

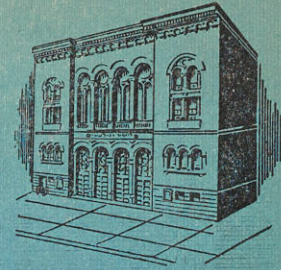
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RABBI DISCUSSES HASSIDISM AT SUPPER-LECTURE

At the second of the current Supper-Lecture series, which was held last Sunday evening, Rabbi Lookstein spoke before a large audience on "Israel Ba'al Shem and Hassidism." Like the lecture of the previous week, the talk was most enthusiastically received, and evoked a number of questions which indicated signs of deep and serious interest.

The Rabbi traced the history of Hassidism to its origin some two centuries ago, and dispelled from the minds of those present, the erroneous conceptions which have arisen in regard to this movement. He pointed out how the birth of Hassidism in Eastern Europe was connected with the historical background of the Jews living under oppressive regimes, in search of some escape from the unbearable realities of the day.

The Rabbi spoke briefly of the life of Israel Ba'al Shem, the founder of Hassidism, as well as of the leading exponents of the movement. In the latter part of his talk, the Rabbi outlined the doctrines of Hassidism — some ten in number — and what he termed the "cardinal virtues" of this potent force in Jewish life today.

The lecture of last Sunday was on the second of the streams of thought which go into "The Making of the Modern Jewish Mind," which is the general theme of this year's series. In the next lecture, which will be given in our Social Hall on Sunday evening, March 27th, Rabbi Lookstein will speak on "Elijah Gaon and Rabbinism." There is yet time to make reservations for the third and fourth lectures. You're missing something if you do not attend — a spiritual and nutritional treat. Call the Synagogue office and place your reservations now. Subscription is \$3.00 per cover.

A Happy Purim To All

PURIM AT KEHILATH JESHURUN

In keeping with tradition, Kehilath Jeshurun will usher in the holiday of Purim with gaiety, festivity and religious dignity. Beginning with Monday evening, March 14th, at 6:00 o'clock, the holiday will start with Maariv services in the Synagogue led by Cantor Hyman Gertler. Following the evening service, the Megillah will be read, to the accompaniment of the traditional percussion instruments in the hands of the children present. It is, then, a holiday for both young and old to enjoy, so bring the children with you. A special section has been reserved for them and proper supervision will be provided.

Ramaz Students to Read Megillah —

The Reading of the Megillah will again be entrusted to the hands of ten young men, students in the Ramaz High School. The practice of having the boys read the Megillah was introduced two years ago, and was met with instantaneous approbation. So enthused were our worshippers last year, as a matter of fact, that following the Megillah reading, they burst into applause, special dispensation having been given by Rabbi Lookstein.

Ten young men have been selected to read this year. We can be assured, then, of an inspiring and beautiful rendition of the story of Purim.

Religious School As- sembly Sunday Morning —

The Religious School joins in celebrating Purim, with a special Assembly Program, to take place this Sunday morning, March 13th, at

11:00, in the Auditorium. This year, the Dramatics Club, under the direction of Miss Viola Harris, will present "The Purim Wizard of Oz" replete with costumes, stage and lighting effects and appropriate musical selections.

As a special feature, that Master of Magic, Herbert Nivelli, will "prestigitate" — something that will amaze the adults — who, incidentally, are also invited — and, of course, the children. The program will also include recitations and musical numbers fitting for the occasion. (Please note: the program will start promptly at 11:00).

Last Week to Reserve for Purim Party —

The celebrational character of the holiday will come to a close Sunday evening, when the Annual Purim Party gets under way in the Social Hall. As we announced in last week's Bulletin, the final details have been completed and we have the assurance of the committee in charge that nothing has been overlooked to make this year's party even better than last year's or that of the years before.

