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The WSIS Needs the Help of Every Member and Friend To Assure the Success of Our Benefit at the Met on Feb. 4th

THE RICHARD TUCKER STORY



Richard Tucker as Manrico

Rudolf Bing, General Manager of the Metropolitan, became impatient when someone was discussing with him the old days of opera. "Caruso, Caruso that's all you hear!" Bing remarked, "I have an idea we're going to be proud some day to tell people we heard Richard Tucker."

From a boy alto in a choir at the Allen Street Synagogue on New York's lower East Side to the world's leading tenor today is a story which could have happened "only in America."

Richard Tucker's first earnings of \$5 a night singing at weddings and Bar Mitzvahs, and later a silk lining business, has now grown where his earnings are reported to be upward of a quarter of a million dollars annually.

Yet this rocket to fame has not affected his personality, and remembrance of his humble beginnings; nor has he forgotten his faith. He takes great pride in his three sons and wife, Sara, whom he met while singing at a party on the lower East Side.

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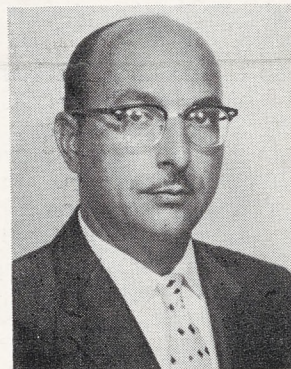
SHALOM!

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

IN QUEST OF DECORUM

In order to enhance the dignity of our Sabbath morning services, all our members who wish to receive an Aliyah for a Yahrzeit or other special occasions, are requested to notify the Synagogue office by the Thursday beforehand.

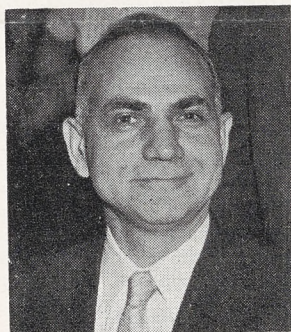
UOJCA PRESIDENT OUR GUEST SATURDAY, JAN. 21st



Rabbi Joseph Karasick

We shall be honored to have the newly elected national President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Rabbi Joseph Karasick, occupy the pulpit at our services on Saturday, January 21st, Shabbat Shirah. Services begin 8:50 A.M.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BAZAAR COMMITTEE



Samuel Gursky



Fred Heiser

Men's Club Co-Chairmen

Our Mr. & Mrs. League and Men's Club will again co-sponsor our annual Gala Bazaar in the early Spring. Our Bazaar can only be successful if our members and friends will help us contact sources for new merchandise of all kinds.

Packages shipped to the Synagogue office, 122 West 76th Street, New York 10023, should be earmarked, "W.S.I.S. Bazaar." If you have packages to be called for, kindly phone TR 7-8281.

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RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL.....Editor

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Not so long ago a family arrived from Russia. The son who is 16 years old was anxious to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah — an occasion that could not be carried out by him in Kislodowsk due to self-evident circumstances. While the family resides in The Bronx, they were anxious that the celebration take place in our Synagogue.

And so it was that Mark, son of Professor and Mrs. Gregory Czeresnia, was called to the Torah in his Tefillin on a recent Monday morning and was formally welcomed into the House of Israel. We pointed out to him that just as our forefathers were strengthened as a people through their trials and tribulations in Egypt of yore; similarly, he too should realize that his experiences as a Jew have afforded him a stronger bond with our people — and with our Creator. Congratulations to Mark and his family.

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MEN'S CLUB NOTES**ALL WELCOME TO OPEN MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 23rd**

The entire community is cordially invited to attend our next open meeting, MONDAY, JANUARY 23rd, at 8:30 P.M., which will feature an informative talk by a New York State Assistant Attorney General on

"CONSUMER FRAUDS"

Ask your friends — men and women — to take advantage of the opportunity to learn how to protect themselves against successful fraud.

S. G.

**HAMISHA ASAR B'SHEVAT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th**

Hamisha Asar B'Shevav (the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month Shevat) is the Jewish "Arbor Day."

