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CITY-WIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SLAIN IRAQI JEWS TO BE HELD IN OUR SYNAGOGUE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st AT 3:00 O'CLOCK

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will serve as the host congregation for a city wide memorial service to commemorate the anniversary of the tragic execution of Jews in Iraq last year. The service will be held on Sunday, February 1st, at 3:00 o'clock, in the Main Synagogue. It will be sponsored by the American Committee for Rescue and Resettlement of Iraqi Jews, the official organization which serves as the pressure group for the Jewish community on this matter. The New York Board of Rabbis is serving as a cosponsor of the service. All city wide Jewish organizations are supporting the program.

Mayor Lindsay to Address Gathering

In addition to the prayers which will be recited at this service, several dignitaries will speak for the City and the State of New York. The highlight of the program will be an address by Hon. John V. Lindsay, Mayor of the City of New York.

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman will speak in behalf of the Rabbinate of New York. He serves as the President of the New York Board of Rabbis. The service will be conducted by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Cantor A. Joseph Cohen.

You Can Do Your Part

Silence concerning the fate of Iraqi Jewry is a form of acquiescence. We urge all readers of this Bulletin, therefore, to attend this service with their family and friends in order to indicate the solidarity of the Jewish community of New York with its brother community in Iraq. The tragedy of last year must not be repeated.

Your attendance on February 1st will fulfill the commandment: "Do not stand idly by while your brothers blood is spilled."

The service will begin promptly at 3:00 and should last no longer than an hour. Please Come!

You are cordially invited to attend

COLLEGIATE AND YOUNG ADULTS SABBATH

on

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 31st, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

Torah reading by the young men

In place of the sermon, the congregation will adjourn to the Auditorium at 11:30 to hear

CARL GERSHMAN

discuss

"COUNTERING ANTI-ISRAEL
PROPAGANDA ON THE CAMPUS"

SPRING STUDY GROUPS TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

I. UNDERSTANDING THE SIDDUR

Instructor: Dr. Norman Bronznick

This group continues the study of the first part of the morning service begun last year. It is part of a long term effort to make the davening meaningful and inspiring emotionally and intellectually to men and women who take the act of praying seriously.

5 Wednesdays: February 4, 18; March 4, 18, and April 1.

Hours: 8:30-9:45 P.M.

II. UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

- 1. The Song of Songs
- 2. The Book of Ruth

Instructor: Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz

This group continues the study of brief books of the Bible. The books are discussed extensively and intensively, with a general overview and with close textual analysis. Preparation in advance of each session will be encouraged.

5 Tuesdays; February 10, 24; March 10, 24; and April 7.

Hours: 8:30-9:45 P.M.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
''A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE TO THE HOLY LAND''

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Providence In History

The two portions which we will read in the coming weeks describe alternately the splitting of the sea and the giving of the Law. Both are dramatic manifestations of Divine Providence. Both essentially beg the questions: Where is Divine Providence today? How is evil punished in the world? Where is the Divine concern for the righteous?

Such questions are not easily answered. Nevertheless, at the risk of taking an overly simplistic view of history, one cannot escape the conclusion that over the long run those nations and peoples that have practiced barbarism and cruelty have declined or vanished from the historical scene. This was the implication contained in Psalms, Chapter 37: "Do not fret because of evil doers; do not be jealous of the wicked. For they shall wither soon like grass and dry up like the vegetable. For the wicked shall perish; and the enemies of God shall be as the fat of lambs; they shall pass away in smoke."

This judgment of the Psalmist was echoed by the historian Jay Anthony Froude in "The Science of History." He writes: "One lesson and only one, history may be said to repeat with distinctiveness: that the world is built somehow on moral foundations; that in the long run it is well with the good; in the long run it is ill with the wicked. But this is not science; it is no more than the old doctrine taught long ago by the Hebrew Prophets . . . Opinions alter, manners change, creeds rise and fall, but the moral law is written on the tablets of eternity. For every false word or unrighteous deed, for cruelty and oppression, for lust and vanity, the price has to be paid at last: not always by the chief offenders, but paid by someone. Justice and truth alone endure and live. Injustice and falsehood may be long lived, but doomsday comes at last to them, in French revolutions and other terrible ways."

Perhaps it was with this in mind that Toynbee in his "Study of History," where he discusses the rise and fall of twenty-one civilizations, places on the title page of volume four the verse from Psalms: "Except the Lord builds the house, they who build it labor in vain." (Chapter 127). The cause of the breakdown, as Toynbee traces it, is life blinded by anti-spiritual and unsocial self-interest, and shaken and shattered by what he calls "an outbreak of internal discord."

