

**DR. IRVING GREENBERG TO DISCUSS
"HALAKHIC PERSPECTIVES ON WAR IN THE MODERN AGE"
on Wednesday, February 1st**

The third lecture in the series "Traditional Judaism Confronts Contemporary Social Issues" will be delivered by Dr. Irving Greenberg on Wednesday evening, February 1st, at 9:10 p.m. The occasion will mark the opening of the spring semester for our Wednesday evening adult education classes which will meet at 8:00 o'clock on 9 Wednesdays from February 1st through April 5th (omitting February 22nd). The lecture will be entitled: "Halakhic Perspectives on War in the Modern Age."

The unabating furor over our country's military involvement in the Far East is a life and death issue which affects us all, directly and indirectly, practically and ideologically.

We are confronted by a conflict between our unalterable opposition to certain political and militaristic forces on the one hand, and our concern for the sacred character of human life on the other. Do we have the moral right — not to mention the problem of political wisdom — to intervene at all in a political upheaval in Vietnam? If we do have that right, are we justified in unlimited escalation or is there some point at which improper means render otherwise justifiable ends improper?

To what extent may military targets be attacked if this entails the destruction of non-military targets: civilian life, crops, homes, etc? Must we seek every possible means — including cessation of bombing — in order to achieve a rapprochement with the enemy? Is this the kind of enemy with whom we must — or even may — strive to establish such a rapprochement?

These are questions which trouble — or should trouble — every thinking American, young and old. To be sure,

there are answers to all of these questions on the basis of power politics — answers which may differ depending upon one's political orientation.

The Jew, however, must face these questions from the resources of his own frame of moral values. Normative Judaism does have something to say about each of these questions, although, admittedly, there will be differences of opinion on how to apply Jewish sources to the questions.

Our lecture on February 1st is an attempt to relate Traditional Judaism to this most crucial of modern problems. We are fortunate in having a brilliant, young exponent of Traditional Judaism who will present his findings on this subject.

Dr. Greenberg, who holds the Ph.D. degree from Harvard in history, is on leave from Yeshiva University's faculty of Social Science. He is at present the Rabbi of the Riverdale Jewish Center. He has won considerable recognition — and criticism — for his bold and creative application of Judaism to both religious and general problems. His brilliant analysis of our lecture subject was the highlight of a recent conference on Vietnam sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America.

We extend a cordial invitation to all of our readers and their friends to participate in this special evening. Mark the date on your calendar. This is an event which you ought not to miss.

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Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.

'STUBBORNNESS AND PERSISTENCY'

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Bo

"Did Pharaoh Have Free Will?"

Judaism, as a religion and as a philosophy, accepts the view that man has free will to determine his own behavior. We read in this week's portion, however, that "God hardened Pharaoh's heart" and, in effect, made him reluctant to free the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery.

Two questions immediately come to our mind: First, if man has free will, was Pharaoh's behavior free or determined by God? Second, if Pharaoh's will was determined by God, how could he have been held accountable for his behavior and punished for his failure to free the Jewish people?

The answer to the first question essentially is found in the dynamics of free will as Jewish philosophy understands it. Man is free to choose alternate courses of action, not because God cannot determine man's behavior, but rather because God allows man free decision. God is omnipotent and therefore can determine everything. He restrains his power in the case of man, however, and permits man free choice.

According to this view, God could always withhold the power of free choice from a man by exercising His full omnipotence. This is what God does with Pharaoh in order to demonstrate to the world through the Ten Plagues that God's providence is continuous and unending. Why then is Pharaoh punished for his intransigence when it was God who determined his behavior? The answer to this question is to be found in a basic philosophical idea called "The Doctrine of Agreement." According to this Doctrine, even if man's behavior is determined by an external force, man may be held accountable for his behavior if he follows an evil or good pattern with full agreement.

For example, if a starving man steals, one might argue that his criminal act is caused by external environmental conditions. Philosophically, his behavior is determined, but he could still be held accountable for it if he stole with enthusiasm and without a sense of guilt. In other words, while his bad behavior is determined by external forces, his mood and method are motivated by his own lack of a sense of guilt. He is punishable not for the external determined act but for the free internal agreement and acceptance of the act.

This concept is extremely important in analyzing various forms of errant and criminal behavior. It is because of this view that many Germans in the 30's and 40's could be held account-

TIME IS SHORT FOR
THE RAMAZ DINNER DANCE

The 29th Annual Dinner Dance of Ramaz School will be held on Sunday evening, January 29th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel.

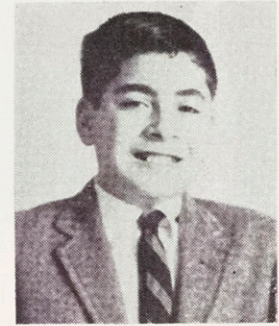
The proceeds from this annual affair go to the Ramaz Scholarship Fund which makes possible scholarship grants in varying amounts to more than 60% of the Ramaz student body.

Many members and friends of Kehilath Jeshurun are always present at this gala affair. We know that this year will be no exception.

Inasmuch as time is short, please call the synagogue office or the Ramaz office to make your reservations. The cost is \$150.00 per couple.

PLEASE NOTE

The Father and Son Minyan will not be held this Sunday, January 15th and next Sunday, January 22nd. The regular session of the Father and Son Minyan will meet on Sunday, January 29th.

ERIC WACHTEL
BAR MITZVAH

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Wachtel upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eric.

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant is in the graduating class of the Park East Religious School and a Freshman in Horace Mann High School. He will read the Prophetic Chapter as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The congregation will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Wachtel at the kiddush following the services.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, Mrs. David Gordon, Jerome Margareten, Mrs. Abram Miller, Jacob Miller, Arthur A. Rashbaum and Robert H. Zessman.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra.

