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DR. AGUS TO DISCUSS "MARRIAGE AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN" ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Dr. Irving Agus, Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, will deliver the fourth and final lecture in the series, "Judaism In The Middle Ages", on Wednesday evening, December 1, at 9 o'clock. The topic of his lecture will be: "Marriage and the Status of Women."

In his lecture, Dr. Agus will discuss the institution of marriage as it existed in Ashkenazic Jewry during the Middle Ages. This is a specialty subject of Dr. Agus' on which he has published important monographs.

One of the best indices of the level of a particular civilization is found in the attention which that civilization pays to the rights of citizens who need special protection. Women are in that category because the finances and economic wealth of a civilization are generally controlled by men.

How did Medieval Jewry safeguard the security of women? How were they protected against arbitrary divorces? Which rights of property did they possess? These and other questions will be discussed by Dr. Agus in his treatment of this subject, a subject which has wide implications for our day as well as for the study of history.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this final lecture of Dr. Agus' series.

The Sisterhood and Men's Club

cordially invite you to attend

The Annual Collegiate Oneg Shabbat

this Friday Night, November 26th, at 8:30 o'clock

in the Social Hall

Featuring a Panel Program
"ASK THE RABBIS"

Participants

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Moderator: Steven Gross - Columbia

Panelists: Harriet Garfinkel - Boston

Florence Kalischer - N.Y.U.

Stuart Podell - Queens

Steven Silberblatt - Columbia

Musical Selections by Stephen Texon - N.Y.U.

Refreshments will be served

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
''RELATING RELIGION TO LIFE''

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TOLEDOT

"Jacob and Esau At the Table"

The Bible describes the prenatal struggle of Jacob and Esau within Rebecca. The Midrash implies that this is an ongoing struggle which exists within every human personality. The forces of sensuality and the physical universe — the "yedei Esau," the hands of Esau — strive for supremacy with the forces of spirituality, culture, piety, and principle — the "kol Yaakov," the voice of Jacob. Judaism accepts the existence of both types of forces, but Judaism requires of man that he lead the Jacob force within himself to supremacy over the Esau force.

One example of such supremacy is the Jewish table. The hands of Esau are redeemed and become the servant, rather than the opponent, of the voice of Jacob. Upon washing before the meal we say: "Lift up your hands in holiness and use them to bless God."

The table, which can be the symbol of indulgence and excess, of unbridled hedonism and animalism, is transformed into an altar and the house in which it stands becomes a miniature sanctuary. The word of the Lord from Jerusalem (the voice of Jacob) triumphs over the base instincts of the Roman feast (the hands of Esau).

"Al Netilat Yadayim" — literally, the taking of the hands symbolizes this function of Judaism. We accept all of life, but we sanctify it. We enjoy all of the world but we ennoble it by religious precept. Ultimately, the supremacy of the voice of Jacob is complete and the hands of Esau no longer symbolize the physical, but rather the spiritual. This is exemplified in Moses, of whom we read, "Vayehi Yadov Emunah", and behold his hands were servants of faith. It must follow that his deeds were also holy performances.

SISTERHOOD HEARS LECTURE ON CITY GOVERNMENT

The second Open Luncheon Meeting of the Sisterhood took place in the Social Hall of the synagogue house on Monday, November 22nd. The President, Mrs. William Lebowitz, presided.

The attendance at the meeting was extremely gratifying, despite a heavy downpour of rain. After the president's welcome, the secretary, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, the Membership Chairman introduced three new members; Mrs. Leo Davenport, Mrs. Herbert E. Lien and Mrs. Wolf Zukerman.

Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, the Program Chairman then introduced the speaker, Mrs. Lewis Steiger who spoke on the topic "Know Your City." Mrs. Steiger is on the City Board and on the State Board of the League of Women Voters. Her informative and provocative talk on City Government stimulated all present. An interesting discussion followed the lecture.

A special vote of thanks is in order for the following hostesses who prepared the delicious lunch:

Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein

Mrs. Samuel Gross

Mrs. Harry Heyman

Mrs. Richard Kolb

Mrs. Oscar Perlberger

Mrs. Bertha Witkin

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Sidney A. Block, Mrs. Joseph Grossman, Mrs. Bernard Podell and Dr. Judah Zizmor.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Kalischer, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Merkin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schimel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shulman, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot W. Siegel.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, November 27th

Cantors

Jonathan Javitt Sidney Moskowitz Charles Sub

Sermonette William Recant

Teenage Torah Reader Lewis Trencher

The newly elected officers for the

month of Kislev are:
President —Samuel Friedman

Vice President — William Recant Gabbai — Binyamin Shudofsky

Hostess - Naomi Fink

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman for sponsoring a kiddush in honor of their son, Samuel, upon his election as President of the Junior Congregation.

HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

Statistics on Israel Elections

The following are some interesting statistics on this month's national elections is Israel.

1,244,706 Israelis, representing 83% of the eligible voters, cast ballots in this election. 9,881 votes was the quota for each of the 120 seats in the Sixth Knesset (Parliament).

Levi Eshkol's Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment won a total of 45 seats. The Herut Liberal list was allotted 26 seats. The National Religious Party won 11 seats while 6 additional seats went to the Agudat Yisrael Parties.

