

RABBI LOOKSTEIN COMPLETES TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MINISTRY AT KEHILATH JESHURUN

Occasion to be Marked by Celebration January 9th

This is the twenty-fifth year of devoted, selfless and inspired service rendered to Kehilath Jeshurun by its Rabbi, Joseph H. Lookstein. In taking notice of this historic event, the Board of Trustees, at its last meeting, unanimously decided to mark the occasion by a celebration, appropriately arranged, on Sunday, January 9th, 1949, in the Synagogue.

The celebration, which will take the form of a Religious Convocation to be followed by a Reception, will be attended by outstanding leaders of religious, educational and philanthropic endeavors, in all of which our Rabbi has been and is to this very day a respected leader and energetic worker. Institutions and organizations like Columbia University, the Hillel Foundation of Bnai Brith, Jewish Education Committee, Jewish National Fund, Jewish Welfare Board, Joint Distribution Committee, Mizrahi Organization of America, United Jewish Appeal, and Yeshiva University—among others—will be represented.

In conjunction with the Convocation, it is planned to publish a Record of Proceedings. In this record will appear greetings from notable personages from countries throughout the world, who will want to take this occasion to salute him.

Convocation a Fitting Tribute —

The Religious Convocation which has been arranged is an appropriate and fitting means of paying tribute to one so deserving of recognition as the spiritual head of a synagogue. And Rabbi Lookstein has been more than the rabbi of Kehilath Jeshurun. He has been its inspiration, its guide and its moving spirit since the day he assumed the position of full rabbi of the congregation. That was back in 1937, when he succeeded the sainted Rabbi Moses S. Margolis, whom he had been serving as Assistant Rabbi since 1923.

For almost four-score years, Kehilath Jeshurun enjoyed

prominence shared by few other orthodox synagogues in this country. Its pulpit was occupied, since its inception, by the foremost spiritual leaders in orthodoxy. Never in its history did Kehilath Jeshurun lose its prominence; yet with the arrival of Rabbi Lookstein the glory that was always theirs was magnified to an ever greater extent.

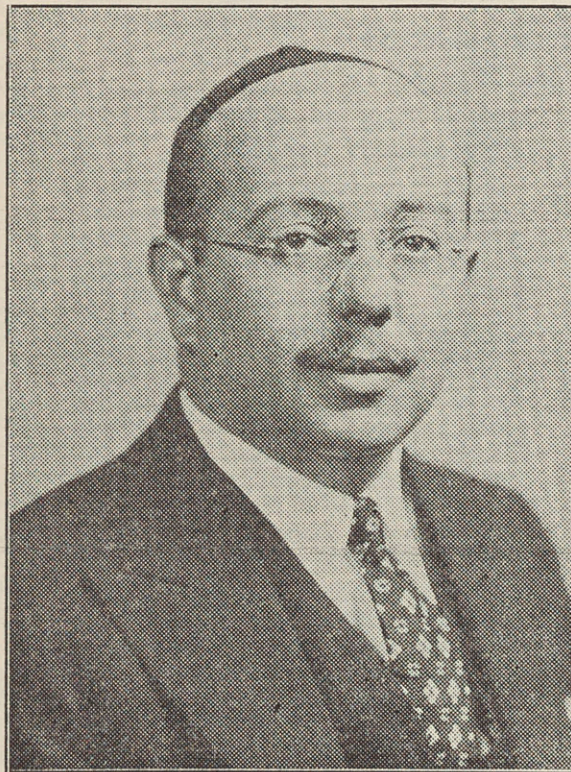
The creative talents that the Rabbi brought with him to the position led to ever-increasing renown for our synagogue. To cite but a few instances: the organization of our Men's Club and Sisterhood; the establishment of the one-of-its-kind Ramaz School; the remodeling of the very structure of the synagogue so that it is a picture of modernity and beauty, retaining at the same time its dignity and tradition.

Rabbi's Energies Variously Directed —

Not only has Rabbi Lookstein raised Kehilath Jeshurun to greater heights, he has also found the time to devote his energies to numerous religious, national, patriotic and life-saving activities. He helped organize the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls and for ten years acted as its principal. He is an active worker in behalf of his alma mater, Yeshiva University, and is at present Professor of Homiletics and Practical Rabbinics in its Seminary, and Professor of Jewish Sociology at the University proper.

A prominent Zionist leader, Rabbi Lookstein is affiliated with its religious party, Mizrahi, and is at the present time the chairman of its Administrative Council. He has been its representative at world conferences and Zionist congresses.

As chairman of the Palestine Commission of the American Jewish Conference, the Rabbi served as one of the consultants to our State Department at the United Nations conference in San Francisco, on matters pertaining to



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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Palestine and world Jewry. He has traveled the country from coast to coast in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, and has toured South America and Mexico for the Joint Distribution Committee.

