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OUR NEW YORK CITY OPERA BENEFIT PERFORMANCE MANON

Saturday Night, March 1st

AT NEW YORK STATE THEATRE — LINCOLN CENTER

The curtain will rise at 8:15 P.M. promptly

(Latecomers will not be admitted until after the First Act)

LAST CALL: Only if all our congregants, friends, and readers will make an extra effort to buy and to help with the sale of the remaining tickets in our office for our benefit performance of Manon on Saturday night, March 1, will its financial success be assured.

Our Synagogue office is open daily from 8:30 A.M. until 6 P.M. and on Sundays until 2 P.M. Phone: TR 7-7652.

IN THE STAR CAST

CAROL BAYARD — MANON

Carol Bayard has risen to stardom with the New York City Opera Company. She will sing this season Marguerite in Faust, the Countess in The Marriage of Figaro, Nedda in Pagliacci—and will assume the role of Manon in Manon. Carol Bayard has been singing with the City Opera since 1964. Donal Henahan of the New York Times wrote in a review of her singing, "Miss Bayard made a flashier impression and sang entirely credible style."

ENRICO DIGIUSEPPE — LE CHEVALIER DES GRIEUX

Enrico DiGiuseppe now appears on the rosters of the Metropolitan Opera. This feat has been achieved after a 10 year span of singing in the major opera homes of United States and Europe. Enrico DiGiuseppe first found recognition when he sang with the Metropolitan Opera National Company. He has also appeared in major roles with the San Francisco Opera, San Antonio Opera, Philadelphia Grand Opera and is now leading tenor of the New York City Opera. Peter G. Davis wrote in reviewing his role as Des Grieux, "The tenor (Enrico DiGiuseppe) acted with dignity and applied his vocal resources shrewdly and with impeccable taste."

RICHARD FREDRICKS — LESCAUT

Richard Fredricks is leading baritone of the New York City Opera and San Francisco Opera Company. He has also been vocal soloist with the New York Philharmonic, Hollywood Bowl Symphony, Cleveland Symphony and other major orchestras in the United States. Richard Fredricks has won wide praise for his role of Lescaut in Manon. Harold S. Schonberg of the New York Times wrote, "The dashing rakish, amoral portrayal of Lescaut . . . and sang well." Winthrop Sargeant of the New Yorker Magazine wrote, "Lescaut was robustly sung by Richard Fredricks."

Herman H. Cohen

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THURSDAY NIGHT
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Samuel Silver
Seder Committee Chairman

We are pleased to inform our congregants and readers that the Congregational Sedorim will be held at the Esplanade Hotel on 74th Street and West End Avenue, in cooperation with our neighboring Lincoln Square Synagogue. Rabbi Reichel will conduct the Seder on the first night and Rabbi Riskin will conduct the Seder on the second night.

Mr. Samuel Silver, Chairman of our Seder Committee, urges our readers within walking distance who wish to attend the Sedorim to make their reservations at once. The cost for each night is \$15.25 per person (includes checking and gratuities). Checks should be forwarded to our Synagogue payable to "Esplanade Caterers." Do not delay.

Bazaar Coming Soon

Men's Club—Mr. & Mrs. League
Kindly send new merchandise to the Bazaar Committee, WSIS, 120 West 76th Street — or leave word at the Synagogue office for our volunteers to pick up your donation.

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RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL.....Editor

