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Teves 25, 5718

We expect to see you Sunday evening
At Our Benefit Opera Performance of

PUCCINI'S "TOSCA"

Metropolitan Opera House, 40th Street and Broadway

The curtain will rise at 8:15 P.M. promptly

Please note the early start of this performance

Men's Club Activities REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Mr. Bennett Carter, President of the Men's Club announces that a regular business meeting of the Club will take place on Monday, Jan. 20th at 8:30 P.M. at the Synagogue building. A report by the Board of Governors on future open meetings devoted to many present day problems presented by outstanding men in their field will be put before the membership. It is important that every member make an effort to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

THE AGE OF ELECTRONICS

Will Electronic Computers replace the Brain of Man?

How do these computers work?

How can they be applied to everyday Business Procedures?

The answers to these questions will be given by a team of two experts from the Gen. Sarnoff Research Institute of the R.C.A. Corp. at the **Men's Club Open Meeting on Feb. 3rd.** Further details about this important event in our next issues.

CAN WE BUILD AS FAST AS WE TEAR DOWN?

Watching the wrecking crew go through their fast pace of tearing down the old structure next to our main building the thought occurred to us that when it comes to tearing something down, we humans are very apt at it. But what about putting the modernized up-to-date building up as fast? Can we do it just as fast? The answer is yes with a big **IF.** If you, our readers, will pay up on your pledges that you have made. Even more important if those of you who haven't yet pledged will chip in and do your part of contributing to this worthy venture.

We say every day in our Preliminary Morning Prayers, "These are the things, the fruits of which a man enjoys in this world, while the stock remains for him for the world to come:—viz., . . . **But Talmud Torah is equal to all put together.**"

The main purpose of the new building is to house the Hebrew School — the Talmud Torah. Need we say more?

WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

MRS. HARRY ALTMAN, MRS. WALTER FREEMAN, MRS. JOSEPH KLEIN, MRS. MAX KOCH AND MRS. ANDREW WEISS TO BE HOSTESSES AT WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD MEETING.

Our hostesses of the afternoon cordially invite all members of the Executive Board of the Women's League to be their guests at a LUNCHEON on **Monday, January 20th at 12:30 P.M.** in the **Synagogue Building.**

A very important meeting will follow the luncheon. Please make every effort to attend as your ideas and suggestions are needed to formulate our future functions.

Kindly notify one of your hostesses if you cannot attend.

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Reserve the date, **MARCH 3rd** for our Children's Village Tea and Card Party in honor of the Birthday of our dear Rebbitsen, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein.

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Send your Rummage Articles to the Synagogue.

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Our Women's League Library is open for you to borrow or return books at every Open Meeting.

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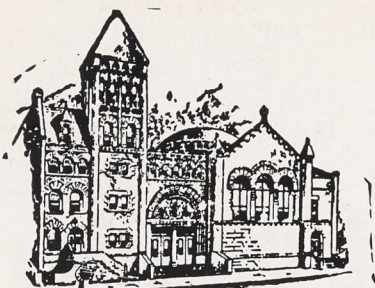
Our old social center and Talmud Torah building is coming down! Our new building will be started up soon! Have you made your pledge for our Women's League "**Simcha**" Plaques? See Mrs. Toni Iger for information.

ONEG SHABBAT NOTES

Due to the renovations now going on in our building, the only Oneg Shabbat group which will meet at 3:00 o'clock for the next few weeks, will be the 7-10 year old group. The older group (10-13) will be resumed very shortly.

SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

Members will meet in front of the Synagogue Sunday night, Jan. 19 at 8 P.M. whence they will go ice skating at Wollman Memorial Rink.



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SETTLED!

The State Department's Chief of Protocol has settled a time-honored dispute among function-planners about which anthem is played first: Hatikvah or the Star Spangled Banner. Here's the rule: It is proper to list the national anthem of the United States and any foreign anthem together at the beginning or end of the program. The general custom is to play the foreign anthem first, followed by the national anthem of the United States.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

Our basket-ball team were the victors again last Thursday night in their game with the Jewish Center team. The score was 69-44. Among the stars were Stu Bayer, Martin Foont, Barry Golden, Richard Herbert, Abe Sassoon, Samson Sassoon, Whitey Vallo, Jack Weinberg, and Cy Yavneh.

All teen-agers are invited to participate in our gym program at P.S. #87 on Thursday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

THE וְכָא לַיִן PRAYER"

(Continued)

"HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTETH IN THEE"

Happy is the man who in his troubles trusts and relies upon G-d. Then his pain and his troubles are easier to bear. G-d is as it were, the cover over the bitter pill. The powder is bitter, but the cover is sweet. As we say, "he who trusteth in the Lord is surrounded with love", as the cover surrounds the bitter pill.

"SAVE LORD: MAY THE KING ANSWER US ON THE DAY WHEN WE CALL"

The word Lord always represents mercy. The word King, represents Law or Justice. We pray that the justice of G-d, of the King, may be transformed into mercy. This may also mean that we pray that we may repent to such a high degree that even by strict justice, we should now deserve to be pardoned and to receive G-d's mercy.

