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GUEST SPEAKER



DR. GEORGE G. KRANZLER

Our guest speaker is professor of Sociology at Towson State College and also lectures at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He has made an intensive study of the Jewish community in Williamsburg where he resided for seventeen years and he has written several books on this subject. Dr. Kranzler headed Jewish Day Schools

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W.S.I.S. Prayer Schedule*Friday, January 17*

Kindle Candles Before4:37
Minchah4:45

Saturday, January 18

Morning Service9:00
Sedrah: Vaera
BLESSING OF NEW CHODESH
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class
(in English)3:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class
(in Yiddish)3:30
Minchah4:30
Reader of Service: Hillel M. Reichel
Reader of Torah: Roy Stern
Seudah Shlishis —
Host: Mr. Julius Schreiber
Sabbath Terminates5:36

Week of January 19

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30
Monday Morning — ROSH
CHODESH SHEVAT.....6:30, 7:40
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50
Minchah Daily—Followed by
Exposition of Halachos by
Rabbi Reichel4:50
Wed.—Rabbi Pekier's
Talmud Class8:00

Friday, January 24

Light Candles Before4:45
Minchah4:55

Saturday, January 25

Morning Service9:00
Sedrah: Bo
Teen-Age Study Circle2:30
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class.....3:35
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class.....3:35
Minchah4:35
Reader of Service: Avery Neumark
Reader of Torah: Robert Levine
Seudah Shlishis —
Host: Mr. Eli Perlo
Sabbath Terminates5:43

Week of January 26

Sunday Morning7:30, 8:30
Daily Mornings6:45, 7:50
Minchah Daily4:55
Wed.—Rabbi Pekier's Class.....8:00

Friday, January 31

Light Candles Before4:53
Minchah5:00

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... AT A SEUDAH SHLISHIS**

MEN'S CLUB NOTES**MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 7:30 P.M.****Agenda:***Report of Planning Committee**Arrangements for Men's Club Sabbath, on
February 8th*

Following the meeting, we will join the rest of the folks at the Public Lecture by Dr. George G. Kranzler, well-known sociologist (see page one for details).

**A SURVEY OF
JEWISH HISTORY**

By Dr. Moses Auerbach

(3)*From Alexander the Great to
Independence (333-165 B.C.)*

Alexander the Great brought an end to the Persian Empire (333). Macedonians and Hellenists overran the East. The tremendous plan of a union between the Greek world and the orient filled the mind of the great conqueror. His early death was hardly the reason for the failure of his plans; it only prevented him from witnessing their collapse. In the conflict among his successors, Asia and Egypt again were torn apart. For more than one hundred years Palestine was the buffer of Egypt against the Syrian Empire of the Seleucideans. It was subsequently conquered by the latter, however, and made the borderland against the Ptolemys of Egypt. After having enjoyed the peace of a central province, the Holy Land became the object of contention between two rival powers.

But more significant by far than this warfare was the tremendous spiritual struggle between Judaism and Hellenism. The latter had made little headway in affecting the culture of Asia Minor; but it easily overpowered the lands on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The strong upper class of Syria and Egypt had been Hellenized for many decades. Only the tiny land of the Jews struggled to keep spiritually independent.

Men like Simon, the Zaddik, expended the full power of their personalities in order to stem the tide of Hellenism. It was not beauty and truth that stood in opposition to each other; but the problem involved an analysis of what was the domain of each and which of these two principles was to govern man's life. To the Jew, truth was the seal of G-d; to make it beautiful was praiseworthy, but never at the expense of truth. To the Hellenists only beauty mattered. The political and economic leaders of Judea

supported this view, as did the strongly Hellenized Jews of Alexandria. Yet these were the people who first brought G-d's Law to the Greeks.

The First Translation

It has been the tragic fate of the Jewish people that the bearers of its truth to other nations have ultimately estranged themselves from Judaism. The day upon which the Bible was translated into Greek at the command of the Egyptian sovereign, Ptolemaus Philadelphus (283-246), was the beginning of a new period in the culture of the Hellenic peoples. However, to Israel it was like the day when they worshipped the golden calf.

It is not seemly to mourn over an occurrence which carried humanity a step farther in its development; yet we cannot rejoice when recalling how our own people suffered because of it. Painfully we have discovered the fact that we must sustain losses in order to impart to others our knowledge of G-d. But it gives us some satisfaction to feel that we have been fulfilling our mission slowly. Today we may derive additional satisfaction from the fact that despite the process of Hellenization among so many of our brethren, our actual existence was not undermined.

The leaders who bore the responsibilities of the Jewish nation must have looked upon the spread of Hellenism in an altogether different light. It made even greater conquests among the Jewish people not only in the large communities of Egypt but also because of the audacity of the Tobiades in Palestine. The rapid advance of the Greek spirit was threatening to overwhelm and submerge the people of G-d, when suddenly deliverance came — the overthrow of Antiochus Epiphanes in his attempt to Hellenize Judea (Nes Chanukah). Prepared to sacrifice themselves for the religion of their fathers, the Jews battled against the apparently invincible Syrian. After years of struggle under the Maccabean generals, they were successful in achieving absolute independence, albeit not so much through their own powers as through the internal disintegration of the Seleucid Empire.

