

THIS SATURDAY WE READ THE TEN  
COMMANDMENTS. ATTEND OUR SERVICE.

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**HATS! HATS! HATS!**  
**MR. AND MRS.**  
**LEAGUE PRESENTS**

for the entire Congregation  
and their friends

## **PURIM FANCY HAT BALL**

**Saturday, March 8th, 8:30 P.M.**

Use your head! Wear a hat! an unusual hat! a hat of your own creation, and cop a prize.

There will be two prizes, one each for a gentleman and a lady. The rest of your outfit does not matter. Only your hat will be judged.

For your added enjoyment we will serve such delicacies as bagels, cheese, lox and so forth, as well as a lively, tuneful band. All this at the moderate price of \$2.50 per person.

Building contractors have taken over the ballroom of our Synagogue building, therefore this function will be held at our neighboring Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, 8 West 70th Street.

## **Children's Village Luncheon Is Now Under Way** **ADVISORY CHAIRMEN**



**Mrs. Isidore Friedman**



**Mrs. Louis Shlansky**

**and Mrs. Max Chernofsky**

The Advisory Chairmen, Mrs. Chernofsky, Mrs. Friedman and Mrs. Shlansky, are hard at work selling tickets, helping with arrangements, and doing everything in their power to make our coming **Children's Village Luncheon**, in honor of the **Birthday of Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein**, a huge success.

Invite your friends and relatives. We hope to see you all there. We know you will have a wonderful

time. Keep in mind that the more guests that come to her party, the happier we will make our Dear Rebetzin on her birthday. Also, it will be a great "mitzvah" since all the money realized from this function will be used for the betterment of our W.S.I.S. Children's Village in Israel.

### **REMEMBER**

Date: Monday, March 3rd, 1958

Time: 12 noon

Place: Hotel Esplanade, 305 West End Ave. (74th St.)

Price of Admission: \$3.50 per person

*Everyone Is Invited*

**Sanford Ward**



Sanford Ward, son of our Director & Mrs. Jess E. Ward, will read this week's portion of Jethro.

## **IS YOUR NAME ON THE BUILDING FUND DONORS LIST?**

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### MAZEL TOV



**Madelyn Ukeles**

Congratulations to our members Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ukeles upon the engagement of their daughter, Madelyn, to Mr. Alfred Oppenheimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oppenheimer.

Miss Ukeles is a Senior at Brooklyn College where she is majoring in mathematics.

Mr. Oppenheimer is a graduate of Yeshiva Chaim Berlin. He is the Cantor at Congregation Zichron Ephraim in New York City.

## THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

### THE "ALEYNU" PRAYER

(Continued)

#### "TURN UNTO THYSELF ALL THE EVIL-DOERS OF THE WORLD"

The "evil-doers" of the world", — the disturbers of the world, to-day are the communists. Furthermore it should be noted that the prayer does not call for the destruction of the wicked, but that they may be won over to G-d's service. This thought is expressed by the Rabbis in the Talmud in Berachos commenting on the last verse (verse 35) of Psalm 104, "Let" הַטְּאִים not sinners, but "sins" cease . . . and the wicked shall be no more." If sin is broken or not repeated, then there shall be no wicked people.

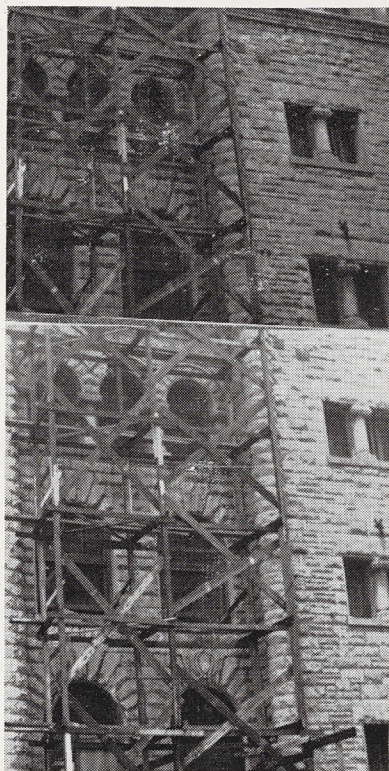
"Rabbi Meir lived in a neighborhood of lawless men. They sorely vexed and afflicted him, so much so that one day he wished for their death. Then his brilliant wife Beruria, "opened her mouth in wisdom". She said to him, "How canst thou act thus? The Psalmist says, 'let sins cease on earth;' and then he continues, 'and the wicked shall be no more'. This teaches that as soon as sin vanishes, there will be no more sinners. Therefore do thou pray, not for the destruction of these wicked men, but for their repentance". Rabbi Meir did so and, we are told, they turned from their evil ways. Beruria was the daughter of a renowned Teacher and martyr, Chananya ben Teradyon and was herself a scholar and renowned rabbinic authority in her learned generation. Her reading of הַטְּאִים "sinners", and crucial word in this verse, as הַטְּאִים "sins", was not due to ignorance or feminine wilfulness. The Hebrew Text of Scripture was at that time not as yet unvowelled. There are many similar variant readings in the Psalms and Proverbs; and Rabbi Meir himself was famed for a number of variants in the Hebrew text of Scripture. To Beruria thus belongs the glory of having given expression to a great doctrine of religion and humanity; viz. Hate sin, and not the sinner; exterminate crime, i.e. the conditions that make for crime, and there will be no criminals.

