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WSIS PRAYER SCHEDULE

Week of Jan. 12

Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50
Minchah4:40

Fri., Jan. 16

Kindle Sabbath Candles Before.....4:36
Minchah4:45

Sat., Jan. 17

Sedra: Bo
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Berachos
Class (in English)3:25
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Kesubos
Class (in Yiddish)3:25
Minchah4:25
Torah Reader: Michael Widlanski
Cantor: Robert Levine
Seudah Shlishis
Sabbath Terminates5:34

Week of Jan. 18

Sunday Morning Services.....7:30, 8:30
Rabbi Pekier's Classes9:00
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50
THURSDAY—TU BE'SHEVAT
Minchah—Followed by Exposition
of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel.....4:45

Fri., Jan. 23

Kindle Sabbath Candles Before.....4:44
Minchah4:50

Sat., Jan. 24

Sedrah: Beshalach
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class3:35
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class3:35
Minchah4:35
Torah Reader: Roy Stern
Cantor: Shelly Schneider
Sabbath Terminates5:42

Week of Jan. 25

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50
Minchah4:55

Fri., Jan. 30

Kindle Sabbath Candles Before.....4:52
Minchah5:00

Sat., Jan. 31

Sedrah: Yisro
BLESSING OF NEW CHODESH
Talmud Classes3:40
Minchah4:40
Torah Reader: Steven Tiefenbrunn
Cantor: Hillel M. Reichel
Sabbath Terminates5:50

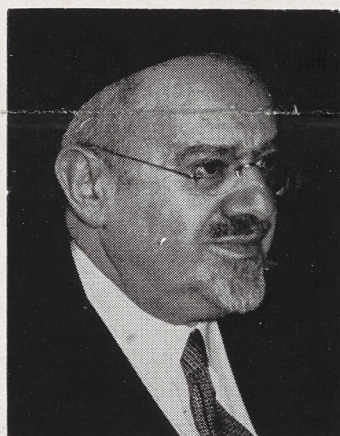
Week of February 1

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50
Minchah5:05

Fri., Feb. 6—ROSH CHODESH

ADAR I6:30, 7:40
Kindle Sabbath Candles Before.....5:01
Minchah5:10

We Mourn Our Loss



Rabbi Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein

World Jewry has lost its pioneering builder of Torah Judaism, our Synagogue has lost its spiritual captain, and the family has lost its revered patriarch. His spirit shall always dwell in our hearts.

Heartfelt condolences to his wife, Mrs. Regina Goldstein, the children, Simeon, Gabriel, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, and Mrs. Shear-Yashuv Cohen, and sister, Mrs. Jack Levine, our Women's League Board member.

Sat., Feb. 7—ROSH CHODESH9:00

Sedrah: Mishpatim
Talmud Classes3:50
Minchah4:50
Torah Reader: Philip Widlanski
Cantor: Philip Bendheim
Sabbath Terminates5:57

Week of February 8

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50
Minchah5:10

Fri., Feb. 13

Kindle Candles Before5:10
Minchah5:15

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NOTES

At the Board meeting on Wednesday evening, January 14, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Stein will be the hosts.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our Teen-Agers will resume their get-togethers following their "finals" on Saturday afternoon, January 31, at 2:30 o'clock.

The Collegiates' monthly Reunion will be held on Friday evening, February 6, at 8:00 o'clock.

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GETTING PERSONAL**By Sanford Solarz**

Our revered member, Mr. Jacob A. Klein, was recently tendered a Kiddush by the Synagogue in honor of his 90th birthday. May he celebrate many more together with his family in our midst.

Among our recent Suedah Shlishis hosts were Messrs. Bruno Bayer, Trustee Jacob Frankel, Benjamin Miller, and Julius Schreiber; Alexander Dimant and Trustee Adolph Meirowitz were Sabbath Kiddush hosts.

Mazel Tov to Trustee and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum upon the forthcoming marriage of their grandson, Stephen Allen, son of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ostrove of Yonkers, to Judith Ann, daughter of Mrs. Frances Herman of Kew Gardens; to Elaine S. Bender and Howard S. Saunders who were married in our Synagogue; to our Advisory Board member, Mr. Henry Blankfort, upon the birth of his great-grandson, Todd Blankfort; to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weisenfeld, upon the birth of Neil Ira to their children, Mr. and Mrs. David Weisenfeld; and to our members, Rabbi and Mrs. Isidor M. Binder, upon the engagement of their grandson, Raymond, son of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Binder, to Sherri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heitner.

Ye columnist's son, Hon. Stephen Solarz, Democrat Assemblyman from Brooklyn, will appear on T.V. Channel 31 (WNYC) as moderator on a series of panel discussions on "The Press and the Politician," on January 25th (8:00 P.M.), 26th (10:00 P.M.), and 30th (7:30 P.M.). He will continue the series on other topics through May.

We were very proud to learn of our young people who have just been awarded New York State Regents Scholarships:—Robert A., son of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Levine (with the highest rating in Manhattan); Lynn Helene Anstendig, granddaughter of Mrs. Sol Anstendig; and Arlene, daughter of our Board of Trustees Secretary and Mrs. William T. Steinlauf. (Did we omit anyone?)

Welcome home from abroad to Trustee Stanley Adler, Trustee Fred Ehrman, Trustee and Mrs. Fred Heiser, and Trustee Martin Romerovski.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES**MEETING AND PUBLIC LECTURE MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

Our members are invited to attend the public lecture on the "Jewish World" series on Monday evening January 19, at 8:15 P.M. Please see item below for the program of the evening. Our business meeting will precede the lecture at 7:30 P.M.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The elections have been postponed for the regular meeting on Monday, February 2, at 8:00 P.M. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, January 19, 8:00 P.M.

