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HONORABLE PINCHAS SAPIR TO DELIVER GUEST ADDRESS AT SABBATH SERVICES THIS WEEK

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun is honored to welcome to our services this coming Saturday, Hon. Pinchas Sapir, a Minister in the Cabinet of the State of Israel and Secretary General of the Israel Labor Party.

Minister Sapir has played a major role in the development and growth of the State of Israel. He was Director General of the Ministry of Finance and from 1963-1968 he served as the Minister of Finance for the Government. He is one of the most influential leaders in the State of Israel today.

Minister Sapir will occupy the pulpit at our regular Sabbath service. We are certain that his message will be a vital one and the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family will want to hear it. We extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends to be with us this Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock for our regular service and for Mr. Sapir's address.

PLEASE NOTE

This Bulletin contains information covering the next two weeks. The next issue of the Bulletin will appear on Friday, December 27th.

We remind our readers that the festival of Chanukah begins on Sunday evening, December 15th. The first Chanukah candle should be kindled that evening.

Chanukah Greetings

We extend our best wishes for a happy Chanukah to our members and friends.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

cordially invites you and your friends
to attend

SABBATH SERVICES

This Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M.

A guest address will be delivered by



HON. PINCHAS SAPIR

**Minister in Israel's Cabinet and
Secretary General of Mapai**

Worshippers will have an opportunity to greet the
Minister at kiddush following services.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT 11:00 A.M.

"MIRACLES - OLD AND NEW"

A HOLIDAY MESSAGE

"Zorba", "Fiddler" and Chanukah

As I watched Herschel Bernardi dominate the stage in "Zorba" at the recent Men's Club Thearte Party, I couldn't help but picture the same actor in an entirely different role — Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Throughout the evening I was struck by the similarity between the two characters. Both were poor; both were driven by forces beyond their control; both lived — on the surface — a rather hopeless and depressed existence.

But here the similarity ended. Zorba pondered his dismal future and concluded: "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you may die." He looked for the cheap thrill and spent his employer's investment money on her. He could watch a widow brutally murdered today for no reason and tomorrow he could sit down in friendship with her assassins. His response to tragedy is to dance and find an illusory happiness through an artificial and physical change of mood.

Tevya, out of the depths of his depression, thinks also of physical pleasures, to be sure. If I were a rich man I would buy this and that. But his thoughts are for his wife, his family, his home. And his greatest aspiration is not at all in the physical realm. It is to pray in a seat by the eastern wall and to study with the wise men seven hours every day — "that would be the greatest thing of all."

How radically differently two men react to adversity. The one looks death right in the eye and goes out to have a good time. The other faces the same dismal prospects but his reaction is penitence, good deeds and holy books.

The reaction of Zorba is understandable. He doesn't believe in God or in any kind of providence. Therefore, why not live it up in the face of all this gloom.

Tevya, on the other hand, does believe in God. Out of all his distress, he calls to God for assistance. He knows, therefore, that there is accountability in this world and that ultimately he will be judged on his behavior. Therefore, in the face of distress he prays, he pleads and he does righteousness.

Zorba — and certain other Greek figures who dominate the news of our

Week of December 14-20

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Abram J. Abeloff, Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Eugene Hollander, William Lebowitz, Martin Markson, Mrs. Norman D. Mosesson, Solomon J. Novick, Mrs. Herman Riederman, Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Raymond Schwartz, Mrs. Simon J. Vogel, Mrs. Jess Ward, Miss Vilma Weiss.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Zuckerman.

Week of December 21-27

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Irving Angel, Mrs. Samuel W. Bloom, Dr. Samuel Gross, Israel Jacobs, Mrs. Saul J. Lance, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Dr. Norman Orentreich, Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, Mrs. Richard M. Sachar, Mrs. Eugene R. Sarezyky, Mrs. Jules M. Sax, Mrs. Mary Schleifer, Dr. Max L. Som, Mrs. Robert H. Zessman.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goldblatt, Mr. and Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspan, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lippoff, Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Schloss.

time — are the logical descendants of Hellenism with its atheistic excesses and its physical, pagan pursuits. "Live it up" is the slogan of the descendants of Aristotle.

Tevya and the modern traditional Jew, on the other hand, are the logical descendants of the Maccabees, of Mattathias and of our ancestors who successfully fought the battle of Chanukah against the superior numbers and prestige of the Greek world. The slogan of Tevya and his ancestors is "light it up" — the candles, the faith and ultimately the world.

A Happy Chanukah to all.

H. L.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

All Good Wishes —

We are pleased to extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our esteemed Honorary Trustee and past President, Frederick Margaretten, upon the birth of a son to his grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bardin. Mr. Margaretten, who is currently in the hospital recuperating from illness, has always been a "great" and "grand" person. In addition, he is now a great grandfather for the first time. May he enjoy many years of health and happiness with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Marriage —

Congratulations to our devoted member, Mrs. Ella Lewis, upon her recent marriage to Oscar Fensterheim. We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Fensterheim will enjoy health and happiness for an extended period to come.

