



PINCHAS SAPIR TO DELIVER GUEST ADDRESS AT SABBATH SERVICES THIS WEEK

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun is privileged to announce to its members that the Hon. Pinchas Sapir, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel, will speak at the Sabbath Service on February 5th.

Mr. Sapir, a distinguished and renowned statesman, is one of the most influential and well-known leaders in the government today. He served as Secretary General of the Israel Labor Party and has played a key role in the country's impressive industrial development. His career has been marked by outstanding accomplishments in the fields of farm settlement, water development, defense and finance.

We know his message will be a timely and vital one. Since 1928, when Minister Sapir headed the Pioneer Hehalutz movement in Poland, through his activities in the Haganah, his government service, which began during the War of Liberation in 1948, his positions of importance in the Ministries of Defense, Agriculture and Finance, Mr. Sapir's life has been one of involvement and dedication to the growth of the State of Israel.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of Kehilath Jeshurun to share this unique experience with us during the regular service which begins at 9:00 o'clock.

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 of Finance

in the Government of Israel

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

TWO RAMAZ SENIORS HONORED IN WESTINGHOUSE TALENT SEARCH

We are proud to announce that two seniors of Ramaz School, Pearl Steinmetz and Gary Swergold, have placed among the top 300 science students nationwide in the annual competition conducted by the Westinghouse Corporation. They are eligible to be among the forty winners in this com-

petition, a decision which will be made next month.

For those who understand the language of science, Pearl's project was entitled "Elucidation of the Basis of the Resistance of Pseudomonas Putida to Penicillin". Gary's project was en-

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THE WEEKLY PORTION YITRO

The Implicit Message of the Decalogue

Implicit in the Ten Commandments is not only a new concept of God — one and incorporeal — but also a new concept of God's concern with the world. For the first time, man learned that God's involvement with the world was not only physical, but spiritual as well.

The idolator knew of gods only as providers. They gave gifts to man of economic plenty, fruitfulness, rain, sun, victory and the like. He could not conceive of God's role as a teacher.

The Decalogue changes this. "I am the Lord, thy God, who took you out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage." Do you think that is all I am? A god of war? A splitter of seas? A cosmic bellhop for whom you press a button and he brings your needs on a platter? If that is your concept then you are still idol worshippers who have merely substituted one God for all the idols of Egypt.

I am the God who cares enough to teach you how to live. I am not only not physical in my essence, I am also not exclusively physical in my relationship to you. My revelation is not confined to tangible benefits like health and wealth; it is primarily reflected in a moral order and in a formula for life's conduct. Therefore, keep the Sabbath; honor parents; and don't murder.

This is a strange message for the fourteenth century B.C.E. What kind of command might we have expected from a god in that day? We should have expected him to order incense, the building of a temple and the offering of sacrifices. Nothing of this sort is in the initial message of revelation. What God asks of us is conformity to a way of life. Recite the Kiddush; do not steal; do not be unfaithful to your mate. God is here manifesting the greatest concern for man. He is bestowing upon him not only the gift of life but a pattern for life. Like the parent who brings his child into the world, he trains man, guides him and directs his ethical development. "For as a father chastises his son, so does God chastise you."

It is not surprising that this message of revelation was initially misunderstood by the people. Given in the most dramatic circumstances, punctuated by thunder and lightning and witnessed by the entire people of Israel, the physical proportions of the drama eclipsed the subtle spiritual message. Forty days later the same Jews who stood about Mount Sinai danced around a

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of February 5-11

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Maurice N. Jaffe, David Gordon, Mrs. Isaac N. Trainin, Mrs. Harry Kleinhau, Abraham Silver, Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman, Mrs. Eugene Hollander, Abe Newborn, Adolph Citron, Adolph Levy, Dr. Samuel Stromberg, Ralph Perlberger, Oscar Perlberger, Dr. Meyer Shapiro, Mrs. Joshua S. Deutsch, Mrs. Lawrence Gorfinkle, Morton Kassover, Maks L. Birnbach, and Sidney Goldblatt.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson, Dr. and Mrs. David Weisselberger, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Frankel, and Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer.

