

# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin

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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLASSES TO BE RESUMED

We are happy to announce that, now that the days are lengthening somewhat, we are resuming our Saturday afternoon classes between Mincha and Ma'ariv. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will discuss on alternate sabbaths the "mitzvah of the week" during the interval between the two services.

This is a class which has been conducted for the past several years and has received a warm response from those who regularly attend services on Saturday afternoon as well as from men and women, young and old, who attend specifically because of the class.

The course in the Commandments of Judaism follows the outline of the Sefer ha-Chinuch which is a compilation of the 613 commandments contained in the Torah. Each week a different commandment is discussed with references from the Talmud and its commentaries and with an explanation of its relevance to contemporary Jewish life.

A special invitation is extended to all to attend the services beginning with this coming Sabbath afternoon at 4:40.

## AM HASEFER PROGRAM

The first meeting of the year for our evening group in the Am haSefer Program will be held on Thursday evening, January 21, at 8:30, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson, 315 East 68th Street. A meeting at the Markson home has become an annual event for this group in the Am haSefer Program.

The book under discussion will be Vrba and Bestic's, "I Cannot Forgive", the stirring and true description of a young man who escaped from Auschwitz and who tried — in vain — to inform the world of the inhuman activities of that extermination center.

Members of the group are urged to return their reservation card so that we will know of their plans to attend.

## ADULT INSTITUTE SPRING SEMESTER OPENS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd NEW STUDENTS WELCOME

Although the snows of January are very much in the air, the spring semester of the Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute will shortly begin sessions. Opening night is Wednesday evening, February 3. Sessions will be held every Wednesday evening thereafter, through March 10 — six sessions in all.

The course offerings will be as follows: from 8 to 9 o'clock, Mrs. Shudofsky will offer the second half of her customs and ceremonies course. This semester she will cover the Haggadah in full, together with a study of the rituals of Passover.

At the same hour, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will offer the second half of this year's Maimonides' Code course. This semester the class will study the Laws of Repentance. This subject encompasses such religious problems as free will, predestination, and reward and punishment. In general, the Jewish philosophy of man is derived from this section of Maimonides' work.

The third class between 8 and 9 will be the continuation of Mrs. Charles Cohen's

course in Elementary Hebrew. The students, having gained a rudimentary knowledge of the language, will proceed to the reading of the prayer book and an elementary study of Hebrew grammar.

Those who did not take the first half of these courses may still register for the second half. Such registration may be accomplished at the February 3 session. All students in our Adult Institute are on a full scholarship. There are no fees of any kind. The only requirement is the student's interest and his desire to increase his knowledge.

### Dr. Hyman to Lecture on Jewish Philosophy

From 9 to 10 o'clock, on the six Wednesdays cited above, Dr. Arthur Hyman, professor of Jewish and general philosophy at Yeshiva University and Columbia, will deliver a series of lectures on Jewish philosophy. This is the first time that our students will have an opportunity to attend such a course led by a specialist in the field of philosophy. We are confident that all will gain much from this experience.

## MEN'S CLUB THEATER PARTY, MARCH 22nd RICHARD RODGERS' MUSICAL CHOSEN

Mr. William Lebowitz, President of the Men's Club announced that the Club will hold its annual Theater Party on Monday, March 22nd. The musical, which the club was fortunate in getting, is "Do I Hear a Waltz?" by Richard Rodgers.

### Considered Hit of Season

Newspaper notices remarking on the play, have indicated that it promises to be the season's theatrical event. The added attraction in the case of our Theater Party is, that we are the first organization to acquire the play for a Theater Party. Our performance is the fourth one, following the New York opening.

### First Come — First Served

Our friends who have supported the Annual Theater Party know that we always offer equal chance to all, in purchasing

tickets. This year, because of the understandable great demand for tickets, reservation forms were sent out. The immediate response has been gratifying.

We are pleased that our Men's Club has been able to make arrangements for a Theater Party of the hit of the season. Thanks for this are due to the Chairman of the Theater Party committee, Abe Newborn. Serving with Mr. Newborn as co-chairman is Maurice N. Jaffe.

We urge all those interested in tickets, to make their reservations early, in order to acquire choice seats.

On behalf of the Men's Club, we express sincere thanks for the wonderful cooperation and support shown by our friends. This support helps make possible the continued philanthropic work of our Men's Club.

