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Young Marrieds Hear Noam Shudofsky On Teenage Problems

A comprehensive and stimulating lecture on the problem of Jewish teenagers was presented by our Youth Director, Noam Shudofsky, at the last meeting of the Young Marrieds Group which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bernstein. A capacity attendance of Young Marrieds filled every corner of our hosts' living room to participate in a wonderful evening of sociability and serious discussion.

Mr. Shudofsky covered a broad range of problems which beset the Jewish teenager. He discussed moral and ethical values, parent-teenage relations, involvement in social issues, and religious commitment, among other subjects. He cited liberally from sociological studies on teenagers in general. He discussed the role which must be played by synagogues, schools and parents in helping the teenager to develop in a wholesome fashion as a Jew and as an American.

He discussed in particular the need for intensive educational programming in youth work. He cited from the examples of our own youth and the youth in his synagogue in Detroit where he had served for five years prior to his coming to Kehilath Jeshurun.

Too many synagogues, he said, are content merely to bring the Jewish teenager within the four walls of the House of God even if their activities there are purely social and recreational. The theory is that once within the "four walls," the teenager will be motivated to adopt the values of the House of God.

Unfortunately, activities such as "Jewish basketball," "Jewish swimming" and "Jewish dancing" are available in undiluted form elsewhere and, in any case, do not contribute to the teenager's development as a Jew or as a moral or ethical human being. Furthermore, they do not satisfy the teenager's hunger for a meaningful system of values.

Experience has shown that young people will be attracted and inspired most by programs which challenge their minds, which make them think about the important social and moral issues of the day and which enable them to understand Judaism's relationship to these issues. Such preoccupations also serve to bring to life the formal lessons of the classroom which, in school, are necessarily confined in the area of the theoretical.

Mr. Shudofsky's lecture was received enthusiastically by the group and a lively discussion ensued on some of the points which he raised. It was comforting, above all, to see that the Director of our Youth Activities Program brings to his area of activity a wealth of information, insight and sensitive planning.

HAIM ZOHAR ON MARCH 20th —

The next regular meeting of the Young Marrieds will be held on Saturday evening, March 20, at which time the group will hear a talk by Haim Zohar, a Consul of the State of Israel in New York. His topic will be "Can Church and State Be Separated in Israel?"

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
"LIVING ON AN UNBALANCED RELIGIOUS DIET"**

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Ki Tissa

God's Sabbath — Not Man's

The subject of the sabbath is introduced in this week's portion by the words: "But you shall observe **my** Sabbaths." The commentary, Alshich, offers a penetrating explanation of this strange expression.

Moses, the Midrash tells us, originally requested a day of rest for the Jewish people in Egypt. He successfully persuaded Pharaoh that the slaves would produce better if they were given the Sabbath day for rest each week.

When God tells Moses to instruct the Jewish people concerning the command of the Sabbath, He is careful to tell him that the Sabbath is more than a day of physical rest. "But you shall observe **My** Sabbaths". You shall keep the Sabbath as **I** have ordained it and as **I**, as it were, observed the Sabbath following the creation of the world.

I "do not tire and am not fatigued" (Isaiah, 40). My Sabbath is primarily a day of spiritual meaning and only secondarily of physical rest. On my Sabbath your primary obligation is to refrain from creative activity. You must understand the Sabbath in My terms and not as a servant of your needs.

This is particularly relevant to the pragmatic and rationalistic temperament of our day. There are many who define the Sabbath in their own terms, not in terms of God's will. Some of us see the Sabbath purely as an opportunity to engage in special activities. One well meaning parent told me recently that, instead of taking his family to the synagogue on the Sabbath, he took the children to a farm where they could experience nature and enjoy activities which are denied them in their urban life.

Such a practice, and other less extreme but equally inventive "observances", are admirable practices for the family — on Sunday. On Saturday, however, our obligation — and the fulfillment of our role as Jews — re-

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Alexander A. Bernstein, Israel Cummings, Bernard D. Fischman, Deszo Goldner, Dr. Frank Goodman, Joseph Schlang, Sam Taffet, Albert Wald, Albert A. Zuch, and Mrs. Martin Zuger.

Anniversaries —

Warmest Greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Jack Lieberman.

Get Well —

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Edgar Trautman, who is recuperating following surgery.

Condolence —

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member Ernest Adler.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family and pray that they may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

SISTERHOOD
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, February 20, 1965

Mrs. Morris S. Galler
Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin
Mrs. Betty Herman

quires us to keep the Sabbath as God ordained it and not as man might have designed it had he been its architect.

