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Social Department

Youth Activities

"INTERNS" — (age 14-16) — "Cabaret Night" — This Saturday evening, December 12th, we'll be holding our featured social pre-Chanukah evening "Cabaret Night", in the Clubroom, at 8:00 o'clock. For an evening of fun, entertainment and refreshments come down and bring your friends. Admission contribution will be 50¢.

"JUNIORS" — (age 13-14) — Our next meeting will be this Sunday afternoon, December 13th.

Teenagers Discussion Group

Mr. Lawrence Kobrin will once again conduct the popular "Discussion Hour" on Sunday morning, December 13th, at 10:30 o'clock. The topic for discussion will be of great interest to everyone, as it is the best-selling book "This Is My G-d" by Herman Wouk. This group meets on alternate Sundays. Join us this Sunday morning — it will be a good start.

GALA CHANUKA PARTY

All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend a **Gala Chanuka Party** to be held on **Saturday Evening, December 26th at 8 P.M.** in the **Grand Ballroom** of the **West Side Institutional Synagogue**. **Admission is \$3.00 per person.**

This will be an evening of all kinds of games, delicious food and drink, and many other surprises. Read the next Review for further details.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION M'LAVA MALKAH, DECEMBER 19

The Yeshiva University Women's Organization will have their M'Lava Malkah on Saturday night, December 19 in the Grand Ballroom of our Synagogue. The Guest Speaker of the evening will be the President of the Yeshiva University, Dr. Samuel Belkin.

Nell Rankin To Star In "Cavalleria Rusticana," Our Opera Benefit On Sunday, January 17, 1959



Nell Rankin as "Santuzza"

Last week's announcement that Richard Tucker will participate in our Opera Benefit Performance on Sunday, January 17th, at the Metropolitan had made quite an impression on all lovers of opera among our congregants. But this is not the only sensation. The rest of the cast is also of outstanding calibre.

The leading female role of "Santuzza" will be sung by the great mezzosoprano, Nell Rankin. Miss Rankin's opera career is very interesting and it has been written up in an article about her in the "Reader's Digest" of May 1958. In brief she hails from the South, Montgomery, Ala. and reached Metropolitan stardom by way of Europe. Her first opera singing was at the Zurich State Opera in Switzerland. But her determination to sing at the Met led her to enter the "Concours de Musique" International Contest held in Geneva in the winter of 1949. Here she was the first American singer to win this world music contest of over 400 contestants representing all civilized nations. Madame Elizabeth Schuman, one of Europe's great

singers present at this event, pronounced her, "One of the greatest artists of her generation."

The Met now took notice of her and signed her up. She made her debut in 1951. Her great moment came, however, some time later when she brought the house down in her performance as Eboli in "Don Carlo" with her rendition of the aria "O'Don Fatale".

A team therefore consisting of Richard Tucker and Nell Rankin in the leading roles should prove a real treat. It therefore should not be too difficult to convince your friends and acquaintances to join you on the evening of **Sunday, January 17th, at the Metropolitan Opera House** where in addition to "Cavalleria Rusticana" the opera "Pagliacci" will also be performed with an outstanding cast which we will announce as soon as the Met makes it definite.

For your convenience we are printing below the various price ranges and a coupon. Please make your choice of tickets and fill out the coupon and mail it to us so that you will be assured of getting the best seats in each price range.

OPERA TICKETS

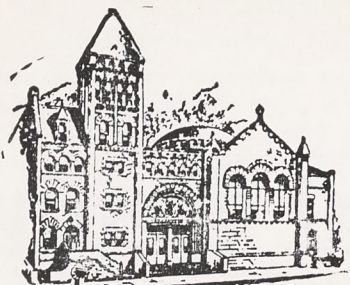
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BAS MITZVAH CLUB

Girls over 11 are welcome to an organizational meeting of a new club on Tuesday, December 15th, at 3:15 P.M., in our Clubroom.



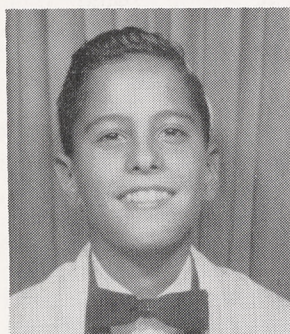
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BAR MITZVAH



Larry Robert Hecht

Heartiest congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hecht upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Larry Robert, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue tomorrow morning.

Larry, a pupil of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, will chant the entire Sedrah.

LETTER FROM OUR P.T.A. PRESIDENT

Dear Parents:

It is my pleasure to invite you to a P.T.A. reception for the teachers of our Hebrew School to be held on **Monday, December 14th, at 8 P.M.** in our Grand Ballroom.

We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated and inspiring teachers to whom we may entrust our children. It is by precept and example that the beauty of our Jewish heritage is transmitted to our children. What they learn here will have meaning for them throughout their lives.

