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#### MEN'S CLUB TO MEET

A regular meeting of our Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, January 5, at 8:30 P.M. in our Clubroom. All the men of the congregation are cordially invited to attend the meeting which consists of a business meeting to discuss the various activities of the Club as well as the usual social hour. We hope that more and more of the men of the congregation will become active participants in the Club's activities.

#### **CLASS IN HEBREW FOR WOMEN** TO BE RESUMED MONDAY

Mrs. Joseph Friedman will resume her Hebrew Class this Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Parents of our Hebrew School are particularly urged to join this group. It will give them a better understanding of the language and background material which is part of our Hebrew School curriculum.

# Opera Committee Appeals To Congregants To Help Recoup Losses Caused By **Newspaper Strike**

#### ONLY SHORT TIME LEFT TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1959.

The Opera Committee Chairmen, Directors Herman H. Cohen, Jacob Kaplan, and Joseph Settel have issued a final appeal to all members, worshippers, and friends of the Synagogue to redouble their efforts in behalf of this year's opera benefit campaign, to help overcome the losses caused by the erstwhile newspaper strike.

The newspaper strike, surprisingly enough, did not only inconvenience each and every one of us individually, but had also hurt our

#### CLASS SCHEDULES

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

opera benefit campaign. Each year the Opera Committee has been able to dispose of a good number of opera tickets to people not connected with our Synagogue through advertisements in the New York Times. This year we have been unable to do it because of the strike, and as a result we have been left with several hundred tickets unsold in the orchestra. The Opera Committee is therefore calling upon everyone 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 fnal 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, Verdi's "AIDA". Moreover, Metropolitan Stars, Gloria Davy, Blanche Thebom, Dimiter Uzunov, Mario Zanasi, and Giorgio Tozzi 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 18th, 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 18th.

#### MAZEL TOV ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY





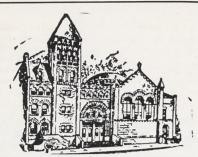
#### Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein

We are happy to extend our felicitations to Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary this Saturday, January 3rd.

May it please G-d that we should all be present at their Diamond Wed-

ding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenstein invite the entire Congregation to Kiddush at the close of the services, in the Daily Synagogue.



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#### **BAR MITZVAH**



Seymour Klein

Heartiest congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klein upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Seymour, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

Seymour will read the entire Sedrah.

Mr. and Mrs. Klein invite the entire congregation to a Kiddush in the clubroom on the first floor.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

# THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

#### Thirteen Principles of The Faith

Principle XII

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH; AND ALTHOUGH HE MAY TARRY, I DAILY HOPE FOR HIS COMING."

I

The anointed or the Messiah is yet the HOPE of the future, and not a reality of the past.

The glorious times of Messiah are described by Isaiah in the following words: "And it shall come to pass in the end of days, that the mountain of the L-rd's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the L-rd, to the house of the G-d of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths, for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the L-rd from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall reprove many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plough-shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah Chapter 2 verses 2 to 4). The same has been prophesied in almost identical words by (Micah Chapter 4 verses 1 to 4). The peace of the Messianic period is figuratively described by Isaiah in the following verses: "And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . . They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the L-rd, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah Chapter 11 verses 6 to 9). In the days of Messiah all people will unite in the proclamation of the Unity of G-d and in His worship: "And the L-rd shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall the L-rd be one and His name one" (Zechariah Chapter 14 verse 9 xiv 9). "Then will I turn to the peoples a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the L-rd to serve Him with one consent" (Zefhaniah Chapter 3 verse 9).

The distinction given to Israel and to his land will again appear in all its glory. Israel is punished, deprived of independence, even despised and ill-treated at times; but with all this he is loved by G-d, and not rejected by Him for ever.

With the redemption of Israel, the restoration of the throne of David is involved. "A branch of the house of David" will be at the head of the nation, upon whom "the spirit of the L-rd will rest, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the L-rd" (Isaiah Chapter 11 verse 2).

### LAST CALL FOR THEATRE FOR CHILDREN

Reservations for the delightful play "The Invisible Clown" presented by the Jewish Education Committee theatre 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.

The play portrays in drama and song the heartwartming story of a lame Jewish boy in Baghdad and his rescue to the Holy Land. It is highlighted by moments of delightful comedy and high adventure.

#### 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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## Women's League Activities

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an Open Meeting of the Women's League on Monday, January 5th, 1959 at 12:30 P.M. in the Synagogue Building. A very interesting program has been arranged for you by our Program Chairman, Mrs. Michael Weingarten. Come early and talk and socialize with your fellow-members over coffee and cake.

The Women's League Library will be open for you to borrow and return books at this meeting. Mrs. William Foont, Library Chairman, has added many new books for your enjoyment.

We will be ready shortly to inscribe your names on our "Simcha Plaque". Those of you who have not already pledged, see the Chairman, Mrs. Irving Balmuth, who will be glad to accommodate you with the information about this Plaque.

