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# A LOOK BACK AT COUPLES **CLUB SABBATH**

The Couples Club Sabbath which el, the was held in our synagogue on Novem-Tues- ber 21st, was a thrilling occasion for 3:30 in the congregation at large and an exceptional one for the couples themselves. From the splendid reading of tronics. the Torah until the Birkat ha-Mazon, well as following a community luncheon, the e calen- entire experience was a most gratifyto paring one for all concerned.

One hundred and sixty three adults pel and and children participated in this nelping Couples Club activity. We are particuarly grateful to Albert H. Bernstein, Fred Deutsch, Lawrence Jacobs and Lawrence A. Kobrin for their reading of the Torah and to Samuel M. Eisenneld at and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein for Valdorf meir leading of Shacharith and Musaf ade at respectively.

> The success of the entire activity, however, was primarily due to the splendid efforts of Milton Berkowitz and his wife, Barbara, who organized the program, prepared all of the many details in connection with it and personally brought out the splendid attendance for the day. We are grateful to them for this magnificent effort.

Thanks also to Brenda Bernstein, Evelyn Rochlin and Gladys Richter for their help in all the preparations.

# THE K. J. YOUNG ADULTS Announce

A SEMINAR LUNCHEON Saturday, December 19th, 1970,

> following services CARL GERSHMAN will speak on

"ISRAEL AND THE NEW LEFT"

Couvert \$3.00

Reservations may be made at the Synagogue office.



# GALA CHANUKAH PARTY AND DANCE

Sponsored by the

# SISTERHOOD, MEN'S CLUB and COUPLES' CLUB

Sunday, December 20th at 7:30 P.M.

in the K. J. Ballroom

Supper will be served musical entertainment throughout evening

subscription: \$8.00 per couple

(Please note change of date)

# OVER \$400,000 PLEDGED IN ISRAEL BONDS AT SPECIAL SABBATH APPEAL

We learn from the Israel Bond Office that on the Sabbath when Major General Ezer Weizman appeared at Kehilath Jeshurun and a special appeal for Israel Bonds were held, the congregation pledged over \$400,000 to this most important cause.

Led by Joseph Gruss and Benjamin Kaufman who each made pledges of \$100,000, the general membership of the congregation present as well as many guests contributed magnificently in an effort to help ease the critical financial shortage in Israel at this time.

We would like to point out to the membership of the congregation that the shortage continues and will continue for some time. Every Jew must invest in Israel Bonds. If you have not as yet responded to our appeal, we urgently request that you notify the synagogue office of your pledge. A form for this purpose is found below. No Jew may divorce himself from the community in this effort which means literally saving the lives of our brothers and sisters in Israel.

Let us hear from you today!

# Please Clip out and mail to Synagogue Office

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RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH... "JACOB AS AN INACTIVE PERSONALITY — ADVICE TO AN ACTIVIST GENERATION."

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# A CHANUKAH MESSAGE Keep it Spiritual

No festival on the Jewish calendar major or minor - is more spiritual in its essence and less material in the way it should be observed than Chanukah. Strangely, by a quirk of the calendar that somehow joins Chanukah to the major gift giving festival of the dominant faith in America, the material observance of Chanukah has been grossly over-emphasized.

Actually, Jewish tradition tells us that Purim is the time for a physical religious expression. Feasting, drinking and exchanging gifts are all appropriate to that festival which commemorates the saving of Jewish lives, lives that were in danger of physical destruction and material annihilation. Had every Jew in Shushan volunteered to convert to "Zoroastrism," Haman would not have been deterred from his villainous desire. He was after Jewish lives, not Jewish life. Hence we celebrate by living it up on Purim.

The history of Chanukah, however, is totally different. Here lives were not essentially in danger until, of course, the Maccabean revolt began. What was at stake was Jewish life, our religion, our worship, the holiness of our Temple, the training of our minds. The miraculous deliverance of the Jewish people from this threat is, therefore, observed not in feasting and drinking, but in lighting candles — essentially a spiritual exercise - in chanting Hallel and in reciting Al ha-Nissim.

Please keep this thought in mind when observing Chanukah this year. Make the spiritual things primary; make the candle lighting ceremony the central feature of the holiday; and when you do give gifts try to give those that have spiritual value such as books, magazine subscriptions and

In this way, we will all be doing our share to help make Chanukah the uniquely Jewish experience that it should be, an experience that is crystalized in the words of the Prophet Zachariah which have become the slogan for Chanukah: "Not by strength nor by might, but by My spirit, sayeth the Lord."