In Temple times this day determined the dating of the produce relating to tithes. The Mishna refers to this day as Rosh Hashonah L'Ilanos (New Year for Trees). It is also called Tu (for the teth and vav Hebrew letters that total fifteen) B'Shevav.

Hamisha Asar B'Shevav is observed by the eating of fruit products for which the Holy Land is noted, such as dates, figs, olives, pomegranates, grapes, almonds and carob ("bokser"). We partake of one of these fruits, which we have not as yet eaten during the year, for the purpose of making the blessing of "Shehechiyanu."

Tachanun prayers are omitted that day.

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We would like to congratulate our January graduates in the Congregational Family. Kindly send us their names, schools, degrees etc., for publication.

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REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 23rd

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING of our Women's League on **Monday, January 23rd at 12:30 P.M. in the Ballroom of the Synagogue.**

Our own Della Goldberg, in a return engagement, will review the best seller, **"In My Father's Court"**, by Isaac B. Singer.

It is important for our members to attend this meeting to hear the results of our Donor Luncheon and to listen to plans for our coming Children's Village Luncheon.

Coffee and cake will be served.
L. G.

GUEST SPEAKER



Mrs. Samuel J. Goldberg

Richard Tucker Story

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Friday night, Sabbath Eve dinner brings together his three sons with Sara kindling the Sabbath lights and hearing their father chant the traditional blessings over wine and bread.

Twice a year he adorns the robe of a Hazan and officiates at services during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, then again for Passover, regardless of the size and importance of his concert and opera engagements.

Richard Tucker has achieved greatness both as an artist and as a human being. It is no wonder that the State of Israel has honored him its first "Artistic and Cultural Award" for his "significant contribution to international amity through the universal language of music."

He was also recipient of the first annual B'Nai Brith Award for distin-

guished achievement in the performing arts. He was named Honorary Governor of Long Island and the following year the Borough President proclaimed a Richard Tucker Day in Brooklyn. He was twice cited by the National Fathers Day Committee in recognition of outstanding service in the field of father-child relationships. There were also citations from the National Inter-Faith Council and the Justice Louis B. Brandeis Medal. Richard Tucker himself has endowed several sizable scholarships at Israeli colleges and universities and is one of the principal sponsors of the Alyn Crippled Hospital in Jerusalem. Richard Tucker is now celebrating his 22nd year at the Metropolitan Opera House. He has appeared in all the leading Opera Houses over the world. And all this happened to a young Cantor from a Jewish Synagogue in Brooklyn.

Alexander Rauchman

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FUNERAL PRACTICES

In time of tragedy it is comforting to be cognizant of the hallowed Jewish laws and traditions concerning the burial rites.

1. The deceased should be provided with a "Shomer", a religious attendant.
2. There must be no Sabbath violation in the preparations for the funeral, such as transporting the remains, until the Sabbath ends.
3. There must be proper "taharah" or washing of the remains by religiously qualified persons.
4. The remains must be dressed in "tachrichim", traditional shrouds.
5. A simple wooden coffin should be used.
6. There should be no embalming or public viewing of the body.
7. Flowers and music are not permissible.
8. The law requires "kreeah", a tear, be made in the garment of the mourner, such as a jacket, vest, sweater or dress. A "rib-bon" does not satisfy the requirements of the law and should not be used.
9. The burial should take place as soon as possible after death.
10. The grave is to be filled at the funeral service.

Countdown

736

Opera seats still to be sold

Totalling \$26,375

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our Congregational Citation of Merit to Trustee Jess Ward upon his election to the Board of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and upon his presiding over the annual Dinner of the Yeshiva Beth Abraham of Jerusalem. . . . Congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Torczyner, upon the marriage, in Israel, of their son, James, to Ingrid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Juliard-Mendels. . . . Mr. Gabriel Feigenbaum was host at the Seudah Shlishis last Saturday. . . . All best wishes to Mrs. Blanche Scharfman in her new home. . . . Welcome home from points south to Vice-Pres. & Mrs. William Foont, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gross, Trustee & Mrs. Frank L. Taks and Dr. & Mrs. William D. Weiss. Also Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Apfelbaum, Mr. Abraham M. Druckman, Mr. & Mrs. Max Lazarus and Trustee & Mrs. Murray Rosenberg. . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Trustee Jacob Goldberg, Mr. Morris L. Martz and Mrs. Bertha F. Rafsky.