The program of entertainment is one that cannot be beat. Several highly-talented and well-known performers have been booked for the occasion, including Larry Best, monologist par excellence; Sammy Birch with a novel auction; Ken Wisner, musicologist of renown, and Jeno Bartal and his music. Cantor Hyman Gertler will render several musical selections.

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Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 a.m. on
"ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL"
A Purim Sermon

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

invites its members and friends to a

PURIM TEA

at which it will be hostess to the

WOMEN'S BRANCH

of the

UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS

Wednesday afternoon, March 16th at 1:30

in the Social Hall

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Women's Branch of Union to be Sisterhood Guests —

This Tuesday afternoon, March 16th, the Sisterhood will resume a role it played annually several years ago, when it will again act as hostesses to the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The practice which was discontinued last year because of the building alterations then in progress, will be reinstated this Tuesday, with a Purim Tea in our Social Hall.

The program which has been arranged by the Women's Branch will again be an interesting and enjoyable one. Sisterhood members who attended these functions in past years will, we are sure, look forward to attending this one. To the other members of the Sisterhood, we can only extend a warm invitation to be with us.

Among those who volunteered to serve as hostesses are: Mmes. Hyman Abrams, Rose Alpert, A. Milton Brown, David Joseph, Joseph H. Lookstein, Aaron H. Onish, Elliott W. Siegel, Seppy I. Silberman and Edgar Trautman.

Surprise Meeting Set for April 4th —

The next Open Meeting of the Sisterhood will be in the nature of a surprise. The date has been set for Monday, April 4th—but not in the afternoon, as is the Sisterhood custom. Instead, it will take place in the Social Hall in the evening, when—and here is surprise number two—husbands will be able to attend.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birth —

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Rosenthal on the birth of a baby boy.

Birthdays —

Many Happy Returns of the Day to Mrs. Jerry A. Coan, Mrs. Samuel B. Cooperman, Benjamin Jacoby, Dr. Sigmund Klein, Hyman J. Messeloff, Dr. Nathan Rosenthal, Aaron Shusterman and Albert Sokolski.

Bar Mitzvah —

Heartiest congratulations to Harry Araten, a student at Ramaz, and to all the members of his family, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah this Saturday.

Anniversaries —

Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler, Mr. and Mrs. Benedict I. Lubell, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Rosenblum on their wedding anniversaries.

The evening will hold numerous other pleasant features, which will soon be announced. Mrs. Samuel A. Marcus, chairman of the arrangements for this meeting, is confident that this affair will be greeted most cordially by the membership—and the men folk as well.

Happy Day Fund —

Many many thanks to Mmes. Hilda Holt, Lillian Rosenthal and Louis W. Yohann for their generous contributions to our Happy Day Fund.

SUCCESS GREETS FIRST MEETING OF CHORAL SOCIETY

The efforts expended in the organization of the K. J. Choral Society were met with ample reward at the first gathering of the group, which took place last Monday evening in the Auditorium.

With over fifty adults present, a good number of them members of the congregation or of its affiliates, and with all of them smiling in anticipation of what was to come, Mr. Julius Grossman, director of the Society, ascended the podium to blend members' voices in harmonious renditions of popular Hebrew melodies.

The result was amazing! Here was a group of people, most of whom had never looked at a sheet of music before, actually reading notes at sight and singing with the gusto that always accompanies eager anticipation. It was, perhaps, an answer to a challenge that faced these stalwarts. They dared defy the "impossible"—that belief that they couldn't possibly sing at sight from sheet music, especially four-part choral singing.

The results, as attested to by some who came to observe, were not only astounding, but actually pleasant to the ear. Four-part harmony—the ladies handling the soprano and alto parts; the men singing tenor or bass parts—of lilting melodies . . . and everyone enjoying it! Truly astounding!

It was obvious that the Choral Society was an activity that was here to stay. The disappointment that came as a result of the moving hands of the clock indicated that the members of the Society who were present would have liked to stay until all hours.

