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ROBERT LEVINE, RAMAZ SENIOR, WINS WESTINGHOUSE AWARD

Robert Levine, the ranking student in the senior class of Ramaz this year, has won the coveted Westinghouse Award for excellence in science. He is one of forty winners from among the most elite group of competitors throughout the country.

Robert, who scored the highest in Manhattan on the recent Regents State Scholarship Examination, won this latest award for a special project on which he worked at the Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo. The project concerned a study of advanced bio-physics of crystallography, he was also engaged in a research project of his own design involving molecular structure of bacillus. Robert has been invited to attend Yale University as a "National Scholar."

It is worthy of note that Robert's excellence in his General Studies is more than matched by superb achievement in Religious Studies. Above and beyond this, our prize winning senior is a committed Jew in practice and in belief. Many a time he has given Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun enjoyment throughout his reading of the Torah and the Megillah.

Once again, we congratulate Robert, his family, his classmates and the entire school on this splendid achievement.

JED H. ABRAHAM TO ADDRESS MEN'S CLUB SEUDAH SHLISHITH PROGRAM ON SABBATH AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 28th

Ethiopian Falasha Jews to Be Discussed

The Men's Club of the congregation will hold its first Seudah Shlishith Program of the season on Sabbath afternoon, February 28th, between Mincha and Ma'ariv. Mincha services that Sabbath will be at 5:10. Following the service, the congregation will go to the Social Hall for a Seudah Shlishith at which the program will be held. At the conclusion of the program, we will return to the Chapel for Ma'ariv and Havdolah.

Our guest speaker is a new, young member of the congregation who recently moved into our neighborhood. Mr. Abraham is a graduate of the Hebrew Institute of Long Island and the University of California at Berkeley. Between his high school and college career, he studied for a year at the Yeshiva Kerem B'Yavneh in Israel.

Following college, Mr. Abraham received his law degree from Harvard Law School and served for two years in the Peace Corps in Addis Ababa Ethiopia as legal advisor to a government ministry.

While in Ethiopia, the young lawyer became interested in the Falasha Jewish community of that country. He became acquainted with their religious and economic life and he continues his interest by working in this country in behalf of the Jewish community of Ethiopia.

We are confident that our congregants — both men and women, young and old — will find his description of Jewish life in Ethiopia to be both fascinating and significant. We urge your attendance at this program.

A memorable Sunday morning

We cannot close this article about the Men's Club without complimenting the organization for the splendid Sunday morning program which it conducted last week. The Chapel of the synagogue was virtually filled to capacity with men and boys of all ages who came to worship together at the Father and Son Minyan.

Following the Minyan and the breakfast, Sgt. Major Zvi Casspi delivered an informative lecture on his personal experiences in defense of the State of Israel's borders. He then proceeded to remove his jacket and, on two mats that were specially provided, he demonstrated techniques of rendering an enemy helpless, using young George Blumenthal as a most cooperative "fall guy" — literally as well as figuratively.

The assembled thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. The Sgt. Major was a very interesting personality to meet. And, of course, we owe a special debt of gratitude to George Blumenthal for his good nature and — thank God — for his resiliency as well.

THE WEEKLY PORTION

An Open Letter to the Congregation

Dear Fellow Congregants:

The opening commandment concerning the functions of the Tabernacle is presented at the opening of this week's portion. Moses is commanded to require of the Jewish people that they kindle the eternal lamp in the Temple before the Holy Ark. Our sages, of course, understood that the lighting of that lamp was a symbolic act, representing the study of Torah. In effect, the commandment was to kindle the lamp in one's personal sanctuary, in one's own soul, through the study of God's law. The instrument of this commandment is Moses, known as Raban Shel Yisrael — the supreme teacher of Israel.

The placement of this mitzvah as the first requirement of the Tabernacle clearly indicates the value system of Judaism. Talmud Torah is our first love and our primary concern. It is the mother of all observances. Moreover, as the first order of business for the Tabernacle, it implies that God's sanctuary is not to be primarily a place of sacrifice and worship, of cultic performances and ceremonial rights. The House of God in Judaism is to be first and foremost a house of study.

