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OF HIS 70th BIRTHDAY**

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## **MEN'S CLUB MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 18**

A regular business meeting of the Men's Club will take place this coming Monday night, January 18 at 8:30 P.M., in our Men's Club Gold Room. Important matters will be discussed and voted upon among which will be the issue of installing a public address system in the Grand Ballroom to be paid for by the Men's Club.

The business meeting will be followed by the usual refreshment and social period.

## **RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S BIRTHPLACE TO BE RENAMED "WORLD ACADEMY PLACE"**

The city of New York is taking cognizance of the 70th Birthday of one of its most prominent sons and devoted civic citizens, our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, by renaming Rutgers Place where the Rabbi was born and spent his earliest childhood and youth to "World Academy Place", for the weekend of January 22nd. The reason it is being renamed "World Academy Place" and not in the name of the Rabbi is that there is a city ordinance that no street can be named after a living person and since the World Academy is giving a reception in honor of Rabbi Goldstein's 70th Birthday on Sunday, January 31st at the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel, the honor of the name went to this worthy institution.

The naming ceremony will take place on Friday, January 22nd at 11:30 A.M. at Rutgers Place which is on the Lower East Side between Jefferson and Clinton Streets. Many city dignitaries and friends of the Rabbi will be present at this ceremony. Incidentally, our Rabbi is the only Rabbi to be thusly honored so far.

**Please note the early start of this performance**

**We expect to see you this Sunday evening**

**At Our Benefit Opera Performances of**

**"Cavalleria Rusticana"  
and "Pagliacci"**

**Metropolitan Opera House, 40th Street and Broadway**

**The curtain will rise at 8:00 P.M. promptly**

## **RE MINDER**

**BAZAAR  
in  
February**

We still need quantities of new saleable merchandise. Send direct to Synagogue or we will have packages picked up. Let us know quickly.

Cordially,

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE

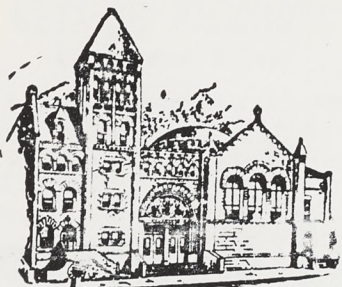
MEN'S CLUB

## **BIBLE COMMENTS BY OUR YOUNGER GENERATION**

It seems that our younger generation is following in the worthy footsteps of our elders. Vicki Korngold, granddaughter of our Chumash and Rashi leader, Israel Kestenbaum, has emulated her grandfather in the explanation of the Bible commandment to wear "Tzitzis". The Bible says that we should wear Tzitzis as a reminder to follow G-d's commandments. How are the Tzitzis a reminder?

In a letter addressed to Rabbi Reichel, Mr. Israel Kestenbaum writes as follows:

Vicki explained: . . . "When Mommy wants me to remember something, she takes a piece of string and makes a knot around my finger. G-d did the same. He wanted to remind us, so he took strings, tied knots in them to make us remember."



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## They Did Not Forget Us

When our new Building and Grand Ballroom were still in the planning stage, there were two schools of thought. Some felt that actual building should not start until the total estimated cost was received in actual cash or pledges. Those that prevailed, felt that building could start as soon as a substantial percentage had been subscribed to the Building Fund. This means that our building project was begun and completed, based upon loans and faith in our congregants.

Towards the end of 1959 we were in debt to the tune of \$68,000 which really amounted to over \$70,000 when the interest on these debts were included. Our Board of Directors were really worried and still are, but to a lesser extent, since a substantial slice of this debt was taken off our shoulders by two of our late congregants who did not forget us in their respective wills.

The first is our late Director Jack Berlin of blessed memory from whose residuary estate we received the sum of \$25,000. The other is our late congregant Abraham Friedberg who provided \$1,000 for us in his will. This reduces our debt to about \$42,000 (excluding the interests), still a substantial burden as we said before. But our faith in our congregants certainly has not diminished. We know that they will not only support us in the hereafter, but in every way in their lifetime by participating in all of our fund raising efforts so that we can continue all our activities unabated.

## THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

### The "Vah-Yitayn L'chaw" Prayer

(Continued)

"THE FAITH OF THY TIMES AND THE FAITH OF THY SEASONS, THE STRENGTH OF SALVATION, WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE: THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS HIS TREASURE" (Isaiah, Chapter 33, Verse 6)

"FAITH" In the Talmudic treatise Shabbus, it is said that this word "Emunah", "faith", refers to the first section of the Mishnah "Zraim" namely agriculture; for we must have faith when we plant the seed that will bring forth its fruit.

"SEASONS" refers to the second section, "Moadim" to the Holy Days.

"STRENGTH" refers to the third section "Nashim" concerning woman and marital relations, because the woman is the strength of the home.

"SALVATION" is the fourth section of the Mishnah, "Nezeekin" and refers to damages — payments ordered for everything done or damaged. It also concerns criminal and civil law.

"WISDOM" refers to the fifth section, to K'doshim, and relates to Holy matters. The Talmud says that the deepest learning is in the study of K'doshim, of Holy matters. It further says that when one's mind is at ease, as one Rabbi put it — then you can come and ask me about K'doshim — Holy things.

"KNOWLEDGE" this refers to the sixth section "Taharos" dealing with the Ritual Bath, etc. We read in the closing Mishnah of the third chapter of the Ethics of the Fathers, that Rabbi Eleazar Chisma, said "The laws concerning the Sacrifices of birds and the purification of women are ordinances of moment; astronomy and geometry, are like "deserts to wisdom". Important as these studies are, they are the auxiliaries to wisdom; which is the Torah.

"THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS HIS TREASURE" All the above sections and matters discussed are good only when they are coupled with the fear of the Lord. If not, all our learning does not have standing. The Talmud further asks "Did you put a little grass in the grain barn". If not, it will not hold, for worms and maggots, and creeping things will creep into it. So it is with learning without "the fear of the Lord". It will decay. It lacks the grass roots of the Divine discipline, the fear of G-d.

Maimonides said that the main purpose of the coming of the Messiah, for whom we wait and hope, is that we should not only enjoy material well being and satisfaction, but also spiritual pleasure in that all mankind will understand G-d and religion, as the prophet Isaiah put it, "For then the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the L-rd."

"THEN SHALL THE VIRGIN REJOICE IN THE DANCE AND THE YOUNG MEN AND THE OLD TOGETHER:" Jer. 31:13

The joy will be so great during the days of the Messiah that the young will dance with the old.

In the Second Temple, the prophet Haggai and the old men cried saying "it was not as beautiful as the First." In the Third Temple in the days of the Messiah joy will be so great and the old so happy that both the old and the young will dance together for joy.

"AND I WILL TURN THEIR MOURNING INTO JOY . . . AND MAKE THEM REJOICE FROM THEIR SORROW." (ibid)

The word for mourning in Hebrew is "Ayvel", which refers to the outer signs of mourning like clothes, for instance. The Hebrew word for sorrow is "Yaw gohn", which means inner sorrow. In both cases the individual will become joyous.

(To Be Continued)

## Women's League Activities

### MRS. JACOB KAPLAN TO BE GUEST SPEAKER ON JAN. 18th

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an **Open Meeting** of our Women's League on **Monday, January 18th at 12:30 P.M.** in our **Synagogue Clubroom**.

Our Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, who will entertain us, in her interesting and witty manner, with a "Review of Short Stories".

Mrs. Jennie Yabrow will be the Program Chairman for this afternoon.

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On Monday, January 18th, at 12:00 noon promptly, we will have the pleasure of continuing our course in **Jewish History**. Rabbi Reichel will lecture on "Drama of Prophecy, Part II". Please be prompt.

### THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO CELEBRATE MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN'S BIRTHDAY

Children's Village Luncheon and Card Party

**Monday, February 29th at 12 noon**

Grand Ballroom  
Synagogue Building

### MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NOTES WANT TO HAVE A DELIGHTFUL EVENING?

#### Saturday Nite, January 23rd

The Mr. and Mrs. League invites all our married couples and their friends to an unusual get-together on Saturday night, January 23rd, at 8:30 o'clock.

The League has been lucky to obtain as its guest speaker, Mr. Louis Gribetz, noted attorney and author. After a timely discussion, there will be refreshments and music at a social hour. Admission free.

#### OUR GYM PROGRAM

Our young people are invited to participate in the Gym program which is conducted at the Jewish Center. For information please call our Social Department office.

