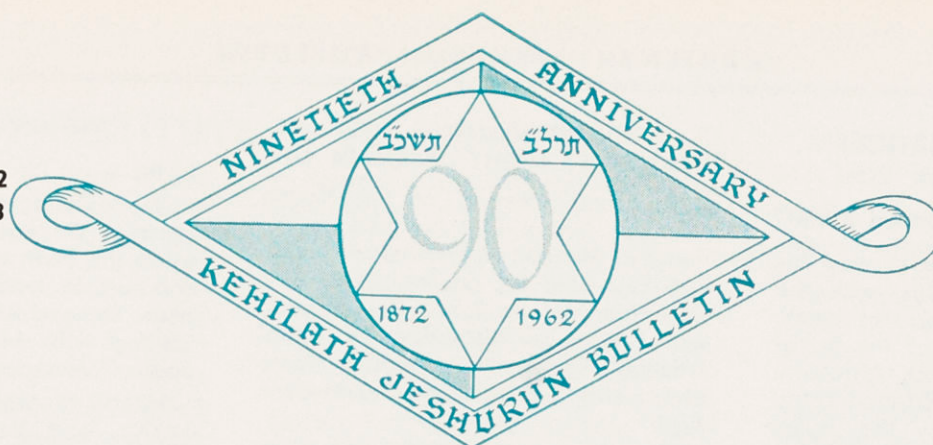


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CEREMONIES MARK INDUCTION OF PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASS TO CHUMASH STUDY

On Sunday, November 11, at an impressive ceremony held in the chapel of our congregation, the fourth grade of the Park East Religious School was introduced to the study of Chumash.

While beaming parents and friends looked on, the class participated in a memorable ceremony. It began with the opening of the Ark and the recital of the prayers for the taking out of the Torah. At this point, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein addressed the children and their parents on the importance of Bible study. He explained how Bible study, in addition to teaching the primacy of Jewish law and tradition, makes prayer more meaningful.

Then the class instructor, Mr. David Grossman, spoke to the youngsters on the importance of Jewish education. Mr. Joseph Fuchs, principal of the school, congratulated the students on the progress they had made, and expressed the good wishes of the school administration to the youngsters in their future studies.

On behalf of the congregation, we convey our good wishes to the members of the class and their parents on this academic milestone. We are pleased to list the names of the members of the class: Arthur Aizer, Celia Blumenthal, Richard Gelfand, Iris Greenbaum, Jonathan Etra, Warren Fischer, Arturo Roizblatt, Theodore Krulwich, Elliot Taffet, Maxeene Weiner.

DR. IRVING AGUS TO ADDRESS SECOND OPEN LECTURE ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5

The second lecture in the Adult Institute Open Lecture Series will be delivered by Dr. Irving Agus on Wednesday evening, December 5th at 9 o'clock in the social hall of the congregation. Dr. Agus, speaking on the general theme, "Four Jewish Communities and Their Leaders," will discuss specifically "Rabbi Jacob Tam and Franco-German Jewry."

Dr. Agus is, of course, no stranger to our Adult Institute audiences. Year after year he returns to our rostrum to discuss some phase of Jewish history. He is a professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University, specializing in the Middle Ages, particularly the communities in France and Germany.

His lecture subject for December 5th is related to this field of special interest. Rabbi Jacob Tam was the leader of the "Tosafist" school whose comments on the Talmud are found in every edition of the Talmud. A grandson of Rashi, Rabbi Jacob Tam was the acknowledged leader of his generation.

From all over France and Germany, scholars sent questions to Rabbi Jacob Tam. His answers fill volumes of Rabbinic responsa. The rules which he set down and the decisions which he rendered have become part of the daily practice of all Ashkenazic Jews.

We extend a special invitation to all to attend, what promises to be a most informative evening, on Wednesday, December 5th. Dr. Agus' lecture will be followed by a brief question and answer period. This in turn will be followed by a light collation.