Condolences —

We extend sincere condolences to our devoted member, Joel Lewittes, on the passing of his devoted father, Morris Lewittes, who for many years was intimately associated with the fortunes of Ramaz School. We hope that Joel and his entire family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

We extend similar expressions of condolence to our new member, Mrs. Samuel M. Eisenstat, upon the passing of her father. We pray that the affiliation of the Eisenstat family with us will be marked, henceforth, only by happy and joyous occasions.

We extend our fullest measure of sympathy to Mrs. Samuel Lukashok upon the passing of her dear brother. We hope that she and her family will be spared further sorrow for a long time to come.

KIDDUSH SPONSOR

The kiddush this Sabbath will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Singer in honor of the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Gary Singer.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN**Sixth Service**

Sunday, December 15th, 9:30

Cantors

Keith Barany
Jerald Berkowitz
George Blumenthal
Craig Barany

SAMUEL A. MARCUS HONORED BY YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Our esteemed Trustee, Samuel A. Marcus, was honored last Sunday evening by Yeshiva University. The occasion was the annual Chanukah Dinner of Yeshiva which was held at the Waldorf Astoria.

A large contingent of members of Kehilath Jeshurun turned out to honor Mr. Marcus, who has served the congregation in various capacities including in the office of Treasurer.

The University Citation was presented to Mr. Marcus by our own President, Max J. Etra, who serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the entire Marcus family on this signal honor.

Congratulations to Hermann Merkin

We extend similar good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Merkin. Mr. Merkin was also honored that evening with a University Citation. Mr. Merkin, in addition to being an esteemed member of our congregation, serves as President of our neighboring synagogue, the Fifth Avenue Synagogue.

COMMUNAL HONORS TO ISRAEL CUMMINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cummings enjoyed a moving tribute from the Commission on Synagogue Relations as part of the Eleventh Annual Conference on the Relationship of the Rabbi to the Jewish Social Worker. The conference was held last week.

At the dinner session, Mrs. Cummings eloquently and gracefully presented the 1968 Israel Cummings Award to a social worker, a group worker and a rabbi. The surprise tribute came in the form of a presentation to Mr. Cummings of a Havdalah Cup to symbolize a life filled with overflowing with philanthropic activity, of both a tangible and a spiritual nature.

The tribute was presented to Mr. Cummings by our esteemed member, Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, the Executive Director of the Commission on Synagogue Relations. The particular occasion for the tribute was the soon to be celebrated eightieth birthday of Israel Cummings.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, December 14th

Cantors

Alexander Okun
Douglas Zippel
Robert Riederman

Sermonette

Richard Deutsch
Torah Reader
Allan Friedman

PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

While the practice of gift giving has become an integral part of the Festival of Lights, the lights themselves are the principal observance of the holiday and should be highlighted as the central feature of Chanukah in the home.

The following are a few items which should be kept in mind:

1. **The Menorah** — While one Menorah suffices for the household, it is customary — and desirable — for each member of the household to light his own Menorah. This is particularly recommended for the children in the family who will take special delight in kindling their own Chanukah lamps.

2. **The Time for Lighting** — The candles should be lit as soon as possible after nightfall (30 minutes after sunset). They should be allowed to burn for at least 30 minutes.

On Saturday night at home, the candles are lit after Havdalah. On Friday afternoon they are lit before the Sabbath candles and they should be large enough so that they will remain lit for about an hour and a half.

3. **Arranging the Candles** — The

candles are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candlelighter faces it. Each night an additional candle is added.

4. **Lighting the Candles** — The candles are lit from left to right — starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the "Shamash." Then the blessings are recited — three on the first night and two on the other nights. After the blessings are recited we light the candles by the flame of the "Shamash."

The reason for using the "Shamash" is in order to avoid using the candles themselves — the candles are holy (for ritual purposes only) and may not be used (for light or for kindling each other).

5. **Concluding Songs** — Following the lighting of the candles we sing ha-Nerot ha-Lalu, which explains the reason for the ceremony, and Maoz Tzur, a ballad which describes in several stanzas how Divine Providence has intervened at various points in history to save the beleaguered Jews from their enemies.

EARLY ADMISSION FOR RAMAZ Four out of Four Accepted

We are happy to announce that four seniors of Ramaz have already gained admission to the colleges of their choice on what is known as the early admission plan. This is a plan for select students to choose one college and declare their intention to attend that college if admitted early.

Two of our students applied to Barnard College and have already received notice of admission on this plan. An additional two students applied to New York University and gained admission on the same basis.

