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Opening Assembly

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Institute of Adult Jewish Studies

SUNDAY EVE., NOVEMBER 21st at 8:30 P.M.

GUEST LECTURER

RABBI DR. BERNARD A. POUPKO

Spiritual leader of Cong. Shaarey Torah of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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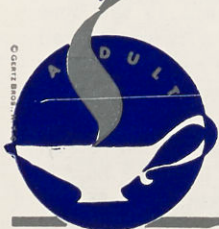
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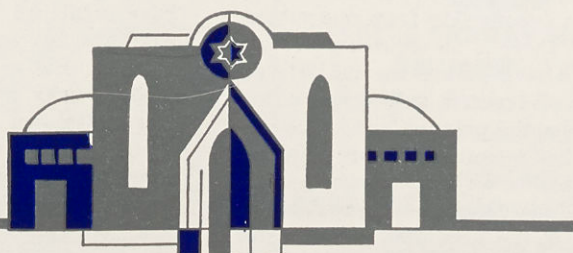
Dr. Poupko will render a report of his recent visit to the Soviet Union.

Registration for courses will precede the lecture.

Listing of courses is found on Pages Three & Four.



EDUCATION



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Levine*Pres. Women's League*Sidney Robinson *Chm. Bulletin Comm.***THE BACKWARD GLANCE****Note:**

Our regular column Backward Glance by Sidney Robinson will not appear in this issue, as Mr. Robinson is busy with preparations for his daughter Leona's marriage. We are presenting here instead a copy of an address by Mr. Julius Raffelson, one of the students of our Adult Institute, given at the closing exercises last May.

"Rabbi Schwartz, fellow students, post graduate students and under graduate students. By referring to you as students, I did not mean to imply that you are not ladies and gentlemen. You are. But you and all of us are also students. This is unavoidable. As long as our eyes are open and wherever we are and whatever we do, we are bound to learn and therefore we are students. Whether we like it or not, we go to one of two kinds of schools and sometimes to both. Either we learn from the school of hard knocks or we gain knowledge from a more formal school.

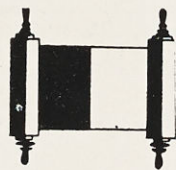
The trouble with the school of hard knocks is that it is a disorganized school. It has no pattern, its curriculum is not planned. And therefore the knowledge imparted to its students is of the jumbled variety. Its lessons skip from one subject to another, there is no sequence, we ourselves have to separate the major subjects from the minor subjects, the important from the unimportant. The difficulty is that sometimes we are required to do this before we have learned how to distinguish one from the other. The better school is the organized school. And as you know, we have many of these. They are of all kinds. We even have

non-existent schools. These are of two kinds, the dishonest schools and the honest schools. In the case of the dishonest ones, you send \$1.00 or \$2.00 or whatever the fee is and you get nothing in return or perhaps some literature in the nature of advertising. But in the case of the honest ones, you send the fee, take lessons by mail and eventually get a diploma showing that you are now a Doctor of Metaphysics or Doctor of Spiritualism or some such. The honest schools operate on a higher ethical plane.

As you know, schools range from the west coast to the east coast. For example, near the Pacific Ocean, we have a school like UCLA, University of California at Los Angeles. It is a large school and its name and its fame have spread far and wide and justly so. Bordering on the Atlantic Ocean, we have another school, the UYIP, the University of Young Israel of Parkchester. Its name and its fame are not as far flung as that of the other school, but it is punching holes in the community wall. It has a student body. It has a dedicated faculty. It has a building of its own. It has an auditorium called Levin Hall. We are meeting in it now. It has a campus, not a very large one to be sure. It is located at the side of the building and a few people can take a walk on it at the same time. It even has a stadium. For one week each year it is crowded and has sitting room only. It is called a Succah. The school is not recognized by the Regents of the University of the State of New York because it does not yet have a football team. But it has a Department of Languages, a Department of History, a Department of Customs and Tradition and a Department of Theology.

Unlike some other schools, the students have scratched their heads to the bone but have not yet found a reason to call a strike. But as in other cases, a healthy student body may be expected to poke fun at its own school. For example in the Bible Class, we are now in the desert near Mt. Sinai and are learning how to build the portable Mishkin. Every sentence is explained, discussed, commented on and reference is made to other autho-

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INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES

1965 - 66 5726 PROGRAM

As we enter the 26th year of our Young Israel of Parkchester we are imbued not only with a spirit and sense of pride in our past accomplishments, but we view the future with a spirit of rededication. This can only be achieved by the study of Torah and continued education giving us a firm grasp of the basic intellectual and spiritual principles of our ancient heritage.

