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MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th

The President of the Men's Club, William Lebowitz, has announced that the Annual Dinner of the Club will be held on Tuesday evening, January 12th. Because of the building activity, and the obvious lack of space at this time, the dinner will be held this year at the Park Royal Hotel, 23 West 73rd Street.

This dinner marks the twenty-sixth consecutive year of the annual function. It is always the highlight of the season for the men of the congregational family. It is an opportunity for young men and younger ones to gather for an evening of good fellowship in the interesting and warm company of their K. J. friends.

Planning Committee

The planning committee for the dinner is under the co-chairmanship of Abraham R. Kirshon, Vice-President of the club and Dr. Ned Wachtel, a member of the Executive Board. The members of the committee are Milton Eletz, Nico de Graaff, Dr. Jack Lieberman, and Ira F. Weisman.

The committee has already met and according to all reports this year's dinner will be one of the finest ever held.

The dinner will be preceded by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6:15 o'clock. The entertainment for the evening will feature the well known humorist, Emil Cohen.

Invitations will reach all members shortly. In the meantime, reserve the date January 12th and plan to attend.

A MEMORABLE WEEKEND

The Thanksgiving Weekend was a memorable one for our congregation. From Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon, four services and events were held which left a lasting impression upon the hundreds who witnessed and participated in them.

Over five hundred worshippers filled the lower floor of the main synagogue on Thursday morning for the Annual Thanksgiving Day Service. Dr. Salo Baron, the world renowned Jewish historian highlighted the service with an informative and learned lecture on "The International Jewish Question".

Thursday Night Oneg Shabbat

Over one hundred and twenty five members and friends of the congregation assembled on Friday evening for the Collegiate Oneg Shabbat. They were treated to a beautiful and varied program.

A special feature this year was the appearance of Stephen Texon, a Ramaz graduate and a Junior at New York University, who sang two selections. Stephen is currently engaged in special professional training by one of the world's outstanding teachers of voice.

The main event was the "Ask the Rabbi" panel program in which a group of students in college and graduate school interviewed Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein on a variety of subjects. The panel was chaired by Aaron Etra of Columbia Law School and included Don Etra, Yale; Judith Fischman, New York University; Steven Gross, Columbia; Vivian Pik, Barnard; and Michael Rosenblum, Harvard Law School.

The questions ranged from inquiries about the "choseness" of Israel to the attitude of the Rabbi on the revision

of the criminal code with respect to deviationist behaviour in society, and included such subjects as Civil Rights and traditional Jewish practice on the campus.

We wish to thank the following members of the Sisterhood who were particularly helpful in arranging the details of this program. Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Bertha Witkin, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.

On Saturday morning the outpouring of worshippers was almost as impressive as on the High Holy Days. The Main Synagogue was filled with many young people who were on vacation in addition to those who came for Rosh Chodesh Prayers and those who were guests of the Bar Mitzvah.

No doubt many worshippers found special interest in Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein's analysis of the deliberations of the Ecumenical Council and their implications for world Jewry. In a word, the Rabbi pointed out that the Council's "tentative" policy was less in the nature of a gift to Jewry and to Judaism than it was in the capacity of payment of a debt, that has been outstanding for almost two millenia.

The final "event" took place on Saturday afternoon when collegiates and young adults were the guests of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein at their annual "at home." In general, this was a very busy weekend for a congregation and a synagogue in which extensive building activity is proceeding at a rapid pace. Despite inconveniences, our religious, educational, and social programs continue unabated and, at times, even with increased vigor. It is gratifying to see how the community welcomes these activities and participates in them with such enthusiasm.

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

"HOW SHALL WE KINDLE OUR LIGHTS?"

THE WEEKLY PORTION

SHABBAT CHANUKAH

"We Recognize Thee"

Throughout the Festival of Chanukah, we recite in our daily prayers and in the Grace after Meals, the passage known as Al ha-Nissim. This passage appears in the thanksgiving part of the service and the Grace after Meals. It indicates our gratitude to God for the miracles which he wrought in the victory of the Maccabees over the Greeks and in the triumph of Judaism over the secular Hellenism of its day.

In a sense, the prayer of Alha-Nissim is more than an expression of gratitude. It is an indication of our recognition of the Divine role in human history. It is an expression of our consciousness of the "mighty hand and the outstretched arm" of God which was revealed first in the exodus from Egypt and which is continuously revealed to the sensitive religionist in every critical period of our people's history.

No one who stood at the Red Sea could fail to see the role of God in that drama. The Talmud tells us that even a simple hand-maiden at the Sea was able to see God's influence in the world in a way in which even the most sensitive prophet could not envision it. In a sense, however, the simple hand-maiden can only see God's influence when it is clear and direct, while the prophet is able to perceive Divine Providence in every blade of grass and in every heart that beats.

One of the fundamental messages of Chanukah is that human history is not an accident, that the standard interpretations of cause and effect in the life of our world are not the whole story. The Maccabean struggle could be viewed in that way but it is not.

