

# CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM

— A Bulletin of its Activities —

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THE SABBATH - Sedra Mikketz

Erev Shabbos, December 11th:

Candle Lighting at 5:00; Evening Services at 5:00

SABBATH SERVICES: Shachris at 9:00 A.M.

Scriptural Readings:

Torah: Genesis, Ch. 41 - Ch. 44, v. 17

Prophets: I Kings, Ch. 3, v. 15 - Ch. 14, v. 1

Mincha at 4:50; Maariv at 5:30

Weekday Services: Sunday mornings at 8:30

Mornings at 7:30; Evenings at 6:30

Next Friday Evening, Services at 5:00

## S E R M O N

"Lest We Forget"

## BAR MITZVAHS

Stanley Harold Abbey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Abbey; and Kenneth Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gross; will this Sabbath morning be called to the reading of the Torah in celebration of their Bar Mitzvah.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the

Bar Mitzvahs and their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Abbey will be "At Home" on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Stanley Harold, at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Kensington Avenue Entrance, Saturday, December 12th from Five to Eight.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The attention of members is drawn to the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation which will take place in the Community Hall on Thursday evening, December 17th at 9 P.M.

Annual reports will be rendered and election of officers will take place.

All members are urged to attend.



### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT MUCH ENJOYED

About 300 members and friends attended the Congregation's Annual Chanukah celebration which was held Monday evening, December 7th in the Community Hall of the Synagogue. The programme opened with the kindling of the Chanukah lights by Cantor Mendelson, with the audience joining in the singing of the Chanukah hymn in Hebrew and English. A number of Chanukah melodies and several Folk Songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and Russian were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Samuel Hart. The Bialik Song Group, directed by Mrs. N. Mendelson and consisting of Mrs. B. Lefcort, Mrs. E. Lozinski, Mrs. I. Rubin and Mrs. P. Silverman, presented some Bialik Songs in Hebrew. Cantor Mendelson, who directed the entire programme, rendered several numbers, old and new. The musical accompaniment throughout was provided by Mrs. N. Mendelson. On behalf of the President, Mr. Levinson, who could not attend, Dr. Abramowitz thanked those participating for their beautiful and melodious rendition of the programme, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Following the concert, there was a Social Hour arranged by the Women's Auxiliary Society, during which this year's new members were officially welcomed.

### AUXILIARY OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED JANUARY 10TH

Announcement has been made that the date of the forthcoming presentation of the operetta "The Wedding" has been set for January 10, 1943 at 8:30 P.M. in the Community Hall of the Synagogue.

The Ticket Convenor is Mrs. Morris Robinson, DE.1665. Tickets at 75¢ may be obtained either from the Convenor, from any member of the Board, or from the Office.

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

The Chanukah Party was held Sunday afternoon with about 170 members and friends attending. The programme included the singing of Chanukah songs, a story by Billy Levy, a Chanukah Quiz and refreshments. The President, Morton Shulman, presided.

At Services last Shabbos, the guest speaker was Mrs. S. Gershon Levi who told an interesting modern Chanukah story. Chazanim were Burril Fine, Mortimer Flanders, Jonathan Robinson, David Robinson and Herbert Streat. Bernard Cooper read from the Torah and Philip Wolfson opened the Ark.

### HEBREW SCHOOL OBSERVES CHANUKAH

Children of the Hebrew School celebrated Chanukah each day in the Beth Hamidrash with the kindling of the Chanukah lights, the singing of Chanukah songs and talks on the festival, its significance today, by the Acting Educational Director. The ceremony of kindling the lights was performed in turn by Herbert Streat, Burril Fine and others whose names will be announced in our next issue.



## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING APPROACHING

The date of the Annual Dinner Meeting is drawing closer. Members are asked to be sure to make reservations well in advance as the accommodation in our Community Hall is limited. The date of the Dinner is Thursday, December 17th and all reservations should be in not later than the 15th. Members are also reminded that the women-folk of the Congregation are invited as well.

