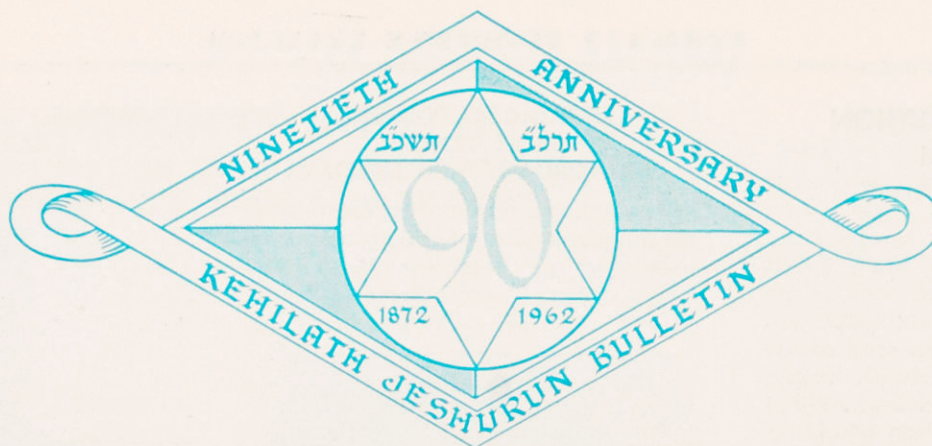


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YOUNG MARRIEDS HEAR DR. BINDER DISCUSS JEWISH MUSIC

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

cordially invites all members and friends to its

Open Forum Meeting

This Wednesday evening, February 13th
at 8:45 o'clock

— Guest Speaker —



Congressman JOHN V. LINDSAY

— Topic —

A Congressman's View of the 1963 Congress

Ladies are welcome

Refreshments will be served

One of the most thrilling meetings in the brief history of the Young Marrieds Group of Kehilath Jeshurun was held last Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler. The living room of the Nadler home was virtually filled to capacity as a large group of couples gathered to hear Dr. A. W. Binder, one of the outstanding students and interpreters of Jewish liturgical music in the world, speak on the subject "Jewish Music — Old and New."

The group was treated to an hour long travelogue through the ages and lands in which Jewish liturgical music developed. In a most informal, though impressive manner Dr. Binder discussed the origin of the Nusach haTefilah (the modal melody of the liturgy) and its development to the present day.

The young marrieds who live at a time when the great cantorial voices of Rosenblatt, Herschman, Kwartin and their colleagues are available only on re-released recordings, were treated to an analysis of the role of the cantor as an interpreter of prayer and a expositor of liturgical music. Dr. Binder, who began many years ago as a choir boy in Europe and who comes from a cantorial family himself, punctuated his lecture with numerous selections on the piano. Unable at times to contain himself, he embellished his piano playing with falsetto voice, to the delight of those present. Only the informality of the evening kept the audience from bursting into spontaneous applause at several points during the lecture.

Not the least of the disclosures at this meeting were the prolific contributions of Dr. Binder to the liturgical music which we sing regularly in our synagogue. To our surprise and delight we learned that the melody for "Retzeh Bimenuchaseinu", a favorite with our congregation, was composed by our

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Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock

"DISSONANT ECHOS IN THE WAKE OF THE SONG OF THE SEA"

THE WEEKLY PORTION BESHALACH "A Time for Action"

In this week's portion, we read not only the "Song of the Sea", which commemorates the deliverance of the Children of Israel from the final pursuit of the Egyptians; we also read of the crisis which faced the Jewish People as they stood at the Red Sea. At that point this "new born" nation was faced with an onrushing enemy from the rear and an impassable water barrier which barred escape.

In this situation, the Torah says: "And the Lord said to Moses: 'why did you shout to me? Speak to the children of Israel and let them move on.'" Inasmuch as the Torah does not mention Moses' shout to God, our sages explore this verse for its hidden message. They envisage the Holy One as saying to Moses "my children are mired in crisis; the Sea closes them in and the enemy pursues them; and you stand there emersed in a lengthy prayer. Why do you shout to me? There is a time for a short prayer and a time for a long one." It is assumed that in God's view, he expected of Moses at such a juncture in history to be short on words and long on action.

There is an important lesson for the Jewish People implicit in this discussion by our sages. We must also call upon God for help in a time of crisis. If our hands are tied and we can do little to help ourselves then the call can be lengthy and plaintive. If, however, at least a partial solution is within our grasp, then the prayer ought to be short and our energies ought to be directed more toward action.

It took us many years to learn this lesson and perhaps we have not as yet fully grasped its significance now. The establishment of the State of Israel, however, and its survival in the face of brutal attacks, verbal and physical, by its Arab neighbors, attests to at least a partial absorption of this historical lesson. The readiness of the American Jewish Community to defend itself against unwarranted intrusions on its religious liberty and on its rights of citizenship are further examples of the direction of our energies more toward corrective action.