A happy — spiritual — Chanukah to

H. L.

RESERVE THE DATE SISTERHOOD THEATRE PARTY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1970 "SONG OF NORWAY"

# WITHIN OUR FAMILY

# Week of December 12-18

#### Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Moses L. Ehrlich, Elliot H. Eisman, Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mrs. Isadore Givner, Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Mrs. William B. Haber, Eugene Hollander, William Lebowitz, Irving Levine, Martin Markson, Mrs. Norman D. Mosesson, Solomon J. Novick, Shamai Simon and Marco Wachter

#### Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Kasriel K. Eilender, Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Usdan.

#### Week of December 19-25

#### Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Abram J. Abeloff, Mrs. Sidney Goldblatt, Mrs. Harold Greenberg, Dr. Samuel Gross, Israel Jacobs, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Herman Riederman, Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Richard M. Sachar, Mrs. Jules M. Sax, Mrs. Mary Schleifer, Mrs. Raymond Schwartz, Dr. Max L. Som, Mrs. Jess Ward, Mrs. George Weiss, Miss Vilma Weiss and Mrs. Robert Zessman.

#### Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goldblatt, Mr. and Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jaspan, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lippoff and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moss.

# Birth-

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz upon the birth of a son to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Aubey Rotenberg, of Brookline, Mass. We are thrilled at the news of Menorah's firstborn and we pray that he will bring much happiness and nachas to his parents and to the proud grandpar-

## Bar Mitzvah-

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zuch upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Andrew Fried, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fried.

Mrs. Zuch is at present recuperating from recent surgery. We hope that God will grant her a refuah sh'leimah and that she will be able to enjoy happiness and nachas from her entire family for many years to come.

## "Nachas"-

Congratulations to our dear mem- be ber, Mrs. Malvina Wachter, who is rejoicing on the occasion of th twenty-fifty wedding anniversary of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Herman tr. Nissenbaum. We wish Mrs. Wachter many more such occasions of nachas sh in her family.

#### Communal Honors-

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun is ea proud of one of its esteemed Trustees, hi Eugene Hollander, who was just elected National Treasurer of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at its Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C.

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This is a great honor for Mr. Hollander as well as for the congregation. We wish him every success in his endeavors in behalf of the wider Jewish community.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Louis Schleifer on being honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Greater New en York Women's Division of the State of Israel Bonds. The luncheon was held on Tuesday, December 8th at the Plaza

# SAMUEL FRIEDMAN IMPRESSES WOMEN'S BRANCH CONVENTION

We were extremely happy to hear that Samuel Friedman, son of our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman, was a rousing success as a guest speaker at the session on youth which was part of the National Convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Samuel spoke about the greatness of our society in terms of technological development as contrasted with the op weakness and poverty of our society in moral and spiritual matters. Speaking about the role of women in teaching moral values to the young, he cited the Biblical comment of God to Abraham: "Listen to all that Sara tells you in these matters."

Small wonder that when Samuel got finished with his presentation, he was given an extended and enthusiastic round of applause.

#### SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund from Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein and Mr. Fred Margareten, and Mrs. Samuel Singer.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue, Chairman of the Neediest Cases Fund.

# PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

While the practice of gift giving has ar mem- become an integral part of the Festival of Lights, the lights themselves are the brincipal observance of the holiday and should be highlighted as the cen-Herman tral feature of Chanukah in the home.

The following are a few items which f nachas 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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The mid-town chapter of the Mizrachi Women's Organization will be holding their Scholarship Luncheon and Card Party at the Hotel Croyden, 12 East 86th Street, on January 13, 1971. For tickets and further information call Mrs. Bea Kolb, AT 9-5574.

Readers of the Bulletin may be interested in a new exhibition which opened at the Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Avenue, on November 25th and which will run through January 17th. The exhibit entitled, "Hassidim: Four Photographers," presents a series of photographic essays of Hassidic communities and offers a rare opportunity to the visitor to view at close range the world of the Hassid.

#### A MODERN MIKVAH

is located in our community at 232-4 West 78th Street (east of Broadway)

> Telephone Number 799-1520

# KARATE GROUP FOR ADULTS

Begins

Monday, January 4th, 1971 at 6:00 P.M.

> For registration call Synagogue office

#### PLEASE DO NOT FORGET

With the festival of Chanukah upon us, we ask our members and friends 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.

# **HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST** Good News from West Germany

The radical right wing National Democratic Party lost all fifteen of its seats in the Bavarian State Parliament in elections held on November 22nd. The party, widely regarded as neo-Nazi, polled only 3% of the total vote compared to the 7.4% it won in the last elections.

