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WSIS OPERA BENEFIT

LA BOHEME

Saturday Nite, March 2

**NEW YORK CITY OPERA
AT LINCOLN CENTER**

If someone who had never heard an opera were seeking one to taste as a sample, there could hardly be a better choice than LA BOHEME. Unlike the many operas with "the eternal triangle" as a central theme, this is a simple love story with a tuneful score, neither of which presents a challenge to the uninitiated. The score is a continuous flow of melody of the kind that is hard to keep from whistling. Leoncavallo also wrote a BOHEME, but he is remembered almost entirely for his Pagliacci, whereas Puccini's BOHEME remains one of the all-time favorites. It proves that you don't have to be Italian to enjoy Italian Opera.

Only by your efforts in the sale of tickets will this benefit performance of La BOHEME on March 2nd be a success. We suggest you contact your friends early and inform them that choice seats are now available. Please fill out the order blank or call the Synagogue office TR 7-7652 to reserve your tickets (see page 4).

Opera tickets make wonderful Chanukah gifts.

FIRST CHANUKAH CANDLE WEDNESDAY EVE., DEC. 19

Chanukah commemorates one of the major turning points in Jewish history. In the year 168 B.C.E., the Syrian Emperor Antiochus Epiphanus launched a campaign of Religious persecution against the Jews. His soldiers desecrated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. For three years Judah the Maccabee led a valiant army of loyal followers against the mighty Syrian legions. After routing the enemy hordes, they rededicated the Holy Temple and reestablished the traditional worship. This consecration was celebrated for eight days. To this day we kindle Chanukah lamps to celebrate not only the events of the hoary past but also as a symbol of the Almighty's mighty deeds throughout the ages.

The first candle is placed at the extreme right of the Menorah. Each night following, an additional candle is placed to the left of the previous one. However, the order of lighting the candles is from left to right — so that the added candle is kindled first.

On Friday (the candles should last over an hour, such as the large Sabbath candles) we light the Chanukah candles before the Sabbath candles; on Saturday night the Chanukah candles are kindled at home after Havdalah is made.

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Last Call for Reservations

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CONGREGATIONAL GALA DINNER SUNDAY NIGHT, DEC. 9

BLACK TIE

SMORGASBORD 5:30

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Dr. Arnold Beller

Harry Denberg

Julius Falkenstein

Abraham Perchick

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**Public Lecture Sunday, Dec. 16
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Refreshments

This series sponsored by the
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WSIS Prayer Schedule

Week of December 9

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class9:00
 Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50
 Minchah—followed by Exposition
 of Halachos by
 Rabbi Reichel4:20

Fri., Dec. 14—Candles by4:11
 Minchah4:20

Sat., Dec. 15—Sedrah: Vayeshev

Sedrah with Rabbi Reichel8:30
 Morning Services9:00
 Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Sanhedrin
 Class (in English)3:05
 Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Shevuose
 Class (in Yiddish)3:05
 Minchah4:05
 Seudah Shlishis
 Sabbath Terminates5:10

Week of December 16

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30
 Mon. thru Wed. Morns6:45, 7:50
 Thurs.—CHANUKAH I6:45, 7:50
 Minchah Daily4:20

Fri., Dec. 21—Morn6:45, 7:50
 Kindle Sabbath Candles following
 Chanukah Candles by4:14
 Minchah4:20

Sat., Dec. 22—Sedrah: Miketz

Sedrah Class—8:30 Service—9:00
 BLESSING OF NEW CHODESH
 Talmud Classes3:05
 Minchah4:05
 Sabbath Terminates5:12

Week of December 23

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30
 Monday Morning6:45, 7:50
 Tues.—ROSH CHODESH
 TEVES7:15, 8:15
 Wed.—ROSH CHODESH6:30, 7:40
 Thurs.—CHANUKAH VIII6:45, 7:50
 Minchah Daily4:25

Fri., Dec. 28—Morning6:45, 7:50
 Kindle Candles Before4:18
 Minchah4:25

Sat., Dec. 29—Sedrah: Vayigash

Sedrah Class—8:30 Services—9:00
 Talmud Classes3:10
 Minchah4:10
 Sabbath Terminates5:17

Week of December 30

Sun. & Tues. Morns.7:30, 8:30
 Mornings Daily6:45, 7:50
 Minchah4:30

Fri., Jan. 4—Asarah Beteves

Morn. Services & Selichos6:30, 7:40
 Minchah (Vayechal)4:15
 Kindle Candles Before4:24

Sat., Jan. 5—Sedrah: Vayeichi

Sedrah Class—8:30 Services—9:00
 Talmud Classes3:15
 Minchah4:15
 Sabbath Terminates5:22

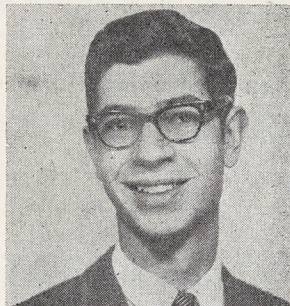
Week of Jan. 6—Daily Minchah4:35

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Members of the Men's Club are urged to attend the monthly Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, December 16th, at 10:00 o'clock. Election of officers will be held. Following the meeting all are invited to the Public Lecture (see page one for details).

Youth Sabbath Jan. 4-5



Aaron I. Reichel
Speaker

All our members and friends are invited to attend our annual Youth Sabbath beginning Friday evening, January 4th.

On Saturday morning, the sermon will be delivered by Aaron I. Reichel, a senior rabbinical student at Yeshiva University and an evening student at Fordham University Law School. Aaron was recently elected national President of YAVNEH, the religious Jewish students association.