CAPACITY AUDIENCE HEARS ABRAHAM I. CARMEL SPEAK ON "WHY I AM A JEW"

The social hall of the congregation was filled to overflowing last Tuesday evening as an enthusiastic group of members and friends of the Men's Club and the congregation came to hear a celebrated convert to Judaism address the Men's Club on the subject "Why I am a Jew". For over an hour, Abraham I. Carmel took his audience on an extended tour through the religions of the world with which he was either affiliated or which he studied in depth. His final destination was the faith of Judaism which he accepted some years ago and to which he brings depth of sincerity and breadth of insight.

It is unnecessary to review the chronicle of events which led Mr. Carmel from his birth as an Episcopalian through the study of Buddhism, Hinduism, Mohammedanism, the active embrace of Catholicism and the ultimate acceptance of Judaism. This odyssey is fully described in his best selling book "So Strange My Path."

What is particularly interesting to note is how Mr. Carmel affected the audience. No doubt many skeptics came to criticize and to find flaws in his argument. For the most part, they were disappointed. Mr. Carmel impressed the audience with his sincerity, his great conviction and his earnest search for the true values in life and for an answer to the ultimate questions of man's existence.

Our speaker is currently engaged in an extended lecture tour which is leading him to many cities in the United States and, particularly, to college campuses all over the country. In this connection, he explained his purpose in coming to this country by quoting from a recent issue of our Bulletin where we described the work that Yeshiva University was doing to

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Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock
"MARRIAGES ARE MADE IN HEAVEN — BUT PLANNED ON EARTH"

THE WEEKLY PORTION

HAYE SARAH

"A Religious Attitude Toward Burial"

"After that, Abraham buried his wife Sarah . . ." With this verse, the Bible, in our Portion for this week, concludes a description of the burial of Sarah by her husband, Abraham. The essence of that description could best be summed up by the words "personal involvement." This involvement began with Abraham arranging for the purchase of a proper burial plot for Sarah. It concluded with Abraham's personal effort in burying the remains of his life's companion.

Traditional Judaism has taken this portion quite literally. "And Abraham rose from before the deceased and spoke to the people of Cheth." A Jew is not permitted to allow others to make arrangements for the funeral of a close relative. These arrangements are to be made by the mourner himself. Because of this, Jewish law absolves the mourner from all positive religious obligations until such time as the relative is laid to rest.

At present, most of these arrangements are made by professionals, be they funeral directors or religious officials. This does not however preclude the interest of the mourner; nor should it lead to a situation where the mourner abdicates control over the funeral and over the burial.

On the cemetery itself, a recent practice which is apparently unique to the American scene, finds the friends and mourners following the coffin to the grave, having it lowered just beneath ground level, and then having a green imitation grass blanket placed over the coffin. The Rabbi is then asked to conduct the burial service and the members of the family leave for their cars without actually supervising the burial itself. This practice is allegedly justified as relieving the mourners of unnecessary pain and avoiding any show of "barbarism" while the grave is being filled in.

An Orthodox Rabbi is invariably asked why he requests that the family remain at the graveside while the grave is filled in. There is much justification for this practice in terms of psychological well-being. Many students of the mind have pointed out that seeing the grave filled in is a form of confirmation for the mourner that the dear one is, in truth, departed. It may thus avoid any possibility of delusions later on.

YOUNG MARRIEDS MEET
SATURDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 1st

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds Group will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Perlman, 525 East 86th St., on Saturday night, December 1st at 8:30. The meeting will feature a discussion of Rabbi Emanuel Rackman's pamphlet, "Sabbaths and Festivals in the Modern Age."

The discussion leader for this meeting will be Irwin Shapiro. Members are urged to complete the reading of the pamphlet and to arrive at the meeting on time.

Religiously, there is further justification for this practice. The Torah requires of man that he be personally involved in the act of burial. A Priest, for example, who is forbidden to come in contact with a deceased person, is nevertheless commanded to come into personal contact when the deceased is one of the seven relatives for whom mourning is mandatory. As a matter of fact, according to many authorities, the mitzvah of attending to the burial of the deceased is derived from this requirement that the Priest "defile" himself in attending to this matter.

