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BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST TO MEET WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

The Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans will meet this Wednesday night at 8:30 P.M. in the Men's Club Goldroom on the 4th floor of our building, Dr. Frank E. Fink, Commander of the Post announced.

All veterans of our neighborhood are invited to attend.

Hebrew School Notes

Erev-Chanukah Assembly This Sunday Morning

Our parents and friends are invited to attend the Chanukah Assembly on Sunday morning, December 20th, at 10:30 o'clock. Our children will present a play in song in honor of Chanukah. As in the past our Women's League will once again present to our pupils Chanukah candles, Menorahs, and Dreidels to help make their Chanukah a complete and joyous one. Please come on time.

Our parents are urged to study carefully the report cards that will be distributed to our pupils, and to return them to the teachers as soon as possible.

RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY FOR OUR CHANUKAH PARTY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th



**Mrs. Miriam B. Fasten
Chairman For The Women's League**

This lively and interesting event is jointly sponsored by the Women's

Walter Cassel in a Leading Role in "Cavalleria" Our Benefit Opera on Sunday, January 17, 1960



Walter Cassel as Alfio

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A TOUR OF STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Our Women's League invites all the women of our Congregation to participate in a guided tour of Stern College for Women, (The Women's Division of Yeshiva University) on Monday, January 11th, starting from the Synagogue at 11:45 A.M. For further information, call Mrs. A. Reichenberg, TR 4-4615 any evening after 6 P.M. During the day, you may call the Synagogue, TR 7-8281.

League and the Men's Club. This will be a gala party of fun and games of all kinds. Price of admission will be **\$3.00 per person** for which you will not only spend a very enjoyable evening with your friends in our Synagogue, but will be served delicious refreshments of cold cuts, latkas, and all the trimmings. Make your reservations immediately for **Saturday Night, December 26th** for yourselves and all of your friends. Let's all meet for a Chanukah Celebration in our **Synagogue Grand Ballroom.**

The leading baritone role of Alfio in "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA", one of the two operas which constitute our benefit performance this year, will be sung by the well known Metropolitan Opera Baritone, Walter Cassel. Mr. Cassel is well known to our steady circle of opera benefit participants for he appeared in our benefit performance of "TOSCA" in Jan. 1958. As we well remember, he gave an excellent rendition of "SCARPIA" on that night. He has the voice, the stance, and figure for the roles that he sings and acts. Any opera in which Mr. Cassel appears in, is that much more enriched artistically.

The other supporting roles of "LOLA" and "LUCIA" will be sung by the regular Met Opera stars Helen Vanni and Thelma Votipka, respectively.

A Cast which includes such great artists as Richard Tucker, Nell Rankin, Walter Cassel, Helen Vanni and Thelma Votipka can not be emulated. Everyone attending our opera benefit performance of "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA" and "PAGIA-CCI" on Sunday Night, January 17, 1960 is in for a real treat. But the enjoyment is even greater with the knowledge that by attending the opera one is helping our Synagogue to carry on all its manifold activities in behalf of all of our congregants from kindergartner to grandfather.

Won't you, therefore, secure your tickets from us and derive an evening of physical joy and spiritual satisfaction.

Tickets range from \$27.50 in the front rows of the orchestra to \$2.50 in the family circle. Contact our Synagogue office at once. The phone numbers are TR 7-8281 - 8251.



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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 98th birthday on December 20th.

BAR MITZVAH



Levi Pekier

Heartiest congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. Moishe C. Pekier upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Levi.

Levi, a pupil at the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, will chant the entire Sedrah.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The "Vah-Vitayn L'chaw" Prayer

(Continued)

"AND PLENTY OF CORN AND WINE"

Bread comes from three (corn) species, namely wheat, barley and koosmut. Wine is the best and perhaps the healthiest drink. Bread similar to wine is the best food, the most important in life. When the Angels came to visit Abraham, he said "strengthen your heart" and, accordingly, he gave them bread to eat.

"THE NATIONS MAY SERVE THEE"

Through our discoveries in agriculture, et al.

"SERVE THEE"

Refers to the material realm.

"AND NATIONS BOW DOWN TO THEE"

The Hebrew word for **nations** in this case is **לְאֻמִּים** "L'umim" and refers to the spiritual or the religions of nations. The nations of the world will come to understand the Jewish religion as the epitome of G-d's spiritual gift to mankind.

"BOW DOWN TO THEE"

The nations will give honor and pay respect to the people of Israel.

"CURSED BE EVERYONE THAT CURSETH THEE"

Israel's enemy is willing to be bad, and as a result every nation that has persecuted, cursed the Jewish people has received the curse of G-d Almighty. Israel Zangwill has well said that "The Jew is the barometer of civilization".

"AND BLESSED BE EVERYONE THAT BLESSETH THEE"

One should find his good friends among the best people.

