's Club An Outstanding Eve.**

A good time was had by all last Saturday night December 21st at our Chanukah Party in the Synagogue.

Cantor Yavneh's singing of the blessings and leading in the Chanukah songs, Rabbi Reichel's Invocation, Rabbi Goldstein's message, Oscar Goldstein's jokes and homey stories in entertaining us, the refreshments and games, all made for a memorable, enjoyable evening. Our thanks go to our Women's League and Men's Club Chairmen: Mrs. Jacob Isseks, Mrs. Joseph, Mr. Leon Herman and Dr. Frank Fink, and their Committees for planning such a wonderful evening for us.

Mrs. Eddie Schreiber, the gifted Women's League orator gave a beautiful symbolic presentation of the message of Chanukah.

**Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque**

Dec.	Teves	
25	2	Samuel Fasten
29	6	Morris Weisberger
		Michael Salit
		Joseph Gosset
30	7	Benjamin Morsoff
31	8	Morris Wartovsky
		I. Alan Shilin
		Sarah Miriam Goldstein
Jan.		
1	9	Eva Ripin
		Alex Wein
		Kate Hirshkowitz
2	10	Leah Cohen
		Maurice Freiman
3	11	Simon Ginsberg

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

**W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**

Light Candles Friday Evening	4:15
Weekly Portion — Vayigash	
Genesis 44:18-47:27, Ezekiel 37:15-28	
Friday Evening Service	4:25
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Youth Congregation	10:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten	10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls 7-12)	3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	2:50
Mincha	3:50
Reader of Torah: Robert Beller	
Reader of Service: Shelley Schneider	
The Sabbath Terminates	5:06

**Daily Services**

Sunday Morning	7:15, 8:15, 9:00
Daily Mornings	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Wednesday	7:15, 8:15, 9:00
Thurs., Fast of Teves — Selichos	6:30, 8:10
Services	6:45, 7:30, 8:30
Mincha	4:25

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**SABBATH AFTERNOON GROUPS**

All boys and girls in our neighborhood between the ages of 7 and 12 are most welcome to our Oneg Shabbat clubs that meet every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A very enjoyable program including games, stories, group singing and refreshments, is in store for all who come.

Children of kindergarten age are welcome every Saturday morning at 10:30 in the Kindergarten Room, while their parents attend the services in our Synagogue.

**A MAN WHOM WE SHOULD HONOR**

Dear Fellow-Member

You no doubt have received an invitation to attend the dinner given in honor of the FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HARRY S. TRUMAN by the "World Academy," which will take place at the Waldorf Astoria January 12.

It is most important that our members attend. Every Jew knows that it was President Truman who first recognized Israel as a State. We want to thank him for what he did for Israel and for what he stands for today.

The President of the "World Academy for Higher Jewish Studies in Jerusalem" is the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Dr. Isaac Halevy Herzog. We cannot let him down. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees is our own Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

It's most important that we have an attendance. The grand ball room of the Waldorf Astoria has been

engaged. Every newspaper will have their star reporter to report the speech of the former President; and how will it look if our attendance is poor.

Your cooperation is certainly essential. You and your wife are invited. This Dinner should be a memorable affair. I look forward to receiving your reservation for this dinner.

Sincerely,

Jacob Kaplan,  
Chairman, W.S.I.S.

P.S. The World Academy is to the State of Israel what the soul is to the body. I invite every man and woman of understanding and inspiration to be our partners in this great and epochal endeavor."

DR. ISAAC HALEVY HERZOG,  
Chief Rabbi of Israel,  
President of the World Academy.

**GETTING PERSONAL**

by Sanford Solarz

Contributing greatly to our recent most successful Mr. and Mrs. League Las Vegas night, were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gribetz, whom we inadvertently omitted from the credits given by us in our last week's issue . . . Many many thanks to the following who helped make the Congregational Chanukah Party last Saturday night so enjoyable: Mmes. Irving Balmuth, Max Chernofsky, David Elkins, William Foont, Jacob Goldberg, Emanuel Goodman, Morris Jablow, Harold Kaplan, Herman Livingston, Esther Oppenheim, Eddie Schreiber, Gittel Silverman, Fannie Vogel, Andrew Weiss, & Messrs. Jacob Goldberg, William Foont, David Elkins & Jos. Rosenberg. Mr. Henry Zimet led in the saying of grace . . . The cost is but nominal for the honor of being host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seuda Shlishis — anyone of our members and friends interested in being such host should contact our office . . . Ye columnist recently delivered a talk before an American Jewish Congress Chapter on the topic: "Our Sunday Laws As Religious and Economic Discrimination Against the Observant Jew." . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to our Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan and in Florida and Nassau, to our Treasurer and Mrs. Samuel Silver . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Edouard I. Binfeld upon the betrothal of their daughter, Evelyn, to Morton Z. Schwartz.

**Birthday Greetings:**

- Dec.**  
 27—David Don  
 Morton Leonard Landowne  
 Gerald Bruce Weiss  
 28—Mrs. Harry Shalita  
 Douglas Weill  
 29—George Jablow  
 30—Patricia Ann Shenker  
 31—Mrs. Kurt Benjamin

**Jan.**

- 1—Dr. Gerald Blankfort  
 Beth Leah Levine  
 2—Susan Leslie Tilem

**Anniversary Greetings:**

- Dec.**  
 27—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Isseks  
 Director and Mrs. George L.  
 Livingston  
 Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter  
 28—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Diamond  
 29—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Levine

**Jan.**

- 1—Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Gross  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lynton Wiener  
 2—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen

**ISRAELI DIARY**  
 by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein  
 June 23, 1957

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In Tel Aviv, we had a very pleasant visit with the Goren's, Naomi's brother-in-law and sister-in-law. Rabbi Goren, who, as you know, is the Chief of Chaplains in the Israeli Army, has a real military personality, seemingly stern and forbidding, but basically very warm and friendly.

You may have read some of the stories in the American papers and periodicals about his exploits during the Sinai Peninsula Campaign. One was particularly interesting. He had gone to search for some water and found himself face to face with a group of Egyptian soldiers. He spoke to them in Arabic, in which he is very fluent, giving them the impression that he was an Arab. Since his uniform led them to believe that he was an officer, they obeyed the orders he gave them, to follow him, till he led them into the Israel camp, where they were made prisoners. Talk about bravery!

His wife told us of the interesting experience she had recently when she spent Passover on a warship with her husband in the Gulf of Aquaba, where Rabbi Goren conducted the Seder service for the sailors on the ship.

The Gorens have a little girl, aged 2½, whom they call Drorah. (Liberty). The names parents give their children here are most interesting.

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A twin was born in our neighborhood the other day, and one was named Shalom and the other Bracha — Shalom Uvracha — meaning peace and blessing, is a very customary salutation here. I heard one child called "Medina" (State) (affectionately called "Medina'le"). The names of many children here express concepts which mean much in the daily existence of their parents.

Last Wednesday afternoon we accepted an invitation of our cousin, Professor Joseph Klausner, to attend the presentation of an annual prize which he gives in memory of his wife, at the Hebrew University. As you know, the original Hebrew University was built in 1925 on Mount Scopus. Mount Scopus is now in the hands of the Arabs and therefore unable to be used by Israel. Since the Arabs took over Mt. Scopus, the University activities have been carried on in scattered buildings of all kinds all over Jerusalem. The building in which Naomi took her courses is a monastery by the name of Terra Sancta. Part of it is still occupied by monks.

(to be continued)

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