This is why Judaism's pragmatic re-

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of January 24-30

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Lewis Braff, Samson Eichler, Joseph N. Friedman, Morton Kamerman, Dr. Max Miller, Melvin D. Newman, Mrs. Norman Orentreich, Stanley G. Reiss, Mrs. J. Wm. Rosenbluth and Carlo Zippel.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon.

Week of Jan. 31 - Feb. 6

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Irwin Chabon, Martin E. de Graaff, Mrs. William Etra, David Gordon, Martin Haber, Mrs. Philip Jadek, Mrs. Maurice N. Jaffe, Mrs. Emory Klein, Mrs. Abe Newborn, Mrs. Louis Orwasher, Mrs. David Pik, Abraham Silver, Mrs. Isaac N. Trainin, Dr. Robert Wallach and Miss Cecilia Weiss.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Barany, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Gimbel, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker and Dr. and Mrs. David Weisselberger.

sponse to crisis, tragedy and trouble is to say: "When you are in trouble and all of these things happen to you, then shall you return to the Lord your God and listen to his voice." (Deut., 4:30) The Jewish response to "tsoros" is not to rant and rave about them. It is to say to ourselves: we must be doing something wrong — perhaps many things wrong. It is time to begin doing something right.

If we wish Divine Providence to smile upon us today, perhaps our response to our contemporary social ills should be to start doing something constructive and positive. Perhaps each of us should start to practice in his own life more love and less hate, more kindness and less jealousy, more generosity and less greed, more friendship and less competitive striving, more congeniality and less anger.

In this way, we might deserve God's intervention in our behalf. And, more important, in this way we might even serve as God's instruments in behalf of a world.

Communal Leadership-

We are happy to announce that the Chairman of the Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Education Committee, Irwin B. Robins, will serve as a Chairman for one of the sessions at the Conference on Torah Education which will be held at Yeshiva University on Sunday, January 25th. A number of delegates from our congregation will attend that conference.

Get Well-

Our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Mrs. Samuel Zuckerman who is recuperating in Beth Israel hospital after a recent accident.

Similar good wishes to Abraham Silver who has returned home after a short stay in the hospital. We hope to see him in the synagogue very shortly.

Condolences—

We record with sorrow the passing of Lena Friedman, beloved sister of our member, Mrs. Joseph Roth.

Similar expressions of condolences are expressed to our member Mr. Samuel Feder on the passing of his beloved brother, Herman Feder.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and pray that they may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The kiddush on Saturday, January 17th, was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman in honor of the forthcoming marriage of their son Sanford to Miss Susan Glass.

The kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mrs. Joseph S. Gershman in honor of the forthcoming marriage of her son Carl to Miss Laurie Pfeffer.

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for the

SISTERHOOD MOVIE NIGHT
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Saturday night, February 14th

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THE K. J. SISTERHOOD

cordially invites all ladies to attend its

JANUARY OPEN MEETING

This Monday, January 26th, at 12:30 P.M. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue House

MRS. DOROTHY COLE

will speak about and present a demonstration on

"THE TECHNIQUE OF COLLAGE"

Coffee and cake will be served before the meeting

WRITING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES AND EXPANDS

During the past two weeks, since our last issue of the Bulletin, we have received many carbon copies of letters sent by members of the congregation to officials of the United States Government. May we suggest another equally important avenue for such correspondence. We must let the French Government know of our displeasure and distress over the grossly unequal embargo on the sale of arms to countries in the Middle East. Letters and telegrams should be sent to Ambassador Armand Berard at the French Mission to the United Nations, 4 East 79th Street (RE 4-6051) and to Mr. Henri Claudel, Consul General, Embassy of France, 972 Fifth Avenue (RE 7-9700).

JOSEPH S. GERSHMAN— THE JEW AND THE GENTLEMAN

It has just come to our attention that our immortal Trustee and Treasurer, Mr Joseph S. Gershman, left numerous charitable bequests in his will. Among the beneficiaries are Ramaz School, Yeshiva University, Bar-Ilan University, the Jewish Education Committee, Mesifta Torah Vadaath and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

What Joe Gershman did should be taken to heart by every one of our congregants. Alas, too many leave substantial estates without any provision for deserving causes or institutions. Joseph S. Gershman was an exemplary person in life and he left us an exemplary model to follow, even in his passing. May his memory be blessed.

