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SISTERHOOD OPENS SEASON WITH LARGE GATHERING TO WITNESS WOODCUT DEMONSTRATION

Some 100 women attended the first open luncheon meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood last Monday afternoon in the social-hall of the congregation. It was gratifying to see many new faces and a large number of women from the Young Marrieds Group who joined with the veteran members of the Sisterhood for this occasion.

Mrs. William Lebowitz, President, presided at the meeting and, after welcoming the gathering, introduced the following new members:

Mrs. Nettie Alpert
Mrs. Osias Feigenbaum
Mrs. Philip Jadek
Mrs. Milton Medwin
Mrs. Frank Sadinoff

The President then thanked the Chairman of the Sukkah Committee, Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein, and her entire Committee, for making our sukkah this year the most beautiful in our history. Each member of the Committee was presented with a hand-embroidered cloth suitable for use at the Sabbath table. The embroidering of decorations and appropriate words from the Sabbath liturgy was done by Mrs. Edgar Trautman.

Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Second Vice President and Program Chairman, then introduced the guest artist for the afternoon. She commented on the fact that the graphic arts are very much a part of the Jewish tradition and were recognized as important and as divinely inspired at the time that the Tabernacle was constructed in the wilderness.

Mr. Irving Amen then demonstrated the art of woodcutting for the women,

The Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club

cordially invites its members and friends to attend

The Opening Forum Meeting of the Season

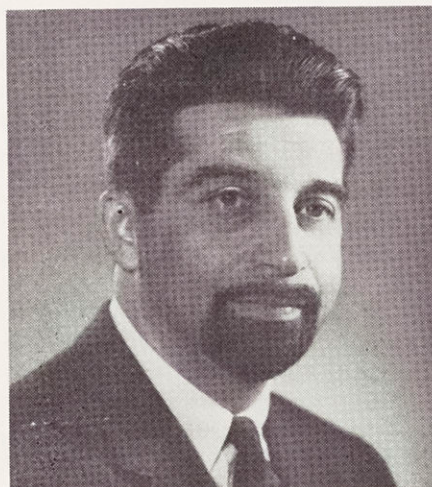
which will be held

THIS TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 1st, 8:30 O'CLOCK

in the Assembly Hall of the Synagogue House

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— Guest Speaker —



DR. STEVEN S. SCHWARZSCHILD

Professor of Philosophy — Washington University, St. Louis
and

Editor of American Jewish Congress Publication, "Judaism"

— Topic —

"THE UNDYING GOD OF ISRAEL—

A REACTION TO THE CURRENT THEOLOGICAL DEBATES."

Ladies Invited

A collation will be served

to the delight of all present. An impressive display of some of his works of art was arranged for the interest and edification of the women present.

We look forward to another banner

turnout at the next meeting of the Sisterhood, when the guest speaker will be Mrs. Israel Friedman, speaking on the subject: "A Sociologist Looks At The Jewish Woman."

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11 o'clock
"WHEN MAN CONFRONTS GOD" —
IMPLICATIONS FROM A BIBLICAL DIALOGUE



"Vayera"

Abraham's Hospitality

The hospitality of our forefather, Abraham, is legendary in our tradition. It is because of his example that this ethic in Judaism has become a trademark of the Jewish home, and constitutes a formidable requirement in Jewish behavior.

Nowhere is this quality of Abraham more pronounced than in the beginning of this week's portion from the Torah. As the portion opens, we find the divine spirit revealed to Abraham as "he sat at the threshold of his tent in the heart of the day." Abraham's mind, however, is distracted from the great spiritual event of the moment. His gaze is not directed toward God, but out toward the road as he scans the horizon in search of a weary traveler to whom he might display hospitality.

When he sees three such travelers — he did not know them to be "angels" — he runs to greet them from the threshold of his tent. In other words, in effect, he left God to take care of man.

Apparently Abraham realizes his compromised position and he turns to God — this is the way the Talmud interprets Genesis 18:3 — and says: "My God, if I truly find favor in your eyes do not pass from your servant."

As the Talmud understands it, Abraham asks God to wait for him while he takes care of the needs of the three weary travelers, washes their feet, serves them elaborately and gives them a respite from their travels.

From all of this the Talmud derives the following principle: "Practicing hospitality is a more exalted act than receiving the divine presence." This is quite a judgment. Its ramifications are extensive for evaluating our own religious behavior. Apparently, at least according to this Talmudic view, man's relationship to man should be of prior concern to his relationship with God.

This view sounds so heretical that a rabbi would hesitate to express it in public, were it not for the Talmudic source. In the light of that Talmudic source, however, is it not our responsibility to adjust our attitudes and our behavior as Traditional Jews? Do we have the right to give primacy to rituals over ethics, to worship over service, to our standing before God over our posture before our fellowman?

H. L.

THE RAMAZ DINNER TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1967

The Ramaz Dinner will be held this year on Sunday evening, January 29th, in the New York Hilton Hotel. The event is always one of the most beautiful functions of the year.

There is always a fine representation of members of the Kehilath Jeshurun family at the Dinner. We are, therefore, giving advance notice of the date of this affair.