"ON THE DAY WHEN WE CALL"

Namely, the same day. With human beings, it is generally that they want time to consider a plea for mercy. They want to call together a committee or appoint a commission. With G-d, we can expect immediate mercy.

"BLESSED IS OUR G-D WHO HAS CREATED US FOR HIS GLORY"

Namely, that we are to spread His will the Torah. We were chosen as ministers of His word. In that way, we justify the accident of our birth as Jews.

"AND HATH SEPARATED US FROM THEM THAT HAVE GONE ASTRAY AND HATH GIVEN US THE TORAH OF TRUTH."

We also thank G-d for giving us the Torah and thus showing us the correct way of life.

"AND PLANTED EVERLASTING LIFE IN OUR MIDST."

Aside from the proper way G-d has shown us if we live by it we receive immortality as our verse has it "He hath planted in us everlasting life," namely, the Torah. The Torah is the soul of the Jew. Just as the soul is immortal so the Jew, when he is true to his soul, receives immortality.

"AND PLACED HIS LOVE AND FEAR WITHIN OUR HEARTS THAT WE MAY DO HIS WILL AND SERVE HIM WITH A PERFECT HEART."

First of all we must do something to improve our life, then G-d will do the rest. As the Rabbis say in the Talmud "he who comes and wants to be purified G-d helps him."

"THAT WE MAY NOT LABOR IN VAIN NOR BRING FORTH CONFUSION."

We should pray (1) not only that we should not labor in vain but that we should not spend our time for vain purposes (2) We pray that while we are doing good we may not go astray and bring confusion. When one gives charity and at the same time scolds or loses his temper, in that way, he goes astray. His charity is unbalanced by his uncharitable demeanor.

"THAT WE MAY KEEP THY STATUTES IN THIS WORLD."

We emphasize "this world" because when we do a mitzvah in this world, we are preparing the way for immortality.

"TO THE END THAT MY GLORY MAY SING PRAISE UNTO THEE"

In this world.

"AND NOT BE SILENT"

In the next world, because of our misdeeds or lack of good deeds in this world.

"BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN THE LORD."

When man trusts in the Lord then the Lord is his trust. It is as if man signs a note and the Lord in turn guarantees it.

The Hebrew word for man is "Gever" which refers to a man in his prime of life. One is to serve G-d not merely when he gets older and lacks passion and the desire for pleasure and physical pursuit, have left him. He should serve G-d when he is young, full blooded when all the natural desires may be misused. King Solomon has well said in Ecclesiastics, Chapter 12 verse 1, "Remember now Thy Creator in the days of Thy youth . . . not when the years roll on, when thou shall say I have no pleasure in them."

"FOR THE LORD IS G-D AN EVERLASTING ROCK."

FUNERAL PRACTICES

The Metropolitan Region of the Rabbinical Council of America deeply concerned over certain untraditional practices prevailing in various phases of Jewish life, is inaugurating an intensive campaign of enlightenment throughout this entire area.

Judaism is concerned with the true purpose of the burial rites, and not with shallow and superficial considerations.

In time of tragedy, great care should be taken that the following rules are observed.

1. The deceased should be provided with a religious attendant (shomer) from the moment of death up to the time of the funeral.
2. There must be proper "taharah" or washing of the body by religiously qualified persons.
3. The body must be dressed in "tachrichim" (shrouds).
4. A simple wooden coffin without metal should be used.
5. There should be no public viewing of the body.
6. The question of embalming which is a very common practice, should be referred to the rabbi in charge.
7. Flowers and music are not permitted.
8. The law requires that a tear be made in the garment of the mourner. For this purpose a jacket, vest, sweater or dress should be used. The "ribbon" generally offered, does not satisfy the requirements of the law and should not be used.
9. Burial should always be in the ground. The grave must be completely filled in, before leaving the funeral service.
10. There must be no Sabbath violation in the preparations for the funeral. On Holidays nothing should be done without consulting the Rabbi.

STAMP CLUB TO MEET

On Monday evening, January 20, the Stamp Club will hold a meeting. The group begins its session at 7:30 P.M. and all who are interested are urged to attend this interesting activity.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ARMED FORCES OR AT COLLEGE

We would like to send the W.S.I.S. Review to your children who are serving in the Armed Forces, or who are away at College. We believe that they would welcome it because they would want to know what is happening back home and at the W.S.I.S.

Kindly send us the following information:

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(Serial Number)

Address

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.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member Nat N. Nast upon the loss of his wife **HELEN NAST**.

PLEASE NOTE!

