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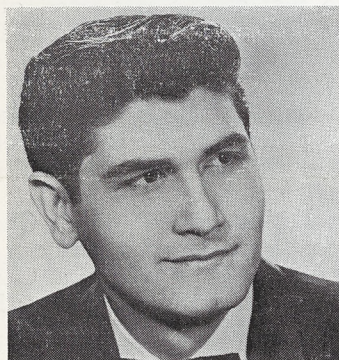
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Our Opera Benefit of Lucia Di Lammermoor Drawing Near



**JUSTINO DIAZ
IN OUR STAR CAST**

The 26 year-old basso, Justino Diaz, has been on the roster of Metropolitan Opera stars since his debut in 1963. Noted for his cavalier manner, spontaneous sense of gesture, expansive demeanor and his lustrous voice, Diaz has been dubbed "an actor to watch." Even though he is a young man he generally portrays characters advanced in years. Recently he made headlines with the manner in which he interpreted his first Mephistopheles in Faust as well as in the announcement that he will sing the role of Antony in "Antony and Cleopatra", the new opera which will open the new Met season in the Fall of 1966. Diaz will join our heralded cast starring Renata Scotto, Sandor Konya and Mario Sereni.

In order to make the evening of January 9th a complete success and thereby help ameliorate our present financial crisis, a full attendance is needed. Only your immediate co-operation in obtaining tickets and seeing to it that your relatives and friends do likewise will help us to continue with all our manifold activities. Use the order blank on page 3. Choice seats are still available at all prices. For further information you may call our office at TR 7-8281 or TR 7-8251.

**YOU MAY STILL JOIN
OUR ADULT HEBREW CLASS
THIS WEDNESDAY 8:00 P.M.
Rabbi Morton Garfil, Instructor**

Help Us Rebuild Our Beautiful Synagogue

THE CALL OF THE HOUR



King David, in one of his Psalms, depicts a prayer in the name of Moses, "Limnos yomeinu ken hoda" — Oh teach us to number our days, to make them full of meaning, of mitzvos, of good deeds — to make them count.

Our beautiful Synagogue which was partially destroyed by fire, offers to each and everyone of us the zechus (sacred opportunity and merit) to help and rebuild our house of worship as quickly as possible.

This is your opportunity to make your days and deeds full of meaning, to make your purse count where it will help re-open the doors of our Synagogue so that we may once again be able to commune and pray to the Almighty in surroundings befitting "His House."

Please respond with your heart so that we may rebuild speedily and beautifully. Give to our **BUILDING AND RESTORATION FUND** not until it hurts, but rather till you are satisfied. A special Honor Roll of donors will be recorded in a Congregational Volume.

It is most gratifying to report that even before the announcement of our Building and Restoration Fund drive a number of our congregants as well as strangers sent in donations and have expressed their readiness to be of help. Our task is first beginning.

A TIMELY NOTICE

Contributions to Religious and Educational Organizations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** to the extent of 30% of your income.

To take advantage of this benefit for this year, payments should be made by December 31st.

Are you a member of the WSIS?
If not, it is time to give it
serious thought!

POSTSCRIPT TO OUR RESCUED TORAHs

The story in the last issue of the REVIEW regarding our Torahs which were rescued from the fire would not be complete without recording the dedicated service of our member, Mrs. Max Pretner, in caring for most of them in her apartment until they could be safely transferred back to our building. Likewise we wish to record that our Cantor Emeritus Zalmon Yavneh held three of the Torahs for safe keeping.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE**Friday, Dec. 17th**

Light Candles Before 4:12

Mincha 4:15

Saturday, Dec. 18th 8:50

Sedra: Vayeshev

Blessing of New Month

Junior Congregation 10:30

Youth Talmud Circle 2:15

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class

(in Yiddish) 2:55

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class

(in English) 2:55

Mincha 3:55

Reader of Service: Levi Pekier

Reader of Torah: Abraham Kraushar

Seuda Shlishis

Sabbath Terminates 5:11

First Chanukah Candle

Week of Dec. 19th — Chanukah

Sunday Morning 7:15, 8:15, 8:45

Mon. thru Thurs. 6:45, 7:45, 8:20

Mincha Daily 4:20

Weds.—Rabbi Pekier's Class 8:00

Fri., Dec. 24th—Rosh Chodesh Teves

Morning Services 6:30, 7:30, 8:10

Light Chanukah Before Sabbath

Candles up to 4:15

Mincha 4:15

Sat., Dec. 25th—Chanukah VII 8:50

Sedra: Miketz

Junior Congregation 10:30

Youth Talmud Circle 2:15

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:00

Mr. Allen's Talmud Class 3:00

Mincha 4:00

Reader of Service: Larry Hecht

Reader of Torah: Vinny Lloyd

Seuda Shlishis — Host:

Mr. Philip Hersh

Sabbath Terminates 5:13

Last Chanukah Candles

Week of Dec. 26th

Sunday Morning—Chanukah VIII

7:15, 8:10, 8:45

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

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

Mincha Daily 4:25

Friday, Dec. 31st

Light Candles Before 4:20

Mincha 4:20

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

We are delighted that many new families are moving into our neighborhood. Should you know of newcomers, please invite them to our Services and to our activities listed in the **Review**. Our Rabbi will be glad to personally welcome them. Kindly send us their names, addresses and phone numbers.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

The last meeting for the year 1965 will be held on Monday, December 20th, at 8:30 o'clock. Agenda: (1) Election of officers for the ensuing year. (2) Report of Planning Committee and final details of Party to be held at the end of January. (3) Collation and socializing.

