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AN INVITATION TO OUR MEMBERS

Dear Members:

It is my pleasure to invite you and your wives to a special Membership Meeting to be held on Monday night, December 13th, at 8:30 o'clock. The main purpose of this meeting is to afford us the opportunity to discuss the welfare of our beloved Congregation. I trust that you will appreciate the urgency of this invitation and will make every effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Kinzler, President

Our Torahs Saved In Devastating Synagogue Fire

A three-alarm fire that evidently originated in the dome, burned out most of our main Synagogue last Friday night, several hours after the evening services. Our Torahs were saved thanks to the heroic efforts of our congregants, Messrs. Harry Cohen, Dr. Frank E. Fink, Paul Foont, Alfred Herz, Joseph Padawer, Murray Yavneh and others, with the aid of the firemen who had to dart through flaming embers falling from the roof to reach the Ark. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The Fire Department rushed 140

firemen and a variety of equipment including its famed new tower ladder to fight the blaze. Fire Commissioner Martin Scott who was on the scene observed that this was the best fought fire of its type in his memory of forty-one years in the department. The major City dailies gave this fire prominent notice as did the radio and television media.

Well attended Sabbath services the very next morning, arranged on very short notice, were inspiring held in the auditorium of our neighboring Manhattan Towers Hotel. Thus we gratefully note that our Sabbath and daily services and communal activities have been continuing uninterruptedly.

The list of those who were of assistance at the time of the blaze and during the efficient transfer of our services is a large one — our thanks to all of them, especially to Trustee Max Klein for the use of the Manhattan Towers.

Steps have already been taken to arrange for the rebuilding of our beautiful Byzantine-type landmark which we hope, when completed, will be even more impressive and inspiring.

RENATA SCOTTO IN TITLE ROLE

AT OUR OPERA BENEFIT PERFORMANCE
OF LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR
AT THE MET SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th

When Renata Scotto made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House on October 13th, 1965, she was an "unknown." However, to the "insiders" in the musical field, it was known that in Europe she is considered to be one of the greatest acting singers on the Opera stage today.

Renata Scotto made her debut in 1954 at the Teatro Nuovo in Milan. Thereafter she appeared at La Scala as well as at every leading Opera House in Europe. In 1961 she made her debut in the United States at the Chicago Opera House. Her appearances in London and her debut at the Metropolitan this year were hailed by the critics.

"Last night it was another winner in Renata Scotto . . . she is a complete actress in voice and movement."

Raymond Ericson—N. Y. Times, Oct. 14, 1965

"Miss Scotto, as a prima donna, harks back to the days when it was assumed that to be imported by the Met you had to have a substantial voice and experience, and the New York test was one of communication of personality. Last night Miss Scotto arrived with all three . . . for she sings musically and effectively with pathos and color and humor in the voice in a manner to enfold the listener in the first row of the Orchestra or the last row in the Family Circle."

Louis Snyder—N. Y. Herald Tribune, Oct. 14, '65

"Another Italian discovered America last night . . . and a generous and hospitable America she found it . . . Very early in the performance the applause began to roll up . . . it all became a landslide with the final B-flat of 'Un Beldi.'"

Louis Biancolli—N. Y. World-Telegram, Oct. 14, '65

"Renata Scotto draws cheers . . . Her strength is dramatic inflection. She conveys more of the meaning of the text than usual . . . As a singing actress of experience she becomes an important addition to the [Met Opera] company."

Miles Kastendieck—N. Y. Journal-American, Oct. 14, '65

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OCCASION OF THANKSGIVING

President Jacob Kinzler has announced the establishment of the Building and Restoration Fund of our Synagogue as an expression of thanksgiving by our members, congregants, neighbors and well-wishers, that miraculously there were no injuries nor were any of the Torahs lost in the fire. A special Honor Roll of donors will be recorded in a Congregational Volume commemorating this momentous chapter in the history of our beloved Synagogue. Kindly earmark donations for this fund accordingly.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

"Tal Umatar" in Shmonah Esray
Beginning Saturday Night, Dec. 4th

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Friday, December 3rd

Light Candles Before4:11

Mincha4:15

Saturday, December 4th9:00

Sedra: Vayeitzei

Youth Talmud Circle2:15

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class

(in Yiddish)2:55

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class

(in English)2:55

Mincha3:55

Reader of Service: Aaron Reichel

Reader of Torah: Richard Kahn

Seuda Shlishis —

Host: Mr. Chiel Reinhold

Sabbath Terminates5:09

Week of December 5th

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Mon. & Thurs.6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tues., Wed. & Fri.6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha Daily4:20

