

RABBI LOOKSTEIN EXPOUNDS IDEA OF JEWISH UNIVERSITY

Cautions Against Confusion on that Subject

In a forty-five minute address last Saturday on the subject, "A Jewish University in America—What kind shall it be?", Rabbi Lookstein deplored the confusion on the subject caused frequently by the very sponsors of the idea. Enterprising publicity men and generously paid public relations agencies often distort an idea and make it appear other than what it actually is, he said.

The Rabbi first dealt with the proposed Brandeis University sponsored by the Albert Einstein Foundation. "All available information," the Rabbi said, "indicates that this institution cannot possibly be classified as a Jewish University. It may become a university sponsored by Jews, supported by Jews, perhaps, even presided over by a Jewish President. All that, however, would no more make Brandeis University a Jewish University than the **New York Times** could be classified as a Jewish newspaper because its publisher happens to be a Jew.

"Possibly such a Jewish sponsored University may be necessary. Properly run it will undoubtedly be a contribution to American academic life. If its policies will be liberal and progressive; if the admission of students will be determined on the basis of merit only and not on the basis of race, creed, or nationality; if its academic appointments will be governed by considerations of scholarship and effective teaching rather than by considerations of politics and expedi-

ency, then, certainly, that institution will represent a major contribution to American culture and higher learning. To be classified as a Jewish University, however, would require a great deal more.

"The consequences of such a university must not be exaggerated," the Rabbi explained. "It must not be expected that it will cure the **numerus clausus** evil, or that it will eliminate academic discrimination. These evils have to be fought by all Americans because they basically undermine the very structure of American democracy."

The Rabbi then dealt with the University for Judaism contemplated by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. "This idea," the Rabbi said, "is a product of the Reconstructionist philosophy of Judaism as a Civilization. It envisages an over-all institution in which the Theological Seminary will be only one department or school. In addition to it, there will be a school for Hebrew teachers, a school for Jewish social workers and community administrators, and a school for the Jewish graphic and expressional arts. All of this is laudable and desirable.

"From an academic point of view, the project as well as its name may be criticized. Whereas the Brandeis University may be criticized as not Jewish, the University for Judaism may be criticized as not being a University. There is an academic definition of that term, universally accepted

and legally outlined by State educational authorities.

"There is a far more important critique, however, to the idea as a whole, to which attention should be called. Let us consider first the training of the Jewish artist, painter, musician or author. Does a course in Jewish History, or Bible, or Philosophy transform an artist who is a Jew into a Jewish artist? Moreover, have we not heard of American artists whose training was received under the masters in France, Italy or elsewhere? Have not some of the greatest American composers and musicians studied under foreign masters?

"Is the national character of art—if there be such a character—dependent solely or even primarily upon a classroom? Is it not the product of environment, culture, up-bringing, the home, the land—even its climate and geography? No, art is the product of factors and elements that are not necessarily encompassed by books, courses, or academic credits.

"In a large measure the same may be said even of Jewish social workers and community administrators. If we are thinking in terms of informed Jewish functionaries, that is one thing. If, however, we have in mind Jewish functionaries who have assimilated their information and who have converted it into the bone, blood and tissue of Jewish life; who are willing to translate the glorious past of their people into living reality in the pres-

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RABBI LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH at 10:45 A. M.

on

"THE ALL-POWERFUL GOD"

A Footnote on the Jewish God Idea

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ent and to project it as a vital and dynamic way of life into the future, then we must recognize that such functionaries will require more than Jewish education. There will have to be created for them a synthesis of Jewish life and secular culture; there will have to be fused within their personalities the Judaism of their heritage and the Americanism of their adoption. This process of integrating two cultures, of fusing two ways of life, of harmonizing two philosophies, of conduct, will have to begin almost at birth. It will have to be nurtured in the home. Such functionaries will have to be taught in a certain type of Jewish Day School, their education continued in a Secondary school of the same type, and college of the same type and finally climaxed in the professional or graduate school still of the same type.

