

THOMAS BORNSTEIN HEADS LIST OF YEAR BOOK WORKERS

✕ New Ad-Getters Join "Veterans" in 1953 Drive

Our esteemed trustee, Thomas Bornstein, who was among the leaders in our 1952 campaign, is now enjoying the top position in the matter of soliciting ads for the 1953 Year Book. Already his solicitations almost amount to his total of last year — a certain indication that he will go well over his previous record.

LECTURES ON AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY RESUMED

After a lapse of two weeks, the lecture series on the American Jewish Community was resumed Monday evening. The lecture that was given was on the subject, "The American Jew: his Family, his Schooling, his Occupation", and introduced the series' second phase, which will consist of a discussion of the Sociology and Organization of the Community. Our guest speaker was Dr. Abraham G. Duker, one of the outstanding Jewish historians and sociologists in America

In his talk Monday evening, Dr. Duker showed the effects of the community-at-large on its Jewish community. The American Jews — like their English, French or Italian counterparts — are now the products of westernization, and have adopted many of the customs, practices and outlooks of the western world. Thus, what holds true for his non-Jewish neighbor will, in many instances, hold true for the American Jew: the reduction in the size of the family, is a case in point.

Another interesting talk by Dr. Duker will be given this Monday evening at 9:00 o'clock on the subject of "The American Jew: his Religion, his Language, his Mores." You are cordially invited to attend.

We learn, too, from Jules Podell, the Chairman of the 1953 Year Book, that our "veteran" ad-getters are, without exception, again working for the success of this year's effort, and that their ranks are being swelled by the addition of a large number of new ad-getters — members of the Congregation and non-members, alike — who recognize the importance of the Educational Scholarship Fund and are determined to do their utmost for it.

The roster of workers grows; so, too, do our hopes. It appears that we will exceed this year the sum of money ever realized previously. But, our optimism notwithstanding, we still cannot safely predict that we will reach our goal of \$35,000 — the very minimum that will be required this year in order to provide the necessary scholarship aid. The reason for this is that we need the cooperation of more and more of our members and friends to do just one simple task: *get one ad, in any amount.*

It figures, mathematically; it adds up, logically. A few conscientious men cannot be expected to carry the entire burden. They may account for a large percentage of the proceeds, but they must have the backing of the entire K. J. family.

We congratulate Mr. Bornstein and we wish him well in his future efforts

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Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 a.m.

"WHAT ARE YOU WORRYING ABOUT?"

KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

*looks forward to seeing all members and their friends
at the next*

OPEN MEETING

this Monday Afternoon, January 12th at 12:30

at the home of

MRS. ALEXANDER GROSS

200 West 86th Street • New York City

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION
ELECTS OFFICERS**

The Junior Congregation, which meets every Saturday morning at 10:30 in the Chapel has elected two of their regulars to be in charge of the activity. They are Benjamin Brown, representing the boys, and Toby Holzer, for the girl worshippers. These co-presidents are especially helpful to Mr. Manfred Rechtschaffen, who supervises the Congregation, in various functions which make up the morning's service.

Mr. Rechtschaffen also announced the introduction of an innovation which has met with a warm response on the part of the thirty-odd youngsters who attend these Sabbath morning services regularly and faithfully. A list of guest speakers has been drawn up from among the young men of the congregational family, and these are invited to address the Junior Congregation on the portion of the week. Thus far Haskel Lookstein and Lawrence Kobrin have delivered short talks; other equally capable men will be invited to occupy the pulpit on forthcoming Saturdays.

Boys and girls who reside in our community are cordially invited to become regular worshippers at the Junior Congregation. The rewards are great, for not only is there a kiddush following every service, but prizes will be awarded for attendance. And, of course, the educational value of this activity is inestimable. So start with this Saturday morning, and make it a habit to attend every week.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, Jerome Margareten, Harry Metzger and Mrs. George Ratner.

Engagement —

Hearty felicitations to Morton Strauss, a devoted member of our Men's Club, on his engagement to Miss Claire Klein.

Marriage —

Mazel Tov wishes are extended to Bernard Berwick, an esteemed member of our Men's Club, and to Mrs. Berwick, on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Harriet, to Mr. Lester G. Merritt.

Anniversaries —

Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Buchalter and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Salvan on their wedding anniversaries.

Welcome Home —

A hearty Bo-achem I'sholom to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Vogel who returned last week from a trip to Europe and Israel.

CONDOLENCES

We record with sorrow the passing of Martin Lang, the beloved brother of our devoted member, Mrs. Alexander Garfein; and of Sophie Goodside, the dear mother of Dr. Samuel Goodside, Assistant Supervisor of Ramaz Lower School.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved families, and we pray that the Almighty spare them further sorrow

STIMULATING TALK ON AMERICAN POLITICS HIGHLIGHTS MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

One of the finest, most stimulating and most scintillating talks ever to be heard at a Men's Club dinner — or, for that matter, at any function — was the reward of those who attended the Thirteenth Annual Dinner last Tuesday evening. Our guest speaker at the occasion was Dr. Henry F. Graff, associated professor of history at Columbia, who, despite his youthfulness, is being hailed as an authority in his field and one of the brighter lights in his profession. Prof. Graff spoke on "The Prospects of American Politics."

As was to be expected, the talk revolved about the recent presidential election, but in order to develop the point he was trying to make, our guest speaker spoke about the American Presidency in general, and covered a period of over fifty years. Dr. Graff showed how each Chief Executive reflected in his manner and in his policies the temperament and feeling of American nation — from the blustering bravado of Theodore Roosevelt through the do-nothingness and sleepiness of some presidents—down through Harry S. Truman. This part of his talk was punctuated with frequent anecdotes which were not only amusing but significant as well.

Turning to the election last November, and to the campaign period which preceded it, Dr. Graff analyzed with uncanny shrewdness and clarity the coalitions that were engineered within each of the two political parties and the forces that were at play in wresting the power from the Democratic to the Republican party. Finally, he predicted, with the astuteness of a keen observer of the political scene, what we may expect from President-elect Eisenhower: the relationship he is likely to enjoy with the Republican-dominated Congress; the clashes that are almost certain to arise within the party of the "ins"; even the prospects of the 1956 election.

Rarely — perhaps never — before in our history did an audience sit so rapt and attentive and listen with such eagerness to the remarks of a guest speaker. The brief question-and-answer period that followed Dr. Graff's talk, served to prove (if, indeed proof were needed) how stimulating and provocative was the thesis developed by the speaker. Some of our guests may have taken issue with one or another of Dr. Graff's statements, but all were agreed that he showed a remarkable grasp of his subject, a rare insight into basic issues, and an unusual ability to stimulate one's thinking processes.

As is our custom, Rabbi Lookstein was called upon by the president of the Men's Club, Ira F. Weisman, to offer his closing remarks. The Rabbi touched upon the effects which the new Republican administration will have on the State of Israel and on the Jews in this country, as one of the minority groups.

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The talks that were heard Tuesday were the crowning touches to a most enjoyable evening. A fine attendance plus an excellent dinner plus a warmth and spirit that cannot be duplicated — all added up to one of the most successful dinners ever held. The Committee which arranged this outstanding function, headed by Hyman I. Bucher, is to be congratulated.

New Members —

We extend a warm welcome to Nathan Billig who joined our Men's Club recently, and we wish him a long and happy association with us.

Thank You —

We are grateful to our devoted members, Samuel Rosen and Louis W. Yohann, for their generous contributions in sponsoring breakfasts of our Father-and-Son Minyan.

