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CHANUKAH



Beginning with Wednesday night, December 7th, Chanukah will be celebrated in Jewish homes and Synagogues 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.

The Order in Lighting The Chanukah Menorah

The first candle is placed at the extreme right of the Menorah. Each night following 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 added 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 . . . ello-ke-nu
melech ha-olam a-she- kid-sha-nu
b'mitz-vo-sav v'tziva-nu l'had-lik ner
shel Cha-nukah.

Baruch a-tah ado . . . e-lo-kenu me-
melech ha-olam she-assah ni-sim l'a-
vo-se-nu ba-yamim ha-hem baz'-
man ha-zeh.

*This blessing is recited only on the
first evening of the kindling:*

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.

AN INVITATION TO JEWISH LEARNING
Men and Women Cordially Welcome to the
Saturday Afternoon Talmud Circle
Conducted by Rabbi Reichel
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Congregation's Chanukah Supper Party
Sunday Evening, December 11th at 6:30
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Co-Chairmen of Arrangements

The entire congregation is invited to attend our Gala Supper Party on Sunday evening, December 11th, beginning 6:30 o'clock. In addition to a delicious dinner we shall have music and exciting entertainment. The cost is only \$4.50 per person. **ADMISSION BY RESERVATION ONLY.** So that we can properly plan for you we urge you to make your reservations now!

By the way, do you have a couple whose hospitality you wish to reciprocate? Our suggestion, take them to our Chanukah Supper Party.

Heading the Arrangements Committee are Mrs. Jakob Rath and Mrs. Arthur R. Stein of our Mr. & Mrs. League; Mrs. David Elkins and Mrs. Lillian Ettlinger of our Women's League; Bruno Bayer, Gerard Benjamin and Dr. Frank E. Fink of our Men's Club.

(Please mail your reservations with checks before Dec. 5th)

Chanukah Supper Party Committee
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RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL.....Editor

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK**Samuel Joseph Agnon****Nobel Laureate**

This month two Jewish personalities will share the Nobel Prize in Literature as writers who have presented the cultural heritage of the Jewish people in a splendid striving. They are the poetess, Nelly Sachs, a German Jewish refugee who resides in Sweden, and the Hebraic novelist, Samuël Joseph Agnon.

Agnon's youth and background were immersed in the sacred literature of our Jewish heritage and it is within this milieu that he matured from the role of disciple to that of master. What has made his works unique is the fact that he has been able to synthesize the Biblical, Rabbinic and Hassidic style and atmosphere into the modern idiom.

The honor of Agnon, however, has wider ramifications than one would realize at first blush. For whom has the Swedish Academy seen fit to honor in the halls of literary fame? A humble, G-d fearing resident in the Holy City of Jerusalem, who perceives this world as a challenge to one's spirit; to whom evil and wickedness are to be regarded among those elements of life with which one has to contend and attempt to overcome in one way or another. For neither he nor his people are ready to capitulate and to abandon their faith.

Ironically, the noble gesture of the Swedish Academy in acknowledging the literary craftsmanship and classic worth of the writings of the pious Israeli Jew was something of an enigma. After all, in our day popular literature is generally equated with a secular oriented enlightenment, which, in a way, seems to patronize permissiveness of all sorts and to justify the portrayal of the sordid and negative ways of human living. Thus when Agnon's masterpiece, "The Bridal Canopy," which warmly portrays the life of his pious home town environment of the Poland of yester-year was translated into English about thirty years ago, it did not create a sensation. It is therefore not surprising that the pub-

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

The next regular meeting will be held on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th** at **8:30 P.M.**

The Nominating Committee has proposed the present incumbents for the coming term. At this meeting opportunity will be afforded for nominations from the floor.

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All members are especially urged to make an **extra** effort to dispose of their \$25-\$40 tickets for the Opera.

Those who haven't yet made reservations for the Chanukah Party on December 11th, please do so at once for an evening of fun. See coupon on page 1.

Contributions for the Annual Bazaar are now being accepted. It's not too early to start getting new salable merchandise.