It is a noteworthy record of which the Ramaz family can properly boast: a clean sweep — four out of four.

COUPLES CLUB MEETING

Featuring

A HISTORY OF JERUSALEM IN SLIDES AND COMMENTARY

by: Noam Shudofsky

Dr. Charles I. Cohen

Saturday evening, December 21st

8:30 o'clock

in the Auditorium of
the Synagogue House

THE JEWRY BOX

Served During
Week of December 1-6

Milton Berkowitz
Hyman I. Bucher
Meir Goldstein
Dr. Eli Goldstein

Will Serve During
Week of December 22-27

Sidney Schwartzenfeld
Max Dattner
Nathan Goldsmith
Jacob Baruch
Herman D. Gimbel

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

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Irwin Shapiro Secretary
Mrs. Leon A. Feldman Pres., Sist.
Martin R. Rochlin Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th**

Lighting of Candles 4:10
Evening 4:20

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion, Vayeshev,**Genesis 37:1 - 40:23****Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8****ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS**

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on
Saturday, Dec. 21 and Sunday,
Dec. 22.
Evening 4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Father and Son Minyan 9:30
Evening 4:20

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th

Lighting of Candles 4:10
Evening 4:20

**SATURDAY, SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH
SHABBAT CHANUKAH**

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

Weekly Portion: Miketz,**Genesis 41:1 - 44:17****Numbers 28:9 - 15, 7:42 - 47****Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7**

Evening 4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:05

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

YAHREZITS**December**

14-CHARLES ROSEN
14-JACOB LEVIN
14-DR. ALADAR BRODY
14-JACOB POSTEL
14-SAUL NADLER
14-SOPHIE DORKIN
14-YITZCHAK CHARNEY
15-REBECCA RINGEL
15-SARAH SHULSKY
16-CHARLES GOLDMAN
16-MORRIS N. ADLER
16-BENJAMIN KLEIN
16-HARRY LATUCHA
16-ROSE MATH
17-SAMUEL AARON HERZIG
17-HESKEL EZRA SOMECH
17-SAMUEL KAHN
18-ABBOTT S. BERNARD
18-HENRY MATH
18-LEONARD GOLDSMITH
19-JACOB S. POFCHER
19-ABRAHAM JACOBS
19-JACOB RISKIN
19-HELENA TRENCHER
19-GEORGE STEINMAN
20-JACOB M. SCHULTZ
20-TOBE MANN
21-AMELIA LEVY
21-KATHERINE GREENFIELD
22-ETHEL GRONOWITZ
22-SAMUEL FRIEDMAN
22-JOSEPH LEVIN
22-LILLIAN MANDELBAUM
22-RONALD JAY FERBER
23-JULIUS BAYER
23-SARAH FREEDMAN
24-BESSIE FEINBERG
24-ETTA GOLDERICH
24-MAJER KAUFMAN
24-S. HERBERT GOLDEN
24-JOSEPH JAME
25-SAMUEL H. GOLDE
25-RAY SCHULTZ
25-RHODA C. DIAMOND
26-CELIA RUBIN
26-JULIE FAERBER
27-ANNIE ROTH
27-MOSES GOODSIDE
27-ANNIE SIMON
27-WILLIAM HARRIS
27-MOSES PESACH SONENBERG
27-REBECCA KOTIMSKY
27-ROSE GOLDSMITH

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET

With the festival of Chanukah upon us, we ask our members to remember the Benevolent Fund of the congregation, through whose auspices they were sent candles for the holiday.

The response thus far has been most heartwarming. We call to everyone's attention the special effort which our Fund is making in behalf of Soviet Jewry. Please do not forget. Send your contribution today.

**K. J. ADULT INSTITUTE
SCHEDULE OF COURSES****Monday****11:00 A.M.**

Studies In Judaism

8:30 P.M.

Talmud Class

Wednesday**8:00 P.M.**

Elementary Hebrew

Biblical Literature

9:00 P.M.

Maimonides Code

Thursday**7:30 P.M.**

Collegiate Seminar

No Classes from Tuesday, Dec. 24th
through Wednesday, January 1st.

SHACHAR ANNOUNCES

that auditions will take place
for teenage youth members
of the congregation for its
spring production of the

"MIKADO"

under the direction of Rina Elisha

Sunday, December 15, 1968

4:30-6:30 P.M. in the Auditorium

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES**Saturday, December 14th**

Mrs. Frank Goodman
Mrs. Erwin Linden
Mrs. Milton Medwin
Mrs. Benjamin Perlman
Mrs. Samuel Witkin

Saturday, December 21st

Mrs. Harry Heyman
Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman
Mrs. Jack Lieberman
Mrs. Henry M. Rem
Mrs. Abraham Silver
Mrs. Jess Ward