Finally, there is ethical justification for this practice. The one obligation which we have to the deceased is to insure a proper and respectful burial of the earthly remains. An impressive funeral service and a long procession to the cemetery are not substitutes for this obligation; they are merely additions to it. To leave the cemetery, without personally witnessing the burial, is to fail to perform the only obligation which is incumbent upon us.

If we were called to a court of law and asked whether a close relative had been buried, we should not be able to testify in the affirmative if we did not personally witness the burial. Furthermore, if we leave the graveside we have no assurance that the burial was conducted properly and with the necessary dignity.

From every rational point of view, therefore, the personal involvement in the burial is not at all barbaric; it is rather a basic ethical requirement in our treatment of our fellow man. The practice of Abraham is the accepted model for Jews all over the world. It should become a universal model for American Jewry as well.

H. L.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births —

We extend our hearty congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Ackerman. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross are visiting with their children in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Hearty congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Brown, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. B. Warren Brown.

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Sidney A. Block, Mrs. Bernard Podell, Mrs. Joseph Schlang and Dr. Judah Zizmor.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Censor, Mr. and Mrs. Max Dattner, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Kalischer, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Merkin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schimel and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel.

Get Well —

We wish a speedy recovery to Julius Charnow, who recently underwent surgery. We look forward to his return to our midst.

Member in the News —

We extend our hearty congratulations to Jack D. Weiler, upon his receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Mr. Weiler, who is Chairman of the School's Board of Overseers, is an active leader in the American Jewish community. He received the award at a convocation which was recently held at the Albert Einstein Bronx Campus.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

Cantors

Samuel Blumenthal

Jerome Friedman

Andrew Engel

Torah Reader

Robert Pik

ADULT INSTITUTE IN FULL SWING

As we enter the third week of our adult education season at Kehilath Jeshurun, we are happy to note that all classes have more than a satisfactory enrollment and that ever increasing numbers of students are taking advantage of the educational opportunities offered by our Adult Institute.

More than 40 students are enrolled in our four Hebrew classes ranging from the elementary level to the advanced study of Hebrew. The registration for the Talmud class, which, like the Hebrew classes, meets on Wednesday evenings, has now surpassed twenty. The morning Talmud class on Tuesday mornings following the regular service also has a fine registration.

Am haSefer Program

More than forty members of our congregational family have been officially enrolled in our Am haSefer program. Both groups in the program will be reading the same selection for their first meeting. That selection will consist of Rabbi Emmanuel Rackman's enlightening pamphlet, "Sabbath and Festivals in the Modern Age" together with a critique of that pamphlet which appeared in the Spring issue of the magazine **Tradition**. Complementary copies of that issue have been made available to us by the publishers of the magazine, the Rabbinical Council of America, and will be distributed to all those who subscribe to "Tradition" for the 1962-63 season.

The first meetings of both groups will be held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein. Group I will meet on Tuesday evening, December 18, while Group II will meet on Monday evening, December 10. Both meetings will begin at 8:30. A limited number of places are open in Group I for those who wish to be part of this program. A telephone call to the synagogue office is all that is required

to insure a worthwhile and informative experience.

Bible and Koheleth Classes

The Bible Class for Women, which meets every Monday morning from 11 to 12, has more than thirty registrants at present and the location of that class has been moved from the Library to the more spacious Social Hall. The Wednesday evening class in Koheleth, which meets at 9:15 under the leadership of Mr. David Weisberg, began last week with a most gratifying enrollment of eighteen. Because of conflicts with other synagogue affairs, the next session of the Koheleth class will not be held until Wednesday evening, December 12. Thereafter, the class will meet on every Wednesday evening when there is no open lecture.

Registration is still open to all those who may not yet have taken advantage of the opportunity to enroll for the adult institute courses. Interested students need only attend the next session of the class which meets their particular need.

