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## RELIGIOUS LIFE WILL BENEFIT FROM JEWISH STATE, SAYS RABBI

Last Saturday, Rabbi Lookstein delivered the final talk in his series of four sermons on "Previewing the Jewish State." Speaking before a crowded congregation who braved the rigors of the weather, the Rabbi discussed "The Jewish State and Jewry Outside of Palestine."

As an introduction to the problem, Rabbi Lookstein reviewed briefly the relation of the diaspora to Palestine during the long years of exile, considering in turn the various aspects of nationalism—Galut nationalism, Messianic nationalism and Zionism—as well as the theories which consider Judaism as a religious persuasion.

Now, the Rabbi said, the time has come for a radical reorientation on the part of the Jew. The Jewish state is no longer a theory, a projected dream, but a reality. This reality like all great historic events brings with it, especially in this instance, for the Jew outside of Palestine, certain doubts and uncertainties. The Palestinian Jew will of course be Jewish nationally as well as spiritually. The Jew outside of the Jewish state, however, will remain unequivocally a citizen of the country in which he resides. Politically, he will be an American or a Frenchman. What, then, will be his relation to Judaism? For the religious Jew, it will be simple. The one-eighth of Palestine granted

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## HARRY FISCHEL OF BLESSED MEMORY

Together with all Israel, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun mourns the passing of Harry Fischel, dear husband of Miriam Fischel and beloved father of our esteemed members, Mrs. David Kass and Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky.

Harry Fischel breathed his last in the Holy Land which he loved so dearly and which he enriched by his many philanthropies and in which he established a most precious institution, The Harry Fischel Institute for Talmudic Research.

But it was in America that he attained his greatest triumphs and to which he contributed his rich qualities of heart and mind. He was a master-builder of the Jewish community in this land. Hospitals, homes for the aged, religious schools were some of the institutions that he helped build. The needy here and the oppressed overseas were the beneficiaries of his labors and benefactions.

His greatest love was Torah and for its perpetuation he labored most faithfully. The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, the Yeshiva College, and latterly, the Yeshiva University were his favorites. For them he reserved his utmost devotion and to them he gave to the fullest measure of his generosity. Before departing for Palestine he established as part of the Yeshiva University the Harry Fischel Institute for Jewish Studies and endowed it in perpetuity.

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### Executive Committee

#### Meeting January 12th—

With the Annual Donor Luncheon a thing of the past—glorious as it was—the Sisterhood is making ready to continue its program of activities for the balance of the year. Toward planning for future projects, a very important meeting of the Executive Board will take place this Monday, January 12th at 1:05 p.m. in room 102 of the Synagogue House (Domestic Science Room). Members of the Board are urged to attend this meeting and lend a helping hand in the formulation of these plans and policies.

### Palestinian Film to be

#### Shown at Open Meeting of 19th—

The next Open Meeting, which will take place Monday, January 19th, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Nathan B. Kogan, 1185 Park Avenue, will feature the showing of one of the latest Palestinian films to be exhibited. A number of other numbers on the program for the afternoon have been arranged for, and will render the meeting a most interesting and enjoyable one. All members of the Sisterhood are asked to make plans to be at this Open Meeting; a pleasant afternoon is assured.

### Happy Day Fund—

From time to time, the Bulletin announces contributions to the Happy Day Fund of the Sisterhood. This project, which is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, offers members of the Sisterhood an opportunity for sharing their happy occasions with others who are in need of a Happy Day.

The fund acknowledges with gratitude the contributions of the following members: Mrs. Samuel B. Cooperman; Miss Minna Feinberg, upon her recovery from her recent operation; and Mrs. D. Harry Kleinfeld, on her birthday.

Thank you, and may you have many more joyous occasions.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### New Member—

We welcome into the Kehilath Jeshurun family Mr. and Mrs. Louis Swee, proposed by Alexander Kommel, whose application was received this week. To both go our best wishes for a long and happy stay with us.

### Births—

Heartiest wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Rappaport on the birth of a baby boy. Similar greetings are extended to the happy grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fields.

We extend our Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Beckenstein upon the arrival of a new grand-son, and offer our hope that he grow up a credit to his family and his people.

### Birthdays—

Many Happy Returns to the following members who celebrate their birthdays this week: Leo R. Goldman, Jerome Margareten, Harry Metzger and Mrs. George Ratner.

### Bar Mitzvah—

We congratulate Charles Lipschutz, a Ramaz student, on his Bar Mitzvah which will take place at our synagogue this Saturday. May his parents and family have much joy from him for many years to come.

### Engagement—

We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kaplan our felicitations on the occasion of the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Edwin Weinstein. To the couple go our best wishes for success and happiness together.

### Anniversary—

To Mr. and Mrs. Irving Buchalter, who celebrate their anniversary this week, go our best wishes for many more happy years of married life.