**"THE WORLD OF R. SAMSON RAPHAEL HIRSCH —
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Happy Birthday to:*(Jan. 15 - 30)*

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**CHAMISHAH ASAR BE'SHEVAT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

Chamishah Asar Be'Shevat (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 Mishnah refers to this day as Rosh Hashanah Le'Ilanos (New Year for Trees). It is also called Tu (the "teth" and "vav" Hebrew letters total fifteen) Be'Shevat.

Tu Be'Shevat is observed by the eating of fruits products for which the Holy Land is noted, such as dates, figs, olives, pomegranates, grapes, almonds and carob ("bokser"). Tachanun prayers are omitted that day.

Happy Anniversary to the:*(Jan. 15 - 30)*

Bennett Carters, Dr. Simon Dacks, Fred Ehrmans, Ben K. Eisenbergs, Leslie Katzs, Irving Kobrins, Adolph Meirowitzs, Milton Mirkens, Herbert L. Ortner, Harold Pashs, Daniel Richs, Warren L. Schnurs, Elliot Wohls and Harold Wohls.

(Jan. 31 - Feb. 12)

Saul Bergmans, Joseph E. Cohens, Dr. Arthur H. Hechts, Leon Hermans, Harold Kaplans, Stephen Kleins, Moses Mullers, Norman Ostrows, Sigmund Schlesingers, Max Selskys, Harvey Z. Shapiros, Leon Taubers, Nat Trotzky, Max Zahlers.

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on Monday, January 19, at 12:30 P.M. Bring your friends. Coffee and cake will be served.

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OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to Mesdames Sadie Balmuth, Helen Bernath, Anna Langer and Winnie Pack who were the hostesses at our December Board meeting.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 2ND. It is very important that you attend and help formulate plans for our coming CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON.

YOUNG COUPLES ORGANIZED

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Fred Kahn—our member, husband of Mrs. Miriam Kahn, and father of David and Richard.

Abraham Kantrowitz—our member, father of our member, Mrs. Barry Bahr.

William Katz—husband of Mrs. Libby Katz and father of our member, Mrs. Rita Kebart.

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ACT ONE

The curtain opens on the terrace and garden of the house in Nagasaki. Lieutenant Pinkerton of the U.S. Navy has leased through Goro. The house comes equipped with Cio-Cio-San (known throughout the opera as Madame Butterfly) of whom Pinkerton has become enamored. The menage also consists of Suzuki, Butterfly's personal attendant, and two other servants.

The American consul, Sharpless, arrives. While imbibing a whiskey and soda, Pinkerton lightheartedly explains to the consul that his lease on the house and his marriage to Butterfly are both just a matter of convenience until some day he takes an American wife. Sharpless remonstrates with him against such callousness.

Approaching from the distance are heard the voices of Butterfly and her entourage. The opening notes of the haunting melody of the "entrance music" were later borrowed for the principal theme in the motion picture, "One Night of Love." Butterfly relates her family background to Pinkerton, but is soon interrupted by her noisy relatives. In a moment aside with Pinkerton, Butterfly tells him that she will gladly embrace his faith, and shortly thereafter, the Imperial High Commissioner performs the wedding ceremony.

They have barely been joined in wedlock, when Butterfly's uncle, the Bonze, appears angrily and curses her for having renounced the faith of her father. Butterfly bursts into tears and Pinkerton

with indignation orders the Bonze and all the relatives from his house. He dries Butterfly's tears, and after changing into a pure white kimono with the help of Suzuki, she joins Pinkerton in the garden. Their voices blend in one of the most beautiful melodies ever to flow from the pen of the Italian master of melody.

ACT TWO

Act two takes place in Butterfly's house three years later. Pinkerton has long since left her and has not kept his promise to return "when the robins nest." The ever faithful Suzuki pleads with her mistress, who has been left in dire circumstances to remarry; but Butterfly, her faith unshaken, insists that one fine day he will return, in the opera's most famous aria, "Un bel di."

Sharpless enters, bringing a letter from Pinkerton, but is interrupted by Goro arriving with the latest of the suitors he has rounded up as soon as he decided Butterfly was deserted. Butterfly angrily dismisses both the suitor, Prince Yamadori and Goro. Sharpless returns to the letter, dropping careful hints that Pinkerton may never return; but Butterfly refusing to be moved in her faith, brings forth her child and insists that as soon as her husband knows of his son, he will hurry back.

Sharpless leaves sadly without the heart to convince Butterfly of what he knows as a certainty. A cannon is heard in the harbor and through a telescope she sees Pinkerton's ship coming into the harbor. With the help of Suzuki she

strews the house with flowers and, donning her bridal gown, she takes up her night long vigil, together with Suzuki and her son, at the sliding doors, to ethereal humming melody of what has popularly come to be known as the "waiting music."

ACT THREE

The scene is the same. The time is now the following morning. Suzuki urges Butterfly, who has stood vigil all night, to retire for some rest. Shortly after she leaves the room with the child, Sharpless comes in, escorting Pinkerton and his American wife. They have come for the child. Suzuki is choked with sobs when she realizes the truth, but consents to break the news to her mistress. Pinkerton, with a show of emotion, sings a sad "Adio" to his Japanese wife.

Almost immediately Butterfly, who has heard sounds, enters the room and the sight of the American woman, Kate, reveals everything to her. She agrees to part with the child if his father will return in a half hour. She dismisses Suzuki and produces the dagger with which she is to take her life. As the dagger is poised, Suzuki pushes the child into the room. Butterfly bids him a sad farewell and sends him out to the garden. Then, with nothing left to live for, she stabs herself as Pinkerton's voice is heard from afar.

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