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CHARLES SILBERMAN DISCUSSES UNPUBLISHED CHAPTER OF HIS BOOK "CRISIS IN BLACK AND WHITE"

Before a crowded audience on December 3rd, Charles Silberman, author of the best seller "Crisis in Black and White", spoke on the subject: "A Jewish View of The Racial Crisis". Mr. Silberman informed the assembled at this joint Chanukah meeting of the Men's Club and Sisterhood of the congregation that this was in the nature of an eleventh chapter to his recent book, a chapter which was not included in the published manuscript.

Mr. Silberman who grew up in our congregation and whose mother, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, is one of the leading ladies of the Sisterhood, spoke of the racial crisis as the most vital social problem facing Americans today. In view of the seriousness of the problem, he said, it is unfortunate that Jews have not been as involved as they might be in dealing with this problem.

While there are many Jews who are working in the field of civil rights, Mr. Silberman pointed out that these people are rarely committed to their Jewish heritage. On the other hand, those Jews who are committed to their tradition, are not readily found in the forefront of those who are working to solve the racial problem in America.

After detailing some of the reasons which make it difficult for the Negro to solve his own problem just as the Jewish immigrant to the United States did in the last generation, Mr. Silberman pointed out that there are a number of things which each of us can do as individuals. We ought to try to avoid the unconscious acts and words which make the Negro feel like a second class citizen at best and a tolerated juvenile at worst. He cited some examples of such unconscious denigrations. School officials sometimes speak of Negro students as "doing as well as can be expected". Su-

periors generally refer to mature Negro men as "boy". Employers usually assign to Negroes only the menial tasks and rarely give them an opportunity to qualify for the more prestigious assignments.

Mr. Silberman pointed out that we should not be ashamed of our feelings of racial prejudice. We are not responsible for them; we breathe them in the atmosphere around us and we were brought up to feel them. What we should be ashamed of is what we do with the prejudice. It is not really necessary to change men's hearts at present. What is desirable is to help people to change their actions — and their hearts will ultimately follow.

In this sense, Mr. Silberman's message was a religious one with which we can identify. What we ought to be concerned with is the mitzvah — the act — and not the intent or the feeling which lies behind it. As the Prophet Micah identifies the ideal human being: God desires of him that he **do** justice.

The meeting was presided over by William Lebowitz, President of the Men's Club. Before the guest speaker delivered his address, Cantor A. Joseph Cohen kindled the Chanukah lights and sang a musical selection appropriate for the festival. He was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Martin Markson.

Following Mr. Silberman's address, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein praised the speaker for his sincerity, his erudition and his uncanny understanding of this problem. While not disagreeing with Mr. Silberman, the Rabbi, nevertheless, tried to explain why Jews are not as active as they might be in the civil rights movement.

At the conclusion of the meeting the guests enjoyed a special Chanukah collation highlighted by the tra-

TEENAGE GROUP TO HOLD FIRST MINYAN and BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

The Executive Board of our Teenage Group has been successful in introducing unique programming for its membership. We think that they have again come up with a very fine formula for the first Sunday Morning Minyan Activity being held this Sunday, December 20th at 9:30 o'clock. Needless to say, the success of this program hinges on the active participation of the membership.

Program

a) The Shacharith services will take place in the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:10.

b) Breakfast will follow in the Social Hall from 10:15 to 11:00. Each committee will be seated at a special table and will meet during breakfast to discuss future programs and activities.

c) This Sunday morning has been set aside by the group's Social Service Committee as a special time to discuss and analyse the present tragic plight of Soviet Jewry. The highlight of the day will be the showing of the film, "The Price of Silence" which is narrated by Edward G. Robinson. The film issues a scathing propaganda indictment of the hypocrisy of the Soviet Union in its treatment of Soviet Jewry.

This type of program continues the fine tradition begun by our teenage group in dealing with topical and controversial Jewish themes.

ditional Chanukah fare — potato latkes — which were contributed by Arnold Weiss for the occasion.

We would like to offer our thanks to Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, program chairman of the Sisterhood and her committee who arranged the program and took care of all the preparations which were necessary for this delightful evening.

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock
"THE FIRST ANGRY MEN"**

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Vayechi

"A Double Blessing"

We are all familiar with the slight of hand displayed by Jacob in the blessing of Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Menasheh. He placed his right hand on the head of the former although the latter, as the first born, had been placed by Joseph on Jacob's right.

Despite the favoritism shown to Ephraim, Jacob blesses both equally and declares this blessing to be the prototype for all future blessings of children by their fathers.

As seen by the Malbin, this blessing was "two in one", a double blessing. The blessing of Menasheh was quantitative — "He shall be a people". Menasheh will be the ancestor of multitudes, his future will be strong, his territory extensive, his physical accomplishments impressive.