## SCHOOL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

The children of the Religious School had their usual Chanukah Assembly last Sunday. The Colour Guard for the Processional included Jerrold Fineberg, Edgar Leibovich, Herbert S. Blin and Robert Shulman. Jonathan Robinson kindled the Chanukah lights and the audience joined in Community singing. The Rabbi extended Chanukah greetings. The Nursery School, directed by Mrs. Lies Morgenstern assisted by Miss Gerda Selman, presented "Chanukah in Palestine," with the following: Barbara Besner, Raphael Gonsky, David Greenberg, David Greenblatt, Lawrence Mallet, Judith Manovitz, David Mendelson, Tommy Rusk, Sharin Stein, Michael Usher, Brian Wolf and Yvonne Wreschner. Mrs. Nathan Mendelson was at the piano.

Pupils of Mrs. M. Bernfeld's 8th Year Class, and a group of younger girls, presented a playlet, "The End of the Story." The cast included: Sheila Teff, Farla Blumer, Barbara Glickman, Glorianne Schwartz, Ella Pollett, Helene Crelinstein, Nancy Solomon, Vivian Slavouski, Kenneth Gross, Julian Pearson, Robert Livingstone, Daniel Morris, Roslyn Raginsky, Ruth Janner, Jennifer Sheldon, Harriet Wener, Trina Vineberg, Ilse Gottfried, Gloria Fine and Trixie Hudaly. The play was introduced by Vivian Slavouski; assisting backstage were Elinor Brown, Sybil Freedman, Bruce Raginsky; costuming and stage effects were under the direction of Mrs. S.J. Leibowitz. The musical background for the entire programme was provided by Mrs. M.N. Fineberg School Pianist. The Acting Educational Director, Mr. S.J. Leibowitz, presided.

## SCOUT AND GUIDE NEWS

The following Scouts have been awarded the Junior First Aid Certificate by the St. John's Ambulance Association: Arthur Kerman, Harold Pugach, Robert Shulman and David Wasserman.

Girl Guides are continuing their project of selling candy at movie performances. Last Sunday, the Committee included: Lois Adelstein, Dorothy Cohen, Marilyn Goldman and Gwen Levine.

Brownies are meeting Wednesday afternoons in the Board Room from 4 - 5:30, under the leadership of Miss Judith Kirsch.

Cubs are meeting this Sunday at 4:00 P.M. in the small hall under the leadership of Mr. Michael Novick.



## CONGRATULATIONS

### -Birth-

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mortimer White, the gift of a son.

May the newly born grow up to be a source of  
blessing to his parents.

### -Betrothal-

Miss Adie Edgar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Edgar, to Mr. Gerald Greenberg, son of Mrs. Joseph Greenberg and the late Mr. Greenberg.

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim extends congratulations  
and best wishes to the young people and their families.

### -Government Appointments-

Mrs. Sam Rother has been appointed Director of Women's, Misses', and Children's Wear Administration; and Mr. Harry Rother has been appointed Administrator of Women's Coats and Suits, in the Government's Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim extends congratulations and  
best wishes upon their assumption of these important duties.

## P.T.A. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Grateful acknowledgement is hereby made to Mr. Harry Sessenwein who has contributed the sum of \$25.00 to our Scholarship Fund.

The goal of \$1000.00 has now almost been attained. It is hoped to make the presentation as planned at the Annual Meeting.

## A WORD OF THANKS

We are very grateful to Mrs. M.N. Fineberg who very kindly attended the daily Chanukah Assemblies of the Hebrew School in order to provide the beautiful musical background for the singing of Chanukah songs.

## A WORD OF EXPLANATION

Due to the difficulties of Wartime delivery, the special Chanukah treat which was to have been distributed last Sunday did not arrive in time for the school celebration. However, the children will receive their treat this Sunday and we are very grateful to the Women's Auxiliary for their thoughtfulness in providing it.

## INSTITUTE PUPILS CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

Instead of the usual Tuesday evening session, the Institute students had an informal Chanukah gathering during which the lights were kindled, followed by the singing of popular Chanukah songs. The artistry of the Menorah was discussed, as well as the significance of the lights. An informal social followed. The Instructors, Mrs. S. Gershon Levi and Mr. S.J. Leibowitz, participated.