

### **RABBI ADDRESSES CONFERENCE ON JEWISH EDUCATION**

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein returned earlier this week from a five-day annual meeting of the American Association for Jewish Education held in Atlantic City, at which he was one of the principal speakers. The Conference was highlighted by a review of Jewish education in the United States over the past decade and discussions on the current problems and prospects.

The question of "released time" for religious education—one of the most important public issues now facing the American people—was the subject on which the Rabbi addressed the gathering. Rabbi Lookstein shared the platform with another outstanding educator, Dr. John L. Childs of Teachers College, Columbia University, at the Sunday evening session which was devoted to the presentation of their views on "Religion and the Public Schools."

In the paper he read before the filled auditorium, Rabbi Lookstein explained the philosophy of the Jewish all-day school, pointing out that far from being inconsistent with the democratic way of life as practiced in America, it is to be regarded as "an element of American democracy and as an expression and index of the freedom of American culture." It is, said the Rabbi, "a means of preserving the diversity of cultures within our land" for the teaching that takes place within the confines of the all-day school are "the very foundation stones upon which enlightened society rests." The Jewish day school is a "veritable sanctuary in which democratic ideals are treated as divine sacraments."

We hope that in spite of the pressure exerted upon him by this as-

### **SHEVUOTH IN THE SYNAGOGUE**

Shevuoth, the Feast of Weeks, commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. It is also known as the "Chag Habikkurim," the Festival of First Fruits—a very joyous occasion in ancient Palestine, an even more joyous occasion in the new State of Israel.

Our synagogue, as usual, will be fittingly decorated with flowers and greens in honor of the holiday. We expect a large attendance on both days—Friday and Saturday—to share with us the joy and beauty of the festival.

On Friday morning, the first day of Shevuoth, the scriptural reading will include the Ten Commandments. This will be preceded by the chanting of "Akdemos" by the Rabbi and the congregation.

On Saturday, the second day of the festival, the Book of Ruth will be read, and Yizkor services recited. The Book of Remembrance, which the Congregation publishes annually and in which are recorded the names of those in whose memory a Yizkor offering was made, will be made available to our worshipers at these Memorial services.

Shevuoth is the last major festival of the year—the third of the Shalosh Regalim. As the Festival of the Torah, it bids us to re-dedicate ourselves to the teachings and traditions of our faith. By our presence in the synagogue on the holiday, we reaffirm our loyalty to the Torah.

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signment, the Rabbi, together with Mrs. Lookstein, managed to enjoy a few days of well deserved relaxation.



**THE K. J. PARENTS' CLUB**  
**CLOSING MEETING OF THE SEASON**

Tuesday evening, June 7th at 8:30 o'clock  
 in the Social Hall

The Guest Speaker will be

**MR. IRVING GILES**

who will speak on

**"The Work of the United Parent-Teachers  
 Association of Jewish Schools"**

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**CLOSING MEETING OF  
 PARENTS' CLUB NEXT TUESDAY**

The closing meeting of the Parents' Club for the season will take place next Tuesday evening, June 7th, at 8:30 o'clock in the Social Hall. The guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Irving Giles, who will speak on "The Work of the United Parent-Teachers Association of Jewish Schools."

Mr. Giles, a prominent business man, is president of the United PTA of Jewish Schools which is under the auspices of the Jewish Education Committee. Its aim is to bring the Hebrew school and the home into closer relationship for the improvement of the school and the ultimate benefit of the child who attends. The content of Mr. Giles' talk will, we know, bring welcome enlightenment to the many parents who are anxious to learn how they can help in the religious training their children receive at the hands of their Hebrew teachers.

Also on the agenda for the evening will be a report to be rendered by the president of the Parents' Club, Mrs. Benjamin Leifert, and brief remarks by the Principal of our Religious School, Mr. Myer B. Appleman. Election of officers for the coming year will also take place at this meeting.

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY**

**Birthdays —**

Greetings to the following members who celebrate birthdays this week: Mrs. Jacob Baruch, Joseph Friedman, Mrs. Edward Griffel, Ralph Hyman, Adolph Schenker and Abraham Wiener.

**Anniversaries —**

Heartiest wishes to Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mr. and Mrs. I. Jerome Riker and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sokolski, on their wedding anniversaries.

**Bon Voyage —**

Best wishes for a pleasant trip to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kohn, now en route to Israel, and to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Grossman, who are leaving for Europe and the Holy Land this week.

A large turn-out is expected. Past meetings of the Parents' Club have been very well attended; this meeting should be no exception. If anything, an even larger attendance should be on hand to hear an interesting talk on a vital subject, and, at the same time, to take an active part in the wonderful work of the Parents' Club.



**SCHEDULE OF SHEVUOTH SERVICES**

**THURSDAY, Shevuoth Eve**

Evening ..... 8:00

(An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared before sun-down in order to permit the preparation of food on the holiday for use on the Sabbath)

**FRIDAY, Shevuoth I**

Morning ..... 9:00

Evening ..... 6:30

**SATURDAY, Shevuoth II**

Morning ..... 8:45

Yizkor ..... 10:45

Evening ..... 8:10

Conclusion of Sabbath and Festival..... 9:00

**Rabbi Lookstein will preach on Friday and Saturday mornings at 10:45**

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHILDREN CONTRIBUTE TO CHARITIES**

Part of the program of the Religious School is Keren Ami. It is a project that has received little publicity; yet it occupies a most important position and plays a vital role in rounding out our children's Jewish living.

It is, in a word, a charity fund to which the children are asked to contribute whatever amounts they care to. At a certain designated time, a committee consisting of children representing different classes meet and discuss the causes which are deserving of consideration and the amounts to be allocated to each.

The value of this Keren Ami project is obvious. In the first place, worthwhile charities are given material support. Secondly, and probably what is more important from the educational standpoint, the children receive training in the fundamental mitzvah of giving charity, one of the three bases upon which, according to the Talmud, the world rests.

Last week, the monies collected from the children were distributed by

a committee of the children to several charities. Among those which were granted varying sums were the United Jewish Appeal, the March of Dimes, the Red Mogen Dovid, Histadrut Ivrit and the special Fund created by Chief Rabbi Herzog of Israel. Previously, a generous amount was given to the Passover Relief Fund which the Congregation sponsors for the help of the needy before Passover time.

The Keren Ami project, of course, is independent of the semi-annual drive of the Jewish National Fund in which our children participate with active interest and excellent results. All told, thus, the pupils of our Religious School are responsible for the raising of a considerable amount for charitable purposes.

It is a pleasure to report on this activity of our children. Theirs is the satisfaction of actual participation in one of the noblest deeds in Jewish life, and to them, young as they are, goes the credit for doing so much good.



## CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

Cordially invites you and your friends to attend

### FATHER'S DAY SERVICES

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th

Services begin at 9:00 a.m.

Sermon at 10:45 a.m.

At the conclusion of the Services, a Kiddush,  
sponsored by our Men's Club, will be  
served in the Social Hall

#### Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein.....*Rabbi*  
Hyman Gertler.....*Cantor*  
Joseph E. Adler.....*Ritual Director*  
Jerome H. Rosenblum.....*Executive Director*

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Mrs. Alexander Kommel.*Pres., Sisterhood*

#### YAHARZEITS

##### June

4—JAY J. WEISMAN  
4—MARY GOODMAN  
5—JENNIE RESNICK  
6—DORA HARRIS  
7—MARY I. SILBERMAN  
8—MEYER VESELL  
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