"That is why it seems to me that the only real Jewish University is typified by the already existing, academically functioning and legally chartered Yeshiva University. It recruits its student body from the Yeshivoth or day schools of the country where the foundations for their Jewish life were laid. Upon those foundations it begins to erect the superstructure of their secondary and collegiate education, through the medium of the Talmudical Academy High School and Yeshiva College for Liberal Arts and Sciences. Some of them are channelled into the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University; others continue in the Bernard Revel Graduate School and the Harry Fischel School for Higher Jewish Studies. Eventually, many of them, it is hoped, will enter the Graduate School for Community Administration, and other professional schools of Jewish and general character that are contemplated."

Rabbi Lookstein announced at the close of the sermon that he would welcome comments on the subject which may be submitted to him in writing by the members of the Congregation. He promised to return to the subject at some later date and to respond to the comments and observations that he may receive.

SISTERHOOD HEARS TALK ON YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

A very successful meeting was held by the Sisterhood on Monday, January 13th at the home of Mrs. Samuel Rosen, 1185 Park Avenue. The meeting was very well attended and the hospitality of the charming hostess was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Alexander Kommel, Vice-President of the organization presided. A report of the luncheon recently held at the Waldorf-Astoria was given. The report showed a profit of approximately \$2,000.00. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Samuel Marcus, Luncheon Chairman, to Mrs. David Joseph, Co-Chairman, as well as to Mrs. D. Harry Kleinfeld, Chairman of the Journal Committee.

Mrs. Jacob Rudd, Chairman of the SOS (Supplies for Overseas Survivors) project spoke about the splendid contribution that was being made by the women of the Sisterhood to this life-saving activity. She informed the women that Mrs. Tena Singer would be in charge of the knitting project for the SOS and that wool and other material would be available for distribution on Wednesday and Thursday from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. in Room 104 of the Synagogue.

The guest speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Rachel Stern who gave a brilliant exposition of the importance of Yeshiva University and the part that women can play in its growth and development. Dr. Stern's address was enthusiastically received and many of the Sisterhood members joined the Women's Division of Yeshiva University that afternoon. Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, National President of the Women's Division introduced the speaker.

This successful meeting followed close upon an equally successful one which was held December 9th at the home of Mrs. Tena Singer, in which she and her daughter, Mrs. Edward Bernard were Co-Hostesses. This season has indeed been one of fruitful activity for the Sisterhood which seems to be proceeding from heights to greater heights.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome Mr. Martin Klein into our congregational family. Mr. Klein's signed application for membership has just been received. Our congratulations to him and his family.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN GOING TO MEXICO

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein is planning to leave for Mexico next Monday on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee. A campaign for overseas relief is being launched by the Joint Distribution Committee in that country and the Rabbi has been asked to address several of the important mass meetings in the interest of the campaign in the principal cities of Mexico.

Thanks to air transportation the trip will not be an extended one. We hope to have the Rabbi back with us during the first week of February.

Our best wishes to him and to Mrs. Lookstein, who is accompanying him, for a pleasant journey, a successful mission and a safe return.

BURRILL CROHN BAR MITZVAH

A large congregation is expected to witness this Saturday the Bar Mitzvah of Burrill Crohn, son of our members Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Crohn. Burrill is a student of our afternoon Religious School.

This is a happy occasion to our congregational family and we all join in extending our congratulations and best wishes to the proud parents.

The Bar Mitzvah is the grandson of the late Theodore Crohn, and the great grandson of Abba Baum both of them among the early founders and leaders of Kehilath Jeshurun.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

The announcement about the opening of a "gan hayeled"—a special kindergarten class for very young children has met with a favorable response. Several parents have already enrolled their youngsters in this class which will begin in February.

It should be pointed out that this is not a regular five-day-a-week kindergarten class. The "gan hayeled" will meet only once a week on Sunday mornings from 10 to 12:30 and will be under the direction of a competent kindergarten teacher.

Only children between the ages of four-and-a-half and six will be accepted for this particular class. Older children may, of course, enroll in the beginners' class of the afternoon Religious School.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

An Event You Should Not Miss

It will be Men's Night next Tuesday evening, January 21st, at the Annual Smoker of the Men's Club in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. A record turn-out is expected. Those who have attended our Smokers in the past know that this is an evening which is enjoyed by all and is eagerly awaited by the entire membership.