During the war years, Rabbi Lookstein was called upon by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to visit army camps and other military installations in the European and Mediterranean theaters of operation. He spent seven weeks on that mission, visiting numerous Displaced Persons camps along his route. He was received by the foremost military leaders, including Generals Eisenhower, McNarney and Clark.

At present he is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Division of Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

**Samuel Levy Heads
Arrangements Committee —**

So that the January 9th celebration will be commensurate with the significance of the event, a committee comprising some of the leading members of our congregation was appointed by Mr. Max J. Etra, the president. The Hon. Samuel Levy was named chairman; Dr. Samuel Belkin, the Hon. Samuel Hofstadter and the Hon. Bernard L. Shientag, Honorary Vice-chairmen; Mrs. Alexander Kommel and Ira F. Weisman, Vice-chairmen. Invitations to the Convocation will be in the mails within the next few days.

Sunday, January 9th, will go down in Jewish history as a land-mark for an outstanding orthodox synagogue, a prominent leader in Israel, and Jewry the world over.

SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING

**Monday, November 29th, 1:00 p.m.
in the Social Hall**

MRS. JULIETTE T. ASCHNER

will be our guest

Dessert Luncheon will be served

**RESPONSE TO 1948 YEAR
BOOK FAVORABLE**

Although the campaign for the 1948 Year Book is only one week old, initial reactions on the part of our members indicate that this year's quota can be reached. Mr. Elliott W. Siegel, Chairman of the Committee, announced that a number of ads have already been received, and that the entire membership, spear-headed by the members on his committee, is working toward achieving our goal.

While he is heartened by the response thus far, it is still too early to predict the ease with which our quota will be attained. If our co-workers continue to display the enthusiasm and diligence manifested in this brief week, we will surpass the amount stipulated as our goal. However, the members must be urged to continue to solicit their ads, so that a success will be assured.

A meeting of the Year Book Committee will take place Monday evening in the Library. At this meeting, which all members are urged to attend, ways and means of stimulating our membership to continued effort will be discussed.

NEW BULLETIN POLICY

For the past several months, we have been experimenting with the Bulletin—as our readers have no doubt noticed. The size and frequency of appearance have undergone numerous changes since shortly before this past summer.

The purpose of this experiment was to discover how best to bring Congregational news to our members and friends, and to get the reactions of our readers and their preference.

We have found that the most recent policy of publishing a bi-weekly Bulletin in large form was not received very favorably. Then, too, it did not permit of widespread "news coverage" of certain events which took place during certain periods of the year.

We have therefore decided that for the balance of the season, the Bulletin will appear weekly—three consecutive issues in small form, and one issue of the larger size. The large Bulletin will be published for the Sabbath on which Rosh Chodesh prayers are recited.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS**New Members —**

We are happy to welcome Ralph Hyman and Julius Siegel into membership, and we wish them a long and happy association with us.

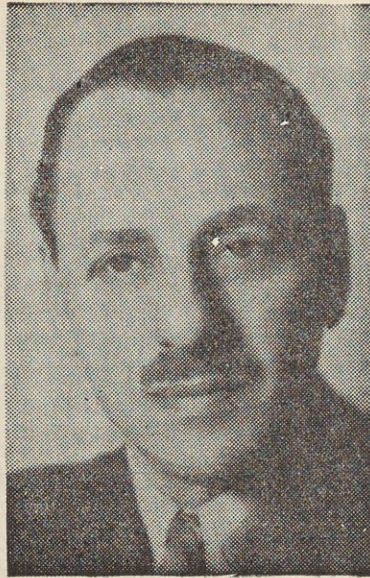
Major Wellesley Aron to Speak December 21st —

An unusual treat is in store for our members and friends on Tuesday evening, December 21st, at the next Forum Meeting of the Men's Club. At that time, we will have the pleasure of hearing Major Wellesley Aron, the guest speaker, talk on a subject of vital importance relative to the situation in Israel today. The exact title of his talk will be announced shortly.

Major Aron, now on an important mission in America, is a young man who combines outstanding speaking ability and an excellent background of rich, first-hand experience in the Palestine scene. After having received his degree from Cambridge University in England, he moved to Palestine where he taught in higher educational institutions in Tel Aviv and Haifa. The founder of the leading advertising firm in the Holy Land, Major Aron was commissioned by Sir Archibald Wavell to undertake negotiations with the London War Office for the purpose of organizing industrial mobilization of Palestine in the event of war. He was instrumental in obtaining official recognition from the British Board of Trade for the establishment of the Jewish Nautical School at Haifa, which trains officers for Jewish merchant ships.

