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## JEWRY (NOT JURY) DUTY

Kehilath Jeshurun has pioneered in many phases of Jewish life. Its most recent pioneering effort can be characterized as extremely unique.

It all happened as follows. A group of Kehilath Jeshurunites met at the Rabbi's home last Monday night and discussed the weekday morning services at the synagogue. It was brought to the attention of the gathering that the institution of daily services, so basic to religious Judaism, was slowly losing ground in the American Jewish community. In many synagogues attendance at these services was decreasing rapidly. In most cases the worshipers at the services were the old folks. Younger people used the daily service merely on occasions of mourning and Yahrzeit. Some synagogues have actually had to engage "professional" worshipers in order to maintain the daily service.

The group at the rabbi's home decided to do something about this. The discussion took the following line. There was an established institution in American life known as Jury Duty. A citizen was expected at certain times to appear and to serve as a juror. Only extenuating circumstances can exempt him from that service.

Well, argued those at the meeting, why can we not institute a similar practice in Jewish congregational life.

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## "RELIGIOUS COMPLEXION OF AMERICAN JEWRY"

### THEME OF SUPPER LECTURE SERIES

#### Rabbi Lookstein To Be Speaker

On Sunday, March 7th, we will begin the 1948 Supper Lecture Series. This project, under the sponsorship of the Men's Club of the congregation, was an outstanding success last year when it was first initiated. Some four hundred people attended the series of four supper lectures in 1947, and even at that time it was felt that it would become an established educational institution in the congregation.

The theme of the Series will be "The Religious Complexion of American Jewry." Four lectures will constitute the series. The individual subjects are as follows:

1. Reform Judaism — Its Original Goals and Present Status;
2. Right Wing Conservative Judaism and Left Wing Reconstructionism;
3. Orthodox Judaism—What it is and What It Achieved;
4. The Religious Future of American Israel.

The Supper Series will be held in the new building of the Ramaz High School, 22 East 82nd Street. There, in the spacious and magnificent surroundings of the beautiful mansion recently acquired, a catered supper will be served and the lectures will follow. The dates are March 7th and 14th; April 4th and 11th.

In announcing the Series, Mr. Ira F. Weisman, President of the Men's Club, said: "Those who attended last year and can recall the brilliant lec-

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## TWIXTEENERS GROUP ORGANIZED

A lovely group of young people between the ages of fifteen and seventeen met in the Rabbi's home last Sunday afternoon and formed themselves into a club to promote cultural, religious, social and philanthropic activities. There was real enthusiasm on the part of those present and all of them were delighted with the prospects of an organization of that kind under the aegis of the congregation.

A Steering Committee was appointed of which Lewis Siegel is chairman. The other members are Lawrence Cooper and Shirley Adler. They will plan the next meeting of the organization which will be held on Sunday, February 29th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the Synagogue House. The guest speaker at that meeting will be the Rabbi who will discuss before the group "Gentleman's Agreement," the book and movie that created such a stir.

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Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 on

"A Critique of the Critics of Judaism"



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### Executive Board—

The Sisterhood Executive Board will next meet on Monday, March 1st, at 1:15 p.m. in room 202 of the Synagogue House. It is expected that all members of the Board will attend this meeting.

### Open Meeting on Monday, March 8th—

The next Open Meeting of the Sisterhood will take place on Monday, March 8th, at the home of Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, 1016 Fifth Avenue. An interesting program has been arranged, and we are certain that our members will enjoy a most pleasant afternoon. We look forward to seeing our members and friends again.

### UJA Committee Named—

Mrs. Alexander Kommel, President of the Sisterhood, announced the appointment of the following members to the UJA Committee, which is headed by Mrs. Harry Etra: Mmes. Louis Etra, Isidore Givner, David Joseph, D. Harry Kleinfeld, Alexander Kommel, Benjamin Leifert, Joseph H. Lookstein, Samuel A. Marcus, Samuel Rosen, Elliott W. Siegel, Seppy I. Silberman and Robert Wallach. We know that with a committee of this caliber, our UJA effort this year will surpass those of previous years.

Off to a good start, there was a large representation of our Sisterhood at the UJA Opening Rally and Special Gifts Luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria this past Wednesday. This initial showing of our wholehearted cooperation is in keeping with the magnitude of the need for the support of UJA this year. We wish our Committee every success.

### Happy Day Fund—

During the past few months, the Bulletin has had occasion to print acknowledgments of contributions, as announced by Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, Chairman of the Fund. Printing these "thank you's" was one of the more pleasant duties of the editor, for he, too, derived great satisfaction from the spirit of Sisterhood members, almost all of whom have, at one time or another, given to the Fund.

The Happy Day Fund is a release, as it were. It affords members of the Sisterhood the opportunity to share their happy moments with others. Births, marriages, anniversaries—all joyous events which members cele-

*Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein*

will discuss

## "The Religious Complexion of American Jewry"

at the

## *Sunday Supper Lecture Series*

sponsored by the

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### MARCH 1st DEAD-LINE FOR YEAR BOOK ADS

As previously announced by the Year Book Committee, March 1st is the dead-line for ads for this year's volume. Elliott W. Siegel, Chairman of the committee, announced the desire of the group that the 1947-48 Year Book go to press as soon as possible, and that all ads be in the hands of the office by the date set.