Maimonides, in the tenth chapter of Hilchot Teshuvah, put this another way. According to the extent of man's knowledge of God, he said, to that extent is man capable of loving God. Much knowledge, much love; little knowledge, little love. Other religions have not accepted this view. Judaism

has affirmed it in every place and at every time.

Let each one of us, then, ask himself or herself whether this Jewish priority system obtains in our lives. Is study and knowledge first or last in our set of religious observances? Is the House of God for us primarily a place of study or is it at best a place of prayer and, at worst, simply a place of social gathering?

Ask yourselves these questions and answer them frankly. Perhaps there is something we can do about this. Perhaps we can set aside a portion of each day or each week for the study of Torah and the learning of our Jewish tradition. There are several opportunities which we provide in Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Permit me to list them:

- 1. A class in Chumash and Rashi on Saturday mornings at 8:15.
- 2. A class for women in the discussion of Jewish legal writings on Monday mornings, at 11:00 o'clock.
- 3. A class in Talmud on Monday evenings at 8:30.
- 4. Two Study Groups; one in the prayer book and one in two books of the Bible (described elsewhere in this Bulletin).

Whatever you decide to do, please do something. Kindle the lamp in your own personal sanctuary. Strike a light in your own soul through the study of Judaism.

Haskel Lookstein

THE K. J. SISTERHOOD

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Remember the Sisterhood Donor Luncheon

MONDAY, MARCH 30th

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of Feb. 21-27

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Benjamin Bartel, Arthur Brown, Mrs. Benjamin Brown, Israel Cummings, Dr. William Etra, Bernard D. Fischman, Dezso Goldner, Dr. Frank Goodman, Dr. Robert M. Richter, Joseph Schlang, Samuel Singer, Albert Wald, Albert A. Zuch and Mrs. Martin Zuger.

Anniversaries-

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

Week of Feb. 28 - March 6

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Irving Angel, Mrs. Michael M. Barany, Isidor Berkowitz, Mrs. Florence S. Cooper, Mrs. Helen F. Dayton, Mrs. Al Feiner, William B. Fischberg, Mrs. Joseph Greenberg, Charles B. Jacobs, Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mrs. Louis M. Lipschutz, Henry Reinhold, Dr. Stephan S. Rosenak, Eugene R. Sarezky, Mrs. Simon Schwarz, Mrs. Samuel S. Silverstein, Mrs. Samuel Stromberg, Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, Mrs. Albert Wald and Miss Ruth Winkler.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perlberger and Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Vanderhoek.

Marriage-

Congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, upon the marriage of their son, Sanford to Miss Susan Glass. May the young couple bring happiness to the family and all Israel.

Communal Leadership by Young People

We recently received an invitation to attend the Inaugural Dinner of the Young Leadership Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. We noted with a good deal of pride the listing of three young members of Kehilath Jeshurun as members of the dinner committee. Congratulations to Donald Etra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra, Frederick I. Sax, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Sax and Peter Schwalbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Schwalbe, for their leading role in this important effort.

Communal Honors-

We are pleased to announce that our esteemed Trustee, Leon Spilky, will be the recipient of the Golden Shofar Award presented annually by the National Council of Young Israel. The award will be presented to Mr. Spilky on April 5th at the National Council's annual dinner at the Hotel Commodore.

A NOTE ABOUT MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Our worshippers are familiar with the special tablets on the east and west walls of our Main Sanctuary to which are affixed memorial plaques in memory of members of the congregation and dear ones in their family who have passed away.

These plaques serve as a loving tribute and a fitting memorial for those whose Yahrzeits we wish to remember. A light is kindled for each person so memorialized on the anniversary of his or her death. This is done in perpetuity.

On occasions when Yizkor is recited, a special memorial prayer is said in their memory. Similar prayers are recited during and before the period of their Yahrzeit.

The cost for such a plaque is about to be raised to \$300.00 beginning with April 1, 1970. For the next few weeks, those who wish to do so can still order these plaques at the former price of \$250.00.

Here then is an opportunity to demonstrate respect and reverence for a beloved person by memorializing him or her in our House of God. At the same time, the donor is associating such a memorial with an act of charity in supporting the activities of a congregation which serves the religious and educational needs of the community.

Inquiries are invited. Our Ritual Director, Mr. Rosenberg, is ready to serve you in this respect.