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Happy Birthday to:

Sol Brandes, Justin Brasch, Beth Charney, Susan Citron, Alan Cohen, Mrs. Sigg Eisenberg, Mordecai Feuerstein, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Friedman, Philip Gertner, Aaron Gertz, Emanuel Goldman, Mrs. Maurice Goodgold, Jack Goodman, Mrs. Norman Grober, Harvey Gross, Nathan K. Gross, Jonathan Hanover, Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, Francine Keehn, Mrs. Henry L. Kraushar, Trustee Jonas Leisten, Bea Lippman, Mrs. Sondra L. Mayper, Donald Moses, Mark Moskowitz, Mrs. Herbert L. Ortner, Douglas Reichlin, Mrs. Meyer Salzman, Roy Tumpowsky, Mrs. Bertha Warshauer, Edward Weinstein, Jeffrey Yudkoff and Joseph Zahler.

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Happy Anniversary to the:

Bennett Carters, Dr. Simon Dacks, Fred Heisers, Irving Kobrins, Adolph Meiowitz, Milton Mirkens, Herbert L. Ortner, Harold Pash, Warren L. Schnurs, Ira Tumpowsky and Harold Wohls.

MAZEL TOV

Heartiest congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kobrin, upon the engagement of their son, Lawrence A., our member, to Ruth E., daughter of Mrs. Aurelia Freedman and Mr. Eugene Freedman of Providence, R. I.

The bride-to-be received her B.A. from Boston University. She served as a staff aide to the late Governor Adlai Stevenson at the U. S. Mission to the United Nations. She is presently directing educational work of a national Jewish organization. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Ramaz, Columbia College and Columbia Law School. He is a member of the law firm Emil & Kobrin. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Vice President of Camp Morasha and a Board member of Ramaz.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

All our children will receive Tu B'Shevat bags with the traditional fruit and candy with the compliments of our Women's League.

REMINDER: ONEG SHABBAT

FOR YOUNGSTERS (8 - 13)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st

2:30 P.M.

CONDOLENCES

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

Rabbi Joseph I. Hoenig — son of Professor and Mrs. Sidney B. Hoenig.

Lillian Simon — sister of Mrs. Paula Swanson and Mrs. Elsie Gerson.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, January 13th

Light Candles Before.....4:33
Mincha4:35

Saturday, January 14th

Morning Service8:50
Sedra: Boe
Junior Congregation.....10:40
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Circle
(For Men and Women).....3:15
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class
(In Yiddish)3:15
Mincha4:15

Reader of Service: Levi Pekier
Reader of Torah: Aaron I. Reichel
Seuda Shlishis

Host: Mr. Julius Schreiber
Sabbath Terminates5:31

Week of January 15th

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 Daily — Followed by

Exposition of Halachos
by Rabbi Reichel.....4:45
Thursdays — Rabbi Pekier's
Talmud Class8:00

Friday, January 20th

Light Candles Before.....4:40
Mincha4:45

Saturday, January 21st

Morning Service8:50
Sedra: Beshalach
Junior Congregation.....10:40
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Circle.....3:25
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....3:25
Mincha4:25

Reader of Service: Roger Linker
Reader of Torah: Alan Cohen
Seuda Shlishis

Sabbath Terminates5:39

Week of January 22nd

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 Daily4:50

Friday, January 27th

Light Candles Before.....4:48
Mincha4:50

THE W.S.I.S. JUNIOR LEAGUE

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to a

SOCIAL HOUR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th at 4 P.M.

Musical Interlude with Mr. Stephen Texon

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Arrangements Committee