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FIRST SUPPER LECTURE ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED

Last Sunday, at the new Ramaz School building, Rabbi Lookstein inaugurated his current series of supper-lectures on "The Religious Complexion of American Jewry". Before an informal and enthusiastic cross-section of our congregational family the Rabbi discussed "Reform Judaism—Its Original Goals and Present Status". Following this movement from its inception in Germany, through its transplanting in American soil, to its present state of re-evaluation, Rabbi Lookstein not only gave an historic survey of Classic and Modern Reform, but also an analysis of its origins and significance: the political relation to Jewish Emancipation; the effect of Yiddische Wissenschaft; the implications of higher textual criticism. Trenchantly, the Rabbi unfolded the pattern of this movement which attempted to over-simplify, to substitute ethical relativity for traditional values, and a negative rationalism for the vigour that renews the heart.

Rabbi Lookstein traced the development of Reform, how first it worked for the elimination of all national and ethnic characteristics; how, then, it was obliged by the course of events in a twentieth century world of authoritarianism to reverse its policies and make a synthesis with political Zionism. Now, in an effort at revitalization, Reform Judaism is in the pro-

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ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR

PURIM PARTY MARCH 28TH

Reservations Being Accepted for Affair

At a meeting last week of the joint Sisterhood-Men's Club committee in charge of arrangements for this year's Purim Party, complete plans were outlined, which will render this year's affair one of the best to be sponsored by Kehilath Jeshurun. The meeting, which was extremely well attended, was devoted to the details which go to make our affairs the successes they always are.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

FATHERS MEET

A group of fathers who have children in the Religious School of the Congregation, met last Sunday in the Rabbi's study for the purpose of discussing matters of interest relating to the welfare of the School. At this conference, they decided to organize an active Parents Club as part of the Religious School program, and steps were taken in the direction of implementing the plans outlined.

Those present formed themselves into a committee to lay the groundwork for the new organization. A program for the Parents Club—which will not only work for the betterment of the Religious School, but which will also constitute an organization for parents with a common interest—is being prepared. In order to lose no time in the formation of the Club, another meeting of this committee has been called for this Sunday, at which time more definite advances will be reported.

Our Bulletin will presently publish more about this new effort.

The evening of March 28th—the date of the Party—will be chock-full of pleasantries in keeping with the spirit of the holiday. A full-course supper will be served after an informal hour of sociability and cocktails in the Gymnasium; following which the evening will be spent listening to a complete program of entertainments the likes of which we have never before had.

Once more, we will have the Ramaz Chorus of over 60 voices, perform a Purim operetta. Our readers will recall that last year, the Ramaz Chorus participated in the Purim Party and thrilled our guests with an outstanding performance. This year they will present "Purim Streamlined", and we know that they will repeat the excellent showing made last year.

We will also have as our guest artist, a young Palestinian violin virtuoso, Reuben Varga, who will play a number of appropriate selections. Young Mr. Varga, blinded a few years ago in Tel Aviv, has thrilled audiences in numerous countries with

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Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 on

"Yes, We are a Chosen People"

SISTERHOOD NEWS

A most pleasant afternoon was spent by those who attended the latest Open Meeting of the Sisterhood, which took place this past Monday at the home of Mrs. Aaron H. Onish. The Sisterhood wishes to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Onish for her kind hospitality and for having been so gracious a hostess.

Members Cooperating with UJA Committee —

Mrs. Harry Etra, Chairman of the Sisterhood UJA Committee, announces that the membership is cooperating beautifully with the committee in this year's drive. All of those who have been approached thus far have pledged larger contributions than last year; in many cases, members have doubled last years amount. This display of cooperation is most encouraging. But, then again, the committee realizes that the members of the Sisterhood are well aware of the most dire need this year.

The next Luncheon of the UJA Women's Division will take place on Thursday, March 25th, at the Hotel Plaza. Mrs. Etra is confident that our Sisterhood will be well represented.

SOS Knitting Project —

The Sisterhood SOS Knitting Project, which is preparing articles of clothing for shipment overseas, is nearing the close of its season. While a large number of articles have been completed and shipped, Mrs. Edgar Trautman, Chairman of the Committee, announces that there is wool on hand for about 20 additional sweaters. She urges members to knit either at the building or at home, so that these much-needed items may find their way to some deserving European man, woman or child. Mrs. Trautman is at the Synagogue building every Wednesday, from 1:00 to 3:00, for the distribution of wool and for assistance to those who may require it.

