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ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERT OTTINGER TO ADDRESS CLOSING FORUM

**Successful Season Comes to an End
on March 11th**

RECORD CROWD EXPECTED

The Forum season of our Congregation will be brought to a close on the 11th of March with Attorney General Albert Ottinger as the speaker of the evening.

To bring to an end the most successful forum season that our Congregation ever enjoyed, the Forum Committee could have found no better man than the popular and well liked Attorney General of the State of New York.

The Committee is doing all it can to make the closing night as gala an event as possible and to assure Mr. Ottinger of the enthusiastic welcome and reception that his office and person deserve.

FIFTY NEW MEMBERS BY PASSOVER

A campaign for fifty new members by Passover is being planned by the Membership Campaign Committee appointed for that purpose.

In a letter sent out to the Committee by Rabbi Lookstein, he wrote: "Our Congregation is in need of the increased strength that can be obtained through the acquisition of new members. For the carrying on of the good name that our Congregation bears and for the furthering of its interests and activities, a campaign at this moment is not only necessary, but imperative."

The Committee will meet on Wednesday night, March 9th, in the home of Rabbi Lookstein to make the final arrangements for the campaign.

The following are on the Committee:

Mr. Max Abrahams	Mr. Israel Liberman
Mr. Jacob D. Cohen	Dr. Henry Rafsky
Mr. George Hyman	Mr. Harry Roggen
Mr. Samuel Katz	Mr. Isadore Schlang

TO THE FORUM COMMITTEE

At the close of the Forum season, the Congregation expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Forum Committee, for being responsible for the most successful Forum season in the history of our Congregation. Every member of the Committee was active and did his share of good work. Noted speakers who have never before been heard by our Congregation were obtained, audiences which in size and in enthusiasm could not be surpassed—all that is the result of our active and devoted Forum Committee.

The following comprise the Committee to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Samuel Levy, Chairman	
Mr. Jacob D. Cohen	Mr. Samuel M. Katz
Mr. George Hyman	Mr. David Miller
Mr. David Kass	Mr. Albert Wald

WORTHY DEEDS HAVE THEIR REWARD

In honor of his 50th Anniversary as rabbi, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (the Yeshiva College) has decided to tender a testimonial dinner to Rabbi M. S. Margolies. All institutions with which Rabbi Margolies has been affiliated have been invited to participate in paying the Dean of American Rabbis the honor and tribute that his years of service have merited.

The Executive Committee of the Yeshiva has also decided to name the Teachers Institute of the Yeshiva, "The Rabbi Margolies Teachers Institute", thus honoring the man who

first saw the need of such an institution, then helped found it, and finally helped maintain it through the years of its existence.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior League will celebrate Purim by an entertainment and dance on Saturday night March 19th, in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue.

The Committee headed by Miss Gertrude Roth is making elaborate preparations to assure all who will come a good time. There will be songs, dancing, recitations and a talk on Purim by Rabbi Lookstein. And last but not least refreshments will be served.

Come ye all, who would celebrate the ancient feast.

YASHER KOACH RABBI SCHULMAN

The Rabbi who, according to a story appearing in the "American Israelite," refused recently to participate at the funeral services of a prominent and wealthy member of his congregation because the family invited a bishop to officiate at the services, is Dr. Samuel Schulman of Temple Beth-El, we learn from the orthodox "Jewish Daily News." In an editorial by I. L. Brill in the English section, we read:

"We often have occasion to differ with Dr. Samuel Schulman, the Rabbi of Temple Beth-El of this city. However, we always take pleasure in calling attention to anything that he may do which reflects honor not only upon himself but upon the community."

To which we add: "A hearty Yasher Koach Rabbi Schulman."

THE PHILOSOPHY CLASS

The class in "Jewish Philosophers and their Philosophies" conducted by Rabbi Lookstein on Tuesday nights is growing very rapidly. At the last session of the class about twenty-five students were present and listened to an introductory talk on "The Nature of Jewish Philosophy", which, judging by the interesting discussion that followed the talk, the class seemed to have greatly enjoyed.

The class will continue to meet for nine more successive Tuesday nights at 8 p. m. in the vestry rooms of the Synagogue.

