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PURIM NOTES

Reading of Megillah
Thursday Night, March 19 and
Friday Morning, March 20

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
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PLEASE NOTE

On Taanis Esther morning, Thursday, March 19th, there will be one service at 6:45, and on Purim morning, Friday, there will be one service at 7:00.

W.S.I.S. PURIM PARTY

THURSDAY NIGHT, MARCH 19
(Following the Reading of the Megillah)

Turkey Dinner

Admission Donation \$6.00

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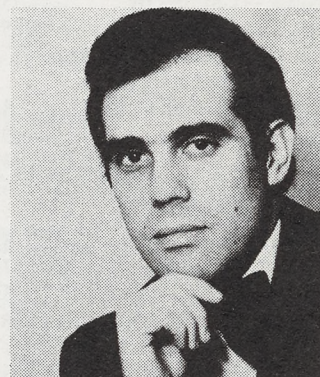
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RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENTS
MUST REACH OUR OFFICE BY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL YOUTH CONCERT AWARD AT WSIS CONCERT HALL SUNDAY, MAY 3, 3 P.M.



Lauren Wagner



Alan Fischer

The WSIS Men's Club will hold its Annual Youth Concert Award as a Gala Opera Concert on Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, at 3:00 in the Synagogue Concert Hall. The recipients of this year's award will be Lauren Wagner, soprano, and Alan Fischer, tenor.

The concert is for the benefit of the WSIS and Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale. Lauren Wagner was the 1980 finalist winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions. *New York Times* critic Peter G. Davis who was present at the competition reported that "Miss Wagner's softly floated B flat at the end of Liu's aria drew a spontaneous burst of applause."

New York Times critic Raymond Ericson said of her performance in a Hindemith opera, "Lauren Wagner — a good looking soprano with a pure, lovely voice. She sang beautifully and acted with verve."

Alan Fischer's lyric tenor voice was inherited from his father, Cantor Bernard Fischer, his first voice teacher. At the age of 8 he made his Metropolitan Opera debut as part of the Children's Chorus in *Carmen*. Mr. Fischer has also studied voice with two famous tenors, Carlo Bergonzi and Placido Domingo. Like Metropolitan tenor Luciano Pavarotti, Alan Fischer was first a school teacher before embarking on an operatic career.

Tickets for the benefit concert are \$15, \$10, \$7.50, and \$5 and are available at the Synagogue office. Your name may be inserted in the Concert program as a sponsor \$100 (includes two \$15 tickets), Patron \$50, Donor \$25 and Contributor \$10.

Herman H. Cohen and Alexander Rauchman are Co-Chairmen. Vice-Chairmen are Gerard Benjamin, Harry J. Denberg, Alexander Dimant, Carl Grossberg, Samuel Gursky, Fred Heiser, A. James Jacobs, Arthur Rogers, Murry Rosenberg, Bernhard Spira and Julius Wiesel.

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CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM

Joint Congregational Sedorim on Saturday and Sunday nights, April 18th and 19th, 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 April 9th by contacting our office.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Week of March 1				
Sunday Morning	8:30			
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class	9:00			
Daily Mornings	6:45, 7:50			
Minchah followed by Exposition of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel	5:35			
Fri., March 6 — <i>Rosh Chodesh Adar II</i>				
Morning	6:30, 7:40			
Candles by 5:34 / Minchah	5:40			
Sat., March 7 — <i>Rosh Chodesh ADAR II</i> <i>Parshas Shekolim</i>				
Sedrah: <i>Pekudei</i> — Morning Service	8:45			
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud <i>Pesachim</i> Class (in English)	4:25			
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud <i>Baba Basra</i> Class (in Yiddish)	4:25			
Minchah	5:25			
Seudah Shlishis				
Sabbath Ends	6:30			
Week of March 8 — Minchah		5:45		
Fri., March 13 — Candles by		5:42		
Minchah		5:50		
Sat., March 14 — Sedrah: <i>Vayikra</i> <i>Parshas Zachor</i>				
Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class		8:30		
Service		9:00		
Talmud Classes		4:35		
Minchah		5:35 / Sabbath Ends	6:37	
Week of March 15				
Sunday Morning		8:30		
Mon. to Wed. Mornings		6:45, 7:50		
Minchah		5:50		
Thurs., March 19 — TAANIS ESTHER				
Morning Service & Selichos		6:45		
Minchah (<i>Vayechal</i>)		5:40		
MEGILLAH following Maariv				
Fri., March 20 — PURIM				
Morning — MEGILLAH		7:00		
Kindle Candles by		5:49		
Minchah		5:55		
Sat., March 21 — Sedrah: <i>Zav</i> SHUSHAN PURIM				
Sedrah Class		8:30 / Service	9:00	
Talmud Classes		4:40		
Minchah		5:40 / Sabbath Ends	6:44	
Week of March 22 — Minchah				6:00
Fri., March 27 — Candles by				5:57
Minchah				6:05
Sat., March 28 — Sedrah: <i>Shminee</i> <i>Parshas Parah</i>				
Sedrah Class		8:30 / Service	9:00	
Talmud Classes		4:50		
Minchah		5:50 / Sabbath Ends	6:52	
Week of March 29 — Minchah				6:05
Fri., April 3 — Candles by				6:04
Minchah				6:10
Sat., April 4 — Sedrah: <i>Sazria</i> <i>Parshas Hachodesh</i> <i>Blessing of Chodesh Nisan</i>				
Service		8:45		
Talmud Classes		4:55		
Minchah		5:55 / Sabbath Ends	7:00	

This is a personal request to our congregants attend the daily Minchah services during the short winter days in order to assure our uninterrupted Minyanim.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

BREAKFAST MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Members and prospective members of the Men's Club are invited to the monthly Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, March 15th, at 10:00 o'clock. A public lecture will follow (see page 4).