W.S.I.S. Prayer Schedule*Friday, February 14*

Kindle Candles Before5:11
Minchah5:20

Saturday, February 15

Morning Service9:00

Sedrah: Mishpatim

PARSHAS SHEKOLIM

BLESSING OF NEW CHODESH

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class

(in English)4:00

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class

(in Yiddish)4:00

Minchah5:00

Cantor: Steven Tiefenbrunn

Reader of Torah: Robert Levine

Seudah Shlishis—

Host: Rabbi Noah Chodos

Sabbath Terminates6:07

Week of February 16

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30

Mon., Thurs. & Fri.6:45, 7:50

Tues. & Wed.—ROSH

CHODESH ADAR6:30, 7:40

Minchah Daily—Followed by

Exposition of Halachos by

Rabbi Reichel5:20

Wednesdays—Rabbi Pekier's

Talmud Class8:00

Friday, February 21

Light Candles Before5:19

Minchah5:25

Saturday, February 22

Morning Service9:00

Sedrah: Terumah

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class4:05

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class4:05

Minchah5:05

Reader of Service: Elliot Spira

Reader of Torah: Philip Bendheim

Seudah Shlishis—

Host: Vice-President William Foont

Sabbath Terminates6:15

Week of February 23

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50

Minchah Daily5:30

Friday, February 28

Light Candles Before5:27

Minchah5:35

Saturday, March 1

Morning Service9:00

Sedrah: Tetzaveh

PARSHAS ZACHOR

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class4:15

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class4:15

Minchah5:15

Reader of Service: Richard Kahn

Reader of Torah: Michael Widlanski

Seudah Shlishis—

Host: Mr. Bruno Bayer

Sabbath Terminates6:23

MEN'S CLUB NOTES**GALA GAME NIGHT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Game Night, including lox and bagels, will take place this Sunday evening, February 16th, at 7:30 o'clock. The nominal admission is one dollar. Reservations will be accepted in our Synagogue office by phone until 12 noon this Sunday. The phone number is TR 7-7652. Mr. Murray Rosenberg is chairman of this event.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Members and prospective members are welcome at our meeting on Monday evening, February 17th, at 8:30 P.M. Since the first Monday night in March is Purim, our meeting will take place on Monday evening, March 17th instead.

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COCKTAIL PARTY SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 16th

Mr. Fred Goldstein has been appointed chairman of the Men's Club Cocktail Party which has been scheduled for Sunday evening, March 16th. Save the date.

PURIM NOTES**Children Welcome**

Our parents are urged to come with their children to the Purim services on Monday, March 3rd, no later than 5:55 P.M. and Tuesday morning. The children will receive the traditional greggers and hamantashan with the compliments of our Women's League.

Week of March 2

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30

Sunday Minchah5:35

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Monday—TAANIS ESTHER

Morning Services and

Selichos6:30, 7:40

Minchah (Vayechal)5:30

MEGILLAH after Maariv

Tuesday—PURIM

Morning Services6:15, 7:20

MEGILLAH Reading

Minchah5:40

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Wed., Thurs. & Fri.6:45, 7:50

Minchah—Wed. & Thurs.5:40

Friday, March 7

Light Candles Before5:36

Minchah5:45

Saturday, March 8

Morning Service9:00

Sedrah: Kee Seesa

PARSHAS PARAH

Teen-Age Study Circle2:45

Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class4:20

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class4:20

Minchah5:20

Reader of Service: Aaron I. Reichel

Reader of Torah: Steven Spira

Seudah Shlishis

Host: Trustee Jacob Frankel

Sabbath Terminates6:31

Week of March 9

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30

Mon. thru Fri.6:45, 7:50

Minchah Daily5:45

Friday, March 14

Light Candles Before5:43

Minchah5:50

Reading of Megillah**Monday Night, March 3rd
and Tuesday Morning, March 4th**

Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of Persia from extermination by the plot of Haman, Prime Minister of King Ahasuerus of Persia, 2,442 years ago. He chose the 13th day of Adar by casting lots from which the name Purim is derived. By the vigilance of Mordecai, who exposed a conspiracy against the king's life, and the intervention of his cousin, Esther the Queen, the Jews were saved. The crafty Haman was hanged on his own gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai and the King appointed Mordecai Prime Minister in his place.

Jewish law requires that the Megillah, the book of Esther, containing the story of Purim, be heard both on Monday evening and on Tuesday. It is obligatory upon men, women and children to listen to the reading of the entire Megillah at night and day because all were included in this evil decree of Haman. Please note our two services on Tuesday morning, 6:15 and 7:20.

The Book of Esther also enjoins us to make Purim a special occasion for giving gifts, known as "Mishloach Manos," consisting of two portions of prepared food. In addition, we are to give charity that day.

The Purim Seudah

On Purim afternoon the festive meal is begun before sundown.

Shushan Purim

The day after Purim is called Shushan Purim, in commemoration of the Jews of Shushan who defended themselves for two days.

Tachanun is omitted also on that day.

