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THIS SATURDAY, SERVICES 8:30**

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CHANUKAH STARTS TONIGHT DECEMBER 25th

With the lighting of the first candle tonight, we begin the festival of Chanukah. The briefest and best description of the meaning of Chanukah is found in the prayer following the Al Hanisim which is found in the "Shmoneh Esrah" of the Daily Prayer Book. It reads as follows:

"In the days of the Hasmonean, Mattathias son of Johanan, the High Priest, and his sons, when the iniquitous power of Greece rose up against Thy people Israel to make them forgetful of Thy Law, and to force them to transgress the statutes of Thy will, then didst Thou in Thine abundant mercy rise up for them in the time of their trouble; Thou didst plead their cause, Thou didst judge their suit, Thou didst avenge their wrong, Thou deliveredst the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the impure into the hand of the pure, the wicked into the hands of the righteous, and the arrogant into the hands of them that occupied themselves with Thy Law: for Thyself Thou didst make a great and holy name in Thy world, and for Thy people Israel Thou didst work a

CHANUKAH CARD AND GAME PARTY TO FEATURE LARGE BUFFET SUPPER



**Chairman for Men's Club
Mr. Fred Goldstein**

Cold Cuts, Latkes and all the trimmings topped off with dessert of tea and cake are the delicious features of our **Chanukah Buffet Supper. Mr.**

Maria Nache to star in "PAGLIACCI", our Opera Benefit on Sunday, January 17 1960.



Maria Nache to sing Nedda

Last week the Metropolitan Opera Management made it definite that the

great deliverance and redemption as at this day. And thereupon Thy children came into the oracle of Thy house, cleansed Thy temple, purified Thy sanctuary, kindled lights in Thy holy courts, and appointed these eight days of Chanukah in order to give thanks and praises unto Thy great name."

Benediction Over the Candles

The benediction over the lighting
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Fred Goldstein, Chairman for Men's Club has arranged with **Mrs. Miriam B. Fasten**, Chairman for Women's League for a very enjoyable evening for all our members and friends. Come early and stay late!!! Play cards and other games, enjoy a delicious repast, win surprise gifts . . . This will be a Chanukah Party to top all other Chanukah Parties!!!
REMEMBER THE DATE: Saturday Evening, December 26th
REMEMBER THE TIME: 8:00 P.M.
REMEMBER THE PLACE: Synagogue Grand Ballroom
Make your reservations **immediately** today and call the Synagogue (TR 7-8281)

role of "Nedda" in "PAGLIACCI" will be sung by the Spanish born opera star, Maria Luisa Nache. She studied at the Madrid Conservatory and made her debut as Aida in La Coruna, Spain. In 1949 Miss Nache made her Italian debut at Catania as "Desdemona" in Otello. Since then she has sung a variety of dramatic and lyric roles in several famous Italian Opera Houses such as Milan's La Scala, Bologna's Comunale, and Venice's Fenice and has been engaged as guest artist by opera houses in Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Egypt.

Miss Nache made her Met debut earlier in the season as Micaela in "Carmen" and has appeared recently in the role of Nedda in "PAGLIACCI". In both instances she has been very well received by both, audiences and critics.

We are, therefore, having an outstanding and well balanced cast. In the Opera "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA" the stars are the well known greats such as **Richard Tucker**, **Nell Rankin** and **Walter Cassel**, while in "PAGLIACCI" we have equally great stars such as **Maria Nache**, **Jon Vickers**, and **Cornell Mac Neil** who are newcomers, giving our audience the chance of being thrilled by new voices.

An enjoyable evening is, therefore, assured to all who obtain tickets to this entertaining event. We still have many choice tickets in the orchestra ranging from \$12.50 to \$27.50. We also have not so many but still a substantial amount in the rest of the theatre ranging from \$2.50 in the rear of the Family Circle to \$17.50 in the choicest sections of the Grand Tier.

To obtain your tickets, just call our Synagogue office TR 7-8281 or TR 7-8251.



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AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR PARENTS

We at the W.S.I.S. have prepared the children to celebrate Chanukah in the proper spirit.

Every boy and girl in our Hebrew School received a box of Chanukah candles and a Menorah for use at home, with the compliments of our Women's League. The youngsters have learned the significance of Chanukah and the Laws concerning the lighting of candles, the special prayers and the melodies. We ask your cooperation to bring home this "Children's Holiday" by carrying out, the following recommendations:

Ask your child to relate to you the story of Chanukah, its laws and ceremonies.

Arrange it so that your child participates in the kindling of the Chanukah candles every night.

We urge you especially to take advantage of Chanukah candles, toys and the colorful Chanukah wrapping paper and napkins for your children's Chanukah gifts.

Following the Chanukah vacation regular classes will be resumed on Sunday morning, January 3rd. Parents are urged not to make any other plans for their children on that morning.

