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WSIS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 21 —
11:15 A.M.

AGENDA

- * Election of Trustees
- * Report of Finance Committee
- * Such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Refreshments

CHAMISHAH ASAR B'SHEVAT THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Chamishah Asar B'Shevah (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 L'Ilanos (New Year for Trees.) It is also called Tu (the *teth* and *vav* Hebrew letters total fifteen) B'Shevah.

Chamishah Asar B'Shevah is observed by the eating of fruit products for which the Holy Land is noted, such as dates, figs, olives, pomegranates, grapes, almonds and carob ("bokser"). We partake of one of these fruits, which we have not as yet eaten during the year, for the purpose of making the blessing of "Shehechiyanu."

In ancient time, Tu B'Shevah was celebrated by festive planting of saplings — a cedar planted for each boy born that year and cypress for each girl. When the children were married, branches of the trees were used as poles for the *Chupah* (canopy). The custom of tree planting has now been revived in modern Israel and is joyously observed.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NOTES

The Board Meeting on Wednesday evening, February 7th, will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rudnick.

CARMEN

WSIS OPERA BENEFIT ON MARCH 3

NEW YORK CITY OPERA AT LINCOLN CENTER

There are only eight weeks left and 1,500 seats still unsold before the WSIS Benefit Performance of Bizet's CARMEN by the New York City Opera at Lincoln Center on March 3rd.

CARMEN as presented by the New York City Opera, "is not to be missed and the best production New York has seen in more than a couple of decades," writes Winthrop Sargent of the New Yorker magazine. With such reviews, the WSIS should have a sold out house. Prices as listed are within the range that everyone can afford:

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FIRST RING —		A & B	\$11
A & D	\$35	AA & B (Side)	\$ 8
E to F	\$30	C to E	\$ 8
AA & B (Side)	\$20, \$15	F to K	\$6.50
SECOND RING —		L to O	\$5.50
A to E	\$18.50	FIFTH RING —	
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Call your friends and let them know of this cultural event. The Synagogue office is available for any mailing or they will send tickets for you to your business associates.

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CARMEN ACCLAIMED BY CRITICS

"Marvelous moments brighten the New York City Opera's production of Bizet's wonderful CARMEN."

Roger Wetherington
DAILY NEWS

"Bizet in many parts of CARMEN has surpassed the old masters. CARMEN had to be written. No one else could have done it and the world would obviously have been incomplete without it."

Ernest Neuman
LONDON SUNDAY TIMES

"This CARMEN generated tremendous vitality".

Harriett Johnson
NEW YORK POST

"I must admit that I had a better time at the City Opera's CARMEN than I have ever had before."

Alan Rich
New York Magazine

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WSIS PRAYER SCHEDULE

<i>Fri., Jan. 12—Candles by</i>	4:32
Minchah	4:40
<i>Sat., Jan. 13—Sedrah: Bo</i>	9:00
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Sanhedrin Class (in English)	3:25
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Kesubos Class (in Yiddish)	3:25
Minchah	4:25
Seudah Shlishis	
Sabbath Terminates	5:30
<i>Week of January 14</i>	
Sunday Morning	7:30, 8:30
Rabbi Pekier's Class	9:00
Daily Mornings	6:45, 7:50
Thurs.—TU BESHEVAT	
Minchah—Followed by Exposition of Halachos by	
Rabbi Reichel	4:45
<i>Fri., Jan. 19—Candles by</i>	4:39
Minchah	4:50
<i>Sat., Jan. 20—Beshalach</i>	9:00
Talmud Classes	3:35
Minchah	4:35
Sabbath Terminates	5:38
<i>Week of Jan. 21—Minchah</i>	4:50
<i>Fri., Jan. 26—Candles by</i>	4:47
Minchah	4:55
<i>Sat., Jan. 27—Sedrah: Yisro</i>	9:00
Blessing of New Chodesh	
Talmud Classes	3:40
Minchah	4:40
Seudah Shlishis	
In Honor of Trustee	
Murray Rosenberg	
Sabbath Terminates	5:46
<i>Week of Jan. 28—Minchah</i>	5:00
<i>Fri., Feb. 2—ROSH CHODESH</i>	
ADAR I	6:30, 7:40
Kindle Candles Before	4:56
Minchah	5:05
<i>Sat., Feb. 3—ROSH CHODESH</i>	
ADAR I	9:00
Sedrah: Mishpatim	
Talmud Classes	3:50
Minchah	4:50
Sabbath Terminates	5:53
<i>Week of Feb. 4—Minchah</i>	5:10
<i>Friday, Feb. 9—Candles by</i>	5:05
Minchah	5:15
<i>Sat., Feb. 10—Sedrah: Terumah</i>	9:00
Talmud Classes	3:55
Minchah	4:55
Sabbath Terminates	6:01

