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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our Chanukah Assembly

Our parents and guests who attended the Chanukah Assembly of our Hebrew School were deeply impressed with the wonderful presentations and "Chanukah Operetta" dramatized by our pupils. Those who participated in the program were: **Class of Dvorim:** Sharon Frankel, Nathan Mire, Michael Steinlauf and Gerald Stark; **Class of Vayikra:** Rise Bisgeier, Esti Dunow, Beth Forman, Mimi Gersony, Michael Gribetz, Myra Gribetz, Marilyn Grober, Gerry Gursky, David Heiser, Patty Kalaf, Marcel Manheim, Elliot Schechter, Peggy Ten Brink, Danny Van Engel and Joel Wachs; **Class of Bamidbar:** Jonathan Alexander, Judith Berkenfeld, Franklin Goodman, Robert Greenberg, Thomas Maupin, Michael Spatz; **Class of Braishis:** Abba Ben Yakov, Alane Berkenfeld, Ben Brief, Jack Byalick, Miriam Byalick, Lynn Dweck, Irene Fox, Elliot Glazer, Linda Grober, Dina Manheim, Arthur Sachs, Terry Schuster and Henry Van Engel; **Class of Shmos:** Jill Lloyd, Pamela Maupin, Emily Segelstein, Sharon Selinger, David Tenenbaum and Barbara Zahler. "Kayn Yirbu".

CLASS SCHEDULES

Regular sessions in our Hebrew School and Sunday Kindergarten will be resumed Sunday morning, January 4th.

YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE NEWS

A very fine turnout helped make our first social of the season a rousing success. A vote of thanks to Eugene Grosinger, Helen Jacobs, Lionel Lindenbaum, Al Ray, Michele Siegel and Annette Wurman our talented Arrangements Committee, for a job well done.

The young adults of our congregational family are urged to keep the evening of January 11th open for a Mid-Winter Ball, with live music, refreshments and a fabulous time.

Opera Performance Draws Near

ONLY A SHORT TIME LEFT TO MAKE OPERA A SUCCESS

With the appearance of this issue of the "Review", there will be only a short time left to the date of our Opera Benefit Performance of "Aida" on Sunday, January 18th, 1959. The Opera Committee, therefore, urges all friends of the Congregation not to let us down in the "stretch."

We must all work in these final weeks to make the Benefit Performance the success it must be in order for our Synagogue to continue the varied activities from which we all benefit. Our budget depends in part on this important source of income. We who use the Synagogue's services can not let it down.

YOUTH CONGREGATION NOTES

Plans are being made by the members of our Youth Congregation under the direction of James Herlands and Stanley Kaplan to participate with the Congregation as a Choral Group at the Mussaf service. They will also lead in the concluding parts of the services in the Main Synagogue. Our thanks to Cantor Zalmon Yavneh for his cooperation.

The Youth Congregation will meet at 10 A.M. on the 4th Floor.

Our younger congregants are reminded that our Junior Congregation meets Saturday mornings at 10:45 on the Second Floor with Mr. Samuel Ward.

We cannot urge our parents too strongly not only to see to it that the children attend the Junior Congregation and the Youth Congregation, but that they also accompany their children and join us in Congregational prayer.

It really should not be difficult to convince anyone to buy a pair of Opera Tickets. The Opera "Aida" is one of the outstanding and most popular of the Metropolitan "repertoire." The cast is both realistic in appearance and exceptional in its array of talent. It consists of **Gloria Davy, Dimiter Uzunov, Blanche Thebom, Mario Zanasi and Giorgio Tozzi.**

Call the Synagogue Office now. It is not too late as yet to send tickets to your friends and associates. They will be glad that they have the opportunity to see such a fine Opera Performance and help a worthy Institution at the same time.

Don't let the fact of your winter vacation deprive our Synagogue of its source of income. Let your enjoyment of your vacation be doubled by your share in the success of our Opera venture.

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

OPERA TICKETS

Boxes (8 seats — \$100 and \$125)
Orchestra — \$27.50, \$22.50, \$17.50,
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Opera Club) \$10, \$7.50, \$6.00
Opera Guild)
Dress Circle — \$10, \$7.50, \$6
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BAR MITZVAH



Frank Jarmuth

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Jarmuth, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Frank, which will be celebrated tomorrow at our services.

SYNAGOGUE DECORUM

Will you please help us preserve proper synagogue decorum by refraining from conversation during services. You will find it spiritually rewarding if you will follow the reader, either in Hebrew or in English.

Pages will be announced intermittently.