Rabbi O. Asher Reichel
Principal

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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.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The "Vah-Yitayn L'chaw" Prayer

(Continued)

"THE BLESSINGS OF THY FAITH"

This refers to the blessings of Jacob. In what way are the blessings of Jacob superior to those of Abraham and Isaac? In regard to Isaac, as well as to Abraham, the blessings were limited as we read in Genesis, Chapter 13, Verse 17:

"Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; He will give it unto thee."

Whilst with Jacob we read in Chapter 288, Verse 14:

"And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shall spread abroad to the west and the east and the north and the south: And in thee, and thy seed, shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

which means that when Israel will need more territory, it will be blessed, and G-d will make it possible for it to receive same.

"THE BLESSINGS OF THY FATHER PREVAILED ABOVE THE BLESSINGS OF MY PROGENITORS (Abraham and Isaac) UNTO THE UTMOST BOUND OF THE EVERLASTING HILLS: THEY SHALL BE ON THE HEAD OF JOSEPH AND ON THE CROWN OF THE HEAD OF HIM THAT IS PRINCE AMONG HIS BRETHREN" Genesis, Chapter 48, Verse 26:

All the blessings that Jacob received from Isaac and Abraham He gave to Joseph because he was the Tsadik of all his brethren and because he was "the Prince", the ruler of all his brethren in Egypt. However, the blessings Jacob gave to his other sons were his own.

"AND HE WILL LOVE THEE"

Now we come to Moses. This is Moses' blessing to the Jewish people. As we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, Verse 13: "And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: He will also bless the first fruit of thy womb and the fruit of thy land and thy corn and thy wine and thy oil, the increase of thy kine and the flocks of thy sheep in the land which He swore unto thy fathers to give."

"AND BLESS THEE"

This means many in numbers.

"THOU SHALT BE BLESSED ABOVE ALL PEOPLE: AND THERE SHALL NOT BE MALE OR FEMALE BARREN AMONG YOU OR AMONG YOUR CATTLE"

This is not only a physical blessing, but also a blessing that man and beast would perform their proper, respective functions.

"AND THE LORD WILL TAKE AWAY FROM THEE ALL SICKNESS"

The Hebrew word for sickness is "Choli", which means natural diseases.

"AND HE WILL PUT NONE OF THE EVIL DISEASES"

The Hebrew word for evil diseases is "Mahdvay" referring to a special disease like a plague, which is not a natural disease. G-d will not have either sickness or disease come upon us.

"BLESS THE LADS: LET MY NAME BE NAMED ON THEM"

The Hebrew word "Vaw-hem" may be translated "through them," namely Jacob, (who was uttering this blessing), said "Let my name be made dear (glorious) through them, my grandchildren.

"THE LORD YOUR G-D HATH MULTIPLIED YOU, AND BEHOLD YE ARE THIS DAY AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN FOR MULTITUDE"

Moses' blessing indicates that there will not only be many Jews, but there will be many "stars" — great people — among them.

"THE LORD, THE G-D OF YOUR FATHER, MAKE YOU A THOUSAND TIMES SO MANY MORE AS YOU ARE, AND BLESS YOU, AS HE HATH PROMISED"

Here again we may note that we are not only to be in great numbers, but to receive the Lord's blessing as well.

(To Be Continued)

Chanukah Starts Tonight (Cont'd)

of the candles may not be found in every Siddur, therefore, we are re-printing the blessing below:

Baruch a-tah ado-ello-ke-nu me-lech ha-olom a-sheer kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-sav v'tziva-nu l'had-lik ner shel cha-nukah.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst Sanctify us, by Thy commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch a-tah ado-e-lo-kenu me-lach ha-olam she-ashah ni-sim la-a-vo-se-nu ba-yamim ha-hem baz'-mam ha-zeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst wondrous things for our fathers, in days of yore at this season.

This blessing is recited **only** on the first evening of Chanukah:

Baruch a-tah ado-e-lo-ke-nu me-lech ha-olam she-he-che-ya-nu v'ki-yma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L-rd our G-d, Ruler of the world, who has granted us life, sustained us, and permitted us to reach this joyous season.

The Lighting of The Chanukah Menorah

The first candle is placed at the extreme right of the Menorah. Each following night the additional candle is placed to the left of the previous one. However, the order of lighting the candles is from left to right — so that the latest additional candle is lit first.

Chanukah Lights on the Sabbath

When any day of Chanukah falls on the Sabbath, we light the Chanukah candles **before** the Sabbath lights, and then on Saturday night, **after** Havdalah is made.

Candulences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Laura Schultze upon the loss of her mother, **Mamie Levine**; and to Mrs. Elmer Settel upon the loss of her father, **Maurice Cohn**; and to the family of our late member, **William Jones**.

ISRAELI DIARY LETTER #2

MAY 31, 1959

by Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

I had often heard of 10 or more people living in one room but I had never seen that spectacle with my own eyes.

Miriam Rieder, one of the "Daughters" of the IS who used to come to our Synagogue in Harlem, and came to live in Israel after Dad officiated at her wedding in New York, over 25 years ago, is one of the 4 women who distribute the money I get from the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for poor people in Israel.

