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HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Regular sessions in our Hebrew School will be resumed on Sunday morning, January 3rd.

Opera Honor Roll

As we approach Sunday, January 17th, the date of our famed Opera Benefit of AIDA, we wish to thank our members and friends for their cooperation in the sale of the 3,500 seats of the Metropolitan Opera House House — a tremendous task indeed. This year we are delighted to note that there has been greater participation among our congregants and well-wishers in the purchase and sale of tickets for the Opera.

Special bouquets to our Opera Chairman, Mr. Herman H. Cohen, and Co-Chairmen Messrs. Jacob Kaplan and Alexander Rauchman (Mr. Rauchman outdid himself this year by selling 1,300 tickets), as well as to their fellow top salesmen: Mr. Samuel K. Beier, Mrs. Anna Diamond, Messrs. Carl Grossberg, H. William Hirsch, Dr. Godel I. Hunter, Abe Glaser, Morris Levine, Mrs. Max Kochen, Mr. Isidore Scharfman, Miss Rose Schwager and Mr. Max J. Zimmer.

Our readers are yet able to make this very important cultural and financial venture of our Synagogue a complete success by helping us with the sale of the remaining tickets, including choice seats in the Orchestra that are still available.

W.S.I.S. Opera Committee

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W.S.I.S. PUBLIC LECTURE

Dr. Roffwarg, Psychiatrist, To Speak On Dreams Wednesday, January 13th, 8:30 P.M.

Our members, neighbors and friends are in for another treat on Wednesday, January 13th, when we shall have as our guest speaker Dr. Howard P. Roffwarg, Instructor of Psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. His topic will be "Some Recent Advances in Our Understanding of Dreaming".

Dr. Roffwarg received his medical degree from Columbia, and completed his Psychiatric training at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. His research has been supported by the National Institute of Mental Health. In his talk he will discuss some of his research on dreaming sleep.

Our Lecture Series is co-sponsored by our Men's Club, Women's League, Mr. & Mrs. League, Lincoln Center League, Elite Club, Young Adults League, and P.T.A.

Admission Free

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 1st

Morning Services7:15, 8:15, 8:45
Light Candles Before4:21
Mincha4:25

Saturday, Jan. 2nd

Morning Service9:00
Sedra: Vaerah
Blessing of New Month
Junior Congregation10:45
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class
(in Yiddish)3:05
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class
(in English)3:05
Mincha4:05
Reader of Service: Seymour Klein
Reader of Torah: Charles Hecht
Seuda Shlishis
Host: Mr. Harry Cohen
Sabbath Terminates5:20

Week of Jan. 3rd

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45
Monday — Rosh Chodesh
Shevat6:30, 7:30, 8:10
Tues., Wed. & Fri.6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Thursday6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Mincha Daily4:30
Wednesdays — Rabbi Pekier's
Class8:00

Friday, Jan. 8th

Light Candles Before4:28
Mincha4:30

Saturday, Jan. 9th

Morning Service9:00
Sedra: Boe
Junior Congregation10:45
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:10
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class3:10
Mincha4:10
Reader of Service: Mervyn Frankel
Reader of Torah: Richard Etra
Seuda Shlishis
Host: Mr. Leo Jacobowitz
Sabbath Terminates5:26

Week of Jan. 10th

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45
Monday & Thurs.6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Tues., Wed. & Fri.6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha Daily4:40

Friday, Jan. 15th

Light Candles Before4:35
Mincha4:35

Saturday, Jan. 16th

Morning9:00

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Condolences

We sorrowfully record the passing of the following of our Congregational Family and extend our sympathy to their dear ones:

Mordchai Dimant — father of our member and Men's Club member, Mr. Alexander Dimant.

Ruth Hurwitz — sister-in-law of our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Anna Finesilver.

Joseph Katz — brother of our member, Mr. Louis Katz.

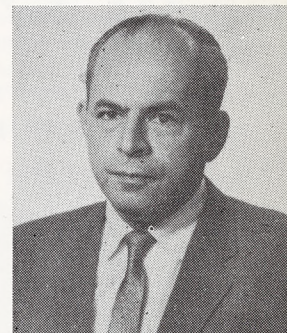
Isaac Slutsky — father of Messrs. Israel and Orville Slutsky, Mrs. Dorothy Rosenfeld and Mrs. Sadie Schrager.

Men's Club**H. WILLIAM HIRSCH RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT
OFFICERS INSTALLED AT FESTIVE BRUNCH**

H. William Hirsch
President



Murray Rosenberg
1st Vice Pres.



Gerard Benjamin
2nd Vice Pres.

The installation of the newly elected officers of our Men's Club was held at a gala brunch for members of the Men's Club and their wives on Sunday, December 20th. Also installed for the coming year were Henry Kaufman, Treasurer; Benjamin Etzkowitz, Financial Secretary; Julius Wiesel, Recording Secretary; Emanuel B. Jacobs, Sergeant at Arms; and Samuel Gursky, Publicity.

