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MARTHA SELIG TO ADDRESS SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING

Mrs. Martha K. Selig, Executive Director for Community Services of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, will be the guest speaker at the forthcoming meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood this Monday at 12:30 o'clock, in the Social Hall of the congregation.

Mrs. Selig, a nationally-known authority on family problems and child care, has served Federation since 1946. She was previously a teacher and clinical psychologist.

Her outstanding communal record was recently capped with a new appointment in Federation through which she will be responsible for supervising program development, institutional allocations and community planning in Federation.

In addition to her fine professional qualities, Mrs. Selig is a warm personable woman who will have much to contribute on the subject: "The Search for Fulfillment."

A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies to hear her this coming Monday at 12:30 o'clock.

PLEASE COOPERATE

We are in the midst of compiling a list of the names and addresses of young men of the congregational family and of Ramaz School, who are currently in the service of the Armed Forces of our country. We are anxious to keep in touch with them and to keep them informed on the status of things at their synagogue and school.

We need your cooperation. Please be good enough and inform the synagogue office of the names and whereabouts of "our boys" in the services.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood

cordially invites its members and friends to attend the next

Open Meeting

This Monday afternoon, February 26th, at 12:30 o'clock

in the Social Hall

— GUEST SPEAKER —

MRS. MARTHA K. SELIG

— Topic —

"THE SEARCH FOR FULFILLMENT"

Coffee and cake will be served at 12:30 o'clock, preceding the meeting.

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend

An Open Lecture

Wednesday evening, February 28th, at 8:30 o'clock

in the Social Hall of the Synagogue House

The fourth lecture in the series

"DIRECTIONS IN ORTHODOX JUDAISM ON THE AMERICAN SCENE"

— Guest Speaker —

MARTIN L. GORDON

— Topic —

"THE ETHICAL QUEST AS A
RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE"

— All are welcome —



**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A. M.
"AND THESE ARE THE LAWS...!"
A Post-Sinai Religious Agenda**

THE WEEKLY PORTION

MISHPATIM

"The Details Are From Sinai Too"

Our portion from the Torah begins this week as follows "And these are the laws . . .". The Mekhilta questions why the portion begins with the conjunction "and". The answer offered is that "these laws are related to the ones in last week's portion; just as last week's laws were from Sinai so are these laws from Sinai."

Apparently the Torah wanted to stress that the Sinaitic revelation of the Ten Commandments was but one stage in the development of a legal system for Judaism. The post Sinai agenda was equally Sinaitic in its authority and significance.

We might ask, however, an "apikorsishe" question: are not the Ten Commandments enough in themselves to ensure the development of a religious and ethical human being? If a person observes them all: monotheism; no other gods; no blaspheming of God's name; Sabbath; respect for parents, life, family sanctity, human freedom, truth and another's property; would not such observance ensure an ideal human being? What is missing in the Ten Commandments that we might need?

What is missing, primarily, is application. These exalted general principles are just that — general, too, general. In a living human situation they have to be applied.

We know we may not kill; what, however, is the status of man-slaughter? We know adultery is forbidden; but what constitutes marriage? Work on the Sabbath is prohibited; how shall work be defined? Bearing false witness is a crime; how about vicious gossip? The answers to these questions are derived from details. The details begin in this week's portion. The Torah tells us that these details are Sinaitic in their authority.

If you will ponder these details for a moment you will note that here is where Jew and non-Jew differ and where Orthodox Judaism essentially departs from other versions of Judaism.

Almost every religionist — Jewish or non-Jewish — believes in a Sabbath; the difference will be in the details of that Sabbath. Almost every religious view calls for prayer; the difference will be the details of how, when and what the prayer is. We are all in favor of fidelity among two people in love; where we differ is how we define the institutions of marriage and divorce.

The Orthodox Jewish position is essentially that just as the general principles are Sinaitic so are the specific details revealed, prescribed and equally binding.

H. L.

ADULT INSTITUTE CALENDAR

Monday
10:00 A.M.
Advanced Hebrew

8:30 P.M.
Talmud Class

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Wednesday
8:00 P.M.
Beginners' Hebrew
Hebrew Literature

8:30 P.M.
Public Lecture

Classes in **Studies in Judaism** and the **Study Group** held on Monday morning and Tuesday evenings respectively, will not be held this coming week.

