

Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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SUNDAY SUPPER LECTURE SERIES TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED WITH LECTURE ON AMERICAN JEWISH RESPONSE TO THE HOLOCAUST

The Sunday Supper Lecture Series program which was so popular in our congregation some years ago will be revived this year with a supper lecture to be delivered by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on Sunday evening, February 12. The evening will begin at six o'clock with a dinner, the cost of which will be \$7.50 per plate. It will be followed at 7:15 by the lecture.

In his lecture, the Rabbi will share with us the results of several years of research on his part. The discourse is designed to answer the following questions, among others:

1. How much was known by American Jews about the Holocaust as it was occurring?
2. When did this knowledge become available and to how many was it communicated?
3. Were the facts appreciated and the implications understood or was it simply impossible to imagine the systematic murder of six million people?
4. How did Jewish leaders from 1938 to 1944 express themselves publicly in reaction to the events of the Holocaust?
5. What public response was taken by Jews singly and in groups during this period?
6. What were the factors that militated against an American Jewish response from 1938 to 1944?
7. Did the daily lives of American Jews during this period reflect the cataclysmic events which were occurring in Nazi-dominated lands?

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will deal with these questions in relation to some of the salient events of the Holocaust period. These will include

The Sisterhood and Men's Club of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

cordially invite you to this year's

SUPPER LECTURE

**to be held Sunday evening, February 12, 1978
at 6:00 P.M.**

The featured speaker will be

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

on the topic

"WERE AMERICAN JEWS THEIR BROTHERS' KEEPERS?"

*An Analysis of the Response of
American Jewry During the Holocaust*

Couvert \$7.50.

Reservations must be made in advance.

Kristallnacht, the *St. Louis* episode, the revelation by Stephen S. Wise of the plans for the Final Solution, the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and the Hungarian deportations in the spring of 1944.

Since the appearance of Arthur D. Morse's book, "While Six Million Died," in which the author accuses the leadership of America and Great Britain of silence and by-standing while European Jewry was exterminated, many questions have been raised about the American Jewish role during this catastrophe. Some of the answers that

have been given convey impressions that are not based upon fact or concrete knowledge. This lecture will attempt to provide the audience with the necessary information through which to form intelligent judgments.

A cordial invitation is extended to the entire community to make reservations for this event, which promises to be a memorable and moving, intellectual and spiritual experience. Please send in your reservations early with a check so that you will be assured of a place inasmuch as our capacity is limited.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun welcomes the children and parents of the Fourth Grade of Ramaz, who will be our guests at services and luncheon on Shabbat, February 4.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Special Anniversary

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz who are about to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. We rejoice with them and their family on this happy occasion and we wish them many more joyous years together in which to reap the dividends of a very happy and productive life and to continue to serve the Jewish community and Zionist causes as they have in the past.

ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Susan Shapiro, daughter of Mrs. David Silverberg and granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Brody, received her Ph.D. with distinction from the Ferkauf Graduate School of Yeshiva University in the field of Clinical Psychology. Dr. Shapiro, a graduate of Ramaz (1964) and Brandeis (1968) has written a dissertation on the subject of a cybernetic organizing principle for schizophrenia research. We congratulate her on this signal achievement and we look forward to her future professional accomplishments.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Silverstein

We mourn the passing of an elegant Jewish lady from our community who served her family, her people and many worthy causes in an exemplary fashion.

Dorothy Silverstein was a pious Jew, possessed of a radiant personality, brimming with optimism and faith. She reached out to serve Mizrahi Women and other organizations and to befriend many people.

She was a splendid example of what a Jewish woman ought to be as wife, mother, grandmother, friend and communal servant. Her family mourns her and our congregation will miss her.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Sam Silverstein and his children and pray that they may be comforted by God among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Dr. Robert Wallach on the passing of his beloved brother, Keever Wallach.

Our sincere condolences to Mr. Joseph Einhorn on the passing of his

ON ETHNIC QUOTAS FOR TEACHERS

Readers of this Bulletin have no doubt followed with much concern the debate now raging in our city over whether to assign teachers to the public schools on the basis of ethnic quotas, taking into consideration the ethnic composition of the student body in the total school system. The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, which is the umbrella organization representing all of the important Jewish organizations in Metropolitan New York, passed the following statement on this subject at its meeting on Wednesday, October 26th.

"The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York is committed to the principle of providing all children with a quality education in an integrated school system with an integrated teaching staff.

