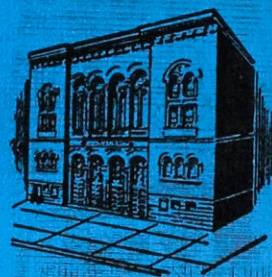


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RABBI ISAAC L. SWIFT OPENS ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE SERIES Record Attendance on Hand

The Open Lecture Series of the Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute for 1960-61 had a noteworthy beginning, as the largest attendance in the history of the series was present last Wednesday evening to hear Rabbi Isaac L. Swift discuss "Saadia Gaon and the Medieval Challenge". Rabbi Swift delivered the first lecture in a series on "Problems and Personalities in Jewish Philosophy." The next lecture on "Maimonides - A Philosophy of Human Personality" will be delivered by Rabbi Sol Roth on Wednesday evening, December 7, at 9:00 o'clock.

Our speaker, formerly a rabbi in England and Australia, is now the spiritual leader of Congregation Ahavas Torah in Englewood New Jersey. He spoke for a full hour and, at the conclusion, his listeners were still anxious for more. The evening was a most momentous one in the life of our Adult Institute Lecture Series.

Saadia Gaon as a Pioneer

Saadia Gaon was pictured by Rabbi Swift as a pioneer in the realm of Jewish philosophy. At the time of the Gaon's birth in Egypt in the year 882 the practices and rules of Judaism were thoroughly formalized and institutionalized. There had been, however, no such formulation or crystallization in the philosophy of Judaism.

The Talmud contained philosophy in a relatively unsystematic form. No clear and organized expression, however, on Jewish beliefs and principles was to be found.

In the 9th and 10th Centuries two unrelated factors operated to make imperative a systematic presentation of Jewish philosophy. The first factor was the great expansion of Islam and the consequent influence of Arabic thought on the intelligentsia of the lands under Arab control. Arabic phi-

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The Young Adults League

of

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

cordially invites all Young Adults to its

Cabaret Night

Saturday evening, November 19th, at 8:30

125 East Eighty-fifth Street

New York City

Subscription \$2.00

Refreshments

Band

Come and bring your friends

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

**"THE FIRST REAL ESTATE DEAL IN HISTORY"
What May We Learn From It?**

SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

The second meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood for this year will be held on Monday afternoon, November 28 at 12:30 o'clock.

The agenda for this meeting includes plans for the Chanukah Party which will be held on Tuesday, December 20th and a report on the Sisterhood Theatre Party, which will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 1960. Mrs. Helen G. Metzler will be the guest artist at the meeting. The Sisterhood members will find her personality and wit a refreshing experience.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30. Plan on spending the afternoon with the Sisterhood in a most enjoyable atmosphere.

HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day fund from Mrs. Alexander Gross, Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Ida Golub Kittay, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Mrs. Louis Stokar and Mrs. Meyer Texon.

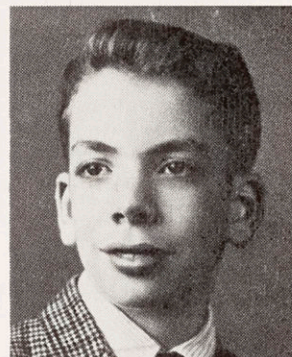
Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund.

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

TEEN AGE BOWLING PARTY Sterling Bowling Center Sunday, November 13th 1:45 P.M.

point of assembly
Synagogue House

KENNETH PERLMAN BAR MITZVAH



We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman upon the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Kenneth.

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant is in the eighth grade of the Franklin School. His favorite subjects are English, Latin, and Mathematics. He is on the newspaper staff of the school.

His favorite sports are baseball and basketball. He is an avid stamp collector.

Kenneth will read the prophetic portion as part of the regular services this Saturday. The entire congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman at the Kiddush following the services.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birth

We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman upon the Birth of a grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Lindenbaum are the proud parents.

