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WSIS MEMBERS PROVE OPERA COMMITTEE WRONG

In the November issue of the Review, Opera Committee Co-Chairman Alexander Rauchman with his wonderful optimism and faith wrote, "In sales terminology, this year's Opera Benefit on Saturday, February 21, 1970, at Lincoln Center, is an easy sell. There is no reason why the WSIS should not sell out the New York State Theater."

Apparently there is a reason and the members of the WSIS have provided it. Through an utter lack of co-operation, these members issued a rebuff to Alexander Rauchman, the Opera Committee and our Synagogue. Their complete lethargy in meeting the call of the Committee now raises grave doubts as to the success of the venture. Without a marked improvement in the response of our congregants, we may even face an actual loss. Thus far, it is only non-members who have displayed the interest that should rightfully be shown by our members.

This is an urgent appeal to each reader of this column to help avert a fiasco. It is not too late to prove that Al Rauchman, after all, was right; that the proof was only a little late in coming. Send in your order for tickets now. Be a partner in what we still hope to turn into a successful undertaking.

For details and order form for our benefit performance of *MADAMA BUTTERFLY*, kindly see page 4.

Herman H. Cohen
for the Opera Committee

DINNER IN HONOR OF RABBI GOLDSTEIN AT THE PLAZA, SUNDAY, FEB. 8

Our Trustee, Herman H. Cohen, has been appointed Chairman of the Dinner to be tendered to our Rabbi Emeritus, Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein, by the Emet Rabbi Herzog World Academy, in celebration of his 80th birthday. Mr. Cohen has announced that invitations will be mailed to our congregants very soon. He urges a prompt response by all to ensure a momentous tribute to our revered Rabbi Emeritus.

Jewish Heritage Forum Thursday, December 18, 8:00 P.M.

All our congregants and friends are invited to hear *Mr. William Aron*, a noted author, on "*The World of Rabbi Isaac Halevy (1847 - 1914): His Milieu in Hamburg.*" This lecture is in honor of the publication of Rabbi Reichel's recent book on the life of Rabbi Halevy.

Our guest speaker has contributed over 200 articles to various scholarly journals around the globe. He graduated the Hamburg University as well as the Hamburg Yeshiva. He is also the author of the book, *Jews of Hamburg.*

Refreshments will follow. Admission is free.

*This series of lectures is sponsored by the
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ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
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RABBI AND MRS. REICHEL TO HOST YOUNG COUPLES

Our newly formed Young Couples group will meet at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel on Friday eve., Dec. 12 at 8:15 o'clock. Our readers are asked to inform the newly married couples in our community about this group.

A TIMELY NOTICE

Contributions to Religious and Educational Organizations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE to the extent of 30% of your income. To take advantage of this benefit for this year, payments should be made by December 31st.

ISRAELI BOND DRIVE

As is our custom, Shabbos Chanukah was dedicated to Israeli Bonds. Pledges may be redeemed in our office. Order forms are also available.

ALL WELCOME TO TALMUD CLASSES

What better day is there than the Sabbath to study our sacred traditions. Thus, all our congregants have the grand opportunity to participate in the study of the Talmud, the guide to our way of life. Rabbi Reichel's class is conducted in English, and does not require any Hebrew background. Rabbi Pekier's class is conducted in Yiddish. Both classes meet one hour before the Sabbath Minchah service.

Rabbi Pekier also conducts a Talmud class in Yiddish on Sunday mornings at 9:00.

It is never too late to learn. This Saturday is a good time to start.