Chanukah Notes (Cont'd)

Benedictions over the Candles

Baruch atah ado . . . elokenu melech haolom asher kidshanu bemitzvosav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Baruch atah ado . . . elokenu melech haolom sheassah nisim laavoseinu bayamim hamah bazeman hazeh.

This blessing is recited only at the first kindling:

Baruch atah ado . . . elokenu melech haolom shehecheyanu vekiyemanu vehiguanu lazeman hazeh.

ASARAH BETEVES FAST FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

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.

A TIMELY NOTICE

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Cantor of Musaf

Friday evening the Cantor will be David Kahn. Saturday morning, Shelly Schneider will commence the services with Pesukei Dezimrah, Philip Bendheim will be Cantor for Shacharis, and Michael Widlanski will be Cantor for Musaf. The Torah readers will be: Alan Dimant, Hillel M. Reichel, Steven Tiefenbrunn, Philip Widlanski, and Theodore Widlanski. Serving as Gabbaim: Hillel M. Reichel and Shelly Schneider.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NOTES

Members of the League are asked to make reservations early for the Chanukah Supper on Wednesday evening, December 19th. For further details, please contact Mrs. Samuel Gursky at SC 4-1854.

The hosts at the Board meeting on January 9th will be Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Stein.

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OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

You and your friends and new members are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on Monday, December 17th at 12:30 P.M. We will have the pleasure of listening to MRS. MAURICE (SALLY) GOODGOLD who is associated with the Jewish Museum and is a Vice President of our Mr. & Mrs. League. Her talk will be on a timely topic connected with the coming holiday of Chanukah. Coffee and cake will be served. Bring your friends!!!!

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BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Mesdames Ruth Braff, Sylvia Foont and Lenore Friedman cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a LUNCHEON to be followed by a MEETING on Monday, January 7th at 12:30 P.M. Please make every effort to attend as discussion on our DONOR LUNCHEON will take place.

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MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS

Our thanks to the Co-Chairmen Maly Steinlauf and Lucy Gold for a lovely luncheon and a most successful afternoon. To Jeannette Jacobs and her assistant Mildred Rivkin who arranged that most enjoyable fashion show, we also express our sincere thanks. To the active committee, to the hostesses, to the gift donors, and to the "mannekins" who modeled the dresses, we send an orchid to each of you. We welcome our new members and hope they will be active in our Women's League.

WSIS BAZAAR NOTES

The success of our annual Bazaar is the result of the devoted labors of our Men's Club and Mr. & Mrs. League, the co-sponsors as well as of our generous donors and participants. Bouquets to the Co-Chairmen of the Bazaar Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gursky and Fred Heiser, and to the following who helped in so many ways:

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Best wishes to our member, Mr. Herbert Tumpowsky, in his new home in Florida.

Among our recent Seudah Shlishis hosts were Trustee Jacob Goldberg, Morris Kantor, Eli Perlo, Samuel Schwarzman, and Synagogue Secretary William T. Steinlauf.

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Mazal Tov

Marriages

Robert, son of our Synagogue Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Spira, to Naomi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nutkis. The *aufruf* will be held in our Synagogue on Saturday morning, December 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Spira will tender a *kiddush* to the congregation following services.

Lynne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anstendig and granddaughter of our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Sylvia Anstendig, to Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gordon.

Noemi, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Goldner, to Abraham Colton of Montreal.

Roy Stern, our member, son of Mrs. Gustav Stern, to Judi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riskin.

Brenda Schwartz to Abraham Flechner — in our Synagogue.

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(Jan. 1-14)

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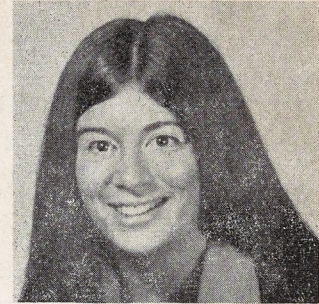
(Jan. 1-14)

Ben Glazers, Arthur B. Gottliebs, Herman B. Gross', Jack Heymans, Louis Landownes, Ira Tumpowskys.

MANHATTAN DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER JANUARY 13

Our neighboring Manhattan Day School (Yeshiva Ohr Torah) which has recently moved into its modern quarters at 310 West 75th Street, will hold its annual Dinner on Sunday evening, January 13th, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Louise Eskenazi

Heartiest congratulations to our Trustee and Mrs. Jules Cohen upon the engagement of their son Alan J., to Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Eskenazi of Franklin Square, Long Island.

The bride-to-be graduated Queens College *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor Society). She also earned her Master's in Education at Queens College. She presently teaches in Freeport. The groom-to-be is a Trustee of our Synagogue and Secretary of our Men's Club. He is a Security Analyst at DuPont, Walston, Inc.

YOUNG COUPLES GET-TOGETHER WEDNESDAY EVE., JANUARY 9

Our Young Couples and their friends are cordially invited to attend a social evening on Wednesday January 9th at 8:15 o'clock in the Lounge. The guest speaker will be Mr. Lawrence Kobrin, a prominent attorney who is deeply involved in Jewish affairs, both here and in the Holy Land. His topic is "The Impact of Israel on the Jewish Establishment in America."

Please notify our office if you know of young couples residing in our community.

VISIT ISRAEL

The Rabbinical Council of America Torah Convocation Department is sponsoring a Loyalty Pilgrimage to Israel in mid-January. Our congregants have the opportunity to participate as delegates. For further information contact our office.

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