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JULIUS RUDEL TO CONDUCT MANON WSIS OPERA BENEFIT AT LINCOLN CENTER SAT. NITE, MARCH 1

By Alexander Rauchman

The importance of the conductor in an opera performance is relative to his stature as an interpreter of the musical score that he conveys to the orchestra and to the singers on stage. With Julius Rudel in the orchestra pit, the WSIS Benefit Performance at the New York State Theatre on Saturday Eve., March 1, 1969, of Jules Massenet's *Manon* is assured of a great performance. Rudel is the General Director of the New York City Opera Company and often takes over the conducting chores for special opera performances.

Born in Vienna in 1921, Julius Rudel studied at the Vienna Academy of Music and continued his studies in the United States in 1938. Today he is known throughout the musical world and has conducted leading symphony orchestras and opera performances throughout the world — Vienna Volksopera, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Italy Symphony in Bologna, Vienna State Opera, Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy. He was recently appointed as Musical Advisor to the Kennedy Music Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rudel's name is also listed in "Who's Who in World Jewry" and in "The Israel Honorarium."

Manon as presented by the New York City Opera and conducted by Julius Rudel is one of the greatest *Manons* to be presented in New York City in thirty years. Our Opera Committee urges you to make your reservations now by calling the Synagogue office, TR 7-7652.

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W.S.I.S. Prayer Schedule

Friday, January 3

Light Candles Before..... 4:23
Minchah 4:35

Saturday, January 4

Morning Service 9:00
Sedrah: Vayechi
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class
(in English) 3:25
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class
(in Yiddish) 3:25
Minchah 4:25
Reader of Service: Aaron I. Reichel
Reader of Torah: Philip Bendheim
Sabbath Terminates 5:21

Week of January 5

Sunday Morning 7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:50
Mincha Daily—Followed by
Exposition of Halachos
by Rabbi Reichel 4:35
Wednesdays—Rabbi Pekier's
Talmud Class 8:00

Friday, January 10

Light Candles Before..... 4:30
Minchah 4:40

Saturday, January 11

Morning Service 9:00
Sedrah: Shemos
Youth Minyan 9:00
Teen-Age Study Circle..... 2:30
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class..... 3:35
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class..... 3:35
Minchah 4:35
Reader of Service: Elliot Spira
Torah Reader: Steven Tiefenbrunn
Sabbath Terminates 5:28

Week of January 12

Sunday Morning 7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:50
Minchah Daily 4:40

Friday, January 17

Light Candles Before..... 4:37
Minchah 4:45

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gursky will host the Board Meeting on Wednesday evening, January 15th. Mrs. Gursky, who happens to be the

President of the League, will be glad to hear from our readers who are interested in joining our Synagogue's marrieds group. Her phone number is SC 4-1854.

GUEST CONDUCTOR OF THE ISRAELI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA THE MONTH OF JANUARY



Julius Rudel, General Director of the New York City Opera

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RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL.....Editor

A SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY

By Dr. Moses Auerbach

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*The Conquest of Canaan to the
Destruction of the First Temple
(1180-586 B.C.E.)*

(Continued)

After the death of Joshua, Israel was often in need of a leader to awaken the people to their duty. True enough men arose now and then who reminded Israel of its goal; and names like Samuel and David, Jehosaphat and Hezekiah, Elijah and Isaiah, Josiah and Jeremiah, illumine its history. These, however, were individual great men who could not lift the whole nation up to their standards. A state serving G-d alone still remained nothing more than an ideal toward which the future generations of some more fortunate era might approach.

The Jewish people were ensconced between the mighty nation of the Two Rivers on the one side and the nation of the Nile on the other, both with their highly developed civilizations and their immense concentration of power. It was Israel's task to prove to the world that consecration to the Law of G-d fortified man and is greater than all the wealth of mighty governments. The temporal life of Israel, supported as it was by the teachings of G-d, should have led the nations of the world to recognize that there stood upon the Temple Mount of Zion the source of all that is holy in the life of the individual and of nations.

*Fall of Samaria (722 B.C.E.)
and of Jerusalem (586 B.C.E.)*

In the midst of continuing quarreling as to what Israel was and what it ought to be, the state was shattered. Only a few decades after the building of the first Beth Hamikdash the assault occurred which tore the larger part of the nation away. Then after four centuries of intermittent rising toward G-d and falling away toward idolatry, the State of Judea was destroyed.