Weds.—Rabbi Pekier's Class8:00

Friday, December 10th

Light Candles Before4:11

Mincha4:15

Saturday, Dec. 11th8:50

Sedra: Vayishlach

Junior Congregation10:30

Youth Talmud Circle2:15

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:55

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class2:55

Mincha3:55

Reader of Service Abraham Kraushar

Reader of Torah: Robert Spira

Seuda Shlishis—Host: Mr. Baruch

David Drenger

Sabbath Terminates5:09

Week of December 12th

Sunday Morning7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Mon. & Thurs.6:45, 7:45, 8:30

Tues., Wed. & Fri.6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha Daily4:20

Friday, December 17th

Light Candles Before4:12

Mincha4:15

Sat., Dec. 18th—Morning8:50

First Chanukah Candle Saturday Night

CONDOLENCES

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

Irving W. Karpf — our member, husband of our Women's League member, Mrs. Sophia Karpf, and father of Mr. Joseph Karpf.

Joseph Kraeler — our member, husband of our Women's League member, Mrs. Rose Kraeler.

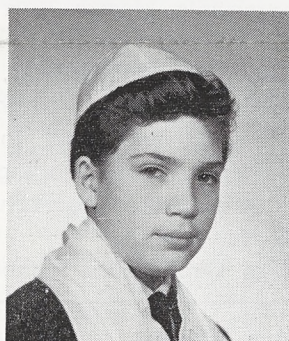
MEN'S CLUB NOTES

Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 6th, at 6:30 o'clock. On the Agenda will be last nominations for officers for the ensuing year, a report of the Planning Committee and special refreshments.

Please note the early hour of the meeting and refreshments, so that you may come straight from business.

S. G.

*On Saturday Morning,
December 4th,
Our Services will be held in
the auditorium of the
Manhattan Towers Hotel,
at 9:00 o'clock*

BAR MITZVAH**Andrew A. Stolz**

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Stolz upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Andrew Abba, which will be celebrated at our Services tomorrow morning.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rudnick will be the hosts at the League's next Board meeting on Wednesday evening, December 8th. New couples are most welcome. For details please call Mrs. Sam Gursky, President at SC 4-1854.

AN INVITATION

All our members and friends are cordially invited to attend the TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL DINNER of our neighboring MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL (Yeshiva Or Torah) on Thursday evening, January 6th, at the HOTEL PIERRE. More than 400 boys and girls are given a well-rounded religious and general education, and a large majority of its students receive some form of scholarship aid. All proceeds from this Dinner will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Reservations and inquiries should be directed to the School, 110 Manhattan Avenue, NYC 25, MO 3-5200. Better still, please tell our Board Chairman, Mr. Samuel W. Siegel, who is President of the School, you will attend. There will be no appeals at the dinner.

SELLOUT OF OPERA BENEFIT VITAL FOR OUR BUDGET

Please reserve your tickets now in order to insure the success of this grand event which will benefit your Synagogue. Your relatives, friends, associates, neighbors and business acquaintances will also enjoy this opera — our office will be glad to cooperate with you in selling them tickets. Opera tickets serve also as valued gifts. Our phone number is TR 7-8281. Let us hear from you this week.

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Family Circle Row A to L Center \$5.50

Row A Side \$5.50

Row M to R Center \$4.00

Row B Side \$4.00

Rebecca F. Goldstein Women's League

OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6th



Mr. Herman H. Cohen

All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on **Monday, December 6th at 12:30 P.M.** in the **Women's League Clubroom**. We are greatly honored to have as our Guest Speaker, our own **Mr. Herman H. Cohen**, who will give us a review of the best-selling novel, "The Source". Please make every effort to attend, as this will be a most enjoyable afternoon. Coffee and cake will be served.

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DONOR LUNCHEON TO BE A GLAMOROUS EVENT ON DECEMBER 13th



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All plans for our outstanding DONOR LUNCHEON to be held on MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th at HOTEL DELMONICO, Park Avenue at 59th Street, are now completed. We promise you delicious food, lovely musical entertainment, a gorgeous treasure chest, beautiful individual and table gifts and everything else to make this an afternoon that will long be remembered. We need the cooperation of **each and every member** to make these promises come true. Have you made your reservations, invited all of your friends, donated your gift to the treasure chest, handed in your seating plan? Please do so immediately so that the Committee can make this the most enjoyable afternoon that you have every spent. The Chairman, Mrs. Fred Goldstein, thanks you in advance for your complete cooperation.

