

Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin

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Rabbi Lookstein will deliver the second lecture in his series on

"Israel at the Religious Crossroads"

this Saturday morning at 10:45

subject

"CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM: WHAT IS IT CONSERVING?"

MID-YEAR MEETING HEARS GLOWING REPORTS

The Mid-Year Membership Meeting of the congregation held last Thursday heard some enthusiastic reports on the recent happenings in the congregation.

Mr. Etra in his Presidential Report spoke of the remarkable growth in membership and of the increased activities especially in behalf of the young people of the congregation. Mr. Abraham R. Winer as Treasurer read the semi-annual financial report which showed the congregation to be in excellent financial circumstances. Mr. George Jacobs speaking for the Synagogue Alterations Committee described the progress that was being made in the work of remodeling and renovating the synagogue structure. Mr. Saul J. Lance, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz School, demonstrated by facts and figures the growth of that institution.

The most glowing report of the evening was rendered by Mr. Israel Cummings, Co-Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Committee. He spoke of the generous response of our membership to the \$100,000 campaign that was inaugurated last Kol Nidre night. Mr. Cummings reported that half of that quota had been raised by Kol Nidre night and

that we were now in the process of raising the second half of the quota. That part of the campaign also was making most satisfactory progress.

The report of Ira Weisman on the doings of the Men's Club; and of Blanche Etra, whose report was read by Belle Miller, on the doings of the Sisterhood completed an evening of glad tidings of progress in all areas of congregational life.

Cantor Victor Gold rendered two lovely musical selections and Mr. Harry Gendel, actor and monologist, furnished some splendid entertainment with several dramatic numbers. The collation and social hour which followed were very well received.

THIS IS A SPECIAL SABBATH

On this Saturday we recite Rosh Chodesh prayers. In addition this Saturday is called Sabbath Shekalim. It is the first of the four special Sabbaths that precede the Passover holiday. In ancient Palestine during temple days it was the practice at this season of the year to announce the collection of the national poll tax. The tax consisted of half a Shekel and it was used for all forms of public service. In Diaspora that ancient institution is commemorated by special prayers and a special reading in the Torah. Come to the synagogue this Saturday.

THE RABBI'S LECTURE SERIES

A very lovely congregation of men and women listened to the Rabbi's discourse last Saturday morning "Reform Judaism: Has It Succeeded?" which was the first in a series of lectures on the general subject of "Israel at the Religious Crossroads." Many worshippers whom we do not regularly see in the synagogue were there and their appreciation of the subject under discussion was quite obvious.

The Rabbi traced the history of Reform Judaism from its early beginnings in Germany and then gave a very fair exposition of its philosophy and present status in American life. He pointed out its weaknesses and inadequacies and elaborated on the new trend that was apparent in the movement today. He predicted that as the years go on this trend would become more pronounced and would ultimately bring Reform Judaism closer to traditional Judaism.

This Saturday morning the Rabbi will discuss "Conservative Judaism: What Is It Conserving?". Again we may be assured of a fair and comprehensive treatment of this very important version of Judaism. To be forthright without being offensive, to be critical without being unfair are things that we have come to expect in our pulpit. Those, therefore, who would welcome a comprehensive and unbiased statement on Conservative Judaism are urged to listen to the Rabbi this Saturday.

The succeeding lectures will deal with "Reconstructionist Judaism: What Is It?" and "Orthodox Judaism: Its Achievements and Opportunities."

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

FASCINATING INFORMATION

Last Monday the K. J. Sisterhood and their friends were treated to a delightful afternoon. Miss Nash of Bonwit Teller's staff delivered a very informative and instructive talk on "Clothes for Women". Those present showed great interest in the subject and in the manner in which it was given. We are sure that as a result of this lecture the women will become a smarter and better dressed group.

As a prelude to the meeting a large group rolled bandages thus combining patriotic service with pleasure.

RED CROSS DAY

The Sisterhood, always aware of current drives, has decided to set aside its next meeting — Monday, March 5 as Red Cross Day. We shall on that day serve lunch and present a program of entertainment. A social hour will follow. Subscription \$1.00.