Mr. Isaac Koenigsberg was Chairman of this event. The distaff side of the Mr. & Mrs. League served as hostesses.

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MEN'S CLUB MEETING JANUARY 4th

Our members and congregants are cordially invited to attend a regular meeting of the Men's Club on Monday, Jan. 4th, at 8:15 o'clock. Recommendations of the Committees will be acted upon. Please come early so that there will be ample time for socializing and refreshments.

**ELITE CLUB SOCIAL
SUNDAY, JAN. 10th, 4 P.M.**

Single people over 28 are cordially invited to the monthly meeting of our Elite Club which will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10th, at 4 P.M. The program will feature socializing, with music and refreshments. Nominal admission charge.

OUT-OF-TOWN COLLEGIATES

We will be delighted to send the Review to our young people in out-of-town colleges and in the service.

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AIDA BY GUISEPPI VERDI**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

KING	LOUIS SGARRO
AMNERIS	IRENE DALIS
AIDA	LEONTYNE PRICE
RADAMES	RICHARD TUCKER
AMONASRO	ROBERT MERRILL
RAMFIS	EZIO FLAGELLO
MESSENGER	ROBERT NAGY
PRIESTESS	MARY ELLEN PRACHT

ACT I

SCENE I — A HALL IN THE PALACE AT MEMPHIS — The first voice heard as the curtain goes up is that of Ramfis, the high priest, informing Radames, a captain of the guard, that Egypt and the entire Nile Valley are imperilled by the advances of the Ethiopians under their king, Amonasro. Radames learns that the goddess Isis has already decreed a new commander for Egypt to lead her troops in battle. After Ramfis departs, Radames in his most celebrated solo aria of the entire opera, "Celeste Aida," voices the hope that he may be the one chosen and that his heroic exploits and victories will enable him to ask for the freedom of Aida, a slave of Amneris, daughter of the king of Egypt. The opera revolves around a triangle of its three central characters, Aida, Amneris and Radames. Both women are in love with Radames, but Radames loves only Aida. Amneris, already suspicious of Radames' true feelings, enters and tries to confirm her suspicions through questioning Radames. Aida's entrance lends more than a little

**Richard Tucker**

confirmation. The king and his retinue enter and receive a messenger with the news that the Ethiopians are advancing on Thebes. The king announces the selection of Radames as commander of the army and Radames is led out amidst a rousing chorus. Aida, remaining alone, is in a dilemma, between her love for Radames and her love for her father, Amonasro, the king of the Ethiopians.

SCENE 2 — The scene is inside the Temple of Ptah. Behind a background

of ritual dances a priestess invokes the god. The high priest, Ramfis, blesses Radames and equips him with his arms.

ACT II

SCENE I — AMNERIS' APARTMENT IN THE PALACE — Amneris, tended by her slaves, is reclining in the splendor of her apartments awaiting the return of the victor, Radames. Her dancers entertain Amneris until Aida enters. Determined, once and for all, to make sure of her suspicions, Amneris watches Aida's expression as she tells her first that Radames has been killed and her obvious joy as she then tells her that he lives. Amneris with a mingled look of contempt and threat walks out to join the reception to the returning Radames.

SCENE 2 — A PUBLIC SQUARE IN THEBES — A varied multitude parades before the enthroned king, flanked by Ramfis and Amneris. Radames' triumphal entrance is preceded by one of Opera's most famous ballet. Radames, borne in on a litter, is welcomed by Amneris who crowns him with a wreath. When the Ethiopian prisoners are brought in, Aida recognizes among them Amonasro their king, her father. He manages to whisper to her to be careful not to reveal his royal identity and then, speaking for all the prisoners, begs for mercy. Ramfis remains adamant, and demands death for all the prisoners, but Radames' intercession gains freedom for all but Amonasro who is held as a hostage. The king gives Radames his reward, the hand of his daughter Amneris as Aida turns to her father in utter despair.

ACT III

THE BANKS ON THE NILE — As the doors of the temple of Isis close on Amneris, who has been brought there by Ramfis to spend a vigil on the eve of her wedding, Aida comes upon the scene. She has arranged a tryst with Radames to bid him farewell, and while awaiting him muses longingly about her native land. She is startled by the sudden interruption of Amonasro and even more so by his demand. He insists that Aida owes it to her father and her country to obtain from Radames his next plan of attack against the Ethiopians. Amonasro finally breaks her resistance and wrings a promise from her. Amonasro hides as Radames arrives to embrace

Aida and promise to make her his bride despite his recent betrothal. She suggests that they both flee immediately to seek their future happiness together. On the pretext of avoiding the Egyptian armies in their flight, she asks what route they will take. As Radames reveals the sought for information, Amonasro steps forth and identifies himself. Radames is shocked but Aida and

**Robert Merrill**

Amonasro endeavour to prevail upon him to join their cause. Amneris, who has emerged from the temple, surprises the trio and Amonasro draws a dagger, but Radames intervenes to protect Amneris. Aida and Amonasro make their escape, but Radames remains behind and surrenders to Ramfis.