Our presence on December 14th to welcome our children's teachers will show our appreciation and be a

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The "Vah-Vitayn L'chaw" Prayer

"AND G-D SHALL GIVE THEE"

When the week begins it is well to start with blessings. We find in this prayer, particularly, all the blessings concerning sustenance and prosperity. Some foolish people hurry away from the synagogue on Saturday night, when this prayer is read. Surely we should be wise and devout enough to include this most important petition for the coming week.

"AND G-D SHALL GIVE THEE"

This is Isaac's blessing to Jacob. It ought to be **יתן לך** without the vav. The Midrash asks this question and answers (see: Rashi) that it means—"G-d shall give, and the vav means—and He shall give again." The Gerer Rebbe, known as the Sfias Emes, said that we should be worthy of the extra blessing which the vav represents. If a man becomes great or wealthy and acts righteously and humbly with these gifts of G-d, then the blessing which he received becomes still greater and larger. Sometimes G-d tests a man and gives him a blessing to see how he will act with this gift. If he acts properly then he will receive a still greater blessing. As our sages put it: **יתן לך** He gives **ויתן לך** and He will give again."

"FROM THE DEW OF HEAVEN AND OF THE FATNESS OF THE EARTH"

It is really interesting to note that Isaac's divinely ordained blessing to Jacob, namely, that the "Dew of Heaven," religion precedes, "the Fatness of the Earth" material considerations is mirrored in the life of the Jewish people — Before G-d gave Israel its Land, it was preceded by the Revelation of Sinai, — the Torah — "the Dew of Heaven," followed by the Divine gift of the Lord of Canaan, "the Fatness of the Earth". This is Israel's historic destiny, which we pray, will be unravelled in the State of Israel.

source of further encouragement. At that time we will be able to discuss problems of mutual interest.

Refreshments will be served.

It will be good to see all of you and it will be rewarding to all of us to be present.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Samuel Gursky,
P.T.A. President

P.S. Rabbi Reichel asked me to advise you that our Chanukah Assembly will be held this year on Sunday morning, December 20th, at 10:30 A.M.

AN INVITATION TO OUR TEENAGERS

More than 200 teenagers from all parts of the United States and Canada are expected to attend the fifth annual Yeshiva University Winter Torah Leadership Seminar, to be held December 24-30, at the Lake House, Woodridge, New York.

The program includes workshops in Jewish studies and leadership skills, as well as social and recreational activities.

Reservations are now being accepted for the six day seminar. The fee, which includes the Seminar program, food and lodging, is \$54.00.

Further information regarding the seminar and applications can be obtained from the Yeshiva University Youth Bureau, Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street, New York 33, N.Y., LOrraine 8-8400 or contact Rabbi Reichel.

We urge our young people to take advantage of this event.

Vahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Dec.	Kislev	
12	11	Aaron Goodman
13	12	Joseph Sedwitz
14	13	Samuel Harris Max Weingarten Joseph Eisenman Sanford Mayerowitz Rachel Eiss Annie Epstein
15	14	Rose Frank Abraham J. Gura Gertrude Friedlander
16	15	Myron Friedlander Simcha Simon Louis Schneider Alexander Globes
18	17	David Isaac Joffe Amalia Gottfried Katie Davis Sophie Solomonica

Women's League Activities

ANNUAL DONOR LUNCHEON

Monday, December 14th

Empire Room, Waldorf Astoria
12 Noon

Admission \$15.00

This is the **very last call for reservations.** Call today at the Synagogue (TR 7-8281) or Mrs. Wm. Wedeen (SU 7-0069) for additional reservations. Not one of you should miss this outstanding event. It will be an afternoon of gaiety, glamour, sociability plus a delicious lunch, entertainment and surprises.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, **Benjamin Bernstein;** to our member, Mr. Arnold Beller and Mrs. Jacques Schupf upon the passing of their father, **Simon Beller;** and to Mr. Abraham Levy upon the passing of his wife; and to Director and Mrs. George Gerson upon the passing of their sister-in-law, **Eleanor Joel Ebersson.**

We Congratulate Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

It seems most timely and appropriate that the approaching 70th birthday of our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein should be marked by the publication of his latest literary work entitled "Between the Lines of the Bible", with an introduction by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University.

This volume has just been published by the Crown Publishers, headed by Mr. Nat Wartels, son of our late never-to-be-forgotten, first Vice President, Aaron Wartels.

In Dr. Belkin's most spiritual and analytical introduction he writes:

"The Biblical Law is stated in 613 Commandments which covers the whole gamut of life. Extensive commentaries on these commandments have been written, but "Between the Lines of the Bible" is the first such commentary ever published in the English language. Beginning with the First Commandment concerning Birth Control, and closing with the Last Commandment of the Bible concerning the Writing of our Scrolls of the Law, Dr. Goldstein gives the legal and ethical explanations of all the commandments in a simple, succinct and clear fashion.

"Both Jews and non-Jews will find this book spiritually enriching and intellectually absorbing. "Between the Lines of the Bible" is a scholarly volume, written expertly with great clarity and has briefness for its ideals.

"Such an undertaking is monumental in scope and pioneering in nature. The distinguished Professor of Homiletics at Yeshiva University, Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein, is therefore to be congratulated for having written this book "Between the Lines of the Bible".