May we again invite you to come down and join in the fun? You needn't have an operatic voice; you needn't have any experience; you needn't even have a knowledge of Hebrew (words are transliterated into English). All you need is the desire. We'll supply the rest.

Please Note —

Because of the Reading of the Megillah this Monday evening, the Choral Society will meet—this week alone—on Wednesday evening, March 16th. Thereafter, the group will meet every Monday evening at 8:15.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS**New Members —**

We welcome the following into membership and wish them many years of pleasant association with us: A. J. Engelman, Dr. Frank Goodman, Abraham I. Holzer, Herbert Mannes and Herbert Steiner.

Plan to Attend Forum Meeting of March 22nd —

We have reason to believe that March 22nd will be a memorable date for our members and friends who attend the Forum Meeting that evening. The noted archaeologist and Director of the Museum of Jewish Antiquities at the Hebrew University, Professor Eleazar L. Sukenik, who is now in the United States, will be our guest speaker at this meeting. He will speak on "The Romance of Jewish Archaeology," a field to which Prof. Sukenik has devoted his life and which, in turn, rewarded him with success in the discovery of some of the most important and revealing ancient objects, including numerous scrolls which, according to preliminary studies made by Hebrew scholars at the University, serve as invaluable source material for that period in Jewish history.

On the same program, the new film "Israel's House of Wisdom" will be shown. It describes that outstanding institution in the Holy Land, the Hebrew University.

The entire evening, devoted to the Hebrew University, will provide our guests with an experience they will long remember. We cordially invite all of our members, their wives and friends to attend.

Annual Dinner to be Held Tuesday, May 17th —

The Annual Dinner of the Men's Club has been arranged for Tuesday, May 17th, in the Social Hall. This annual event has always been a popular and highly-anticipated affair, and advance notice is given at this time to allow our members to make the necessary plans to be with us. Details of the program will be announced in forthcoming issues of the Bulletin.

Welfare Fund —

Many many thanks to Alexander Garfein for his generous contribution to our Welfare Fund. We are happy to number him among the growing list of contributors to this charitable activity.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

takes pleasure in presenting

PROFESSOR ELEAZAR L. SUKENIK

as the guest speaker at its next

FORUM MEETING

Tuesday evening, March 22nd, at 8:30

in the Auditorium

You and Your Friends are Cordially Invited

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN ATTRACTS MANY

The Sunday morning Young People's Minyan, sponsored by the Men's Club, continues to attract many of our young boys and girls—some from Ramaz, from our Religious School, some from the families of our members.

The Minyan, which meets every Sunday morning at 9:30, and which is followed by a community breakfast, has gained momentum since its inception several weeks ago. At the present time a regular roster of about fifty young folks attend every service, with several of the "old" folks on hand to participate (and, incidentally, enjoy).

Deserving of our plaudits are all of the congregants, particularly those who conduct the service by officiating or delivering a "sermonette." Last Sunday, George Gruen, David Rosen and Fred Schwalbe officiated as cantors, while Margo Frank delivered a most interesting brief talk on "The Most Outstanding Jewish Event of the Year." This Sunday morning, the cantors will be Walter Censor, Lothar Frank and Seymour Sadinoff, with Sanford Wolf assuming the preaching role.

Our invitation to all boys and girls of the age of 12 and over, still stands. We'd love to have you with us.

PARENTS' CLUB TO HEAR TALK ON JEWISH BOOKS

At the next Open Meeting of the Parents' Club, Mrs. Augusta Saretzky, consultant of the Jewish Education Committee in PTA matters, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Saretzky will talk on "Jewish Books for Jewish Children," a topic that should be of great interest to parents of children attending school.

The problem of reading, particularly when it came to reading books on Jewish subjects, has always faced parents of growing children. The importance and value of such reading requires neither emphasis nor elaboration here. How to meet the problem will be explained by Mrs. Saretzky, an authority on the subject, in her talk.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 29th at 8:30 o'clock in the Social Hall. The Parents' Club is happy to extend this invitation to all to attend this meeting.