THE PRAYER BOOK
 COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Thirteen Principles of The Faith

PRINCIPLE XI

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

(Continued)

II

The Book of Job illustrates the vanity of man's attempts to lift the veil that conceals the plan of G-d's decrees. The reader is informed beforehand why Job is afflicted with pains and troubles. But Job and his friends have not been informed. Job desires to find out what act of his has brought upon him this terrible calamity, if it is to be endured as a punishment; he protests his innocence, and criticises the justice of the Almighty. The three friends declare with certainty that Job's sufferings are a punishment for sins committed, and are angry that Job does not accept their view.

G-d appears, rebukes Job for his resumption, but declares that the view expressed by his friends, insinuating sinful conduct to Job, was wrong, and that Job, who contended he did not know the cause of the suffering, spoke more rightly than his friends. For Job had not been afflicted because of his sins, and this was shown to the friends of Job by the compensation which G-d gave Job for all he had lost and suffered.

The acts of Divine justice recorded in the sacred literature serve as a warning to the evil and an encouragement to the good. They are all of a material character, as only in this shape can they be perceived by man. But by no way do they exhaust the ways of G-d. The Divine retribution so frequently referred to in the Law points mostly to the good or evil consequences which the conduct of the Israelites will bring upon the whole community or state, because the whole community is benefitted by the virtues and injured by the misconduct of each of the members composing it. It is the duty of the authorities, by watchfulness and by well-defined punishments, to prevent the spread of disobedience to the Divine Law. What other rewards or punishments await the individual in this life or after death we do not know. But there are, especially in the Psalms, numerous indications that the pious sufferer was sure that everlasting happiness would more than compensate for the absence of material and transient success in this life.

The faithful Israelite is not discouraged at the sight of the successes of the wicked; on the contrary, he believes: "If those who break the Divine laws such kindness is shown by G-d, what must be His goodness to those who obey Him!" (Midrash Yalkut on Isaiah, Chapter 8, verse 1). As regards the troubles of the good, the Sages teach that the good will receive their reward "in proportion to their suffering."

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**ISRAELI DIARY OF
MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
(Continued)
June 24, 1958**

Those who lost their lives in defending the Old City of Jerusalem during the War of Liberation, are buried in the Old City. However, since their dear ones cannot visit their graves because the Old City is now in Arab hands, the names of all those departed war heroes are listed on individual slabs on both walls of this replica of one of the narrow streets in Jerusalem and their dear ones come here as if they were going to their graves. There is a small stone projection in front of each slab upon which flowers can be placed.

Another very interesting section of this cemetery is dedicated to 250 sailors who lost their lives in a shipwreck during the second World War. It is in the form of a pool of water about one foot high, on the bottom of which are individual slabs bearing the name and age of each of these sailors. The water is so clear that it requires no effort to distinguish the names. In the middle of the pool stands the hull of the ship on which is inscribed "And I shall bring them back from the depths of the sea". Psalms 68, Verse 23.

About 5,000 soldiers who gave up their lives for their homeland are buried in the Military Cemetery.

From here we went to see the Holy Land Hotel which was just opened for guests, a month and a half ago. It is simply beautiful and elegant in every respect and certainly represents the present Israel trend of aiming at modernity. It is built on the top of a mountain and on one side it has a most beautiful view of the Judean hills and valley for miles around.

Next we went to the Hebrew University grounds. This is a city in itself and is called University City, with a bus terminal of its own. It is situated on an immense tract of land and just an emuneration of the buildings on these grounds is most impressive, let alone seeing the large attractive efficiently equipped halls of learning. Included among these are the building of the departments of Physics, Economics, Jewish Studies, Botany and Geology, the Administration Building, Library, Planetarium, innumerable laboratory buildings, dormitories and a most uniquely constructed Synagogue.

Besides this, there is a stadium seating 20,000 people and an amphitheatre, seating 3,000 people with an immense platform in the front part for special occasions.

**Vahrzeits From
Our Memorial Plaque**

Dec.	Teves	
28	17	Benjamin Gold Ray Weisberger
29	18	Seymour Elliot Pye Dorah Leah Finesilver Samuel Lewis
30	19	Harry Fischel
31	20	Fannie Weissman
Jan.		
2	22	Helen Green

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, **Simon Fuchs**; and to Mr. and Mrs. Max Joseph, upon the passing of their son, **Buddy**.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening before ..4:14
Weekly Portion — Vayechee
Genesis 27:28-50:26 Kings 2:1-12

Friday Evening Service4:30
Chumosh and Rashi
with Mr. Israel Kestenbaum8:15

Saturday Morning Service9:00
Youth Congregation10:00
Junior Congregation10:45

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls
from 7 to 11 years)2:45

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:50
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:50
Mincha3:50

Reader of Torah: Richard Kobrin
Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg

The Sabbath Terminates5:06

Daily Services

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45
Monday and Thursday
Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Mornings6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha4:30

Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

A HELPING HAND

Our readers who have size 10 or 12 boys clothes that they no longer need, can put them to good use by leaving them in the Hebrew School office marked for the attention of the Principal.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
WEDDINGS, BAR MITZVAHS, FESTIVE
OCCASIONS IN OUR
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GETTING PERSONAL by Sanford Solarz

Our heartfelt thanks to our Director and P.T.A. member, Mr. Benjamin Glazer, for his most generous and inspired gift of a beautiful portable Ark for our Youth Congregation . . . Bon Voyage and Happy Cruising in the Mediterranean to our dear Madeline Wedeen, Chairman of our recent, fabulous Women's League Luncheon at the Waldorf, as well as to her cooperative husband, William Wedeen . . . Wishing a pleasant vacation in Florida to our Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Director and Mrs. George Pauker, and Director and Mrs. Frank Taks . . . Welcome home to Harry Lax, son of Mrs. Bernard Lax, from his stint in the United States Armed Forces overseas . . . Wishing every success to Mitchell Wein upon his association with Francis I. Dupont and Co. in their branch office in our neighborhood . . . The host of the weekly Saturday afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Irving Kobrin . . . Many thanks to our Men's Club member, Mr. Irving Silver, for his impressive services at the kindling of the festival candles at our Congregational Chanukah Party.

Congratulations to our members Mr. Mark Linker and Mr. Mark Ratzersdorfer upon their election as Secretary and Treasurer respectively of the newly formed Manhattan Chapter of the Religious Zionist Organization of America . . . Mazel Tov to our Women's League President, Mrs. Fred Goldstein, upon the marriage of her nephew, Leonard Solomon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solomon and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pincus Cohen; to Elaine Unger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Unger. The groom's "aufruf" was held in our Synagogue . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Liebergall upon the arrival of their son, Melvin Laurence, and to the grandparents, our members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Liebergall . . . Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to the mother of our devoted Synagogue Secretary, Esther Blumberg . . . Best wishes for a pleasant trip to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Friedman.

Birthdays Greetings:

Dec.

- 26—Simeon H. F. Goldstein
Mrs. Bertha F. Rafsky
- 27—David Don
Morton Leonard Landowne
Gerald Bruce Weiss
- 28—Gene Andre Bilgrey
Mrs. Harry Shalita
Douglas Weill
- 29—George Jablow

30—Patricia Ann Schenker

31—Mrs. Kurt Benjamin

Jan.

- 1—Dr. Gerald Blankfort
Beth Leah Levine

Anniversary Greetings:

Dec.

- 26—Director & Mrs. Joseph Landowne
- 27—Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Isseks
Director & Mrs. George L. Livingston
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Neustadter
- 28—Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Diamond
- 29—Mr. & Mrs. Harold Levine

Jan.

- 1—Mr. & Mrs. Herman B. Gross
Mr. & Mrs. Lynton Wiener

MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A member of the Men's Club derives many benefits by participating in the Spiritual, Social, Educational and Charitable activities of the Men's Club of The West Side Institutional Synagogue.

The Men's Club is one of the important supporting organizations of the West Side Institutional Synagogue, having contributed a large sum of money towards the construction of our new building which houses the class rooms for teaching Judaism to our youth and adults and is the center for all our social activities.

Sunday mornings breakfasts are held periodically. The large attendance of Sons, Daughters, and Fathers attest to the impetus of this activity as a means of attracting the youth and Fathers to our synagogue.

Every Summer the Men's Club sends a number of underprivileged children to Kosher Camps, thereby contributing to the spiritual and health needs of our youth.

Periodically the Men's Club hold open meetings and invite outstanding leaders in the Community.

The Mens Club contributes to the maintenance of The West Side Institutional Synagogue. Members also serve as ushers at the religious services and maintain decorum. We contribute to various charitable organizations such as the United Jewish Appeal, Homes for Children in Israel and many worthy organizations.

THE MEN'S CLUB IS VERY DESIROUS OF ATTRACTING MANY NEW MEMBERS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE IS STRENGTH IN MEMBERS WHERE THERE IS UNITY OF PURPOSE.

Membership in the Men's Club gives one an opportunity to participate in the activities of an organization that really

works for the benefit of the Synagogue and its worshippers.

Our Meetings are held in the beautiful Gold room on the 4th floor of our new building. Your attendance at our meetings will be enjoyable. The business meetings are short, followed by a social period during which delicious refreshments are served.

Our next meeting is on January 5, 1959 at 8:30 P.M. Frank E. Fink

LAST CALL FOR THEATRE FOR CHILDREN

Reservations for the delightful play "The Invisible Clown" presented by the Jewish Education Committee theater for children must be in the Hebrew School office no later than Sunday morning, January 4th. We are making reservations for the performance which will take place on Sunday afternoon, January 11th at 2:30 o'clock.

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