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Last Sabbath was Yeshiva University Sabbath at our congregation. During the course of the morning services, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein explained the intimate association which our congregation has maintained with Yeshiva University over the years and the vital contribution made by the University to the vitality of Jewish life in America.

One week prior to this special Sabbath, the congregation had sponsored a brunch on behalf of Yeshiva University. Many members of Kehilath Jeshurun were present and heard the full story of the University's progress and accomplishments as reported by Max J. Etra who, in addition to being President of the congregation, is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University. Mr. Etra and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein combined at the brunch to highlight the glorious role of Yeshiva in the academic and Jewish worlds.

The response of our members and worshippers was most heartwarming and particularly generous. As a result of the efforts at the brunch and at the special Sabbath, pledges and contributions in excess of \$100,000.00 were made to Yeshiva University. Once again our congregation has indicated its full commitment to this citadel of knowledge on the American Jewish scene.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Ninety-Third Annual Meeting
of The Congregation
will be held

Tuesday evening, May 11th
8:30 o'clock

Reserve the date

GALA SISTERHOOD DONOR LUNCHEON HELD AT PARK LANE HOTEL

Last Wednesday the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood held its Annual Donor Luncheon at the Park Lane Hotel. As usual, it was a bright and enthusiastic affair.

Some 220 women were present in their gaily adorned spring attire for this happy event. The room was tastefully decorated; the color scheme was alive and vibrant. The art work of the Feinberg twins on the luncheon program was up to their usual exemplary standard.

The Presiding Chairman of the Luncheon was Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin. She and her Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Saul Linzer and Mrs. Meyer Texon deserve the greatest of praise for the success of this affair. We understand that the proceeds were very sizable and that the philanthropic programs of the Sisterhood will be greatly enhanced and enlarged as a result of this year's Luncheon.

Program

The program for the afternoon was a traditional one. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein delivered the invocation. Short greetings were presented by Max J.

Etra on behalf of the congregation and William Lebowitz on behalf of the Men's Club. The better half of this latter speaker, Mrs. William Lebowitz, spoke movingly and articulately as President of the Sisterhood.

Miss Shoshana Shoshan, leading soprano of the Israel National Opera, Tel Aviv, was the guest artist. All present appreciated her beautiful and varied program.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein delivered the Donor Luncheon address. This year he spoke on the meaning of joy. He urged the women not to confuse joy with fun. He indicated that joy could never be absolute. He demonstrated that while joy is something intimate and personal, it must be shared with others in order to be experienced fully.

Next year's Donor Luncheon will have to be held at another location, because the Park Lane Hotel is coming down shortly. This will have no effect, however, on the vitality of our Sisterhood which is in the process of going up, becoming stronger and making more significant contributions every year to the congregation and to the wide Jewish community.

HAGGADAH SEMINAR THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

This year we are inaugurating a new practice for Shabbat haGadol. Instead of the formal halakhic discourse, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will conduct a special seminar on the Haggadah on Saturday afternoon, at 5:00 o'clock, in the Synagogue Library.

It is a traditional practice of Shabbat haGadol to read a major part of the Haggadah and to review the laws of the seder. This seminar is designed to enable all to fulfill that tradition.

The participants will have an opportunity to read the Haggadah. The Rabbi will offer comments on the various passages and he will explain the structure of the Haggadah, as well as the laws and rituals associated with it.

We hope that those who attend this

seminar will find it enjoyable and informative. In addition, we expect that they will be able to use much of the information gained at the session as they conduct their own sedarim.

A cordial invitation is extended to men and women — young and old — to participate in this first such seminar, an institution which we hope will become an annual feature.

Between Mincha and Ma'ariv

Following Mincha services on Saturday afternoon, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will deliver a brief discourse on some of the legal and ritual aspects of Passover. We hope that members and friends of the congregational family will come for the seminar, and remain for Mincha, the discourse and Ma'ariv.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.
"THE FIRST FREEDOM MARCH IN HISTORY."



