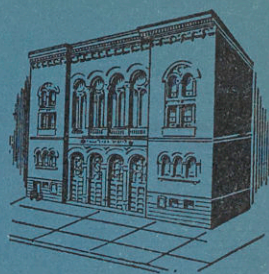


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DR. SAMUEL BELKIN AND EDWARD M. M. WARBURG TO SPEAK AT CONVOCATION

FINAL WEEK FOR CHANUKAH PARTY RESERVATIONS

With the Chanukah party, sponsored jointly by the Men's Club and Sisterhood, set for Sunday evening, January 2nd, reservations are being accepted in the Synagogue Office for the balance of this week. The deadline for making reservations has been moved to Wednesday, December 29th to allow those people who are making plans for winter vacations to arrange their schedules so that they may be present at the Chanukah party.

At a meeting of the Chanukah Committee which took place last Thursday evening, final details of the affair were discussed. The program has been definitely set and includes Al Flosso, Comedy Illusionist; Blackie Schackner, Harmonica Virtuoso; Anne Capitan, Continental Singer of Songs; and, of course, music throughout the evening.

The party will begin at six o'clock with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and dancing in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. At seven o'clock it is planned to retire to the Social Hall where supper will be served and where the entertainment will be presented.

The co-chairmen of the affair, Louis W. Yohann and Mrs. Robert Wallach, would like to point out that the site of the affair has been moved to the Social Hall in order to add to the beauty of the affair. This move, however, has resulted in a decrease in the number of reservations that can be taken. Those who would like to be with us on this occasion are therefore requested to phone the Synagogue Office immediately and place their reservations. The co-chairmen express the sentiments of the entire committee in reporting that they feel confident that this year's Chanukah party will outshine those of previous years.

Acceptances also Received from Leon Gellman, Herbert H. Lehman and Frank Weil

Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University and esteemed member of our Board of Trustees, has accepted our invitation to deliver the main address at the Religious Convocation in celebration of Rabbi Lookstein's twenty-fifth anniversary as Rabbi of Kehilath Jeshurun. In announcing Dr. Belkin's acceptance, the Hon. Samuel Levy, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, announced that he had also received a favorable response from Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, to speak at the Convocation, soon after the latter's return from Paris where he had been attending a JDC conference.

As previously announced, Herbert H. Lehman, former governor of New York State, will also be present to extend greetings to our Rabbi on this occasion. Completing the roster of speakers that afternoon will be Leon Gellman, President of the Mizrahi Organization of America; and Frank L. Weil, President of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

In announcing the names of these outstanding leaders in Jewish life who will participate in the program, Mr. Levy made especial note of some

of the comments incorporated in the letters of acceptance that were received. Mr. Gellman writes, "Though I confess it is not easy to speak in the presence of Rabbi Lookstein, I shall try to evaluate his virtues to the best of my ability. He really deserves all praise as he is a loyal, devoted friend to turn to in every good cause for Israel." Mr. Weil writes: "I should be delighted to join in the celebration and express the high esteem and deep affection in which he is held not only by me but by all others with whom he has worked."

Numerous Greetings Received —

Mr. Levy has also informed us that numerous letters of greeting to the Rabbi and to the Congregation have been received on this historic occasion. They include messages from various educational, national, Israeli, and humanitarian institutions and causes in all of which our Rabbi has been an esteemed leader. A radiogram from Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Israel, has been received in which the Chief Rabbi writes, in part, "YOUR ESTEEMED RABBI OUTSTANDING FIGURE IN

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RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 a.m.

on the second of his three-lecture series on

"RELIGION AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL"

The topic this week is

"A Revitalized Religion for a Reborn State"

THE RABBI'S SERMON SERIES

An unusually fine congregation heard the Rabbi speak last Saturday on "Theocracy or Democracy — Church and State in the Constitution of Israel." This was the first in a series of three sermons on the general subject of **Religion and the State of Israel**. The topic this Saturday will be "A Revitalized Religion for a Reborn State."

In his sermon last Saturday the Rabbi pointed out how such terms as theocracy and bibliocracy do not apply to the realities of the Jewish State. "Theocracy," the Rabbi said, "is an expression first used by Josephus who used it as a figurative rather than as a political term. Bibliocracy, or a government in accordance with Biblical law, must be understood in all of its wider implications. The Bible for the Jew is only the written law interpreted, extended and supplemented by the oral law of the Talmud and the laws expounded by the great rabbinic authorities in their responsa through the ages. It is incorrect, therefore, to speak of the future Jewish government as a Bibliocracy in the Christian Fundamentalist sense of the word."

The Rabbi also analyzed the entire concept of church and state and demonstrated by historic example and contemporary fact how that concept must be understood in the light of the nature of Judaism.