S. G.



Beginning with Saturday night, December 18th, Chanukah will be celebrated eight days.

This festival commemorates one of the major turning points in Jewish history. In 168 B.C.E., the Syrian emperor, Antiochus Epiphanus, launched a campaign of religious persecution against the Jews. His soldiers likewise desecrated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. For three years Judah the Maccabee led a valiant army of loyal followers against the mighty Syrian legions. After routing the enemy hordes, they rededicated the Holy Temple and reestablished the traditional worship. This consecration was celebrated for eight days. To this day we kindle Chanukah lamps to celebrate not only the events of the hoary past but also as a symbol of the Almighty's mighty deeds throughout the ages.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

All our pupils will receive Chanukah candles, menorahs and dreidels with the compliments of our devoted Women's League as is their custom every year.

New pupils are welcome in our Hebrew School. For details please call our office at TR 7-8281.

**NUGGETS FROM
RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S
BIBLE COMMENTS**
Genesis: Chapter 1, Verse 1

The Torah begins with a Beth as an omen of blessing, for a Beth is the first letter of "Blessing." The Aleph however is reserved for ANOCHEE "I am," the first word of the Ten Commandments. The last letters of BRAYSHIS BAWRAW ELOKIM (the first words of the Bible) spell EMES "truth", as the Psalmist puts it in Psalm 119, verse 160: "The beginning of Thy word is truth." Truth, the Rabbis say, is the seal of the Holy One, Blessed be He (Talmud Sabbath 55a).

CHANUKAH**The Order in Lighting****The Chanukah Menorah**

The first candle is placed at the extreme right of the Menorah. Each following night an 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 additional candle is lit first.

On Friday, we light the Chanukah candles **before** the Sabbath candles; on Saturday night the Chanukah candles are kindled **after** Havdalah is made.

Benedictions Over the Candles

Baruch a-tah ado . . . elo-ke-nu melech haolom a-sher kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-sav v'tziva-nu l'had-lik ner shel Cha-nukah.

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

This blessing is recited only on the first evening of Chanukah:

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

ELITE CLUB NOTES

Single people over 29 are welcome at the Gala Chanukah Party of the Elite Club on Saturday evening, December 18th. Nominal admission.

CONDOLENCES

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

Fritz Apfelbaum — brother of our members, Mr. Ernest Apfelbaum.

Sam Kantor — brother of our member, Mr. Morris Kantor.

Ronald L. Lippman — grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Lippman.

Jack L. Rosenberg — husband of Mrs. Adele Rosenberg.

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Mrs. Edward Jacobs
President

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BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 20th

Mesdames Fred Goldstein, Max Koch, O. Asher Reichel and Samuel W. Siegel cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a LUNCHEON to be followed by a MEETING on **Monday, December 20th** at 12:30 P.M. in our Women's League Clubroom. Come and hear the results of our Donor Luncheon and help us make plans for our future functions.

L. G.

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Adele Nussbacher

Congratulations to our member, Mrs. Aaron Nussbacher, upon the engagement of her daughter, Adele, to Jules Brody, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Lester Brody.

The bride-to-be is a student at Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University. Her fiancé, a lawyer, attended the Mesivta Theological Seminary and received degrees from Brooklyn College and N.Y.U. Law School.

OUR YOUNGSTERS 7-13 ARE INVITED ON SATURDAYS:

10:30 A.M. Junior Congregation

2:00 P.M. Club Programs

Conducted By

Jerry Shatzkes, Club Director

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Congregational congratulations to our esteemed Trustee, Judge Harry B. Frank, recently elected as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, upon his appointment by Governor Rockefeller to immediately fill the vacancy created in that Court by the death of Justice Henry Clay Greenberg . . . Mazel tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. (Women's League Corresponding Secretary) Emanuel Goodman, upon the birth of Jennifer Cecilia, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Joseph Goodman; to Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jonathan, son of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein, our members; to Trustee and Mrs. (Women's League Board member) Moses Langer upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Joseph, son of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice S. Kalker . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Sylvia Denis upon the passing of the District of Columbia Bar exams by her son, Howard . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Mr. Isidore Denburg and Mr. Jeffrey Edelstein . . . Welcome from points west to Trustee and Mrs. Joseph L. Rosenberg; and from points south to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gribetz and Dr. and Mrs. Louis Wexler.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD MIKVAH

The new Mikvah, located at 232 West 78th Street, should be completed by the end of this month. Additional funds are immediately needed for its opening. Our congregants who have made pledges as well as those who have not as yet been heard from, are urged to send contributions payable to "Jewish Women's Club" and address them to our office.

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Our Gala Chanukah Supper Party will take place this Sunday evening, December 19th, at 6:30 o'clock, in our Ballroom. Admission by reservation only.

Happy Birthday to:

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Happy Anniversary to the:

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