This Luncheon is a Red Cross project of the Sisterhood as a group. We hope, however, that everyone will individually give his donation to this most important organization and we urge you to give it through our synagogue. The Red Cross Drive begins officially on March 1.

FIFTY ATTEND SABBATH CIRCLE

Last Saturday afternoon fifty men and women took part in the Sabbath Circle. Tea was served and a most spirited discussion was held on the subject of the Rabbi's lecture of the morning. Those who were there truly enjoyed a cultural and social hour. The Sabbath Circle this week will meet at 6 o'clock in the Social Hall.

*We Cordially Invite You and Your Men Friends
to Attend the Regular Monthly Meeting*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, at 8:30 P.M.

in the

SOCIAL HALL

to hear

DR. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

speak on

"A CHRISTIAN LOOKS AT JUDAISM"

This famous minister of the Community Church and outstanding liberal brings us an interesting viewpoint on Judaism—from the outside looking in.

Collation

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

THE JANUARY 30th MEETING

In the first of what we hope will be a series of special lectures on government post-war problems, Dr. E. M. Bernstein, Assistant Director of Monetary Research (Treasury Department) spoke on "Peace and Bretton Woods."

His talk was truly absorbing. This brilliant economist (on leave from North Carolina University) gave us a most illuminating picture of the purposes of the International Monetary Conference at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, last July where he was the Executive Secretary of the U. S. delegation. We know now that a monetary agreement must of necessity supplement any political accord if we are to achieve a lasting world peace. The basic idea is to speed up and increase world trade, so that every nation can enjoy a proper standard of living. The Monetary Fund makes it possible for a nation to make a loan as it's need requires and also provides for repayment of same.

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Our generous Sam Bucher supplied the frankfurters for the Social Hour.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Mr. Samuel Goodside, Director of Club Activities, announces that the different clubs already in existence are open to the children of members of the congregation and to the children of the community at large. The following clubs will welcome new members: Boy Scout Troop, Girl Scout Troop, Cub Pack for Boys, Cub Pack for Girls, Chess and Checker Club, and the young people's group the name of which is the Kay Jays. Those interested are requested to communicate with the synagogue office. For the dates of meeting of these organizations please refer to the Calendar of Events in this bulletin.

PERSONALS

Many happy returns of the day to our dear and popular Comptroller, Jack Alpert. We wish him years of health and happiness . . . Incidentally the Alpert's are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week and we wish them good fortune and many happy anniversaries . . . Congratulations: To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel T. Weinstein on the birth of a daughter . . . To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Cohen on their anniversary . . . To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lassersohn on their anniversary.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 10, 8:30 P.M. —
 Basketball Games—
 Ramaz Varsity vs. Parkchester
 Ramaz Alumni vs. Troop 656
 Monday, February 12, 2:00 P.M. —
 Sisterhood Red Cros Project.
 Monday, February 12, 8:30 P.M. —
 Talmud Class
 Tuesday, February 13, 8:30 P.M. —
 Men's Club Executive Committee
 Tuesday, February 13, 3:30 P.M. —
 Chess and Checker Club
 Thursday, February 15, 7:15 P.M. —
 Boy Scout Troop 656
 Saturday, February 17, 8:30 P.M. —
 Kay Jays (Young People's Group)
 Tuesday, February 20, 8:30 P.M. —
 Men's Club Regular Meeting

Monday, February 26 — PURIM
 AFFAIR

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 6:05
 Mincha Services 6:10

SATURDAY—Shabbath Shekalim

Morning 9:00
 Weekly Portion—Mishpatim: Exodus 21:1-24:18; 30:11-16
 Haftorah: II Kings 12:1-17

Rosh Chodesh Prayers. Rosh Chodesh Ador will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 13 and 14

Mincha Services 5:40
 Sabbath Circle 6:00

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
 Sunday morning 8:30
 Evening 6:10

YAHREZITS FOR THE WEEK

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