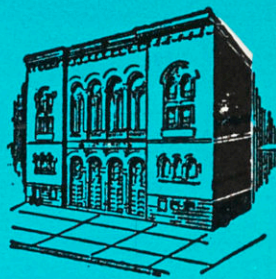


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GALA YOUTH WEEKEND SPONSORED BY SHACHAR

Teenagers to Enjoy Friday Night and Saturday Activities

Shachar, the teenage group of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, will sponsor its first Youth Shabbat of the season this coming Friday night and Saturday, October 24th and 25th. The festivities will begin with Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday evening and will end with Havdalah on Saturday night. There is even a contemplated program for Sunday morning for those who still have stamina left.

Eighty-five Members in Youth Group

Thanks to the energetic efforts of the officers of Shachar: David Hostyk, Judy Schacter, Alvin Smilow, Michael Steiner and Judi Fleischman, the group as of the publication date of this Bulletin, already numbers eighty-five members with prospects that the membership will go over one hundred within the next week or so. This augurs well for an exciting year for Shachar and its friends.

The teenagers will have a Shabbat dinner this Friday night in the auditorium. It will be featured by a Sabbath atmosphere including zmirot and dancing. After leading the service in the Main Synagogue on Saturday morning, the members and their guests will hold a Cultural Luncheon after services. The feature of that luncheon will be a symposium on Jewish militancy in the face of rising tensions in this city and in the world.

We congratulate our young people on planning what promises to be a most successful weekend. We look forward to the spirit which they will bring to our services this Shabbat and we invite all teenagers from the neighborhood to join the group and participate in its varied program of activities.

You are cordially invited
to attend our Synagogue Services for

YOUTH SHABBAT

This Sabbath morning
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Cantors

P'sukey d'zimrah

Alvin Smilow

Shacharit

Emanuel Nack

Musaf

Samuel Friedman

Torah Readers

Claude Alpert

Craig Barany

George Blumenthal

David Hostyk

Robert Levine

Jacob Merkin

Samuel Newborn

Alvin Smilow

Haphtarah

Michael Bartel

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

cordially invites all ladies
to attend its Opening Meeting

This Monday, at 12:30 P.M.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN
will review Chaim Potok's new book

"THE PROMISE"

Coffee and cake before the review

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.

"WHO ARE TODAY'S 'EFFETE SNOBS'?" A YOUTH SABBATH SERMON



"Be a 'Tamim'"

At the age of ninety-nine years, according to Biblical chronology, Abraham is given the culminating command of his life as he prepares to enter the covenant with God: "Walk before Me and be 'tamim'" (perfect). Abraham had already displayed a genius for goodness and benevolence, a compulsion for selflessness and modesty, a powerful drive for giving and a strong reluctance to taking. What is the perfection (temimut) that is now required of the father of the Jewish people? I think its meaning is, first of all, a level of faith in Halakha, a simple belief that the way of Torah is the best way.

There are many people who adhere to Jewish Law without having any faith in it. We are all products of a secular environment, an environment in which religion and spirituality are tolerated, but not really appreciated. The object of our respect is not the spiritual man, but the practical and successful man; not the pious man, but the man who "makes it big."

There is a very simple way to prove your own faith — or lack of it — in the way of Torah. If you had a son, what would you prefer he be known as (assuming you had to make a choice). a *tzadik* or a successful businessman? As he grows up, what do you observe more: his marks or his spiritual qualities? Suppose he said to you one day that he had decided to go to Israel and devote his life to Talmudic scholarship — a rather poor paying profession. You would probably tell him to take a cold shower, get over this nonsense and sit down to do his math homework. And then you would run the next day to his school — even his Day School at that — and ask the principal what kind of a utopian dream world he thinks he is operating.

We all know the folklore jokes about people who take their religion too seriously. They are considered fools, not saints; *tipshim*, not *tzadikim*.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Gertrude Breinder, Fannie Buchman, Dr. Leon A. Feldman, Mrs. Jacob Levi, Alex Lichtman, Mrs. Gertrude Linzer, Mrs. Jack Perlberger, Mrs. Robert M. Richter, Saul L. Rosenbluth and Mrs. Robert Wallach.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon.

JOSEPH ROTH GUEST OF HONOR AT Y. U. CHANUKAH DINNER

We are proud to announce that our former Vice President, Joseph Roth, will be a guest of honor at the annual Chanukah Dinner of Yeshiva University, which will be held on Sunday evening, December 14th, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

We hope that many members of the congregation will help to honor Mr. Roth by attending that dinner and demonstrating their friendship for him and their support for Yeshiva University. Reservations may be made by calling the Synagogue office, or Yeshiva University directly.