But out of that struggle there has come down to us the heritage of the Prophets, those men of G-d who constantly reminded the Jewish people of their mission. It was they who again

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 6th

Come this Monday evening and greet the newly elected officers of our Men's Club: H. William Hirsch, President; Murray Rosenberg, 1st Vice-President; Gerald Benjamin, 2nd Vice-President; Benjamin Etzkowitz, Treasurer; Julius Wiesel, Recording Secretary; Emanuel B. Jacobs, Sergeant at Arms; and Samuel Gursky, in Charge of Publicity.

A report of the Planning Committee will be rendered. Help decide our future programs.

There will be socializing at 7:30, and continued socializing and refreshments after the meeting, which will start at 8:30.

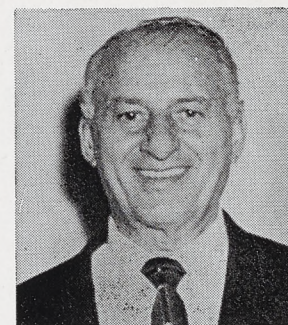
enunciated those moral standards which put Judaism above both land and state. The ideals taken from the deepest sources of G-d's teachings became the watchwords of the nation as it struggled onward. The messages of the Nevi'im became the eternal possession of the people, to comfort them through long centuries of oppression and wretchedness. The Prophets were also messengers of G-d's thoughts to all peoples and their teachings served as the seeds of morality in the cultures of many nations.

Laden with guilt of the past and with its own sinfulness, but strengthened by the teachings of the word of G-d, the people of Yechaniah and Zedakiah were forced into the exile of Babylonia. There in the homeland of their first patriarch they strove for a rebirth.

*The Babylonian Exile to the Fall
of the Persian Empire
(586-333 B.C.E.)*

The years of the Babylonian exile were a period of purification for Israel. Much of the nation might indeed have been lost through assimilation with the Babylonians, powerful, rich and learned in fields which the Jews had heretofore hardly known. But the words of warning and scorn which Yeshayahu had long before directed against the idol worship of the victorious Babylonians were not without effect, for now the growth of an invincible loyalty to G-d had manifested itself.

The forewarnings of the great prophets were being fulfilled word for word. Babylonia had to drink of the cup of great sorrow (539). Its conqueror, Cyrus, however, became the emancipator of the Jewish exiles. Only a relatively small group took advantage of the permission to return home, under the leadership of Zerubabel (538), descendant of David and



**H. William Hirsch
President**

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Circle on your calendar Monday night, January 20th, when we will have an interesting guest speaker.

Guests are also invited.

Joshua. The majority of the people, and with them many great personalities, remained behind in the land of exile.

The balance of power in the historic development of the people shifted again to the land of Israel, the stage upon which for the next few centuries it continued to play its part in world history. It was Babylonia, however, which served as the reservoir from which for some time to come the homeland drew its powers. Yet not even a century elapsed before the Jews of Palestine, despite the presence of the rebuilt Beth Hamikdash, yielded to assimilation with the neighboring tribes. Thereupon, Ezra and Nehemiah (458-430) appeared out of the East as regenerators of their people.

*The Knesseth Gedolah
(Great Synod)*

A stream of men inspired by the Torah accompanied these two leaders to the Holy Land. Then followed in the Holy Land the period of the Knesseth Gedolah, when the Torah was permanently anchored in the midst of the Jewish people. These great educators, through detailed ordinances of living, bound the nation with unbreakable threads to G-d and His Law. It was a time of peace and of political quietude such as the nations of the orient seldom enjoyed. The rule of the Persian Empire extended from India to the Ethiopian Mountains. The Holy Land was no longer a borderland; it was a part of a world empire blessed with peace.



REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Board Meeting to be Held Monday, January 6th

Mesdames Fred Goldstein, Max Koch, Blanche Scharfman and Fannie Vogel cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a LUNCHEON to be followed by a MEETING on **Monday, January 6th at 12:30 P.M.**, on the fourth floor.

