

HAVE YOU BOUGHT
YOUR OPERA TICKETS YET?

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Teves 8, 5719

ASARAH B'TEVES THIS SUNDAY

The minor fast day of Asarah B'Teves, the tenth day of Teves will be observed this Sunday, December 21.

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.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

Senior League

Collegiate fellows and gals are most welcome to join a social meeting of the Senior League, Sunday night, December 21st at 8 o'clock. A very pleasant program has been planned. Miss Annette Wurman is Club Advisor.

Club 76

Senior High School students and their friends are invited to attend the first social of the season of the newly formed "Club 76" on Saturday night, January 3rd at 8 o'clock. The social scheduled for December 20th has been postponed to the January date because of year-end finals.

Bas Mitzvahs

The Bas Mitzvah club will meet on Sunday morning, December 21st at 11 o'clock, in Rabbi Reichel's study.

Post Bar Mitzvahs

Our Hebrew School Alumni — boys as well as girls — are welcome to Mr. Lawrence Kobrin's "Jewish Information Hour" this Sunday morning, at 10:30 o'clock.

President Lester Udell Appeals To All To Redouble Efforts In Making Opera A "Sellout"



President Lester Udell

After an initial spurt of selling which promised to make the attendance at our Opera Benefit "Aida" on Sunday, January 18, 1959, one of the best, it suddenly hit a slowup. President Lester Udell therefore made a stirring appeal last Saturday at Services to all members,

TWEENAGERS

Following a grand Chanukah party last Sunday night, the next social meeting for our young teenagers will be held Sunday evening, December 21st, at 6:30 (until 8:00).

STAMP CLUB TO MEET

Philatelists both young and old are cordially invited to this week's meeting of the Stamp Club which will take place this Monday evening, December 22nd at 7:30 o'clock.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

December 24th and 25th, there will be individual schedules for the convenience of pupils in their respective classes. Parents are urged to see to it that their children take advantage of these special sessions.

friends, and worshippers of the Synagogue to do their utmost to see to it that this opera benefit is a financial success. He said in part:

"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. Don't let your conscience hurt you because you failed to cooperate. Help us now. The time is getting short. Buy your tickets this week.**"

The Opera Committee also appealed 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.

Prices of tickets as well as an order blank appear below. Fill it in and mail it to us.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

We call your attention to the fact that our Board of Directors at a meeting in January of this year increased the membership dues from \$10. per annum to \$18. per annum. This went into effect as of February 1st, 1958.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Gustave Roth

The entire congregation joins in a blessing of Mazel Tov and Good Health, "ad meah v'esrim shanah." to 120 years, with the help of G-d, to our devoted and loyal Director, Mr. Gustave Roth, upon the occasion of his 97th birthday on December 20th.

RE MINDER

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL DUTCH SUPPER

Sunday, December 21st, 6:30 P.M.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Thirteen Principles of The Faith

X

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE CREATOR, BLESSED BE HIS NAME, KNOWETH ALL THE ACTIONS OF MEN, AND ALL THEIR THOUGHTS, AS IT IS SAID, 'HE FASHIONETH THE HEARTS OF THEM ALL, HE CONSIDERETH ALL THEIR WORKS'."

(Continued)

Our belief in G-d's Omniscience is beautifully expressed in the Musaph Prayer of Rosh Hashonah, — "Thou rememberest the work of bygone times, and thinkest of all the imaginations of former days; all hidden things are revealed before Thee; also the multitude of hidden things which are from the beginning. For there is no forgetting before the throne of Thy glory, and nothing is concealed from Thine eye. Thou rememberest every deed, and no thought is hidden from Thee. Everything is revealed and known before Thee, O Lord our G-d who beholdest and seest to the end of all generations."

There are those among the Philosophers, who say that G-d is too exalted to take notice of each individual being. To this we may quote the words of the Psalmist "who exalt Thee for Evil." Psalm 139 verse 20. This can lead one to indiscretions because G-d is made too high to note our actions. We have but to refer to the Scriptural verse quoted by Maimonides, at the close of this Tenth Principle of the Faith, namely, "He considereth all their works," Psalm 33, as an indication of a Personal G-d, — and His Omniscience.

PRINCIPLE XI

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE CREATOR, BLESSED BE HE, REWARDS THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND PUNISHES THOSE WHO TRANSGRESS HIS COMMANDMENTS."

I

In the previous Principle we acknowledge G-d's Omniscience. In this principle of Reward and Punishment, we must understand what is involved in Freedom of Choice. For, if there is no Free Will, or Freedom of Choice, why should man be rewarded, or punished for something he **must** do! G-d's foreknowledge or Omniscience however, is not determinative so as to impair "free-agency," or full powers of choice whether for good or for evil, so as to deserve reward or punishment.

The immediate reward and punishment for our conduct we receive, is the pleasure and happiness in doing something good and in the grief and remorse we ought to feel on learning that we have displeased the Almighty by our conduct. As a rule, every good act leads to further good acts, and every sin to further sins; and our Sages say therefore: "The reward of a good act, or Mitzvah, is another good act, or Mitzvah; and the punishment for a transgression, is an "Averah," another transgression, or "Averah."

But when we speak of the principle of Retribution, we generally mean such reward and punishment as is given in addition to the feeling of happiness or unhappiness.