Rabbi Goldstein in his Forward wrote: "Ever since my earliest student days I always hoped that I might be able to bring to the non-Jewish world the true meaning of the 613 Biblical Commandments. No one can understand the Biblical Laws if he does not know how they were practiced, as for example, "An eye for an eye."

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, President of the World Brotherhood and former president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews said, "This book is a fascinating dictionary of morality applied to daily living as revealed through the experience of Judaic civilization. "Between the Lines of the Bible" contains the essence of Judaism. Rabbi Herbert Goldstein interprets the meaning of the 613 Commandments to be found in the Bible. He persuasively develops the significance of the Jewish law, the reasons back of Jewish discipline and the spiritual treasures Judaism offers."

RABBI REICHEL'S INVOCATION AT "FRIENDSHIP NIGHT"

O Heavenly Father, we usher in tonight the new month of Kislev, a month which calls to mind our spiritually victorious brethren of yore and during which we gratefully kindle the Chanukah lights.

This evening our Men's Club and Women's League are happy to convene for a Friendship Night which spells out the ideals of our members, to work together in harmony under the banner of Thy Torah and through the historic, traditional Synagogue.

We invoke Thy blessings upon Thy children who have gathered here in the spirit of "Achava Vrayuss" of "brotherhood and friendship" in dedication to Thy holy causes.

May this occasion prove inspiring and uplifting in bringing us closer to Thee and to the hearts of our brethren in the Holy Land as well as in the four corners of the earth.

O protect us with Thy tabernacle of Peace, and let us all say, —

Amen.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening Before ...4:09

Weekly Portion: Vah-Yeh-Tsay

Friday Evening Service4:20

Chumosh and Rashi with

Mr. I. Kestenbaum8:15

Saturday Morning Service8:50

Junior Congregation10:40

Chazanim: Barry Halpern, Vinny Lloyd

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)2:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:45

Mincha3:45

Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter

Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan

The Sabbath Terminates5:00

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

Mincha4:20

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by Sanford Solarz

When the Operas are such "Met" favorites as "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria" when the leading tenor role in "Cavalleria" will be sung by the world's greatest living tenor, Richard Tucker, otherwise known as the "Jewish Caruso", and when, additionally, the proceeds of the performance are for the benefit of our Congregation, there can be no excuse for anyone of our members or friends from purchasing their tickets for our Annual Opera Benefit performance at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, January 17th. We are confidentially told by our own "Opera Inpressario", Director Herman H. Cohen, that the performances promise to be "S.R.O.". A word to the wise is sufficient, so, GET YOUR TICKETS NOW... Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter who did a fabulous job in connection with the Israeli Bond Luncheon last week at which she was one of the three guest of honor. She represented the Yeshiva University Women's Organization. Our worshipper, Mrs. Isidor Freedman, represented the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Mrs. Joshua Lewis represented the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, our own beloved Rebitzen, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, was Honorary Chairman of this function... Director Herman H. Cohen in our Seudah Shlishis last Sabbath afternoon thrilled those present with a stirring report of his recent visit to Israel... The hosts of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis this Saturday afternoon will be Mr. and Mrs. Max Hecht in celebration of their son, Larry's Bar Mitzvah... Mazel tov and all best wishes to Johanna Haas and Norman Friedman (son of Abraham and the late Esther Friedman) who were married in our Synagogue; and to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Amin upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Furman... Welcome home from their trip to the Far East to our Director and Mrs. Adolph Meirowitz... Good wishes on their vacation to Florida to Director and Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Director and Mrs. George Pauker and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Simon leaving for Bermuda, Nassau and Florida. All good wishes in their new home to our Director and Mrs. Saul Linzer... Our Men's Club wishes to thank

the following who shared in making the Kiddush following the Men's Club Sabbath the "spirited" event that it was; Messrs. Harry Altman, Bruno Bayer, Siegfried Bendheim, Bennet Carter, Herman H. Cohen, Joseph Cohen, Gabriel Feigenbaum, Dr. Frank Fink, George Gold, Fred Goldstein, Jacob Goodman, A. Graham, Maurice Greenstein, Leon Herman, H. Wm. Hirsch, Eddie Jacobs, Max Klein, A. Neustadter, George Pauker, Joseph L. Rosenberg, Nathan Schwartz, Isaiah O. Zucker... our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mr. Isaac Saldinger.

Birthday Greetings:

Dec.

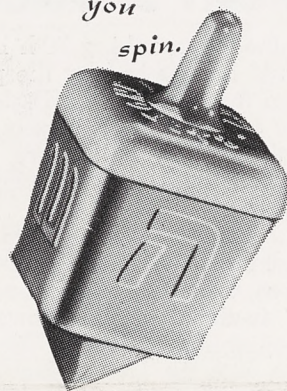
13—Steven Eisenberg

14—Samuel Schwarzman



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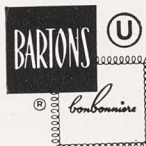
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- 14—Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Strauss
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