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Opera Honor Roll



OPERA COMMITTEE: (Standing left to right) Associate Chairman Alexander Rauchman, Chairman Herman H. Cohen, Men's Club President H. William Hirsch. (Seated left to right) Women's League President Mrs. William Wedeen and Mr. & Mrs. League President Mrs. Samuel Gursky.

The opening bars of music of *IL TROVATORE* at the Metropolitan Opera House last Saturday night, February 4th, marked the end of an arduous campaign for the complete sell-out of 3,800 seats under the able Chairmanship of Herman H. Cohen.

A substantial sum was realized from these efforts — one of the most significant sources for the financial operation of our Synagogue.

Our star salesmen again were Associate Chairman Alexander Rauchman who sold \$18,607 worth (1,444 seats) and Herman H. Cohen who sold \$5,000 worth (Orchestra and Grand Tier seats). Joining the \$1,000 Sales Club of Abe Glaser and Fred Heiser were Fred Goldstein and Max Selsky. Also rolling up sizable sales were Mrs. Jacob Kaplan (in memory of her husband), Samuel K. Beier, Ben Glazer, Carl Grossberg, H. William Hirsch, Dr. Goidel Hunter, Bernhard Spira, Louis Weinstein and Isaiah O. Zucker.

The Opera Committee also wishes to thank the friends of our Synagogue for their efforts on our behalf:

Dr. Bernard O. Feldman of East Patchogue, George Austin, a Community Coordinator in Harlem, Miss Lee Wills of Montefiore Hospital, Mrs. Leo Beiser, Jerry Brooks, Mrs. Heyward W. Drayton 3rd and Mrs. Arthur Finkelstein, a friend of Mrs. Fred Goldstein.

A job well done goes to the office staff headed by Executive Director Harold Kaplan and Miss Esther Blumberg, our office secretary.

Thanks to the Men's Club Committee, Bruno Bayer, Gerard Benjamin and Jacob Goldberg who helped Mr. Rauchman post 2,000 letters of his personal mailing list.

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In the Founders Hall of the new Met, facing one of the entrances, the plaque which was presented by our Opera Committee to the Metropolitan Opera Association in 1964 on the occasion of our Synagogue's 25th Benefit Performance, is prominently displayed. Thus our Synagogue's role at the Metropolitan has become part of its historical record.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

The Annual Membership Meeting of our Synagogue will be held on Monday evening, February 20th, at 8:30 o'clock. All our members are cordially invited to attend.

Martin Romerovski
President

RABBI GUEDALIA OUR GUEST PREACHER FEBRUARY 18th

The monthly guest preacher at our Sabbath services on February 18th will be Rabbi Harris Guedalia of our neighboring Congregation Shearith Israel — Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

Rabbi Guedalia was ordained at Yeshiva University where he received the M.H.L. degree. He also earned degrees from New York University and University College London. He continued his rabbinic studies at London's Jews' College and served in the London Sephardic community. He will allude to British Jewry today in his address.

ALL WELCOME AT OUR PUBLIC LECTURE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th

Professor Floyd Zulli of Television fame will launch our new series of Public Lectures on Wednesday evening, March 8th, at 8:30 o'clock. His subject will be "The Jew in Modern American Literature."

All our congregants and friends are urged to save this date for an intellectually stimulating evening.

PURIM KATAN FEBRUARY 24th

In a Jewish Leap Year when we have two Adars, Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of the second Adar. We also commemorate the 14th day of Adar I (Purim Katan) by omitting the Tachanun Penitential Prayers.

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RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL.....Editor

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK**THE DECALOGUE**

The Ten Commandments are not the monopoly of the Jewish people, nor are they an exclusive Jewish heritage. In regard to the very first Commandment one does not have to be an erudite Biblical scholar to recall that the Almighty already conversed with His first human creations, Adam and Eve. How vivid in our memory is the Almighty's covenant with Noah and his descendants. As for the Commandments relating to man's social conduct, it behooves us to be aware that the Code of Hammurabi and other civilizations flourished generations before the Revelation on Mount Sinai.

