

OUR SYNAGOGUE DEPENDS ON YOU —
PLEASE OBTAIN YOUR OPERA TICKETS NOW

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GOOD NEWS!

ACTUAL WORK FOR NEW BUILDING STARTED!

OLD STRUCTURE NEXT TO MAIN BUILDING BEING TORN

DOWN — WORK BEGAN JANUARY 2nd.

Mr. Al Colin, Chairman of the Building Committee, announces that his committee composed of Maurice Greenstein, Vice-Chairman, Harry Altman, A. M. Druckman and Jacob H. Silverstein has come to terms with the builder and that actual work in preparation for tearing down the old structure next to our main building has begun on Thursday, January 2nd. On its site a brand new fireproof building will be erected. In addition a new entrance

to the main building will be built, and the Social Hall will be altered and renovated into a Grand Ball Room.

Upon completion of this project, it will house a Kindergarten, Talmud Torah, Junior Congregation, Arts and Crafts room, Women's League and Men's Club rooms, as well as facilities for Roofgarden, Succah, Modernized Kitchen, Grand Ballroom, and Lounge.

OUR GOAL IS WITHIN OUR REACH — YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS CAN MAKE IT A REALITY.

However, says Mr. Sol Linzer, chairman of our Building Fund Committee that: "with all these wonderful tidings one element is still missing, the payment of the pledges. Those who have not pledged thus far, may do so now." Let us heed the call.

Final Ten Days for Sale of Tickets for Opera Benefit; Puccini's "Tosca" to be Presented Sunday, January 19

With the approach of the date for the performance of our opera benefit at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Sunday evening, January 19, 1958, the Opera Committee has called upon every member and friend of the West Side Institutional Synagogue to make one further final effort on behalf of this very important congregational project. It is up to every reader of these columns to assure the success of the opera benefit by selling at least **one additional pair of tickets** to his friends or business associates in this final period before the opera.

Tickets to our benefit performance should not be difficult to sell. We are fortunate in presenting one of

the most delightful operas in the Metropolitan repertoire, Puccini's "Tosca." Moreover, Metropolitan stars, Zinka Milanov, Carlo Bergonzi and Walter Cassel will lead a cast of famous Metropolitan singers.

One final thought which the Opera Committee has emphasized. Many of our worshippers and friends have indicated that they will not attend the opera performance because they will by then be away for their winter vacations. Many of these people have already shown that while they will not be with us physically on the night of the 19th, they will be there in spirit nonetheless. Thus, they have taken a pair of tickets to give to their friends or

have sent in a contribution which they would have otherwise given for opera tickets. We hope that these people will **serve as an example** to all who cannot be with us on the night of January 19.

**COME WITH YOUR FRIENDS
TO THE NEXT
FATHER & SON
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
AND BREAKFAST**

Sponsored by our Men's Club
JANUARY 12th

Guest Speaker:
Hon. Louis J. Lefkowitz
Attorney General of the
State of New York



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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR JEWRY

Every Jew who is conscious of his birth and heritage as a Jew, owes an obligation to former President Harry S. Truman for his courageous act as being the first head of State to recognize the State of Israel. The World Academy of which our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has prevailed upon Mr. Truman to accept its Ohr Olam, Light of the World, award. He will receive this award at a dinner in his honor on Sunday, January 12th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria.

It is therefore a privilege, responsibility and an opportunity for all of us to show former President Truman our great appreciation for his past performance for Israel and for what he stands for today. No Jew who can, may absent himself from this dinner, to pay him homage and honor. Please send your reservations to our Director, Jacob Kaplan, 122 W. 76 Street, New York City. Don't delay. Remember the date, Sunday, January 12th.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE וְכֵן לֵצִיּוֹן PRAYER"

The first part of the prayer leads up to the sanctification prayer of the Supreme Holiness of G-d — called Kidusha D'sidrah.

"AND A REDEEMER SHALL COME TO ZION" (See Isaiah Chapter 59 verses 20 and 21)

We read in Psalm 87:2 "those who love the Lord, the gates of Zion," the play is on the word Zion which means "distinguished", and should be understood as "the gates" 'distinguished' by the discussion of the Law.

"AND TO THEM WHO TURN FROM TRANSGRESSION"

Those who repent.

"MY WORDS SHALL NOT DEPART"

The Torah will come back to her original owner. The door must be left open although many have left us.

"THIS IS MY COVENANT"

that the Torah will not be entirely forgotten. Even in Soviet Russia in spite of all the agitation against religious learning, still it flickers and will become more luminous as life goes on.

"BUT THOU ART HOLY"

Although G-d is Holy, He dwells among the praises of Israel, because they are holy, not full of anthropomorphisms. We emphasize beauty of the Holiness and not the holiness of beauty.

