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MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

Mr. Leon Herman president of the Men's Club wishes to thank the following new members for joining: Jacob Frankel, Albert Goldfarb, H. Lazarus, Ernest Arons, Louis Lober, Dr. Herman Mantel, Daniel Pressner, Simon Steinlauf, Benno Steinlauf, Irving Feuerlicht, Leo Jacobowitz, Dr. Samuel Greenberg, Mr. Henry Kaufman, Nathan Schwartz.

As a result of the article in the Review by Dr. Frank Fink on the Benefits derived from Membership in the Men's Club we received many calls from future members who will be happy to join our organization.

We are most desirous of having many more future members come to our meetings to evaluate the various activities before joining.

OUR NEXT FATHER-SON- DAUGHTER SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Watch our Review for
Further Information

YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE MID-WINTER BALL, THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

A cordial invitation is extended to all Young Adults over 22 in our Congregational Family to attend the mid-Winter Ball of our Young Adult League, this Sunday evening, January 11th at 8 o'clock. Proceeds of the affair will go to our Building Fund.

Joe Moses and his band will highlight a very pleasant evening which is in store for all who will come.

Mr. Lionel Lindenbaum, President of the group, reminds us that our readers may bring their friends along with them to this gala event.

Nominal donation for admission.

"It Can Be Done" Says Synagogue Member After Selling Over 300 Opera Tickets



Alexander Rauchman

Mr. Alexander Rauchman is a modest man. During the Sabbath Services he usually occupies a seat in the rear of the Synagogue. But he is very sincere and listens to the Rabbi's sermons.

The Right Way to Influence People

When the Rabbi, in his sermon on the "Great Sabbath", last Shabbos Hagodel declared:

"In the last presidential campaign there were 200,000 Americans going from house to house, from apartment to apartment, trying to influence people to vote either for Eisenhower or Stevenson. How many men and women are willing to ring doorbells for G-d? How many men and women are willing to talk to others for Judaism?"

These words of the Rabbi's sermon made a deep impression on Mr. Rauchman and he took it to heart. When the Opera Benefit Campaign came around, he realized that here was his opportunity to influence others for the welfare of his and our Synagogue.

How To Sell Opera Tickets

First he tried the people in the Polarad Electronic Corp., the firm in which he is employed. He was able to dispose of 151 Family Circle tickets and close to 100 Balcony tickets. This gave him courage to try for the higher priced "tickets"

which netted him a Box, a dozen Orchestra seats, 10 Grand Tier and many Dress Circle seats. He did all this on his own lunchtime.

Any other man would have been satisfied with these achievements but not Mr. Rauchman. He contacted his sister's firm and was able to dispose of additional Dress Circle tickets there. Then he decided that his neighbors in the large apartment house in which he lives should be interested in their neighborhood Synagogue and therefore issued a Circular and distributed it to them. He followed up the Circular by visiting many of his neighbors and disposing of some tickets that way.

All in all, he has already sold over 300 tickets and may even do better. "It can be done" he says. "I did it and it is not difficult. Many people are delighted at the idea of enjoying a musical evening and at the same time help a Synagogue carry on its worthwhile activities."

These facts speak for themselves. All we can say in conclusion is that Mr. Rauchman has managed to join the circle of top "sellers" in our Opera Benefit Campaign which includes such outstanding go-getters as Directors Herman H. Cohen, Jacob Kaplan, President Udell, Directors Harry Altman, Max J. Zimmer, Morris Levine, Vice-Pres. Max Moskowitz, Director Maurice Greenstein, Messrs. Joseph L. Rosenberg, Jack Spiro, Directors Carl Grossberg, Frank Taks, Sam K. Beier, H. Wm. Hirsh, Jonas Leisten and Mr. Abe Glaser.

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, January 12, at 7:30 o'clock. We are planning a Stamp Exhibit. For further information watch our future issues of the W.S.I.S. Review.



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GETTING TO KNOW OUR TORAH

All our readers are cordially invited to attend the Chumish and Rashi class on Friday evenings at 8:15 o'clock. This is a grand opportunity to become acquainted with our Bible as interpreted by our foremost classical authority, the great commentator, Rashi.

