

*Kehilath
Jeshurun*

Bulletin



DECEMBER 4, 1959

VOL. XXVIII NUMBER 13

KISLEV 3, 5720

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY AT THANKSGIVING SERVICE "This Is My God" Reviewed

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the

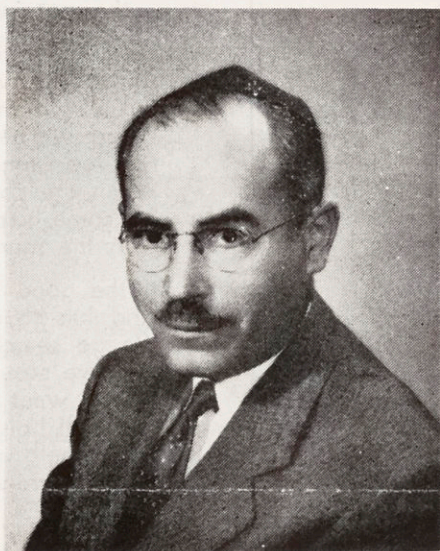
SECOND ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE

in the series

"ONE THOUSAND YEARS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUDAISM"

This Wednesday Evening, December 9th

at 9:00 o'clock in the Social Hall



DR. IRVING AGUS

Professor of Jewish History, Yeshiva University

will discuss

"SEPHARDIC JEWRY"

A Golden Age of Poets, Philosophers, and Statesmen

Refreshments will be served

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.

"THE SEASON OF GOOD WILL"

Advice to Jews and Non-Jews

Some six hundred and fifty worshippers filled the main floor of the synagogue and half of the balcony last Thursday for the congregation's annual Thanksgiving Service.

The worshippers were treated to a beautiful service, in which Cantor Samuel Vigoda sang in superlative style and the Oscar Julius Choir accompanied him melodiously. The highlight and the outstanding attraction of the service was the long awaited review by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein of Herman Wouk's "This Is My God."

Rabbi Praises Laymen's Theology

Those who may have thought the Rabbi would criticize the personal religious testimony of a man, hitherto known as a novelist and a playwright, must have been sorely disappointed. Our reviewer began by dissenting from the author's modest evaluation of his own book and termed it "original," "unique," and "exceptional."

The Rabbi pointed out that the book was a response to and written for a variety of people, including the fraternity of sophisticates, the escapist Jew, the agnostic, and the uninformed. There was perhaps one other person for whom the author wrote the book, according to our reviewer. That person would be Herman Wouk himself. It was more than a creative urge which prompted this work. It was a case of a man grappling with himself "to resolve intellectual conflicts, to overcome metaphysical doubts and to triumph over religious uncertainties."

The congregation left the synagogue with words of praise on their lips — praise for an inspiring review of a magnificent book.

DR. IRVING AGUS TO GIVE SECOND LECTURE THIS WEDNESDAY

One month ago, one hundred and forty students gathered in the Social Hall of the synagogue to hear Dr. Irving Agus, Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, launch the 1959-60 Adult Institute Open Lecture Series.

Dr. Agus' lectures this year are on the general theme, "One Thousand Years in the Development of Judaism", a treatment of the forces, personalities, institutions, and schools of thought that shaped the fabric of Judaism after the close of the Talmudic Period (500 C.E.).

Dr. Agus to discuss Sephardic Jewry

This Wednesday evening, December 9th, at 9:00 P.M., our lecturer will

deliver the second part of the series. The title is "Sephardic Jewry — A Golden Age of Poets, Philosophers, and Statesmen." Professor Agus will discuss the creative effect of Spanish Jewry (1000-1492) upon Judaism today. He will dwell upon the roll which was played by Maimonides, Halevi, Gabirol, and their contemporaries in the philosophical growth of Judaism. He will explain their adjustment to the influence of Arabic and Greek thought. He will examine the participation of Spanish Jewry in the government of Spain.