PLEASE INFORM THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE

From time to time we learn, through various sources, of happy events, illness and achievements of members of the congregational family. Very often, this information comes to us by an individual other than the party concerned. There is generally a lapse of time when we are finally informed of these occurrences.

We, therefore, ask members of the congregation to notify the synagogue office of any events in their family which should come to the attention of the Synagogue Officials and the Kehilath Jeshurun family.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to A. Milton Brown, Mrs. Gedeon Heller, Mrs. Jack Perlberger, Samuel S. Silverstein, Richard N. Stadin, and Mrs. Robert Wallach.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler.

— Reminder —

THE YOUNG MARRIEDS GROUP
will hold its
OPENING MEETING OF THE SEASON
on Saturday Night, November 5th,
8:30 o'clock

in the home of

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

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— Guest Speaker —

DR. LEON A. FELDMAN

Chairman of the Department of
Hebraic Studies — Rutgers University

— Topic —

**"ALIENATION ON THE CAMPUS —
REACTIONS OF A PARTICIPANT
OBSERVER"**

Young married couples who are interested in affiliating with the group are urged to contact the synagogue office.

Make your reservations for the

Sisterhood Concert and Champagne Party

which will be held on

Saturday Night, December 10th

The Concert —

under the direction of Andre Kostelanetz will take place
at Philharmonic Hall.

Champagne Party —

for concert guests will be held after the concert
in the Assembly Hall of the Synagogue House.

ADULT INSTITUTE OFFERS NEW PROGRAMS FOR 1966-67

CLASSES TO BEGIN DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7th

The following is a breakdown of the courses which will be offered in our Adult Institute this year. Mordie Mann, Chairman of the Adult Education Committee, has worked together with Dr. Leon Feldman, Dr. Theodore R. Fink, Joseph N. Friedman, Lawrence A. Kobrin, Martin Markson, and Irwin Robins, to arrange a program that will meet your needs.

What we ask of you is this: Look through the list; choose one or more courses; register for them by phone or by mail. The program is for you. We hope that you will take advantage of it.

REGULAR CLASSES

1. Talmud Class

This is **not** a class for Beginners. One should have some Talmud background for it. The Tractate to be studied will be, Pesachim, dealing with the festival of Passover.

Hours: Monday evening, 8 - 9 P.M.
Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

2. Advanced Hebrew

A course of long standing in our Adult Institute which has been conducted by Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz of the Park East Religious School for some seven years. The students are already fairly fluent in reading, writing, and speaking Hebrew. The aim of the course is to increase that fluency. New students are invited.

Hours: Tuesday mornings, 10 - 11 A.M.
Instructor: Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz

MONDAY MORNING CLASSES FOR WOMEN

1. Studies in Judaism

Our Associate Rabbi will again offer this popular course which explores the thought, practice and ethics of Judaism and relates them to contemporary life. This course, now in its seventh year, will be enhanced by reference to a text: "Judaism — Religion and Ethics," by Meyer Waxman.

Hours: Monday mornings, 11-12 Noon
Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

2. Hebrew for Beginners

A course for those with no knowledge of Hebrew. It has served during the past eight years to enable some eighty men and women to read, write and speak simple Hebrew and to follow the service in the synagogue.

Hours: Monday mornings, 10-11 A.M.
Instructor: Mrs. Martin Schub

3. Hebrew II

For those who took our Hebrew for Beginners course last year or who have the equivalent skills.

Hours: Monday morning, 10-11 A.M.
Instructor: Mrs. Charles Cohen

4. Hebrew III

For those with two years of Hebrew or its equivalent.

Hours: Monday mornings, 10-11 A.M.
Instructor: Mrs. Noam Shudofsky

SEMESTER COURSES

(The following four classes will meet on 14 Wednesday evenings, as follows: November 9, 16, 30; December 14, 21; February 1, 8, 15; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5)

1. EL-AM TALMUD

This course will follow the new El-Am edition of the Talmud and will cover the bulk of Chapter I of Berakhot. The subject matter will include legal and philosophical principles surrounding the recital of Shema as contained in the Tractate. It is advisable — though not required — for the student to subscribe to the first year of the El-Am edition. The registration form may be used for this purpose.

Hours: 8 - 9 P.M.
Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

2. MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE

A course conducted in Hebrew for students who are fluent in their understanding of the language. Selections from the works of S. Y. Agnon will be analyzed and discussed on a college level.

An opportunity is offered here to those who have had a thorough Hebrew background, to read and utilize modern Hebrew.

Hours: 8:15 - 9:15 P.M.
Instructor: Mr. Yoav Ellstein

(Mr. Ellstein is on a one year visit from Israel. A graduate of the Hebrew University and a former student at Yeshivat ha-Rav Kook, he has published two volumes of poetry in Israel)

3. ELEMENTARY YIDDISH

A new offering this year, this course is designed to teach Yiddish speech, reading and grammar to newcomers — relative or absolute — to the language.