On another page of this bulletin, you will find a fact sheet describing another attempt on the part of the Jewish community to gain passage of a fair "Sabbath Law" in New York State. The only reason why we have

SISTERHOOD TO HEAR ISRAEL CONSUL AT FEBRUARY 18th MEETING

On Monday afternoon, February 18th, the members of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood will hear Hon. Moshe Aumann, discuss "Israel's Place in World Affairs."



Hon. Moshe Aumann

Mr. Aumann is posted with the Consulate General in New York City and serves as its Director of the Department of Research and Publications. He joined the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs in October 1956. He was educated in the United States.

A cordial invitation is extended to members of the Sisterhood and their friends to attend the meeting. The items on the agenda will be of interest to all members. The speaker's address will undoubtedly be a most enjoyable and educational treat.

The meeting begins at 12:30 o'clock, with a delightful luncheon served.

failed in our repeated attempts to gain such a law is that the group which opposes it is more vociferous than we who propose it. Jewish agencies in the community have done their part year after year. Unfortunately, the two and a half million Jews of this State, as individuals, have only complained quietly and have refrained from acting forcefully. If we are to cross this "sea" of religious liberty once and for all, as individuals, we should do no less than follow the prescription given by God to Moses.

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BERNARD BENJAMIN SKYDELL BAR MITZVAH



We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Bernard.

The Bar Mitzvah is a student at Manhattan Day School. He will read the entire Torah portion as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Skydell at the Kiddush following services.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks, contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Sam Bucher, Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Mrs. David Gordon, Mrs. Pauline Einstein, Mrs. Frederick Margareten, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Mrs. Jules M. Sax and Mrs. Irving I. Schnur.

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

YOUNG MARRIEDS MEETING

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lecturer in his early twenties.

When Neil Hecht, chairman of the Young Marrieds Group, rose at the conclusion of the talk to thank Dr. Binder, he was expressing the unanimous gratitude of all present for a most stimulating, informative and delightful presentation.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Cantors

Steven Aizer
Simon Lerner
Richard Rem

Torah Reader

Larry Breindel

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

EXEMPTION FOR SABBATH OBSERVERS IN THE NEW YORK STATE SUNDAY LAW

(The following reveiw is composed of information distributed by the Legislative Committee of the New York Board of Rabbis)

Present Unfair Law

Article 192 of the New York State Penal Law makes it a crime for persons to perform work or labor or to conduct business on Sunday. This statute, which dates back to the year 1695, has since that time acquired many exemptions. For example, a New Yorker may on Sunday buy bread but not uncooked meat; milk and fruits but not vegetables; beer (after 1 p.m.) but not butter; pipe tobacco but not a pipe; newspapers but not books; tires but not batteries.

Penalty for Religious Observance

The law works a special hardship on Sabbath observers — Orthodox Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, and others — who keep another day as their religious day of rest. In his dissenting opinion in the U. S. Supreme Court decision of 1961 upholding the constitutionality of Sunday law, Justice Potter Stewart wrote: "Pennsylvania has passed a law which compels an Orthodox Jew to choose between his religious faith and his economic survival. That is a cruel choice."

How is the Law Enforced?

The New York law exempts Sabbatharians from Sunday labor, but this exemption does **not** apply to public sale or offering for sale. Thus, thousands of small merchants in New York who are observant Jews or Seventh Day Adventists and who close their stores on Saturday suffer the economic loss of closing Sunday as well. And it is these small merchants who have been the major targets of police enforcement of Sunday laws.

Nearly 20,000 defendants were arraigned in New York City courts for Sunday law violations in 1961 — almost all of them small merchants.

How to Eliminate the Penalty.

There are now at least a dozen states that exempt Sabbath observers both in regard to "labor" and to selling or offering for sale. Several alternatives have been suggested for the relief of Sabbatharians in New York. The simplest solution, which is the one preferred by Jewish groups actively concerned with the Sunday law problem, would be an amendment to Section 2144 to extend the present exemption for work and labor to all activities of Sabbath observers.

Who Supports Equitable Amendments?

Proposals for a fair Sabbath law have gained wide support throughout the State, not only from Jewish organizations, but also from the New York State Council of Churches, the Protestant Council of Greater New York, the Seventh Day Adventists, United Presbyterian Church, leading legislators and departments of the State government, including the Department of Labor and the Attorney General. Governor Rockefeller has indicated that he is seeking a basis for a bill which would exempt Sabbatharians, although he unfortunately omitted any reference to such a bill in his annual message to the legislature.

It is important that all who feel the need for such legislation make their wishes known to the Governor and to their representatives in the State Legislature. Only a strong letter and telegram campaign will serve to neutralize the vocal opposition to a fair Sabbath law.