SISTERHOOD

KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, Feb. 24th

Mrs. Martin R. Rochlin
Mrs. Saul L. Rosenbluth
Mrs. Max Sadinoff
Mrs. Martin Schub
Mrs. Samuel Silverstein
Mrs. Robert Wallach

WITHIN THE FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Michael M. Barany, Benjamin Bartel, Mrs. Florence S. Cooper, Mrs. Helen F. Dayton, Mrs. Al Feiner, William B. Fischberg, Bernard D. Fischman, Dezso Goldner, Dr. Frank Goodman, Mrs. Joseph Greenberg, Mrs. Louis M. Lipschutz, Eugene R. Sarezky, Joseph Schlang, Samuel Singer, Mrs. Albert Wald and Albert A. Zuch.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Haber.

Special Anniversary Congratulations—

We extend our hearty congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Usher Doppelt, upon their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

We wish them much joy and happiness and the celebration, in good health, of many happy family milestones.

Marriage—

We extend hearty congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Rashbaum, upon the marriage of their son Steven, to Miss Sheryl Sobel.

May the newlyweds be blessed with a long and happy married life.

Birth—

We extend hearty congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Podell, on the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Podell.

May the Podells derive much nachas from their first grandchild.

Honors—

We congratulate our members, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Morgenstern, upon the honor they recently received from the New York Board of Rabbis.

The Morgensterns were cited for their dedicated support of the Board's Chaplaincy Program. This program, which benefits a quarter of a million patients in more than two hundred hospitals, homes for the aged, mental institutions and children's homes, is the beneficiary of the good heartedness of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Morgenstern.

Get Well—

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our member, Dr. Myron M. Bogdonoff, who is recuperating at home from recent surgery. We look forward to his return to our midst.

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO VISIT
UPSTATE NEW YORK FOR
YESHIVA UNIVERSITY**

Our Associate Rabbi will join the President of the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University to jointly conduct a Rabbinic Conference this coming Monday in Rochester, New York. The Conference is sponsored by Yeshiva University.

While he is in the upstate area, he has been invited to address congregational gatherings in Elimra, New York, on Sunday evening and Syracuse, New York, on Monday evening.

Last week, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein delivered a guest lecture at the Institute of Adult Studies of the Inwood Hebrew Congregation in Washington Heights.

PLEASE NOTE

The Father and Son Minyan will not be held this coming Sunday, February 25th. The next session will take place on the following Sunday, March 3rd.

**MEN'S CLUB EXECUTIVE
BOARD TO MEET**

The Executive Board of the Men's Club will meet on Thursday evening, February 29th, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Board Room of the Synagogue House.

SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES

We acknowledge with thanks a contribution to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund from Mrs. Samuel Singer.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue, Chairman of the Neediest Cases Fund.

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION
Saturday, February 24th**

Cantors

Kenneth Barany
Douglas Zippel
Peter Kassover

Sermonette

Ronald Deutsch

Torah Reader

Alex Okun

Lawrence A. Kobrin Discusses "The End Of The Jewish People?" At The Opening Am Hasefer Meeting

A very fine discussion was held last Thursday evening, in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, by our Am haSefer Group. The discussion was related to George Friedmann's book, "The End of the Jewish People?" The discussant was Lawrence A. Kobrin.

Mr. Kobrin analyzed the book as a fairly competent review of Israeli life but a rather superficial and often misleading analysis of Jewish life in Israel.

The viewpoint of the author seems to be that Judaism is a religion of the Jew because anti-Semites do not allow him to fully assimilate or acculturate. Under those circumstances, without any anti-Semitic pressure in Israel, the end of the Jewish People, as we know

it, may be closer at hand than we think.

In a sense, the group felt that this book told us less about the prophesy than about the prophet himself. We are able to understand the limited perspective of a man like Friedmann, who can view Judaism and the Jewish People only from the vantage point of an assimilated outsider, rather than a committed insider.