It is in the Prologue to the Ten Commandments (Exodus, Chapter 19, Verses 3-8) with its emphasis on commitment that the unique role of the Jewish people vis-a-vis the Torah, is delineated. For therein, equated with the Decalogue, is G-d's proclamation of our *raison d'être*:

"Say to the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel. You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if you will hearken unto My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be Mine own treasure from among all peoples; for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation . . . And all the people answered together and said: All that G-d has spoken we will do."

The moment of truth to the Jew is in the fulfillment of his spiritual commitments. His religion is not only a philosophy but also a way of life.

*Excerpts from recent sermon
by Rabbi Reichel*

CONDOLENCES

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

Samuel Link — brother of Mr. Henry Link.

Bernard Sage — brother of our member, Mr. Joseph Sage.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

All members of the Men's Club, their wives and friends are cordially invited to attend the Brunch given by the Club on Sunday, February 12th, at 10:30 A.M., in the Ballroom.

The plans and activities being undertaken for the betterment and greater safety of the residents of the West Side will be discussed by Mr. Howard Tisch at the Brunch.

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MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

The next regular meeting of the Club will be held on Monday, February 20th at 8:30 P.M. Please join in consulting on

1. The Annual Bazaar — intensify your efforts in getting new saleable merchandise.
2. Men's Club Sabbath scheduled for April 15th.
3. More community wide forums thanks to

Mr. I. Koenigsberg who arranged and chaired
the last one on "Consumer Frauds."

S. G.

W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Fri. Feb. 10 — Rosh Chodesh Adar I
Morning Services6:30, 7:30, 8:10
Light Candles Before5:06
Mincha5:10

Sat. Feb. 11 — Rosh Chodesh Adar I
Morning Service8:50
Sedra: Terumah
Junior Congregation10:40
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class
(In Yiddish)3:45
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class
(In English)3:45
Mincha4:45
Cantor: Johanan Levine
Seudah Shlishis
Host: Mr. Harry Hausman
Sabbath Terminates6:02

Week of February 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 Daily — Followed by
Exposition of Halachos
by Rabbi Reichel5:15
Thurs. Nights — Rabbi
Pekier's Talmud Class8:00

Friday, February 17th
Light Candles Before5:14
Mincha5:15

Saturday, February 18th
Morning Service8:50
Sedra: Tetzaveh
Junior Congregation10:40
Oneg Shabbat for Youngsters2:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:55
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class3:55
Mincha4:55
Cantor: Levi Pekier
Torah Reader: Richard Kahn
Seudah Shlishis
Host: Mr. Isidore Denberg
Sabbath Terminates6:10

Week of February 19th
Sun. & Wed. (Washington's
Birthday)7:15, 8:15, 8:45
Mon. & Thurs.6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Tues. & Fri.6:45, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha Daily5:25

Friday, February 24th
Light Candles Before5:22
Mincha5:25

REMEMBER THE W.S.I.S.

What institution is more worthy of support than the Synagogue which has always been the very heart and soul of Jewish life and is the symbol of Jewish dignity and values to the world?

What more noble and valuable bequest can one make than to remember the institution that has inspired so many people, young and old, to live better lives?

Please remember that a bequest to our worthy Synagogue is one of the ways in which the future stability of our Institution will be assured.

If you want to make a provision for the W.S.I.S. in your last Will and Testament, make sure that you use the following wording:

"I give and bequeath to the West Side Institutional Synagogue 120-138 West 76th St., N.Y.C., a domestic religious corporation, the sum of \$....."

