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ASARAH B'TEVES THIS SUNDAY

The minor fast day of Asarah B'Teves, the tenth day of Teves will be observed this Sunday, January 10.

This fast commemorates the beginning of the fatal siege of Jerusalem by the armies of Nebuchadnezer, king of Babylon, which culminated in the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C.E.

Being a minor fast, it is observed by fasting from daybreak to sunset of the same day. Selichos prayers are said in the morning and a special portion of the Torah is read both at the Morning and at the Mincha Service.

SAVE THIS DATE

Saturday night, January 23

Mr. and Mrs. League

Social Event

Cornell MacNeill In A Leading Role In "Pagliacci"

Our Opera Benefit On Sunday, January 17th



Cornell MacNeill as Tonio

The more we analyze the cast that is appearing in our Opera Benefit Performance of "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA" and "PAGLIACCI", the more we come to the conclusion that a better and more balanced cast is hard to find. In "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA" we have a superb cast

consisting of such world renowned artists as RICHARD TUCKER and NEIL RANKIN assisted by such outstanding stars as WALTER CASSEL, HELEN VANNI, and THELMA VOTIPKA. In "PAGLIACCI" on the other hand we have a select cast of the most promising young rising stars. They are MARIA NACHE, JON VICKERS, (making his debut) and CORNELL MACNEILL assisted by CHARLES ANTHONY and CALVIN MARSH.

All the outstanding stars with the exception of Cornell MacNeill have already been written up. It therefore remains to give an evaluation of the last mentioned artist. The TIMES opera critic "J.B." had this to say about MacNeill's recent performance of "Amonasro" in "AIDA".

"Mr. MacNeill's 'Amonasro' was as gratifying as his performance in other roles this season. His big rich-textured voice has the power and sonority that the music calls for. Not only is he capable of full-voiced intensity but Mr. MacNeill is also a skilled vocal technician capable of the even more difficult feat of sustaining beautifully a mezzavoice."

"Visually the baritone is an impressive stage figure and he acted Amonasro convincingly."

To judge from the above evaluation, we are very fortunate in obtaining Mr. MacNeill to sing the baritone role of Tonio in "PAGLIACCI" on SUNDAY, JANUARY 17. Indeed the entire cast could not be better balanced. Therefore if you do not join us this evening the loss will be yours. You can, however, still obtain tickets, especially the choice Orchestra seats. Just call our Synagogue office TR 7-8281 or TR 7-8251.

However, if you are going on your winter vacation, the Opera Commit-

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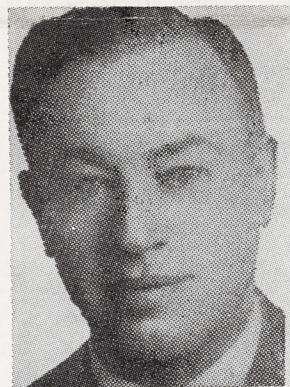
OPERA SELLERS HAVE A NEW CHAMPION THIS YEAR



Alex Rauchman



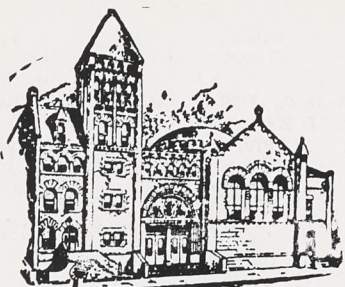
Director Jacob Kaplan



Director Herman H. Cohen

For the first time in several years the first place for selling the most tickets and bringing in the highest amount of money is to be awarded to Alex Rauchman who is a relative newcomer in the contest of selling tickets to friends, acquaintances and anyone interested in our Opera Benefit. The championship did not come to him very easily. He had to beat such erstwhile champions

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YOUTH MINYAN THIS SATURDAY MORNING



Seymour Ukeles Speaker

We are very happy to announce that another Youth Minyan will be held this Saturday morning, January 9th at 9:30 A.M., on the fourth floor.

This event will give our young men between the ages of 13 and 21 the opportunity to conduct their own services as leaders, participants and recipients of the honors.

Stanley Kaplan will chant the opening parts of the services and Herbert Goldberg will be the Cantor for Shachris.

Readers of the Torah will include: Daniel Beller, Larry Hecht, Stanley Klein, Elliot Lebowitz, Joseph Neustadter, Lewis Pekier and Raimund Ward.

Seymour Ukeles will deliver the sermon.

The Mussaf will be rendered by Roger Linker.

James Herlands and Stanley Kaplan are the presiding officers.

