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TWENTY RAMAZ SENIORS WIN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven Win Engineering Scholarships

The New York State Board of Regents this week published the names of all winners of State Scholarships. Included among them are twenty seniors of Ramaz School. They are:

Rena Benathan
Miriam Bokser
James Cleeman
Rochelle Dyckman
Lionel Etra
Suzanne Friedman
Barbara Frisch
Martin Kasofsky
Naomi Lebowitz
Judith Lefkowitz
Manuel Lerman
Carmi Margolis
Nat Mayer
Solomon Mowshowitz
Charlotte Pearlberg
Yvette Rotenberg
Eugene Rothman
Michael Schwartz
Jerrold Silverstein
Samuel Sokolik

In addition to those listed, seven seniors have been announced as winners of Engineering Scholarships. They are:

James Cleeman
Lionel Etra
Martin Kasofsky
Judith Lefkowitz
Manuel Lerman
Solomon Mowshowitz
Jerrold Silverstein

It is extremely gratifying to report that two Ramaz seniors, James Cleeman and Martin Kasofsky, are in a second-place tie amongst all the winners of scholarships in New York County. Two students, Ronald Hanover and Rachel Shimkin are alternates for State Scholarships.

This scholastic achievement is remarkable and is a tribute to the winners and to their school. In all, thirty one students took the examination. It means, therefore, that close to seventy per cent have distinguished

Wealth and Wisdom Mark Eastern European "Greats"

Dr. Agus Cites Combination of Qualities

At the fourth lecture in his series "One Thousand Years in the Development of Judaism," Dr. Irving Agus described an interesting combination of qualities which marked the great scholars of East European Jewry.

Speaking before another beautiful turnout which filled every seat in the social hall, Dr. Agus indicated that the great Jewish minds of 17th century Poland not only were possessed of wisdom but were also characterized by unusual physical wealth.

In his lecture, "Rabbinism — A Jewish Response to the Age of Reason," Professor Agus described such as Rabbi Moses Isserles and Rabbi Solomon Luria as extremely wealthy men by every standard. He traced this wealth to their fathers-in-law. In Poland, a wealthy man would search far and wide for an up and coming scholar who would marry his daughter. The father-in-law would then support his son-in-law in the most generous fashion.

Our lecturer gave a clear reason for this. He asserted that, in Eastern

Europe, the outstanding trait sought by all was scholarship. Every man learned at his own level. Adult education was not optional equipment for the esoteric few but rather a daily affair in which every Jew was involved and around which his life centered. It, therefore, followed that the most honored, respected, and admired individual in the community was the "Talmid Chacham" — the scholar of Law and Lore.

The Vilna Gaon was the end product of this frame of values. He was the acme of perfection by Jewish standards. The Jewish community lived to be able to produce such a giant of the spirit. In many cases they even died for this ideal as well.

The final lecture in this series will be delivered by Dr. Agus on Wednesday evening, March 9 at 9:00. His topic will be: "Chasidism — The Jews' Response to the Romantic Period." All who are "Chasidim" of Dr. Agus will no doubt be present. All others are invited to join the throng.

themselves as winners. We are informed that this is the highest percentage of any school in the State of New York.

This report does not complete the honors of the present senior class. We just received word that three students, James Cleeman, Martin Kasofsky and Judith Lefkowitz have achieved the grade of Finalists in the

National Merit Scholarship test. This test was administered to 550,000 students throughout the nation, representing 14,500 high schools.

We offer our congratulations to all the winners and to their families. All those associated with this great educational enterprise, have reason to feel proud of this year's scholastic achievements.

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

"A NON-JEW WHO WROTE A PORTION INTO THE BIBLE"

SISTERHOOD TO HEAR SECOND LECTURE ON MUSIC AT MEETING

The next meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Monday, February 29th in the Synagogue Social Hall. At the meeting, Mr. Stanley Wolfe will present the second lecture on Music. The topic is "A Short Survey of the Opera and the Symphony."

The members of the Sisterhood who were on hand at the first lecture, were so impressed by Mr. Wolfe and the informative material he presented, that they will certainly be at this forthcoming meeting. Others who were not at the last meeting will certainly want to be present at this one on February 29th.

Luncheon will be served at 12:00.

YOUNG MARRIEDS MEET THIS SATURDAY

The Young Marrieds of Kehilath Jeshurun will hold a meeting this Saturday night, February 20th at 8:30, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Javitt, 19 East 98th Street.

The subject under discussion will be the pros and cons of a Day School education as opposed to public school and Talmud Torah training. Twelve couples have informed the hostess of their intention to be present at what promises to be educationally and socially, a very interesting meeting.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birth —

Our heartiest congratulations to our members Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Lightstone on the birth of a son.

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Alexander A. Bernstein, Bernard D. Fischman, Dr. Frank Goodman, Louis Olshan, Mrs. Gilbert Portnoy, Joseph Schlang, Julius I. Silver, Albert Wald, Harry Zaifert, and Albert A. Zuch.

Anniversaries —

Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Samson Gordon, and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Lieberman.

