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Robert Merrill To Sing Barnaba In "La Gioconda" At W.S.I.S. Benefit Performance At The Metropolitan On Sunday, January 15th



Robert Merrill

This handsome, Brooklyn-born baritone had his mind set on becoming a crooner, until his mother, a concert singer herself, intervened. Knowing that her son, then a boy soprano, was developing an exceptional voice, Mrs. Merrill encouraged him to sing in his high school choir. Then, one night, she purchased two tickets to the Metropolitan Opera. When the curtain fell on the last act of "II Trovatore", Robert Merrill knew

that he wanted an operatic career. In April, 1945, Merrill won first prize in the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air and a contract to sing the following season.

Tickets for "La Gioconda" are available in our office to fit every purse. You may choose from orchestra and box seats, all the way up to the upper balcony. To obtain your tickets, just call TR 7-8281 or TR 7-8251. The sooner, the better.

CONGREGATION CHANUKAH PARTY — DECEMBER 17

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Saturday night, December 17th, promises to be one of the most gala evenings ever in the new Ballroom of our Synagogue.

Those of you who were at last year's Purim party will remember the wonderful music and entertainment of Ernie Mann, who will be with us again at the Chanukah Party. In addition to exciting entertainment, a delicious supper has been planned for all our guests. It will be an evening well worth the charge of \$4.50 per person.

Do you have a hostess whose hospitality you wish to reciprocate? Our suggestion, take them to the Chanukah Supper Party.

The Committee's one request is that you make your reservations early so that its plans can be completed.

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BAR MITZVAH



Jonathan Alexander

Heartiest congratulations to Professor and Mrs. Josef Alexander upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue this Saturday morning. Mazel tov also to the grandparents, Mrs. Ida Alexander and Mrs. Olga Margolis.

Jonathan is a pupil in our Hebrew School.

HEBREW COURSES FOR ADULTS

Our members and friends have a wonderful opportunity to learn the modern Hebrew Language in our Synagogue.

Special courses for adults are being offered on Tuesday nights at 8:00 o'clock and on Wednesday mornings at 10:30.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Albert I. Zvoristin, upon the passing of his mother, **Anna Zvoristin**; to Mrs. Selma Sondheimer upon the passing of her son-in-law, **Ernest Simon**.

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

HAGGADAH

NEXT YEAR WE HOPE TO BE FREE

This is typical of Jewish optimism amid all our woes. Since the destruction of the Temple, the Jews always look hopefully for a better future.

WE WERE SLAVES UNDER THE PHARAOH IN EGYPT

If Pharaoh freed us, we would have been eternally grateful to him and the Egyptians. We are, therefore, grateful to G-d that it was through G-d's divine providence we were liberated. Otherwise, we would have been slaves TO A PHARAOH IN EGYPT maintaining the Egyptian idol worship.

Even were we all sages, all of deep understanding — all versed in the Torah, we would be duty bound to tell THE STORY OF THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT; AND THE MORE ONE DWELLS ON THE STORY OF THIS EXODUS, THE GREATER HIS MERIT. The more we discuss, the more meritorious we are. Knowledge alone might bring argument and arguments bring ill-will. I find this so true about religion. To argue religion with one of another faith sometimes causes us to become unreligious, unlovingly.

CHANUKAH STARTS TUESDAY NIGHT

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 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

Baruch a-tah ado-ello-ke-nu melech ha-olam a-sher 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 melach ha-olam she-assah ni-sim la-a-vo-se-nu ba-yamim ha-hem baz'man 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.

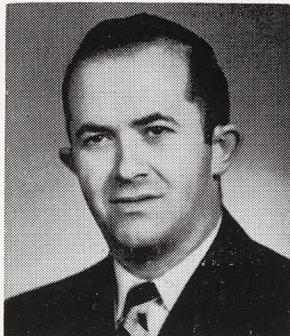
Baruch a-tah ado-e-lo-ke-nu melach ha-olam she-he-che-ya-nu v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laz'man hazeh.

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.

TALMUD CLASS TO COMPLETE TRACTATE AT A "SIYUM" SATURDAY AFTERNOON



Rabbi Moïshe C. Pekier

After three years of diligent study, Rabbi Pekier's Saturday Talmud Class will celebrate the completion of Tractate Kidushin at a "Siyum" this Saturday afternoon, following the Mincha Service.

Rabbi Pekier will deliver the "hadran," the closing Talmudic discourse. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kuber will be the hosts at the Seuda, in memory of Mrs. Kuber's mother, Mrs. Tillie Diamond.

