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ISRAELI CONSUL LEVIN GUEST SPEAKER SATURDAY MORN., FEB. 16

Hon. Sholomo Levin, Consul of Israel in New York, will address our congregation on Saturday morning, February 16th.

Consul Levin, a native of Jerusalem, served in the War of Independence. He represented the Israeli Government on educational missions in Algeria and England, and held important educational positions in South Africa for twelve years. He is the author of Hebrew text books and articles in various educational journals.

PURIM NOTES

Parshas Shekolim

Saturday, February 23rd marks the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover festival. This day is known as Shabbos Shekolim and falls on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar or on Rosh Chodesh proper as this year.

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. The special Torah reading, "Parshah," 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 XXX:11-16).

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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.

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Patricia Brooks will sing the lead role of Mimi in our Benefit Performance of LA BOHEME by the New York City Opera on Saturday night, March 2nd. Miss Brooks appeared in our Opera Benefit two years ago in La Traviata. At that time Winthrop Sargent wrote in the *New Yorker* "she was the greatest Violetta I have ever heard." And Harold Schonberg of the *New York Times* called her "one of the best sopranos around" and "a free floating voice tempered by expressive restraint and buoyed by un-failing musical sensitivity."

Others in this star-studded cast include Carol Bayard as Musetta. She also appeared in our Benefit of Manon. She has won critical acclaim by all the music critics for her spirited singing of Musetta.

Luciano Rampaso will sing the role of Rudolfo. He was immediately signed to a contract by the New York City Opera after a great performance in the Juilliard American Opera Center's production of La Boheme. He has also sung extensively in his native Italy.

Thomas Jamerson will sing Marcello. A former Metropolitan Opera audition winner, he is now a successful opera singer.

Richard T. Gill will sing Colline, a role that received special mention from the music critics.

Robert Paul who was a great Tevya



Patricia Brooks

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in Fiddler on the Roof, will sing Schanard.

Lloyd Evans has designed a beautiful set. Giuseppe Morelli will conduct this performance.

Please do not delay in ordering your tickets. The Synagogue needs your support. All tickets must be sold. This year we cannot return unsold tickets to the Opera Box Office. Unsold tickets mean a total loss to the W.S.I.S.

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WSIS Prayer Schedule

Week of February 10

Sunday Morning	7:30, 8:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	9:00
Daily Mornings	*6:45, 7:50
Minchah — Followed by Exposition of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel	6:15

Friday, February 15

Kindle Candles Before	6:12
Minchah	6:15

Sat., Feb. 16 — Sedrah: Mishpatim Blessings for the New Chodesh

Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class	8:30
Morning Services	9:00
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Sanhedrin Class (in English)	5:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Kesubos Class (in Yiddish)	5:00
Minchah	6:00
Seudah Shlishis	
Sabbath Terminates	7:08

Week of February 17

Sunday Morning	7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings	*6:45, 7:50
Minchah	6:20

Fri., Feb. 22 — Rosh Chodesh Adar

Morning Services	*6:35, 7:40
Kindle Candles Before	6:20
Minchah	6:20

Sat., Feb. 23 — Sedrah: Terumah

Sedrah Class 8:30 Service 9:00	
Rosh Chodesh — Parshas Shekolim Talmud Classes	5:05
Minchah	6:05
Sabbath Terminates	7:16

Week of February 24

Sunday Morning	7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings	6:45, 7:50
Minchah	6:30

Fri., March 1 — Candles by

Minchah	6:30
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Sat., March 2 — Sedrah: Tezaveh

Parshas Zachor Sedrah Class 8:30 Service 9:00	
Talmud Classes	5:15
Minchah	6:15
Sabbath Terminates	7:24

Week of March 3

Sunday Morning	7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings	6:45, 7:50
Minchah	6:40

Thurs., March 7 — TAANIS ESTHER

Morning Services & Selichos	6:30, 7:40
Minchah (Vayechal)	6:25
MEGILLAH following Maariv	

* With the advent of Daylight Savings Time, the Mishnah class will be conducted before the services at the first minyan for several weeks.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

BREAKFAST MEETING ON SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 24

All members of the Men's Club as well as prospective members are invited to the opening Breakfast Meeting of the season on Sunday morning, February 24th, at 10:00 o'clock.

A SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY

by Dr. Moses Auerbach
(15)

The Jews in Germany — Mendelssohn (18th Century)

For the Jews of Germany, the 18th century served as a time of transition to the modern period. The dynamism of the teachings of Torah was no less intense than it had once been in Babylonia and Spain, nor was there a dearth of spiritual leaders. Unfortunately, a series of unhappy conflicts arose among a number of leading personalities such as those between R. Jonathan Eibenschutz and R. Jacob Emden. These in combination with other social upheavals led to the "era of enlightenment." However, the new star on the horizon who was recognized as their guide to world culture, lacked the historical dedication to Torah. Not a Saadya and not a Moses ben Maimon, but a Moses Mendelssohn (d. 1786) was the pioneer of adapting Judaism to the culture of the time, or, more correctly, adapting the culture of the time to Judaism. His German translation of the Bible, lacking a strong comprehension of Jewish tradition, greatly distressed the rabbinical circles. They feared that this translation would serve to lead Jewish readers into the realm of German literature rather than spread knowledge of the Torah. The entry of German Jews into the realm of world culture thus lacked proper guidance. Undoubtedly the noblest motives reigned in the heart of Mendelssohn. Much is due him for his successful efforts to improve his brethren's social and political position. But it was his sad fate and that of Judaism as a whole that against his will he was given the role of a leader, for which he was not qualified. Too often his disciples achieved entrance into world culture by sacrificing their Judaism.

Fri., March 8 — PURIM

Morning MEGILLAH	6:15, 7:20
Kindle Candles Before	6:37
Minchah	6:30

Sat., March 9 — Sedrah: Ki Sisa

Sedrah Class 8:30 Service 9:00	
Talmud Classes	5:20
Minchah	6:20
Sabbath Terminates	7:32

Week of March 10 — Minchah

Mr. & Mrs. League News

The hosts at the Board meeting on Wednesday, February 13th, will be Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Benjamin. One half hour before the meeting, at 8:00 P.M., Rabbi Reichel will lead in a discussion on gems in the current Sidrah.

Purim Notes (Cont'd)

Reading of Megillah Thursday Night, March 7 and Friday Morning, March 8

Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of Persia from extermination by the plot of Haman, Prime Minister of King Ahasuerus of Persia, 2,447 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.

Fast of Esther Thursday, March 7

The day before Purim is observed as a minor fast day in commemoration of the fasting of the Jews before their deliverance.

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.

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

Children Welcome

Our parents are urged to come with their children to the Purim services on Thursday night at 7:10 and on Friday morning. The children will receive the traditional greggers and hamantashan with the compliments of our Women's League.

On Purim day we are obligated to partake of a festive meal, usually before sundown. Because Purim day falls on Friday this year, and preparations for the Sabbath should not be interrupted, this "Seudah" or festive meal should be advanced to the morning meal.

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

HELPING HANDS

The Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel is distributing useful gift parcels to wounded Israeli soldiers. If you have access to such items as *tefilin*, batteries, shampoo in plastic containers, lip salve, flashlights, utility pen knives, nail clippers, etc., please contact the Synagogue.

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Mesdames Jen Cohen, Bess Schoenfeld, and Pauline Sterkin were the hostesses to the Executive Board at a LUNCHEON on Monday afternoon, February 4th.

CONDOLENCES

We sorrowfully record the passing of the following of our Congregational Family and extend our sympathy to their dear ones:

Sophia Florence Binderman — mother of Mrs. Ned Kirsh, our Women's League member.

Barnett Esh — our member.

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We are proud to note that New York State Regents Scholarships were awarded to: Joel Charap, an alumnus of our Hebrew School; Chenie, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Moishe C. Pekier; and Susan Steinmetz, granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Schneider. (Have we missed any names?)

Congratulations to Mrs. David Heiser, daughter-in-law of our Trustee Freddy Heiser, upon passing the Bar, following in the footsteps of her husband.

Bruno Bayer, Trustee Gabriel F. Goldstein, Simeon H. F. Goldstein, Mrs. O. Asher Reichel, and Julius Schreiber were recent Seudah Shlishis hosts.

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Births of:

Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bronner, in Israel, granddaughter of our Rabbi and Mrs. O. Asher Reichel and Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Bronner, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Hannah Brachfeld, Mrs. Frimet Dorfler, and Mrs. Lena Reichel, our Women's League member.

Nissan, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Mayer Portnoy and grandson of Rabbi and Mrs. Moishe C. Pekier and Rabbi and Mrs. Israel Portnoy.

Emily Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Malech and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jacobs.

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