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Congregational Family Invited To Sisterhood Oneg Shabbat

LEADERSHIP OF RABBI JACOB TAM DISCUSSED AT ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE

Rabbi Jacob Tam stood head and shoulders above, not the masses of Jews in the Middle Ages, but the leaders of Middle Age Jewry. This was the evaluation offered of the 12th century Talmudist by Dr. Irving Agus, Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, at the second part of our four part open lecture series.

In the Ashkenazic world of his day, Rabbi Jacob Tam's leadership was unquestioned. What made his stature even more magnificent was that even the Sephardic world intuitively seemed to feel that this French scholar understood the core of Judaism and could give legal direction to the Jewish world.

He was among other things, an expert on the calendar. He also was a student of numismatics — the study of ancient coinage. We are all familiar with his decision concerning the proper order of the paragraphs in the head-piece of our tephillin. While the Jewish world has adopted the order of Rashi as far as law is concerned, there is reason to believe, on the basis of recent archeological discoveries, that Rabbi Jacob Tam's decision was closer to the actual truth.

A Subtle Form of Government

Rabbi Jacob Tam's word was law among the Ashkenazic Jewish community, and most of the Sephardic as well. This was not due to his formal power, to his eminent position, to soldiers at his command, or to unusual wealth. These normal sources of power were not his. His power resulted

purely from the recognition of his brilliance on the part of the general Jewish community of his day.

This government by intuition was no less real than formal government at that time. The Jewish people was indivisible and well disciplined. The respect which they had for their leaders and for the peerless leader of them all, compelled them to act in accordance with the words of the wise. This discipline, although invisible, was as real as if there had been battalions of soldiers enforcing every legal statute.

It was because of such a government, that the Jewish people was able to maintain its independence in every land of the dispersion. French kings tried to place the Jewish people under the rule of the French courts. An enactment by Rabbi Jacob Tam prevented this. The kings tried to limit travel in order to root the Jewish people to their place of origin and thereby enslave them. A piece of legislation from the pen of Rabbi Jacob Tam nullified this attempt.

Like every other leader in the Middle Ages, much of his concern was for strengthening the economic position of women. Among his rules, there was one which made it prohibited for a husband to leave his wife without her permission for more than a certain reasonable period of time. If he leaves even for a reasonable period, he must support her. If that support is lacking, money may be borrowed for the support of the wife and the husband

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Our Sisterhood is sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat to which all members of the congregational family are cordially invited. The Oneg Shabbat will be held on Friday night, December 28th at 8 o'clock in the social hall.

A number of events, concurring as they do, make the congregational get-together an even more appreciated one.

Last Night of Chanukah

The Oneg Shabbat will be held on the final eve of Chanukah. The festival, traditionally a time for rejoicing and friendly gatherings, will be marked by our congregational family by an enjoyable program.

At this time of the year, the collegiates of the congregation are back home from their schools. The evening will give them an opportunity to spend a few hours with their friends and renew congregational ties. We, at Kehilath Jeshurun will have an opportunity to greet them and welcome them back.

Varied Program Planned

The program for the evening will feature a panel discussion, alternately titled "Youth Wants to Know" and "Meet the Rabbi." A number of collegiates will address questions on current problems to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. It will be interesting to hear both the queries of our young men and women and the answers from the rabbi.

A musical program will be presented by Cantor Cohen and a representation of the Ramaz School Chorus. We are sure that members and friends of the congregation will enjoy the Oneg Shabbat program and the colation which will be a part of it. Remember the date, Friday night, December 28th.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock
"THE RESOLVED AND UNRESOLVED CONFLICTS OF LIFE"

THE WEEKLY PORTION VAYISHLACH

The Heroism of the Wandering Jew

When Jacob prepares to meet his brother Esau, he sends messengers to Esau: "I was living with Laban." The Bible commentators who were sensitive, not only to the meanings of words, but also to the arithmetic values of the letters in each word in the Bible, note that the arithmetic value of the word "Garti" — living — is equal in value to "Taryag" — the 613 commandments of the Torah. What Jacob was saying to Esau was that although he lived with Laban he was able, nevertheless, to keep all of God's laws.

When the Jewish people resided in the Holy Land, one would expect the citizens to keep God's Commandments. The atmosphere was friendly and the environment was conducive to Jewish living. The Temple was close at hand and there were many natural stimuli to make it easier for the Jew to honor his commitment to God and Law.

In the diaspora, the reverse is true. The stimuli encourages, not commitment but assimilation; not uniqueness but imitation. The normal day of rest is not the Sabbath but rather Sunday. The normal diet is not Kosher but is rather free from ritual regulations. The Holy Days are regular school days for all children and work days for all businessmen. The atmosphere is not conducive to keeping the 613 commandments.