Beginning this Friday evening, Rabbi Morton Garfiel will conduct the class. Mr. Israel Kestenbaum will resume his sessions next month. Our second Vice-President, Mr. Max Moscovitz, is host.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Aaron Neustadter, upon the passing of his mother, **Jennie Neustadter**; to our member, Mr. Abraham S. Kantrowitz, and to our P.T.A. member, Mrs. Ruth Stark, upon the passing of their wife and mother, **Esther Kantrowitz**; to our member, Mr. Samuel Klein, upon the passing of his wife **Esther Klein**, to our member, Mr. Ivan Salomon, upon the passing of his sister, **Hedwig Salomon**; to Mr. Daniel Hoffert upon the passing of his mother **Rose Hoffert**, our late member.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Thirteen Principles of The Faith

Principle XII

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

(Continued)

All the attributes of Messiah are those of a human being in his highest possible perfection. No super-human qualities are ascribed to him. All his glory, all his success, is dependent upon the Will of G-d. He in an ideal man, and an ideal king, but not more; if miracles are to be wrought, it is not Messiah who will perform them, but G-d who will act wondrously for Messiah and Israel. The advent of Messiah is not expected to change the nature of man much less the course of the world around us. The only change we expect is, that the Unity of G-d will be acknowledged universally, and that justice and righteousness will flourish over all the earth. Those who believe in a superhuman nature of Messiah are guilty of idolatry. Our Sages express this principle in the following words:

אין בין זמן הזה לימות המשיח אלא שיעבור מלכות בלדך

"There is no difference between the present time and the days of Messiah but the restoration of Israel's independence."

II

The belief in the coming of Messiah in some future time has been, like the belief in the Unity of G-d, the source of vexatious disputations between Jews and non-Jews. Mohammedans and Christians tried by all means in their power to convince the Jews that the Anointed, whose advent was prophesied by the Prophets had already appeared, the former pointing to Mohammed, the latter to Jesus, as the person realizing those predictions.

Maimonides says as follows: — "The King Messiah will come in some future time, restore the kingdom of David to its former power, build the Temple, bring together the scattered of Israel, and all our laws will again be in force. Whoever does not believe in him, or does not hope for his coming, shows a want of faith not only in the Prophets, but also in the Law; for the Law testifies concerning him in the words: 'And the L-d thy G-d will again bring back thy captivity, show mercy to thee, and again gather thee, etc. If thy outcasts be at the end of the heavens, thence will the L-d gather thee, etc.,' and the L-d will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed and thou shall possess it etc. (Deut. chap. 30 Verse 3-5)

"You must not imagine that Messiah must prove his Messianity by signs and miracles, doing something unexpected, bringing the dead to life, or similar things. The principal thing is this: the statutes and precepts of our Torah remain forever, and nothing can be added to them nor aught taken from them. If, therefore, a descendant of David earnestly studies the Law, enjoins, causes all Israelites to act similarly, exhorts those who are lax in the performance of the commandments, and fights the wars of the L-d; he may possibly be Messiah. If he succeeds, builds the Temple in its place, and gathers the outcasts of Israel, he is certainly Messiah; and if he does not succeed, or is killed in war, it is certain that he is not the Messiah promised in the Law; he is like all the noble and good kings of the House of David who have died. Also Jesus, the Nazarene, who imagined that he would be Messiah, and was killed through the court of law, is alluded to in the Book of Daniel, as it is said, 'And the sons of the transgressors among Thy people will rise, in order to establish a vision, and will stumble (Daniel 11:14) Can there be a greater stumbling than this?

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all used or new merchandise for the coming **Thrift Sale** of
The Women's League of the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

ISRAELI DIARY OF MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

(Continued)

June 2, 1958

Left Jerusalem at 8:45, got to Sdeh Hemed near 11:00 o'clock.

When I got to Sdeh Hemed I made a leisurely tour through the whole village, accompanied by Rabbi Lorenz, who gives a tremendous amount of time to this project, considering what a busy and important man he is. He is a member of the Knesseth and has diverse other duties and responsibilities. A large number of the children followed us.

I saw the beautiful new dining room-kitchen building, which is about to be completed — the three recently erected cottages, funds for which were donated by a man from Canada and by other visiting tourists — the hennerly, which provides 50-60 eggs a day — the duck pond for which little ducklings are bought when they are very tiny and inexpensive, fattened up and used for Sabbath and Holiday meals — the vast vegetable gardens planted and taken care of by the children, where enough potatoes, carrots, cucumbers, spinach, corn etc, is grown to supply all the food that is needed for the 100 children of the village, with some left over to send to the market.

I got a special thrill when I saw the children playing happily on the swings, slides, vaulting pole and volley ball net, which I bought for them last year with the money from our Women's League, Children's Village Luncheon.

We had a simple, wholesome meal with the children and enjoyed hearing them "Bensch" in their melodious little voices.

After discussing with the "Powers that Be" the various possibilities for spending the \$1500 entrusted to me by the good women of our Women's League, we decided upon landscaping the grounds, i.e. covering all the grounds with earth in which grass and flowers can be planted around each cottage, which will not only be attractive but will be more comfortable for walking for the children as well as for visitors.

Everything in Israel at present is becoming modernized and beauti-

fied and we cannot afford to allow our Children's Village to remain in the very primitive state in which it was when we bought it years ago.

