



## OVER 700 ATTEND RAMAZ SCHOOL DINNER DANCE Grand Ballroom of Waldorf Scene of Magnificent Function

Over seven hundred persons, comprised in the main of parents of Ramaz School pupils, gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Sunday evening, to attend the Annual Dinner Dance, sponsored by the school's Parents Council. Participating too, were members of the Congregation headed by members of the Board of Trustees and the officers, friends and well-wishers of the school, who by their very presence gave added substantiation to the generally accepted feeling that this was a most outstanding affair — one unprecedented in Ramaz history, and one which can very well set the standard for future functions to follow.

To even the most objective and disinterested onlooker, it soon became apparent that the Dinner, from the very earliest moment, was the result of careful planning and painstaking work, where the most minute detail was given serious and thoughtful consideration. As the evening wore on, it became equally apparent that the plans were being executed as scheduled and that not the slightest consideration for the enjoyment and entertainment of our guests was overlooked.

Join us, won't you, as we re-live this memorable evening from the moment we enter the world-renowned hotel.

After being greeted by a most cordial group of hosts and hostesses — members of the committee in charge — we are invited to partake of a beautifully-prepared, lavish reception during which ample opportunity is afforded for socializing and exchanging "hellos", for renewing old acquaintanceships and making new friendships. An hour passes like minutes, and we are requested to enter the Grand Ballroom where our eyes are treated to the spectacle of a beautifully-appointed, spacious room, made even more resplendent by dinner tables "fit for a king"; and our ears catch the lilting tunes of the Copacabana orchestra.

### FOUR JEWISH CLASSICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN SUNDAY SUPPER LECTURE SERIES

Continuing an activity that was established under Men's Club sponsorship several years ago and has become one of our most important institutions, the Sunday Supper Lecture Series will begin on February 24th and run for four Sunday evenings, through March 30th. The talks, which will be on the general theme, "Pillars of Wisdom: a Popular Discussion of Four Classics of Judaism", will again be delivered by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, and promise to be the most enlightening of all previous series.

The dates and subjects of the individual lectures are:

1. February 24th — "The Book of Doctrines and Beliefs — Saadia as an Intellectual Pioneer"
2. March 2nd — "The Guide for the Perplexed — Maimonides as a Practical Philosopher"

3. March 16th — "The Zohar: the Jewish Mind's Flight into Mysticism"

4. March 30th — "The Kuzari: Judah Ha-Levi as Poet, Philosopher and Nationalist"

The supper-lectures will again be held in the Social Hall, and a full-course supper will be served before each lecture. The charge for the entire series, including supper of course, is \$6.00; individual lectures are \$2.00.

The annual Supper Lecture Series was instituted in 1947, and was incorporated into the larger body of adult studies in the Kehilath Jeshurun Institute. They constitute the second set of lectures to be delivered by the Rabbi this school year.

In past years, the supper lectures were on the history of the Zionist

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**Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 a.m.**

**"A RELIGIOUS VIEW OF SECULAR KNOWLEDGE"**

**Reactions to the Proposed Religious University in Israel**

Every table is virtually ringside! Lighted candles emit a soft glow in an otherwise subdued hall, adding to the warmth of atmosphere as well as to the festive character of the occasion. We take our seats, glancing through the guest list to see where one or another of our friends might be located and scanning the menu to find out what, in the way of delicacies, awaits us.

A spot-light is focused on the stage, and the voice of the Chairman of the Dinner, — someone we recognize as a devoted member of the Congregation — Milton Mandel, asks us to join in the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner and Hatikvah, led by Miss Ruth Wilkes. The Invocation is pronounced by Rabbi Louis Gerstein, one of the parents present, who then proceeds to the ritual of washing of the hands and leads the entire assemblage in the recitation of "Hamotzi."

We eat a delicious meal, we indulge in light talk and laughter with our table-companions; we dance to wonderful music which never stops. We run through the attractive Souvenir Journal printed for the Dinner, which contains articles about the school, its

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### New Member —

We extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Hyman I. Bucher and Mrs. Reuben Westerman who joined our Sisterhood this week.

### Mrs. Eugene Hollander Named to Head Bazaar —

Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, president of the Sisterhood, announced the appointment of Mrs. Eugene Hollander to head the committee in charge of the next major Sisterhood project: the Bazaar. This means that this important activity will have the benefit of capable leadership and energetic guidance, for Mrs. Hollander, although relatively new to us, has a rich background in organizational work and has headed endeavors of wide and varied scope.

Naturally, the best leadership cannot guarantee the success of the venture, for it is dependent, in the main, upon the measure of cooperation received. For this all-important element, we turn to our members and friends, to do whatever they can to accumulate as much merchandise as possible. During the past few weeks, we received a fair quantity of salable goods — but hardly enough to open sales.

The Bazaar will be held for one week beginning March 17th, at 1449 Second Avenue. At the moment there is nothing we can do except accumulate merchandise. The volume of goods to go on sale will determine the extent of our success in this project. So start now. Round up as much merchandise as possible and send it to the Synagogue House. Let's all get behind Mrs. Hollander and support this activity! The money realized from it will be put to excellent use, so let all of us do what we can . . . TODAY.

### MAZEL TOV, ALAN AND MARK

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to two Ramaz students, Alan Berkowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Berkowitz, and Mark Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gross, on the occasion of their Bar Mitzvah this Saturday. The Bar Mitzvah services of Mark, who is the nephew of our esteemed trustee, Mr. Alexander Gross, will be held in our Synagogue, and Mark will read the Portion of the Week in addition to chanting the Haftorah.