We are happy to report that Jules Podell, our champion ad-getter of last year, has again topped the list this year. Of course, final results are not yet in; there is still ample opportunity for some of our members to better Mr. Podell's mark. And, we are certain that with a little effort, that figure can be approximated, matched and even exceeded.

We still have about ten days to beat the dead-line. No ads will be accepted after March 1st, since we have to arrange for the printing of the Year Book and its early appearance.

brate are shared by others. Then, too, the memory of a dear departed one can be blessed by the support of worthy causes and assistance to deserving efforts.

We know that our members keep the Happy Day Fund in mind whenever they commemorate a noteworthy occasion. We wish to assure them that others are with them in spirit and wish them many many more happy events.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### New Members—

We welcome into our Men's Club Samuel Edelman and Irving J. Kaye who joined that affiliate of Kehilath Jeshurun this week. To both go our best wishes for a long and happy association with us.

### Birthdays—

Many Happy Returns of the Day to the following members who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Mrs. Joseph E. Adler, Prof. Maurice Finkelstein, William B. Fischberg, Dr. Frank Goodman and Julius I. Silver.

### Anniversaries—

We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Goodside and Dr. and Mrs. Max L. Som, who are observing wedding anniversaries this week. May we celebrate with you many more happy events.

### Congratulations—

Benjamin D. Gold has now opened his own office for the practice of the law, and we take this means of congratulating him and wishing him success.

### Home Again—

It's our pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann back from their recent vacation. We hope they have had a pleasant time and are ready to resume their active work with us.



## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

### Large Audience Hears Yehuda Hellman—

Youthful, dynamic Yehuda Hellman held his audience spellbound Tuesday evening with his short talk on "What Next in Palestine?" at the Forum Meeting sponsored by the Men's Club. For an all-too-short period of time, Mr. Hellman pictured for his audience—one of the largest to attend a Men's Club gathering—the nature of the intrigue and warfare current in the Middle East.

An astute observer of conditions in that explosive area, Mr. Hellman gave us his analysis of the roles being played by the Arabs, with the Mufti as the leading figure, the British, the Soviet Union, the United States, and the Hagannah fighting in defense of its right to statehood and status as a nation among equals. To all intents and purposes, actual war has been declared between the Jews and the Arabs. Not to be underestimated, the Arabs have the support of the British as well as of the United States through its official attitude, the embargo it placed on the shipment of arms to the Jews, and the character of its ambassadors and other officers in the Middle East. However, the Hagannah is prepared to fight a war to the bitter end, the lack of equipment notwithstanding.

Mr. Hellman emphasized the importance of our backing the Hagannah. In truth, he said that "we are on the banks of the Jordan." The fight in Palestine is the fight of every Jew, no matter where he makes his home now.

That the guest speaker was received most warmly was evidenced by the questions that followed his talk. All present agreed that this was one of the outstanding Forum Meetings of the season.

### Plan for Annual Purim Party—

At the last Executive Board meeting of the Men's Club, plans were discussed for the Annual Purim Party. Sponsored jointly with the Sisterhood, the affair has been set for Sunday, March 28th. Details are now being arranged by a joint committee of the two organizations, and will be announced shortly. We advise you to mark the date off—March 28th—and make plans to be with us. As usual, a grand time is in store for you.

## FATHER AND SON MINYAN AND BREAKFASTS RESUMED

The Sunday Father and Son Minyan and Breakfast, which met with such singular success last year, will be resumed once again on Sunday, February 29th.

During the past few months, this activity, which is sponsored by the Men's Club, had to be suspended because of the lack of facilities resulting from the alteration now going on. However, steps have been taken to resume this Sunday morning activity beginning with next Sunday. We know that many of our members will welcome this news.

The Men's Club committee in charge of the project is headed by Alex Garfein. Details will be announced in next week's Bulletin.

## JEWRY DUTY

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Let every member of a congregation consider it his moral duty to serve the cause of religious Jewry by preserving the institution of the daily "Minyon." Let him volunteer to appear a certain number of days during the year at the daily morning service, derive whatever satisfaction he can out of it for himself, help maintain it for others, and contribute to its perpetuation for all Israel.

Acting upon that theory those present at the Rabbi's home volunteered to attend the daily service two weeks during the year. It was decided to conduct an experiment for the months of March and April. These months were divided into two week periods, from March 1st through March 15th; from March 16th through March 31st; from April 1st through April 15th; from April 16th through April 30th. If the experiment works for these two months it is planned to extend this practice to other members who may care to volunteer.

