

# West Side Institutional Review

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## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT OUR GUESTS OF HONOR

**JEWISH WEEK — Dec. 11, 1979:**

The Golden Anniversary of community leaders Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen will be celebrated at a festive Kiddush on Saturday, December 22nd, at the West Side Institutional Synagogue.

A long time trustee of the Synagogue, Cohen is chairman of the UJA-Federation Campaign held there, as well as drives held on behalf of Israel Bonds...

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**JEWISH PRESS — Dec. 21, 1979:**

... Mr. Herman H. Cohen, a noted accountant and lawyer, has been at the helm of virtually every congregational event over the years as well as one of the leading communal leaders in Orthodox and philanthropic institutions throughout the world. Mrs. Cohen, who is a gifted musician, is a Board member of the Women's League. The couple will also be the guests of honor at the Synagogue's annual dinner, scheduled for February 24, at the Essex House.

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**NEW YORK TIMES — Dec. 24, 1979**

## Notes on People

### Golden Arias

**Herman H. Cohen**, a certified public accountant in Manhattan, has been attending the opera for 66 years, so when it came time to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, **Goldie**, an equally avid opera fan, it seemed to him only natural that he arrange a special performance by the Amato Opera Company on the Bowery of "Die Fledermaus." Accordingly, the Johann Strauss work was staged the other day for a theater full of the couple's friends and family members.

The real surprise, not only for Mrs. Cohen but for the rest of the house, came during the ballroom scene in the second act. Borrowing a page or two from a later Viennese opera, Richard Strauss's "Der Rosenkavalier," a "messenger" appeared with a jewelry box that he presented to Mrs. Cohen in her seat. In the box was a rose. Both items were replicas of stage props that Mr. Cohen had ordered made after researching the Metropolitan Opera's archives.

One thing was different: instead of a silver rose like the one in "Der Rosenkavalier," Mrs. Cohen's rose was of gold.

## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER HONORING GOLDIE & HERMAN COHEN "COUPLE OF THE YEAR"

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Harry J. Denberg  
Dinner Chairman



Alexander Dimant  
Journal Chairman

### WHO'S WHO IN WORLD JEWRY - 1978

**COHEN, Herman Howard**, U.S. Accountant, attorney. Born N.Y.C., Jan. 5, 1903. Parents Samuel and Anna (Kowalski). B.C.S., N.Y.U., 1923, M.C.S. 1924, B.S. 1927, J.D., 1930. Married Goldie Blum, Dec. 21, 1929; daughter Susan Morgan. Senior partner Cohen & Feld since 1924; staff accountant Samuel Heller, 1920-22; senior accountant Frenkel & Brown, 1922-24. Vice-president Harlyn Foundation; Treasurer Colony of Hope; member Presidium National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education, Treasurer Emet Rabbi Herzog World Academy. Division Chairman: U.J.A., Israel Bonds. Mayor's Committee N.Y. Shakespeare Festival. Director: New York State Society CPA's, West Side Institutional Synagogue, Manhattan Day School, Riverside School, Amato Opera Theatre, Vascular Research Foundation. Member: American Institute of CPA's, Niagara Society, Grand Street Boys. Consulting editor Research Institute of America. Author: Legal Tax Savings Methods, 1936; Guide to Tax Economy, 1937. Contributor to professional journals. Hobby, music. Home: 12 West 72nd St. Office: 565 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

### SPECIAL DINNER MEETING THURSDAY, JAN. 31, 6 P.M.

ALL OUR MEMBERS AND CONGREGANTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A SUPPER MEETING ON THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 31, AT 6:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR OUR FORTHCOMING DINNER AND JOURNAL IN HONOR OF GOLDIE & HERMAN COHEN. KINDLY ADVISE THE OFFICE THAT YOU WILL ATTEND THE MEETING: 877-7652. IT'S IMPORTANT.

