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## **PASSOVER RELIEF APPEAL LAUNCHED**

In our Congregation the Passover Relief Appeal has always elicited a warm and generous response. This year a minimum of \$7,500.00 will be required to take care of those causes and individuals who turn to us for assistance. Out of this fund, too, we will be able to take care of special deserving families whose need we know and who would not normally come to the attention of public charity.

A special letter about this Appeal has already been sent to you. It is an Appeal to our entire Kehilath Jeshurun family — members, seat holders and friends alike — to respond generously to our campaign this year. We approach all because we try to benefit all.

You can assist others in preparing for their Passover, by sending your contribution to the Passover Relief Fund, without delay. In that way, you will accomplish the most good. As in the past, we will publish a list of donors in the Bulletin.

When you sit down at the Seder table this year, the opening statement of the Haggadah will have added meaning for you when you realize that your contribution helped others who might not ordinarily come to your attention.

## **MEN'S CLUB HOLDS ENJOYABLE WEEK-END RETREAT AT GROSSINGER'S**

A fine group of pioneers braved the elements and all the "inconveniences" to spend a week-end at Grossinger's, and to launch a trial activity for the Men's Club in the form of a social and religious retreat.

The week-end was an unqualified success. The pioneers had a wonderful time and they returned enthused, inspired and invigorated by their two days together.

Our group dominated the Sabbath service at the hotel. Several of our members were called to the Torah. Joseph E. Adler thrilled all present with his reading of Maftir and the Haftarah for Parshat Zachor.

At our study session on Friday night, our group was joined by a goodly number of guests at the hotel, who listened in to our discussion of the Scroll of Esther, led by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Abundant credits and thanks go to

the Chairman of this activity, Martin R. Rochlin, Vice President of the Club, who organized the entire function and who personally supervised every detail of the week-end. This was a fine first effort which, we assume, will meet with even more success in year to come.

### **Symposium on April 2nd —**

Please note that the next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Tuesday evening, April 2nd. The program will consist of a symposium on the subject of recent developments in the field of organ transplants. From our own ranks, we will invite a doctor, lawyer and rabbi to discuss the subject from the moral, legal and religious points of view.

Further information on this special program will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Bulletin.

## **Sisterhood To Visit American Israel Cultural House Monday, March 25th**

On Monday afternoon, March 25th, the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood will be treated to a guided tour of the American Israel Culture House. That institution is located at 4 East 54th Street.

### **Tour begins at 1:00 P.M.**

Sisterhood members will assemble at 1:00 o'clock in the lobby of the American Israel Culture House. They will then view a film on culture in Israel, and a guided tour of the outstanding gallery of art of Israeli painters. A lecture will be presented on the

arts and crafts products of Israeli artisans.

Following the guided tour, the ladies will have an opportunity to browse around and purchase any of the varied choice of available works of art. The afternoon's program will be concluded at about 2:30 o'clock.

We are confident that this Sisterhood program will be an outstanding success and that it will be thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. Make every effort to be on hand at 1:00 o'clock, on Monday afternoon, March 25th.

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A. M.  
"POLICE POWER AND PEACE POWER"  
A Reaction To The Report On Civil Disorders**

## THE WEEKLY PORTION

Ki Tissa

**The Sabbath and the Rules of Guardianship**

"And the Children of Israel shall guard the Sabbath . . ." This expression found in this week's portion, speaks of the requirement for every Jew to be a "Shomer Shabbat" — literally, a guardian of the Sabbath. Samson Raphael Hirsch, in his commentary on the Pentateuch, defines this guardianship in Halakhic terms.

The Jewish people are the recipients of a gift from God which is theirs for safekeeping. They are responsible to keep it in good order. Their responsibilities are the same as those of the "Shomer Chinam" — a guardian who receives no fee.

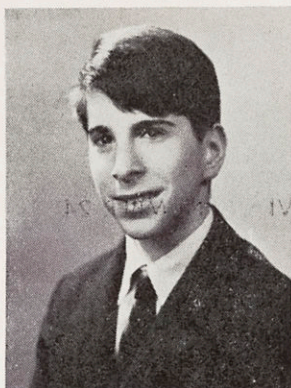
The main responsibility of such a guardian is that he not be guilty of negligence in caring for the object of the guardianship. If the article entrusted to the guardian is damaged through his negligence, he must make restitution.

There is special meaning to this rule with respect to the Sabbath. The most common violation of the Sabbath is not the result of willful desecration, but rather of a careless attitude. We do not view violations of the Sabbath seriously. Like the guardian of a horse who does not think it necessary to close the barn door at night, we leave the door open to Sabbath violations, failing to realize that these violations change the very character of the day.

How much more careful we are about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. None of us would eat on Yom Kippur and hardly any of us would ride on the High Holy Days, nor would we eat Chametz on Passover. Using electricity or writing implements on the Sabbath, however, do not seem to concern us as much.

It is noteworthy, that Judaism speaks of a Shomer Shabbat—a guardian of the Sabbath — but never of a Shomer Yom Kippur or Shomer Pesach. Apparently, the infrequency of these special days automatically inspires extra care in their observance.

It is the Sabbath, occurring as it

MICHAEL HORWITZ  
BAR MITZVAH

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Horwitz, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael. We extend special congratulations to our esteemed Trustee, Israel Cummings and Mrs. Cummings, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.

Michael is in the eighth grade of Columbia Grammar School. He is a graduate of the Park East Religious School. He will read the Maftir and the Prophetic Chapter as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horwitz at the kiddush following the services.

## JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, March 16th

## Cantors

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does with such regularity, which requires special watchfulness against negligence and careless intrusion on the sanctity of the day. Moreover, we will find the more care we exercise in guarding the Sabbath from desecration, the more glorious and meaningful the Sabbath will be. In short, the more care we give it, the more it will be worth caring about.

H. L.

## THE CONGREGATIONAL SEDARIM

Members of the congregation have already received reservation forms for the Passover Sedarim. The Sedarim will take place on Friday evening, April 12th and Saturday evening, April 13th.

The congregational Seder is a service to members. They may have as their guests members of their immediate families. We are anxious to preserve the character of the Seder as a family function. It is for this reason, that we are compelled to limit the number of reservations that can be accepted. We will accept reservations for both nights of the festival or for one of the nights.

The subscription for each Seder is \$18.00 per adult and \$12.00 per child under twelve years of age.

If you plan to attend the Sedarim, kindly complete the form and return it to the Synagogue Office as soon as possible. Reservations by telephone **will not** be accepted.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Abram J. Abeloff, Joseph Aizer, Mrs. Jerry Coan, Mrs. Leon Gronowitz, Mrs. Joseph S. Gruss, Mrs. Sidney Horwitz, David Pik, Henry M. Rem, Jack A. Rothenstein, Dr. Ned Wachtel and Reuben Westerman.

## Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal and Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Rem.

## New Residence—

Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Schloss have recently moved into a new home. We extend our hearty congratulations to them and wish them much luck in their new residence.

## Get Well—

Our best wishes to Herman Greenberg, who is recuperating at home from recent surgery. We look forward to his return to our midst.

## Condolence—

We express our heartfelt condolence to Usher Doppelt, upon the passing of his beloved brother, Max Doppelt.

We pray that the family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

*The Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon*

will be held on

Tuesday, May 7th

*at the Waldorf-Astoria*

—Reserve the date—

**RABBI MARTIN GORDON ANALYZES THE ETHICAL DILEMMA AT ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE**

Those who attended the fourth Adult Institute lecture of the year, which was recently held, were treated to a fascinating account of the Jewish approach to ethics by a young, brilliant rabbi who is an instructor in religious studies at the Stern College for Women. Rabbi Martin Gordon's theme was: "The Ethical Quest as a Religious Experience."

Rabbi Gordon defined the ethical dilemma in Judaism as follows: we are supposed to be concerned with the self and yet also concerned with our fellow-man. There is implicit in these two requirements a certain amount of inevitable conflict. Jewish law addresses itself to the question: "how we can properly accommodate these two needs."

Halakhah legitimizes both selves — ourselves and the other selves. There is no such thing as total self-denial — or aestheticism — in Judaism. The Talmud records that man should say, among other things, that "the world was created for me." According to Jewish law, a man may not testify against himself, thereby making himself a wicked person. The reason for this is that a human being is not allowed to negate his own interests.

Naturally, Jewish law is also concerned with teaching man not to negate others. If the world was created for me, so was it created for every other human being. Therefore, whosoever saves one life is likened to one who has saved a world.

Just as one may not engage in self-incrimination, so is man forbidden to speak gossip, thereby incriminating another human being. It may be necessary to incriminate another in court in order to serve the welfare of society, but it is not permissible to do so outside of court.

A double concern is of course summed up in the Biblical injunction: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." This expression implies love of self in addition to love of neighbor.

In general, our speaker stressed the concern of Judaism for maintaining the uniqueness of each individual. The Jew is cautioned never to treat people as a mass, but rather to consider the individuals who make up that mass. He cited the practice of not counting to find out whether a minyan is present. To count would be to submerge the individuals under the collectivity. Strangely, when you count a group, Judaism says, the individuals in that group cease to count.

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- 
- Wurzweiler School of Social Work
- 
- Sue Golding Graduate Division of Medical Science
- 
- Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- 
- Harry Fischel School for Higher Jewish Studies

**Will you be there?**

Our congregation will hold a brunch on behalf of Yeshiva University on Sunday morning, March 24th, at 10:00 a.m. At that time, you will have an opportunity to hear a complete story of the service that Yeshiva University is rendering to the American Jewish Community.

If the American Jewish Community means as much to you as it should, you will want to join your fellow K.J. members on Sunday morning, March 24th, to do honor and give vital support to an outstanding school of higher education.

**Rabbi Lookstein's Book Warmly Received In Israel**

"Faith and Destiny of Man", the volume of homiletical essays by Rabbi Lookstein, has reached Israel. A number of outstanding personalities are now in possession of the book. Here are a few reactions to the volume.

Dr. Yaacov Herzog, Director General of Prime Minister Eshkol's office, writes:

"From a cursory reading, one gets the impression of a message of faith presented on a vast canvas of thought and experience and couched in incisive style. I will consider it a privilege to study deeply this work and give

you my detailed observations when we meet."

Mr. Mordecai Stern, a member of the Knesset writes:

"I have already begun to read the book and I enjoy the words of wisdom and understanding that I find in it. This naturally, does not surprise me because I have already witnessed your great understanding and your remarkable talent for presenting ideas . . ."

Those, who have not yet obtained the book, ought to do so without delay. It will make an outstanding gift to a friend or relative.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles .....5:45  
Evening .....5:45

**SATURDAY**

Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:15  
Pre-School Service  
Dining Hall .....11:00

**Weekly Portion: Kee Tissa**

**Exodus 30:11 - 34:35**

**Haftorah: I Kings 18:1 - 39**

Evening .....5:45  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:35

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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Sunday Morning .....8:30  
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- 20-LESTER NIGHTINGALE
- 20-IRA I. KAPLAN
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