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RABBI O. ASHER REICHELEditor

**Excerpts From
Rabbi Reichel's Chanukah Sermon
On Behalf of Israeli Bonds**

There was a time that a voyage to the Holy Land was fraught with as much danger as a trip nowadays to the moon. For centuries on end when the Jewish people were the down-trodden — and they have been for untold numbers of generations — very few of our brethren were able to undertake a visit to the land of our forefathers. It has been recorded that when one of the great Jewish philosophers of the middle ages set foot on the Holy Land after a most harrowing journey, he was struck down by some barbarian. The atmosphere of that era was symbolized by the prevalent custom of tearing one's garment (KREE'AH) upon beholding the desolation there. In those days when a traveler to Eretz Yisrael came back to his little town in Russia, France, or Germany, he would be considered no lesser a hero than the astronaut of today who has made it back to solid earth. And what were their tidings? The finest that has come down to us over centuries are the dirges which we Jews chant to this day on Tishah B'Av such as, *Eli Tzion Ve'arehah* in which we express our sadness and mourn for our desolate holy cities. Yet while reality was dismal and starkly tragic, the aspiration of the Jews throughout the ages was steeped in the eternal faith that once again they would find favor in the eyes of G-d. And if on one hand the name, Jew, was considered among the nations of the world as synonymous with despair, the historic Jew thrice in his daily prayers reemphasized the message of our prophets — *Vesechezenah eineinu beshuvcha LeZion berachamim*, our eyes are yearning for the day when Thou, our G-d, will restore us in Zion with Thy bounteous compassion.

Several decades ago the Jewish people were again subjected by their enemies to the most gruesome forms of destruction and the anti-Semites throughout the world felt assured of a final victory. But it was the will of G-d Almighty to once again perform His miracles untold in the Holy Land for the sake of His people of eternal faith. Thus you and I have the sacred privilege of reliving another Chanukah era of universally acknowledged miracles in the divinely ordained history of our people. May we prove worthy of these unique blessings for all time by living up to the challenges to our souls with all our hearts as well as our means.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the regular meeting to be held on Monday, December 15, at 8:00 P.M. election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Refreshments will be served.

On Monday, January 5, 1970, at 8:00 P.M., installation of the new officers will be conducted.

All members are urged to attend these two meetings. Help us get off to a good start.

WSIS PRAYER SCHEDULE

<i>Fri., Dec. 12th—CHANUKAH VIII</i>	<i>Sat., Dec. 27</i> 9:00
Kindle Sabbath Candles Before 4:11	Sedrah: Vayechee
Minchah 4:20	Talmud Classes 3:05
<i>Sat., Dec. 13</i> 9:00	Minchah 4:05
Sedrah: Miketz	Torah Reader: Theodore Widlanski
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Berachos	Cantor: Hillel Reichel
Class (in English) 3:00	Sabbath Terminates 5:14
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Kesubos	<i>Week of Dec. 28</i>
Class (in Yiddish) 3:00	Sun. and Thurs. Morn. 7:30, 8:30
Minchah 4:00	Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:50
Torah Reader: Roy Stern	Minchah 4:25
Cantor: Philip Bendheim	<i>Fri., Jan. 2</i>
Seudah Shlishis	Kindle Candles Before 4:22
Sabbath Terminates 5:09	Minchah 4:30
<i>Week of Dec. 14</i>	<i>Sat., Jan. 3</i> 9:00
Sunday Morning 7:30, 8:30	Sedrah: Shemos
Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:50	BLESSING OF NEW CHODESH
Minchah—Followed by Exposition	Talmud Classes 3:10
of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel.. 4:20	Minchah 4:10
<i>Fri., Dec. 19—ASARAH BE'TEVES</i>	Torah Reader: Philip Widlanski
Morning Services and	Cantor: Robert Levine
Selichos 6:30, 7:40	Sabbath Terminates 5:20
Minchah (VAYECHAL) 4:05	<i>Week of Jan. 4</i>
Kindle Candles Before 4:13	Sunday Morning 7:30, 8:30
<i>Sat., Dec. 20</i> 9:00	Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:50
Sedrah: Vayigash	Thurs.—ROSH CHODESH
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class 3:05	SHEVAT 6:30, 7:40
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:05	Minchah 4:30
Minchah 4:05	<i>Fri., Jan. 9</i>
Torah Reader: Michael Widlanski	Kindle Candles Before 4:29
Cantor: Steven Tiefenbrunn	Minchah 4:35
Seudah Shlishis	<i>Sat., Jan. 10</i> 9:00
Sabbath Terminates 5:12	Sedrah: Va'era
<i>Week of Dec. 21</i>	Talmud Classes 3:15
Sunday and Legal Days 7:30, 8:30	Minchah 4:15
Daily Mornings 6:45, 7:50	Torah Reader: Elliot Spira
Minchah 4:20	Cantor: Shelly Schneider
<i>Fri., Dec. 26</i>	Sabbath Terminates 5:27
Kindle Candles Before 4:16	<i>Week of Jan. 11</i>
Minchah 4:25	Minchah 4:40