Our real evaluation of people indicates that while we are in favor of religious observance, we do not have a genuine faith in the ultimate worth of our observances.

This, of course, is precisely what God required of Abraham. Be a *tamim* — simple in your faith; believe and have confidence that what the Torah tells us to do is the best for us, even if we cannot fully comprehend its value.

Nachmanides, in his commentary on our verse, cites the hope of the psalmist: "Let my heart be *tamim* in thy statutes so that I may be not ashamed." What the psalmist is praying for is the faith to be so sure of himself that no one who makes fun of his piety will deter him from the right behavior. He prays: let me have absolute trust that walking before God is best for me and let me experience no embarrassment in walking that way, though the multitudes mock and criticize me.

"*Hithalekh v'fanai v'heyeh tamim.*"
"Walk before me and be perfect."

H. L.

FURTHER APPOINTMENTS OF NEW COMMITTEES

The President of the congregation, Harry W. Baumgarten, announced the appointment of three new committees this week. The make up of these committees is as follows:

Chevra Kadisha

Isidor Wassner
Dr. Theodore R. Fink
Co-Chairmen for men

Mrs. Gertrude Linzer
Mrs. Estelle Fink
Co-Chairmen for women

Those members and friends of the congregation who would like to volunteer their services for this most important committee are asked to speak to the Co-Chairmen directly and let them know of their readiness to serve.

Communal Welfare

Joseph S. Gershman,
Chairman

Edward Low
David Rosen

Youth Committee

Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal
Chairman

Roy E. Abraham
Eugene Alpert
Michael M. Barany
Milton Berkowitz
Albert H. Bernstein
Benjamin Brown
Dr. Charles I. Cohen
Walter Koppel
Joel Lewittes
Edward Low
Martin Markson
Norman D. Mosesson
Milton Medwin
Dr. Aaron G. Meislin
Ira W. Nadler
Aaron Reinhold
Dr. Robert M. Richter
Herman Riederman
Irwin B. Robins
Martin R. Rochlin
Irwin Shapiro
Dr. David H. Woldenberg

IN CASE YOU FORGOT . . .

Beginning with Sunday morning services, all time listings in this Bulletin are Eastern Standard Time.

CLOSE TO 300 ATTEND "AT HOME" OF RABBI AND MRS. LOOKSTEIN

Year after year the Senior Rabbi of the congregation and Mrs. Lookstein invite the membership of Kehilath Jeshurun to an "At Home", which usually occurs at Sukkoth time. Experience has demonstrated that many, especially members who live at a distance, cannot attend because of the holiday. This year, therefore, the "At Home" was arranged for Sunday, October 19th.

Close to 300 of our congregants were, therefore, able to come. The affair represented an out-pouring of the congregational family as well as an out-pouring of good will. The guests came and stayed on and the spirit of camaraderie and good fellowship impressed everyone.

The Officers of the congregation were there and assisted the Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein in receiving their many guests and making everyone feel perfectly at home. Of course, Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein attended and served as co-hosts, as it were, at this beautiful function.

The Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein thank all those who honored them by their visit and hope to be able to celebrate many future happy events in the company of the congregational family.

HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

Shocking Postscript to International Piracy

Last week, the Syrian Government released the two Arab terrorists who hijacked an Israel-bound T.W.A. jet and brought it to Damascus on August 29th. At the same time, two Israeli men passengers remain in Syrian custody.

Rabbi Herschel Schacter, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, sent a telegram to U. Thant in which he deplored "the impotence of the U.N. in securing the release of the two kidnapped victims." At the same time, the Washington Post on Wednesday, October 15th, challenged the "regional logrolling" by the United Nations which, it said, will lead to Syria's election this week to a seat on the Security Council.

"How can a country claim a shred of self respect or international standing when it treats the admitted perpetrators of a criminal act as though they were the victims and the victims as though they were the criminals," the paper asked. "A more unseemly instance of putting politics over principle is hard to imagine," the editorial said.

ARE YOU POOR OR RICH?

"Hillel will cause the poor to be found guilty; Rabbi Eliezer Ben Charsum will cause the rich to be found guilty." So say the sages of the Talmud, giving the following explanation: At the final judgment when the soul stands before the heavenly court, one of the questions put to him is, "Why did you not study Torah?" The reply may be, "I was poor and too busy trying to make a living; I had no time to study Torah." This answer will be rejected by the court, for he was certainly no poorer than Hillel who used to work for half a day and earn a trifling half-dinar. He would give half of this coin to the doorkeeper of the Torah study-hall to be allowed to listen to the discourse of the two great Rabbis and scholars Shmaya and Avtalyon. The other half of his wages would go for his family and himself.