Week of February 12-18

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Joseph A. Perlman, Mrs. Victor Binstock, Mrs. Roy E. Abraham, Edward Lebowitz, Mrs. Adolph Citron, Alexander Lichtman, Maurice N. Jaffe, Mrs. Alexander Herbst, and Mrs. Samuel L. Zuckerman.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz.

Birth—

Congratulations and all good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra upon the birth of their first grandchild, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Etra. We wish the entire Etra family much nachas and happiness from this significant milestone in their lives. May the new arrival grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

golden calf in another dramatic display.

It was the second tablets which were destined to be understood and to last eternally. They were given in the wee hours of the morning in a secluded rendezvous between God and Moses. Here it was the drama which was eclipsed; the message came through to that generation, to their children and to us.

H. L.

Condolence—

We extend our fullest condolences to our esteemed Trustee and former Vice President, Joseph Roth, upon the passing of his beloved sister, Estelle Braunstein.

Similar expressions of condolence to our devoted member, Mr. David J. Goldberg upon the passing of his beloved brother, Sidney Goldberg.

LILLIAN JACOBS HONORED BY CLOSE TO 800 AT RAMAZ DINNER DANCE

Many members of the congregation and multitudes from the Ramaz family were present at the Waldorf-Astoria on Sunday evening, January 23rd to honor Mrs. George Jacobs on the occasion of her Thirtieth Year of service to Ramaz School. By general account, this was the greatest dinner in the long history of successful functions conducted by the Parents Council of Ramaz. Mrs. Michael Barany, President of the Parents Council, presided. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, the Principal of the school, spoke about the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the school that was being celebrated that night. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein made the presentation to Mrs. Jacobs, speaking movingly about her gracious personality and her great contributions to the welfare of Ramaz over the past thirty years.

The guest of honor was presented with a beautiful scroll depicting her accomplishments. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a new Torah for the Ramaz Chapel with a special mantel inscribed in honor of Mrs. Jacobs. The moment of presentation was a glorious one for the Jacobs family and an equally happy and proud one for all the members of the Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz families who were present to do honor to "the lady of Ramaz."

ON T.V.

Readers will no doubt be interested in two special TV programs sponsored by The New York Board of Rabbis which will deal with the subject of aliyah on the part of American and Russian Jews. The programs will be on WCBS-TV from 10:30 to 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, February 20th and Sunday, February 27th.

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

We are proud to announce that the annual Donor Luncheon of the Yeshiva University Women's Organization will be chaired by our own member, Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 15th, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Readers of the Bulletin are invited to attend that luncheon at \$50 per person. The guest speaker will be Congressman James Scheuer, who recently provided such splendid publicity for the plight of Soviet Jewry in connection with his trip to the Soviet Union.

We are confident that Brenda's chairmanship will be successful and that the Kehilath Jeshurun family will help to support this worthwhile effort.

HAPPY DAY FUND

Our thanks to Mrs. Elliot Siegel, Mrs. Jules Sax, Mrs. A. S. Shohet, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, and Mrs. Louis Orwasher.

NEEDIEST CASES FUND

Our thanks to Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Milton Brown, Mrs. Joseph Roth, Mrs. David Schaks and the Feinberg twins for their contributions to the Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING GROUP

The 2nd meeting of the Congregational Singing Group will be held on Wednesday evening, February 16th at 8:30 in the Synagogue House. Cantor Cohen will lead the group. Jacob Avner is chairman of this effort. All interested singers are invited to attend.

Seniors Honored (Cont'd)

titled "Biochemical and Ecological Properties of the Bipyridil Pigment formed by *Arthrobacter Pyridinolis*."

This double achievement is a great honor for the youngsters themselves as well as for the entire Ramaz family. To the best of our knowledge, Ramaz is the only Yeshiva to have placed two students in this prestigious group. We congratulate Pearl and Gary, their parents and the Ramaz faculty for this significant achievement. A special word of thanks to Dr. Terry Krulwich, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Dr. Krulwich, an alumna of Ramaz, is advisor to our Science Club and worked closely with the students in the Westinghouse projects.