We are sure you will not want to miss this lecture. Come and bring your friends.

RESERVE NOW

for the GALA

PRE-CHANUKAH DANCE AND DINNER PARTY

Sponsored by the

SISTERHOOD

on

Sunday Evening, December 20th, 1959

The Sparkling music of Larry Bell and his Orchestra

FUN AND FROLICS

Couvert: Ten Dollars per person

JUNIOR CONGREGATION AT 10:15

The Junior Congregation continues to meet regularly every Saturday morning in the Chapel. The time has been advanced to 10:15 in order to make it possible for parents to come to the synagogue with their children and still arrive in time for the reading of the Torah.

The Junior Congregation, under the expert leadership of Charles Kleinhaus, is an excellent training ground for youngsters to enable them to learn the contents and structure of the Sabbath service. The children serve as cantors, gabbaim, and ushers. They are called to the Torah and they learn the prayers well. They are, of course, treated to a special Kiddush at the close of services.

If your child has, by chance, not taken advantage of this opportunity, send him this week at 10:15. Better still, bring him yourself and join the regular service, while your child attends a service suited to his needs.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN

Fifth Service: December 5, 9:30

Cantors: Bobby Kurzweil, Salem Katsh, Steve Rauch, Stanley Kurzweil

Sponsor: Edward Lebowitz

AN ODE TO JEWRY DUTY

We take pleasure in printing below an original poem written by William Heyman, an esteemed member of the congregation, a veteran student in the Adult Institute, and a regular worshipper at morning and evening services. We think the poem speaks for itself.

FILET MINYAN

We're a little group of pietists
Who keep the Golden Rule.
And when it comes to davening,
We're stubborn as a mule.
If you ask us where we're going
Why we're on our way to Shul,
For we have to make the Minyan in
the morning.

If the temperature is sizzling
Or the mercury is low,
If the rain comes down in torrents
Or the roads are deep in snow,
And the winds come round a-
howling
Still we never fail to show,
For we have to make the Minyan in
the morning.

Our Synagogue is gorgeous
And the service is divine.
But it's in the little chapel
Where we have to hold the line,
For you cannot say a Kaddish
When the count is only nine,
So, come help us make the Minyan
in the morning.

If the good Lord finds it fitting
And has to cut us down.
We go searching for replacements
And we scout around the town.
If you want to have a Mitzvah
That will bolster your renown,
Come, help us make the Minyan in
the morning.

William Heyman

**CUB SCOUTS TO MEET
TUESDAY EVENINGS**

Mr. Benjamin Leifert, Chairman of the Men's Club Boy Scouts committee has announced that the first meeting of the Cub Scouts will be held this coming Tuesday in the gymnasium of the synagogue house at 7:00 P.M.

Harvey Klein, who acted as Cub Scout Supervisor last year will once again lead the youngsters in their activities this year. Harvey, who is attending law school this year, has shown a wonderful esprit de corps in giving of his time and energy.

Parents are urged to inform their sons (ages 9-11) of the weekly meetings. There's a wonderful time in store for the boys.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births—

A granddaughter was born to our esteemed members Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Belkin on Friday, November 27th. We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to the grandparents and to the parents Ralph and Linda Schuchalter.

Hearty congratulations to Mrs. Elmer Engel the proud grandmother of a baby boy born to her children Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zimet.

While extending congratulations to the Engel family, we should like to wish our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Engel good luck in their new home.

Our heartiest Mazel Tov wishes to our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Heffner on the birth of a great granddaughter.

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mrs. Theodore R. Fink, Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, Mrs. Harry Kaplan, Dr. Gizella Perl, J. William Rosenbluth, Mrs. Max Scheidt, Leon Sigall, and Nathan Warshaw.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Dr. and Mrs. Ira I. Kaplan, Dr. and Mrs. Israel Malbin, the Hon. and Mrs. George Postel, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wouk.