She told me about a settlement of a number of wooden shacks which are inhabited by the poorest of the poor. To these people she brings food, clothing and Women's Branch money. Miriam called for me this afternoon and took me to see this veritable nest of poverty. The look on the face of the parents as we entered the first shack indicated what Miriam's visit meant to them. She opened a large shopping bag and as she took out item by item and handed them to the anxious mother and father you could just sense the joy which these much needed things brought to them. The father said that their 9 children had had absolutely nothing but dry bread and water all day.

In the room which was of very minute dimensions stood three beds each in one corner of the room. Under each bed there was another bed, which is pulled out at night when it is time for them to go to sleep. The children sleep 3 in a bed. A small table and a closet with a flat top were the only additional pieces of furniture in sight. Since there is no floor space available 3 chairs stood on top of the closet.

Yahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

Dec.	Kislev	
26	25	Celia Bayer Moric Goldfinger Audrey Massott
27	26	William Gluck Annie Simon
28	27	Adolf Bendheim
29	28	Abraham Yedwabnik
30	29	Sam Siegel
Jan.	Teves	
1	1	Tillie Pomerantz

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

- Light Candles Friday Evening Before ...4:14
- Weekly Portion: Vayay-Shev, Genesis 37:1-40:23
- Numbers 7:1-17 Zechariah 2:14-4:7
- Friday Evening Service4:25
- Chumosh and Rashi with
- Mr. Lawrence Kobrin8:15
- Saturday Morning Service8:30
- Blessing for the New month (Teves)
- Junior Congregation10:40
- Chazanim: Eddie Milstein and Hillel Reichel
- Oneg Shabbos (Boys & Girls 7 to 11) ...2:00
- Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45
- Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:45
- Mincha3:45
- Reader of Torah: Stephen Texon
- Reader of Service: Herbert Goldberg
- The Sabbath Terminates5:05
- Daily Services**
- Sunday Morning7:00, 8:00, 8:30
- Monday through Wednesday
- Mornings6:45, 7:30, 8:15
- Thursday morning
- (Rosh Chodesh)6:30, 7:30, 8:15
- Friday morning
- (Rosh Chodesh)7:15, 8:15, 8:45
- Mincha4:30
- Followed by the Explanation of the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

SAVE THIS DATE

Saturday Night, January 23

Mr. and Mrs. League

Social Event

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

On Erev Chanukah may we make this Chanukah suggestion — A very thoughtful gift is a pair of Opera tickets to our Benefit Performance. Our office will be glad to cooperate with you . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be The Gluck Brothers . . . Many thanks to Mr. Hymie Ross for providing the "spiritual" nourishment following our morning services . . . Glad to hear that Mr. Isaac Saddinger is on the mend . . . Representing the W.S.I.S. in Florida are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross.

Birthdays Greetings

Dec.

- 25—Charles Cohen
Mrs. Julius Cohen
Max M. Horowitz
Rose Pekier
- 26—Simeon H. F. Goldstein
Mrs. Bertha F. Rafsky
Sidney Stein
- 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

Anniversary Greetings

- 25—Mr. & Mrs. Max H. Horowitz
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- 26—Director & Mrs. Joseph Landowne
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- 29—Mr. & Mrs. Harold Levine
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YOUTH MINION

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 9th

Messrs. James Herlands and Stanley Kaplan are happy to announce that by popular request another Youth Minion for young people between the ages of 13 and 21 on Saturday morning, January 9th. SAVE THE DATE.

MRS. FRIEDMAN'S HEBREW CLASS

The Hebrew class for women conducted by our Mrs. Joseph Friedman will not meet on Monday, December 28th (Chanukah vacation). The next session will be on Monday, January 4th at 3:00 P.M.

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.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 70th BIRTHDAY OF RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Our beloved and revered Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein is reaching the age of three score and ten. On February 8th our dear Rabbi is going to be 70 years young. To mark this auspicious occasion, an institution which he founded, The World Academy in Jerusalem, is tendering him a Testimonial celebration in his honor on **January 31, 1960** in the **Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Plaza.**

We urge everyone in our Synagogue to participate in this momentous event, for the combination could not be any better. The World Academy is pioneering in the fields of Jewish research which makes this Institution unique and the only one of its kind within Jewish tradition. Therefore any contribution you make can not be duplicated. At the same time you will be showing your mark of esteem to our beloved Rabbi who has given so much of himself during his lifetime.

The World Academy is in need of a special purse of \$70,000 for its Building Completion Fund. Please send in your contributions or pledge which may be paid over a period of years. You may if you wish contribute State of Israel Bonds. Every contributor will receive an invitation to the celebration at which there will be absolutely no appeal for funds.

Your name as a contributor will be inscribed on the Scroll of Honor which will be presented to Rabbi Goldstein and permanently displayed in the World Academy of Jerusalem.

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