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MEN'S CLUB NOTES**MEN'S CLUB SABBATH SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

Bruno Bayer
Cantor for Psukay Dezimrah



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Cantor for Shachris



Jacob Goldberg
Cantor for Maariv

Eli Perlo will be Cantor for Musaf; Samuel Gursky will chant the Haftorah; and Jacob Frankel will speak at the Seudah Shlishis. Gerard Benjamin is Chairman.

The Men's Club will host the Sabbath morning Kiddush and the Seudah Shlishis.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Members of the Men's Club are urged to attend the Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, January 21st, at 10:00 o'clock. The election and installation of officers will be held.

Young Couples

Our new Young Couples group is planning an exciting series of social and cultural programs. Our readers who know of young couples in our community are asked to send their names and addresses to Rabbi Reichel as soon as possible.

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ANNUAL DINNER JANUARY 14**

Our neighboring Manhattan Day School (Yeshiva Ohr Torah) which has recently moved into its new quarters at 310 West 75th Street, will hold its twenty-ninth annual Dinner on Sunday evening, January 14th, at The Plaza. This is the major fund-raising function sponsored by the Yeshiva, which has an enrollment of over three hundred students, for the benefit of its scholarship fund. Reservations can be made and information obtained by calling the school at 595-6800. No appeal at the Dinner.

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My heartfelt Mazel Tov to the recipients of the Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein Gold Medal, which they are receiving for their long time devotion and continued assistance to the West Side Institutional Synagogue. May they and their families go from strength to strength for their good deeds which are a beacon light for all of us.

Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

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REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

DONOR LUNCHEON TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27

The DONOR LUNCHEON will be held on TUESDAY, March 27th at the Hotel Brewster, on West 86th Street. Our dear Martha has kindly consented to be our Guest of Honor. Make it a "must" to attend and make it a "must" to bring a guest. Chairman Lillian Ettlinger, her Co-Chairmen Ida Shlansky and Ceil Siegel, and their Committee are working hard to make this Donor Luncheon the best ever.

Guest of Honor



Mrs. William Horwitz

OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an *Open Meeting* on Monday, January 29th at 12:30 P.M. WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO INVEST YOUR MONEY? Come to this meeting to hear some good advice on investing your money from an authority in the field along with a most interesting film. There will be time for questions. Coffee and cake will be served.

BOARD MEETING TO BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

ROSE SCHWAGER will be the hostess for the Board Meeting on Monday, February 12th at 12:30 P.M., in honor of her 75th Birthday. We offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes to her on this *simcha*. All Board members are invited to come and congratulate her personally.

Many thanks to Mmes. Simon Rivkin, Isidore Stoll and Rose Sussman for hosting the Board Luncheon on January 8th.

A SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY

by Dr. Moses Auerbach
(10)

Period of the Spanish and Franco-German Spiritual Centers (Through 1492 C.E.)

Rabbi Gershom (died 1040): While under the happier skies of Spain Samuel HaNagid became the pride of his people, Rabbeinu Gershom *Meor Hagolah* (beacon light of the exile) was the support and comforter of his persecuted brethren on the Rhine, and pathfinder for his disciples on the trails of the Talmud. The academies of northern France and Germany were filled with thousands of scholars and students. "As the sun sank in far-away Babylonia, it shone forth in the West..."