REBECCA F. GOLDSTEIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

OPEN MEETING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 27

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an OPEN MEETING on **Monday, January 27th at 12:30 P.M.**, on the fourth floor.

Come and greet your friends at a **Social Afternoon of Games**. Bring all your neighbors and friends to join our afternoon of fun and surprises, gifts and games.

Coffee and cake will be served.

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CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON TO BE HELD ON MARCH 17 CHAIRMAN

Our Children's Village Luncheon will take place in our **Synagogue Grand Ballroom on Monday, March 17th**. Our Chairman **Sadie Balmuth** is asking for the cooperation of every member of our Women's League to sell **at least one extra ticket**, beside her own. In this way we can help our Children's Village in Israel with as much money as possible. The need is tremendous in Israel today as you all know. So . . . let's get out and push for a Luncheon that will go over the top both financially and socially.



Mrs. Irving Balmuth

RABBI GUEDALIA GUEST PREACHER

The monthly guest preacher at our Sabbath services on January 25th will be Rabbi Harris Guedalia of our neighboring Congregation Shearith Israel — Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

Rabbi Guedalia was ordained at Yeshiva University where he received the M.H.L. degree. He also earned academic degrees from New York University and University College London. He continued his rabbinical studies at London's Jews' College and served in the London Sephardic community.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST JWV MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

All veterans are cordially invited to attend a meeting of the Jewish War Veterans in our building on Tuesday, January 21, at 8:30 P.M.

Please bring this announcement to the attention of your neighbors and friends.

TEENAGERS WELCOME

Girls and boys, thirteen years of age and older, are welcome at our Teenage Study Circle Saturday afternoon, January 25th at 2:30 P.M., in the clubroom on the 4th floor. For details about this group kindly contact our Social Department — TR 7-7652.

AN INVITATION

Our neighboring Yeshiva, Manhattan Day School, will hold its annual dinner on Sunday evening, January 19, at The Plaza. This is the sole fund-raising affair of the school for its Scholarship Fund. For reservations call MO 3-5200 or our synagogue office. There is no appeal at the dinner.

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An emergency grant of \$200,000 to aid three Hebrew Day Schools (Yeshivas) devastated by fires of suspicious origin, was announced by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. The schools, Yeshiva of Eastern Parkway, Ah-Ezer Yeshiva and Yeshiva Sharei Zedek, are all in Brooklyn. They have an enrollment of 1,850 children. The schools reported to Federation that they were in serious financial difficulty; two are located in officially designated poverty areas.

"Federation is responding to this special emergency because we feel it is a Jewish responsibility that we cannot and would not want to avoid," stated Samuel J. Silberman, president of the organization.

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We sorrowfully record the passing of the following of our Congregational Family and extend our sympathy to their dear ones:

Lillian Goodman — wife of Dr. Frank Goodman.

Elsie Shapiro — sister of our Honorary President Samuel W. Siegel.

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If you want to make a provision for the W.S.I.S. in your last Will and Testament, make sure that you use the following wording: "I give and bequeath to the West Side Institutional Synagogue 120-138 West 76th St., N.Y.C., a domestic religious corporation, the sum of \$....."

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

Our Congregational congratulations to our Rabbi Emeritus and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein upon the forthcoming **marriage** of her first grandson, Michael Krengel, to Mona Goldberg of Forest Hills; to Sheila, daughter of our Women's League Board member, Mrs. Gertrude Ellner, and of our late Cantor Ellner, upon her **marriage** to Jay S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Steingroot; to Mrs. Jacob Kaplan, our Women's League Board member, upon the forthcoming **Bar Mitzva** of her grandson, Jay, son of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Finklestein; and to Mrs. Cecelia Hyman, our Women's League member, upon the **birth** of Aaron David to her children, Professor and Mrs. Lester Hyman.

All good wishes in their new home to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Denburg.

Welcome home from the Holy Land to Rabbi Bernard M. Twersky; and from points south and west to Trustee and Mrs. Jacob Goldberg, Trustee Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberg, Trustee and Mrs. Martin Romerovski, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sussman. Also Mr. and Mrs. Mark Elbaum and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Jaye, and Mr. A. Sonnenschein.

Many thanks to Trustee Carl Grossberg for his annual donation of snow melt.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen and Mrs. Celia Stebbins.

All good wishes to Roy S. Tumpowsky, C.P.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tumpowsky, upon his affiliation with the accounting firm of Joel Popkin & Co.

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The bride-to-be graduated Beth Jacob and is in her sophomore year at Brooklyn College. The groom-to-be received his B.A. from Yeshiva University where he is continuing his studies for smichah and a Master's degree in Rabbinical Literature.

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