Two contemporaries of Beruria gave a similar interpretation of the first two Hebrew words of this verse. Rabbi Judah ben Ilai translated, יְתֵמוּ הַטְּאִים not by "let sinners cease", but by, "let sinners become perfect" (by repentance), and in that hour they will no longer be wicked. Here the emphasis is placed upon the word יְתֵמוּ "become perfect." Rabbi Nehemiah translated, "let wickedness cease, and the wicked will be no more". The words of all these Rabbinic teachers, Beruria, Judah and Nehemiah, are in accordance with the epoch-making proclamation of the Prophet, "As I live, saith the Lord G-d, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33, 11).

#### "LET ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD PERCEIVE AND KNOW THAT UNTO THEE EVERY KNEE MUST BEND EVERY TONGUE MUST SWEAR ALLEGIANCE"

There is a very interesting Midrash (Tanchuma) which says that on the day of death, one **bends** the knee, and before one is born, one promises, to be righteous, every tongue swears allegiance to G-d. Why wait until we die? — Let us be faithful and bend the knee, before G-d, in our lifetime and not wait for death.

## PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATE OF OUR BUILDING PROJECT IN PICTURES



The old building adjacent to our main building scaffolded in preparation for total demolition.



Our clubroom, home of the Women's League, Men's Club and Mr. & Mrs. League reduced to a mass of shambles. This is part of the building which is being totally demolished.



The Social Hall being prepared for a "face lifting" which will change it to a modern up-to-date banquet hall.



The Building Committee who worked so diligently to put the building project in motion. (Left to right) Director H. Altman, Director Jacob H. Silverstein, Director Al. Colin, Chairman of the Committee; David Moed, the architect, Director S. K. Beier, Legal Advisor; Director Maurice Greenstein, Vice-Chairman; Director A. M. Druckman.

### CULTURAL KAFFEE KLATCH

The next session of our Cultural Kaffee Klatch will be held on Thursday, February 20th, at the home of Mrs. O. Asher Reichel.

### PLEASE NOTE!

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

### CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Director and Mrs. William Hirsch upon the passing of their daughter, **Diane**; to our Director David H. Ullman upon the passing of his sister, **Sarah Levy**; and to Mrs. Rachel Barowsky and her son, Joseph, upon the passing of their beloved daughter-in-law and wife, **Rose Barowsky**, and to Mrs. Lillian Zvoristin upon the passing of her sister, **Sally Davis**.

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### W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening to ..... 5:00  
Weekly Portion — Jethro  
Exodus 18:1-20:23 — Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6  
Friday Evening Service ..... 5:10  
Saturday Morning Service ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:30  
Chazanim: Jack Koppel, Aaron Reichel  
Sabbath Kindergarten ..... 10:30  
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls  
from 7 to 10 years) ..... 3:15  
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class ..... 3:25  
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ..... 3:25  
Mincha ..... 4:25  
Reader of Torah: Jay Zimmern  
Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg  
The Sabbath Terminates ..... 5:50

### Daily Services

Sunday Morning ..... 7:15, 8:15, 8:45  
Daily Mornings ..... 6:45, 7:45, 8:30  
Mincha ..... 5:10  
Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

## Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

| February | Shevat |                   |
|----------|--------|-------------------|
| 9        | 19     | Samuel R. Morris  |
| 10       | 20     | Sol Levine        |
| 11       | 21     | Anna Becker       |
| 12       | 22     | Marx Mayper       |
|          |        | Moses Leisten     |
| 13       | 23     | Rose Buchsbaum    |
|          |        | May Cohen         |
|          |        | Bella Blankfort   |
|          |        | Eva Leisten       |
| 14       | 24     | Marcus Braunstein |

**GETTING PERSONAL**

By Sanford Solarz

Our Congregational Citation of Merit to our member, Mr. Philip Amin upon his being the guest of honor at a Testimonial Dinner of the Alumni Association of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School at the Hotel Biltmore; and to our member Philip Frankel, vice-president of Mangel Stores Corp., for being presented by Mayor Wagner with the Commerce Department citation for business merit. Occasion was the official dedication of new offices created from an old landmark said to have once belonged to B. Altman & Co. . . . We would ask all those who know to inform our office of the addresses of our worshippers who are in the Armed Service, so that we may be able to send them a "Review" . . . . Our heartfelt thanks to the Chevra Tehillim and its President, Mr. Isak Haselkorn, for supplying the Tu B'Shvat delicacies for the three morning services in our Synagogue on Chamisha Asar B'Shvat; and to Mrs. Mannie Alt, chairman of the Women's League Arrangements Committee, who was in charge of the distribution of fruits and goodies for the Hebrew School Chamisha Asar Beshvat Assembly . . . . Happy to learn that Mrs. George Pauker is on the mend and we hope that she will be off the sick list, so that we may see her here soon at the Synagogue . . . . Good to have at our Sabbath services Mrs. Eva Texon from California; and Miss Judith Allen, niece of our Men's Club President and Mrs. Bennett Carter, from Swampscott, Mass. . . . The host at our Seuda Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Irving Kobrin, in honor of his son Lawrence's return from a visit to Israel and Europe. Lawrence will give his impressions of his trip at the Seuda Shlishis. Welcome home from Europe to Mr. Sol Brandes and from Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Max Schwartz . . . . Dr. and Mrs. Herman Mintz are among the W.S.I.S. family, in Florida.

**Birthday Greetings:**  
**February**

- 8—Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein  
Barbara Herlands  
Mr. and Mrs. Nat Trotzky  
10—Audrey Roberta Adelson  
Michael Goodman  
13—Mrs. Annette Pash

**Anniversary Greetings:**

- 8—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ostrow  
9—Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Druker  
Mr. and Mrs. Max Selsky  
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**YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE  
MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT****Leonard Stecher**

Due to our building renovations, the Young Adult League will meet in the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue Social Hall, at 8 West 70th Street this Sunday night, February 9th, at 8:15 o'clock. Our own League chairman, Leonard Stecher, who has the rank of Captain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, will show color slides which he took during his stay in the Far East from the interior of China to Hawaii. A Social Hour will follow. Young people of our Congregational Family over 22 are cordially invited to attend.

**JEWISH INFORMATION HOUR  
FOR TEEN-AGERS**

Alumni — boys and girls — of our Hebrew School and their friends are welcome at the next session of the Jewish Information Hour, to be held on Sunday morning, February 9th, at 10:00 o'clock. Our young people are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to brush up on their Jewish knowledge and to discuss problems of Jewish interest.

- 11—Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Rosenholz  
12—Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman  
Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Greer  
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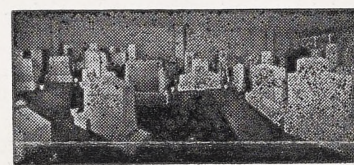
**TEEN AGERS CONCLAVE  
ON WEST SIDE**

The W.S.I.S. is joining the West Side Synagogues in being hosts for the Manhattan, Bronx, and Westchester Youth Conclave sponsored by the Yeshiva University Synagogue Council Youth. The event, which has been scheduled for the week-end of February 21st, will bring together a large number of teen-age Synagogue youth with an interesting program of skill sessions, discussion groups and social activities. The only charge for this week-end which will cover meals at a local restaurant and registration, will be \$10 per participant. Our own teen-agers (14-17) are invited to participate in this unusual event. Those interested should contact Rabbi Reichel by Sunday noon, February 9th at the Synagogue.

Sleeping quarters are needed for the young people who will be coming from distant points for Friday and Saturday nights. If our readers have space available kindly call Mrs. Reichel, at TR 4-6431

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