Rashi: At the time when Pumbeditha, capital of Jewish culture, was sinking, R. Solomon ben Isaac, *RASHI* (1040-1105) was born in Champagne. He became THE commentator of Torah and Talmud for all time and for every land. His masterly pedagogic art blended with his genial keen-mindedness and his intuitive understanding. The generations which followed were entirely under his influence. His commentaries were the foundation for the investigations of the Talmudic commentators, the *Baale Tosefot*. In their critical remarks they illuminated the words of the master, examined the relations between various portions of the Talmud, and clarified arguments by citing the results of Talmudic discussions of Halachah.

The influence of Spanish scholars, however, became more and more evident. This fact reveals how little the fearful experiences of the Crusades were reflected in the great spiritual works of

the time. Occasional mention is made of these inhuman persecutions and of the general wretchedness, but very little is said about actual conditions. The Jewish heroes of the spirit knew how to rise above their physical fate by devotion to G-d and by zealous study.

The German Jews of the Middle Ages, tormented by narrow-minded, ignorant princes and peoples, knew how to suffer and how to bear all pain without allowing it to wreck their souls. They turned mournfully and beseechingly toward their G-d, with the most touching of prayers. Misery twice as great as that which they had suffered could not tear them from their faith. Thousands of them fell under the hands of their murderers because they would not lie even with their lips. They were witnesses of G-d's sovereignty, as they proclaimed innumerable times on the scaffold. They were proof in those dark ages that the spirit is stronger than physical force.

That the Jewish people continued to exist in Christian Europe at a time when they were banished from entire countries and driven from city to city even in the lands where they were tolerated; that, hated and ridiculed, killed by the thousands and maltreated and exploited everywhere, they lived steadfast in their faith in one G-d, surviving their oppressors — this is one of the greatest miracles in world history. Ashkenazic Jewry of today owes its existence to this heroic devotion.

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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:

Philip Behrens—a friend.

Frances De Jur—wife of Mr. Ralph De Jur.

Samuel Greenman—brother of our Women's League Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. Leopold Hirsch.

Dr. Rose Kimmel—wife of Dr. Harry Kimmel and niece of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Levi I. Wechsler.

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Lillie Rosenthal—sister of our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Harry Altman.

Morris G. Shapiro—our member, husband of Mrs. Tillie Shapiro, and brother of our member, Mr. Benjamin Shapiro.

Rachel Winograd—our Women's League member, mother of Mrs. Arthur Low.

GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to David Heiser, son of our Trustee Freddy Heiser, and to Joel Wachs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wachs, upon passing the Bar.

Welcome home from abroad to Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Miss Frances Kregel, Trustee Martin Romerovski, A. Sonnenschein.

Mr. Martin Meadows was again a Seudah Shlishis host.

Among the recent Homes for Children in Israel donors were Gerard Benjamin and Jenny Salomon.

Our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Gottlieb, presently residing in Florida, upon their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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MAZAL TOV

Births:

David Menachem, son of Rabbi & Mrs. Mervyn Frankel and grandson of our Men's Club President and Trustee, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frankel.

Jennifer Dawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Weinstein and granddaughter of our Trustee and Mrs. Louis Weinstein.

JenniferLynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Mostel, granddaughter of our members Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Max Solotar, our Women's League member.

Marriages:

Jonathan, son of Mrs. William B. Herlands and the late Judge Herlands, to Rachel Elka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Neumark and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kramer.

Bruce David, son of our Trustee and Mrs. Saul Linzer, to Susan Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Hilf.

Estelle, daughter of Mrs. Rose Pruzansky, to Severin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hochberg — in our Synagogue.

Bar Mitzvah:

Daniel Abraham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Michael and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Freeman, our members.

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Heartiest congratulations to our members, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Smigel, and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Shvets, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Robert, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue on Saturday, January 13th. Dr. and Mrs. Smigel will tender a Kiddush for the entire congregation following the morning services.

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