It is, therefore, of special note, that Jacob, the founder of the Jewish People, served his apprenticeship outside of the Land of Israel, on foreign soil and in an unfriendly atmosphere. The fact that he was able, under these conditions, to preserve God's law, is a comforting and encouraging thought for the wandering Jew.

The Jew is expected to lead a heroic existence, to practice a unique way of life. In order to do so, he must possess strength, stamina and perseverance.

Jacob was able "to sing the Lord's song in a strange land." Can we "sing along?"

H. L.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosen in celebration of the "aufruf" of their son, David.

SISTERHOOD TO HEAR REPORT ON "BROADWAY TODAY"

This Monday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, the curtains will rise on what is expected to be an outstanding Sisterhood hit.

The event is the Sisterhood luncheon meeting. The guest speaker at the meeting will be Mr. Frederick Dvorch, a talented musician whose topic will be "Broadway Today."

Mr. Dvorch is equally at home in Carnegie Hall or the orchestra pit of a Broadway musical. His impressive credits include conducting at Lewisohn Stadium, Carnegie Hall, the City Center Light Opera. His Broadway achievements were with the hits, "The Sound of Music," "Show Boat," "Carousel" and "The King and I." He made history at the Juilliard School of Music by being the first to receive a double fellowship — for playing the violin and for conducting.

A pleasurable and informative afternoon awaits the members of the Sisterhood and their friends this Monday at 12:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the social hall with luncheon served.

ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE (Continued from Page 1)

becomes liable. Property of the husband may be sold for her benefit.

The preoccupation of Rabbi Jacob Tam was with down to earth matters. It was through his solution of the down to earth matters, however, that the Jewish people was able to rise to a heavenly state in the Middle Ages, while non-Jews were living in misery and poverty. It is a mark of the man that his influence, while great in life, remained even greater after his passing. Every legal work which has been written since his time, has had to take the legal decisions and writings of Rabbi Jacob Tam into consideration.

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Cantors

Simon Lerner
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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Abram J. Abeloff, Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Stanley R. Broff, Mrs. Sidney Goldblatt, Mrs. Dezzo Goldner, William Lebowitz, Martin Markson, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Eugene R. Saretsky, Mrs. Raymond Schwartz, Mrs. Simon J. Vogel and Miss Vilma Weiss.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Dezzo Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Jame, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter.

Marriage —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klein upon the marriage of their son Harvey to Miss Esta Felker.

We wish the young couple much joy and happiness together for many years.

CONDOLENCE

We extend sincere condolences to Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith upon the passing of her beloved sister, Beatrice Shisgal.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved family. We pray that the Almighty may spare them further grief for many years to come.

A REMINDER

Have you sent your Chanukah contribution to the Benevolent Fund? Your contribution will be of greatest benefit if it is received before Chanukah.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1962

Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten
Mrs. Joseph Schlang
Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman
Mrs. Elgin Shulsky
Mrs. Adrian Skydell
Mrs. Edgar C. Trautman
Mrs. Robert Wallach

YESHIVA HONORS LEADERS AT HERITAGE AWARD DINNER

If not for the newspaper strike, a most important event in the life of New York Jewry would have been prominently described on the front pages of the metropolitan press. We refer to the Heritage Award Dinner conducted by Yeshiva University last Sunday night in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

At the dinner, Heritage Awards were presented to the Honorable Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor and Senator from New York State, Meyer W. Gasner, a leading Canadian Philanthropist and a graduate of Yeshiva University, and Joseph Meyerhoff, the present General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. The Heritage Awards were conferred upon the honorees by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University.

The dinner which was chaired by the Honorable Abraham D. Beame, Comptroller of the City of New York, witnessed a beautiful turnout of members of Kehilath Jeshurun. Seated on the dais as trustees of the University were Samuel Rosen and Abraham R. Winer. In the audience, several tables of members of the congregation joined in the festivities. The practical part of the evening was handled by our own president, Max J. Etra, who is of course Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University. Following his remarks, two unbelievable contributions were announced. One for the Belfer Graduate School of Science was a two million dollar contribution from Arthur B. Belfer. The other, a one million dollar contribution from Sol Furst, for the recently erected classroom and administration building on the main academic campus of the Yeshiva.

The highlight of the dinner, however, was unquestionably the moving and inspiring address of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. As the official speaker for the evening, Rabbi Lookstein spoke on the subject "A Heritage Reaffirmed." He distinguished between an inheritance which is merely received and where the receiver is a beneficiary, and a heritage where the receiver himself becomes a transmitter and a fellow creator together with the creators of the past.