Welcome Back —

We were very happy to see our devoted member Reuben Westerman at services last Saturday. This is a wonderful sign of his recovery from his recent illness. We are very pleased to have him back in our midst.

Teen Ager's Discuss Anti-Semitism

COLLEGE CLASS STUDIES TALMUD AND BIBLE

In a very quiet and unobtrusive manner, a group of young men have been meeting with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein every Thursday evening, week in and week out since November for a study session. The session, which lasts two and a half hours, is devoted to the study of Talmud and Bible.

The boys began by studying The Introduction to Maimonides' Commentary on the Mishna. In this work the great medieval philosopher and legalist discusses the fundamental concepts of the Oral Law. He also treats the organization of the Talmud into "Orders" and Tractates. Besides having learned the contents of this basic work thoroughly, the boys have also learned by heart the names of the sixty three Tractates and the order in which they are found in the Talmud.

Through this study, the students have acquired the keys by which the doors of the Talmud may be opened to greater understanding of Judaism and Jewish Law.

The class has recently begun the study of Berachot, the first of the sixty three Tractates. They are learning the text together with Rashi, Tosafot, Maimonides, and other important commentaries. The disputations in the Talmud are also traced through the legal codes in order to determine precisely how they are distilled into law.

In Bible, the students have been studying Deuteronomy with the commentaries of Rashi and Nachmanides. They are presently engaged in analyzing the Ten Commandments in detail.

Five of these students are graduates of Ramaz High School, the others have been graduated from the Yeshiva of Flatbush and the Manhattan High School of Yeshiva University. We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of these boys, and we urge all, who are qualified, to become part of this group of budding scholars.

KIDDUSH HOSTS

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wald.

The K. J. Teen Age Group, a club for boys (14-18) and girls (13-16) held its second regular meeting last Sunday afternoon in the synagogue house auditorium. Over twenty five young people attended.

The main portion of the meeting was devoted to a film "All the Way Home" and a discussion of antisemitism and racial prejudice which were the subjects of the film.

The group, with Marshal Etra serving as moderator, explored some of the basic causes of antisemitism. There seemed to be some agreement that the underlying force which maintained this seed of hatred was a religious one and that the first place in which to begin eradicating antisemitism was in the Houses of Worship. Religious leaders of other faiths would have to begin to counter actively the invendos and imputations which have been directed at the Jew during the past eighteen hundred years.

Excursion and Theatre Party

During the business portion of the meeting the group made definite plans for a number of functions during the next few weeks.

On Sunday afternoon, February 28th, the teen agers will visit the Statue of Liberty as a group. They will meet at the synagogue at 2:00 and proceed from there to South Ferry for the boat ride to the Statue of Liberty.

On Saturday night, April 2nd, the group will attend a play at the Bronx High School of Science. The play, "You Can't Take It With You," is a former Pulitzer Prize winner and was written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. We have obtained a very limited number of tickets (at \$1.00 each), most of which have been reserved already. Those interested in reserving the remaining tickets are urged to inform the Synagogue Office immediately.

WOMEN'S CLASS RECESS

The Women's Class in Prayer, which meets regularly on Monday mornings at 11:00, will not meet on February 22nd and 29th.

The next regular session will be held on Monday, March 7th.

VICTOR GELLER HIGHLIGHTS MEN'S CLUB SUNDAY MEETING

"Synagogue Physician" Gives Prognosis for Traditional Judaism

Mr. Victor Geller, Field Director of the Community Service Division at Yeshiva University, climaxed one of the most successful meetings ever held by our Men's Club by delivering an eloquent address on the past, present, and future of Traditional Judaism in America.

The occasion was the first Sunday morning meeting ever held by the Club. The meeting was held jointly with the Father and Son Minyan which the Men's Club has been sponsoring for the past eleven years.

A Packed Chapel

Over one hundred men, boys, and girls, filled almost every seat in the synagogue chapel during the services. All were impressed with the beautiful service run by the boys themselves. Everyone joined in the responsive and unison readings which are an integral part of the service. The men sat wide eyed as the boys answered Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's questions on the rules of Tephillin and the ramifications ensuing from the medieval dispute on the problem of whether Tephillin constitute one commandment in two parts or two separate commandments.

After breakfast and the Grace after meals, the boys went to the gymnasium and the men sat back to hear one of the most eloquent and informative addresses ever presented to a Men's Club audience.

A "Shul Doctor"

Mr. Geller, who facetiously referred to himself, in the words of his young son, as a "Shul Doctor", drew on his vast store of information gleaned from hundreds of "problem communities" to present a frank appraisal of Traditional Judaism in America.

He showed how Jewish immigrants who came here fifty years ago did not fit into the usual mold of immigrants who came to these shores to find religious freedom. These Jews came for economic opportunity and found that frequently this opportunity could be gained only at the expense of the jettisoning of Judaism and its traditions.

A Religious New Deal

In the 1930's synagogues were crowded; but the worshippers were mostly older people who represented the setting sun of Eastern European Jewry. This was the period of a double depression, physical and religious. There were bread lines and spiritual poverty. A New Deal was definitely required.