"AND G-D ALMIGHTY BLESS THEE"

This refers to wealth.

"AND MAKE THEE FRUITFUL"

This blessing is that Israel my increase in numbers.

"THAT THOU-MAYST BE A COMPANY OF PEOPLE"

India and China, for instance, have many people, but they do not have many great ones. Our blessing is that Israel shall be blessed with many great and learned men and women.

"MAY HE HELP THEE"

Sometimes G-d helps if we do something, and sometimes . . .

"THE ALMIGHTY — MAY HE BLESS THEE"

G-d Shows how Almighty He is by helping us when we do nothing toward it, to which he may apply "**creatio-ex-nihilo**" that "He creates something from nothing." This is why G-d is called Almighty. Thus, in our personal lives when we have done nothing for the help that we want and need, G-d the Almighty may come with His succor and blessings.

"WITH BLESSINGS OF THE HEAVENS ABOVE"

This refers to the blessings which G-d bestows upon us alone, without the help of man.

"BLESSINGS OF THE DEEP"

This refers to G-d's blessings when man participates in receiving same.

(To Be Continued)

SAVE THIS DATE

Saturday Night, January 23

Mr. and Mrs. League

Social Event

MEMO TO OUR COLLEGIATES

A reunion of our Collegiate young women and young men will take place on Friday night, January 1st, at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel.

Our readers are asked to send Rabbi Reichel the names and addresses of the college people in our community.

Chats About W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

All of you, dear readers, know that our annual Opera Benefit Performance will take place on Sunday eve January 17, 1960, at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The Operas this year, will be "CAVALERIA RUSTICANA and PAGLIACCI", and will be sung by a world-renowned cast led by NELL RANKIN, RICHARD TUCKER, WALTER CASSEL, MARIA NACHE, JON VICKERS AND CORNELL MACNEIL.

A delightful musical evening is in store for you.

Each one of you interested in our Synagogue, will buy tickets and thus help us raise funds to enable us to continue our many activities for young and old.

However, I would like each and everyone to realize the enormity of the task of disposing of 3500 tickets. Only the united efforts of all of us can accomplish this task. Do not rest content with buying a pair of tickets. If each one would sell a few pairs, the result will be terrific. Why not put your shoulder to the wheel and make this project a huge success? It can be done with your help. Won't you try?

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our members, Mr. Morris Mehlman upon the passing of his wife, **Rose Mehlman**; to Hannah Cohen, one of the "Daughters of the W.S.I.S." upon the loss of her sister; to Clara Hochhauser, one of the "Daughters of the W.S.I.S." upon the passing of her brother, **Benjamin Levow**; to Mrs. Gerald Benjamin upon the passing of her mother **Natalie Hirschowitz**, our late worshipper; and to Miss Bessie Cohen upon the loss of her brother.

Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Dec.	Kislev	
19	18	David Cohen
20	19	Morris Levine Max Lefkowitz Maurice L. Shaine
22	21	John Gell Arthur Horowitz
23	22	Elias Stock
25	24	Jacob Hurwitz

ISRAELI DIARY LETTER #2

MAY 31, 1959

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

All tourists are simply thrilled with the marvelous development of Israel in the 11 years of its statehood, agriculturally, industrially, scientifically and in many other ways. It is simply uncanny to see the country which was practically dead in every way develop into a land which is now vibrant in every shape, manner and form.

Left Jerusalem at 10:15 this morning for our annual visit to Sdeh Chemed, the W.S.I.S. Children's Village. Jerusalem and its environs are situated in what the Bible refers to as the Hills of Judea. It is all hills and valleys and it is most interesting to see the many new roads which have been built on them. Stopped at Ramleh, where we bought 130 bars of chocolate, so that we would have them for each of the 130 children of the W.S.I.S. Children's Village.

We found our Director Al Colin and Dana waiting for us there in accordance with our appointment. They had already been taken around the Village by Rabbi Lorincz who showed them everything and told them almost everything there was to know about the past and present history of Sdeh Chemed — the W.S.I.S. Children's Village in Israel. They were deeply impressed. Dana said that everything was immaculately clean there, and the children seem well and happy. Rabbi Lorincz showed her many of the things which our Women's League had sent to the Children's Village throughout the years.