"AND ONE CRIED UNTO ANOTHER"

The angels too call among themselves, 'holy, holy, holy, is G-d.'

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

is expressed in the superlative, by repeating the noun three times, as we also say of G-d, "the King, the King of Kings". Now we explain the repetition of Holy three times.

"HOLY IN THE HIGHEST HEAVENS"

the seat of His Holiness.

"HOLY UPON THE EARTH"

supporting all nature. He creates light, etc.

"HOLY FOREVER"

His holiness will be for the future forever.

"THEN A RUACH," "A SPIRIT," LIFTED ME UP

The spirit of Prophecy lifted me up, — exalted me.

"THE VOICE OF A GREAT RUSHING"

The strong voice of the Angels.

"FROM HIS PLACE"

from wherever G-d is, in the world. He is everywhere. Two people were discussing G-d. One said G-d is NO WHERE; the other replied, you did not set the letters correctly. It should read, G-d is NOW HERE.

"THE LORD SHALL REIGN FOR ALL TIME"

referring to the 3rd Holiness, mentioned above. Now we pray that G-d should guard us according to our

"INWARD THOUGHT"

that our good "inward thoughts" may be put into practice. Man has many good thoughts, but we pray that they should be put into action.

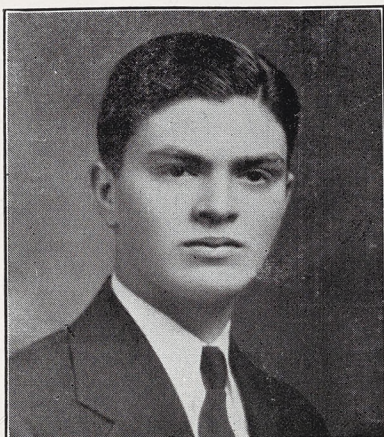
"AND DIRECT THEIR HEART"

to overcome temptations. Our Sages say, — "He who comes to be purified, is helped."

"AND DESTROYETH NOT"

Even although G-d punishes us, he will not destroy entirely, for we might repent.

**"THE FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR SECURITIES" —
TALK AT MEN'S CLUB MEETING ON JAN. 6th**



Bobby Livingston

All members and friends of the Synagogue are invited to an open meeting of the Men's Club which will take place on Monday, January 6th at our Synagogue at 8:30 P.M.

The very important topic of "The Future Outlook for Securities" will be the subject of a talk delivered by Marvin Robert Livingston, Account Executive of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane. Mr. Livingston is our own "Bobby", son of our Director George L. Livingston. The talk will be followed by a question and answer period in which the audience will get a chance to participate.

The Board of Governors will meet at 7:30.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

**Women's League
Activities**

Remember our Rummage Sale: We need used, clean merchandise. Bring, send, or have us pick up your packages.

Calendar of Activities:

Jan. 13th — Open meeting at the synagogue

March 3rd — W.S.I.S. Children's Village Luncheon

**RABBI AND MRS. REICHEL
TO BE HOSTS
THIS FRIDAY EVENING**

Members of the Senior League and the young people of our Congregational Family between 18 and 23 are cordially invited to the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Reichel, 230 West 79th Street, this evening at 8:30 o'clock, for a "Fireside Chat." The out-of-town collegiates who are in the City for their winter vacation are also most welcome.

BAS MITZVAH PREPARATIONS

In the early spring we plan to conduct our annual celebration in honor of the young ladies in our Congregational Family who have become Bas Mitzvah — twelve years of age — when they become full-fledged Jewesses. The plans include a series of seminars on Judaism supervised by Rabbi Reichel, and culminating with a reception to our Bas Mitzvahs on a Sunday afternoon at which time the celebrants will participate in a special program. Those who wish to join this project are asked to phone or write to Rabbi Reichel at once.

**SUNDAY MORNING
KINDERGARTEN**

Parents of children of kindergarten age should be particularly pleased to learn that we have a very attractive and popular Sunday morning Kindergarten in session which meets from 11:00 o'clock to 1:00 P.M. under the leadership of an experienced and dynamic teacher. Sessions in our Kindergarten will be resumed this Sunday morning, January 5th.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Welcome to our Hebrew School to the students of Junior High School #44, our neighboring school across the street, which will open its doors this coming week. Registration will be in progress all next week for classes in our Hebrew School which meet at 3:20 in the afternoon. All inquiries should be directed to our Hebrew School office.

All classes are in session this Sunday morning.