Hours: 8:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Instructor: Rabbi Samuel Klein

4. CANTILLATION

Returning by popular request, this course will deal with the "nusach" of the weekday services and the melody

for chanting the Haphtarah. Students should possess a reading knowledge of Hebrew and reasonable tonal discrimination in music.

Hours: 8 - 9 P.M.
Instructor: Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg

LECTURE SERIES

On four Wednesday nights at 9:10, we will present public lectures. The general theme will be: "TRADITIONAL JUDAISM CONFRONTS CONTEMPORARY ISSUES."

The lectures will be as follows:

1. "The Ethics of the Jewish-Gentile Relationship"

Wednesday, November 9, 9:10 P.M.
Lecturer: Rabbi Gerald Blidstein

2. "Private Rights and Public Welfare"

Wednesday, December 21, 9:10 P.M.
Lecturer: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

3. "Halakhic Perspectives on War in the Modern Age"

Wednesday, February 1, 9:10 P.M.
Lecturer: Dr. Irving Greenberg

4. "Religious Observance in the Jewish State"

Lecturer and date to be announced.

AM HASEFER PROGRAM

A Jewish Book of the Month Club

This program, now in its seventh year, enables the registrants to meet four times a year, at six week intervals, to discuss a book of Jewish significance which they will have read during the preceding six weeks. Each meeting will have a different discussion leader. Dates for the meetings will be sent to the registrants.

The books to be read this year are as follows:

1. Psychoanalysis and Religion — Erich Fromm

Discussion leader: Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal

2. A Double Selection

- A. The Fixer — Bernard Malamud
- B. Blood Accusation — Maurice Samuel

Discussion leader: Mrs. Mordie Mann

3. Children Of The Kibbutz — Melford E. Spiro

Discussion leader: Dr. Norman Balinson

4. Man Is Not Alone — A. J. Heschel

Discussion leader: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles 5:40
Evening 5:50

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Pre-School Service
Room 404 11:00

Weekly Portion: Vayera**Genesis 18:1 - 22:24****Haftorah: II Kings 4:1 - 37**

Evening 5:40
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:30

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30*
Father and Son Minyan 9:30*
Evening 4:45*

* Eastern Standard Time

YAHREZITS**October**

29—MOSES EINHORN
29—LOUIS KANAREK
30—JACOB POUST
30—MEYER SOM
30—ROSE HIRSCH
30—JULES GOURARY
30—RAE HEFTER
31—ESTHER NATELSON
31—ROSE WOLBERG
31—CHARLES BUTTERMAN

November

1—WILLIAM ETRA
2—JULIUS ZESSMAN
3—LAZAR WOHL
3—MAX SCHNEIDER
3—FEIGA R. SORIN
4—LILLIAN ROTHSTEIN
4—SIMON GROSS
4—MARGUERITE POPKIN

**SISTERHOOD
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES****Saturday, October 29th**

Mrs. Harry Freundlich
Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman
Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg
Mrs. Louis Schleifer
Mrs. Meyer Texon

FATHER AND SON MINYAN**Third Service****Cantors**

Craig Barany
Joseph Low
Steven Schacter
Nat Lipstadt

Breakfast Sponsor:
WILLIAM LEBOWITZ

**JUNIOR GROUPS BEGIN
MEETING THIS SATURDAY**

The Boys' Pre-Teen Groups will begin to meet each and every Saturday afternoon, beginning with this Saturday afternoon. Their Oneg Shabbat Program includes discussions, games, Sabbath Zemiroth and refreshments. Aaron Holzer and Steven Schacter serve as leaders of the Boys' Groups. Membership is open to boys 8 to 12 years of age.

Girls Intermediate Group

A new intermediate group has been organized for pre-adolescents. Pearl Moskowitz serves as leader of the Seventh and Eighth grades Girls Group. This group meets for an Oneg Shabbat Program each Saturday afternoon.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION**Saturday, October 29th****CANTORS**

Claude Alpert
Allan Friedman
Binyamin Shudofsky

SERMONETTE

Nicky Gura

David Orentreich presented the Sermonette at last Saturday's Junior Congregation Service.

WON'T YOU PLEASE CHECK?

During the Holidays, a worshipper at the congregation inadvertently exchanged coats with a member of the congregation. The coat in question is a black raincoat with facilities for a zip-in lining. It bears an "Alexander's Men's Shop" label.

Won't you please check your raincoat and notify the synagogue office if there is an exchange to be made.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks recent contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from: Mrs. Samuel M. Cohen, Mrs. Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Mrs. Ida Golub, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Irma Jacoby, Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, Mrs. Morris Morgenshtern, Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, Mrs. Tillie F. Shapiro, Mrs. Rita Shulman, Mrs. Ceil Silberman and Mrs. Malvina Wachter.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a contribution to the Sisterhood Happy Day Fund.

THE JEWRY BOX**Served During****WEEK OF OCTOBER 16th**

DAN ABRAHAM
JACOB J. AVNER
JONATHAN BLOOM
ABRAHAM R. KIRSHON
SAMUEL ZUCKERMAN

Will Serve During**WEEK OF OCTOBER 30th**

HARRY BACHRACH
DR. NORMAN V. BALINSON
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NORMAN SHUTMAN

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



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