Steering Committee Meets Wednesday Evening —

The next meeting of the Parents' Club Steering Committee has been called for Wednesday evening, March 16th, at 8:30 in the Library. All members are asked to be present and to participate in the discussion of the matters on hand.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein.....*Rabbi*
 Hyman Gertler*Cantor*
 Joseph E. Adler.....*Ritual Director*
 Jerome H. Rosenblum.*Executive Director*

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 Mrs. Alexander Kommel.*Pres., Sisterhood*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles..... 5:40
 Evening 5:45

SATURDAY, Shabbat Zachor

Morning 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Weekly Portion: Tezaveh,
 Exodus 27:20-30:10; Deuteronomy
 25:17-19
 Haftorah: I Samuel 15:2-34
 Evening 5:45
 Conclusion of Sabbath 6:30

SUNDAY

Morning 8:30
 Young People's Minyan..... 9:30

MONDAY, Fast of Esther and Purim Eve

Morning 7:30
 Mincha 5:40
 Maariv and READING OF THE
 MEGILLAH 6:00

TUESDAY, Purim

Morning 7:00

DAILY

Morning 7:30
 Evening 5:50

YAHARZEITS

March

- 12—HANNAH B. FINKELSTEIN
- 12—CLAYTON RACKMORE
- 12—JACOB LEVY
- 12—JACK I. VOGEL
- 12—ANNIE ROTHSTEIN
- 12—HEINRICH BUECHLER
- 13—SIMON RUBINSTEIN
- 15—LIBBY PENZNER
- 15—LEO KAHN
- 16—BENJAMIN LEVY
- 16—ABRAHAM G. ROSENTHAL
- 17—BENJAMIN HEYMAN
- 17—FANNIE LEVIN
- 17—DINAH MERKIN
- 17—ISRAEL SHUSTERMAN

PURIM PARTY RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my check for \$.....covering.....

reservations for the Purim Party on Sunday, March 20th, at \$5.00 each.

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ADDRESS

THE K. J. CALENDAR

Sunday, Mar. 13, 11:00 a.m.—Religious School Purim Program—Auditorium

Wednesday, Mar. 16, 1:30 p.m.—Sisterhood meeting with the Women's Branch of the UOJCA—Social Hall

Wednesday, Mar 16, 8:15 p.m.—K. J. Choral Society—Auditorium

Wednesday, Mar. 16, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting of the Parents' Club Steering Committee—Library

Sunday, Mar. 20, 6:30 p.m.—Annual Purim Party — Auditorium and Social Hall

Monday, Mar. 21, 8:15 p.m.—K. J. Choral Society—Auditorium

Tuesday, Mar. 22, 8:30 p.m.—Men's Club Forum Meeting; Prof. E. L. Sukenik, guest speaker—Auditorium

Thursday, Mar. 24, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting of Ramaz Parents Council; Guest Speaker: Mrs. Eleanor Brent —Auditorium-

Sunday, Mar. 27, 7:00 p.m.—Third Supper-Lecture; Rabbi Lookstein

PURIM PARTY

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Festivities will begin with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at 6:30; the supper—and a new and different menu has been prepared—and the entertainment will follow in the Social Hall. The charge is \$5.00 per cover, and that's all—no extras of any sort.

Mr. Alex Garfein, chairman of the committee, has asked us to stress that only a certain number of reservations will be accepted. Thus far, we have heard from most of our members and friends, and only a limited few more can be accommodated. He strongly recommends that you place your reservation NOW. See the form above and put it to use. It will be worth your while!

will talk on "Elijah Gaon and Rabinism"—Social Hall

Tuesday, Mar. 29, 8:30 p.m.—Parents' Club Open Meeting; Mrs. Augusta Saretzky, guest speaker — Social Hall

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