Menasheh will be a man to be reckoned with; perhaps a tycoon, certainly a successful entrepreneur. In synagogue he will be given "shlishi:" or, if he prefers it, "shishi:". No ordinary honor would be appropriate for this extraordinary man — extraordinary in quantitative terms.

The blessing of Ephraim, on the other hand, will be qualitative and of a spiritual character. His tribe may never become populous; but one offspring, Joshua, will change a world, will make the sun stand still, will lead a people into a Promised Land.

Ephraim will be "hiphrani" — creative and productive — even in a hostile land like Egypt. He will be committed to the future ideals of Moses so that we will say of him "He would never leave Moses' tent". It is natural for Jacob, who was a "dweller in tents" to prefer this blessing.

Nevertheless, the father's blessing to his children is always a double one — quantitative and qualitative, material and spiritual, extensive and intensive. "Becha Yevarech Yisrael" — In you (singular) will Israel be blessed. In this composite, integrated blessing of both Menasheh and Ephraim we seek for our children the good life, today and tomorrow.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of December 19th

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Abram Abeloff, Mrs. Samuel W. Bloom, Dr. Samuel Gross, Saul J. Lance, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Israel Jacobs, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Jules M. Sax, Mrs. Eugene R. Saretsky, Mrs. Mary Schleifer, Irving I. Schnur, Mrs. Raymond Schwartz, Dr. Max L. Som, Miss Vilma Weiss, and Mrs. Robert Zessman.

Anniversaries —

Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldblatt, Mr. and Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jaspán, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lipoff, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Rosen, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Schloss.

Week of December 26th

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Paul Gourary, Mrs. D. H. Kleinfeld, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Dr. Norman Orentreich, Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, Mrs. Irwin Shapiro, Leon Spilky and Miss Irene Weiss.

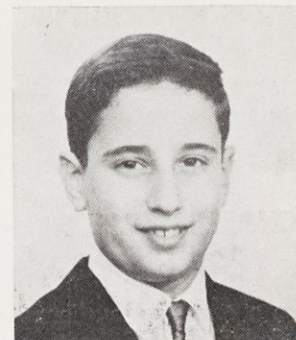
Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Gedeon Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Manfred M. Magnus, Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein and Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Shapiro.

Honors

Our heartiest congratulations to our esteemed Trustee, Joseph Schlang, upon the honor of being chosen for the Statesman's Award by the Synagogue Council of America, the joint synagogue body of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewry in this country. The award was presented at the 1964 Annual Statesmen's Award Dinner tendered by the SCA at the Waldorf Astoria on Sunday, December 6th. The dinner was attended by the rabbis of the congregation and several members of Kehilath Jeshurun. The guest speaker of the evening was the Hon. Arthur J. Goldberg, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Our congratulations also to Mrs. Albert Wald who served as the Chairman of the recent convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The convention, which was

LEWIS TRENCHER
BAR MITZVAH

We extend a hearty mazel tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Trencher, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Lewis.

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant is in the eighth grade of Ramaz School. He will read the entire Torah portion and Prophetic chapter as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Trencher at the Kiddush following the services.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

(The following selection is from pages 205 and 206 of Europe and the Jews by Malcolm Hay. It is a quote from the words of Georges Clemenceau who wrote a series of articles in his own newspaper about the Dreyfus case).

"A nation without a conscience is merely a herd on the road to the slaughter house . . .

"One may find oneself in a situation where it is necessary to make a sacrifice for one's country harder and more cruel than to give up one's life: the sacrifice of prejudices . . .

"We now know that institutions, laws and dogmas are powerless against the evil which is in each one of us, and that the greatest urgency in social reform is to begin with ourselves . . .

"There exists in each one of us a tremendous force, if we know how to use it, for the victims of human oppression. . . ."

held in New York City a couple of weeks ago, attracted over a thousand women to its sessions. One of the main addresses was delivered by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Rose Alpert, Mrs. Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Isaac Kaplan, Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, Mrs. Erwin Linden, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mrs. Frederick Margareten, Mrs. Morris Morgestern, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Mrs. Eric Oppenheimer, Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Mrs. Elliot W. Siegel, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, Mrs. Abraham Silver 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. Jacob P. Shulman, 115 East 82nd Street, the Chairman of the Happy Day Fund.

IN MEMORIAM — Judith Swet

We record with sorrow, the passing of Judith Swet, a devoted member of our office staff, and the secretary of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. She served the House of God with her bountiful talents and boundless energy. She will be missed by her co-workers and by all who knew her.

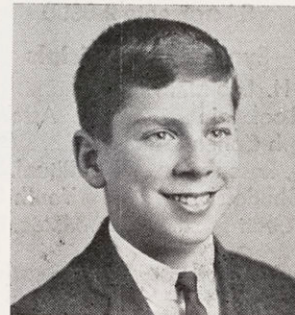
To her husband Gershon Swet and to the bereaved family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences.