This Saturday the Rabbi will discuss some of the practical problems that may confront the citizens of Israel in their desire to adhere to Jewish law. The role of the Sabbath and holidays, the institution of Kashrut, the legal and social position of women will be some of the problems to be considered.

Do not miss attending synagogue this Sabbath. Come and bring your family, especially your sons and daughters who are home from college.

CONVOCATION SPEAKERS

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AMERICAN JEWRY DESERVES DEEPEST APPRECIATION WITH WHICH I GLADLY ASSOCIATE MYSELF." The Hon. Elishu Epstein, Special Representative of the State of Israel to the United States, has also written to join the many others in felicitating the Rabbi on this occasion.

Congratulatory messages have also been received from Governor Thomas E. Dewey; Mayor William O'Dwyer; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., General Chairman of UJA; Gen. Mark W. Clark, the Chiefs of Chaplains of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Veterans Administration; and many, many others representing organizations with which our Rabbi has been affiliated. Some of them are: B'nai B'rith, Jewish Education Committee, New York Board of Rabbis, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, United Aged Home, United Service for New Americans, Rabbinical Council of America, Zionist Organization of America, Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls, Columbia University, College of the City of New York, Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, and several others.

In connection with the Convocation, Mr. Levy said, "A Record of Proceedings will be published which will include facsimiles of the letters received as well as a program of the afternoon and excerpts of the greetings to be delivered by the invited speakers." This record will serve as a precious memento of this milestone in American Jewish history, in addition to providing valuable information to the future historian.

Invitations to the Convocation have already been mailed to members of the Congregation and its affiliates, as well as to leaders in numerous organizations to which Rabbi Lookstein has devoted so much of his time, energy and initiative. A huge assemblage is expected to join in paying tribute to Rabbi Lookstein on that day—Sunday, January 9th:

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Program of Youth Activities to be Undertaken —

Following a short address by Rabbi Lookstein at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Sisterhood in which he outlined a program of youth activities, a committee was appointed to discuss the matter further with the rabbi. It is too early to release the details of the program but we want to assure our membership that it will not be long before a comprehensive program of youth activities will be in operation.

Happy Day Fund —

Acknowledgment with thanks is made of the generous contributions of Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, on the birth of her grandson, and of Misses Mildred and Minna Feinberg.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

New Member —

We welcome Mr. Berthold Breiner into membership and wish him many years of active affiliation with us.

Birth —

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Yudell on the birth of a baby daughter.

Birthdays —

Many Happy Returns of the Day to Mrs. D. Harry Kleinfeld, Dr. Paul Lehman and Dr. Max L. Som.

Marriage —

Best of luck to the former Miss Sheila Redlich of the synagogue office staff, who became Mrs. Jack I. Schectman this week.

Anniversary —

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Gedeon Heller who celebrate the occasion this week.

Vacationing —

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra are now enjoying the sunshine of Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cummings off on a cruise to the West Indies.

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Name

Address

MEN'S CLUB NEWS**New Members —**

We are happy to welcome Messrs. H. W. Baumgarten, Benjamin Gordon, Sam Greenspan and Nat Lebowitz as new members, and hope that they'll be with us as active participants in Men's Club affairs for many years.

Troop Charter Presented to Men's Club —

At the last Forum Meeting, which was held Tuesday evening, Martin Klein, Scoutmaster of the newly-organized scout troop, presented the charter of the troop to Ira F. Weisman, president of the Men's Club, the sponsoring organization. We know that the new group, which will be known as Troop No. 640, will flourish under its new leadership and will become one of the outstanding local units of the national movement.

Major Wellesley Aron Addresses Meeting —

At this meeting, which was most beautifully attended, Major Wellesley Aron spoke on "Israel, the Bastion of Democracy" and gave us one of the most interesting and informative talks on the subject. The points which he emphasized were brought into even sharper focus by the manner in which Major Aron presented his viewpoint.

The address was preceded by the showing of "A Birthday of a Prophecy," a sound film in color depicting the development of the land of Israel from a vision in the mind of Theodore Herzl, to its realization in our day. The film coincided beautifully with Major Aron's remarks.

Annual Smoker Set for January 18th —

The Chairman of the Program Committee, Mr. Hyman I. Bucher, announced that the Annual Smoker—that much-looked-forward-to affair—would take place this year on Tuesday, January 18th. Details of the party will be made known in due time, but he asked that this advance notice of the date be given, to allow the members who are planning to attend to make the necessary arrangements.

NEW SOLICITORS AID YEAR BOOK CAMPAIGN

Results of the 1948-49 Year Book are not as yet exceedingly gratifying. Mr. Elliott W. Siegel, Chairman of the Year Book Committee, points out, however, that it is a source of encouragement to note that a number of members who previously did not participate in this congregational activity, are proving themselves successful solicitors in this year's campaign. This, added Mr. Siegel, is about the only note of encouragement that can be found to date.