It appears at present that the coalition cabinet will include members of Mapai, Achdut Avoda, the National Religious Party, Mapam, and the Independent Liberal Party. This will give the Government a representation of 69 members of the 120 Knesset, and should provide stability for the regime.

THE JEWRY BOX

Served During
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19th

AARON SCHWARTZ ABRAHAM R. KIRSHON WILLIAM LEBOWITZ Will Serve During
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28th

MILTON ELETZ HYMAN I. BUCHER ARMIN FAERBER

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

ACADEMIC REGISTRY

We extend our greetings to the following students from our community who are pursuing their studies in institutions of higher learning.

George Baumgarten

Yeshiva University

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Columbia Law School

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Yale

Lionel Etra

Harvard Law School

Marshall Etra

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George Goldner

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Queens College

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Temple

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Florence Kalischer

New York University

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City College

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Oberlin

Robert J. Leifert

Temple

Jon Mills

Hunter

Vivian Pik

McGill

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McGill

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N. Y. State University

at Stony Brook

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Queens College

Stuart Podell

Queens College

David Popkin

Hunter

Helen A. Propp

Hunter

Helen J. Rosenblum

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Yale

Judy Schimel

Cornell

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New York University

Marvin Shulsky

Columbia University

Steven Silberblatt

Columbia University

Joan Silverstein

Columbia School of Social Work

Laurie Skydell

New York University

Stephen Texon

New York University Heights

Mark S. Wallach

Michigan State

Marjorie Welish

New York University

Marvin Wolf

Post

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, November 27th

Mrs. George Jacobs

Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz

Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein

Mrs. Jack Perlberger

Mrs. Samuel Shapiro

Mrs. Samuel Witkin

CALLING ALL TEENAGERS

The annual Torah Leadership Seminer sponsored by the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University will be held at the Monsey Park Hotel from December 24 through December 30.

The program, the opportunities, and the enjoyment require no advertising for the teenagers of our congregation. We do not believe it to be an exaggeration when we say that attendance at such a Seminar may well represent a crucial influence upon the general

and the religious development of a teenage boy or girl.

As in the past, the Sisterhood and the Men's Club of the congregation will make available a one third scholarship to any participant who desires it. This is an indication of the importance which we attach to our young peoples' attendance of the Seminar.

Please consult with Mr. Shudofsky for further details and for application forms.

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

125 East 85th Street New York 28, N.Y.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting	of Candles4:10
Evening	4:20

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service, Room 40511:00

Weekly Portion: Toledot Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

Haftorah: Malachi 1-1:2-7

Evening4:15 Conclusion of Sabbath5:00

DAILY SERVICES

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

RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

76th ST. & AMSTERDAM AVE. ENdicott 2-6600

CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Director

FINAL CALL FOR AM HASEFER PROGRAM

The response to our Am Hasefer Program has been most gratifying. We are now about to organize the program for the year. Because of the large registration, it may even be necessary to form two groups in order to give each participant the opportunity to benefit from the discussion.

Each registrant will be invited to read four books during the coming months, and to meet on four occasions to discuss the individual books.

The books on our schedule are as follows:

- 1. The Source, by James A. Michener
- 2. The Magician Of Lublin, by Isaac Bashevis Singer - a paperback edition of a story portraying a man's struggle with evil and sensuality.
- 3. Life Is With People, by Zborowski and Herzog — a sociological analysis of the culture and life of the "shtetl."
- 4. The Modern Jew Faces Eternal Problems, by Aron Barth - a discussion of the basic principles of Judaism and their application to modern life.

Readers who are interested in joining this stimulating program are urged to call or write to Rabbi Haskel Lookstein without delay.

YAHRZEITS

November

27-MORRIS BRANDMAN

27-MILDRED J. LITWINS

27-SARAH LAX

27-BERTHA BARANY

28-KATHERINE MORRIS

28-MORRIS ZUCKERMAN

28-MORRIS GARFINKEL

29-NATHAN HUTKOFF

29-LOUIS LIPPOFF

29-ABRAHAM M. MANN

30-SAMUEL KLEIN

30-SAMUEL LEWIS JR.

December

1-FLORENCE LAYE

1—SOPHIE ELETZ

1-MARGARETE COHN

1-ANNA PROPP

2-SOLOMON BERK

2-MAURICE BRETZFIELD

2-NATHAN ANDREWS

2—PHILLIP DERSHOWITZ

2-HERMAN CUKOR

3-HERBERT KLEIN

3—SAMUEL PALLEY

3-BEATRICE SHISGAL 3-ISRAEL SPANIER WECHSLER

K. J. CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 8:30 P.M.

Homecoming Oneg Shabbat

SATURDAY 3:00 P.M.

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3:30 P.M.

Talmud Class

MONDAY **Classes for Women** 10:00 A.M.

Hebrew for Beginners Second Year Hebrew

11:00 A.M.

Studies In Judaism

WEDNESDAY 8:00 P.M.

Adult Institute Classes

Maimonides' Code of Law A Survey of Genesis Modern Hebrew Literature Advanced Hebrew

9:00 P.M.

Jewish History Lecture Lecturer Dr. Irving Agus

THURSDAY 8:30 P.M.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

COMING EVENTS

Saturday Night, December 4th

Sisterhood Theatre Party

Wednesday, December 8th

Lecture by Hon. Michael Arnon Consul General of Israel in New York City

Monday, December 20th

Chanukah Evening Sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club

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