## Diary Letter

By Mrs. Herbert Goldstein  
June 10, 1959

Yesterday I went to a pre-Shavuoth celebration arranged by a number of kindergartens which are conducted in Jerusalem by "Omen" — the Israel Mizrahi Women.

It started with a drum and fife band of boys, and a group from one of the kindergartens. These youngsters went marching thru the town, stopping at other kindergartens which joined the march, one group at a time, till they were 800 strong.

By this time they had arrived at the Yeshurun Synagogue, where the celebration was held, and where Naomi and Sherry were married. Some very pleasant and happy memories come back to me as I entered the Synagogue. But to come back to the March — each kindergarten group had a leader who carried a miniature Torah in his hand. He marched underneath a little Chuppa with four children, each one holding one of the poles in their little hands. The Chuppot were of different colors and lavishly bedecked with flowers. All the children looked adorable — the little girls all in white dresses, the boys in white blouses and blue shorts, all wearing blue and white yarmulkehs. Every little girl had a garland of flowers on her head and a chain of flowers hanging around her neck, reaching almost down to her waistline. In these wreathes and chains, there were every conceivable type and color of flowers and when they sat down next to one another, in the large hall of the Synagogue, it gave the appearance of a vast field of flowers. The ark was opened and all the little boys who had carried a Torah in the march, walked up to and in front of the ark and then all around the Synagogue, hugging the little Torahs tightly in their arms, while all the other children joined them in singing; "KI MIZION TETZE TORAH" — FOR THE TORAH SHALL COME FORTH FROM ZION, which we sing in our synagogue every Saturday morning.

(To be continued)

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## W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening Before .....4:33  
Weekly Portion: Vay'Chee  
Friday Evening Service .....4:50  
Chumosh and Rashi with  
Mr. Israel Kestenbaum .....8:15  
Saturday Morning Service .....8:50  
Junior Congregation .....10:40  
Chazanim: Uriel Messa  
Melvyn Moed  
Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls) .....2:30  
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....3:00  
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class .....3:00  
Mincha .....4:00  
Reader of Torah: Roger Linker  
Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan  
The Sabbath Terminates .....5:25  
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 .....4:50  
Followed by the Explanation of the  
Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

## Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Women's League Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Alt, upon the passing of her husband, our late member **Mannie Alt**; and to Mr. Paul Milstein upon the passing of his mother **Rose Milstein**.

## GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our annual Benefit Performance at the Met. We hope to see you all at our Opera that Sunday night . . . It was good to see back at our Sabbath services Mrs. Isidore Brafman after her recent illness . . . Welcome back home from points south to our Treasurer and Mrs. Samuel Silver and to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Grober . . . and to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kestenbaum . . . Bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Ptasnik . . . Mazel tov to the grandparents, Director and Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, and our members, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Salomon, upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of Jack Clifford Bendheim, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendheim . . . Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hausman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their twin sons, Jack Leslie and Andrew Allen . . . Congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hecht upon the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Bernard Cohen, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob Cohen of Spring Valley. Barbara, a member of our Youth Department staff, is a graduate of the Manhattan Day School and the Central H. S. for Girls of the Yeshiva University. She is a student at Brooklyn College and the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University. Her fiance is a graduate of Yeshiva College and he is presently studying for the rabbinate.

### Birthday Greetings

Jan.

- 15—Louis J. Buch
- 16—Jay Finkelstein  
Nat K. Gross
- 17—Henry Robert Gross  
Jacob Isseks  
Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar  
Mrs. Sandra G. Ortnier  
Eddie Weinstein
- 18—Susan Citron  
Ruth Sonya Freudman
- 19—Mrs. Sondra L. Mayper
- 20—Sol Brandes  
Mrs. Minette Horowitz
- 21—Beth Esther Charney  
Allen Cohen  
Mrs. Maurice Goodgold

### Anniversary Greetings

- 17—Mr. & Mrs. Irving Balmuth  
Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Carter  
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Kobrin
- 18—Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wohl

## Hahrzeits From Our Memorial Plaque

| Jan. | Teves |                                                             |
|------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17   | 17    | Ray Weisberger<br>Hannah Blankfort<br>Benjamin Gold         |
| 18   | 18    | Seymour Elliot Pye<br>Dorah Leah Finesilver<br>Samuel Lewis |
| 19   | 19    | Harry Fischel                                               |
| 20   | 20    | Fannie Weissman                                             |
| 22   | 22    | Helen Green                                                 |

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