The drive this year has not been meeting with the support it deserves. That the Year Book is an important activity from both the literary and financial aspects, is a well established fact; yet surprisingly few of our members are giving this matter their serious attention.

New methods of stimulating our advertisers were discussed at the last meeting of the Year Book Committee. One of these methods, which will shortly be tested, promises to become an effective means toward the achievement of this year's goal. Again, the success of this experiment will depend on the reaction of the members who will be asked to participate.

It is a bit too early to prophesy with any degree of certainty how close to our quota we will get. Mr. Siegel would like to emphasize, however, that it is the intention of the Year Book Committee to publish the volume during the early spring of 1949. This being the case, therefore, the immediate and whole-hearted cooperation of our entire membership is imperative. The Synagogue Office staff is at the disposal of any member who requires assistance in the solicitation of ads.

Abraham Kirshon Heads Men's Club Year Book Drive —

Mr. Abraham Kirshon was named head of the Men's Club Year Book Committee. This committee will work with the Synagogue Year Book committee in an effort to make the 1948-49 Year Book an assured success. Mr. Kirshon announced that the aim of his committee will be to solicit the cooperation of Men's Club members who are not members of the Congregation in this project. Detailed plans will be announced shortly.

DO YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND A PRIVATE SCHOOL?

Children who attend private school, and there are many of them in a neighborhood like ours, constitute a special problem in the matter of Jewish education. The hours of instruction for such children do not correspond to those that obtain in the public school system. In some instances recreational activities are part of the private school program and that prevents children who attend such schools from attending the Religious School at the hours that it is in session.

We are nevertheless anxious to provide religious instruction to these children. As a first step it is necessary to find out how many such children there are in our congregation. We ask our readers, therefore, to cooperate with us and to send us the names of their children and of other children who fall within our category described. The Religious School Committee will then be prepared to plan the additional program that may be necessary. We urge parents of such children not to delay and to communicate with us immediately.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PLANS CHANUKAH PROGRAM

Mr. Myer B. Appleman, Principal of the Afternoon Religious School has announced that the children of the school will present a Chanukah program on Sunday morning, January 2, 1949 at ten thirty o'clock in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House.

The program will feature a presentation of "The Dreidles That Wouldn't Spin," a one-act play to be given by the Dramatic Club under the direction of Miss Viola Harris.

Group singing and solo numbers will also be rendered under the leadership of Mr. Irving Schenker, the Music Teacher of the Religious School. The kindling of the Chanukah lights and the recitation of appropriate selections will round out the morning's program.

Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend this assembly program. The Parents' Club which will provide refreshments at the close of the program, urges its members to be present that morning and to bring with them their friends and neighbors.

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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: Vayeshev,
Genesis 37:1-40:23
Haftorah: Amos 2:6-3:8
Rosh Chodesh Prayers: Rosh
Chodesh Tebet will be on
Saturday and Sunday, Jan-
uary 1 and 2
Evening 4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:10

DAILY

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

YAHREZITS

December

25 — CHARLES ROSEN
25 — JACOB LEVIN
27 — CHARLES GOLDMAN
27 — HARRIS SOKOLSKI
27 — MENASSE KAHN
27 — ADOLPH HAUPTMAN
28 — SAMUEL KAHN
28 — RACHEL GOODMAN
29 — IGNATZ HEYMAN
30 — ABRAHAM JACOBS
30 — JACOB S. POFCHER

THE AFTERNOON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

invites you to attend its annual

CHANUKAH ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Sunday, January 2nd, at 10:30 a.m.
in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House

"THE DREIDLES THAT WOULDN'T SPIN"

a new one-act play
will be presented by the

DRAMATICS CLUB

Refreshments will be served

THE K. J. CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m.—Religious
School Chanukah Assembly Pro-
gram — Auditorium.

Sunday, Jan. 2, 6:00 p.m.—Annual
Chanukah Party sponsored by the
Sisterhood and Men's Club —
Auditorium and Social Hall.

Thursday, Jan. 6, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting
of the Board of Trustees — Library.

Sunday, Jan. 9, 4:00 p.m.—Religious
Convocation in celebration of Rabbi
Lookstein's twenty-fifth anniversary
as Rabbi at Kehilath Jeshurun —
Synagogue.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting
of the Men's Club Executive Com-
mittee — Library.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 8:30 p.m.—Men's
Club Annual Smoker—Auditorium.

NOTES ON KINDLING OF CHANUKAH LIGHTS

1. The Chanukah menorah should be prominently displayed—preferably near a window.
2. The first Chanukah light is to be kindled Sunday, December 26th, after sunset.
3. Thereafter, an additional light is to be kindled daily, the eighth candle to be lighted on Sunday, January 2nd.
4. On Friday, the Chanukah lights are kindled before the Sabbath candles.

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