As soon as war broke out, Major Aron enlisted in His Majesty's forces—the first Jew in Palestine to be given a commission in the British army. He commanded the first all-Jewish Palestinian unit, which was later among the first to be incorporated into the now-famous Jewish Brigade of World War II. He received commendations from General Mark Clark's American 5th Army, and was later decorated by the British government for "gallant and distinguished service whilst on active duty."

Major Aron was one of the most important Palestinians to be called upon to present evidence before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry in Jerusalem, so vast is his knowledge of Palestinian affairs.

**MAJOR WELLESLEY ARON**

on a brief visit from Israel

will speak at the next

MEN'S CLUB FORUM MEETING

Tuesday, December 21st

in the Auditorium

Motion Picture to be Shown at Meeting —

On the same program with Major Aron, a motion picture entitled "Birthday of a Prophecy" will be exhibited. This recent film, in sound and color, will be both interesting and informative, in addition to setting an appropriate scene for Major Aron's talk. The film will be shown promptly at 8:40 that evening and will be followed by the Major's address.

We know our members and their wives and friends will want to be present December 21st. We are therefore giving them this advance notice, and urge them to invite their guests to be our guests that evening. A memorable occasion is in store for them.

Welfare Fund —

Every so often a brief notice will appear in this column in the Bulletin, acknowledging receipt of a contribution to the Men's Club Welfare Fund. Contributions to this Fund are utilized for the many philanthropic activities of the Men's Club, such as Religious School scholarships, relief to worthy individuals, scholarships in Ramaz School, providing a few weeks' stay at camp for deserving children, and the like.

In acknowledging the generous contribution of Ira F. Weisman to the Fund, we would like to call our members' attention to this little-heard-of but greatly-needed-and-appreciated activity.

And, of course, many thanks to Mr. Weisman for his gift.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Births —**

A hearty Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Rosenthal on the birth of a granddaughter this week. Similar wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silberschutz on the arrival this week of a grandson.

Birthdays —

Many Happy Returns of the Day to Benjamin Gottesman and Howard Stoller.

Anniversaries —

Anniversary Greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schimel, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weiss.

Honors —

We congratulate Samuel Goodside, assistant Supervisor of Ramaz, upon his election to Kappa Delta Pi, national educational fraternity.

CONDOLENCES

It is with regret that we record the passing of Mrs. Max Fisher, and of Dr. Hyman Binder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan J. Binder.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families, and pray that the Almighty spare them from further sorrow for many years to come.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:00
Weekly Portion: Chaye Sarah,
Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftorah: I Kings 1:1-31
Rosh Chodesh Prayers: Rosh Chodesh
Kislev will be on Thursday
and Friday, December 2 and 3
Evening 4:15
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:05

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 4:20

Yahrzeits

November

27—MEYER ROTHSTEIN
27—JACOB A. SILBERMAN
28—SADIE CASNER
30—CHARLES E. DAVIS
30—HARRY H. HOLZMAN
30—MAX THEAMAN

December

2—BARNET M. KLEIN
2—THEODORE SIMON
3—MORRIS KITE
3—SAMUEL WEISS

**Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 a.m. on
"What Can Really be Done About Changing Jewish Law?"**

RAMAZ NOTES

... In observance of Jewish Book Month (November 26th to December 26th) our children are participating in the Book Review Contest sponsored by the Jewish Education Committee.

... On Sunday afternoon, December 19th, Ramaz pupils and parents will attend the J. E. C. Theatre for Children to see the new play, "Asher Levy of New Amsterdam." Some choice tickets are still available.

... Grade V is to be congratulated on its splendid portrayal of "The New-fangled Thanksgiving" at the recent assembly. The dramatics, singing and dancing were beautifully performed.

... During Thanksgiving week, Ramaz pupils donated food for Israel in the form of canned goods and packaged foods.

... Among the agencies which received Social Service contributions from Ramaz during the past two months are the U. J. A., the Greater New York Fund, the J. N. F. and the United Hospital Campaign.

THE K. J. CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 29, 1:00 p.m.—Sisterhood Open Meeting; Guest Speaker: Mrs. Juliette T. Aschner—Social Hall

Monday, Nov. 29, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting of the 1948 Year Book Committee—Library

Thursday, Dec. 2, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting of the Board of Trustees—Library

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 12:30 p.m.—Sisterhood Donor Luncheon and Fashion Show—Waldorf-Astoria

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting of Men's Club Executive Board—Library

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 8:40 p.m.—Men's Club Forum Meeting; Film: "Birth-day of a Prophecy"; Guest Speaker: Major Wellesley Aron—Auditorium

Sunday, Jan. 2—Chanukah Party—Social Hall

Sunday, Jan. 9—Religious Convocation in celebration of Twenty-five years of Rabbi Lookstein's ministry at Kehilath Jeshurun.

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