"The JCRC, however, is concerned by sections of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the Office for Civil Rights. Although the intent of the

Memorandum is to advance faculty integration, there are included provisions and implementation techniques that could be in violation of fundamental principles of civil rights and non-discrimination.

"Specifically, we oppose maintaining records of racial/ethnic identifications on an individual basis, the establishment of quotas and the overall concept of proportional percentage hiring. In the selection, promotion and assignment processes, we favor methods that are fair, objective and based on merit. We approve the implicit assumption in the Memorandum that the hiring and assignment of teachers will be centralized and believe it should be made an explicit part of the agreement.

"In view of the above, the JCRC urges a reconsideration and modification of the Memorandum. It is our conviction that it is possible to devise alternate procedures that are equitable and effective."

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

JK Bikkur Cholim

The hospital visitation program continues every other Shabbat afternoon at Lenox Hill Hospital (Lexington Ave. and 77th St.). The upcoming dates are January 28th and February 11th. For more information, call Reena Ranells at 427-3015.

Shabbat Afternoon Groups Perform

All children from nursery age through Grade 8 are invited to a special performance by two of our groups on January 28th. The 4th to 6th grade boys (led by Keith Barany) and the Nursery-Kindergarten group (led by Debbie Shapiro and Beth Goldman) will make presentations beginning at about 3:30 P.M. Regular group meetings will begin at the usual hour, 3:00 P.M. The performances will be followed by a light snack.

JK Encounter with Lubavitch

We have only a limited number of spaces for our Shabbat with the Lubavitch Hasidic community in Crown Heights on February 4th. To reserve a place for this unique experience, call Debbie Lookstein at 628-0340.

beloved brother, Nathaniel R. Einhorn.

And to Pearl Borenstein, Synagogue Office secretary, we express our deep sympathy on the passing of her esteemed father, Joseph Borenstein.

May God comfort and console these mourners among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Young Couples Club To Hold Shabbaton on February 11

The newly organized Young Couples Club of the Congregation will hold a Shabbaton on Saturday, February 11 in the Synagogue House. The group will conduct a separate Shabbat service in the Kamber Auditorium, followed by a luncheon. All young married couples (in their twenties or thirties) are invited to participate in this activity. Reservations may be made at \$12.00 per couple and \$3.50 per child by calling the synagogue office, 427-1000.

Men's Club/Sisterhood Theatre Party

This year's Men's Club/Sisterhood Theatre Party will be held on Tuesday evening, March 7. The show is "Death Trap," a mystery written by Ira Levin, starring John Wood and produced by Alfred de'Liangre and Rodger Stevens. For reservations, contact Mr. Benjamin Brown at 831-0303 during the evening.

Friendship Circle

We are now in the process of reorganizing our Friendship Circle. The Circle is intended to promote a sense of family among our Congregation by having us show special care for each other, particularly when any one of us needs extra companionship. Anyone interested in performing this *mitzvah* with our group should contact Mrs. Hannah Low at 289-5913.

The Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz Parents Council INSTITUTE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION SPRING 1978 5738

We are pleased to announce the course offerings for the spring semester in the Institute of Continuing Education sponsored by Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and the Parents Council of Ramaz. There are a number of interesting, new offerings for a variety of students in the day-time and evening. You will find them listed according to days of the week rather than by subject. We invite you to register in advance if that is convenient for you and thereby to let us know how many students to expect for a given course. Otherwise, you can register at the opening sessions of each course. Come and join us in study.

Dr. Lawrence Bryskin, Chairman

Rabbi Jack Bieler, Director

MONDAY EVENINGS

Bible 208 — *An in depth study of Exodus with Nachmanides' Commentary.*

Instructor: Rabbi Jack Bieler

This course will focus on Exodus, Chapter 20. The Ten Commandments will constitute the central theme to be analyzed. Textual methodology will be stressed. A copy of the Chumash with Rashi and Chevel's Ramban are desirable for all students.

Hours: 7:30 - 8:30

Feb. 6, 13, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3.

Talmud 338 — *A study of the laws of mourning as found in the Talmud Mo'ed Katan and the Shulchan Arukh, Yoreh De'ah.*

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

The class will begin by analyzing the law in the Yoreh De'ah and then go back to the source in the Talmud. Among the subjects to be covered will be the funeral service and burial, the rending of garments, shivah, sh'loshim and the year of mourning.

Hours: 8:40 - 9:40

February 6 through June.

TUESDAY MORNINGS

Judaism 102 — *How to be a Jew*

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

"All the questions you wanted to ask about Judaism and are not afraid to ask," might be a good description of this course offering. We will deal with observances like Shabbat, kashrut, festivals and prayer, as well as with principles of belief such as divine providence, Torah from Sinai and life after death. The course should be useful for the learned as well as the beginners. It will use as its text Hayim Donin's book, "To Be A Jew."

Hours: 9:30 - 10:30

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11.

Bible 208 — *The Weekly Portion*

Instructor: Rabbi Jack Bieler

A general survey of the current week's Torah Portion with a primary emphasis upon basic concepts comprising Jewish tradition. Please note: the material to be presented in this course will not be duplicated by the class in the Weekly Portion on Friday evenings.

Hours: 10:40 - 11:40 A.M.

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Philosophy 376 — *The Kuzari*

Instructor: Prof. Michael Wyschogrod

This course will examine portions of Yehuda Ha-Levi's Kuzari with a view toward understanding the philosophy and history of the work. Ha-Levi's historical approach will be compared with the metaphysical philosophy of Maimonides. Among the issues to be discussed are: election of Israel, covenant, relation of Israel to other nations, the Land of Israel and Messianism.

Hours: 8 - 9 P.M.

Feb. 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 29; April 1.

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Halakhah 102 — *Hilkhoh Shabbat*

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

The laws of the Sabbath will be studied from the Shulchan Arukh. All of the rules will be examined and their significance in terms of the Shabbat experience will be discussed.

Hours: One-half hour before Mincha

February 4 through June.

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Bible 212 — *Parshat Ha-shavuah*

Instructor: Rabbi Jack Bieler

Utilizing Rashi's commentary in conjunction with Midrashic sources as a basis, a survey of themes and ideas contained within the particular Torah portion to be read the following morning will be presented. The course meets in Rabbi & Mrs. Bieler's home, 1641 3rd Avenue, corner 91st Street.

Hours: Alternate Friday evenings, 8:30 - 9:30

Beginning February 3.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Talmud 208 — *Berakhot*

Instructor: Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn

This course will use the El Am edition of the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Berakhot, as its basic text. Its major concerns are laws pertaining to daily prayers and blessings. It will meet throughout the year. Sessions begin with a light breakfast.

Hours: 9:15 - 10:30

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday, January 27**

Lighting of Candles4:47 P.M.
 Evening5:00 P.M.

Saturday, January 28

Morning9:00 A.M.
 Weekly Portion: Yitro
 Haftarah: Isaiah 6
 Evening5:00 P.M.
 Conclusion of Sabbath.....5:47 P.M.

Friday, February 3

Lighting of Candles4:57 P.M.
 Evening5:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 4

Morning9:00 A.M.
 Weekly Portion: Mishpatim
 Haftarah: I Samuel 20

Rosh Chodesh Prayers

Rosh Chodesh Adar I will be on
 Tuesday, February 7 and Wed-
 nesday, February 8.

Evening5:10 P.M.
 Conclusion of Sabbath.....5:54 P.M.

Friday, February 10

Lighting of Candles.....5:05 P.M.
 Evening5:15 P.M.

Saturday, February 11

Morning9:00 A.M.
 Weekly Portion: Terumah
 Haftarah: I Kings 5
 Evening5:15 P.M.
 Conclusion of Sabbath.....6:02 P.M.
 Junior Congregation meets on Shab-
 bat mornings at 10:15.
 Pre-school services are at 11:00.

Weekday Services

Morning9:00 A.M.
 Sunday Morning8:30 A.M.
 Father and Son Minyan.....9:30 A.M.
 Evening (before February
 5)5:00 P.M.
 (from February 5 on).....5:15 P.M.

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B'NAI MITZVAH**Yoav Kurtzbard**

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Judah Kurtzbard on the celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yoav, which will take place on Shabbat, January 28.

Yoav, a student in Form I at Ramaz, will chant the Haftarah at services that morning. The entire congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kurtzbard at Kiddush in honor of this happy occasion.

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**Gil Soffer**

Mazel tov to Ambassador and Mrs. Ovadia Soffer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Gil, on Shabbat, February 11.

Gil, who is a student in Form II at Ramaz, will read the Haftarah during services that day. The congregation will share the Soffers' *simcha* as their guests at Kiddush.

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A charge of \$10 per family will cover all courses for members of the Congregation, the Ramaz Parents Council or Ramaz alumni.

The charge for all others is \$25 per person.

Scholarships are available. There is no registration charge necessary for Bible 212 or Halakhah 102.

Registration by Mail

(Please Print)

Name

Address

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Telephone:

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Course Number

Title

Fee enclosed

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