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**PRAYER SCHEDULE**

|                                                                     |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Fri., Feb. 8—Candles by .....                                       | 5:04       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:10       |
| Sat., Feb. 9—Sedrah: <i>Yisro</i>                                   |            |
| Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class. ....                                  | 8:30       |
| Morning Service .....                                               | 9:00       |
| Rabbi Reichel's Talmud <i>Pesachim</i>                              |            |
| Class (in English) .....                                            | 4:00       |
| Rabbi Pekier's Talmud <i>Baba Basra</i>                             |            |
| Class (in Yiddish) .....                                            | 4:00       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:00       |
| Seudah Shlishis                                                     |            |
| Sabbath Ends .....                                                  | 6:00       |
| Week of Feb. 10                                                     |            |
| Sunday Morning .....                                                | 8:30       |
| Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class. ....                                   | 9:00       |
| Daily Mornings .....                                                | 6:45, 7:50 |
| Minchah—Followed by Exposition<br>of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel .... | 5:15       |
| Fri., Feb. 15—Candles by .....                                      | 5:12       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:20       |
| Sat., Feb. 16—Sedrah: <i>Mishpatim</i>                              |            |
| Sedrah Class. .... 8:30 / Service. ....                             | 9:00       |
| <b>BLESSING OF NEW CHODESH<br/>PARSHAS SHEKOLIM</b>                 |            |
| Talmud Classes .....                                                | 4:05       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:05       |
| Sabbath Ends .....                                                  | 6:08       |
| Week of Feb. 17                                                     |            |
| Sun. & Mon.—ROSH CHODESH                                            |            |
| ADAR—Mornings .....                                                 | 8:15       |
| Daily Mornings .....                                                | 6:45, 7:50 |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:20       |
| Fri., Feb. 22—Candles by .....                                      | 5:20       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:30       |
| Sat., Feb. 23—Sedrah: <i>Terumah</i>                                |            |
| Sedrah Class. .... 8:30 / Service. ....                             | 9:00       |
| Talmud Classes .....                                                | 4:10       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:10       |
| Sabbath Ends .....                                                  | 6:16       |
| Week of Feb. 24—Minchah .....                                       | 5:30       |
| Thurs., Feb. 28—TA'ANIS ESTHER                                      |            |
| Morning Service and Selichos .....                                  | 6:40       |
| Minchah ( <i>Vayechal</i> ) .....                                   | 5:15       |
| Fri., Feb. 29—Candles by .....                                      | 5:27       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:35       |
| Sat., March 1—Sedrah: <i>Tezaveh</i>                                |            |
| Sedrah Class. .... 8:30 / Service. ....                             | 9:00       |
| <b>PARSHAS ZACHOR</b>                                               |            |
| Talmud Classes .....                                                | 4:20       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:20       |
| Sabbath Ends .....                                                  | 6:23       |
| <b>MEGILLAH READING</b>                                             |            |
| Week of March 2                                                     |            |
| Sunday Morning—PURIM .....                                          | 8:00       |
| <b>MEGILLAH READING</b>                                             |            |
| Daily Mornings .....                                                | 6:45, 7:50 |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:35       |
| Fri., March 7—Candles by .....                                      | 5:36       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:45       |
| Sat., March 8—Sedrah: <i>Kee Sisa</i>                               |            |
| Sedrah Class. .... 8:30 / Service. ....                             | 9:00       |
| <b>PARSHAS PARAH</b>                                                |            |
| Talmud Classes .....                                                | 4:25       |
| Minchah .....                                                       | 5:25       |
| Sabbath Ends .....                                                  | 6:31       |
| Week of March 9—Minchah .....                                       | 5:45       |

Attend the daily morning and Minchah services in order to assure our uninterrupted Minyanim.

**MEN'S CLUB NOTES****INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
SUNDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 17****ALEXANDER RAUCHMAN TO HEAD CLUB ANOTHER TERM**

Congratulations to the officers who will be installed at the Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, February 17th, at 10 o'clock: President Alexander Rauchman, First Vice-President Dr. Frank E. Fink, Second Vice-President Gerard Benjamin, Treasurer and Financial Administrative Committee: Herman H. Cohen, Alexander Dimant and Samuel Gursky. All members and prospective members are expected to attend.

Thanks to Michael Stern for reading the Torah on Men's Club Sabbath.

**PURIM NOTES****Reading of Megillah  
Saturday Night, March 1 and  
Sunday Morning, March 2**

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" (Devarim XXV: 17-19), describing the cowardly attack of the Amalekites against the Israelites in the desert. Haman was a descendant of the Amalekites.

Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of Persia from extermination by the plot of Haman, Prime Minister of King Achashuerus of Persia, 2,336 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 Feb. 28**

The day before Purim is ordinarily observed as a minor fast day — the Fast of Esther — in commemoration of the fasting of the Jews who had come under the evil decree of Haman before their deliverance through Mordecai and Esther. However, when Purim falls on a Sunday — as it does this year — since we are not permitted to fast on the Sabbath, the fast is moved from its regular date on the calendar to the Thursday preceding Purim.

**PLEASE NOTE**

On Taanis Esther morning, Thursday, February 28th, there will be one service at 6:40.

**Children Welcome**

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.

Our parents are urged to come with their children to the Purim service on Saturday night at 6:20 (preceded by Minchah at 5:20) and on Sunday morning. The children will receive greggers and hamantashan with the compliments of our Women's League.

**WELCOME TO THE W.S.I.S.  
SABBATH LUNCHEON  
MARCH 1**

All neighbors and readers as well as members are cordially invited to join our Pre-Purim Shabbaton Luncheon following the Sabbath morning service on March 1st. We will enjoy a delicious Sabbath meal with *zmiros* as well as interesting guest speakers.

Topic: "*Russian Immigrants—Today's vis-a-vis Yesterday's*" by Gila Moldoff and Miriam Zuckerman, both active in the West Side Community Center for Russian Immigrants.

Paid reservations—\$7 per person—must be made by Thursday, February 21st, in the Synagogue office.

**MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NEWS**

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

**SEGORIM****MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
MARCH 31 & APRIL 1**

Joint Congregational Sedorim will be held at Lincoln Square Synagogue, 69th St. and Amsterdam Ave. Rabbi Reichel will officiate at the first Seder and Rabbi Riskin at the second. Reservations must be made before March 18th by contacting our office.

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The Kashrus Directory published by the O-U will be available free of charge in our Synagogue office.

**Purim Mitzvos**

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 to the poor.

On Purim afternoon the festive meal is begun before sundown.

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

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Our Guest of Honor, DANA COLIN, is one of our past Presidents. Her parents, Mayer and Annie Mirken, were founders of the W.S.I.S. She has been loyal to our Women's League and our Synagogue over the years. Mrs. Colin is listed in "World Who's Who of Women."

The Co-Chairpersons have been hard at work to make this Donor Luncheon the best one ever. We expect every member to cooperate with them.

#### BOARD MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 4

Hostesses Betty Gursky, Rae Levine, Helen Redisch and Anna Stoll cordially invite members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a LUNCHEON & MEETING on Monday, February 4th at 12:30.

#### BOARD MEETING MONDAY MARCH 3

Lucy Gold, Cecelia Hyman, Maly Steinlauf and Kate Waters are the hostesses for the LUNCHEON & MEETING on Monday, March 3rd at 12:30. Final arrangements for the Luncheon must be made by then.

#### MRS. HADASSAH GOLD TO REVIEW "PARNAS" ON MARCH 18

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"THANK YOU" to DR. MAURICE GOODGOLD who spoke on "Diet and Heart Disease" at our Open Meeting on January 21st. He is Attending Physician in Medicine and Radiology at Beth Israel Medical Center and Assistant Professor at Mt. Sinai Medical School. His talk was most interesting.

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Welcome home to our Rebbetzin Josephine Reichel who participated in the dedication of the Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein Library of *Ariel* (Machon Harry Fischel) in Jerusalem. She also represented the Agudah Women of America of which she is Co-President, at the Knessia Gedolah—Sixth World Convocation of the Agudath Israel Movement, in Jerusalem.

In celebration of their golden wedding anniversary our Trustee and Mrs. Herman H. Cohen were also honored by the Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education at a dinner in our Ballroom.

Trustee & Mrs. A. James Jacobs, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Rogers and Trustee & Mrs. Julius Schreiber were Kiddush hosts and Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Bayer were Seudah Shlishis hosts.

Best wishes to our members Mr. & Mrs. Otto Heitlinger in their new home.

Our office can use a typewriter, a mimeograph machine and an addressograph machine.

## PARSHAS SHEKALIM

Saturday, February 16th, marks the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover festival. This day falls on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar.