This principle of Retribution has been proclaimed in the grand Revelation made to all Israel on Mount Sinai, in the Decalogue which has been accepted by all civilized nations as the basis of religion: "I, the L-d thy G-d, am a jealous G-d, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus, Chapter 20, verses 5 and 6). We understand the doctrine of retribution only in its general outlines; we are convinced of the truth of the Divine words, "There is no peace to the wicked." (Isaiah, Chapter 57, verse 21); but how the law is applied in every single case is known to G-d alone. It is presumptuous on the part of limited-vision man to criticize G-d's judgments, and to find injustice in the prosperity of the wicked and in the misery of the righteous. What man is able to estimate the merits of his neighbor fully and correctly? "For the L-d seeth not as man seeth for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the L-d looketh on the heart." (First Book of Samuel, chapter 16, verse 7.) Our inability of rightly estimating the merits of our neighbor's actions, is illustrated by the Biblical narrative of Cain and Abel. Both brought sacrifices to the Lord; and we cannot discover any difference in their actions, and yet the sacrifice of Cain was rejected by G-d and that of Abel was accepted.

Women's League Activities

"THE BEST EVER" IS THE COMMENT

The Women's League Annual Luncheon held in the Waldorf Astoria last Monday, December 8th, far surpassed the Committee's fondest hopes. Thanks to our hardworking, elegant and charming Chairman, Mrs. William Wedeen, her Co-Chairman, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and all her loyal co-workers for this outstanding social and financial success. Thanks, also, to every Women's League Member, without whom we could not be so proud of our success. May our Women's League, with the cooperation of all of you, go on to even greater heights.

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The next Open Meeting of the Women's League will be held on Monday, January 5th, in the Synagogue Building.

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It can hardly be said that we have neglected the general education of our children. Never before have the opportunities for education been so universal.

But this only serves to sharpen the contrast with Jewish religious education. Never before has there been such widespread ignorance of Jewish life, laws, and traditions. The point has been reached where Judaism, as a religious identity, is threatened with extinction—through ignorance!

The happiness of your child depends on his full understanding of all the factors in his life—and primary among these is his Jewish religious heritage.

Don't deny him the opportunity for a fuller understanding of himself, his people, his religion. Don't deny him the chance for a sound and thorough Jewish education.

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Weekly Portion — Vayigash

Genesis 44:18-47:27 Ezekiel 37:15-28

Friday Evening Service4:20

Chumosh and Rashi with

Mr. Israel Kestenbaum8:15

Saturday Morning Service9:00

Youth Congregation10:15

Junior Congregation10:45

Chazanim: David Heiser, Aaron Reichel

Sermonette: Larry Hecht

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls

7 to 11)2:45

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:45

Mincha3:45

Reader of Torah: Sanford Ward

Reader of Service: Roger Linker

The Sabbath Terminates5:02

Daily Services

Sunday Morning Fast of Teves and Selichos 7:00, 7:45 (Selichos about 8:25), 8:45

Sunday Mincha4:05

Monday and Thursday

Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha4:20

Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

PLEASE NOTE!

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

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

It was no more than fitting that our first congregational function in our new Ballroom should have been our Gala Festival of Dedication (Chanukah) affair. And it was also no more than fitting that our first such affair was the great success that it was, thanks to the joint efforts of our Women's League, Men's Club and Mr. and Mrs. League. A special note of commendation is due to our fellow worshipper and guest artist, Mr. Abraham Rosenthal, for the contribution of his talents and materials for the painting of a masterpiece during the evening (which was won by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman); also to our own opera impressario, Director Herman H. Cohen (home fresh with his wife from their West Indies cruise) for his fascinating dissertation on the libretto and theme of the opera "Aida" which will be presented at our annual fund raising event at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday, January 18th . . . Bon Voyage on their trip to Southern climes to our Treasurer and Mrs. Samuel Silver to our Director A. M. Druckman, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlansky and to Mrs. Annie Dworkin and her son Mr. Ben Dworkin. The Host at our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Jacob Frankel . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to our sweet-singing Cantor and Mrs. Zalmon Yevneh upon the marriage of their son Murray to Phyllis . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Drukker upon the birth of a grandson to his children, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Salzer; to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch and to the parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur I. Moll, on the birth of Jonathan Laurence; and to Mr. and Mrs. Olek Lejbzon upon the addition to their family of Robin; and to the grandparents Meyer and Clara Berengard and Aaron Kruth upon the birth of a granddaughter, Karen Dawn to their children Beverly and Marvin Kruth . . . A speedy recovery to our member Rabbi Ch. Kauvar of Denver.

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Birthday Greetings:**Dec.**

- 20—William Ball
Alan Jay Kalker
Mrs. M. J. Kleinfeld
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Abraham Robinov
Mrs. Jess Ward
21—George H. Heller
22—Seth Michael Goldstein
George Levinson

- 24—Mrs. Milton M. Bernard
Director Frank Frohman
Mrs. Alexander M. Golden
Director Adolph Meirowitz
Reuben Richman

- 25—Charles Cohen
Mrs. Julius Cohen
Max M. Horowitz
Rose Pekier

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Anniversary Greetings:

- 19—Mr. & Mrs. Max Chernofsky
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Schenker
21—Director & Mrs. Herman H. Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Zimet
23—Mr. & Mrs. Abraham M. Goldberg.
24—Mr. & Mrs. Ahron W. Gross
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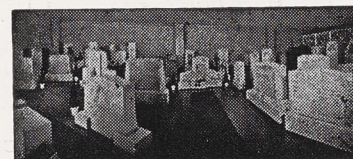
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Our Memorial Plaque**

Dec.	Teves	
20	9	Eva Ripin Alex Wein Kate Hirshkowitz
21	10	Leah Cohen Maurice Freiman
22	11	Simon Ginsberg
23	12	Fannie Goodman Bertha H. Gladstern Esther Jane Cohen Meyer Isaac Jacobs
24	13	Dr. Ralph Shaftan Albert Weinstein Simon Simons
25	14	Annie Davis

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