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BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Mesdames William Foont, Blanche Scharfman, Isidor Stoll, and William Wedeen cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a LUNCHEON AND MEETING on Monday, January 5th at 12:30 in the Synagogue, 4th floor. Please make every effort to attend as we need your ideas and suggestions for our future functions.

OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 19th. Reserve the date. More details in our next Review.

DONOR LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS

The Donor Luncheon which was held on December 9th at the Plaza was a most glamorous and gala affair. Our thanks to the Chairman, the Committee, the Donors and the Guests for helping to make this our most outstanding affair of all time.

ASARAH BE'TEVES FAST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

This fast commemorates the beginning of the fatal siege of Jerusalem by the armies of Nebuchadnezer, king of Babylon, which culminated in the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C.E. Selichos prayers are said in the morning and a special portion of the Torah is read both at the Shacharis and at the Minchah services.

This day has also been proclaimed as a memorial for our martyred brethren of the World War II holocaust.

BAR MITZVAH



Steven Berwald

Congratulations to Steven, son of Mr. Robert Berwald and Mrs. Edith Berwald, upon his Bar Mitzvah which will be celebrated in our Synagogue on December 13th.

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From the Holy Land welcome back Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, Mr. and Mrs. George Landa, and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Redlich; and from South America, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Carter.

Mazel Tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bendheim, upon the marriage of their daughter, Debra, to Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah J. Eisenberg; to Mrs. Aladar Bernath, our Women's League Board member, upon the forthcoming marriage of her granddaughter, Penny, daughter of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schwartz, to Michael, son of Mr. Marcel Postelnek; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin H. Lipstadt, upon the marriage of their daughter, Helene Rebecca, to Harvey, son of Mr. Bernard Mendelsohn of Boston; to Mrs. Louis Herbst, our Women's League member, upon the birth of a great-granddaughter, Tania Michelle Cohen, in London; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Salomon Klagsbrun, upon the birth of Sarah Devora, to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Klagsbrun (the proud grandparents tendered a Kiddush to the entire congregation; their son is Director of the Walk-In Psychiatric Clinic of St. Luke's Hospital; and to our members, Cantor and Mrs. Irving Silver, upon their double simchas — Bar Mitzvah of Bruce Berwald, son of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome D. Jakubovitz, and birth of Tobi Sharon to their children, Mr. and Mrs. David Silver.

Among our recent Suedah Shlishis hosts were Mr. Benjamin Axel and Board of Trustees Secretary William

T. Steinlauf; Mr. Fred Chariton and Trustee Bernhard Spira were Kiddush hosts.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Trustee Harry Altman, Mrs. Isidor M. Binder, and to Trustee Abraham M. Druckman.

Happy Birthday to:

(Dec. 17 - 30)

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AN INVITATION R.S.V.P.

On Sunday evening, January 18th, 1970, our neighboring Manhattan Day School (Yeshiva Ohr Torah) will hold its twenty-sixth Annual Dinner in the Main Ballroom of The Plaza.

This banquet is the most important fund-raising affair of the school, which has received the approbation of leading educators and scholars for its educational organization and high standards of academic excellence. Almost all the students continue their studies in Yeshiva high schools with notable achievements.

Our congregants are urged to respond to the need of the hour and make their reservations for this outstanding and elegant event, so that every member will help to LIGHT THE LAMP OF LEARNING.

Write to the Yeshiva, 110 Manhattan Avenue, New York City 10025, or call MONument 3-5200 for your tickets. There is no appeal for funds at the Dinner.

Happy Anniversary to the:

(Dec. 17 - 30)

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