ADULT INSTITUTE NOTICE**General Recess**

Classes in our Adult Institute will not hold sessions during the week of Monday, December 28th. The regular classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 1965.

Bible Class Recess

There will be no Women's Class in Bible on Monday, December 21st and 28th. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 1965.

**ARTHUR AIZER
BAR MITZVAH**

On Saturday, December 26th, Arthur Aizer will be Bar Mitzvah, in our Synagogue. We extend a hearty Mazel Tov, to his parents, our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aizer on the happy occasion.

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant will read the Prophetic chapter as part of the regular services on Saturday, December 26th.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aizer at the Kiddush following the services.

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for the

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL DINNER

of the

KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

Tuesday evening, January 12th, 1965

at the

Park Royal Hotel

23 West 73rd Street

New York City

Subscription: Ten Dollars

Cocktails at 6:15

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KIDDUSH HOSTESSES****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th**

Mrs. Caroline Goldstein
Mrs. Frank Goodman
Mrs. D. Harry Kleinfeld
Mrs. Abraham L. Marcus
Mrs. Edgar Trautman
Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th

Mrs. Samuel B. Goodman
Mrs. Samuel Gross
Mrs. Nathan Kalischer
Mrs. David Morgenstern
Mrs. Max Sadinoff
Mrs. Robert Wallach

THE JEWRY BOX**WEEK OF DECEMBER 6th**

ADOLPH CITRON
ARMIN FAERBER

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20th

PHILLIP PERLMAN
NATHAN GOLDSMITH

WEEK OF DECEMBER 27th

MARTIN MARKSON
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Lighting of Candles	4:10
Evening	4:20

SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15

Weekly Portion: Vayechi

Genesis 47:28-50:26

Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12

Evening	4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:00



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Lighting of Candles	4:15
Evening	4:20

SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15

Weekly Portion: Shemot

Exodus 1:1-6:1

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13,
29:22-23

Evening	4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:05

DAILY SERVICES

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

PLEASE NOTE

This issue of the Bulletin contains information for the forthcoming two weeks. The next issue will appear on Thursday, December 31st.

DATES TO RESERVE

Wednesday, March 31st

Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon

Monday, March 22nd

Men's Club Theatre Party

Thursday, May 20th

Sisterhood Theatre Party

THE YOUNG MARRIEDS GROUP

will hold its next meeting

This 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

K. L. CALENDAR

SATURDAY, 3:00 P.M.

Intermediate Boys' Group —
Social Hall

Intermediate Girls' Group
Library

Junior Boys' Group

Social Hall

Junior Girls' Group

Room 301

8:30 P.M.

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

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Shachar Minyan and Breakfast
Social Hall

MONDAY, 10:00 A.M.

Hebrew for Beginners

8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Advanced Hebrew

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th

Men's Club
Twenty-Sixth Annual Dinner

YAHREZITS

December

19—FEIGA BROZ
19—LENA BLOCH
19—PEARL BRENNER
19—ROSE WESTERMAN
19—LOUIS SCHEIER
20—RACHEL LIEBERMAN
20—BERTHA PERLBERGER
20—HENRY BASSER
21—TOBY KAILES
21—RACHEL GOODMAN
22—NATHAN SILVER
23—LOUIS GIVNER
23—SOPHIE GOODSIDE
23—JOSEPH KOTTLER
23—PHILIP BACHRACH
23—MAXWELL A. HECKLER
24—MARTHA HECKSCHER
24—HARRY FISCHEL
24—SOL SEIDNER
24—ALEXANDER HERBST
25—ANNIE MANDELBAUM
25—CECELIA FELDBERG
25—MOLLIE GOLDBERG
26—ESTHER SCHLANG
26—WALTER H. STINER
26—SAMUEL KINGSON

26—HARRY GOLDSTEIN
26—JEANNE RUDDY RUBIN
26—SARAH SEIDENBERG
26—SARAH EARL
27—WILLIAM GOLDMAN
27—TOIBA SONENBERG
27—ISAAC SILVERMAN
28—MINNIE SHAPIRO
28—SAM BUCHER
28—MINNIE LIPSCHUTZ
29—JACOB LANDAU
29—S. LAWRENCE BRODY
29—ABRAHAM POUST
29—YETTA WEINBAUM
30—JULIA ADLER
30—ALBERT HERSHKOVITZ
30—SARAH KERNER
30—BERNARD RASHBAUM
30—BESSIE SNYDER
31—HARRY WESTERMAN
31—DORA PERLMAN
31—LOUIS GOLDENHEIM

January

1—FLORA MUENSTERBERGER
1—ISIDOR FISCHMAN
1—DORA RHODES