What about the program? Well, there just isn't any. Everyone is free to make his own program. You eat, drink, smoke, play games and chat with friends as the mood suits you.

There is no admission charge. Everyone is invited and everyone is welcome. Need we say more? Come with your friends next Tuesday and spend a delightful evening with us.

Ad Campaign Draws to a Close

Our Ad Chairmen, Messrs. Abe Kirshon and William B. Fischberg report that all of our members have been provided with ad blanks for the Jubilee Yearbook of the congregation. A substantial number of ads have already been procured by us and many more are expected before the end of the month.

In view of the special character of this Yearbook, we should like to see every member of the Men's Club give or get at least one ad. This certainly is not a difficult task. If we all put our shoulders to the wheel, we can with but little effort reach our quota and thereby contribute to the success of this Jubilee project.

New Members

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of our group Mr. Nathan Ball and invite him to take part in our many activities.

The continuing increase in our membership bears eloquent testimony to the effectiveness of our work. Men from all walks of life have joined hands with us in the furtherance of a common purpose.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Mrs. Aaron Etra became a great grandmother last week. A daughter was born to her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Etra. A hearty mazel tov to her and to the happy parents. . . . Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra. . . . Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Sylvia Pofcher, Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody and Mr. Louis W. Yohann who are observing their birthdays this week. . . .

You and Your Men Friends are Cordially invited to Attend

The Men's Club ANNUAL SMOKER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, AT 8:30 P. M.

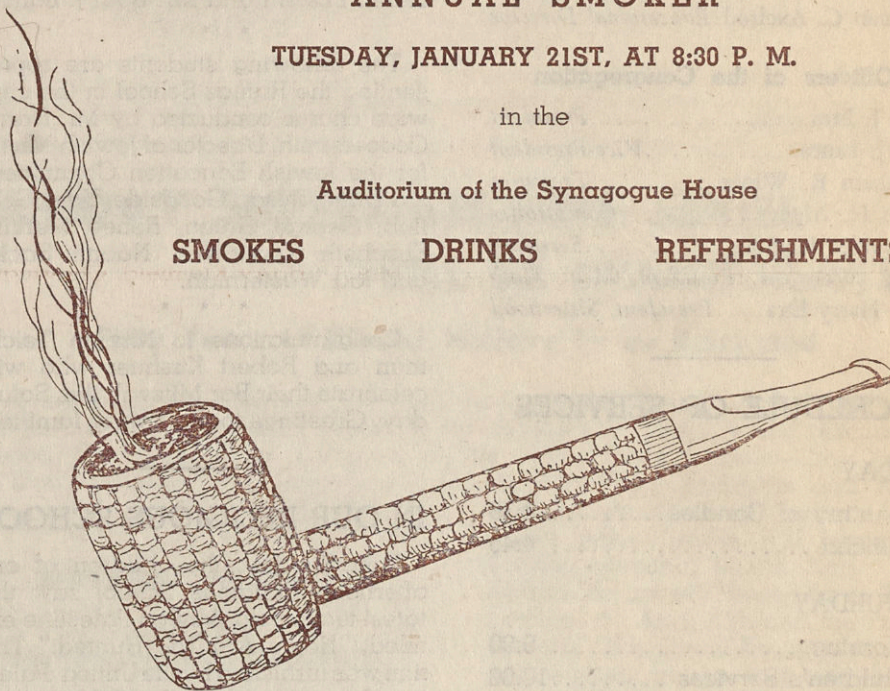
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SMOKES

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This is one night in the year when each man makes his own program. You smoke, play games, eat, chat with friends and enjoy a delightful program of entertainment.

RAMAZ DEMONSTRATION LESSON FOR HEBREW TEACHERS OF CITY

More than fifty Hebrew teachers from all over the city attended the Demonstration Lesson given at Ramaz School last week. The Auditorium of the Synagogue House was converted into a classroom with seats for the visiting teachers placed all around the room. Miss Dora Buchwald conducted the lesson.