If you are between 13 and 21, we hope to see you at the Youth Minyan at 9:30 **promptly**.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The "Vah-Yitayn L'chaw" Prayer

(Continued)

"BEHOLD, G-D IS MY SALVATION: I WILL TRUST AND WILL NOT BE AFRAID"

Isaiah says in Chapter 12, Verses 2-6 that after the redemption, the Jews will always be safe. 1) If we depend upon another human being for help then we cannot be absolutely sure, because another person is only mortal and may also change his mind; but 2) if we depend upon G-d, we are safe, because He will certainly keep His word or promises.

"FOR THE LORD G-D IS MY STRENGTH AND SONG"

Meaning that G-d and His name and His promise are our hope and salvation, as we say in Psalm 115: verse 1,

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory."

The psalmist meant that we pray to G-d that G-d's name may be glorified because he is so intimately connected with Israel.

"THEREFORE WITH JOY SHALL YE DRAW WATER OUT OF THE WELLS OF SALVATION"

The joy will be complete because it comes from "the stream of salvation" and not from a cistern.

"DECLARE HIS DOINGS AMONG THE PEOPLES"

Are not the usual great phenomena, like the appearance of the sun, the moon and the stars, tremendous? But they are not exceptional. They are usual. With Israel, G-d acts in an unusual way. He redeems the small people in the hands of the many and mighty. He saves us as a very small, minute minority against the overwhelming majority of the peoples of the world. We should have long ago been out of the picture of the world's doings, but it is certainly extraordinary for a people whose numbers are less than one per cent of the world's population to be as distinguished in its many fields of culture as the Jewish people are. It is G-d in Israel's history, who makes it both invincible and eternal.

"AND ONE SHALL SAY ON THAT DAY, LO, THIS IS OUR G-D; FOR HIM . . . LET US BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN HIS SALVATION" (Isaiah, Chapter 25, Verse 9)

This refers of course to the Day of Salvation. Israel never ceased hoping for that day.

"O HOUSE OF JACOB, COME YE, AND LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD" (Isaiah, Chapter 2, Verse 5)

There is a group in Israel known as "Bilu", referring to the early immigrants from Russia. "Bilu" stands for the first letters of the first four words of this verse: "Beth Yaakov lachoo V'naylchaw." They have omitted the next two words "B'or Hashem", "in the light of the Lord." They have been merely "nationalists" without "the light of the Lord" or the guidance of G-d, namely through His Torah. Without that light, we represent Jacob, the nation. With that light, we represent Israel, the religious message of the nation, Israel.

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Opera Sellers Have A New Champion (Cont'd)

as Directors Jacob Kaplan and Herman H. Cohen. In fact at the finish it may turn out to be a three way tie. That's how close it is.

All the three, however, though proud of their achievement for the Synagogue have declared that they would be happy for anyone else to enter the contest and win if he can. This is by no means an exclusive contest. All you have to do is see to it that anyone within your sphere of influence buys tickets to our Opera Benefit on Sunday, January 17th, where the operas "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA" and "PAGLIACCI" will be performed by an outstanding cast led by Richard Tucker and Nell Rankin.

The three runners-up are President Lester Udell, Directors Max Zimmer and Morris Levine.

DIARY LETTER #3**By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein**

One block from where we live is a synagogue which is on the list of the tours of the City of Jerusalem, for tourists. It is the Bucharian Synagogue. Friday Dad made a tourist out of me and took me to see this one of Jerusalem's 400 synagogues, although he had seen it before many times.

In the centre of the large room which we saw as we entered was a platform which looked like a cage, because it had walls on all sides, almost up to the ceiling. These walls were made of crossed wooden slats, and one could only see inside from the small openings between the slats. This was the Bimah, from which the Torah is read and the Chazan chants the prayers. Between the Bima and the Ark, which is directly in front of it, there are no seats. As they opened the Ark to show us the inside it almost took our breath away. Highly polished ornately carved silver cases surrounded each one of the 14 Torahs contained therein.

On the three sides of the synagogue were just rows of long benches which had most inviting looking plush-like tufted cushions of a deep red velvet on them. The floor was covered — wall to wall — with a most colorful oriental rug, which in America, would probably have cost thousands of dollars. The rug was so soft and deep that my wheel chair literally sunk into it. On the fourth side of this large room, which constituted the synagogue, we saw another cage-like partition; This is the place where the women sit. When we asked why they have so little room for seating they replied: "There is lots of room on the floor." We were told the worshippers come with cushions upon which they sit, on the floor.

Since we have come to Israel it has been quite cool. I use a warm blanket every night. The last few days were so cold that some people were wearing heavy coats. It gets real warm during the middle of the day, but then most people stay at home and the majority of the stores are closed.