ATTENTION TEEN-AGERS

We list below a number of programs which will be of interest to our teen-agers.

A.C.T.I.O.N. Conclave — March 1 to 3

A week-end conclave is planned for teen-agers on March 1 to 3.

Yolanda Benson Honor Society

The music festival of the Yolanda Benson Honor Society will be held on March 31 at the High School of Commerce 125 West 65th Street. The price for students is \$1.75. The proceeds from the music festival help provide scholarships for Torah Leadership Seminars.

March 31st Conclave

A one day conclave devoted to the Passover Festival will be held on March 31st. This activity is sponsored by A.C.T.I.O.N. and will include discussion groups relating to Passover. Singing and dancing is part of the program.

For further information on these activities and for reservations, teen-agers are asked to contact Donald Etra, Lynda Shulsky, Clara Davis, or Pearl Moskowitz, the officers of our teen-age group.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Maks L. Birnbach, Mrs. Adolph Citron, Samuel Goldblatt, Edward Lebowitz, Alexander Lichtman, Oscar Perlberger, Joseph A. Perlman and Mrs. I. Jerome Riker.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander A. Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Davidowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Eletz, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, and Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer.

KIDDUSH HOSTS

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Bernard.

The Sisterhood *Annual Donor Luncheon*

Wednesday, March 20th

Waldorf Astoria

FATHER AND SON MINYAN

Sunday, February 10

Cantors:

Jesse Axelrod
Phillip Lerner
Daniel Beller
Ivan Greenstein

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

125 East 85th Street
New York 28, N. Y.
SAcramento 2-0800

Synagogue Officials

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

Officers of the Congregation

Max J. Etra President
Joseph Roth Vice-President
Joseph S. Gershman Secretary
Elgin Shulsky Treasurer
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin Pres., Sist.
Martin Markson Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles 5:00
Evening 5:15

**SATURDAY SHABBAT SHIRAH,
TU B'SHEVAT**

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion:**Beshalach, Exodus 13:17-17:16****Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31**

Evening 5:10

Torah Reader

Eliot H. Kamerman

Discourse on the Mitzvot

Conclusion of Sabbath 5:55

SUNDAY

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

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Evening 5:15

**SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH
HOSTESSES****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 9**

Mrs. Jack Lieberman
Mrs. Abraham L. Marcus
Mrs. David Morgenstern
Mrs. Benjamin Perlman
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin
Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky
Mrs. Romie Shapiro
Mrs. Robert Zessman

A MODERN RITUALARIUM

is located in our community
at 158 West 97th Street
MOnument 3-0300

Yahrzeits**February**

9—ELIEZER GROSS
9—HELEN BUECHLER
9—HARRIS MANDELBAUM
9—DAVID BUCHSBAUM
10—MIRIAM KOMMEL
11—KARL SCHEIDT
11—FANNY DEBROVNER
11—GUSSIE POUST
11—MAX KESSLER
12—DAVID GOLDSTEIN
12—FANNY STRAUSS
13—MINNIE KATZ
14—EMMA SCHLINGER
14—JOSEPH GOTTSCHALK
14—FANNIE SHIENTAG
14—ROSE GELFAND
14—PHILIPP CITRON
15—JULIUS HEBALD
15—HANNA FISCHEL
15—JENNY MARMER
15—SIMON MAGNUS

THE JEWRY BOX**WEEK OF JANUARY 27th**

DR. NATHAN KALISCHER
DR. EMORY KLEIN

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10th

GEORGE JACOBS
NATHAN KAMERMAN
HON. HERMAN KATZ
JOEL LEWITTES
BRUCE LINZER
SAMUEL MORRIS

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

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

K. J. Boys Group
Gymnasium

K. J. Girls Group
Auditorium

MONDAY, 11:00 A.M.

Women's Class In Bible

TUESDAY, 8:05 A.M.

Talmud Class

7:30 P.M.

Teenage Gym Session

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

Talmud Class

Hebrew for Beginners

Hebrew 2

Intermediate Hebrew

Advanced Hebrew

8:45 P.M.

Men's Club Lecture Forum

— Guest Speaker —

Congressman John V. Lindsay

COMING EVENTS**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th****SISTERHOOD OPEN
LUNCHEON MEETING**

— Guest Speaker —

Consul Moshe Aumann

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th**SISTERHOOD MOVIE BENEFIT**

"To Kill A Mockingbird"

Radio City Music Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th**SISTERHOOD****DONOR LUNCHEON**

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SISTERHOOD MOVIE BENEFIT

"To Kill A Mockingbird"

at

Radio City Music Hall

Thursday, February 28, 1963

For reservations contact Mrs.
Eugene Hollander, RE 7-8881 or
call the Synagogue Office,
SA 2-0800.