L. G.

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THIS WEDNESDAY 8:00 P.M.
Rabbi Morton Garfiel, Instructor**

A TIMELY NOTICE

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our Congregation has been vicariously honored by the election of Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen, son-in-law of Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, upon his election as Vice-Mayor of the City of Jerusalem . . . We point with pride to our member, Mr. Simeon H. F. Goldstein, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein, who, as Chairman of the Housing Projects Committee of the Real Estate Board of New York, was among a delegation that recently met with Governor Rockefeller on City housing problems . . . Mazel tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Baruch David Drenger, upon the forthcoming **marriage** of their son, Nathan, to Silvia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rubi Rubin. The aufruf will be held in our Synagogue; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter, upon the **marriage** of their granddaughter, Martha, daughter of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Neustadter, to Stuart Berman; to our Women's League member, Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, upon the **engagement** of her granddaughter, Joanne, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Moses I. Feuerstein, to Jonathan Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Greer; to our member, Mr. Sam Ehrman, upon the **Bar Mitzvah** of Robert Joseph, son of his children, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ehrman; to members Mr. & Mrs. Fred Chariton, on the **birth** of Ezra to their children, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kaplan; to Mrs. Frieda Friedman and Mr. and Mrs. R. Tobias, upon the **birth** of Jacqueline Debora to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Smigel; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Jaye, upon the **birth** of Jeffrey Jay to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Divack; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reinhard, upon the **birth** of Michelle to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Sashy Reinhard Weitman . . . Welcome home from points south to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gursky and daughter, Geri Susan, and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Gottlieb . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Mr. Irving Feuerlicht.

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ELITE CLUB NOTES

Events for the single over 29:

Thurs., Dec. 2, 8:00 — Meeting

Tues., Dec. 7, 8:00 — Social

Sat. Nite, Dec. 18 — Chanukah Party.

ATTORNEY LAWRENCE KOBRIN TO ADDRESS COLLEGIATES

The monthly get-together of our Collegiates will take place Friday evening, December 3rd, at 8:30 o'clock in our Club Room. Mr. Lawrence Kobrin, a noted attorney, will be our guest speaker. His topic will be, "Jewish Law in Israel."

Mr. Kobrin, a member of our Synagogue, is on the Executive Committee of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and is Chairman of its Campus Committee.

Our readers are asked to send Rabbi Reichel the names and addresses of Collegiates in our community who will receive personal invitations to these programs.

A MESSAGE TO OUR YOUNGER SET 7 - 13

We hope you too will join the fun on Saturday afternoons at 2:00 o'clock. Bring your friends.

Jerry Shatzkes, Leader

Happy Anniversary to the:

Donald Bergmans, Arnold C. Braschs, Cantor Joseph Ellners, Judge William B. Herlands', Myron Smiths and Morris Wexlers.

MAZEL TOV



Lily Leiter

Heartiest congratulations to our member, Rabbi Morton Garfiel, son of our Women's League member, Mrs. Ralph Garfiel, upon his engagement to Lily, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Moses Leiter of Brooklyn.

The bride-to-be attended Brooklyn College and is a legal secretary.

The groom is a graduate of Yeshiva University and New York Law School.

Happy Birthday to:

Maurice Barnett, Mrs. M. Bergman, Henry Blankfort, Michael Blankfort, David S. Brandwein, Julius Cohen, Alexander Dimant, Steven Eisenberg, Mrs. Hyman Feld, Benjamin Gold, Mrs. Jacob Isseks, Joseph Kalker, Trustee Jacob Kaplan, Mrs. Ned Kirsh, Judy Kraushar, Robin Lejbzon, Linda Levine, Morty Morris, Moe Oltarsh, Lewis Pekier, Rochel Pekier, Mrs. Murray Rosenberg, Elizabeth Schnur and Samuel Schwarzman.

GALA CHANUKAH SUPPER PARTY AT THE WSIS SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19th

Everybody who is anybody should attend our Congregational Chanukah Supper Party on Sunday evening, December 19th, at 6:30 o'clock. Where else can you get a **delicious supper, entertainment and games**, all at the low, low price of \$4.50 per person? The Committee makes one important request: Reservations with your checks must be sent to the WSIS for the Chanukah Party by December 10th. **ADMISSION BY RESERVATION ONLY.** Our address is 120 W. 76th Street, New York, 10023. This event is being arranged by our Mr. and Mrs. League and is co-sponsored by our Women's League. Mmes. Samuel Gursky and Joe Klein are the Co-Chairmen.

(Please mail your reservations with checks before Dec. 10th)

Chanukah Supper Party Committee
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