**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.  
"WHAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL CAN AND CANNOT DO FOR DIASPORA JEWRY"**

## THE WEEKLY PORTION— B'SHALACH MY GOD...MY FATHER'S GOD

One of the many beautiful verses in the Song of the Sea is the verse: "This is my God and I shall glorify Him; my father's God and I will exalt Him." One Hassidic sage gave this verse a unique interpretation.

He said: if a man struggles to bring himself to a recognition of God — this is my God — such an achievement is beautiful (naveh) and glorious. If, however, his religious status rests upon "yichus" — his father's God — this is a form of self exaltation or haughtiness.

To a tradition minded people such an interpretation poses problems. What could be better than a son or daughter who carries on the tradition of the parents, who takes pride in the "God of our fathers?"

The interpretation of the Rebbe, of course, must be understood as one of emphasis. The initial stimulus to religious consciousness must come from the home and the parents. But the fulfillment of one's religious existence can only be achieved personally.

If my father was a Talmid Chacham, but I am unlearned, this is surely no source for pride but rather for disappointment. If my mother was a pious woman but I cannot live up to her standards religiously, though I far surpass her socially and economically, this is no cause for self esteem.

In religion, the prime source of "yichus" is "yichus atzmo" — one's personal status, rather than one's family origins. The illegitimate child who becomes a scholar is more respected than even a High Priest who is ignorant, although the latter has the best possible "yichus" while the former has less than none.

The only occasion for pride in one's forebears is when the descendant continues — and renders his own — the status of the past through personal study, individual piety and a renewed commitment. Thus, when we pray, we say "E-lokeinu ve-lokei avoseinu", first "our God" and then, "the God of our fathers."

Perhaps we might presume to amend the Rebbe's interpretation. "This is my God and I will glorify Him;" if that is so, then the fact that He is the God of my fathers is not self exaltation but further glory to God.

H.L.

## SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 25th

Metropolitan Opera Archivist,  
Guest Speaker

Mrs. William Lebowitz, President of the Sisterhood, announced that the next meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Monday, January 25th, at 12:30 o'clock, in the Versailles Suite of the Croyden Hotel. The guest speaker at that meeting will be Mary Ellis Peltz. Her topic is, "Through An Opera Glass".

Mrs. Peltz is well known to avid opera fans for the close connection she has had for many years with the Metropolitan Opera Association. She was formerly the editor of, "Opera News", the official publication of the Metropolitan Opera Guild. She held that position for 21 years. Mrs. Peltz has written and edited a number of books dealing with opera. Among them are "Accents On Opera", and "The Magic of Opera".

Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, Program Chairman for the Sisterhood, has already received numerous comments from members of the Sisterhood expressing their pleasure at having a recognized authority on opera as guest speaker at a Sisterhood meeting.

All indications are that this meeting will be an especially stimulating and interesting one. We, therefore, urge all members of the Sisterhood to attend the meeting on January 25th.

## STERN COLLEGE ON T.V.

Our readers will be interested in a special four part series on The Jewish Heritage program, Sunday mornings on Channel 4, from 10:00 to 10:30, featuring a review of the program and philosophy of Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University, in conjunction with the tenth anniversary of its founding.

The first two programs appeared on Sunday, January 3 and January 10. On the latter program, a new member of our congregation, Mrs. Nathalie Schacter, instructor in sociology at Stern College, was featured in a roundtable discussion of "Judaism in the Home".

The final two programs will be held on Sunday, January 17 and January 24.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, Samuel M. Cohen, Elmer G. Engel, Dr. Isadore Givner, Abraham R. Kirshon, Jerome Margareten, Mrs. Leo Ritter and Robert H. Zessman.

### Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Maks L. Birnbach, Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra.

### Condolences —

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Meyer Texon upon the passing of her illustrious father, Dr. Henry Raphael Gold.

May the family henceforth be blessed with many years of uninterrupted happiness.

## YOUNG MARRIEDS GROUP

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds Group will be held at the home of our new members, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bernstein, 85 East End Avenue, on Sunday evening, February 7 at 8 o'clock. The discussion leader for the evening will be the Youth Director of the congregation, Noam Shudofsky, who will discuss some of the problems which face the Jewish teenager growing up in a metropolitan community.

Mr. Shudofsky, in addition to his functions in the congregation, serves as the Guidance Counselor at Ramaz High School and as an instructor on the faculty in Bible and Jewish History. He is currently a student at the Graduate School of New York University where he will shortly receive his degree in guidance. He has had more than a decade of experience in the field of youth work and he will be able to bring a wealth of information and insight to the evening's discussion.