Professor Zevi Sharfstein of the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary attended with a group of his senior students. There were in attendance also students from the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva Uni-

versity. A number of important Talmud Torahs and day schools were represented by their faculties. Mr. David Wertheim of the Hebrew Teachers Union, who initiated the project was there with officers of his organization.

Following the lesson a general discussion took place. All who spoke, lavished praise on the calibre of instruction, the quality of teaching and the knowledge of the children of Ramaz School. Letters and telephone calls were received following the demonstration lesson from teachers and educators who participated or who heard about what took place. Once again, Ramaz School has made a contribution to the advancement of Jewish education.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles..... 4:35
Mincha 4:45

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Children's Services10:00
Weekly Portion: Vaera, Exodus 6:2—9:35
Haftorah: Ezekiel 28:25—29:21
Rosh Chodesh Prayers. Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on Wednesday, January 22.
Mincha 4:40
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:35

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 4:45

YAHREZITS

January

20—JANE FISCHEL
20—ELIAS J. GORDON
20—CLARA LEWIS
21—MORRIS GOLD
22—HANNAH FOLKMAN
23—JENNIE SIEGEL
24—EVA HOFSTADTER
24—HEYMAN COHEN
24—BERTHA GORDON

RAMAZ ROUNDUP

Judith Kaufman and Jacob Goldin were the winners of the Good Speech Contest held on January 10th. They were awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association Medallion. Judith Lewittes received honorable mention. The judges of the contest were Mrs. A. Milton Brown, Mrs. Helen Ekstein and Mr. Saul J. Lance.

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The following students are representing the Ramaz School in the city-wide chorus conducted by Mr. Harry Coopersmith, Director of Jewish Music for the Jewish Education Committee: Eta Durst, Susan Goodside, Yael Gottlieb, George Gruen, Renee Merkin, Elizabeth Kopilowitz, Naomi Sacks and Ida Westerman.

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Congratulations to Marvin Teichman and Robert Kushner who will celebrate their Bar Mitzvah this Saturday. Greetings to the happy families.

IN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Last Sunday, the children of our afternoon Religious School saw the latest technicolor film on Palestine entitled, "Home Are The Hunted." The film was furnished by the United Palestine Appeal to which the children contribute through their Keren Ami Fund. . . . The Young Judea Club, under the direction of Miss Judith Bernstein is now preparing a playlet for Tu-Bi-Shevat. . . . Mrs. Leah Aberson informs us that her Dancing Group is also planning to present a special program of Palestinian dances for the Tu-Bi-Shevat assembly. . . . The Keren Ami Council met with its advisor, Mr. Aaron Krumbein, to discuss the work of Keren Ami and to decide upon the allotment of the monthly contributions. . . . Room 101, the workshop of the Puppetry Club directed by Mr. Harold Kastle, is a busy place on

SISTERHOOD KNITTING PROJECT FOR S. O. S.

In the last issue of the Bulletin it was announced that the Sisterhood has initiated a knitting project in order to provide the children of our stricken brethren in Europe with knitted clothing. We are pleased to report that many of our members have volunteered to participate in this project and some have already started on their first assignment.

The chairmen of the knitting project, Mrs. Tena Singer and Mrs. Edgar Trautman have arranged a definite schedule for this work. Room 104 in the synagogue building has been made available to us on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 o'clock. All those interested are asked to come on those days and they will be furnished with wool and all necessary instructions.

The Joint Distribution Committee has sent us an ample supply of wool, together with the directions for the making of various knitted garments, such as sweaters, socks, mittens, anklets, etc. Our committee will be glad to offer advice and instruction to all those actively engaged in this project. Do not hesitate to call on them.

Sunday mornings. All the members have completed their puppets and are now writing scripts for several playlets to be presented at future assemblies. . . . The Dramatics Club which made its mark at the Chanukah assembly is busy preparing its next play to be given on Purim. . . . It is gratifying to note that the attendance at the Bar Mitzvah Minyan and Breakfast increases from week to week. Our hearty thanks to Mr. Alex Garfein for his splendid cooperation in arranging these breakfasts under the sponsorship of the Men's Club. . . .

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