A LIVE WIRE IN THE CONGREGATION

In Samuel M. Katz our Congregation has obtained a member of great energy and ability. Having only recently joined the Congregation, Mr. Katz has already served with distinction on the Forum Committee, is Chairman of the Rabbi Margolies Testimonial Committee, and has recently been appointed to the Membership Campaign Committee.

We welcome the activity of Mr. Katz, and hope that his enthusiasm and devotion will continue to grow, and that he may serve as a model for the entire membership body.

SOCIAL NEWS

Miss Stella Levy daughter of Mr. Barnett Levy was married to Mr. Isaac Shapiro on February 12, at the home of the groom's sister Mrs. S. F. Stavisky 17 East 89th Street. Mr. Shapiro is one of the new and active members of our Congregation.

The Bar Mitzvah of Sydney Cottin son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cottin took place in our Synagogue on Saturday, March 5th. Young Sydney is a student at the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, and is attending the High School of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

TO OUR READERS—

We solicit your cooperation to make our Bulletin of greatest service to all. Please communicate any suggestion that you may have for its improvement to Rabbi Lookstein, and it will receive his prompt attention.

CALENDAR FOR MONTH OF ADAR 5687 (MARCH 1927)

Date	Kindling of Sabbath Candles	Mincha Services	Saturday Morning Services	Saturday Mincha Services
March 11.....	5:45	5:45	8:30	5:00
March 18.....	5:55	5:55	8:30	5:15
March 25.....	6:00	6:00	8:30	5:15
April 1.....	6:10	6:10	8:15	5:30
April 8.....	6:15	6:15	8:30	5:30

FACTS ABOUT THE MONTH

THURSDAY, MARCH 17th.....FAST OF ESTHER
Morning Services 6:15 and 7:15—Mincha Services 5:45
Reading of the Megillah 6:15

FRIDAY, MARCH 18th.....PURIM
Morning Services 7:00

SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd.....ROSH CHODESH BENSCHEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd.....ROSH CHODESH

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Dear Children,

Due to the approaching big holiday of Passover, it was decided not to print the big issue of the Bulletin till then. The puzzles and contests that we promised you for this month's Bulletin will therefore not appear until the Passover number. So sharpen your wits and prepare yourself for some of the prizes in next month's number of the Bulletin.

Responding to my request for Purim stories and poems, I have received a sweet little poem from Howard Freedman of 1239 Madison Ave., one of the winners of our last contest. It is a very pretty poem, and we thank Howard very much for sending it to us. Keep it up Howard, and we may have a Jewish Longfellow some day.

With best wishes for a happy Purim,

Sincerely,

MRS. JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

THE PURIM FESTIVAL

By Howard Freedman, age 11

Prominent in "our nation's" story,
Mid the prophets great of old,
Mid the heroes young and hoary,
Now the tale of "Esther" is told.

How, when Israel to her cried,
Called for help in dread,
She the proud tyrant then defied,
And to the King she sped.

How false Haman, the cruel despot,
Who sought to kill us all,
Was punished for his plot
On gallows by the wall.

How she with Ahasuerus, King
Of Persia's wide domain,
Bade bells and timbrels to ring,
And feasting did ordain.

So remember, when you dine
On Purim's joyful day,
Of her who saved our ancient line,
And thank God when you pray.

HOWARD FREEDMAN, 1239 Madison Avenue

THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES OF PURIM CUSTOMS

Why do we read the "Megillah" on Purim?

Because the "Megillah" tells of the suffering of our people during the decrees of Haman, the chief minister of King Ahasuerus of Persia. It tells of the beautiful Esther, the Jewish girl who became the Queen of Persia, and of her wise kinsman, Mordecai. It tells how Esther pleaded with the King for her people, who were doomed to death by Haman's decrees. It tells of the ultimate triumph of Esther and Mordecai over the wicked Haman and of the victory of our people over the enemies who sought their destruction.

Why do we send "Sholach Monoth" or gifts to one another on Purim?

Because there is no better way of celebrating the release from oppression than by showing kindness and good will towards our neighbors and friends. Our former suffering must also remind us of those who are in want and dire need today.

Why are "Homon Tashen" (Purim cakes) made in triangular shape?

Because the three points show that our people were saved because of their loyalty to the ideals of the patriarchs of Israel, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Why do some people mask their faces on Purim?

Because, first it is a sign of jollity, and secondly because the word "Esther" comes from the Hebrew root **סתר** which means to conceal or disguise