The general conclusion about the book was that while it was worth reading, it was also in need of refutation.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, March 19th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson. The book under discussion will be: "The Gates of the Forest," by Elie Wiesel.

**CUB SCOUTS AND PARENTS GUESTS AT
MEN'S CLUB FATHER AND SON MINYAN**

Last Sunday morning, some sixty cub scouts and parents were the guests of the Father and Son Minyan sponsored by the Men's Club of the congregation. They joined in the regular service of worship and the communal breakfast which followed.

A special program at which registration cards were presented, was held in the auditorium of the Synagogue House. At this occasion, the successful completion of the candy-selling project of the group was marked.

It was a pleasure to have the Ramaz sponsored cub scout group with us. We sincerely hope that the youngsters will join us for our Sunday morning program more often.

We extend our appreciation to the following Ramaz parents who are giving of their time and effort, in connection with the cub scout program:

Milton Berkowitz
Richard E. Cover
Irving Heisler
Murray Levy
Milton Medwin

Below is a photograph of some of the youngsters at the outset of a hike at Harriman State Park. Unfortunately or fortunately, we do not have a photograph showing how they appeared following the hike.



WEBELOS Scouts on Hike

"IT WAS GREAT . . ."

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles5:20
Evening5:30

SATURDAY, SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: MISHPATIM
EXODUS 21:1 - 24:18; 30:11-16
Haftarah: II KINGS 12:1 - 17

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on
Thursday, Feb. 29 and Friday,
March 1.
Evening5:30
Conclusion of Sabbath6:05

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Evening5:30

YAHARZEITS**February**

24—CHARLES I. LEFF
24—YECHIEL MICHEL YAKOV ETRA
25—JACOB MARMER
25—ABRAM A. SHEPARD
25—MORRIS PROPP
25—HAROLD FREEDMAN
26—CHARLES BOGDONOFF
26—JOSEPH M. ZOOK
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27—BETTY KLEIN
28—ELIAS GOTTFRIED
28—JACOB L. ROTHSTEIN
29—JENNIE EICHLER
29—HERMAN KAHN
29—LOUIS RUBINSTEIN
29—KATE COHEN
29—CHAIA MORGENSTERN

March

1—ALEXANDER GARFEIN
1—MORDECAI SHOCHETMAN
1—DORA KOPIT
1—SOLOMON FARBRIDGE

THE JEWRY BOX

SERVED DURING
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11

Eugene Alpert
Irwin B. Robins
Neil Ranells

WILL SERVE DURING
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25

Dr. Emory Klein
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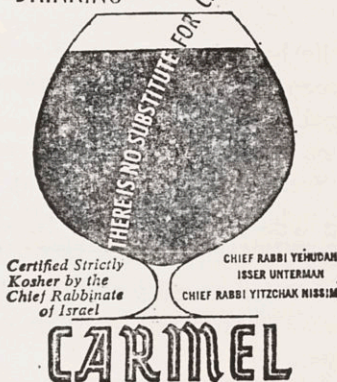
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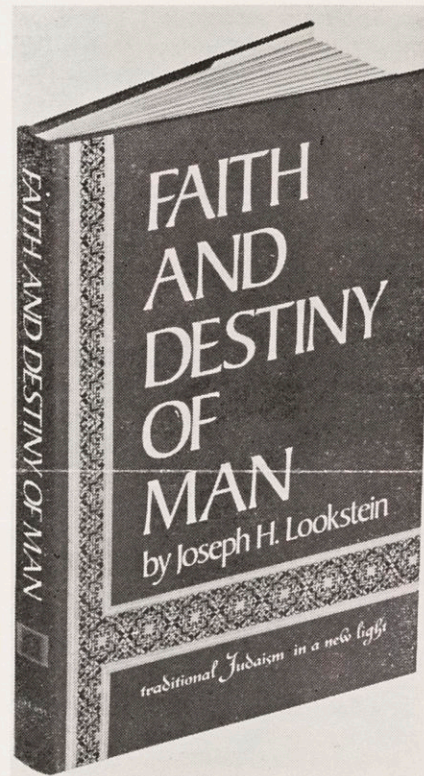
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