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES

Our Laymen's Institute Hebrew classes will meet again regularly beginning this Monday. One group for mothers of our Hebrew School pupils meets at 3:30 o'clock, and the other meets in the evening at 8:00 o'clock. For further information please call Rabbi Reichel's office.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, **Samuel H. Galston**, to our member Louis Friedman upon the loss of his brother **Nathan** and to our member Charles Subin upon the passing of his brother **Jacob**.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening	4:21
Weekly Portion — Vayechee	
Genesis 47:28-50:26, I Kings 2:1-12	
Friday Evening Service	4:35
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Youth Congregation	10:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten	10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys & Girls 7-12)	3:00
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class	2:50
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	2:50
Mincha	3:50
Reader of Torah: Roger Linker	
Reader of Service: Seymour Ukeles	
The Sabbath Terminates	5:11
Daily Services	
Sunday Morning	7:15, 8:15, 9:00
Daily Mornings	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha	4:35
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	

**Yahrzeits From
Our Memorial Plaque**

Jan.	Teves	
4	12	Fannie Goodman Bertha H. Gladstern Esther Jane Cohen Meyer Isaac Jacobs
5	13	Dr. Ralph Shaftan Albert Weinstein Simon Simons
6	14	Annie Davis
9	17	Benjamin Gold Ray Weisberger
10	18	Seymour Elliot Pye Dorah Leah Finesilver Samuel Lewis

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

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

All best wishes in their new home to our Director, Federal Judge and Mrs. Edelstein. And, indeed, we can rejoice that both have found our Synagogue building as their permanent Spiritual Home . . . Our congregational welcome mat is spread out for Mr. Sigmund Koppel and Mr. Isidore Ratzesdorfer upon their return to our shores from Europe and North Africa . . . Happy vacationing in Florida to Director Benjamin Glazer and Mr. and Mrs. Max Chernofsky . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Harry Cohen . . . We shall miss our many colleagues who have returned to their respective out-of-town colleges after their Chanukah and winter vacation . . . We are happy to report that Mrs. Etta Jaffin is off the sick list and that Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman are "on the mend". We hope they will soon have recovered completely from their recent illness.

Birthday Greetings:**Jan.**

- 3—Mrs. Miki Berger
Dr. Jacob Golden
Abraham Charles Kalker
Robert Linker
Mrs. Samuel B. Tessler
- 4—Mrs. Judith Keehn
- 5—Morris Bank
Director Herman H. Cohen
- 6—Jack Bendheim
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- 7—Isadore Baskowitz
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- 8—Director Joseph Anderson
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- 9—Director Abraham M. Druckman
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Anniversary Greetings:

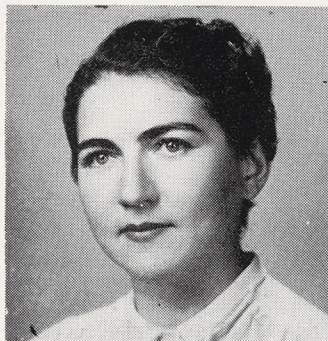
- 3—Director & Mrs. Maurice Greenstein
Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar
- 4—Mr. & Mrs. Alexander M. Golden
- 5—Mr. & Mrs. Louis Landowne

YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE

The next open meeting of the League (composed of young people over 23) will be on Sunday night, January 12th in our Social Hall.

STAMP CLUB MEETING

This Monday evening, January 6, our Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 P.M. This interesting activity is open to all our worshippers — both young and old — of our congregation.

**P.T.A. OF OUR HEBREW SCHOOL
ELECTS OFFICERS****Mrs. Henry Lindenbaum**

At a recent meeting of our P.T.A. the following were elected to head the organization: Mrs. Henry Lindenbaum, reelected President; Mrs. Eugene Ten Brink, Vice President; Mrs. Abraham Cohen, Treasurer; Mrs. Arthur Stein, Secretary; Mrs. Jules Citron, Chairwoman of the Purim Carnival Committee.

It was decided that the P.T.A. membership fee should be one dollar per family.

Our P.T.A. sponsors the Purim Carnival, Junior Congregation projects, meetings with our teachers, and special events during the year.

Report cards have recently been distributed to our pupils to mark the first third of the school year. Parents are urged to sign them and to return them by this Sunday morning along with their P.T.A. dues.

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ISRAELI DIARY

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

June 23, 1957

(Continued)

Several years ago the Hebrew University bought a tremendous tract of land in the neighborhood of Beth Hakerem, a nearby suburb of Jerusalem. On these grounds a number of buildings have been erected, some on the top of hills and some in the valleys. We went through some of these buildings while we were on the University grounds. Their structure and furnishings are absolutely the last word in every respect. No modern device has been omitted which could give these buildings a maximum of efficiency and beauty. As for the functions of these different structures — they vary from the science buildings to administration, library, lecture halls, seminar rooms, an immense students' hostel, a full-fledged planitarium (given by Mr. Williams, who attends services at the W.S.I.S. when he spends a few months in New York periodically) and more and more and more.

I enjoyed this visit to the University very much. The sight of the young men and young women strolling around the campus brought back memories to me of my college days.

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