ACT IV

SCENE I — THE TEMPLE OF JUDGMENT — Radames is to be brought to the judgment hall to be tried for treason. Amneris is shown at the entrance hall, torn between the admission of his guilt and her still burning love for him. As he is led in by the guards, she still offers to save his life in exchange for his renunciation of Aida. His refusal infuriates her, but as he proceeds to the judgment hall, Amneris' feelings again overcome her. Amneris hears Radames' doom pronounced as he refuses to offer anything in his own defense. As the procession of priests comes from the judgment hall, Amneris reviles them with curses.

SCENE 2 — A TOMB BELOW THE TEMPLE — Radames has been sentenced to death. He is to die by suffocation in a sealed tomb under the temple of Vuncan. Inside the tomb Radames hears a noise and Aida reveals herself to him. Before the tomb was sealed, Aida had hidden herself within its walls, deciding to die with her lover. With a mighty effort Radames tries to move the stone that closes the tomb but to no avail. Gradually the oxygen in the tomb gives out as death closes in, and above, Amneris in despair kneels in prayer.

by Herman H. Cohen
Opera Committee
Chairman

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

The multitudes who attended our Saturday night Chanukah Party were unanimous in their accolades for its delightful entertainment and delicious food, thanks in great measure to the dynamic and inspirational leadership of the overall Chairman, Mrs. Martin Levine, with the able cooperation of her co-participants in the program and arrangements: Mmes. Millie Bisgeier, Abraham Cohen, Fred Goldstein, Daniel Gribetz, Samuel Gursky, Fred Heiser, Joseph Klein, Adeline Morris, O. Asher Reichel, Herbert Rudnick, Arthur Stein, Eugene Ten Brink. Messrs. Gribetz, Gursky, Heiser and Levine . . . Our Congregational Citations of Merit to Trustee Abraham M. Druckman who will be the Guest of Honor at the Annual Dinner of the Yeshiva Torah Vodaas on Sunday, January 10th, at the Waldorf-Astoria; and to our member, Mr. Gabriel Feigenbaum on his recent election as Vice-President of the Religious Zionists of America . . . Mazeltov to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hersch upon the marriage of their daughter, Ida Esther, to Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Blum; and to our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Jack Levine, upon the Bas Mitzvah of Beth Leah, daughter of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Levine . . . Welcome home from abroad to Mrs. Henri Schneidler . . . All good wishes in their new homes to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Barnett and to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Bernard . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Daniel Rich, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Linker, upon earning her Master's from the Bank Street College of Education.

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Happy Anniversary to the:

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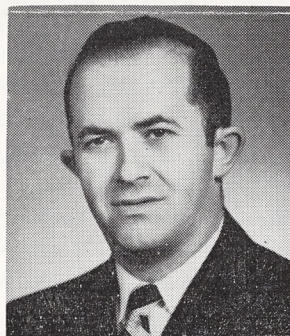
You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an Open Meeting on Monday, January 4th, at 12:30 P.M. in our Women's League Clubroom.

We are opening the year 1965 with a BANG. Our program of the afternoon will be a double header, featuring a short film, "A Family of Now", and a short address by **Mrs. Morris M. Satin**. She is a well known speaker, active in many Jewish communal projects, and one of our West Side neighbors.

REPORT ON DONOR LUNCHEON AT BOARD MEETING JANUARY 11th

Mesdames Philip Freeman, Walter Freeman, Rose Schwager and Fanny Vogel cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to a Luncheon to be followed by a Meeting on Monday, January 11th, at 12:30 P.M., in our Women's League Clubroom. Please make every effort to attend as there will be a report on the Donor Luncheon and plans to be made for our next function.

TALMUD CLASS TO CELEBRATE SIYUM



Rabbi Moishe C. Pekier

Rabbi Pekier's Wednesday night Talmud Class will celebrate the completion of Tractate Shabbos at a Siyum, Saturday night, January 9th, at 8:30 o'clock. The entire congregation is invited to attend.

Happy Birthday to:

Mindy Abramson, Morris Bank, Isadore Baskowitz, Mrs. Max Berg, Mrs. Mike Berger, Dr. Gerald Blankfort, Trustee Herman H. Cohen, Charles R. Cohen, Mrs. Albert H. Colin, Mrs. Stella Diamond, Mrs. Alexander Dimant, Trustee Abraham M. Druckman, Mordecai Efron, Dr. Hyman Dubin, Mordecai Feuerstein, Joseph Friedman, Mrs. Morton Garfiel, Philip Gertner, Aaron Gertz, Dr. Jacob Golden, Richard Grossman, Daniel Jesselson, Abraham Kalker, Mrs. Judith Keehn, Beth Levine, Robert Linker, Linda Oppenheimer, Miriam S. Reichel, Hannah and Rebecca Romerovski, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Maurice Spanbock, Mrs. Samuel B. Tessler, Susan Tilem, David Vorchheimer, Jill P. Weisenfeld and Mrs. Mira Zagayski.

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