At that time there were 9 rickety shacks on the grounds. Most of these have been torn down and replaced by beautiful modern cottages, with funds provided by tourists who are sufficiently impressed, when they visit our Children's Village, to want to have a memorial to one of their dear ones placed in our Village.

They are about to erect a synagogue building with funds provided by a generous couple from America who paid a visit to our Children's Village recently.

You have probably been reading in the New York papers about the clashes between the Israeli and the Arabs on Mount Scopus, but I hope you are not disturbed, by those "incidents" as they are called. The following extract from the Jerusalem Post of to-day will give you an idea of the self confidence of the Israeli and their feelings in this matter: "It is abundantly clear that Jordan has deliberately begun a series of provocations whose aim can be surmised with a fair degree of accuracy and whose fate can be predicted. Whether this is a serious attempt to decrease the area of Israeli's jurisdiction, and whether this purpose is being urged on the villagers by local officers or by a central authority, the results will be the same. Force and intimidation have not been successful in the past against Israel; there is no reason to believe that they will achieve any greater success in the future"

The Israeli are really wonderful people. In spite of the hardships they have to endure, they just go on making remarkable progress in all fields — economically, agriculturally, industrially, scientifically, in music, literature and art. We must bow to them, in admiration and surprise when we read in the 9th edition of the U.N. Year Book published recently by the Statistical Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs that Israel's level of living, as judged by statistical records of births, infant mortality, death rate and life expectancy is, on the whole, far above the comparable level of the other countries of the Middle East. In some respects it compares very favorably with that of the most advanced countries in the world, like the U.S., Switzerland and Sweden.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening before 4:26

Weekly Portion —

Vaw-ay-raw 6.2-9.35 Numbers 28.9-15

Isaiah 66.1-24

Friday Evening Service4:40

Chumosh and Rashi with

Rabbi M. Garfiel8:15

Saturday Morning Service8:45

Rosh Chodesh Shvat

Youth Congregation10:00

Junior Congregation10:45

Chazanim: Alan Cohen, Franklin Koppel

Hostess: Peggy Ten Brink

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls

from 7 to 11 years)2:45

Rabbi Pekiers Talmud Class3:00

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:00

Mincha4:00

Reader of Torah: William Etra

Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan

The Sabbath Terminates5:17

Daily Services

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

Monday and Thursday6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha4:40

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Vahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Jan.	Shevat	
12	3	Bertha Jaffe
13	4	Gusti Brandt
		David Koopman
14	5	Louis Eiss
15	6	Sally N. Davis
16	7	Max Prakin

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Congregational family was signally honored by having as a guest speaker at our last Sabbath morning services, the Honorable Yitzchak Rafael, a member of the Israeli Knesset and head of the Mossad Harav Kook in Jerusalem . . . Also pleased to have among us at the services such a goodly number of Baltimoreans in the persons of Mr. Charles Schreiber and his son Barry, Messrs. Maury Lasson and Don Weinberg . . . Our Congregational citation of merit to Mrs. Jess Ward upon her appointment to the Kosher Consumer Advisory Council of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America . . . Welcome home from Florida to our Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan and to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weinstein . . . The hosts of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klein in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Seymour . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our Director and Mrs. William Bassar upon the marriage of their daughter Muriel to Mr. Jonas Weinzimmer; and to our members Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wolf upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle L. Miller . . . All our good wishes for a pleasant stay in Florida to our Director and Mrs. Carl Grossberg . . . Many thanks to Al Kirsh for his generous donation of glasses.

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Birthday Greetings

Jan.

9—Mindy Sue Abramson
Director Abraham M. Druckman
Miriam Sarah Reichel

10—Mrs. Stella Diamond
Richard Grossman

12—Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel

13—Mordecai Feuerstein
Philip Gertner

14—Aaron Solomon Gertz

15—Louis J. Buch

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Anniversary Greetings

10—Mr. & Mrs. Arthur B. Gottlieb

11—Director & Mrs. Ben Glazer
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell A. Horowitz
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Weiss

A GIFT SUGGESTION

Any of our readers who would like to have the members of their family and friends receive the "Review," may present them with a gift subscription for \$1.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT**CALENDAR****Saturday, January 10th**

2:45 P.M.—Oneg Shabbat for boys and girls (7-11), games, songs, stories, refreshments, come.

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Sunday, January 11th

11:00 A.M.—Bas Mitzvah session with Rabbi Reichel. Group photo will be taken at 11 o'clock promptly.

6:30 P.M.—Tweenagers social mtg.

8:00 P.M.—Young Adult League—mid-Winter Ball.

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Monday, January 12th

7:30 P.M.—Stamp Club

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Thursday, January 15th

7:30 P.M.—Gym Program at P.S. 87

The Jewish Information Hour with Mr. Lawrence Kobrin will be resumed in February.

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