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

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening up to4:35

Weekly Portion — Vah-ay-raw

Exodus 6:2-9:35 Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Blessing for New Month (Shevat)

Friday Evening Service4:45

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten10:30

Oneg Shabbat (Boys & Girls 7 to 10) 2:00

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class3:05

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:05

Mincha4:05

Reader of Torah: Elliot Lebowitz

Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan

The Sabbath Terminates5:26

Daily Services

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45

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

Wed. Rosh Chodesh6:30, 7:30, 8:15

Mincha4:45

Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Jan. Teves

18 26 Jane Udell

19 27 Lena Stein
Hugo Perutz
Jacob Wohlberg
Benjamin Steinberger

20 28 Gussie Goodman
Mary Ida Glaser
Jane Fischel

Shevat

24 3 Bertha Jaffe

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Congregation was honored by having as its guest speaker at our last Sunday morning's "Father and Son" Breakfast Louis J. Lefkowitz, Attorney General of New York State. For the excellence of the arrangements and the deliciousness of the breakfast our profound gratitude to the Men's Club, Mr. William Hirsch, as chairman of the Arrangements Committee and to Mmes. Abraham Cohen, Monroe Gaines, Fred Heiser, Samuel Gursky, Alfred Schwartz, for serving as hostesses; Herbert Goldberg, Stanley Kaplan and Samuel Ward, led in the Services; our Men's Club President Bennett Carter announced the pages and our Director, Frank L. Taks led in the "benchen" . . . There may be poetic justice in the typographical error in the omission of Harry Altman from the names of the members of the Building Committee, for now in acknowledging the error, we can only hi-light his tireless and fruitful work as a member of that committee . . . If the countenance of our Director Samuel K. Beier had an added glow at our services a few Shabbosim ago it was because his charming daughter, Judy, in from Vassar College was a worshipper at the services as was his son, David home on furlough from his basic training from Fort Knox, who chanted in beautiful tones the Maf-tir . . . Good to hear from our lay Talmud scholar, Mr. Isaac Allen now in Israel . . . Welcome home from Florida to Treasurer and Mrs. Samuel Silver, Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bernard and to Mr. and Mrs. Rudnick; and to our Director Frank L. Taks and Mrs. Taks our active member of our Women's League Executive Board, from their extended tour through the United States . . . All wishes for success to our worshipper, Mr. William N. Hyman who will be instructor of electricity in the newly constructed Junior High #44, which is just across the street . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to our Director Moses Jack Berlin, Mike Grossman, Mrs. Robert Hofbauer, and Harry C. Soffer . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Amin upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Leba to Robert Lee Furman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo S. Furman; and to our Director and Mrs. Joseph Landowne and to our Hon. Vice President and Mrs. Max E. Sanders upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and

Mrs. Louis Landowne; and to the grandmother, Mrs. Max Bilgrey and to the great-uncle and aunt, our Director and Mrs. Jean Goldwurm, and to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix J. Bilgrey upon the birth of a son, Gene Andre; to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman, the grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bergman, the parents, upon the birth of a daughter; to Mrs. Mary Lax Katz upon the marriage of her son, Robert Lax, to Wendy Cherung (the "aufuf" was held in our Synagogue) . . . all good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kalker in their new home . . . Congratulations to Muriel Livingston, daughter of our very active Women's League member, Mrs. Herman Livingston, upon having made a tapestry curtain for a newly erected Synagogue in Bridgeport. The curtain depicts the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Birthday Greetings:

Jan.

- 10—Mrs. Stella Diamond
- 17—Henry Robert Gross
Jacob Isseks
Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar
Mrs. Sandra G. Ortnier
Edward Weinstein
- 18—Susan Citron
Ruth Sonya Freudman
- 19—Mrs. Sondra L. Mayper
- 20—Mrs. Minette Horowitz
Sol Brandes
- 21—Beth Esther Charney
Allan Jeffrey Cohen
Mrs. Maurice Goodgold
- 22—Mrs. Sigg Eisenberg
Douglas J. Reichlin
Roy Stuart Tumpowsky
- 23—Mrs. Irving Balmuth
Emanuel Goldman
Mrs. Norman Grober
Director Jonas Leisten
Jeffrey Sheppard Yudkoff

Anniversary Greetings:

- 17—Mr. & Mrs. Irving Balmuth
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Kobrin
Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Carter
- 18—Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wohl
- 23—Dr. & Mrs. Simon Dack
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert L. Ortnier
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pash
Mr. & Mrs. Warren L. Schnur

LAUER'S**HOMES NEEDED**

We are co-operating with the Yeshiva University Synagogue Council Youth Conclave which will be held in our community over the weekend beginning Friday, February 21st.

The Sabbath meals will be served for the entire group at a restaurant. The local Synagogues are helping with home accommodations for the teen-agers who will come from all parts of the city.

The conclave will feature interesting panels and discussion groups around a theme related to teen-age Jewish youth, leadership skill sessions, religious services, Oneg Shabbat, Saturday evening program, guest speakers, and a concluding banquet.

Members of our Congregational Family who could provide sleeping quarters for the young people are asked to contact Rabbi Reichel at the Synagogue or Mrs. Reichel at TR 4-6431.

REMEMBER YOUR SYNAGOGUE

When you are arranging your affairs — as every man should — by drawing up a last will and testament, may we suggest that you remember the Synagogue at that time.

Bequests to our institution to aid us in the furtherance of our work, should be drawn as follows:

"I give, devise and bequeath the sum of . . . to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, 122 West 76 Street, New York City, a religious corporation, incorporated in New York, for its work and purposes."

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