Historians can show that a variety of historical forces combined to produce the stunning victory of the Maccabees over the Greeks. There was the heroism of Judah and his family, the internal intrigues within the Greek Empire, the untimely — or timely — death of Antiochus Epiphanes.

The message of Chanukah is simply that these events are not coincidence but rather the revelation of God's power in the world. Perhaps this is why the poorest Jew must borrow or pawn his clothing in order to purchase candles for Chanukah. He, more than anyone else, must be able to feel that God has not forgotten and that there is a Di-

ADULT INSTITUTE NOTICE

We would like to remind the students of our Adult Institute that while the Wednesday evening classes in our fall semester have now ended, the regular year round courses on Mondays continue as heretofore.

These classes include the Monday morning class in Bible for women and the Monday evening classes in Talmud and advanced Hebrew. In addition, the Monday morning class in Elementary Hebrew continues its sessions at 10:00 o'clock.

vine ear which is attuned to human suffering. Today he may be crestfallen; tomorrow he will stand erect and experience the blessing of God's support.

"Blessed are Thou O Lord Our God King of the Universe who has performed miracles for our forefathers in days of old at this time." As He has performed miracles in the past, so may we find favor in his eyes that he may shield us from the winds of circumstance and the storms of human existence.

A happy Chanukah to all!

H. L.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Mrs. Theodore R. Fink, Mrs. Jacob A. Freezer, Mrs. Sarah Klein, Dr. Gizella Perl, J. William Rosenbluth, Mrs. Max Scheidt, Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Leon Sigall, Mrs. Ralph M. Sussman, Dr. Miriam E. Trachtman and Nathan Warshaw.

Anniversaries —

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bernstein, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eisenstein, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, Hon. and Mrs. George Postel and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rosenzweig.

Condolences —

We record with sorrow the passing of Edith Daniel, beloved wife of our devoted member, Leon Daniel.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our esteemed Trustee, Nathan Salzman, upon the passing of his beloved father, in the State of Israel.

We extend our sympathies to our devoted member, Adolph Levy, upon the passing of his beloved mother.

May the families be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



A partial view of the many worshippers who attend our Thanksgiving Service.

ADDENDUM TO OUR ACADEMIC REGISTRY

We wish to extend our greetings to the following students of our community who are pursuing their studies in institutions of higher learning and whose names were omitted inadvertently from last week's bulletin.

George Goldner

Columbia University

Karen Herzig

New York University

Martin Sage

New York University

Stuart Schlang

Columbia University

Michael Sigall

City College

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

DECEMBER 5, 1964

Cantors

Craig Barany

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Sermonette

Samuel Newborn

Torah Reader

Alvin Smilow

YOUTH CORNER

Teenage Torah Leadership Seminar — December 24th-30th

With the coming Chanukah can the Winter Session of Yeshiva University Torah Leadership Seminar be far behind? The Seminar will be held at the Monsey Park Hotel in Spring Valley from Thursday, December 24th through Wednesday, December 30th. We hope to have a Minyan of young people from our congregation attend the seminar.

For further information regarding this religious, cultural, social and recreational activity, please contact Aaron Holzer (RE 7-8634) or Mr. Noam Shudofsky at the Synagogue Office.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th

Mrs. Nathan Andrews

Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody

Mrs. Harry Etra

Mrs. Mildred Feinberg

Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman

Mrs. Saul J. Linzer

Mrs. David Pik

Mrs. George Postel

Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Two Modern Versions of the Chanukah Saga

"The Communist position on the Jews is generally . . . that of Antiochus. Our religion the Soviets consider a barbarous relic, superseded in wisdom and soundness by Marxism. The training of children in this exploded Semitic superstition goes against good sense and the interest of the State. So the police discourage such teachings, in ways sometimes oblique and sometimes forceable. For Greek religion substitute Marxism, and the Russian Jews are back where their fathers were in 168 B.C.E. . . .

"The challenge of the West is different, though just as serious. The proposition is the old one: that the Jews are confronted with a better way of life and should give up their religion for it. Forces that are not coercive and therefore do not call forth the human impulse to fight them, urge Jews along this path.

The position of the Government . . . is that the Jewish community has the right to hold fast to the faith of its fathers and ought to do so. What contradicts (this) is the tidal force that Tocqueville long ago marked as the great weakness of a democracy in his unforgettable phrase, "The Tyranny of the Majority".

The pressure to emulate neighbors, the urge to conform to popular views and manners, the deep fear of being different — these, in the United States, are the forces of Antiochus. Where the power of the sword long ago failed, the power of suggestion has recently been doing rather better."

