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RAMAZ TO OPEN NURSERY SCHOOL

We are happy to announce that, after months of planning, Ramaz School will open a Nursery Department in September, 1965. Together with a Kindergarten, the Nursery School will form a new pre-school department of Ramaz.

The supervisor of the new pre-school department will be Miss Hannah Harris. Miss Harris, who has been our Kindergarten teacher for over two decades, is considered the dean of Jewish kindergarten teachers in this country. Many of her students at the Teachers Institute for Women are now putting into practice the theories which she has taught them.

A morning and afternoon nursery is contemplated, with no more than 15 children in each of the classes. The children will have the finest teachers, all the necessary furnishings and play space, and the best in supervision.

Inquiries from interested parents should be addressed to Ramaz without delay.

A POST FEDERATION APPEAL REMINDER

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun observed its annual Federation Sabbath in the Synagogue last Saturday. A large number of worshippers braved the inclement weather to attend services. They demonstrated their support for the work of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

While we are most gratified with the generosity of those who attended, there are no doubt many worshippers who could not be with us because of the weather on Saturday, but who would nevertheless want to do their part to support the philanthropic work of Federation.

Please keep in mind that Federation helps everyone in the community. It is the duty and obligation of every member in the community to help carry on the important work of the 116 institutions which are affiliated with Federation.

Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute SPRING SEMESTER

(The following courses will meet for six sessions each on the following Wednesday nights, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, and 10. Students from the Fall Semester as well as new registrants are cordially invited to attend these courses.)

Semester Courses

ELEMENTARY HEBREW

Instructor:

Mrs. Charles Cohen

Time: 8:00 P.M.

PASSOVER AND THE HAGADDAH

Instructor:

Mrs. Noam Shudofsky

Time: 8:00 P.M.

MAIMONIDES' LAWS OF REPENTENCE

Instructor:

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Time: 8:00 P.M.

STUDIES IN JEWISH PHILOSOPHY

Instructor:

DR. ARTHUR HYMAN

Time: 9:00 P.M.



**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.
"THE RULE OF LAW IN ISRAEL"
A Rejoinder to Brooks Atkinson**

THE WEEKLY PORTION MISHPATIM

"The Torah As A Moral Absolute"

"And if one steals a human being and sells him, he shall be executed." This rule, which provides for capital punishment for kidnapping, is found in this week's portion between two commands which seem to differ from it in content. The preceding mitzvah deals with striking a parent while the command which follows it concerns cursing a parent.

Rabbi Meir Simchah haCohen comments on this strange context of the prohibition on kidnapping in the following manner. Even if the kidnapped individual is a reprehensible character whose value to society is nil, the prohibition and its capital consequences are in no way mitigated. The Torah is a reservoir of absolute morality; its commands are obligatory even when they transcend the limits of human reason.

The lesson of Rabbi Meir Simchah haCohen is applicable to a wide range of "reasonable" Torah commands. They are followed, not because of their reasonableness, but because of their divine authority. Our adherence to them is uncompromising because they represent for us absolute truth.

This will explain the Talmudic judgment that a child must revere and love his parents even when their conduct toward him does not warrant it. This will also affirm the applicability of "thou shalt not steal" even for the poor and destitute among us.

On the verse "You shall not distort justice for the poor in his litigation," our sages comment that the man in question here is "Evion b'mitzvoh"—"poor" in commandments, or, in common parlance, wicked. The judge may not conclude that "since he is a wicked man I shall pervert justice against him." The rule of law applies to the poor and the rich equally, and to the righteous and the sinful similarly.

This view of Judaism has been adopted by our own democracy in the United States. Every criminal, no matter how heinous his crime and no matter how black his history, is entitled to his "day in court," his rights under the law. If, occasionally, the guilty are unjustly exonerated, this is the price which we must pay for the security of all in a system where law and rights are guaranteed as absolutes.

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SISTERHOOD LAUNCHES NEW PROJECT

"They serve God well who serve His creatures."

This is the basis upon which the Sisterhood has launched its new project — volunteering personal services for those in need.

The idea for this project was brought to the attention of the Sisterhood Board by one who has been doing volunteer work for a long time — Lillian Jacobs.

The suggestion was enthusiastically received and Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman volunteered to chair the project. A letter was sent to each member requesting that those eager to do "a good deed" contact Mrs. Silberman.

Our first volunteers have already been placed. As of now, the following women are volunteers at Mt. Sinai Hospital: Mrs. Abraham Ernst, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Jack Lieberman, Mrs. Erwin Linden and Mrs. Mortimer J. Propp. Mrs. David Pik goes to the Beth Abraham Home once a week for personal service at this Home for Incurables.

There is a dire need for additional volunteers. Would you like to help? If so, please contact the chairman, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, at YU 8-0096.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Leo Breindel, Dr. Irwin Chabon, Martin E. de Graaff, Nico de Graaff, David Gordon, Mrs. Maurice N. Jaffe, Mrs. Emory Klein, Mrs. Abe Newborn, Mrs. Louis Orwasher, Mrs. David Pik, Dr. Robert Wallach and Miss Cecilie Weiss.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Barany, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Gimbel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker and Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann.

THANK YOU, LADIES

We express our sincere thanks to the members of the Sisterhood, who serve as kiddush hostesses at the weekly Sabbath Kiddush.