Birthdays

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Sidney A. Block, Hyman Cohen, Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mrs. Sarah Ginsberg, Alfred Kahn, Frederick Margaretten, Mrs. Fredrick Rotter, Mrs. Sam Traffet and Dr. Frederick Zucker-

Wedding

We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman upon the marriage of their son Stuart to Avis Rubin of Chicago, Illinois.

Anniversaries

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Citron, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Salzman, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sigall.

Get Well

Our members will be happy to learn that Alexander Feifer has returned home from the hospital and is recuperating nicely.

ELECTED TO JUDICIAL POSTS



Hon. Samuel H. Hofstadter



Hon. George Postel

We congratulate our esteemed member the Honorable Samuel H. Hofstadter, upon his re-election to a third term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York; and our esteemed trustee, the Honorable George Postel, upon his election as Judge of the Court of General Sessions.

THE JEWRY BOX

LAST WEEK

RAYMOND SCHWARTZ
ISADORE SCHLANG

THIS WEEK

HYMAN I. BUCHER
JERRY COAN
MURRAY J. SCHLUSSEL

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

ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURES

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losophy was essentially a translation of classical Greek thought and presented Jews with a systematic point of view on God, the world, and human behavior. When the Jews could present no contrary system, their own security was seriously threatened.

The Karaitic Factor

The second factor was the rise of Karaism at that time. The Karaites, who have been described by historians as the intellectual heirs to the ancient Sadducean heresy, accepted only the Written Law (Torah) of Judaism and rejected the Oral Law which was recorded in the Talmud. The Written Law was seen as God given while the Oral Law was conceived as man made and hence could be repudiated.

Karaism, by virtue of its different calendar, different observances, and different rules for marriage and divorce, threatened seriously the integrity and survival of the Jewish community.

Saadia Gaon, a great Talmudist, Biblical scholar, grammarian, and philosophic thinker, waged an unrelenting war against Karaism and presented a systematic philosophic base for Jewish thought. Like Maimonides, two centuries later, he endeavored to reconcile reason with revelation. He labored to explain rationally the foundations and precepts of Judaism and offered the belief that the Torah is thoroughly rational. If some of its precepts are incomprehensible to us, we should not make our own reason a test for Divine rationality.

With reference to Karaism, Saadia Gaon, in his Magnum opus: "Beliefs and Opinions," explained that the Torah was a dual structure, part of which was revealed at Sinai and written down by Moses, and part of which was revealed to him orally and transmitted by Moses orally. The Gaon, showed that the Written Law could not be understood in many places without exposition by an Oral Law, which had to be revealed simultaneously.

Saadia Gaon, in battling the philosophic position of Karaism, hardly refers to the Talmud. He meets the Karaites on their own ground and disproves the sole authority of a Written Law by some fifteen hundred

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RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

WRITES ON

JEWISH EDUCATION

Article Published In "Tradition"

In the current issue of "Tradition", there appears an article by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein entitled "The Goals of Jewish Education." The paper is a general perspective on the major goals of Jewish education and the means of achieving them. This article is one of a fine group of essays which appears in the current issue of "Tradition."

The magazine, "Tradition", is published by the Rabbinical Council of America and has been presenting articles for the past two years, which reflect the traditional Jewish point of view on current problems in Jewish philosophy and contemporary affairs in the world of religion.

We are certain that many of our readers would be interested in reading the issues of "Tradition" which are published twice yearly. The contributors to the magazine are scholars and leaders in Traditional Judaism who are writing for the benefit of the laity. Tradition is a magazine which ought to be in the home of every thinking man and woman who is concerned with the survival of Traditional Judaism.

Subscriptions may be obtained for one year at \$2.50 or two years at \$4.00, by writing to the Rabbinical Council of America, 84 Fifth Ave.

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quotations from that Law itself, designed to show that it had to be accompanied by oral amplification.

In this way the Gaon of the 10th century formulated a systematic philosophy of Judaism for the first time. He stemmed the tide of a reform movement which threatened to undermine the integrity of the Torah and the Talmud, and which threatened to create an intolerable schism in the ranks of Jewry in his generation.



HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

Golda Meir Warns Nasser

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister warned Nasser that Israel would not remain passive if any country tries to dominate Jordan and cannot accept the presence of any other army on her frontiers. She asserted that, while Israel was in no position to help Jordan, Israel could not remain indifferent to a change in the Jordanian status quo which would jeopardize Israel's national security.

Chemical Industry in Negev

The Negev (south) of Israel has for some time been the scene of chemical explorations. According to Sir Ben Lockspeiser, Chairman of the Ministry of Development's Technological Advisory Board, Israel is the only country in the world which possesses within its own frontiers the three essential nutrients of plant life: potassium, phosphorous, and nitrogen. A vast industry can be built in the Negev, he said. Deposits in the Dead Sea area so extensive as to be virtually inexhaustible.

Ocean Liner for Israel

A preliminary contract has been concluded with the Atlantique Shipping Company in France for the construction of a 22,000 ton transatlantic liner for Israel.

The liner will carry 1,100 passengers on the Haifa to New York route as well as on winter cruises in the Caribbean and elsewhere.

Banking News

The New York Agency of the Bank Leumi Le-Israel (Israel's National Bank) will move to new and larger premises on Wall Street in January. The volume of business of the New York Agency has so exceeded expectations that, despite ample provisions for growth, the present premises have become inadequate in less than a year.

First Kibbutz Marks Jubilee

Degania, the Jordan valley village that was Israel's first collective settlement, has just marked its 50th anniversary. The Kibbutz movement has grown over this period from one small village with fourteen members to some two hundred and thirty settlements with a population of over eighty thousand.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 4:20
Evening 4:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Weekly Portion. Haye Sarah
Genesis 23.1 - 25.18
Haftarah: I Kings 1.1 - 31
Evening 4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:10

SUNDAY

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

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Evening 4:30

RIVERSIDE

Memorial Chapel

Funeral Directors

76th ST. AND AMSTERDAM AVENUE
ENDicott 2-6600

CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Director

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

This portion opens with the passing of Sarah and the arrangements by Abraham to purchase a burial plot from the Hittites. This plot was to serve as the burial ground for all of the patriarchs and matriarchs.

The account of the sale displays the integrity of Abraham and the hypocrisy of Ephron the Hittite who boastfully offers the plot free of charge before an admiring public and then accepts an exorbitant price from Abraham in private.

The bulk of the portion relates how Abraham sent his servant, Eliezer, to find a suitable wife for his son, Isaac. The spiritual requirements upon which Abraham insisted and which his servant fully explored in Rebekah, the chosen wife, augur well for the success of the proposed marriage. The portion concludes with a verse describing the love of Isaac for Rebekah, a conclusion which was inevitable because of the standards which Abraham had set forth.

Yahrzeits

November

12—WILLIAM KIRSHON
12—ISRAEL J. KAY
12—ISAAC SCHLUSSEL
13—MAYER GROSSMAN
13—MARCUS SCHUMAN
13—SAMUEL FEINER
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17—MOLLIE OLSHAN
17—MAX SPIEGEL
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18—MAX THEAMAN
18—CHARLES E. DAVIS
18—BATHSHEBA FISCHER

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MONument 3-0300

K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY — 3:00 P.M.

Junior Group
Gymnasium

3:45 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class

MONDAY — 11:00 A.M.

Prayer Class for Women

8:00 P.M.

Hebrew for Beginners

TUESDAY

Men's Club Theatre Party
"Advise and Consent"

WEDNESDAY — 8 P.M.

Talmud Class
Hebrew for Beginners
Hebrew 2
Hebrew 3
Hebrew 4

SATURDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 19th — 8:30

Young Adults
Cabaret Night
Social Hall

MONDAY NOVEMBER 28th — 12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Open Meeting
Social Hall

SATURDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 3rd

Young Marrieds Meeting
at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Rosen

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolences to our devoted member, Elias M. Black upon the loss of his beloved sister, Goldie Simanowitz.

We extend 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.