(Herman Wouk; "This Is My God" pp. 103,4)

THE YOUNG MARRIEDS GROUP

will holds its next meeting

Saturday evening, December 19th

at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky
209 West 86th Street

Guest Speaker

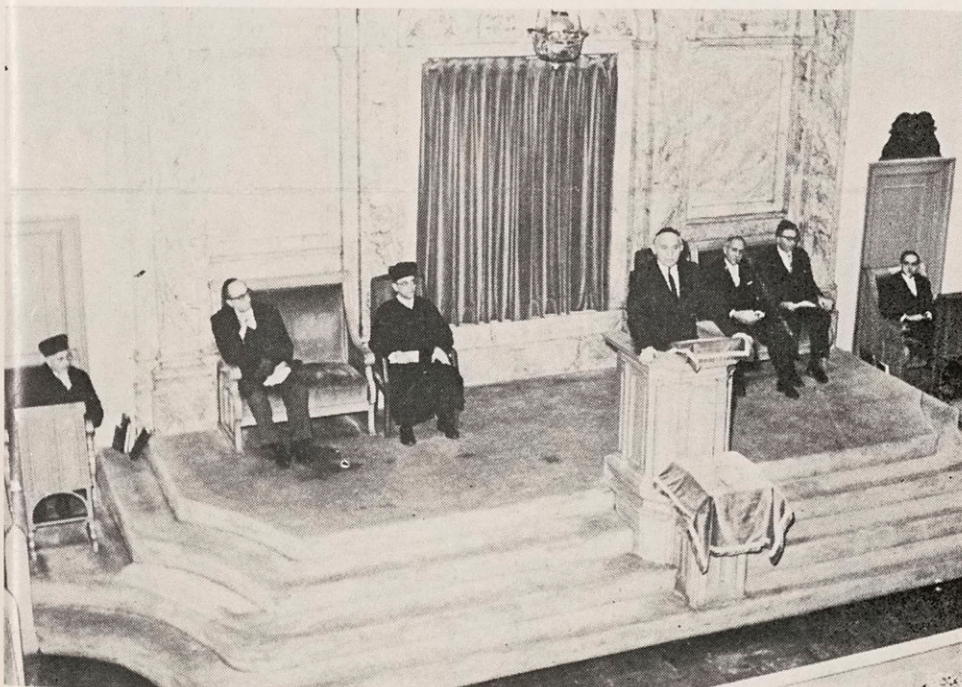
Benjamin Nelson

Topic: American Jewish Novelists

KIDDUSH SPONSOR

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Max Dattner, in celebration of their recent fiftieth wedding anniversary.

KEHILATH JESHURUN



On the platform left to right: Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein; Max J. Etra, President; Cantor A. Joseph Cohen; Dr. Salo W. Baron, in the pulpit; hidden by Dr. Baron, Irwin Shapiro, Secretary; Joseph Roth, Vice-President; Elgin Shulsky, Treasurer; and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

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

Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein Rabbi
Haskel Lookstein Assoc. Rabbi
A. Joseph Cohen Cantor
Israel D. Rosenberg Ritual Director
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Joseph Glatt Exec. Director

Officers of the Congregation

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William Lebowitz Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles 4:10
Evening 4:20

SATURDAY**Shabbat Chanukah, Rosh Chodesh**

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion: Miketz**Genesis 41:1-44:17****Numbers 28:9-15, 7:42-47****Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7**

Evening 4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:00

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 4:20

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6—LILLIAN MANDELBAUM
7—JULIUS BAYER
7—SARAH FREEDMAN
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11—MOSES SONENBERG
11—REBECCA KOTIMSKY
11—ROSE GOLDSMITH

**KOSHER BUTCHERS
IN OUR COMMUNITY**

For the information of residents of our neighborhood, we list the butchers under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

Max Backer — 202 E. 87th Street — AT 9-7234.

L. Berger — 1224 Lexington Avenue — RE 7-9800.

Eugene Czeisler — 1520 York Avenue — RH 4-6488.

L. Feldman — 1355 Second Avenue — RH 4-5918.

Iser Salzman — 1279 Second Avenue — RH 4-9823.

Bernard Scheiner — 1200 Madison Avenue — AT 9-5461.

Leonard Schull — 1163 Madison Avenue — SU 7-3545.

Eli Vizel — 1547 First Avenue — RE 4-2280.

K. J. CALENDAR**SATURDAY, 3:00 P.M.**

Intermediate Boys' and Girls' Groups —

Chanukah Oneg Shabbat Library

Junior Boys' Group
Social Hall

Junior Girls' Group
Room 301

MONDAY, 10:00 A.M.

Hebrew For Beginners

11:00 A.M.

Bible Class for Women

8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Advanced Hebrew

COMING EVENTS**SATURDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 19th**

Young Marrieds Meeting
at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky

RIVERSIDE

Memorial Chapel

76th ST. AND AMSTERDAM AVENUE

ENdicott 2-6600

CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Director

THE JEWRY BOX**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15th**

DR. LEO EDELMAN
DR. ELI GOLDSTEIN
MEIR GOLDSTEIN
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WEEK OF DECEMBER 6th

ADOLPH CITRON
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