We are indebted to the chairman of the Kiddush Hostess committee, Mrs. David Pik, and her co-chairmen, Mrs. Betty Herman and Mrs. Bertha Witkin for their leadership and cooperation.

The service that these ladies render at the weekly Kiddush helps to create the warm and cordial atmosphere which is so appreciated by our worshippers.

A Weekend To Remember!

FIRST SHACHAR YOUTH RETREAT

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MARCH 5 — MARCH 7

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Robert Pik
TR 3-4330

Mr. Noam Shudofsky
SA 2-0800

Aaron Holzer
RE 7-8634

The Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon

Wednesday, March 31, 1965

The Park Lane Hotel

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND

(The following selection is taken from the opening paragraph of the Shulchan Aruch, the code of Jewish Law. The author of this statement is Rabbi Moses Isserles, although the essence of the idea is gleaned from Maimonides' Guide to the Perplexed.)

"I place God before me always." This is a major principle in the Torah and in the high standards maintained by the righteous who walk before God. For a man's posture, movements and actions when he is alone in his home cannot be compared with his posture, movements and actions when he stands before a great King. Furthermore, his speech and his freedom of expression when among the members of his household and family are not like his speech and freedom of expression when he is in the presence of a King.

"The contrast will be even greater when a man accepts the fact that the greatest King of all, the Holy One, Blessed Be He, whose glory fills the earth, stands, as it were, over him and sees his every action. As it is written: 'Can man hide in the innermost cave and I fail to see him?'"

"(If man will realize this) he will immediately feel the reverence, the submission and the awe which one experiences in the presence of God and his only shame will be shame in the face of heaven.

"Therefore, let no man (who behaves in this manner) be ashamed before people who will mock his worship. Rather, let him be modest in his behavior and, even when he goes to sleep at night, let him realize the omnipresence of God. Immediately upon waking from sleep, then, he will rise with enthusiasm to the service of his Creator."

AM HASEFER GROUP DISCUSSES
ARTICLE BY RABBI SOLOVEITCHIK

Group 2 of our Am haSefer Program met in "plenary session" for a discussion of the recent article by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, "Confrontation", which appeared in the last edition of the magazine **Tradition**, published by the Rabbinical Council of America. The meeting, which was attended by almost every member of the group, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson.

Rabbi Soloveitchik's article is in two parts. In the first part he develops a partial view of a Jewish philosophy of man, in which he sees man as existing, potentially, on three levels. In the second part, he presents a modus operandi for Jewry vis-a-vis the Catholic Church in this era of Ecumenism.

In the second, or political, part of the article, Rabbi Soloveitchik, even after the issue has been laid to rest for the time being, seems even more relevant than ever. He presents the view that Jewry can relate to Christendom on one level — the purely human level in which all our interests are combined. For example, we are all interested in aiding the poor, healing the sick, providing better education for the uninformed, liberating oppressed peoples and the like. In this respect, the dialogue between Jewry and Christendom can go on unabated.

On the subject of faith, however, Rabbi Soloveitchik indicates that there is no room for a dialogue. Each faith community is confronted on its own level. The commandments of each faith are unique to it. The value judgment which each faith has, namely that its form of religious commitment is the best, is a value judgment in which other faiths cannot share and should not be expected to share. Finally, the view of each faith that in end of days its particular mode of religion will be recognized by all and embraced by all, precludes a sensible dialogue on the relative merits of religious points of view.

The first part of the article is philosophic rather than political. All we can say about it in a Bulletin article is that it is extremely worthy of our close attention. Those who are interested in reading it can communicate with the Rabbinical Council of America directly at 84 Fifth Avenue, and arrange for a subscription to **Tradition**, which will begin with the most recent issue.

The next meeting of the Am haSefer program will be held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein on Tuesday evening, February 16th. The book under discussion will be Vrba and Bestic's "I Cannot Forgive".

PLAN TO ATTEND THE

Men's Club Minyan and Breakfast

On Sunday Morning, February 7th, 9:00 O'Clock

The program will be over by 10:30 o'clock

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Sisterhood

Kiddush Hostesses
Saturday, January 30th

Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert
Mrs. Robert H. Zessman
Mrs. Sam Taffet
Mrs. Sam Garfinkel

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

Synagogue Officials

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles	4:50
Evening	5:00

SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15

Weekly Portion: Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18

Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22:33:25:18

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Adar I will be on Tuesday, February 2nd and Wednesday, February 3rd.

Evening	4:50
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:40

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	8:30
Evening	5:00

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YAHREZEITS

January

30-CHARLES BOGDONOFF
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February

1-ELIAS GOTTFRIED
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5-JOSEPH BROZ
6-RAE W. FREEDMAN

K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY, 2:00 P.M.

Intermediate Boys
Social Hall

3:00

Intermediate Girls
Library

Junior Boys
Social Hall

Junior Girls
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



WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

Elementary Hebrew
Passover and the Haggadah
Maimonides' Laws of Repentance

9:00 P.M.

Studies in Jewish Philosophy



COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

9:00 A.M.

Men's Club Morning Services
and Breakfast



8:00

Young Marrieds Meeting
at the home of
Mr. & Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

Sisterhood Open Meeting

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