PURIM NOTES (continued from page 1)

Jews of Persia from extermination by the plot of Haman, Prime Minister of King Achashuerus of Persia, 2,337 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 19

The day before Purim is observed as a minor fast day in commemoration of the fasting of the Jews before their deliverance as well as the fast proclaimed by Queen Esther.

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 the evil decree.

Our parents are urged to come with their children to the Purim service on Thursday night at 6:30 (preceded by Minchah at 5:40) and on Friday morning. The children will receive greggers and hamantashan with the compliments of our Women's League.

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 day we are obliged 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, the "Seudah" 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.

PASSOVER PREPARATIONS

This year the first Seder will be celebrated on Saturday night, April 18th. Suggestions regarding Passover preparations will appear in the forthcoming Review in early April. The Kashrus Directory published by the O-U will be available free of charge in our Synagogue office.

BIRCHAS HACHAMAH

"Blessing of the Sun"

WED. MORN APRIL 8

This year, the *Machzor Hagadol*, the "Great Cycle," will be completed. This is a 28-year cycle of the sun, bringing the sun back to the same position it was in the heavens at the same time that it was created by G-d. Just as we recite a special blessing when the "Little Cycle," the New Moon repeats itself every lunar month, so too have the Sages ordained a blessing for this "Great Cycle." Our Sages have ordained that we celebrate *Kiddush Hachamah* in the first year of each 28-year cycle on the day of *Tekufath Nisan* (the spring period of the year) which always occurs on Wednesday, the day that the sun, moon and stars were created. This year *Kiddush Hachamah* will take place on the morning of April 8th.

All males are obliged to recite the blessing for this event. The time pronouncing the blessing is from sunrise until the third hour of the day. Since it is praiseworthy to glorify the Mitzvah by fulfilling it a large congregation, all should make the attempt to participate in the Synagogue services for that morning.

The Blessing which the Talmud prescribes is as follows: *Baruch Ata Ado. . . Elo. . . Melech Ha'olam oseh maasei Vreishis*. "Blessed art Thou, oh L-d our G-d, King of the Universe, Who performs the work of Creation." The blessing should be said standing.

In addition, appropriate prayers and selections from Psalms relating to the wonders of the Creation are recited, including Psalms VIII, XIX, CXXI, and LXVII and *Kel Adon*.

All who can possibly do so are urged to attend services in our Synagogue on this day either at 6:45 or 7:50.

PARSHAS SHEKOLIM

Saturday, March 7th, marks the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover festival. This day falls on Sabbath *Rosh Chodesh Adar II*.

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).

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

OPEN MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 9

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on Monday, March 9th at 12:30 P.M. We welcome back *Mrs. Hadassah Gold* as our Guest Speaker who will review Elie Weisel's new book "The Testament." This book deals with Soviet Jewry which we all will find not only timely and most interesting but most informative. Bring your friends. Refreshments.

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BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 30

Hostesses Dana Colin and Ceil Siegel cordially invite the members of the Executive Board to be their guests at a *Luncheon* to be followed by a *Meeting* on March 30th at 12:30 P.M. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Participate in the *Ma'os Chitim* drive by sending checks to the Women's League earmarked "Passover Fund".

RABBI FLUK TO SPEAK AT YOUNG COUPLES SHABBATON FEBRUARY 28

Our young marrieds will have a Shabbaton Luncheon on Saturday, February 28th, at noon. Rabbi Gershon Fluk, the principal of our neighboring Manhattan Day School, will discuss "New Trends in Jewish Education." For late reservations (\$5.00 per person, \$3.00 per child) call Mrs. Trude Zimmern at 595-6921.

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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:

Henrietta Abramowitz—our Women's League member.

Sylvia Price Fein—wife of Dr. Harry Fein and sister of our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Samuel K. Beier.

Sophie Justus—aunt of our Vice President William T. Steinlauf.

Ruth Lessler—our Women's League Board member, mother of Mrs. Connie Stein Beskind and Stephen.

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David Joshua Weisenfeld—son of our Executive Director & Mrs. (Women's League member) Harry Weisenfeld, father of Jill Paula and Neil Ira, brother of Joseph.

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These books are available at Jewish book dealers.

ARTSCROLL has also released a scholarly volume on *Bircas HaChammah* relating to its religious and scientific background. (See page 2 regarding the *Bircas HaChammah* ritual on Wednesday, April 8th.)

OUR GALA DINNER HONORING THE HEISERS MEMORABLE EVENT

The success of our Annual Dinner on February 8th at the Essex House in honor of our "Couple of the Year," Freddy and Rozalie Heiser, will long be remembered by all who attended. The couple lent a beautiful continental air to the atmosphere of the evening. Their smiles never left their faces.

Our own Mrs. Herman H. (Goldie) Cohen played the piano with virtuosity and lyric balance — truly a gifted concert pianist.

Credit for this lovely event as well as for the successful Souvenir Journal must be attributed to the dynamic efforts of Dinner Chairman Harry J. Denberg, Journal Chairman Alexander Dimant, President William Foont and their dedicated co-workers.

Ben Glazer presided in his inimitable style.

Those who have not participated in the Souvenir Journal may still send their contributions and be counted in this annual vital fund-raising project.

Happy Birthday to:

(March 1-13)

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YEYASHER KOCHACHA

Mr. David Pick hosted a Sabbath Kiddush.

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