Our congregational family has reason to be proud of this splendid affair and of the part played in it by leaders of Kehilath Jeshurun.

WOMEN'S CLASS IN BIBLE ATTRACTS LARGE FOLLOWING

The Monday morning class in Bible for women continues to meet three Mondays a month at 11 o'clock and continues to attract between 25 and 30 women to each session. Those who have been coming regularly, can attest to the enjoyment of the sessions and to the importance of the material presented there.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, the instructor at the women's Bible class, began his series of lectures this year with the patriarch of the Jewish people, Abraham. He has discussed the personality of Abraham in general and his importance as a prototype for the Jewish man or woman. At present, he is engaged in the exploration of the details of Abraham's life with particular emphasis upon the ten trials which Abraham faced successfully during his sojourn on earth.

There are many women in the congregation who are proud of our program in adult education. Certainly, were we to cease our efforts in this area, there would be great criticism from a large part of the membership. There are, nevertheless, many women who do not take advantage of an opportunity like the women's Bible class.

Our request is, therefore, the following. By all means, take pride in our educational program. By all means, also, take part in it by attending a class yourself.

Why not begin by attending the women's class in Bible. Because of the Sisterhood meeting next week, the next class will be held this Tuesday morning, December 18th, at 11:00 o'clock.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1962

Cantors

Alvin Smilow
Simon Lerner
Samuel Blumenthal

Torah Reader

Stuart Podell



HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

500 Jews remain in Katanga City

The Jewish community of Katanga, the Congo, whose population in September 1961 was estimated at 1,500, is reported now to be only five hundred. A recent news report in the New York Times indicated that the majority of the 1,000 who left the City migrated to Israel.

The Katanga synagogue which was the center of fierce fighting during the internal strife in 1961, still carries the scars of the battle.

Israel trade with United States and Britain gains in 1962

Recent figures show that Israel has increased its trade with the United States and Britain, during the first ten months of this year.

In 1961, Israel imported commodities valued at \$86 million from the United States. In the same period in 1962, Israel imported \$101 million.

British imports during the first eight months of this year are valued at \$41 million compared to \$34 million in 1961. An increase of \$4 million in Israeli exports to Britain was shown over last year's figures.

Egypt swallows bitter pill Applies to GATT for membership

Six years ago, when Israel applied for membership in the international organization—General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), Egypt threatened that if Israel were accepted she would never join. The organization ignored Nasser's threats and Israel was accepted.

Now Egypt has decided to join and has already sent her application for membership to the acceptance committee of that organization.

It is undoubtedly a bitter pill for Egypt, that now Israel's representative, as a member of the acceptance committee will have to decide on Egypt's application.

Enrollment figures at Yeshiva University

Out of a total record of enrollment of more than 5,000 students at Yeshiva University for the current academic year, there are 3,000 students in the various religious departments.

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Joseph H. Lookstein Rabbi
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Martin Markson Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday**

Lighting of Candles 4:10
Evening 4:20

Saturday

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion:**Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43****Haftorah: Ovadiah 1:1-21**

Evening 4:15

Torah Reader

Nathan Kamerman

Discourse on the Mitzvoth

Conclusion of Sabbath 5:00

Sunday

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

Daily Services

Morning 7:30
Evening 4:20

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18-ANNA ROSENBLATT
19-WOLFF RAPOPORT
20-CHARLES ROSEN
20-JACOB LEVIN
20-ALADAR BRODY
20-JACOB POSTEL
20-SAUL NADLER

THE JEWRY BOX**WEEK OF DECEMBER 2nd**

LEO BREINDEL

DR. ELI GOLDSTEIN

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16th

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

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

K. J. Boys Group
Gymnasium

K. J. Girls Group
Auditorium

MONDAY, 12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting

- Guest Speaker -

Mr. Frederick Dvonch

TUESDAY, 8:05 A.M.

Talmud Class

11:00 A.M.

Bible Class for Women
Social Hall

7:30 P.M.

Teenage Gym Night

8:00 P.M.

Am Hasefer Group I
at the home of
Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
1235 Park Ave.

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.**ADULT INSTITUTE CLASSES**

Talmud Class

Hebrew for Beginners

Hebrew 2

Intermediate Hebrew

Advanced Hebrew

9:10 P.M.

Koheleth

COMING EVENTS**SATURDAY NIGHT****DECEMBER 22nd**

Teenage Hanukah Hop
Social Hall

FRIDAY NIGHT**DECEMBER 28th**

Sisterhood Oneg Shabbat
Social Hall

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