"SHABBAT haGADOL"

This Sabbath is called in Jewish tradition, "Shabbat haGadol". There are several reasons for this title. The title probably comes originally from the fact that the Jews in Egypt took a lamb for the Passover sacrifice on the tenth day of Nisan, in advance of the exodus on the fifteenth day. This marked the beginning of the redemption, for, by taking the lamb, the most sacred of animals in the Egyptian cult, the Jews were renouncing idolatry in favor of the service of the one God.

Tradition has it that the fifteenth day of Nisan was on a Thursday that year. The tenth day was, therefore, a Sabbath. The Sabbath before Passover is, consequently, called the Great Sabbath because it marked the ascendancy of God and the beginning of the greatness of his servants, the Jewish people.

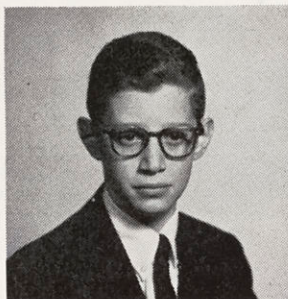
Another adequate explanation for the name of this Sabbath is that the name is derived from the outstanding personality who used to address the people in ancient times on the Sabbath before Passover. There was a Torah lecture delivered every Sabbath by one of the scholars in a given community. The Sabbath before Passover, however, was reserved for the greatest of the scholars, whence the name "Shabbat haGadol" — The Sabbath of the Great One.

Of course, the most obvious reason for the name "Shabbat haGadol" is that on this Sabbath we read from the last of the prophets — Malachi. In the final chapter of his work, the prophet concludes with the statement: "Behold I shall send to you Elijah the Prophet before the great and awesome day." The name of the Sabbath comes from the word "great" which in Hebrew is "gadol."

It is customary to read this chapter on the Sabbath before Passover because it speaks of the ultimate redemption of the Jewish People and the future coming of the Messiah. Tradition has it that in Nisan we were redeemed and in Nisan we shall again be redeemed in the future. Let us pray that this Passover will usher in the period of redemption in the form of a world united in brotherhood and blessed with security, justice, and above all, peace.

H. L.

JONATHAN ETRA BAR MITZVAH



We extend a hearty mazel tov to our esteemed Trustee, Harry Etra and Mrs. Etra, upon the bar mitzvah of their son, Jonathan.

The bar mitzvah, is in the eighth grade of the Horace Mann School and in the graduating class of the Park East Religious School.

He will read part of the weekly portion and the prophetic chapter, as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra, at the kiddush following services.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COLLEGIATES

There will be a special program at the West Side Institutional Synagogue, 120 West 76th Street, on Sunday morning, April 11, at 11:00 A.M., for all college students. The program will feature as guest speaker, Judge Edward S. Silver, Surrogate of Kings County and a former District Attorney. He will speak on the topic: "Religious Observance and Government."

Collegiates from our community who are interested in attending are urged to do so.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to James Clark, Dr. Herbert D. Cooperman, Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Elmer G. Engel, Abraham Ernst, Alexander Feifer, Mrs. William B. Fischberg, Mortimer D. Goldman, Nathan Goldsmith, Kalman Kinzler, Dr. Jack Lieberman, Morris Morgenstern, Jules Podell, Mrs. Louis Schneider, Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, Dr. Ralph Sussman and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth.

Condolences —

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member Benjamin Siegel.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. A. Milton Brown, upon the passing of her beloved father.

We extend our sympathies to Mrs. Samson Eichler, upon the passing of her beloved mother.

We record with sorrow the passing of Jennie Gellis, the beloved sister of Mrs. Morris S. Galler.

We pray that the families may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

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MORE THAN \$4,000 CONTRIBUTED TO PASSOVER RELIEF TO DATE

As of this past Monday, when the Bulletin goes to press, close to \$4,300 had been received from the members and friends of the congregation toward our Passover Relief Appeal this year. We are grateful to all who have participated in this Appeal and who have thereby made it possible to give much needed support to needy individuals and institutions.

We list below the names of those who have contributed since the publication date of our last Bulletin. In our next Bulletin we will publish a final list of those who will yet send in their contributions. If you have not already done so, please attend to this matter immediately.