In planning our activities for the Sabbath day, we would do well to remember God's injunction to Moses: "But you shall observe **My** Sabbaths."

H.L.

MAX J. ETRA IN FLORIDA FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Max J. Etra, President of the Congregation, has gone to Florida for a short period in order to participate in the annual campaign for Yeshiva University which is conducted there at this time of the year.

The best wishes of the congregation go with him for a successful trip, a rewarding campaign and, also a well-deserved rest.

We look forward to his return to our midst.

A NOTE FOR FEBRUARY 22

On Monday morning, February 22, Washington's Birthday, our morning services will be held at 8:30 instead of the usual time, 7:30.

Classes in the Adult Institute on Monday morning and evening, February 22, will not hold sessions because of the legal holiday.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

February 20, 1965

Cantors

Claude Alpert
Samuel Newborn
Charles Sub

Sermonette

Naomi Markson

Torah Reader

Richard Etra

TEENAGE TORAH READERS

During the past several months, a number of teenage boys of our congregational family have rendered service to the religious program of the congregation. The young men have served as Torah readers at the Junior congregation services and at the Saturday afternoon regular service.

This "Teenage Torah Readers Corps", serves as a stimulant, to the children of the Junior congregation to aim for greater heights in Torah reading proficiency and in general religious observance. In addition, their participation at the Adult Minyan adds much to the character of that service.

We commend the instructor of the Teenage Torah readers, our Ritual Director, Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg, for his efforts. We congratulate the young men for their exemplary cooperation and accomplishments.

We list below the names of the "Teenage Torah Readers Corps", including those who have already read and those who will read in forthcoming months:

Samuel Blumenthal	Alan Kalischer
Larry Breindel	Eliot Kamerman
Marvin Davenport	Nathan Kamerman
Steven Davenport	Robert Kurzweil
William Davis	Bruce Linzer
Richard Etra	Roger Oppenheimer
David Herman	Abram Orwasher
Steven Herzig	Robert Pik
Aaron Holzer	Gerard Rem
Aaron Hostyk	Richard Rem
Michael Jaspan	Steven Schacter
David Kahn	Alvin Smilow
Richard Kahn	Lewis Trencher

THE JEWRY BOX

Served During

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7th

ALFRED KAHN
HON. HERMAN KATZ
MR. BENJAMIN KAUFMAN

Will Serve During

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21st

LAWRENCE A. KOBRIN
EDWARD LEBOWITZ
WILLIAM LEBOWITZ

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

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 Israel D. RosenbergRitual Director
 Joseph GlattExec. Director
 Noam ShudofskyYouth Director

Officers of the Congregation

Max J. EtraPresident
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 Elgin ShulskyTreasurer
 Irwin ShapiroSecretary
 Mrs. William LebowitzPres., Sist.
 William LebowitzPres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday**

Lighting of Candles5:15
 Evening5:20

Saturday

Morning9:00
 Junior Congregation10:15

Weekly Portion: Ki Tissa**Exodus 30:11 - 34:35****Haftarah: I Kings 18:1-39**

Evening5:20
 Conclusion of Sabbath6:10

Daily Services

Morning7:30
 Sunday Morning8:30
 Evening5:30

YAHREZITS**February**

20—LEAH KATCHER
 20—ISRAEL MANDELBAUM
 21—JACOB FREEDMAN
 21—NATHAN PODELL
 21—ESTHER KEREW
 22—LESTER NIGHTINGALE
 22—IRA I. KAPLAN
 24—HARRY FEINGOLD
 24—HILLEL LANCE
 24—SELIG LULOFF
 24—ABRAHAM SIMON
 25—MOSES DAVIS
 25—LEON ALPERT
 26—JACOB J. LUBELL

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

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

Elementary Hebrew
 Passover and the Haggadah
 Maimonides' Laws of Repentance

9:00 P.M.

Studies in Jewish Philosophy
 Topic
 "Human Nature"

AN EVERLASTING MEMORIAL**The Dedication of a Yahrzeit Plaque**

We bring to the attention of our members and worshippers that in our Main Synagogue there are Memorial Tablets upon which may be inscribed the names of dear departed ones.

On these Tablets, each name is inscribed on an individual plaque which bears the name of the deceased and the date of the yahrzeit in Hebrew and in English. Memorial lights are located on either side of the individual plaque. These lights are kindled on the yahrzeit and at every memorial service. On these occasions memorial prayers are recited for all those whose names are inscribed on the Tablets.

The dedication of a plaque in the House of God is a beautiful and appropriate memorial for a departed loved one.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, will furnish you with any information you may require in connection with ordering such a plaque.