This is a very important meeting as plans must be made for our coming Children's Village Luncheon. Please make every effort to attend as we need your suggestions and ideas. * * *

Donor Luncheon at St. Regis — A Beautiful Afternoon

The Donor Luncheon at the St. Regis a fortnight ago, was a beautiful, glamorous event that was outstanding in every way. We sadly missed our President, Mrs. William Wedeen, and our Chairman, Mrs. Lillian Ettlinger, who were absent due to Madeline's illness. We wish her a speedy recovery and continued good health. However, we wish to thank those two wonderful women from the bottom of our hearts for all the work of arranging the affair and wrapping those gorgeous packages. They did such a magnificent job that it was very easy for Mrs. Fred Goldstein to take over as Acting Chairman. With the help of Ann Klein, Treasurer and Chairman of Subscription Books, and all the devoted and diligent members of the Committee, the afternoon was a huge success both socially and financially. Our thanks also to all our members who contributed to the fabulous treasure-chest. Special kudos to Mrs. Jack Heyman for making movie stars out of all who attended and to Mrs. William Horwitz for the beautiful personal gifts.

ISRAELI BONDS DRIVE



At our Sabbath morning services an urgent appeal was made on behalf of Israeli Bonds by Chairman Herman H. Cohen. Our readers may order bonds as well as redeem their pledges through the Synagogue office where applications are available. Checks should be made payable to "State of Israel."

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Classes will resume this Sunday morning, January 5th. Inquiries regarding our school are most welcome.



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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:

Joseph Kneitel — brother of Mr. Lee Kneitel.

Mollie Kraushar — Women's League Board member, wife of our late Trustee Henry L. Kraushar.

Samuel Segerman — brother of our member, Mr. Morris Segerman.

YOUTH MINYAN JAN. 11th

Our young people will surely be glad to hear that our next Youth Minyan will take place Saturday morning at 9 a.m., on the fourth floor. Our young people are asked to bring their friends.

Kiddush follows the service.

INVITATION TO TEENAGERS

Girls and boys, thirteen years of age and older, are welcome at our Teenage Study Circle Saturday afternoon, January 11th, in the club-room on the 4th floor. For further information kindly contact our Social Department — TR 7-7652.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF THE SYNAGOGUE

The time for the morning recitation of the three "Shma Yisrael" paragraphs commences with day-break (one and one-fifth hours before sunrise) and extends to the end of the first quarter of the day, which is calculated from sunrise to sunset (and somewhat earlier, according to some authorities). This Saturday morning, the "Shma" should be read before 9:40 o'clock. Thus we suggest our worshippers recite the "Shma" paragraphs at home before coming to services in order to assure the reading in the proper time. Nevertheless if the time limit has passed, one may recite the "Shma" and the blessings thereof up to one third of the day; thereafter the "Shma" should be read without the benedictions (preceding and following).

As the days will grow longer the time for the "Shma" reading becomes earlier. Thus it approaches 8:29 A.M. in April.

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GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Congregational citations of merit to our members, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Freeman, who will be the guests of honor at the annual dinner of our neighboring Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim on Sunday, January 12, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel; and to our member, Mr. Emil Glucker, who was campaign Chairman of the Israel Bonds luncheon sponsored by the Paper Packaging Division.

We point with pride at two of our scholarly congregants whose latest publications have just appeared: Dr. Leon Wulman (M.D.) edited "In Fight for the Health of the Jewish People—Fifty Years of OSE (world-wide health organization)." He also contributed a major introductory essay in its Yiddish section as well as several articles in this volume. And Mr. Leon Shapiro, who has reviewed the current situation of the Jews in Eastern Europe and the World Jewish Population in the "American Jewish Yearbook of 1968."

Mazel tov to our members, Hon. and Mrs. Albert Wald, upon the marriage of their granddaughter, Meryl Sue Moses, to Alfred Norek.

Congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bendheim, upon the engagement of their son, Jack, to Giti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Butler of Pittsburgh.

Our thanks to Mrs. Annie Eisenberg for her donation to our appeal for Homes for Children in Israel.

All good wishes to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Redlich, in their new homes.

Welcome home from the Holy Land to Trustee Abraham M. Druckman and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gottlieb; and from points south to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Carter, Vice-President and Mrs. William Foont, Trustee and Mrs. Leon Herman, Mr. Morris Segerman, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schneider, and Dr. and Mrs. Louis Wexler.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Jack Heyman, Mr. Sigmund Koppel, Mr. Leon Steiner, and Trustee William T. Steinlauf.

There is still time to make your reservations to the Annual Dinner of our neighboring Yeshiva, Manhattan Day School, to be held on Sunday, January 19, at The Plaza — Just call MO 3-5200.

PUBLIC LECTURE

MONDAY EVENING — JANUARY 20th

GUEST SPEAKER:

DR. GEORGE G. KRANZLER

Sociologist and Author

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