MEN'S CLUB HEARS ABRAHAM I. CARMEL

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"Reach the Unreached Jewish Youth." Mr. Carmel praised the work of the University and spoke highly of its program of Torah Leadership Seminars with which our members are so intimately acquainted.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, in his moving concluding remarks, spoke of the religious obligation to accept a sincere convert as a brother and as a full member of the Jewish community. In closing, the Rabbi turned to our guest speaker and said, "You are our brother." To this statement, close to 300 listeners pronounced a silent Amen, punctuated by an extended ovation.

MEN'S CLUB THEATRE PARTY THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

This Wednesday evening, November 28, the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club will hold its annual theatre party. The show, a comedy, is entitled "Harold" and has as its star, Anthony Perkins.

There are, however, a number of other stars whose work, although carried on behind the scenes, will make this Wednesday night an overall success. We refer, of course, to the Theatre Party Committee and its chairmen, William Lebowitz and Maurice N. Jaffe.

The Committee was confronted with a tough assignment this year when the show, originally scheduled to be held at the Longacre Theatre, was suddenly transferred to the Cort Theatre. This change was made after almost all the tickets had already been distributed. Further difficulties arose, because the delivery of the tickets was delayed.

When the tickets were finally delivered, a dedicated group of gentlemen of the Men's Club worked until the wee hours of the morning in order that no time be lost before those who purchased tickets might receive them. We extend sincere thanks to Maurice N. Jaffe, William Lebowitz, Martin Markson and Ira F. Weisman for their work on this project.

In particular, we thank the many friends and members of the Club who purchased tickets and contributed to the success of this function. Through their assistance, the program of philanthropic activity of the Men's Club will be greatly enhanced.

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

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Irving I. Schnur in celebration of the birth of a grandson.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday**

Lighting of Candles 4:15
Evening 4:20

Saturday

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion:

Haye Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18

Haftorah: I Kings 1:1-31

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on
Tuesday, November 27th and Wednesday,
November 28th

Evening 4:15

Torah Reader

Stuart Schlang

Discourse on the Mitzvoth
"Majority Rule"

Conclusion of Sabbath 5:05

Sunday

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

Daily Services

Morning 7:30
Evening 4:20

**SISTERHOOD
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

Mrs. Eugene Hollander
Mrs. Joseph Hostyk
Mrs. Norman B. Javitt
Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
Mrs. Max Sadinoff
Mrs. George Weiss

ADULT INSTITUTORS PLEASE NOTE

The Wednesday night classes of the Adult Institute will not be held this week because of the Men's Club theatre party which is scheduled for that night. On Wednesday night, December 5, the regular classes will convene, at 8:00 o'clock. Following the classes, the lecture by Dr. Irving Agus will be held in the social hall at 9:00 o'clock.

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27-THEODORE SIMON
27-SAMUEL WEISS
28-MORRIS KITE
28-SIMCHA KURTZ
28-FRIEDA KAHN
28-JULIUS KLEIN
29-SARA SPILKY
29-HARRY HERSKOWITZ
30-MORRIS BRANDMAN
30-MILDRED JEAN LITWINS
30-SARAH LAX

K. J. CALENDAR**THIS WEEK****SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.**

K. J. Boys Group
Gymnasium

K. J. Girls Group
Auditorium

MONDAY, 11:00 A.M.

Bible Class for Women

TUESDAY, 8:05 A.M.

Talmud Class

7:30 P.M.

Teenage Gym Night

WEDNESDAY EVENING**NOVEMBER 28th**

Men's Club Theatre Party

"Harold"

Cort Theatre

COMING EVENTS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st****8:30 P.M.**

Young Marrieds Meeting
at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart D. Perlman

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Sisterhood Board Meeting
at the home of

Mrs. Robert H. Zessman

WEDNESDAY EVENING**DECEMBER 5th**

Adult Institute Lecture

- Lecturer -

Dr. Irving Agus

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Am haSefer Group II

at the home of

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Am haSefer Group I

at the home of

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein