



WHILE WAITING FOR THE MESSIAH . . . THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN JEWRY

**PROFESSOR LEONARD FEIN
TO PRESENT SUPPER LECTURE**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Professor Leonard Fein, editor and, together with Elie Wiesel, co-founder of *Moment Magazine*, will deliver the winter's second Supper Lecture on Sunday evening, February 26 at 6:00 PM.

Dr. Fein will be speaking on the topic: **WHILE WAITING FOR THE MESSIAH . . . THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN JEWRY.**

Dr. Fein contends that the battle for Jewish survival in the United States may be so exhausting and all consuming that there is little energy left over for more universal concerns. But, he asks, can we afford to say that the pressing ethical issues of our time, from nuclear warfare to genetic engineering to the "bag ladies" fall outside the realm of Jewish interests?

Dr. Fein challenges whether the question: "Is it good for the Jews?" is a legitimate one and is it the proper criterion against which Jewish action should be measured? Perhaps, he suggests, there is a conflict in America between Jewish interests and Jewish ethics.

Professor Fein wonders whether turning our back on the world protects or subverts our self-interest as Jews. Hillel said: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me — if I am only for myself, what am I?" Professor Fein subscribes to Hillel's philosophy in placing the Jewish community within American society. Without that perspective, he fears that American Judaism may not survive.

DR. LEONARD FEIN

In addition to being editor of *Moment Magazine*, Dr. Fein is also Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies at Brandeis University. A political sociologist, he was Director of Research at the MIT-Harvard Joint Center for Urban Studies.

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Dr. Leonard Fein

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun
welcomes the parents and children
of the **Second Grade of Ramaz**
to Shabbat services on
Saturday morning, March 3, 1984.

"NOSTALGIA" TO BE THEME OF SISTERHOOD MEETING

Monday, March 5, 12:30 PM

NOSTALGIA: A multi-Media Presentation with dramatic readings and music in Yiddish, Hebrew and English will be the program of the Sisterhood Open Meeting on Monday, March 5, 1984 at 12:30 PM. It will take place in the Kamber Auditorium of the Synagogue House.

The special guest artists will be Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz, Headmaster of Judaic Studies of the Ramaz Lower School and Mrs. Andria Warmflash Rosenbaum, a member of the faculty of the Music and Drama Department of Ramaz. Both Rabbi Moskowitz and Mrs. Rosenbaum are extraordinarily talented individuals and the Sisterhood is grateful to them for offering this most creative of programs.

A special dimension of this program is that the Sisterhood will, for the second consecutive year, be welcoming guests from Project Ezra. Last year's program with these participants was one of the highlights of the Sisterhood year and a particularly worthwhile activity consistent with the Chesed Campaign of the congregation. Women of the congregation and the community are encouraged to attend. A light luncheon will, of course, be served.

SISTERHOOD PROJECT FOR NEW TORAH COVERS NEARS COMPLETION

Opportunities Available for Dedication of the Covers

We are happy to announce that the Sisterhood's needlepoint project for the redoing of the Torah covers in our Holy Ark is nearing completion. We hope, with God's help, to be able to dedicate the covers and a new *parochet* for our Holy Ark at our forthcoming Annual Meeting on Sunday morning, May 13. Appropriately, that Sunday is Mother's Day and on that occasion we will honor the Sisterhood and those who are making possible the refurbishing of our Holy Ark.

We are going to prepare a special plaque to be displayed in the lobby of the Synagogue House which will honor the people who worked on the project and which

will also honor those who will dedicate the 13 Torah Scrolls and the new *parochet*. Such a dedication will entail a gift to the Capital Fund of the congregation which will be of immeasurable help to us in enabling KJ to meet the needs of this community in the coming years.

A number of generous members of the congregation have already pledged their support for this effort and have reserved dedications. Those who are interested in participating in this unusual opportunity are asked to speak to Rabbi Lookstein. We look forward to completion of the effort, in time for the proper honoring of all who are involved, at the May 13 meeting.

ADULT EDUCATION DATES

FEBRUARY

10	Fri	8:30 PM	Parshat Ha-Shavua At home with Rabbi Bieler*
15	Wed	12:00 PM	Lunch and Learn: Music Caroll Goldberg
		7:45 PM	Women's Shiur
22	Wed	12:00 PM	Lunch and Learn: This Week in World Jewry Robert J. Leifert
		7:45 PM	Zmirot Workshop
24	Fri	8:30 PM	Parshat Ha-Shvua At home with Rabbi Bieler*
26	Sun	6:00 PM	Supper Lecture II Dr. Leonard Fein
29	Wed	12:00 PM	Lunch and Learn: Multi-Media and Contemporary Jewish Issues Esther Nusbaum
		7:45 PM	Women's Shiur

MARCH

7	Wed	12:00 PM	Lunch and Learn: Yiddish Folk Lore Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz
		7:45 PM	Zmirot Workshop
9	Fri	8:30 PM	Parshat Ha-Shavua At home with Rabbi Bieler*
10	Sat	4:45 PM	Purim Lecture Rabbi Jack Bieler
14	Wed	12:00 PM	Lunch and Learn: Music Caroll Goldberg
		7:45 PM	Women's Shiur

KJ CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY

10	Fri	6:30 PM	Singles Shabbat Dinner
17 - 20	Fri - Mon		Couples Club Grossinger's Weekend
23	Thu	8:00 PM	Wine and Cheese Festival
26	Sun	6:00 PM	Supper Lecture II Sponsored by KJ Men's Club

MARCH

3	Sat	9:00 AM	Second Grade Shabbaton
5	Mon	12:30 PM	Sisterhood Open Meeting
17 - 18	Sat - Sun		Purim
17	Sat	EVE	THE SOUND OF MUSIC by KJ Teens
26	Mon	8:00 PM	Rav Aharon Lichtenstein Lecture

21	Wed	12:00 PM	Lunch and Learn: This Week in World Jewry Robert J. Leifert
23	Fri	8:30 PM	Parshat Ha-Shavua At home with Rabbi Bieler*
25	Sun	8:00 PM	Am Hasefer Book Club
28	Wed	12:00 PM	Lunch and Learn: Multi-Media and Contemporary Jewish Issues Esther Nussbaum

*Rabbi and Mrs. Bieler live at 1641 Third Avenue at 91st Street.
This Shiur is conducted on alternate Friday evenings in their home.

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We are grateful to our members, Jessica and Jean-Paul Joseph, who have taken this course, for bringing it to our attention. They felt such information would be appreciated by other parents.

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Sunday afternoon
April 8, 1984

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RABBI BIELER TO GIVE MEGILAH LECTURE

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Jack Bieler will once again give a Purim Lecture on the Megilah on Shabbat afternoon, March 10. The presentation will begin at 4:45 P.M. in the Etra Chapel.

The Purim Shiur is the third in a series of five pre-Yom Tov Lectures. The entire congregational family and community is invited to participate.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, Judith Erica, born to his children Naom and Dr. Neal Rosenblum. The new baby bears the name of her grandmother, of blessed memory, the late Judith Mandelbaum.

Mazel-tov to Diane and Chaim Zlotogorski upon the birth of their first son who was born as this *Bulletin* went to press. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Helen and Morris Wyshogrod.

Mazel-tov to Stanley and Esther Royce upon the birth of their daughter, Jessica Emanuelle.

Mazel tov to our new members Yvonne and Jerry Probst on the birth of their son, born as this *Bulletin* went to press.

COMMUNAL HONORS

We congratulate Jay Cinnamon, the son-in-law of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein upon his being designated as Student Guest of Honor at the Annual Dinner of Yeshivat Sha'alvim. The Dinner of the Yeshiva will be on Sunday, March 11, at the Hilton. Jay studied for two years at the Yeshiva which is located outside Jerusalem.

Jay is a third year student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. He serves as the *Gabbai* of the synagogue at the Medical School.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Else de Graaff on the sudden passing, in Chicago, of her son, Nico, himself a former member of our congregation.

May she and her family be comforted among all those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

DAVID S. WEIL GUEST OF HONOR AT RIETS DINNER

We are proud to announce that our devoted member, David S. Weil, will be the Guest of Honor at Yeshiva University's annual RIETS Dinner on Monday evening, March 26, in the Science Hall at the main campus of Yeshiva.

Sigi Weil is a leader in many Jewish causes, including Soviet Jewry. He has been active in behalf of important institutions, including Yeshiva University. We applaud the decision by YU to honor him and we urge friends and associates of Sigi to attend this Dinner in honor of him and his dear wife, Grace.

In Memoriam

BENJAMIN L. LEIFERT

We mourn the passing of a senior member of our congregation who so thoroughly enjoyed his association with KJ. A past Treasurer of our Men's Club, he was a devoted worker for causes in the community and an enthusiastic participant in a variety of congregational activities.

Ben Leifert was never happier than when in *shul* with his family, whether for services or for classes. Even in the last few years when illness and weakness were so much a part of his life, he never missed an opportunity to study at KJ or to *daven* with us.

A gentle, optimistic Jew, he was a loving husband to his dear wife Lillian, a revered father to his sons, Harvey and our Executive Director, Bob Leifert and a particularly adoring grandfather of Aryeh Adin. We will miss him greatly and remember him lovingly.

DOROTHY BUCHER

She came into our congregational life as the wife of our Trustee and past President of the Men's Club, Hyman I. Bucher, and she immediately became an enthusiastic participant in Kehilath Jeshurun. In the last few years she and Hy made their home in Palm Beach where they became associated with a new community but from which they maintained their loyalty to KJ.

We mourn Dorothy's passing as a bright, cheerful, energetic, elegant Jewish woman. She added style to our life and happiness and enthusiasm to her friends here in our congregation. She gave Hy great love and affection even as he was a source of strength and support to her throughout, especially in these last difficult years of illness.

We will miss her and extend our heartfelt condolences to Hy and pray that he may be spared further sorrow for a long time to come.

SHE CHOSE ALL OF US AS HER FAMILY . . .



RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN
CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN
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NEW YORK, NY 10028

I would like to reflect on the passing of a woman many of us knew, of a woman who, in a semantic sense, had little family but in a larger sense chose all of us as her family.

Of a woman who seized every ounce of joy that is to be found in life and whose happiness was unrelated to her circumstances.

Of a woman who offered all of her energy and her cheer to others unsolicited and asked nothing in return — a woman who simply offered her love completely and unconditionally.

When I last visited her in the hospital she was unable to speak because of the machine that breathed for her. Her eyes, however, did not lack their twinkle, nor her grasp lack its warmth. I had come to say that I was leaving New York for a while and to say goodbye for now. Perhaps I was uncomfortable because of the atmosphere of the ICU, perhaps I was in a hurry to make my plane, or perhaps I had never learned to say goodbye fully and authentically. I sometimes forget that goodbye is short for "G-d be with you . . ."

In any event, she did not release my hand as I turned to leave. Rather, she motioned for a pad and in a firm hand wrote, "Please say a prayer for me before you go, there is a book of Psalms on the ledge". I declined the offer of the book and shared my favorite Psalm with her from memory. Only when I had completed it and she had mouthed "Amen" did she kiss my hand and wave me off. I left feeling good about myself and feeling as if I had given a gift to her.

. . . Only when I learned that she had passed away on Shabbat morning did I realize that this was Florence Edelman's last gift to me.

Jonathan Javitt

B'NAI MITZVAH**ELISA BRYSKIN**

Mazel-tov to Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryskin upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elisa, which will take place this Saturday afternoon, February 11.

A student at the Lower School of Ramaz, Elisa's Dvar Torah topic will be "The Obligation of Women to Learn Torah" and will be presented at a Seudah Shlishit, between mincha and ma'ariv.

**IVAN LEHON**

Mazel-tov to Dr. and Mrs. Lester Lehon upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ivan, which will take place on Saturday morning, February 18.

Ivan, a student at the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, will read the entire Torah and Haftorah portion.

**JENNIFER FALK**

Mazel-tov to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Falk upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jennifer, which will take place on Sunday, February 19.

Jennifer, a student at the Ramaz Lower School, will present a d'Var torah on "The Temple and Its Implications For Today's Jew."

OVERJOYED IN JERUSALEM

On our recent trip to Jerusalem during the winter vacation period, Audrey and I had occasion to participate in the *s'machot* of four families of the congregation.

We rejoiced with Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Kabakow at the *sheva b'rachot* of their children Beth and Daniel Kohn following their marriage which had taken place two days before we arrived.

We enjoyed participating in the *brit milah* of Doug Zippel's firstborn, the grandson of our member Mrs. Carlo Zippel. The baby carries the Hebrew name of Doug's late father.

By a happy circumstance, we were also able to be present for the *brit milah* of Arnon Schottenfels, the firstborn of Debbie and David, who are the children of Judy and Ben Milstein of our congregation. Since I had officiated four years ago at their wedding, this particular *simcha* had special meaning for me.

Finally, we rejoiced at the wedding of the daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron Rakeffet, Raye. Mrs. Rakeffet is the former Malka Grund, a graduate of Ramaz High School. The Rakeffets plan to have another *simcha* in February when their second daughter Te'aina will be married.

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Professor Fein is the author of several books and many articles in both professional and general journals. He has served as a consultant to numerous governmental and private organizations. He has lectured extensively in this country and abroad both on Jewish affairs and on social policy.

The Sunday Supper Lectures are co-sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club.

The deadline for reservations for this lecture is Friday, February 17. The cost for the Supper including the lecture is \$9.00 per person (\$5.00 for students). Return the reservation form on this page with your check made payable to Kehilath Jeshurun.

**SUNDAY SUPPER LECTURE
RESERVATION FORM**

*Please reserve__places for the Sunday
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LISA SZUBIN WINS A WESTINGHOUSE SCHOLARSHIP

JUDITH FEDERBUSH AND SETH KOSOWSKY WIN HONORS

Lisa Szubin, a senior at Ramaz, who last April distinguished herself and her school by winning second place in the world in the International Bible Contest in Jerusalem, has just been declared one of the forty winners in the Annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search. This competition involves more than 20,000 seniors from all over the United States.

Two other seniors from Ramaz placed among the top 300 in this group. They are Judy Federbush and Seth Kosowsky, who have been cited in the Honors group of the Westinghouse program.

Two Bound for Study in Israel

What is particularly noteworthy concerning these three young people is that two of them, Lisa and Judy, expect to spend next year studying Torah in Jerusalem. Lisa has already been accepted early decision at Harvard where she will begin studying in the fall of 1985. Judy and Seth are waiting to hear about acceptances from some of the finest universities in the East.

We congratulate the three young people and the entire Ramaz family on this most distinguished record.

A VERY GENEROUS BEQUEST

We are very grateful to the late Joseph Nash for including in his will a very generous bequest to Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. We received the results of his generosity very recently.

Mr. Nash's wife, Rachel Nash, his children Helen and Jack Nash, and his grandchildren Pamela and George Rohr, continue to be cherished members of our congregation.

The act of generosity on the part of Mr. Nash in remembering the congregation in his will in such a generous way will help Kehilath Jeshurun in its ever expanding program to meet the needs of this community. Mr. Nash's act of kindness is a splendid example of the way in which a person can ensure that his charitable acts and spirit live on after him.

SAVE THE DATE — COME CELEBRATE

Sisterhood Annual Luncheon
Wednesday
May 23, 1984

WINE AND CHEESE TASTING FESTIVAL

Thursday, February 23, 8:00 PM

WINTER'84 is the theme of the Wine and Cheese Tasting Festival to be sponsored by the Ramaz Parents Council on Thursday evening, February 23 at 8:00 PM. The program will take place in the Synagogue House.

Experts from both Kedem and Ein-Guedi wine companies as well as *Jewish Week* food editor, Gilda Angel, will be on hand to offer entertainment ideas and give Simcha solutions. It is a chance to learn about Kosher wines for all the "good times".

The evening will also be an opportunity

to sample the latest wines plus old time favorites and Israel's finest juices, too.

There will then be an opportunity to order cases of wine in time for Passover including the new for 1984 special — mixed cases from both Kedem and Ein-Guedi to make ordering more convenient.

Cases of wine will be given as door prizes. The program is chaired by two KJ members, Carol Chrein and Michael Jaskan. The entire KJ family is invited to attend.

AJC STUDY SEEKS HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND RESCUERS

Under the directorship of Professor Samuel P. Oliner, the American Jewish Committee is sponsoring a project entitled: "A Study of the Altruistic Personality". Dr. Oliner, who was born in Poland and survived the War by being rescued by a Polish peasant family, left Poland as a boy in 1945 and came to the United States in 1950.

While Dr. Oliner believes it is largely true that many people in Europe cooperated with the Nazis in the destruction of Jews, there were also many people who risked their lives to rescue Jews and others. As one who so benefited, he has been long interested in the topic of heroic rescue. He is seeking to interview survivors and rescuers with the hope that by probing the past we can identify those life experiences which develop the altruistic personality.

If you are a survivor or know a survivor whose survival was the direct result of some Gentile rescue aid in Nazi-Occupied Europe, then the following information would be helpful in this world-wide effort:

1. Name and address of the rescuer
2. Where the rescue took place
3. Duration of the rescue, the kind of aid received and any other important details
4. Why, in the survivor's opinion, the rescuer(s) helped him or her
5. If the survivor would be willing to be interviewed by a member of the research project staff.

A number of rescuers and survivors have already been interviewed. The project involves a joint effort by theologians, social scientists, philosophers and educators, world-wide.

To contact Professor Oliner, write to:
Study of Altruistic Personality Project
Department of Sociology
Humboldt State University
Arcata, California 95521
The telephone number is 707-826-4553.

KJ MEMBERS LEAD FEDERATION CONFERENCES

We are proud to note that three members of our congregational family recently took leadership roles at two important conferences sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

JEWISH SINGLES

On Tuesday, January 10, Pearl Hack and Robert Leifert participated in the conference *Serving Today's Jewish Single Community*. Participating on a panel on single's programming, Pearl outlined an approach to introducing Jewish singles to one another through home oriented receptions. Bob Leifert, who also participated in that panel, discussed synagogue programming for singles and also led a workshop on *The Single in Synagogue Life*.

Bob serves as Chairman of the Task Force on Jewish Singles and Pearl is a member of that committee.

BIKUR CHOLIM

On Sunday, February 5, Federation sponsored a conference on *Bikur Cholim*. KJ has previously been recognized by the Task Force on *Bikur Cholim* for its service to the community.

Our Trustee, Tova Bulow participated in a panel discussion on the role of the *Bikur Cholim* volunteer in different settings. Tova spoke on *Acute Care In General Hospitals*. She speaks from her perspective as Coordinator of *Bikur Cholim* services at Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases having co-chaired the Kehilath Jeshurun program for several years.

Both the Task Force on Jewish Singles and the Task Force on *Bikur Cholim* are sponsored by Federation's Commission on Synagogue Relations, which is directed by our esteemed member, Rabbi Isaac Trainin.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, February 20 8:30 AM
ROSH CHODESH ADAR II

Sunday, March 4 8:30 AM
Monday, March 5 7:15 AM

TANIT ESTHER

Thursday, March 15 7:00 AM

PURIM

Sunday, March 18 9:00 AM

ROSH CHODESH NISAN

Tuesday, April 3 7:15 AM

WEEKLY PORTION

February 11

Weekly Portion: Tetzave
Haftorah Portion: Ezekiel 43

February 18

Weekly Portion: Ki Tisa
Haftorah: I Kings 13

February 25

Weekly Portion: Vyakhel
Haftorah: I Kings 7

March 3 SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Weekly Portion: Pekude
Haftorah: II Kings 12

March 10

Weekly Portion: Vayikra
Haftorah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

March 17 SHABBAT ZACHOR

Weekly Portion: Tzav
Haftorah: I Samuel 16

March 24 SHABBAT PARAH

Weekly Portion: Shemini
Haftorah: Ezekiel 37

March 31 SHABBAT HACHODESH

Weekly Portion: Tazria
Haftorah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

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February 10 5:07 PM
February 17 5:15 PM
February 24 5:21 PM
March 2 5:30 PM
March 9 5:38 PM
March 16 5:46 PM
March 23 5:53 PM
March 30 6:01 PM

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evening

February 10 5:20 PM
February 17 5:30 PM
February 23 5:30 PM
March 2 5:40 PM
March 9 5:45 PM
March 16 5:50 PM
March 23 6:00 PM
March 30 6:10 PM

Saturday Morning

Shacharit 9:00 AM
Teen-Collegiate Service 9:30 AM
Beginners' Service (Adults) 10:30 AM
Junior Congregation 10:30 AM
Nursery - Grade 1 10:30 AM
Toddlers (1-3 years) 10:30 AM

Saturday Afternoon

February 11 5:20 PM
February 18 5:30 PM
February 25 5:30 PM
March 3 5:40 PM
March 10 5:45 PM
March 17 5:50 PM
March 24 6:00 PM
March 31 6:10 PM

CONCLUSION OF SABBATH

Saturday Evening

February 11 6:03 PM
February 18 6:10 PM
February 25 6:18 PM
March 3 6:26 PM
March 10 6:33 PM
March 17 6:40 PM
March 24 6:48 PM
March 31 6:55 PM

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30 AM
Evening

February 12-16 5:20 PM
February 19-March 1 5:30 PM
March 4-8 5:40 PM
March 11-15 5:45 PM
March 18-22 5:50 PM
March 25-April 5 6:00 PM

Sunday Morning

Services 8:30 AM
Father and Son Minyan 9:30 AM