Welcome Home—

We are happy to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker and their children Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goldstein who have returned from a trip abroad. A similar welcome to Berthold Weinsberg, who has just returned from Europe.

Get Well—

We wish a speedy recovery to our esteemed member Mr. Abraham Poust who is convalescing from illness at present, and to our devoted member Mrs. Nathan Andrews, who is recuperating after undergoing surgery.

KIDDUSH HOSTS

We should like to thank our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perlman who sponsored the kiddush this past Sabbath.

The kiddush this week is being sponsored by Mrs. Rae Lechner, the sister of our member Dr. H. Harold Gelfand on the occasion of the "aufruf" of her son and Dr. Gelfand's nephew, Lieutenant Ira Lechner.

Sisterhood - Men's Club Meeting December 15th

Dr. Henry Raphael Gold to Address Special Function

For the first time in three years, the Sisterhood and Men's Club of Kehilath Jeshurun will hold a joint meeting in the synagogue. This special event will take place on Tuesday evening December 15th.

Our guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Henry Raphael Gold, noted psychiatrist, sociologist, and rabbinic scholar. Dr. Gold, numbers among his many accomplishments the fact that he is the father of Mrs. Meyer Texon, the charming president of our sisterhood.

"Psychiatry and the World of Faith"

Our guest speaker comes from a very varied and interesting background of achievement. A graduate of Columbia University, from which he received respectively the degrees of B.A., M.A., and M.D., he is also an ordained rabbi

who has practiced the rabbinate in this country. A fellow of the American psychiatric Association, he is now Consultant in Psychiatry at the Roosevelt Hospital.

Dr. Gold will discuss "Modern Psychiatry and the World of Faith." His multi-faceted personality, as well as his traditions of scholarship and his breadth of insight, renders him most capable to treat this fascinating subject.

The joint meeting will no doubt be an auspicious occasion. The presence of the two major affiliates of the congregation at one meeting is enough of an attraction. Our guest lecturer will certainly add an inspiring and intellectual note to a wonderful evening.

Do come and be with us on December 15th at 8:30 P.M.

THE JEWRY BOX

LAST WEEK

HYMAN I. COHEN
ALBERT COLIN
MAX J. ETRA
NICO DE GRAAFF

THIS WEEK

MAX DOCTOROW
LEO EDELMAN
SAMSON EICHLER
ARTHUR M. ROSEN

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to maintain the Daily Minyan.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN IN HIGH GEAR

Last Sunday, the Father and Son Minyan held its fourth service of the year, thus completing roughly one fifth of its season which will end in early April.

It is time to take stock of the progress of this activity which, at present, is rolling along in high gear.

Sixty three boys and girls have attended one or more services this year. They range in age from 8 to 19. The average attendance of "minyanares" at the services has been an even fifty, never dropping below 45 and not rising above 55.

Fourteen boys have, thus far, officiated as cantors. In this category are the following: Larry Rabinowitz, Stuart Podell, Ian Schorr, Jon Mills, Aaron Holzer, Jonathan Wouk, Mark Bieler, Jimmy Torczyner (twice), Bruce Dratler, David Kahn, Jerry Bruss, David Fiedler, Jordan Wouk, and Mannes Friedman.

The following members of the Men's Club have sponsored the four breakfasts to date: Dr. Robert Wallach, Ira

F. Weisman, Elgin Shulsky, and Dr. Victor Wouk. Dr. Wouk, who sponsored last Sundays breakfast in honor of Jordan's debut as a cantor, took photographs of the minyan. We hope to publish one of them in a future issue of the bulletin.

Collegiates in Attendance

Last week, a few "alumni", now at college, came to the Minyan during their Thanksgiving recess. We were glad to see Charles Kleinhaus, Melvin Newman, and Gerald Pollack in attendance. They showed that college had not dulled their abilities in prayer or in basketball. They agreed, however, that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein who temporarily came out of "semi-retirement" for last week's basketball session, was still able to hold his own on the court with the collegiates.

The minyan continues to be an ever increasing source of satisfaction to the Congregation and the Men's Club. The services are held regularly on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Come down this Sunday. "You'll be glad you did."

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

117-25 East 85th Street
New York 28, N. Y.
Sacramento 2-0800

Editor

Joseph Glatt

Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein	Rabbi
Haskel Lookstein	Ass't. Rabbi
Israel D. Rosenberg	Ritual Director
Joseph Glatt	Exec. Director

Officers of the Congregation

Max J. Etra	President
A. Phillip Goldsmith	Vice-President
Samuel A. Marcus	Treasurer
Joseph Roth	Secretary
Elgin Shulsky	Pres., Men's Club
Mrs. Meyer Texon	Pres., Sisterhood

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles	4:10
Evening	4:20

SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15
Weekly Portion: Toledot; Genesis 25:19-28:9	
Haftorah: Malachi 1:1-2:7	
Evening	4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:00

SUNDAY

Morning	8:30
Father-and-Son Minyan	9:30

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Evening	4:20

Yahrzeits**December**

5—KATHERINE MORRIS
6—NATHAN HUTKOFF
7—SAMUEL KLEIN
7—SAMUEL LEWIS, JR.
8—FLORENCE LAYE
8—HYMAN EHRLICH
8—SIGMUND BLANC
9—SOLOMON BERK
9—MINNIE BECK
9—MAURICE BRETZFIELD
9—NATHAN ANDREWS
10—HERBERT KLEIN
10—SAMUEL PALLEY



**YESHIVA UNIVERSITY SEMINAR
FOR TEEN-AGERS
DECEMBER 24-30**

A wonderful opportunity is being offered to a select group of teen-agers in our synagogue to attend the Yeshiva University Torah Leadership Seminar which will be held in Woodridge, New York during the winter vacation.

Three of our youngsters attended the summer twelve day session last August and came back raving about the experience. The Seminar offers the finest opportunity for discussion and informal study in a delightful atmosphere. The recreation program includes ice skating, skiing, campfires, and other camp-like activities. The seminarian has a chance to meet boys and girls of his own age who come not only from the metropolitan area but literally from all over the country.

The Seminar will meet this year from Thursday, December 24th until Wednesday, December 30th at the Lake House Hotel in Woodridge, New York. Further details and information may be obtained from Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with many thanks contributions to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Vera Ickovic, Mrs. Richard Kolb, and Mrs. Adolph Schenker.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others, by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Robert H. Zessman, 12 East 87th Street, the Happy Day Fund Chairman.

LIPSTADT MEMORIAL COMPANY**Monuments**

370 AMSTERDAM AVENUE
Near 78th Street
NEW YORK 24, N. Y.
TR 4-6843

Serving the Congregation
over 25 years

Closed Saturdays Open Sundays

K. J. CALENDAR**SATURDAY — 3:30 P.M.**

Sabbath afternoon class
The Commandments of Judaism

MONDAY — 11:00 A.M.

Class for Women
The Prayer Book

12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Board Meeting
at the home of
Mrs. Samuel Schreiber
1025 Fifth Avenue

8:00 P.M.

Rapid Hebrew Class

TUESDAY — 7:00 P.M.

Cub Scout Meeting
Gymnasium of Synagogue House

WEDNESDAY — 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Rapid Hebrew Class
Basic Hebrew II
Intermediate Hebrew I

WEDNESDAY 9:00 P.M.

Adult Institute Lecture
Lecturer: Dr. Irving Agus

**TUESDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 15th**

Men's Club - Sisterhood meeting
—GUEST SPEAKER—
Dr. Henry Raphael Gold

**SUNDAY EVENING — 6:30
DECEMBER 20th**

Sisterhood Pre-Chanukah
Dance and Dinner Party

RIVERSIDE

Memorial Chapel

Funeral Directors

76th ST. AND AMSTERDAM AVENUE
CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Director
ENDICOTT 2-6600