Rebecca F. Goldstein Women's League

OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20th

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an **open Meeting** on **Monday, February 20th at 12:30 P.M.** in the **Synagogue Grand Ballroom.**

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CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON MARCH 13th

Co-Chairmen



Mrs. Lillian Ettlinger



Mrs. Bert Soll

Our Co-Chairmen are working very diligently to make the **Annual Children's Village Luncheon** most enjoyable and successful. They are hoping to make it the best one ever, one that all who attend will long remember. Alert your friends . . . The date is **MONDAY, MARCH 13th** . . . The food will be delicious catered by our dear friend Bert Soll . . . the Treasure Chest will be very exciting (we already have some beautiful gifts) . . . The afternoon will be finished off with games for all. **DON'T MISS IT. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY.**

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R.F.G. WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO ENTERTAIN METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF WOMEN'S BRANCH OF UOJCA FEBRUARY 13th

The members of the Rebecca F. Goldstein Women's League will be hostesses to the Metropolitan Chapter of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America on **Monday, February 13th** at 12 noon **in our Synagogue** for a dessert luncheon and meeting. The Lady of the Day will be our President, Mrs. William Wedeen. Our own **Rabbi O. Asher Reichel** will be the Guest Speaker. All our Women's League members are cordially invited.

L. G.

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By Sanford Solarz

Our Rabbi Reichel was a member of a delegation representing the major Rabbinic and orthodox lay organizations that met with Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman to discuss their position against the indiscriminate performance of autopsies in the State of Israel . . . Welcome into our Congregational Family as new members to Mr. & Mrs. Morris Kinzler, children of our late beloved President, Jacob Kinzler, and to Mr. & Mrs. Max Berger . . . Mazel tov to our members, Mr. & Mrs. Chiel Reinhold, the grandparents, and to our members, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hausman, upon the birth of Michelle Emie to their children, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Hausman; and to our members, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Perlman, upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Perlman . . . We point with pride to Aaron I. Reichel who read so beautifully the entire Sedrah at our recent Sabbath service . . . Welcome home from abroad to Mr. & Mrs. Ben Z. Cohen and to our Trustee Stanley Adler and from points south to Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fischer, Mr. & Mrs. Abe Glaser and daughters, and Trustee & Mrs. Bernhard Spira . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Frances Bayer and to our Board Secretary, Mr. Jack Verschleiser . . . Many thanks to Trustee Carl Grossberg for our annual supply of snow salt.

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Happy Birthday to:

Mrs. Harry Altman, Audrey Adelson, Irving Bellsey, Mrs. Lew Benjamin, Judge David N. Edelstein, Sigg Eisenberg, Mrs. Joseph Ellner, Ruth Ellner, Mrs. Jacob Frankel, Philip R. Gelman, Trustee Abraham Goldman, Michael Goodman, Myra Gribetz, Charna Horowitz, William Jacobs, Stuart Kalker, Kenneth Kay, Deborah Krauss, Morton Langer, Mrs. Alfred Oppenheimer, Mrs. Annette Pash, Mrs. Lea Pye, Daniel Rotto, Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, Barbara Stern, Solomon Strausberg, Mrs. Bernard Udell, Hon. Albert Wald, Mrs. Eddie Weinstein, Wendy K. Weiss and Mrs. Ira Wollen.

Happy Anniversary to the:

David Beiers, Saul Bergmans, Hon. David N. Edelsteins, Emanuel Goodmans, Jacob Goodmans, Dr. Mortimer Greers, Leon Hermans, Harold Kaplans, Morton Langers, Joseph L. Rosenbergs, Abraham L. Shallers, Rev. Lawrence Sporns and Jack Verschleisers.

ONEG FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS



Saturday afternoon, February 18th, at 2:30 o'clock, is another date our youngsters (8 thru 13) should not miss in our Synagogue. We would like to see even more children attend.

The parents of Rita Wheat were the hosts at a party in honor of her birthday.

Our Junior Congregation meets Saturday mornings at 10:40.

Concerning Summer Camps

A summer camp leaves a lasting impression upon the child. An abiding love and respect for Judaism should be included in that youthful impression. We urge our parents to send their children to a camp where Judaism, the Sabbath and Kashrus are being observed. Our Rabbi Reichel will be glad to recommend camps which have very high standards.

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