Another excuse offered the heavenly court might be, "I was a man of

affairs. My time was completely taken up in running my business. I had no time to study Torah." This answer is also rejected, for the accused was certainly no wealthier than Rabbi Eliezer Ben Charsum who inherited a thousand townships and a thousand ships at sea, yet he went from town to town and from country to country to study Torah, carrying his frugal provisions on his back. Wealth was no obstacle for Rabbi Eliezer.

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Poor or rich — or just middle class — you ought to feel, as a Jew, a compelling need to study your tradition, your heritage, your history. It is not too late to join our classes for the year. The schedule of course offerings appears below. Take your choice from among them; but, above all, come and join us in the most sacred role of the Jew — Talmud Torah k'neged kulam: the study of Torah supersedes all.

THE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Chumash and Rashi Class

Shabbat mornings, 8:15 to 9:00 A.M.

Talmud Class

Monday evenings, 8:30 to 9:30 P.M.
(This week only: Tuesday evening)

Studies in Judaism

A class for women.
Monday mornings, 11 to 12 noon
(no class this week)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES FALL SEMESTER

These classes will meet on the following Wednesday nights: October 29; November 5, 12, 19; December 3, 10 and 17.

Hebrew to Read Siddur By

Hours: 8:00 to 9:30 P.M.

The Weekly Portion (Bereshit)

Hours: 8:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Maimonides' Code of Law

Hours: 8:00 to 9:00 P.M.

REMINDER

First Adult Institute Lecture
on the general theme

"CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO
THE HALAKHIC WAY OF LIFE"

Wednesday, Nov. 5th, at 9:00 P.M.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

will speak on

"SITUATION ETHICS AND
THE NEW MORALITY"

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles5:45
Evening6:00

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Lech Lecha**Genesis 12:1 - 17:27****Haftorah: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16**

Evening5:50
Conclusion of Sabbath6:35

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30 E.S.T.
Sunday Morning8:30 E.S.T.
Father and Son Minyan9:30 E.S.T.
Evening4:50 E.S.T.

**KIDDUSH THIS SABBATH
IN HONOR OF DR. AND MRS.
MYRON M. BOGDONOFF**

The Kiddush this Sabbath at the close of services will be sponsored by friends and neighbors of Dr. and Mrs. Myron M. Bogdonoff as a farewell to them on the eve of their departure to take up residence in Florida. We know that the many friends of the Bogdonoffs will want to participate in the kiddush and express personally their good wishes to the Bogdonoffs as they leave our community.

Yahrzeits**October**

25—MARGARETTE BALLIN
25—JACOB HELFER
25—HENRY REINHOLD
25—JOSEF SPEIZER
26—LEON KAMAICY
26—NATHAN BECKER
26—REBECCA LAYTON
27—MOSES EINHORN
27—LOUIS KANAREK
28—JACOB POUST
28—MEYER SOM
28—RAE HEFTER
28—JULES GOURARY
29—ROSE WOLBERG
29—CHARLES BUTTERMAN
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**K. J. CALENDAR
THIS WEEK**

Saturday, 3:00 P.M.

Youth Groups
Girls, Grades 3 & 4
Girls, Grades 5 - 7
Boys, Grades 5 - 7

Monday, 12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Open Meeting
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will review
"THE PROMISE"

COMING EVENTS**Monday, October 27th, 8:30 P.M.**

Men's Club Theatre Party

Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 9:00 P.M.

Opening Adult Institute Lecture

Tuesday, November 11th, 8:30 P.M.

Men's Club Convocation

Guest: Hon. Rechavam Amir

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES**Saturday, October 25th**

Mrs. Samuel M. Eisenstat
Mrs. Gustave Etra
Mrs. Harry Etra
Mrs. Max J. Etra

JUNIOR CONGREGATION**Saturday, October 25th**

Robert Meislin
Henry Zimet
Keith Barany

Sermonette

Jonathan Medwin

FATHER AND SON MINYAN

Third Service
Sunday, October 26th

Cantors

Keith Barany
Kenneth Barany
Nicky Gura
Samuel Newborn

Breakfast Sponsor:

Albert H. Bernstein

Last Week's sponsor:

Martin R. Rochlin



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