



DECEMBER 26, 1947

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This Saturday at 10:45 a.m.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

will conclude his series on

"Previewing the Jewish State"

with his address on

"The Jewish State and Jewry Outside of Palestine"

We also invite you to attend

A Forum-Tea

for a discussion of questions arising
from the Rabbi's talks on the Jewish State

THIS SATURDAY

following Mincha Services

Ladies cordially invited

DISCUSSION GROUP ON JEWISH STATE THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

With the sermon this Saturday, the Rabbi will have concluded a series of four lectures on the Jewish state. Numerous questions must have arisen in the minds of those who heard these lectures. There is no doubt that all of us have been giving serious thought to the entire problem. In the minds of many there may be certain doubts, misgivings as well as positive reactions and observations.

To air all this and to allow for a free discussion of the subject, there

will be an open Forum this Saturday afternoon in the auditorium of the Synagogue House. Mincha Services will be at four o'clock, and after Mincha tea will be served and the Forum will follow. We cordially invite the men and women of the congregation to this Forum-tea. We shall especially welcome the young people of the congregation who are in town for their winter vacation to be with us this Saturday afternoon. Come here and be heard.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

An Open Letter from Mrs. Alexander Kommel, President of the Sisterhood, to Mrs. Jacob Rudd, Chairman of the Annual Donor Luncheon:

Dear Rose:

In the name of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood, I would like to express our gratitude for the important role you played in making our Annual Donor Luncheon an outstanding social, esthetic and financial success. Your constant concern with every detail was noted and appreciated by all.

The cooperation received from your Co-chairman, Florence Bonat; the Raffle Chairman, Sonia Onish; and the members of the Luncheon Committee, Claire Abrams, Lillian Jacobs, Toby Joseph, Gertrude Lookstein, Sylvia Marcus, Cel Silberman and Bernice Wallach, is a tribute to your leadership and to the wonderful spirit of our Sisterhood members.

I know you are indeed very happy that our new project (the Neediest Cases) was so successfully launched.

We of the Sisterhood are all looking forward to your report on the Luncheon at our next Open Meeting.

Fondly,

Lilian

**Open Meeting
January 19th—**

The next Open Meeting of the Sisterhood will take place on Monday, January 19th, 1948, at the home of Mrs. Nathan B. Kogan, 1185 Park Avenue. Our members are cordially invited to spend a most pleasant afternoon.

**Executive Committee
Meeting January 12th—**

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 12th at 1:05 in the Domestic Science Room of the Synagogue House. Members are urged to attend this meeting as a number of important matters are on the agenda for discussion and disposition. Let us have the benefit of your counsel.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birthday—**

Happy Birthday, Mrs. D. Harry Kleinfeld, and may you have many more happy ones.

Marriage—

Our heartiest wishes are extended to Jerome Margareten on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Betty Ruth Cohen this week. The Margareten name is well known to Kehilath Jeshurun, and we all join in wishing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Margareten, as well as all the members of the family, a sincere Mazel Tov. May the Almighty grant the young couple many years of happiness and good health, and may we celebrate with them their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Anniversary—

To Mr. and Mrs. Gedeon Heller go our best wishes for a happy anniversary, and our hope that they have many more joyous years together.

Honors—

We take pride in noting that two members of our Men's Club are receiving recognition in other organizations. We congratulate Harry Levenstein on his becoming Master of Netherland Lodge, and E. M. Belman on his election to the Presidency of the New York Jewelers Association. To both go our best wishes for success in their administrations.

RAMAZ NOTES

The "Safety" Assembly Program held on Wednesday, December 24th, was highlighted by the presentation of a special skit, given by four members of the New York City Police Department Safety Bureau. The program, which was both entertaining and informative, will go a long way toward making our children conscious of the rudiments of Safety and the necessity for care.

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MEN'S CLUB NEWS**For Men Only—**

The annual event so eagerly anticipated by members of the Men's Club — its Smoker — has been arranged for Tuesday, January 20th, in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. This is the affair which is devoted entirely to the entertainment of our men friends, and it is the one occasion in the Men's Club calendar that is usually over-subscribed even before it is definitely scheduled.