A

Dr. Abram J. Abeloff
Joseph E. Adler
Eugene Alpert
Sydney Axelrod

B

Michael J. Bandler
Albert H. Bernstein
Miss Estelle Bernstein
Miss Florence Block
Mrs. Elaine Brody
B. Warren Brown
Mrs. Sam Bucher
Mrs. Libbie L. Burnett

C

Dr. Irwin Chabon
Sam Cherov
Mrs. Mildred D. Cohen
Mrs. Sadie Cohen

D

Herman Davidowitz
Nico de Graff

E

Gustave Etra

G

Sam Gartinkel
Dr. H. Harold Gelfand
Dr. Isadore Givner
Herman Greenberg
Meir Goldstein
Paul Gourary
Alexander Gross
S. B. Gubbay

H

Jack Halpern
David Hefter
Gedeon Heller
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Abraham I. Holzer

K

Fred Kahn
Morton Kamerman
Abraham Kaminer
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Justin Kingson
Kalman Kinzler
Florence Kirsh

L

David Landau
Lt. Elliott M. Lebowitz
Jack Lefkowitz

Jerome Lefkowitz
Kalman Leviant
Alex Lichtman
Louis Lipschutz
Benedict I. Lubell

M

J. Chic Marcus
Samuel A. Marcus
Mrs. Esther May
Jacob M. Miller
Alex Morganstern
Louis Moskowitz
Joseph H. Moss

O

Aaron H. Onish
Eric Oppenheimer
Dr. Norman Orentreich

P

Park East Religious School
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Stuart Perlman
Miss Vivian Pik

R

Mrs. Henry Rafsky
Ramaz G.O.
Martin R. Rochlin
Miles Rosenberg
Mrs. Lillie Rosenthal
Norman C. Ryp

S

Mrs. Nathalie Schacter
Mrs. Max Scheidt
Adolph Schenker
Laurie, Buddy and
Harry Skydell
Miss Ruth L. Sheldon
Samuel Silverstein
Mrs. Norma R. Spiegel
David H. Steinberg

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Sam Taffet

W

Mrs. Malvina Wachter
Dr. Robert Wallach
Dr. Andor A. Weiss
Mrs. Samuel Witkin

Z

Dr. Frederick Zuckerman
Dr. Wolf Zuckerman

AM HASEFER GROUP DISCUSSES HERBERG BOOK

The third meeting of the year of our Am haSefer Group was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Fink. The book under discussion was "Judaism and Modern Man" by Will Herberg.

The group found this book to be an absorbing and informative discussion on Judaism from the point of view of a religious existentialist. The author stresses the need for commitment in religion. Judaism is more than a rational experience. It requires a decision of faith on the part of its adherents.

While Herberg's appeal is particularly effective for our questioning and searching generation, his description of Judaism as a practical way of life was found by the group to be lacking in an important respect. His emphasis is upon "a leaf of faith." He does not stress a decision for action. He does not indicate the vitality and obligatory character of Jewish law.

As a critique of modern life and as a reasoned explanation of the need for faith, "Judaism and Modern Man" serves a constructive purpose for modern man. As a presentation of Judaism, however, the book leaves much to be desired, inasmuch as it does not deal with our religion as a way of life.

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.

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PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MODEL SEDER APRIL 11th

Of all the holidays in the Jewish calendar, Passover offers our children the greatest opportunity of personal satisfaction. The Haggadah and the Seder are primarily arranged to impress upon the child, the splendors of our people's heritage. The Park East Religious School has therefore selected portions of the Haggadah, on a graded basis. This simplified booklet includes the major rituals and prayers of the Seder on the level of understanding and attainment of the students in their respective grades. Thus the impact and flavor of the Pesach festival is transmitted to our student body. Mr. Noam Shudofsky edited the publication.

We cordially invite parents and friends of the Park East Religious School to attend our Model Seder which will take place on Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 o'clock in the Social Hall. In addition to the students, those present at the Model Seder will receive a complimentary copy of our school Haggadah.

SHACHAR SPRING SOCIAL OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

One hundred sixty teenagers filled every corner of the Social Hall this past Saturday evening at the Annual Spring Social that was sponsored by Shachar, the Teenage Group of our synagogue. The theme of the evening was, "Around The World." The Social Hall depicted various places of interest on the world map. In addition, delicacies from different lands were on hand.