In the meantime, we are happy to announce that the following have already obligated themselves to attend services during the months of March and April: Alvin Austin, Leon Daniel, Harry Etra, Benjamin D. Gold, Leon Gronowitz, George Jacobs, Martin Klein, Alexander Kommel, Saul J. Lance, Samuel A. Marcus, Jacob Rosenblum, Samuel Rosen, Aaron J. Simon, Abraham Wiener and Abraham R. Winer.

## ADULT INSTITUTE CLASSES ENTER ON SECOND SEMESTER

The Adult Institute, which began the year's sessions in October, entered upon the work of the second semester this week. In reporting on the progress of the first term's work, the teachers were unanimous in praise of the interest and work of their "pupils," all of whom have made remarkable head-way since the beginning of the school year.

We are opening mid-year registration for those of our members and friends who can fit into existing classes. The group in Palestinian Music, of course, sets no pre-requisites. However, the classes in Elementary and Intermediate Hebrew presuppose a knowledge of the material covered by the class.

We welcome all those who wish to join. The procedure is simple: contact the Director of the Institute, Jerome H. Rosenblum, at the synagogue office (SAcramento 2-2272), and he will arrange for your admission into the classes. Sessions are held on Mondays, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and are under the tutelage of well-qualified and experienced teachers.

## SUPPER LECTURE SERIES

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tures of the Rabbi on the History of Zionism will most certainly want to hear him discuss the religious problems of American Israel. Besides the cultural treat, many of us cannot forget the atmosphere of sociability and friendship that prevailed at the Supper Series last year. I do not hesitate to assure all those who will attend this year four memorable evenings."

The charge for the entire series which includes supper, of course, is \$6.00. Individual lectures are \$2.00 each. Accompanying this Bulletin there is a Reservation Card which we ask all those who are interested to fill out and return to us without delay. We expect a large response and we are anxious to accommodate and to arrange for as many as we can. Please, therefore, act promptly.

As a friendly suggestion we advise parents to bring their college sons and daughters to these supper lectures. Aside from the information and instruction that the young folks will receive the occasion will become the sort of family night which we are really anxious to make it.



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Mrs. Alexander Kommel...*Pres. Sisterhood*

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles..... 5:16  
Mincha ..... 5:20

#### SATURDAY

Morning ..... 9:00  
Children's Services ..... 10:00  
Weekly Portion: Tezaveh,  
Exodus 27:20-30:10  
Haftorah: Ezekiel 43:10-27  
Mishnah Class ..... 4:20  
Mincha ..... 5:20  
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 6:15

#### DAILY SERVICES

Morning ..... 7:30  
Sunday Morning ..... 8:30  
Evening ..... 5:20

### YAHREZITS

#### February

21—HANNAH B. FINKEL-  
STEIN  
21—HEINRICH BUECHLER  
21—CLAYTON ROCKMORE  
21—JACOB LEVY  
21—JACK J. VOGEL  
22—SIMON RUBINSTEIN  
24—LIBBY PENZNER  
24—SAMUEL SCHWARTZ  
25—BENJAMIN LEVY  
26—BENJAMIN HEYMAN

### RAMAZ NOTES

In appropriate manner, Ramaz celebrated Lincoln's Birthday last Thursday to the delight of the entire assemblage in the auditorium which witnessed the exercises.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of "The Lonesome Trail," a cantata performed by Grade 7. The performance was unquestionably one of the finest ever given. Some ventured the opinion that it surpassed all previous presentations; all said it was magnificent.

The performance was directed by Mr. Ira Sherman and Miss Iola Schip-ler; the scenery and props were executed by Ramaz pupils under the supervision of the art instructor, Mr. Sol Zweibach.

### TWIXTEENERS GROUP

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Mr. Samuel Goodside, Assistant to the Supervisor of Ramaz School, was persuaded to become the leader of the group. Mr. Goodside is a fine young educator with special training in club activities for young people. He is preparing a program of activities that we are confident will provide for the social, recreational, and cultural needs of our twixteeners.

Young people between the ages of fifteen and seventeen who are interested are cordially invited to join. A line or a call to the synagogue office or to the members of the Steering Committee will receive prompt attention.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

#### Participate in Inter-School Panel Discussion—

The Afternoon Religious School is participating in the Annual Inter-School Panel Discussion and Community Assembly, which will take place this Monday, February 23rd.

The Panel Discussion, with Lawrence Levine, Zipporah Markowitz and Joanna Gewerts representing our school, will be held at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue at 10:30 a.m. Following the Discussion and a tour of the Synagogue, Luncheon will be served, and the children, joined by Alfred Friedman and Charles Werner, will proceed to the Community Assembly at Hunter College.

The entire project is sponsored by the Jewish Education Committee, and Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz of our faculty is in charge of the arrangements with regard to our participation.

#### Purim Show—

The annual Purim Show for the children of our Religious School and their friends will take place on Sunday, March 28th, at 10:30 a.m. In addition to the presentation of "Merry Purim," a two-act play to be presented by the Dramatics Club, we will have a surprise performance by a guest star with us to entertain all who attend. Of course, refreshments will be served too.

All children are cordially invited to attend.

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