Births—

A hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karlin, upon the birth of a son. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra, and to the entire Etra family.

Our heartiest congratulations to our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lorch upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Kagan.

Engagement—

Heartiest congratulations to our devoted member, Lawrence A. Kobrin, upon his engagement to Miss Ruth Friedman of Providence, R. I. Mr.

table for atrocities that they perpetrated while allegedly under compelling orders from a higher authority.

Pharaoh was drowned in the Red Sea not for what he did to the Jews but for the enthusiasm with which he did it. He met his watery grave as a punishment for the hardness of heart which he strengthened in himself. He was plunged into the depths of the

sea as a punishment for the arrogance which was his own creation.

There is here an implicit practical lesson for us. Many of our good deeds and our sins can be attributed in part to environmental influences. Our accountability for good or evil in those areas depends less upon what we do and more upon the way in which we do it.

H. L.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We recently received applications for membership in the congregation from:

- Mr. and Mrs. Philip Amin
- Mr. and Mrs. Moses Englander
- Mr. Armin Faerber
- Mr. and Mrs. Meyer A. Gross
- Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Haber
- Dr. and Mrs. Robert R. Hyman
- Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel J. Robbins
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rosenbluth
- Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Wassner
- Dr. Bernard Wetchler

The applications will be processed in accordance with the established practice of the congregation. In the meantime, we extend a hearty welcome to the applicants and to their families.

AM HASEFER GROUP DISCUSSES FROMM BOOK

A large group of members of our Am haSefer program — more than 30 in all — gathered recently in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein for the opening discussion meeting of the year. The book under discussion was "Psychoanalysis and Religion" by Dr. Erich Fromm.

Our esteemed member, Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, presented a review of the book and raised many interesting questions. A rather spirited discussion took place on the following matters, among others:

1. Is authoritarian religion essentially divorcible from humanistic religion? Is it possible to reach the goals of love, brotherhood, justice, truth, etc., without some sort of authoritarian framework?
2. Are the above goals of humanistic religion necessarily the sole pre-occupation of a religious personality? Does not a religious personality have the opportunity for a fuller realization of his human potential than does a secular humanist?
3. Is it possible to clearly differentiate psychoanalysis as a means for adjustment from psychoanalysis as a means for "curing the soul"? If such a differentiation is possible, is the latter necessarily to be preferred over the former, as Fromm implies?

We are extremely grateful to Dr. Blumenthal for serving as an excellent resource in the discussion of a book which has wide ramifications in many areas of modern life and thought, not the least of which is the area of religion.

The next meeting of the Am haSefer Group will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kolb, 110 East 87th Street, on Thursday evening, January 26th, at 8:30. The book under discussion will be "Children of the Kibbutz" by Melford E. Spiro. The discussion leader will be Dr. Norman V. Balinon.

Memorial Evening To Be Held on March 21st

The members of the congregation have already been advised of the Memorial Evening that will be held on March 21st. Amidst appropriate ceremonies that evening, the plaques inscribed on the various memorial tablets will be unveiled and dedicated.

The evening is planned to provide an opportunity for tribute and reverence to those whose memory will live on in our Synagogue.

There may be those who have considered perpetuating the memory of a loved one by means of a memorial plaque. The Kehilath Jeshurun family can take advantage of this opportunity including their loved ones in the

Evening of Memorial and Dedication which will be held.

Our Ritual Director and the office of the synagogue are prepared to make arrangements for memorial plaques for your relatives and friends who are departed. Yahrzeit is observed for those inscribed on the tablets and lights are kindled on the anniversaries of their death. They are also included in memorial prayers that are recited at Yizkor Services.

The fee for a plaque is \$250.00. In order to have these plaques unveiled on March 21st, they must be ordered no later than February 28th. You will assist us in the arrangements by ordering in advance.

GALA FEDERATION WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Women from all parts of Manhattan will gather in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Pierre on Monday, January 16th at 12:00 noon for a borough-wide Membership Gifts Luncheon sponsored by Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Women's Division.

Donors of \$50.00 and over who attend this luncheon become Members of Federation and thereby affirm their support of its vital network of medical and welfare agencies throughout Greater New York.

Manhattanites who attend the Membership Gifts Luncheon on January 16th will receive — as a bonus — two tickets each to a Festival Evening at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, January 29th, or Tuesday, January 31st.

Mrs. Oscar Perlberger is Federation Chairman for our Sisterhood. You may make a reservation for the luncheon by calling her directly or by calling Federation at PL 1-1000, extension 347.

YOUNG MARRIEDS HEAR TALK ON LSD

Another fine gathering of Young Marrieds attended a regular meeting of this affiliate of the congregation recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein. The group heard a talk by Dr. Morton Schatzman concerning the religious implications of LSD and other psychedelic drugs.

Dr. Schatzman's talk was extremely well received by the group. He explained the historical background of the use of chemical substances to expand man's consciousness and to increase his sensitivity to various kinds of impulses, some of which might be called religious. He cited numerous case studies which describe and explain the uses to which psychedelic drugs have been put in recent years.

Needless to say, his learned discourse provoked a lively period of discussion marked not only by probing questions but also by some vigorous dissent. The evening was extremely informative as well as exciting.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles4:30
Evening4:40

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service
Dining Hall11:00

Weekly Portion: Bo**Exodus 10:1 - 13:16****Haf Torah: Jeremiah 46:13 - 28**

Evening4:40
Conclusion of Sabbath5:25

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Evening4:45

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