By that time most of the children had come home from School and we took a series of pictures with Al, Dana and the children. All the children, teachers, Rabbi Lorincz, Dad and Al Colin formed several large concentric circles, one within the other and danced and sang enthusiastically with Dana and me in the middle of the smallest circle. It was a very stimulating experience. Then we all went into the beautiful new combination Dining Room and Kitchen building, which was only completed last year. The kitchen sparkled with the very lovely equipment on which we spent $\frac{3}{4}$ of the proceeds of our Women's League Children's Village Luncheon this year. The kitchen equipment was a more immediate necessity than the cooling system for which we had originally intended to use the proceeds of our Luncheon this year.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening Before	4:10
Weekly Portion: Vayish-lahc	
Friday Evening Service	4:20
Chumosh and Rashi with	
Mr. Israel Kestenbaum	8:15
Saturday Morning Service	8:45
Junior Congregation	10:40
Chazanin: Charles Hecht, Aaron Reichel	
Oneg Shabbos (Boys & Girls 7 to 11)	2:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	2:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	2:45
Mincha	3:45
Reader of Torah: James Herlands	
Reader of Service: Seymour Ukeles	
The Sabbath Terminates	5:01

Daily Services

Sunday Morning	7:15, 8:15, 8:45
Monday and Thursday	
Mornings	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Tuesday, Wednesday and	
Friday Mornings	6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha	4:20
Followed by the Explanation of the	
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein	

ANI CLUB NEWS

Girls over 11 years of age and boys over 12 are welcome at a pre-Chanukah party in cooperation with the ANI Club, on Tuesday, December 22nd at 3:30 P.M.

The group will meet in the club-room.

Girls over 11 who wish to join this newly organized ANI group should call Gerry Susan Gursky at SC 4-1854.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Needless to say, the doors to our Synagogue building are always, open, so we trust that this easy means of ingress will be utilized by our young collegians, to each of whom our heartiest welcome back home for their winter vacations . . . Good to have back from Israel to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gertner and bon voyage to the Holy Land to our members Mr. Stephen Klein, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Korngold . . . Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Karpf who are on their way to Florida . . . Bon Voyage to our Director and Mrs. Frank Taks on their trip to the West Coast . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to our Director Maurice Greenstein and our Director Jess Ward . . . Happy to hear that Mrs. Isidore Brafman of our Women's League Board and Mrs. Isidor Sharfman, our Women's League member are on the mend . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Harry Perlman . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our Director and Mrs. William Bassar upon the birth of a boy to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Weinzimer. Thanks to these women who were omitted from last week's list of donors to our Women's League Membership Luncheon: Mesdames D. Elkins, I. Karpf, W. Pack, G. Ballmuth and Ruth Davis . . . A Refuah Shelomo to Mrs. Budabin.

Birthday Greetings

Dec.

- 18—Beth Meryle Hirsch
Joanne Dale Kurtz
Patricia Ann Sagon
- 20—William Ball
Alan Jay Kalker
Mrs. M. J. Kleinfeld
Harlan Andrew Levy
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

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Anniversary Greetings

- 18—Dr. & Mrs. Norman Kamerman
Dr. & Mrs. Herman Mintz
- 19—Mr. & Mrs. Max Chernofsky
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Schenker
- 21—Dir. & Mrs. Herman H. Cohen

23—Mr. & Mrs. Abraham M. Goldberg

24—Mr. & Mrs. Aaron W. Gross
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Perlman

Mrs. Goldstein's Diary (Cont'd)

Al Colin, with his trained eye and valuable experience in building matters, has arranged to get together with Rabbi Lorincz and work out a plan whereby a cooling system can be installed in the kitchen and store-room for a smaller amount than the estimate that has been given to them.

We had a lovely lunch in the large cool dining room together with the children, after which we all went out and took movies of Dana distributing bars of chocolate which we had brought for the happy children.

We parted from the Colins at 2 o'clock with the unanimous feeling that we had spent a very pleasant couple of hours together. I am always so happy when people from our synagogue come to our Children's Village and see for themselves what the money they helped us raise accomplishes.

Further progress has been made in our Children's Village. Besides the beautiful new dining room and kitchen building there is an impressive Synagogue building and many new cottages. There are stone paths between the cottages, and the ground is new all covered with grass instead of beach sand as it used to be. These last two items were accomplished with the proceeds of our Women's League last year's Children's Village Luncheon.

On our way back to Jerusalem we stopped at the Agricultural Exhibition in Rishon Le-Zion. At this exhibition they showed all kinds of farm implements, animals utilized in agricultural activities, many of the agricultural methods which have been used in the last 15 years, all kinds of fruits and many other things of similar nature.

We got to Jerusalem at 6 o'clock, somewhat tired but pleased at what we had seen at Sdeh Chemed.

Teen Age Discussion Group

Mr. Lawrence Kobrin will continue the discussion of "This is My G-d" with our young people on Sunday morning, December 27th, at 10:30 o'clock. Don't miss this date.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL DUTCH SUPPER

The PTA of the Manhattan Day School is sponsoring its Annual Dutch Supper at the School, 110 Manhattan Avenue, corner 104th Street, on **Sunday evening, December 20th**. There will also be a special program of entertainment.

Our own Mrs. Charles Goldner is Chairman of this function to which our readers are all cordially invited to attend.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN IN ISRAEL DONORS (Continued)

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