Happy Day Fund —

Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, Chairman of the Happy Day Fund, announces the receipt of a generous contribution from Mrs. Jacob D. Cohen, on the occasion of her wedding anniversary. Many thanks, Mrs. Cohen, and may you celebrate many more happy events.

Gala Purim Party

sponsored by the

SISTERHOOD and MEN'S CLUB

on

SUNDAY, MARCH 28th

in the Synagogue House

FULL COURSE SUPPER

RAMAZ CHORUS

in a Purim operetta

A SURPRISE HUMORIST

REUBEN VARGA

Violin Virtuoso

JENO BARTAL'S MUSIC

Five Dollars per Cover

(no raffles — no extras)

Cocktails at six

Dinner at seven

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

New Member —

We welcome into membership Dr. Nahum Winer, whose application was received this past week, and we wish him many years of happy affiliation with us.

Birthdays —

To the following members who celebrate their birthdays this week, go our heartiest greetings: Mrs. Jerry Coan, Mrs. Samuel B. Cooperman, Solomon Hecht, Benjamin Jacoby, Dr. Sigmund Klein, Dr. Nathan Rosenthal and Reuben Westerman.

Engagement —

We extend our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Singer on the occasion of the engagement of their daughter, Rita. To the future Mr. and Mrs. Davis Philipson go our prayers for a happy and long life together.

Anniversary —

Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Benedict I. Lubell on their wedding anniversary this week. We offer our hope for many more happy occasions.

Congratulations —

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sokolski, upon the arrival of a great-grandchild. May you and the entire family enjoy much "nachas" from the recent addition.

NEW "JEWRY" PANEL

ENTERS SERVICE

Beginning with Monday morning, March 16th, a new group of members will begin attending the daily services as part of their "Jewry" duty. The group will consist of the following: Alvin Austin, Leon Daniel, Leon Gronowitz, Alexander Kommel, Samuel A. Marcus, Abraham Weiner and Abraham R. Winer. We shall be happy to welcome them and we are confident that they will derive a great deal of satisfaction from the knowledge that they are contributing to the preservation of an important religious institution.

The first group to enter the service on March 1st has completed its religious tour of duty. They brought vitality, interest and enthusiasm to the daily minyon. We are most grateful to them. We express a hearty thanks to: Benjamin D. Gold, William Heyman, George Jacobs, Saul J. Lance, Jacob J. Rosenblum, and Aaron J. Simon.

Triple Celebration —

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Levy who, on March 17th, observe their respective birthdays and, on the same day, celebrate their wedding anniversary. We assure them of our prayers and good wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

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his virtuosity. We know that this will be another high-light in the program of the evening.

A surprise guest—whose name will be announced in next week's Bulletin—will be the young man we have invited to entertain us along humorous lines. We guarantee that the brief time he will spend on the stage will keep you in the proverbial stitches. Who is it?

Of course, music will be provided, to complete an evening of well-rounded entertainment. We dare say that it will be impossible to single out one feature of the entire evening's proceedings as the most enjoyable one.

The committee has set the subscription price per plate at \$5.00. We assure you that this will be the only cash outlay that will be required—no raffles, no extras of any nature. Advance indications point to a sell-out for the evening, so we suggest that you mail your reservation in now. Invitations and reservation blanks are now in the mails; time is short; the demand will be excessive. So act now! Get your reservations in without delay!

It has been called to our attention that, in announcing the names of the members of the joint Purim Committee, we omitted that of Louis W. Yohann. We know that the presence of Mr. Yohann—who was the Chairman of our Chanukah party—will aid materially in the success of this coming affair.

We are also happy to learn that Mrs. Robert Wallach has agreed to serve with Ira F. Weisman as co-chairman of the Purim Committee.

SUPPER LECTURE SERIES*(continued from page 1)*

cess of a new crystallization. It is approaching its problem, said the Rabbi, humbly, almost penitently, and we may look forward within the very near future to a new Reform which will have traveled a long way from its early Pittsburg Platform. From the lively question and answer period that followed the lecture proper, it was easy to see that Rabbi Lookstein

had given his audience much cause for comment.