SHACHAR TEEN DANCE

This Sunday evening, Feb. 22nd, 8:00 P.M. to Midnight

in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House Admission per person \$1.25 member \$1.75 non-member Food and Refreshments **Proper Dress Required**

MEMBER IN THE NEWS

We are pleased to announce that our esteemed member, Dr. Theodore R. Fink will be the principal speaker at the third session in a seminar on current issues in medicine, which will be held on Thursday evening, March 12th, at 7:30 at the Institute of Human Relations, 165 East 56th Street.

Dr. Fink's topic will be: "A Jewish Attitude Toward Postmortem Examination." Dr. Fink is the President of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists. His talk will be discussed by Dr. Alfred Angrist, Professor of Pathology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Those wishing to attend are asked to call David Geller, at PL 1-4000, for reservations.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES Saturday, February 21st

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Saturday, February 28th

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

SPRING STUDY GROUPS

Our readers are reminded of the two study groups which are currently in progress on alternate Wednesday evenings and alternate Tuesday evenings respectively. Both groups are providing interest, information and enjoyment to a very fine collection of students. The sessions remaining for each group are as follows:

UNDERSTANDING THE SIDDUR

Instructor: Dr. Norman Bronznick Wednesdays, March 4, 18 and April 1 Hours: 8:30 - 9:45 P.M.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Instructor: Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz

1. The Song of Songs

2. The Book of Ruth

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

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

BUY ISRAEL

Israel is fighting for survival as a free nation. The fight is twofold: Israel must win on the military battle front and she must also wage war on the economic front. In this second front, American Jewry can be most helpful.

Economists have calculated that a \$1.00 per week purchase of Israel products by every Jewish family in the United States would result in a \$300,000,000 annual export market. We are all aware of how much such an infusion of dollars would help the Israel economy. It becomes nothing short of a mitzvah, an absolute obligation, to buy Israel made merchandise at every opportunity, to go out of our way to purchase at least \$1.00 of such merchandise every week.

To acquaint you with the wide variety of products and fashions available from Israel, a non-profit organization has set up an Israeli Exposition and Trade Fair. This Fair will be presented in several locations in the New York area.

In our neighborhood, the Fair will take place at the Young Israel of the West Side, 210 West 91st Street, on Saturday night, February 21st, at 8:30, with a display of Israel food and fashions; on February 22-24, from 11:00 A.M. throughout the day for a continuous exhibition and sale of merchandise from Israel.

On Sunday, February 22nd, at 12:00 noon, there will be an exhibit and auction of Israel arts. On February 23rd, at 2:00 P.M. a film will be shown entitled "History of Israel through her Stamps."

We urge the readers of this Bulletin to attend this fair and to remember the following slogan whenever they think of shopping: "Buy Israel!"

COUPLES CLUB PROGRAMS

This will serve as a reminder to members of the Couples Club concerning the non-profit Theatre Party to "Unfair to Goliath", the off-Broadway production of Ephraim Kishon's theatrical satire. Kishon is well known as the Art Buchwald of the Israeli Press. The Theatre Party will be held on Saturday night, March 7th. Only two or three pairs of tickets are still available. For information call Evelyn Rochlin at BU 8-3745.

Grossinger Weekend

Reservations for the Grossinger Weekend outing of the Couples Club can be made by calling Martin R. Rochlin at the above number. The weekend will be held on March 13-15.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, Fe	bru	ary 20th	
Lighting	of	Candles	5:10
Evening			5:20

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20 - 30:10 Haftorah: Ezekiel 43:10 - 27

Evening	 	5:20
		6:10

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
	ing8:30
	5:30

FRIDAY, February 27th

Lighting	of	Candles	5:25
			5:30

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Kee Tissa Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

Haftorah: | Kings 18:1 - 39

Evening			5:1	0
Conclusio	on of	Sabbath	6:1	5

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
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Evening	5:30



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-Leah Katcher -Israel Mandelbaum

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25—Esther Kerew 26—Lester Nightingale 26—Dr. Ira I. Kaplan

26—Abraham Ernst

-Adolph Eisenberg

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-Anna Shapiro -Toby Holzer

28—Harry Feingold 28—Selig Luloff

28—Abraham Simon 28—Jacob M. Waltuch 28—David Icikovic

March

-Moses Davis

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