# Children's Underground Bomb Shelters **Being Evacuated Slowly**

Underground bomb shelters, where children of the Beisan Valley settlements have been sleeping nightly for the past two years, are being slowly evacuated. The purpose of the gradual program of evacuation is to ease the shock of adjustment for many of the children who cannot remember when they slept on real beds in a room with windows. It is the six to eight year olds who, the psychologists feel, pose a particular problem in the transition from an underground existence at night to a normal sleeping life. These children have come to regard the shelters as their real home.

# Arab Refugees and Arabs in **Occupied Territories Contrasted**

Dr. Yeshayahu Aviad, Israel's Deputy Consul for Political Affairs, told a conference of the National Council of Jewish Women recently that the Arab refugees continue to be "treated as a pawn" by the Arab Governments. "Although much more has been done for them than for any other refugees in the world," he said, one billion dollars has been spent without even the beginnings of a solution to the problem.

The reason for this failure is that the one billion dollars has not been concentrated on resettlement, training and education. By contrast, Mr. Aviad noted, the Arabs in the occupied West Bank have doubled their income in the past three years. They are actually receiving more free education than those in Israel proper. The West Bank-Israel border is an open one and Jordanian laws and officials in the West Bank have been retained.

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

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY,	Decem	ber 1	1th
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Lighting	of	Candles	4:10
Evening			4:30

# SATURDAY

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

## Weekly Portion: Vayishalah Genesis 32:4 - 36:43 Haftorah: Obadiah 1:1 - 21

Evening	 4:20
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## FRIDAY, December 18th

Lighting	of Candles	4:10
		4:30

# SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation10	
Pre-School Service	
Dining Hall1	1:00

#### Weekly Portion: Vayeshev Genesis 37:1 - 40:23 Haftorah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

Evening			4:20
Conclusion	of	Sabbath	5:05

# WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	
Father and Son Minyan	
Evening	

#### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

#### Saturday, December 12th

Mrs. Harry Heyman Mrs. George Jacobs

Mrs. Norman Jaspan

# Saturday, December 19th

Mrs. Ella Lewis

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#### **YAHRZEITS**

#### December

12-Hanna Grossman

12—Sarah Katz

-Isidore Heimowitz

13—Celia Perlow

-Abraham Louis Miller

13-Louis Hefter

13—Leah Greenberg

13—Bertha Deutsch 13—Jacob W. Heller 14—Rose Clark

Abraham Itzhak Zukerman

Esther Burnett

Solomon Rubin

Ruchel Breindel

-Abraham Jacob Simon -Herman H. Messing

-Mildred Gordon -Josif Hirschberg

-Yechiel Reinhold

-Hannah Bernhardt

17—Gussie Ost 18—Belle Weisman 18—Chanah Weiler

-Ephraim Bernstein

Agusta Levv

-Agusta Levy -Menashe Salzman -Herman David Baskind

19-Rachel Goldstein

19-Max Bernard

19—Anna Rosenblatt -Alice Einhorn

19-Fannie Studnick

-Chaim Usher Lieberman -Jacob Barany

20—Gabriel Neustadter

-Lena Sachar

-Sarah Schenkman -Jacob Levin

Dr. Aladar Brody

Jacob Postel Saul Nadler

Sophie Dorkin Yitzchak Charney

Rebecca Ringel

-Sarah Shulsky

-Charles Goldman -Morris N. Adler

Benjamin Klein

-Harry Latucha -Rose Math

Samuel Aaron Herzig

Heskel Ezra Somech

Samuel Kahn

Michael L. Schloss Abbott S. Bernard

25-Henry Math

-Joseph S. Gershman

25-Leon Goldsmith

# ADULT INSTITUTE CALENDAR

The following is the class schedule for the next two weeks:

#### Shabbat 8:15 A.M.

Chumash and Rashi I

4:40 P.M.

Chumash and Rashi II

# Mondays

11:00 A.M.

Studies in Judaism 8:00 P.M.

Hebrew to Read Siddur By

8:30 P.M.

Talmud Class

# Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 8:00 P.M.

Bible and Commentaries Seminar in the home of Randolph S. Chester

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#### Please Note:

The Seminar in Modern Jewish Thought originally scheduled for December 20th, has been postponed because of the Chanukah Party. Its next session will be held on Sunday evening, January 10th, at 8:00 P.M. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky, 209 West 86th Street.



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