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, over twenty years of age, gave as his equal share toward the support of the Temple services (Exodus XXX: 11-16).

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EFFECTIVE OR COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE?"

by **DR. LOUIS FELDMAN**

Professor of Classics, Yeshiva University

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Lecturer to be Announced.

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## MAZEL TOV

## Marriages

Barbara, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Everett Sklarz and granddaughter of our Trustee Murray Rosenberg, to Jacob, son of Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Feigenbaum of Chattanooga, Tenn., in March.

Daniel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Kalker and grandson of Mrs. Moses Langer, to Sharon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Elias Blumer.

Louis Warshaw, our Hebrew School alumnus, to Nina Polak, in our Synagogue.

## Births

Brian Marshall, son of Mr. & Mrs. Seth Goldstein, grandson of our members Mr. & Mrs. Simeon H. F. Goldstein.

Noam Yaakov Raucher, great-grandson of our members, Mr. & Mrs. (Women's League Financial Secretary) Harry Soffer.

Blaire Renee, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steven D. Schindler, and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Grossman.

## Happy Anniversary to the:

(Feb. 1-13)

David Bronners, Harry J. Denbergs, Harold Kaplans, Max Selskys, Harvey Shapiros, Leon Taubers, Max Zahlers.

(Feb. 14-28)

Gerard Benjamins, Hon. David N. Edelsteins, Rabbi Mervyn Frankels, Jacob Goodmans, Morton Langers, Joseph L. Rosenbergs, John Samuelsons, Stephen Zippers.

(March 1-13)

Morris Jablows, Lawrence Kobrins, Avram Steins, Igo Teichbergs, Sandy Wards.

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(Feb. 14-28)

Mrs. Harry Altman, Beth Bahr, Mrs. David Beilock, Arnold Brasch, Henry Brasch, Debbie Eta Bronner, Judge David N. Edelstein, Mrs. Mervyn Frankel, Mrs. Charna Fuchs, Philip Gelman, James Goldman, Irving Allen Greene, Trustee Jean Goldwurm, Lawrence and Stuart Kalker, Kenneth Kay, Mrs. Henry Landau, Morton Langer, Mrs. Olek Lejbjon, Mrs. Alfred Oppenheimer, Patricia Ortner, Sholom Pekier, Mark Plung, Mrs. John Samuelson, Mrs. Joseph Shapiro, Steven Spira, Mrs. Nina Steinberg, Sara Stern, Solomon Strausberg, Mrs. Rose Sussman, Mrs. Bernard Udell, Hon. Albert Wald, Mrs. Eddie Weinstein, James Wexler.

(March 1-13)

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## CONDOLENCES

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

**Felix J. Bilgry**—our member, husband of Mrs. Lotte Bilgry, son of Mrs. Rosalie Bilgry, father of Marc and Gene, nephew of our Trustee Jean Goldwurm.

**Harry Buchsbaum**—brother of our Honorary Trustee Joseph Buchsbaum.

**Ben Z. Cohen**—our donor.

**Berta Diamant**—wife of our congregant Harry Diamant.

**Max Eisenberg**—husband of Mrs. Manya Eisenberg, father of our Ba'al Tekiah's wife, Mrs. Nash Aussenberg, and of Mrs. Jacques Wolf.

**Felix Falkenstein**—husband of Mrs. Tilli Falkenstein, brother of our Trustee Julius Falkenstein.

**Max Hecht**—our long-time member, husband of Mrs. Molly Hecht, our Women's League member, father of Mrs. Mechel Scholar, David, Mrs. Bernard Cohen, Larry and Mrs. Ted Diskind.

**Harry Kaplan**—our member, brother of our Trustee Bennett Carter.

**Charlotte Kestenbaum**—our member, mother of Mrs. Leon Korngold and Ralph Kestenbaum.

**Ida Meyerson**—sister of our member Irving Kobrin.

**Harold Miller**—husband of Mrs. Shirley Miller, son-in-law of our Honorary Trustee and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum.

**Richard J. Vogel**—our member, brother of our members Otto and Zdenek Vogel.

**Joseph Wohl**—husband of Mrs. Ronne Wohl, brother of our member Mrs. Jess E. Gross.