The date of the meeting is something of an experiment on the part of the Young Marrieds Group. This is the first time that a Sunday evening meeting is being held. We have received many requests for such a date. In order that the meeting end at a reasonable hour, we plan to begin promptly at 8:00.

### Reserve March 20

We would like to call to the attention of the Young Marrieds Group that we have invited Chaim Zohar, a Consul of the State of Israel, to address our group on Saturday evening, March 20. Though a young man, he has already made an outstanding reputation as a speaker and as an intellect. His topic for the evening will be "Is Israel A Theocracy?"

## *The Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon*

Wednesday, March 31, 1965

The Park Lane Hotel

## JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Midway in the program year we call your attention to the fact that the Junior Congregation has shown an increased weekly attendance of our young people. Services are held each and every Shabbat and holiday morning from September through June. The children serve as Cantors, Torah Readers and give regular weekly sermons, a feature in which the girls are also included. In addition, girls act regularly as hostesses of the Kiddush that follows the service, in the Synagogue Library. The following participants have excelled in their Junior Congregation attendance:

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Arthur Aizer      | Philip Lerner      |
| Howard Aizer      | Simon Lerner       |
| Steven Aizer      | Gail Linden        |
| Claude Alpert     | Dina Markson       |
| Craig Barany      | Naomi Markson      |
| Kenneth Barany    | Sidney Moskowitz   |
| Joan Berman       | Samuel Newborn     |
| Marvin Binstock   | Peter Oppenheimer  |
| George Blumenthal | David Orwasher     |
| Naomi Fink        | William Recant     |
| Allan Friedman    | Judith Schacter    |
| Samuel Friedman   | Binyamin Shudofsky |
| Richard Gelfand   | Alvin Smilow       |
| Brenda Gruss      | Charles Sub        |
| Nicky Gura        | Mark Taffet        |
| Jonathan Javitt   | Elliot Taffet      |
| Laura Kamerman    | Richard Taffet     |
| Leonard Klein     | Janie Trencher     |
| Melanie Klein     |                    |

An invitation is extended to boys and girls between the ages of seven and twelve to become members of the Junior congregation.

### — Reserve —

**Sunday Morning, February 7th**  
for the  
**MEN'S CLUB MINYAN**  
and **BREAKFAST**

The service will begin at 9:00 o'clock.  
Breakfast will follow

Bring your children, grandchildren  
and friends.

## TWO RAMAZ STUDENTS TO BE ON RADIO WITH RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

Ronald Goldman of Form 2 and Guita Epstein of Grade 8, of the Ramaz Upper School, will join Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the Ruth Jacobs Show to be heard on Tuesday, January 19, at 12:00 noon on Station WEVD.

The program is an interview conducted by Mrs. Jacobs in which she will ask the Rabbi about Ramaz and interview the two students who were winners in the recent World's Fair Essay Competition. Ronald and Guita were the only students from a Jewish school to have won prizes. They were among 14,000 contestants.

As part of the program, Ronald and Guita will each read his own prize-winning essay.

## SEVEN REPRESENT TEENAGE GROUP AT YESHIVA SEMINAR

Our congregation's teenage group was represented by seven members at the Torah Leadership Seminar that was sponsored by the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University during the winter vacation. The Seminar took place at the Monsey Park Hotel. The participants were:

Willie Davis  
Jack Havran  
Aaron Holzer  
Nathaniel Lipstadt  
Claire Low  
Sidney Rosen  
Steven Schacter

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Noam Shudofsky joined our youngsters at the Seminar and served respectively as members of the instructional staff in Jewish studies and group dynamics.

## SUMMER TOURS FOR TEENAGERS AND COLLEGE YOUTH

We have been informed of two tours to Israel and one to Europe which we are happy to recommend to the members of our congregational family.

This year, again, the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University will conduct its Summer in Israel Program for young people, ages 16-25. The program includes an extensive European tour following a five week stay in Israel. The entire program lasts about eight weeks. The cost of the trip is \$1,160.00 (\$945.00 for the Israel part and \$215.00 for the Europe tour and the Mediterranean cruise).

This year, for the first time, the Yeshiva University Youth Bureau is sponsoring a European tour for forty select college age men and women. The tour will encompass visits to England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Monaco. There will be a ten day optional program at its conclusion which can be spent behind the Iron Curtain, in Scandinavia or in Switzerland.

The entire cost of this tour is \$940.00, exclusive of the optional program.

Details on both of these tours can be obtained from the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University, Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street, New York, New York 10033.