It is a typical man's night. You eat, you drink, you smoke, you play cards, you talk, laugh, joke—you do anything, in a word, that your mood dictates. In addition, you get the opportunity to spend a most pleasant evening of comederie among "the boys" in a spirit of good fellowship and wholesome fun. The Program Committee has also prepared a program of entertainment which will fit the occasion.

Need we say more?

Remember the date: January 20th. Plan to be with us, and bring your men friends. There is no admission charge; but you are expected to bring your biggest smile and most receptive mood with you. We'll provide the rest.

A REMINDER

Those of you who received Chanukah Candles just before the recent holiday have no doubt noted that they were sent with the Compliments of the Kehilath Jeshurun Benevolent Fund. There were many among the recipients who forwarded contributions to the Fund, in return for the courtesy which they were extended.

May we take this opportunity of reminding those who may have overlooked this item, that contributions to the Benevolent Fund are deeply appreciated, and help in a large measure in aiding some deserving individuals, families or causes.

We extend in the name of these beneficiaries our thanks for those who have already responded during this Chanukah period, and to those whose contributions will yet be received.

CHURCH AND STATE**NO ISSUE FOR JEWISH
PALESTINE, SAYS RABBI**

In his sermon last Saturday, which again was delivered before a capacity congregation, Rabbi Lookstein discussed the problem of "Religion and the Jewish State." It was the third in a series of four lectures on the general theme, "Previewing the Jewish State." The last in the series entitled, "The Jewish State and Jewry outside of Palestine," will be delivered this Saturday.

The entire concept of church and state, said the rabbi, is alien to the Jewish people. It is a concept imposed upon us in the diaspora. It is indigenous to the Christian state—not the Jewish one.

In ancient Palestine, there were times when the Jewish government was greatly influenced by the religion of Israel. At other times that influence was weak and not infrequently rejected. During the First Jewish Commonwealth there were pious kings and kings who were idolaters. During the Second Commonwealth, there were periods when Pharisaic influence was strong in the government, and other periods when Sadducean influence was strong. To associate the very notion of church and state with ancient Palestine is to resort to an anachronism.

"To be sure, the Jewish religion will be revitalized in our state," said the Rabbi. "For almost two thousand years we waited to observe the Sabbath, to keep the Holidays, to celebrate the festivals as free people. In diaspora the observance of these occasions required exertion, effort, determination. In our own land we will practice our religion almost involuntarily. In the Jewish state violation and non-observance will require effort."

There will undoubtedly be those who will not observe Jewish rituals, continued the rabbi. Our task will be to persuade them through all the methods that are available to modern

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles..... 4:15
Mincha 4:20

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Children's Services10:00
Weekly Portion: Vayechi, Genesis
47:28-50:26
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12
Mincha 4:00
Forum-Tea following the
Mincha Services
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:10

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 4:25

Yahrzeits

December

29—TOBY KAILES
30—KATTIE ULLMAN
31—LOUIS GIVNER
31—SAMUEL MINTZ
31—NATHAN BRODY

CHURCH and STATE NO ISSUE

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teachers of religion, but we dare not contemplate the infliction of penalties or other restrictions in the realm of personal religion. We have too long been the victims of religious persecution to become the inflictors of it upon others.

"The phenomenon that we anticipate most eagerly is the resurrection of the Jewish Law," said the Rabbi. "Folios of the Talmud and vast sections of the Jewish Codes have for almost two thousand years been merely academic disciplines and no more. Now they will become living and dynamic forces. For centuries they have been the occupation of scholars and students. Now they will become the concern of every citizen of the Jewish state, the regulators of his conduct, the safeguard of his liberty. 'The law of the land' which once meant subjection to Roman Law or to the English Common Law will now assume a new connotation. The law of the Jewish land will be the Torah."

RAMAZ NOTES

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Simeon Berman Ping-Pong Champion—

Having come all the way through quarter- and semi-finals, Simeon Berman of grade 8 went on to triumph over Renee Mandelbaum of the same grade, to win the Ramaz Ping-Pong Championship. To add to Simeon's credit, he has the additional distinction of having bested the representatives of the Faculty. Good for you, Simeon.

Students Participating in Two Contests—

We are happy to note that Ramaz is well represented in contests being sponsored by the Inter-Yeshiva Council and the Jewish Welfare Board. The former is an essay contest for the best composition on "What a Yeshiva Education Means to Me"; the Welfare Board contest is for the best book review on a book of Jewish interest,