S. G.

W.S.I.S. Prayer Schedule**"TAL UMATER" IN SHMONAH ESRAV****AS OF SUNDAY NIGHT, DEC. 4th****Friday, December 2nd**

Light Candles Before4:11

Mincha4:15

Saturday, December 3rd

Morning Service8:50

Sedra: Vayeshev

Junior Congregation10:40

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Circle2:55

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class

(In Yiddish)2:55

Mincha3:55

Reader of Service: Levi Pekier

Reader of Torah: Alvin Adler

Seuda Shlishis

Host: Mr. Chiel Reinhold

Sabbath Terminates5:09

licity relating to this great honor tendered Agnon has been found wanting. The fact remains that some national news media did not even see fit to mention this particular award.

It was reported that when the Swedish Charge d'Affaires in Israel came to the home of Agnon in Jerusalem to read the citation of the award to him, Mr. Agnon responded in jest that he hoped when the Swedish diplomat would come with another prize he would stay longer the next time. It may yet dawn upon the leaders of mankind that the spiritual approach of an Agnon to the world and its problems are the true keys to lasting peace. And who knows, perhaps Agnon's wholesome influence on world thought will lead him to another rendezvous with a representative of the Norwegian government — this time to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

*Excerpts from Sermon
by Rabbi Reichel*

Week of December 4th

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

Monday Morning6:45, 7:45, 8:30

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

Thurs. & Friday —

Chanukah6:30, 7:30, 8:10

Mincha Daily — Followed by

Exposition of Halachos

by Rabbi Reichel4:20

Thursday Nights —

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class8:00

Friday, December 9th

Light Chanukah and Sabbath

Candles Before4:11

Mincha4:15

Saturday, December 10th — Chanukah

Morning Service8:50

Sedra: Miketz

Blessing of New Month

Junior Congregation10:40

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Circle2:55

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:55

Mincha3:55

Cantor: Larry Hecht

Reader of Torah: Aaron I. Reichel

Seuda Shlishis

Sabbath Terminates5:08

Week of December 11th

Sunday — Chanukah7:00, 8:00, 8:40

Mon. — Chanukah6:30, 7:30, 8:10

Tues. & Wed. — Rosh Chodesh Teves

and Chanukah6:30, 7:30, 8:10

Thurs. —

Chanukah VIII6:30, 7:30, 8:10

Friday6:45, 7:45, 8:15

Mincha Daily4:20

Friday, December 6th

Light Candles Before4:12

Mincha4:15

COLLEGIATES GET-TOGETHER

A reunion of our Collegiates will take place at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel on Friday evening, December 9th (Chanukah) at 8:15 o'clock.

Rebecca F. Goldstein Women's League

OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on **Monday, December 5th** at **12:30 P.M.** in the Ballroom on the 3rd floor (take elevator).

We are greatly honored to have as our guest speaker for a return engagement, Mr. Herman H. Cohen, who will review the exciting book and story of MASADA written by the distinguished Israeli military leader and archaeologist, Yigael Yadin. We still remember Mr. Cohen's wonderful review of THE SOURCE last year.

Final arrangements for our forth-



Herman H. Cohen
Guest Speaker

coming Donor Luncheon at The Plaza must be taken care of — so please be present. Coffee and cake will be served.

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Happy Anniversary to the:

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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:

Max Kornreich — our member.

Thekla Steinlauf — mother of our member, Mr. William T. Steinlauf.

A GOOD DEED

Our Opera Committee has prepared impressive, artistic posters announcing our forthcoming Benefit Performance at the Met, which would adorn any store window, apartment house or hotel lobby. Please stop by our Synagogue office for one or more, if you can be of help in distributing them.

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The office could use volunteers for addressing envelopes for our Opera Benefit campaign. Please call our office at TR 7-8281.

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What should your youngsters be doing this Saturday afternoon, December 3rd? If they are between 8 and 13, they should be at our Oneg Shabbat at 2:30 o'clock.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our pupils will receive Chanukah Candles, Menorahs and Dreidles with the compliments of our devoted Women's League.

Our Hebrew School Assembly will take place on Sunday morning, December 11th at 10:30 o'clock. Parents are welcome.

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