## MASSAD TOUR

Camp Massad, the renowned Hebrew-speaking camp for American Jewish youth, will sponsor a tour of Israel in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the founding of Massad Camps. The program is designed for 30 youngsters, ages 15-17, all of whom must possess a fluency in Hebrew conversation.

The tour will be conducted in Hebrew and will enable the participants to participate fully in many aspects of Israel life in a manner not normally available to tourists. The trip will be under the personal direction of one of Massad's leaders. The total cost is \$850.00. Further information may be gained from Massad Camps, Inc., 426 W. 58th Street, New York 10019.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Noam Shudofsky will be very happy to discuss details of the above tours with young people or their parents who are interested in taking advantage of these opportunities.

## SISTERHOOD

**KIDDUSH HOSTESSES**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th**

Mrs. Fred Kahn  
Mrs. Greta Pik  
Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky  
Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg

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SAMUEL GOODMAN

**Served During**  
**WEEK OF JANUARY 3rd**  
MICHAEL BARANY  
LEON GRONOWITZ

**Will Serve During**  
**WEEK OF JANUARY 17th**  
HYMAN ABRAMS  
WILLIAM HEYMAN  
ABRAHAM I. HOLZER  
HARRY HEYMAN

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

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**Synagogue Officials**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Joseph H. Lookstein ..... | Rabbi           |
| Haskel Lookstein .....    | Assoc. Rabbi    |
| A. Joseph Cohen .....     | Cantor          |
| Israel D. Rosenberg ..... | Ritual Director |
| Noam Shudofsky .....      | Youth Director  |
| Joseph Glatt .....        | Exec. Director  |

**Officers of the Congregation**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Max J. Etra .....           | President        |
| Joseph Roth .....           | Vice-President   |
| Elgin Shulsky .....         | Treasurer        |
| Irwin Shapiro .....         | Secretary        |
| Mrs. William Lebowitz ..... | Pres., Sist.     |
| William Lebowitz .....      | Pres. Men's Club |

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Lighting of Candles ..... | 4:35 |
| Evening .....             | 4:45 |

**SATURDAY, SHABBAT SHIRAH**

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Morning .....             | 9:00  |
| Junior Congregation ..... | 10:15 |

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

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|-----------------------------|------|
| Evening .....               | 4:40 |
| Conclusion of Sabbath ..... | 5:25 |

**DAILY SERVICES**

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Morning .....        | 7:30 |
| Sunday Morning ..... | 8:30 |
| Evening .....        | 4:50 |

**Yahrzeits****January**

16—LEONA ABRAMS  
17—SAMUEL GALLER  
17—DORA MILLER  
17—BENJAMIN GOTTFRIED  
18—ELIEZER GROSS  
18—HARRIS MANDELBAUM  
18—DAVID BUCHSBAUM  
19—MIRIAM KOMMEL  
20—KARL SCHEIDT  
20—FANNY DEBROVNER  
20—GUSSIE POUST  
20—MAX KESSLER  
21—DAVID GOLDSTEIN  
21—FANNY STRAUSS  
22—MINNIE KATZ

**OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

We bring to the attention of our members a series of televised discussions presented by Yeshiva University.

The series is entitled, "Minorities in American Literature". The forthcoming programs during the month of January are as follows:

**January 21, 1965***"Problems of Assimilation"***January 28, 1965***"Golden Boy"*

These programs and a number of others scheduled during the forthcoming months will be televised on Thursday evenings, between nine and ten o'clock, on WNYC-TV- Channel 31 UHF.

**HAPPY DAY FUND**

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Erwin Linden, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, Mrs. Jules Sax, Mrs. Ruth Siegel and Mrs. Robert Zessman.

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.

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Intermediate Girls' Group  
Library

Junior Boys' Group  
Social Hall  
Junior Girls' Group  
Room 301

**SUNDAY, 6:30 P.M.**

Ramaz Dinner Dance  
Waldorf-Astoria

**MONDAY, 10:00 A.M.**

Hebrew for Beginners

**11:00 A.M.**

Bible Class for Women

**8:00 P.M.**

Talmud Class  
Advanced Hebrew

**THURSDAY, 8:30 P.M.**

Am HaSefer Group 2  
at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson  
315 East 68th Street

**COMING EVENTS****MONDAY, JANUARY 25th**

Sisterhood Open Meeting

— Guest Speaker —

MARY ELLIS PELTZ

— Topic —

*"Through an Opera Glass"***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th**

Men's Club Morning Service  
and Breakfast

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