TEEN AGE DISCUSSION GROUP

Mr. Lawrence Kobrin will continue the discussion of "This Is My G-d" with our young people on Sunday morning, January 10th, at 10:30 o'clock. Please consider this as a personal invitation. Don't miss this date.

OUR LOVELY CHANUKAH PARTY

Those who attended our Chanukah Party in our grand ballroom will testify that it was a most enjoyable affair.

Mr. Fred Goldstein for the Men's Club and Mrs. Miriam (Bob) Fasten for the Women's League, were most gracious and made everybody feel very much at home.

Mrs. Lillian Goldstein, President of our Women's League, did a fabulous job in connection with the refreshments which were both delicious and plentiful.

Mr. Leon Herman, President of our Men's Club, walked around beaming over the members of his group.

Mr. Joseph Friedman was on hand with a large supply of pennies to provide those who wished to play dreidel.

Mr. Aladar Bernath lit the Chanukah candles after which everybody joined in the singing of Mooz Tzur.

Mrs. Bob Fasten introduced Rabbi Goldstein in a sentimental and emotional speech, the main point of which dated back many years.

Rabbi Goldstein gave a brief and timely Chanukah message.

The following women acted as waitresses and made sure that everybody was properly taken care of: Mrs. Lillian Goldstein, Mrs. Bob Fasten, Mrs. Frank E. Fink, Mrs. Morris Jablow, Mrs. Eva Margolies, Mrs. Moishe Pekeir, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Mrs. Gittel Silverman, Mrs. William Weintraub.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION NOTES

Our young congregants have elected Eddie Milstein and Barry Halpern to be the President and Vice-President respectively of our Junior Congregation for this month.

Peggy Ten Brink was elected chairman of the hostesses.

May we remind our parents that the Junior Congregation meets every Saturday at 10:40 A.M. Delicious refreshments are served at the close of their services.

Opera Benefit (Cont'd)

tee appeals to you not to let the Synagogue suffer on that account, but purchase your tickets anyhow. Give them to a friend or business associate. Some of our Congregants who are going to be away have sent in the money for their usual opera tickets as a contribution. We hope they will SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE to all who can not be with us on January 17th.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening Before 4:26

Weekly Portion: Vayigash —

Genesis 44:18-47:27

Ezekial 37:15-28

Friday Evening Service 4:40

Chumosh and Rashi with

Mr. Lawrence Kobrin 8:15

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:40

Chazanim: Vinny Lloyd

Hillel Reichel

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) 2:30

Rabbi Pekeir's Talmud Class 3:00

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 3:00

Mincha 4:00

Reader of Torah: Jed Abraham

The Sabbath Terminates 5:17

Daily Services

Sunday Morning (Selichos) 7:00, 8:00,
about 8:40

Sunday Mincha 4:20

Monday and Thursday

Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha 4:40

Followed by the Explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

PLEASE NOTE

A modern Ritualarium (Mikvah) is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St., MO 3-0300.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

It was heartwarming to see so many of our out-of-town students at our services during the Chanukah week holiday. Among those we noticed were Herschel Gold, Jay Kobrin, Stephen Solarz, Sanford Ward and Joseph Weisenfeld . . . We were also glad to see at our services Rabbi and Mrs. Jason Jacobowitz and their son, of Liberty, New York . . . Good to have back from the Southland, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gross, Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Lebowitz . . . Our congregational citation of merit to Mr. Samuel Ward upon his appointment as an accountant to the New York State Commission on Governmental Operations of the City of New York (the "Little Hoover" Commission) . . . It was doubly gratifying for "ye columnist" to have received along with other referees of the Small Claims Court, at City Hall, a citation from Mayor Wagner since the City's Chief Magistrate is such a warm personal friend of our own beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein . . . Best wishes to Rabbi and Mrs. Mordecai Nitzlich in their new home . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath Seudah Shlishis tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. Lee Kneitel . . . The whole congregation was delighted to see our Director Jess Ward back at our Sabbath services after his recent illness . . . We are indeed very happy that our Director Maurice Greenstein recovered from his serious ailment.

Birthday Greetings

Jan.

- 8—Director Joseph Anderson
Daniel Jesselson
- 9—Mindy Sue Abramson
Dir. 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

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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

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST TO MEET WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

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.

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Jan. Teves

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Buddy F. Joseph
Kate Hirshkowitz
Alex Wein |
| 10 | 10 | Leah Cohen
Maurice Freiman |
| 11 | 11 | Simon Ginsberg |
| 12 | 12 | Meyer Isaac Jacobs
Bertha H. Gladstern
Fannie Goodman
Esther Jane Cohen |
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