The entire congregation is invited to attend. Mincha will start at 2:45 P.M.

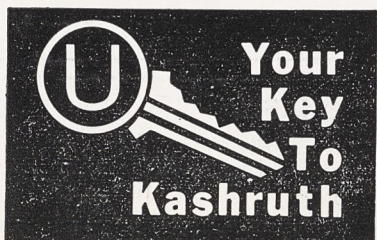
COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS

THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BOARD (C.E.E.B.) tests, which are required for admission to many colleges, are ordinarily given on Saturdays. Those students who do not wish to take the tests on Saturday for religious reasons can take the tests on Sunday instead.

Yeshiva University is pleased to announce that it will once again serve as a Test Center on Sundays. Regardless of the college to which you wish to apply, you are invited to utilize Yeshiva University's services.

Yeshiva University will also provide its facilities for delayed Medical College and Law Admissions examinations for Sabbath observers.

Further information may be obtained by calling Lorraine 8-8400, Ext. 810, or write to Director of Admissions, Yeshiva University, New York 33, N.Y.



W. S. I. S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday	
Evening Before	4:11
Weekly Portion — Vayeshev	
Friday Evening Service	4:20
Saturday Morning Service	8:45
Junior Congregation	10:40
Mr. George Klein's Mishnah	
Class	2:00
Mincha	2:45
Reader of the Torah:	
	Albert Schmeidler
Reader of the Service:	Roger Linker
The Sabbath Terminates	5:04
Daily Services	
Sunday Morning	7:15, 8:15, 8:45
Monday Morning	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Tuesday Morning	6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings (Chanukah)	6:30, 7:30, 8:15
Mincha	4:20
Wednesday night	
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	8:30

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.

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 receives 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.

Our Hebrew School Chanukah Assembly will be held Sunday morning, December 18, at 10:30 o'clock.

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SCIENTIST TO ADDRESS OUR YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY NIGHT



Robert Cooper
President, Mesorah Society

The Mesorah Society is pleased to announce that its next event for Young Adults (21-35) will take place on Sunday evening, December 11th, at 8:00 o'clock, in our Ballroom.

Highlighting the evening will be a talk by Rabbi Morris Gershinsky, an eminent mathematician. Our guest speaker is Supervisor of Applied Mathematics at Republic Aviation Corporation. His topic will be, "The Problems of the Orthodox Jew in Modern Industry". Musical entertainment and refreshments will follow.

All young adults are invited to participate in an enjoyable evening. There will be a nominal admission charge.

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

We laud our Rabbi O. Asher Reichel for his article which appeared in a special edition of the Journal, "Dos Yiddishe Vort," on the occasion of the ninetieth birthday of Jacob Rosenheim, President of the World Agudath Israel . . . Our Congregational gratitude to our Director and Mrs. Harold Kaplan for their memorable gift of a beautiful Torah Covering . . . Greeting into our midst to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Spira . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for our Director Jacob Kaplan and to our life member, Mr. Morris J. Sydney . . . Good to hear that Debbie Ben-Ami has recovered from her recent tonsillectomy . . . A pleasant trip to Florida to Mrs. Anna Dworkin and her son, Mr. Ben Dworkin, and to Mr. and Mrs. Abe Glaser, Mosette and Miriam, on their trip to the Virgin Isles . . . Glad to welcome Mr. Isaac Perlman back in our midst.

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Birthday Greetings December

- 9—Director Henry Blankfort
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- 10—Michael Blankfort
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Judy Kraushar
- 13—Steven Eisenberg
- 14—Samuel Schwarzman
- 15—Arthur Arsham
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Anniversary Greetings

- 12—Judge & Mrs. William B. Herlands
- 15—Mr. & Mrs. Louis Goldner

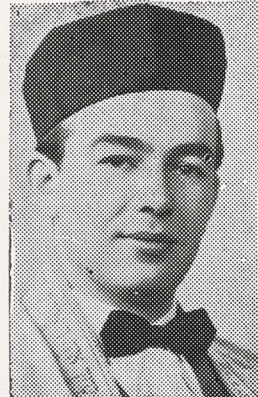
JUNIOR CONGREGATION NOTES

The following officers of the Junior Congregation were elected for the month of December: Aaron I. Reichel, President; Barry Halpern, Vice-President; Helen Pekier and Miriam S. Reichel, Hostesses.

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Teenagers, collegiates as well as young adults are urged to attend the initial gathering of our Congregational Choral Club with Cantor Greenfield tonight at 8:00 o'clock, in the Daily Synagogue.

Do not be bashful. Ask a friend to come with you. Help make our Sat-

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