SISTERHOOD HOLDS CONSUMER PROGRAM

The Sisterhood of Kehilath Jeshurun held a most interesting and informative meeting on Monday, January 24th.

Before the actual meeting was called to order, Mrs. Meyer Texon, co-chairman of the Centennial Luncheon, spoke to the members and their guests about the affair to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on May 16. Many of those present made pledges which will give this function a head start. Exciting plans are in the offing.

Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Program Chairman, introduced the main speaker, Mrs. Harry Gottlieb, Assistant Director of Volunteers of the Department of Consumer Affairs, who works directly with Mrs. Bess Myerson.

Her talk disclosed vital information, particularly with relation to the Consumer Protection Law called "Seller Beware."

Certain business matters such as auctions, going-out-of-business sales, sightseeing buses, and pawnbrokers are licensed in order to protect the consumer. The unit pricing law, also passed by this department, is one that enables the consumer to determine prices, particularly when marketing for groceries.

Mrs. Gottlieb also took time to discuss the Small Claims Court. Many women are not familiar with this procedure which allows one to "have his day in court" wholly without rules of law. That is, the average citizen is given the right to bring his own action for not more than \$500 without the necessity of representation by counsel.

Following a provocative question and answer period, the meeting was brought to a close. All present had learned and enjoyed.

A STATEMENT ABOUT FOREST HILLS

On January 12th the Board of Governors of the New York Board of Rabbis unanimously approved the following statement on the projected housing project in Forest Hills. We feel that this statement will be of interest to our readers. We quote it in its entirety:

"The New York Board of Rabbis, mindful of the ethical dictates of the Jewish heritage, asserts its profound concern for the poor and afflicted in society. Jews have always extended themselves to the poor and underprivileged of all groups. We recognize, therefore, the obligation and necessity of providing low-income families with decent housing.

"We believe, however, that housing projects should be planned in careful consultation with those who comprise the communities where they will be located and should take into consideration conditions pertaining to all aspects of community life. Their size and location should be such that they can be absorbed into the existing communities without drastically transforming their character. To do otherwise could defeat the aim of the projects and convert healthy local communities into new depressed areas riven by conflict and divisiveness.

"In this context, we view with profound distress the frequency with which the charge of racism and bigotry is levelled against Jewish groups whenever, on grounds of principle and practicality, they find themselves in disagreement with other ethnic groups. The exclusion of such gratuitous charges from debate would allay

the bitter polarization that has developed in intergroup relations.

"The New York Board of Rabbis is deeply concerned over the tragic confrontation that has developed in Forest Hills. Since community control has been established as the basic pattern in other programs affecting the population of our city, we urge full consultation with the local residents with regard to this project.

"Furthermore, to make such consultation possible, we ask for an immediate cessation of work on the project. This will provide the proper milieu to enable the local community to work out a satisfactory, equitable and constructive solution."

RAMAZ FRESHMAN WINS WORLD-WIDE ESSAY CONTEST

The Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz families are thrilled to learn that young Joseph Klausner, a freshman in the Ramaz upper school, has won first prize in a world-wide essay contest sponsored by the Department for Torah Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization.

The competition in this contest was between students ranging up to the age of sixteen. The title of his essay was "Jerusalem — the City of Holiness and the Holy Temple."

Congratulations to Joseph and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Klausner, on this exceptional honor. Joseph will be leaving for Israel shortly to compete in the World Bible Contest on the basis of his having won third prize in the national contest held here last year.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, February 4th

Lighting of Candles4:55
Evening5:00

SATURDAY

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

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

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

Evening5:15
Conclusion of Sabbath5:55

FRIDAY, February 11th

Lighting of Candles5:05
Evening5:15

SATURDAY, Shabbat Shekalim

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

Weekly Portion: MISHPATIM
EXODUS 21:1-24:18; 30:11-16

Haftarah: II Kings 12:1-17

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on
Tuesday, Feb. 15 and Wednesday,
Feb. 16.

Evening5:15
Conclusion of Sabbath6:03

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Father and Son Minyan9:30
Evening5:15

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