In the late 1930's three forces began operating to give Traditional Judaism a much needed shot in the arm.

Day Schools

The first was the emergence of the Day School — the modern counterpart of the Yeshiva of Eastern Europe. In 1935, thirty five such schools existed in a half dozen principal cities. Today there are two hundred and seventy such schools all over the United States and Canada.

These schools are training children who come from non-observant homes. Many of the pupils are girls who have come to know that women are not second class Jewish citizens.

A second force was the emergence of Yeshiva University. The University has created an intellectual elite who, as laymen, provide a living example of the viability of Torah life in a modern world. Often, the contribution is an indirect one. Recently, the Yeshiva basketball team travelled to West Point to play Army and, seeing that the time for the afternoon service would soon be over, davened Mincha in the Field House before the game. Although, as Mr. Geller pointed out, their prayers had no effect upon the outcome of the game, the act itself left an impression upon the Jewish boys at the Point which cannot even be adequately appreciated.

The Yeshiva has also produced a new generation of young rabbis. These men are uniquely fit to interpret Judaism to young America. "They know that Giants are listed not only in the pages of the Bible but also in the standings of the National League." They are equally adept at teaching "Aleph Bet" to beginners and the intricate disputations in the Talmud to advanced students.

Poverty and Piety

The final force has been an economic one. Traditional Jews have come of age financially. They are no longer all tailors and peddlers. Many have become financiers and entrepreneurs of big business. Thus, there is no longer truth to the statement that poverty and piety go together. You can have one without the other.

We are respected economic partners in the Jewish Community. Others have more respect for us and we have greater respect for ourselves.

Traditional Judaism in America, said Mr. Geller, has passed from the embryonic stage into adolescence. We are at once the oldest branch of Judaism to come to these shores and, at the same time, the most recent to develop. Like an adolescent we don't always function as smoothly as we would like. Oft-times we appear to be all arms and legs. We make mistakes frequently but we learn to correct them. People know that we have arrived and we know that the future for Traditional Judaism in this country is a bright one because of our efforts.

AM HASEFER TO DISCUSS SECOND BOOKS

Our two Am Hasefer (People of the Book) groups are approaching their second meetings of the year. The members are now completing the reading of their books and will be ready to discuss them within the next few days.

Group I

Group I will meet on Monday evening, February 29 at 8:30, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lebowitz — 85 East End Avenue. The group will discuss "Eva" by Meyer Levin.

Group II

Group II will meet on Tuesday evening, February 23 at 8:30, in the Synagogue Library and will discuss "Faith of Judaism" by Isidore Epstein.

We are confident that all members will attend their respective meetings and that the discussions will prove most rewarding.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles 5:15
Evening 5:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Weekly Portion: Yitro,
Exodus 18:1-20:23
Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6;9:5-6
Evening 5:30
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:10

SUNDAY

Morning 8:30
Father and Son Minyan 9:30

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Evening 5:30

YAHREZITS**February**

20 — TOBY THERESA
20 — REBECCA JACOBS
20 — JACOB VOGEL
20 — ABRAHAM GLIKSMAN
21 — ISAAC CLAMAN
21 — KATE FRANK
21 — JACOB LEVY
21 — AARON HYMAN
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24 — LOUIS FLAX
24 — ABRAM A. SHEPARD
25 — CHARLES BOGDONOFF
26 — MINNA TRAUTMAN

FATHER AND SON MINYAN**Fifteenth Service**

February 21

Cantors:

Edward Milstein
David Kahn
Daniel Beller
Martin Jelenko

Breakfast Sponsor:

Benjamin Kaufman

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Happy Day Fund by Mrs. Ralph Hyman and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger.

The Happy Day Fund is used by the Sisterhood to bring happiness and assistance to those in need.

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

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to our devoted member, Dr. H. Harold Gelfand, upon the loss of his beloved brother.

We convey our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and pray that the Almighty may spare them further grief for many years to come.

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Funeral Directors

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CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Director

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

K. J. Juniors

8:30 P.M.

Young Marrieds
at the home of
Dr. and Mrs. Norman Javitt
19 East 98th Street

TUESDAY — 7:00 P.M.

Cub Scout Meeting
Gymnasium

8:30 P.M.

Am Hasefer Group II
Synagogue Library

WEDNESDAY — 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Rapid Hebrew Class
Basic Hebrew II
Intermediate Hebrew

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

Teen Age Excursion
to Statue of Liberty

MONDAY — FEBRUARY 29th

Sisterhood Open Meeting

7:30 P.M.

Young Adults Meeting
Social Hall

8:30 P.M.

Am HaSefer Group I

WEDNESDAY — MARCH 30th

Sisterhood Donor Luncheon
Savoy Hilton Hotel

THE JEWRY BOX**LAST WEEK**

DR. HARRY KAPLAN
HERMAN KATZ
BENJAMIN KAUFMAN

THIS WEEK

A. MILTON BROWN
DR. EMORY KLEIN

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