You and Your Men Friends are Cordially Invited to Attend the

## **MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL SMOKER**

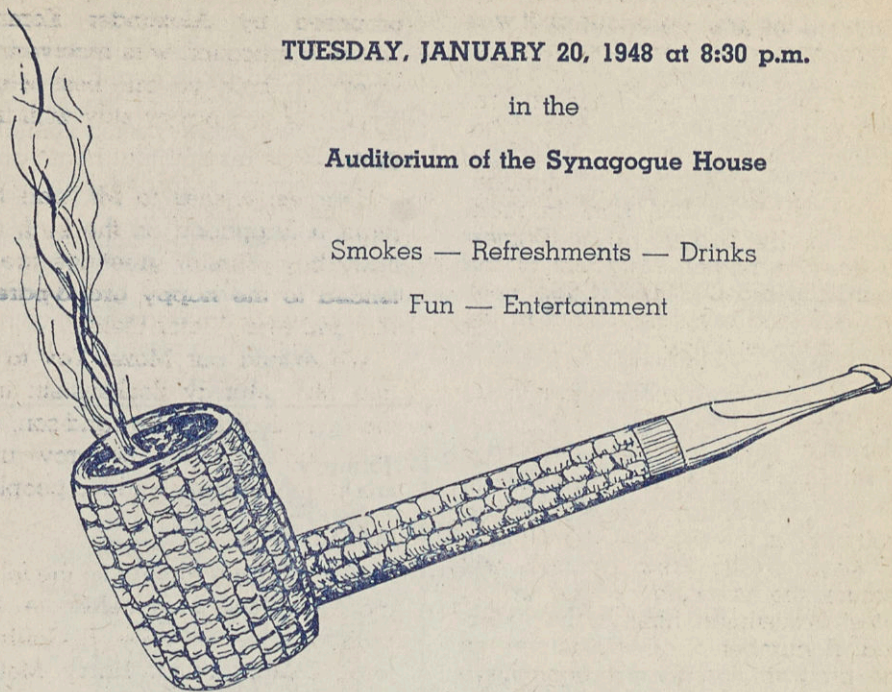
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### **RELIGIOUS LIFE TO BENEFIT**

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by the United Nations does not represent for him the fulfillment of his Messianic hopes. He is still awaiting the final coming of the Messiah, whatever form he may take, and with it final redemption. But what course will be left to the "secular" Jew? Logically, said the Rabbi, there are but two alternatives: either he will disappear, a vestigial relic without function or direction; or he will turn more and more to observance.

The Jew, while an American or a Frenchman or an Italian politically, however, will and must indeed retain his ties with his people, and the chief of these ties is his religion. Here the Jew is as unique as his history has been unique. The Irish American is

by religion a Catholic; the Swedish American a Lutheran. But the American Jew has for his religion Judaism. His people and his faith are identical, and it is through his faith that he will come closer to his people.

It is obvious that these four lectures given by the Rabbi have had an inspiring affect on all who have followed them. After the Mincha service last Saturday, a Forum-Tea was held and the energetic response and enthusiastic attendance at that function indicated that our people have been thinking and thinking seriously upon the recent historic events. Certainly the creative challenge of our Rabbi met an equally creative response from his congregants, and this in itself is indicative of the vitality and intelligence of our congregational family.



**Synagogue Officials**

Joseph H. Lookstein.....*Rabbi*  
 Hyman Gertler.....*Cantor*  
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**Officers of the Congregation**

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 Mrs. Alexander Kommel..*Pres. Sisterhood*

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles..... 4:25  
 Mincha..... 4:30

**SATURDAY**

Morning..... 9:00  
 Children's Services..... 10:00  
 Weekly Portion: Vaera, Exodus  
 6:2-9:35  
 Haftorah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21  
 Rosh Chodesh Prayers: Rosh Chodesh  
 Shebat will be on Monday,  
 January 12  
 Mishnah Class..... 3:30  
 Mincha..... 4:30  
 Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:25

**DAILY SERVICES**

Morning..... 7:30  
 Sunday Morning..... 8:30  
 Evening..... 4:40

**HARRY FISCHEL** ה"ר*(Continued from page 1)*

In Kehilath Jeshurun he was a distinguished member and trustee. For almost half a century he was affiliated with our House of God. Reverently he attended the daily services until prevented by ill health. He presided as the Gabbai of the Mishnah Class for two score years. Kehilath Jeshurun was his spiritual home and its membership regarded him with reverence and respect.

Our sincerest expressions of sympathy to his entire family and our assurances to them that his memory will long live in our midst even as his great deeds will remain an eternal blessing to his people.

**Yahrzeits****January**

10—JANE FISCHEL  
 10—CLARA LEWIS  
 10—ELIAS J. GORDON  
 11—MORRIS GOLD  
 12—HANNA FOLKMAN  
 13—JENNIE SIEGEL  
 14—EVA HOFSTADTER  
 14—HEYMAN COHEN  
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