THANK YOU

Our heartiest thanks to Dr. William F. Herzig who, on very short notice, filled in for Mr. Rosenberg on Sabbath morning, January 10th, for the reading of the Torah. We are grateful to him for his prompt and talented cooperation in a time of need.

On a lighter note

We received from one of our Ramaz family in Israel the following clipping from the Jerusalem Post. We reprint it for your own information. It is a joke which has a tragic irony to it.

"A father in Kiryat Tivon, near Haifa, heard his seven year old son, Gil, using the word "embargo." Surprised, he asked him what it means. The boy's answer was to the point: "An embargo is when you pay money and don't get what you paid for."

It is our task to make sure that this message is impressed upon the minds of French diplomats. Let each of us do his part.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Helen F. Dayton, Mrs. Lola Gross, Mrs. Lillian Jacobs, Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mrs. Sarah Klein, Mrs. Beatrice Kolb, Mrs. Erwin Linden, Mrs. Jacob M. Miller, Mrs. Bertha F. Rafsky, Mrs. Jules Sax and Mrs. Ella M. Weiss.

Contributions should be sent to the Chairmen of the Happy Day Fund, Mrs. Harry Heyman, 120 East 81 Street or Mrs. Leon Spilky, 1160 Park Ave.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES Saturday, January 24th

Mrs. Aaron G. Meislin Mrs. Norman Orentreich Mrs. Jack Perlberger Mrs. Ralph Perlberger Mrs. Oscar Perlberger

Saturday, January 31st

Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin Mrs. George Postel

HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST The Terrible Cost of Israel's Defense

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan reported several days ago that Israel has suffered the loss of one hundred and sixty-nine men and the wounding of three hundred and thirty others on the Egyptian front from April 1, 1969 through the end of November. It was on April 1st that President Nasser announced that he regarded the 1967 cease fire agreement as no lonegr valid.

A Lesser, but Significant Cost

The Minister of Finance of the State of Israel, Pinhas Sapir, told a conference of five hundred Jewish leaders at the Israel Bond Organization last week that Israel's economic growth during the past decade could have resulted in economic independence for the country even while the State continued to absorb a steady flow of immigration. The delay in the attainment of economic independence was caused by the constantly increasing defense budgets which have been necessitated by the absence of peace in the Middle East.

Sapir noted that the defense expenditure in Israel's 1970 budget will constitute 40% of the total budget. "We have no choice," he said. "We must do this because it is the one thing that separates us from destruction." Sixty per cent of the deficit in the Israel balance of payments is caused by military expenditures.

The new goal for Israel bond sales in 1970 is expected to be set at two hundred and fifty million dollars for the United States and Canada. This represents an almost one hundred million dollar increase over the total bond sales in 1969.

Polish Emigres do not go to Israel

A recent article in the New York Times describing a Polish, Jewish Professor in London, calls to mind a strange fact about Polish, Jewish Emigres during the past several years. Of the 11,500 Jews who have left Poland during this period, only 3200 have come to Israel. The others are in Scandinavian countries, Italy and a variety of European lands.

Lindsay levels sharp attack on oil diplomacy

Speaking at a rally of the Z.O.A. last week, Mayor John V. Lindsay criticized American oil diplomacy for "encouraging the intransigeance of Israel's adversaries." The Mayor stated that the greatest danger for Israel does not stem from the hostility of the Arab States, but rather from "the indifference of her friends, specifically the danger of a misguided shift in the position of the United States."

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY,	January	23rd
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Lighting	of Candles4:45
Evening	4:50

SATURDAY SHABBAT SHIRAH

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

Weekly Portion: Beshalach Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

Haftorah: Judges 4:4-5:31
Evening4:50
Conclusion of Sabbath5:35

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning		7:30
Sunday	Morning	8:30
Evening		4:50

FRIDAY, January 30th

Lighting	of	Candles	4:55
Evening			5:00

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Yitro Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

Haftorah: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 6

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Adar I will be on Friday, February 6th and Saturday, February 7th

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Evening		5:00
Conclusi	on of Sabbath	5:45

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning .		7:30
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Evening .		5:00

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January

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24—Max Kessler
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Jennie Sorock -Moses Aaron Alpert -Joseph Weinstein -Miriam Golden

31-Benjamin Brown

31—Yetta B. Levey 31—Isaac Lieberman

Jacob Aaron Goldblatt

31—Leonard Breslow

February

-Charles I. Leff -Yechiel Michel Yakov Etra -Jacob Marmer -Abram A. Shepard -Morris Propp

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DR. VICTOR WOUK

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