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CHILDRENS VILLAGE LUNCHEON ON MARCH 17 PLANS NEARING COMPLETION

Co-Chairman

Our Co-Chairman Ida Shlansky is working very hard to help make this event an outstanding success. **She cannot do it alone.** She and Chairman Sadie Balmuth must have the cooperation of each and every member to invite her friends and relatives to make this luncheon a huge social and financial success. **The Luncheon will take place on Monday, March 17th at 12 noon in the Grand Ballroom of W.S.I.S.** The donation for admission is \$8.50.



Mrs. Louis Shlansky

OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an **Open Meeting** on Monday, February 24th at 12:30 P.M. at the Synagogue (4th floor). We will have a Guest Speaker at this meeting who will talk on a very interesting and enlightening subject. Further information will be included in the meeting notice.

BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 10 — Keep This Date.

Shabbos Shekolim

Saturday, February 15th, marks the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover festival. This day is known as Shabbos Shekolim and is observed every year on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar.

In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, it was the custom to remind all of their obligation to give the half shekel on the first day of Adar.

On this Sabbath there is a special Torah reading, "Parshah," which refers to the half shekel that every Israelite, twenty years of age or over, gave as his equal share toward the support of the Temple services (Exodus 30:11-16).

Parshas Zachor

The Purim theme starts on the Saturday before Purim when we read in an additional Scroll of the Torah, "Zachor — Remember what Amalek did to you" (Deut. XXV:17-19), the description of the cowardly attack of the Amalekites against the Israelites in the desert. According to tradition, Haman was a descendant of the Amalekites.

Fast of Esther Monday, March 3rd

The day before Purim is ordinarily observed as a minor fast day — the Fast of Esther — in commemoration of the fasting of the Jews who had come under the evil decrees of Haman before their deliverance through Mordecai and Esther.

A SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY

By Dr. Moses Auerbach

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Ben Koziba (Bar Kochba)

The final separation of Christianity from its mother religion, and the complete welding of the Jewish and pagan Christians — both were accelerated by the last struggle of despair on the part of the Jewish nation against the Roman Empire. The uprising against Hadrian under the leadership of Ben Koziba (132-135) whom even Rabbi Akiba regarded for a time as the Messiah, was like a cry of pain from the tortured body of the nation. The people had not yet reconciled themselves to the destruction of the Temple as a permanent condition. As the scars of the war of Titus became fainter, the people began to look upon it as a mere episode. They were still on their own soil and daily hoped for the reconstruction of the Temple.

After some great early victories, the revolt collapsed; Betar was stormed and Ben Koziba fell (135). A fearful persecution of the scholars ensued. Men like R. Akiba and R. Judah ben Bovo were its first victims. Their most distinguished disciples could save themselves only in flight. Now, even more than after the destruction of the Temple, Jewish life in the Holy Land seemed to be destroyed forever.

But the Holy Land was still the spiritual center of the Jewish people. After

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A Board meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwartz, Wednesday evening, February 19, at 8:30 o'clock.

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The annual Bazaar of the Manhattan Day School will be held in its auditorium at 110 Manhattan Avenue (between 104th and 105th Street), on Saturday night, Sunday and Monday, March 8, 9, and 10. Telephone MO 3-5200.

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the death of Hadrian, the Jewish scholars were still able to gather their forces together. Thanks to R. Meir, R. Judah, R. Simon ben Jochai, R. Jose and their colleagues, there once more blossomed a time of spiritual peace, the rich fruit of which was the monumental work, the Mishna, codified by the sacred tradition of all Tannaim in Bavel and Eretz Yisroel.

Thus the first great period of Jewish history closes. Now, for too long a time, the Holy Land ceases to be the spiritual center of the Jewish people. The real exile does not begin with the fall of the Temple — the real GALUTH begins now. Distinguished disciples of the Tannaim resorted to the undisturbed atmosphere of Babylonia for their Torah studies.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Heartiest congratulations to Trustee and Mrs. Jacob Frankel upon the forthcoming **marriage** of their daughter, Judy, to Avram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel M. Stein; to Mr. Ignatius Teichberg upon his **engagement** to Charlotte Hanft; and to our members, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Freeman, upon the **Bar Mitzvah** of their grandson, Jacob, son of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Michael.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Mr. Alexander Dimant and Mrs. Lillian Levine.

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