Send your new or old merchandise to the Synagogue for our Thrift Sale to be held in March.

Last call for **Dues!** Let's make it 100% paid up Membership before the end of January. Send your dues checks to the Synagogue, if you have not already done so. Help us close our books for 1958.

#### 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

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.

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. 

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

Light Candles Friday Evening before 4:20 Weekly Portion - Shmohs Exodus 1:1-6:1—Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23 ..4:35 Friday Evening Service ...... Chumosh and Rashi

with Mr. I. Kestenbaum ...... Saturday Morning Service ..... Blessings for the new month Shvat ...10:45 Junior Congregation ..... Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls 7 to 11) Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ......2:55 Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class ......2:55

Reader of Torah: Lawrence Kobrin Reader of Service: Seymour Ukeles The Sabbath Terminates ......5:11

Daily Services

Sunday Morning ......7:15, 8:15, 8:45 Monday and Thursday .....6:45, 7:45, 8:30 Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday ......6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

#### CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Director Henry Blankfort and our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Lillian G. Levine upon the passing of Hanna G. Blankfort; to Mrs. Abraham B. Block upon the loss of her mother Ida Herzog; to Mr. Lee Kneitel upon the loss of his mother, Esther Kneitel; to our member, Mrs. Matilda Epstein, upon the loss of her daughter, Aline Quat.

#### **GETTING PERSONAL** by Sanford Solarz

We heartily and warmly welcome into our Congregational Family the following new members: William Alton, Leon Melohn, Fred Morgan and Nathan Schwartz . . . Our deepest gratitude to Mrs. William Foont for her dedicated work in setting up our new Talmud Torah Library, and to Mrs. Edward Jacobs and Mrs. Eva Margolis for serving as voluntary receptionists in our Talmud Torah and Social Department office . . . Our Congregation also owes a debt of gratitude to Miss Sally Comm, for her donation to our Women's League of her own beautifully done oil painting . . . all good wishes to Mr. Jacob Kinzler in his new home . . . Welcome home to Steven Eisenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, from the armed forces . . . It was good to see Mr. Herbert Berger of Dorchester and Miss Judy Allen of Swampscott, Massachusetts, at our Sabbath Services last Saturday morning . . . The host of our weekly Seudah Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Irving Kobrin, in honor of the Yahrzeit of our late member, Mr. Louis Reisman . . . Mazel tov and all best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. David Kamerman upon the marriage of their niece, Ophra Chill to David Weisberg son of Doctor and Mrs. Philip Weisberg . . . Our apologies for inadvertently omitting the Wedding Anniversary of our devoted Women's League President, Mrs. Lillian Goldstein, to whom and to whose husband, Mr. Fred Goldstein, our Congregation and our Women's League extend their heartfelt wishes for a continuance of a long, healthy and happy married life . . . we were honored to have with us last Saturday morning the former Israel Cabinet Minister of Religion, Mr. Moshe Shapiro . . . Congratulations to Mr. Henry Kaufman, who, at our Chanukah Party, in answer to Herman H. Cohen's question, named the nearest correct number of Operas performed and was rewarded by Mr. Cohen with two tickets for our Annual Benefit Performance of "Aida", to take place at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 18th . . . Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schreiber upon their 25th wedding anniversary.

#### **Birthday Greetings**

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7—Isadore Baskowitz Mrs. Albert H. Colin Louis Goldner

8—Director Joseph Anderson Daniel Jesselson

#### Anniversary Greetings

2-Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cohen

3-Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar

4-Mr. & Mrs. Alexander M. Golden

5-Mr. & Mrs. Louis Landowne

#### SOCIAL DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our dynamic Young Adult League (for young people over 22) is planning a mid Winter Ball with live music on Sunday night, January 11th, Mr. Lionel Lindenbaum, President of the group, announced.

Our Senior League composed of collegiates are having a social meeting Sunday, January 4th at 8 o'clock. They are planning a grand social event in early February.

"Club 76 is being organized for High School students and their friends. Their first big social will be held shortly."

Our **Tweenagers** welcome all teenagers to another popular meeting on Sunday, January 4th at 6:30 o'clock. The group meets regularly on Sunday evenings at the same

Our Bas Mitzvahs will meet with Rabbi Reichel, Sunday morning, January 11th. A picture of the group will be taken that morning.

Our Hebrew School alumni are welcome every Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at a Jewish Information Hour conducted by Mr. Lawrence Kobrin.

The gym of P.S. 87 is available for our young folks Thursday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

For information concerning our youth program please feel free to call Rabbi Reichels' office.

# Vahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

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3	23	Abraham Reig Jacob Braunstein Louis Reisman
4	24	Moses M. Siegel Sara B. Weinstein
5	25	Bezalel Solomonica Frank Kostant
6	26	Jane Udell
* 7	27	Lena Stein Hugo Perutz Benjamin Steinberger Jack Wohlberg
8	28	Gussie Goodman Mary Ida Glaser Jane Fischel

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