The success of the evening is due to the continued development of fine programming by our teenagers. The Co-Chairmen of this function were Miriam Bryks, Pearl Moskowitz and David Popkin. Members of the Decorations Committee were Helen Jarney, Susan Kadis and Kitty Rappy. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kahn and Mrs. Seymour Schwartz for serving as chaperons.

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PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

The Negative Aspect

There are four negative commandments in the Torah concerning Passover. All of them deal with chametz. They require that no chametz be eaten during the holiday whether in a pure form or in a mixture. They also require that no chametz be retained in one's possession during the festival.

Chametz can be defined as food which contains grain which has become fermented. Wheat, rye, barley, oats and, generally speaking, all grains and grain products, as well as foods and liquids made from them, are subject to the laws of chametz. All baked articles, candies, soft drinks, wines, liquors, milk, canned foods, and dried fruits as well as other similarly processed foods, must have a reliable endorsement by a recognized rabbinic authority. The reputable matzoh firms are trustworthy in this respect, as are those products which carry the endorsement of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

The Positive Aspect

There are three positive commandments in the Torah concerning Passover. The first requires the eating of matzoh on the first two nights of Passover. Throughout the rest of the festival the eating of matzoh is optional, although no chametz may be eaten. On the seder night, however, the eating of matzoh is obligatory.

The second commandment requires the telling of the story of the exodus from Egypt at the seder. This story is not a matter of words alone. It also includes certain active performances like the drinking of four cups of wine as a symbol of the joy of deliverance and the reclining on pillows as a sign of relief from the toil of slavery.

The final positive commandment requires us to remove chametz from the home on the eve of Passover. This commandment is fulfilled by the search for chametz, by the recital of the statement of nullification by which we renounce possession over any chametz which may unintentionally remain in our homes and, finally, by the burning of chametz on the morning of the day before Passover.

Search for Chametz

On Thursday night, April 15th, every Jewish home should be inspected to make sure that all chametz has been removed. Like every religious practice, there is a ceremony connected with this inspection. It is well to observe that ceremony, not alone because it is a religious requirement, but because it affords an opportunity to impress the children of the household. The benedictions to be recited are found in any standard Haggadah.

Disposal of Chametz

No chametz may be eaten on Friday, April 16th after 9:30 A.M. All chametz must be completely disposed of by 10:30 A.M.

Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of chametz must be completed by early Friday morning, April 16th. There are those who prefer to perform this ritual in person. The Rabbis and the Ritual Director are available for that purpose. For those who cannot attend to this matter in person, there is a form provided in this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Lookstein to sell your chametz. This form should be returned to the synagogue by Thursday morning.

Service for First Born

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born. It is obligatory upon every first born who cannot observe the fast on Friday, April 16th, to attend the special service on that day and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (Siyum Bechorim) will be held in the Chapel on Friday as part of the regular morning service. It will begin at 7:30.

The attendance at this service grows from year to year and we urge all first born to make a special effort to attend.

A REQUEST

Several parents of students who are to enter Ramaz High School in the Fall of 1965 have expressed a desire to "board" their youngsters at a suitable home near the school during the week. If such arrangements cannot be made, the student will have to travel a great distance in the morning and in the evening in order to attend Ramaz.

If there is anyone who can fill this request, he is asked to call the Synagogue Office.

I,hereby authorize Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein to dispose of all chametz which may be in my possession wherever it may be, at home, place of business, or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish Law.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday**

Lighting of Candles6:10
Evening5:45

Saturday, Shabbat Hagadol

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15

Weekly Portion: Metzora**Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33****Haftorah: Malachi 3:4-24**

Evening6:10
Conclusion of Sabbath7:00

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Sunday Morning8:30
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12—JESSIE HYAMS
12—FANNY ABRAMSON
13—MINNIE HERMAN
13—ELIAS WINER
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13—ROSE SCHWARTZENFELD
14—PHILLIP STEINBERG
14—ISIDORE M. GROSSMAN
15—MAX ABRAHAMS
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