Our program of study is a modest attempt to help stimulate greater intellectual participation and inquiry on the part of our Parkchester Jewish community. It is earnestly hoped that each one of us will be able to pursue at least one course of study and help our Young Israel make what is perhaps its most important contribution to the perpetuation of Torah Judaism.

Courses are open to both men and women and you are urged to participate in this comprehensive program of Adult Jewish education.

Our Institute is affiliated with the Department of Adult Education of Yeshiva University and the National Council of Young Israel. A nominal registration fee of \$2.00 entitles the student to formal accreditation by the University and Council.

REGULAR CLASSES — Meet regularly from the third week in November through March.

BIBLE — Monday 8:30 - 9:30 P.M.

A comprehensive study of our Torah, giving the student an insight into the meaning and interpretation of classic and modern commentaries. This popular class is at the present time engaged in the study of the Second Book of the Bible, Exodus (Shemos).

BASIC JUDAISM — Monday Evening 9:30 - 10:30 P.M.

Designed to acquaint the student with the meanings and concepts of Jewish law, ritual and ceremony. Active group discussion is an essential part of the course.

MODERN HEBREW I — Tuesday Evening 8:30 - 9:30 P.M.

The purpose of this course is to enable students to learn to read, write and speak simple Hebrew. Course especially designed for students with no prior knowledge of Hebrew.

HEBREW II — MODERN CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW —
Tuesday Evening 9:30 - 10:30 P.M.

This course is a continuation of the beginners' course and is intended to increase the student's vocabulary, develop his spoken Hebrew, and introduce him to simple Hebrew literature.

HIGHLIGHTS OF JEWISH HISTORY — Tuesday Evening 9:30 - 10:30 P.M.

This course will be a survey of the highpoints of Jewish History beginning with the Patriarchs.

HEBREW and SIDDUR (Classes for Women) —

Tuesday Morning — Section 1 — 10:00 A.M.

Section II — 11:00 A.M.

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to obtain a reading knowledge of Hebrew and learn the basic prayers of our Prayer Book, the Siddur. This course is sponsored by the Women's League and is followed by a luncheon in Levin Hall.

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Institute of Jewish Studies (Cont'd)

BIBLE CLASS FOR WOMEN — Tuesday Morning 10 A.M.

A survey course of our Torah, especially designed to help the modern American Jewish woman have an understanding of the Book of Books.

TALMUD — Saturday Afternoon (One hour before Mincha throughout the year)

A study of the Oral Law with use of Talmudic Text Shabbos pertaining to the laws and regulations of the Sabbath. Talmudic Study opens new vistas of Jewish learning for the student and gives him a keen sense of perception and analytical study.

EIN YAAKOV (Legends of the Talmud and **SHULCHAN ARUCH** (Code of Jewish Law)).

This class is conducted daily throughout the year in the main synagogue, between the Mincha and Maariv services in the evening.

JEWISH BOOK CLUB

This popular program, now in its sixth year, meets every seven weeks to discuss a book of Jewish significance which they have read in the interim. Both classical and modern Jewish literary works, fictional and non-fictional, are read and discussed by the members of the club.

Don't forget registration for the above courses, Sunday evening, November 21st at 8:30 P.M. preceding Rabbi Poupko's lecture.

The Institute will be only too happy to arrange other classes in various subjects if the registration warrants it. This can be accomplished by signifying your desire on registration night, Sunday, November 21st.

FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Orchids to our "Slim-Downers" Committee — Ceil Kerner, Gus Schwell, Ruth Rosenbaum and Ruth Tischfeld! They are giving of their time and energy every Monday evening to help you and your friends take off those extra pounds, not only painlessly, but pleasantly. Please join up without delay. Husbands are welcome.

Our "Skyscraper" theatre party was a success, with many thanks to our hard-working theatre chairmen — our past presidents, Helen Sochrin and Betty Waldman.

As this goes to print we are anticipating greeting you at our November meeting.

With all kind thoughts and good wishes.

Sincerely,

SADYE R. LEVINE

President

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TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 30th — Card Party will be given by Hattie Haiman, Florence Maslow and Sarah Edelson.

EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON (EXCEPT HOLIDAYS) — Delicious lunches prepared by Ruth Lott and her committee followed by your favorite card game, Mah Jongg or just social-

ATTENTION MEMBERS

At the general membership meeting and breakfast held on November 7th, the congregation voted to increase the dues by \$5.00 per year, retroactive to September 1st, 1965. This will entitle all members in good standing to receive the health insurance provided by the National Council of Young Israel. Members who paid dues since September 1st are asked to send in the additional \$5.00, in order to avoid the necessity of our office billing you again.

izing. Please come and bring your friends.

TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 1st — Theatre party — "Impossible Years" — a comedy with Alan King.

Please contact Helen Sochrin — SY 2-8279 or Betty Waldman — TA 2-3843 for theatre reservations.

Fanny Eigner — UN 3-0700 for Sunshine L'Maan Hayered cards or Donor orders.

Ida Diamond — TA 8-9866 for Israeli and religious gifts.

Bea Kutner — SY 2-9095 or Hannah Katz — TA 8-6346 for dresses.

Evelyn Rifkin — UN 2-1367 for Bronx Press Review subscriptions.

Ceil Kerner — TA 2-6492 if you wish to join the Slim-Downers and lose weight.

The Backward Glance (Cont'd)

rities, where appropriate. Since the class is but one hour a week, progress is necessarily slow. It may take a long time therefore before we get out of the desert and reach the Land of Canaan. Some students think that at this rate, the ten lost tribes of Israel may soon start looking for us. If they do, they will find Young Israel here. But I am not that certain that they will find all the classes here. A few minutes back, I said that Young Israel's classes were punching holes in the community wall. If this continues, it may be that the classes will become too large for the classrooms. If so, it will be not only because the Jewish residents of the community are eager to learn more about subjects connected with Judaism but also because there is a dedicated and knowledgeable teaching staff able to impart its knowledge in an interesting manner.

Another factor not to be lightly dismissed is the personality of the dean of the faculty. Of course, I refer to Rabbi Schwartz. His dedication to the school, his knowledge of the subjects, his ability to import this knowledge to his students and his method of talking, lecturing, teaching, all combine to form a magnet which draws and retains those who hear him and know him. The magnetic waves extend beyond the immediate vicinity and will as time goes by, attract others seeking knowledge, slowly perhaps but surely. The entrance requirements are simple. You simply indicate your desire to attend a class of your choice. You pass your subject without taking any examination. UYIP might not ever become as big as UCLA but all its students will attest that it is a well liked school. The size of the attendance at its closing exercises seems to increase and lends proof of that. If this continues, the auditorium may become too small as well as the classroom. But these are worries we can tackle for the future. For the present, it is sufficient to say that the students reap positive benefits by attending classes. If it is permissible to mention the name of an Arab here, I would like to paraphrase what the poet said about Abou Ben Adhem, may the Rabbi's tribe of students increase.

Best wishes and felicitations to the following members having birthdays or anniversaries in November:

(1) Esther Solomon, Robert H. Horowitz (3) Melvyn Gross (4) Mark Haiman, Al Gura (6) Nat Call, Bertha Panfield (7) Richard Steiner (8) Louis Gross, Russel Stern (10) Dorothy Haimowitz, Elaine Levy, Cele Kerner (11) Charles Feinstein, Eugene Zuckerman, Harriet Drillings, Mitchell Weiner (12) Irene Gross (13) Fred Brown, Jeanette Robinson, Abraham Seidman (15) Lewis Goodman (17) Charlotte Lehrer (18) Richard Van Grover (19) Sylvia Skulnik, Sol Spitz, David Krenkel (20) Fanny Eigener, Allan Felman (21) William Groginsky (22) Elaine Sokoler, Muriel Kurzer (23) Sydney Brown, Barry Lott (24) Robert Lott (25) David Waldman, Gladys Laufer, Marian Weiler (26) Ida Diamond. (29) Jeanette J. Horowitz.

ANNIVERSARIES

(6) Mr. & Mrs. Kalman S. Winkler (7) Mr. & Mrs. William Zisselman (8) Mr. & Mrs. Jack Boritz (14) Mr. & Mrs. Lester Silver, Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Weinrieb (17) Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Call (18) Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Pausack (22) Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bernstein (23) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lott, (their 25th), Mr. & Mrs. Jules Canter (24) Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lehrer (26) Mr. & Mrs. Harry Koppelman (27) Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cassler, Mr. & Mrs. Max Vegotsky * * * and Many Happy Returns.



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