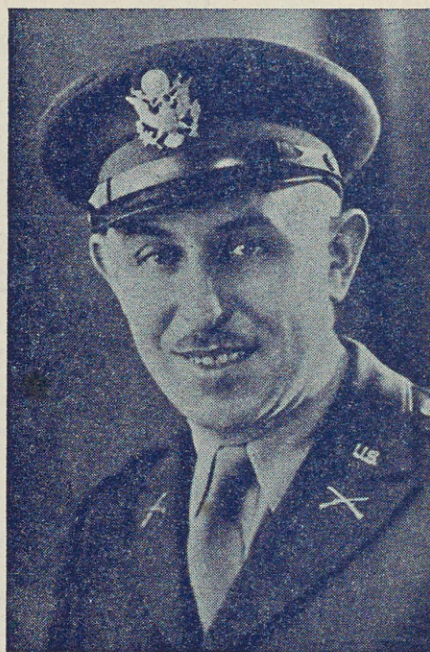
The re-action to the series, in fact, was so marked that we are told by Ira F. Weisman, President of the Men's Club, which is sponsoring the series, that supplementary facilities are being arranged for the three remaining lectures. Consequently, although our audience capacity is still limited, the lists have again been opened for additional reservations. We cannot urge you too strongly to call the synagogue office immedi-

ately and make your reservations for the forthcoming lectures. This Sunday the subject will be "Right Wing Conservative Judaism and Left Wing Reconstructionism". We know that this is a topic on which our rabbi will have interesting ideas and comments and that we may look forward to an exciting evening. The lecture, as usual, will be preceded by supper, which will be served at 7:00 p.m. The Ramaz High School, 22 East 82nd Street will again be the site of the affair.

We cordially invite you and your friends to attend the next

Men's Club Forum Meeting**TUESDAY, MARCH 16th, at 8:30 p.m.**

in the

Auditorium of the Synagogue House**CAPT. HARRY N. SPERBER**

will speak on

"PEACE — CAN THE U.N. HOLD IT?"

Captain Sperber, an eloquent speaker, served as chief German interpreter at the Nuremberg trials, and has recently returned from a long stay abroad, where he has witnessed the forces at work in sabotaging UN efforts at world peace. Hear his analysis of the situation as it exists today.

Ladies Cordially Invited

A Collation will be served

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles..... 5:39
Mincha 5:45

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Children's Services 10:00
Weekly Portion: Pekude,
Exodus 38:21-40:38
Haftorah: I Kings 7:51-8:21
Mishnah Class 5:00
Mincha 5:45
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:35

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 5:50

YAHREZITS

March

12—LEA D. ASTOR
14—SARAH H. BROWN
14—ENOCH WOLBERG
17—RACHEL HUTKOFF
17—ANNA FISCHBERG
19—PEARL MESSING
19—BARNET SANDERS
19—MARY KRAMER

PERSONAL NOTICE

The West Side Ritualarium at 158 West 97th Street is now under new management. The new telephone is MOument 3-0300.

Second Sunday Supper Lecture

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 14th

in the Ramaz High School Building

22 East 82nd Street

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

will talk on

"RIGHT WING CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM AND LEFT WING RECONSTRUCTIONISM"

Call the Synagogue Office at SAcramento 2-2272 for reservations.
Subscription is \$2.00 per lecture, supper included.

Supper will be served at 7:00 p.m. to be followed by the lecture.

RAMAZ NOTES

No fewer than ten Ramaz students distinguished themselves in the recent city-wide essay contest sponsored by the Metropolitan Jewish Book Council, which is affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board. The nature of each essay consisted of a review, either in English or in Hebrew, of a book of Jewish interest. Following is a list of the winners:

Hebrew Essays

First Prize—Sara Ordentlich
Second Prize—Lawrence Kobrin
Third Prize—Robert Kushner
Honorable Mention—
Miriam Halkin
Vivian Jacobson

English Essays

Third Prize—Evelyn Seelenfreund
Honorable Mention—
Zelda Kashtan
Varda Katz
Roberta Klugman
Zev Censor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 14, 3:00 p.m.—Meeting of Twixteeners—Room 301.

Sunday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.—Second Supper Lecture; Rabbi Lookstein will speak on "Right Wing Conservative Judaism and Left Wing Reconstructionism"—Ramaz High School, 22 East 82nd Street.

Monday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.—Classes in the Adult Institute.

Tuesday, March 16, 8:30 p.m.—Men's Club Forum Meeting; Capt. Harry Sperber will speak on "Peace—Can the U.N. Hold It?"—Auditorium.

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.—Purim Assembly Program presented by the Religious School children—Auditorium.

Sunday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.—Annual Purim Party sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club—Auditorium.

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