MAY WE ASK YOU TO

GET MERCHANDISE

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which begins March 17th

### SUPPER LECTURE SERIES

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movement; on Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Judaism; on such movements in Jewish life as Hassidism, Rationalism and Rabbinism; and, last year, on four major books of the Bible: Job, Ecclesiastes, Jonah and The Psalms. Last year's series attracted an unusually large number of guests and, judging from the inquiries that have been made in the office, we will have absolute capacity audiences at each of the four talks this year.

As usual, the series will provide an opportunity for intellectual activity as well as for pleasant sociability, and we extend a cordial invitation to all Kehilath Jeshurunites to attend. Reservation forms will shortly be in the mails. We make this request now so that you may be guided accordingly. In the literature you will receive regarding the Supper Lectures, we will specify dead-line dates for reservations. In view of the anticipated response to this year's series, we will adhere strictly to these dates in order to be able to make the necessary arrangements, and in order not to inconvenience those who reserved in advance. Please cooperate with us in this regard.

### CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing of Mrs. Eva Manacher, beloved mother of our devoted member, Mrs. Philip Weisberg, and we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved family. May the Almighty spare them further sorrow for many years to come.

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Israel Cummings, Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman, Mrs. Leopold Heffner, Mrs. Eugene Hollander, Mrs. Maurice N. Jaffe, Julius Kohn, Isidore Silver and Miss Cecilie Weiss.

#### Anniversaries —

Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker and Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann on their wedding anniversaries this week.

#### Marriage —

Our heartiest Mazel Tov wishes to our esteemed trustee and vice-president of our Men's Club, Hyman I. Bucher, who was married Sunday afternoon to the former Miss Dorothy Shanman of Cleveland, Ohio. To our devoted member, Mrs. Anna Bucher, and to the entire family go our heartiest felicitations.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET THURSDAY EVENING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Congregation will be held this Thursday evening, February 7th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Library of the Synagogue.

On the agenda are several matters pertaining to future policy, and other items of importance which warrant the careful consideration of every Board member. We hope, therefore, that we will have the entire Board present Thursday evening.



**RAMAZ DINNER DANCE**

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Parents Council and Alumni Society; other absorbing reading matter and interesting pictures, and greetings from a host of well-wishers.

Supper is concluded with the saying of Grace, led by our Ritual Director, Joseph E. Adler. Mr. Mandel again takes the floor to express his gratitude to the chairman of the Journal Committee, our esteemed trustee, Alexander Gross; to the president of the Council, Joseph S. Gershman; to our esteemed president, Max J. Etra, for his efforts in procuring the entertainment which was to follow; and to all who worked so devotedly and tirelessly for the success of the affair. Mr. Mandel introduces Rabbi Lookstein who speaks all-too-briefly about what our presence at the affair means not only to Ramaz School, but to the advancement of Judaism in America.

The stage is turned over to the stars who came to entertain us. The program at the Copacabana was almost entirely transferred to the Waldorf stage: Jackie Miles takes over as master of ceremonies; Michael Durso personally leads the orchestra; and Mitzi Green, assisted by Gene Baxter, stars. In addition, we hear the magnificent soprano voice of Miss Wilkes in a variety of popular, Israeli and operatic selections. The appearance of these Broadway notables is made possible through our devoted member, Jules Podell, who is, in addition, an ardent supporter of Ramaz through his efforts on behalf of our Educational Scholarship Fund.

The curtain descends and the orchestra takes over to provide more dance music until we are ready to leave. This is most difficult for us, for we want so much for the evening to continue that we hardly realize it is so late — or, rather, so early in the morning. We leave most reluctantly, carrying with us the memories of an evening we won't forget for a long, long time.

Hardly could we imagine when the Congregation undertook a noble educational experiment in founding Ramaz School, that in a mere fourteen years the school would develop to such an extent that a parents' function would pack the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf. Of this, and of the many, many other achievements of Ramaz, we can well be proud.



Dancing — and enjoying it — at the Ramaz Dinner

**RABBI'S SERMON BECOMES STORM CENTER IN PRESS**

Rabbi Lookstein's sermon of a few weeks ago in which he sharply censured the willingness of Israel to negotiate with Germany has become the subject of heated debate in the national and international press. Not only was the sermon reported by the "New York Times" and the "Herald Tribune", both known for their news coverage, but it has also been noted in papers in Detroit, in New Orleans, in Toronto, in Chicago, in California and all point in between. The latest clippings on the subject have indeed come from Israel itself.

In addition, letters have been pouring in to the office on the subject — some condemnatory (a few even threateningly so) but for the most part expressing approval of the Rabbi's moral stand.

Rabbi Lookstein in this sermon called on the government of Israel to bypass any bargaining with an unrepentant Germany to reclaim the property of Jews murdered by the Nazis. In his inimitable fashion, however, the Rabbi was not satisfied merely to criticize.

He offered the constructive suggestion that the effort at "collective recompense" be handled by the family of nations. He further urged that it not be the Jew who is the beneficiary of this blood debt but that the funds be used to fight bias and advance "better and fuller understanding among all peoples and all races."

We would like to point out that this is one of the few original approaches to a vexing problem that must weigh on the conscience not only of the Jew and the German but on the conscience of western civilization as well. Lives and dollars can never be equated by a democratic culture that places its stress on the individual personality. Atonement for evil, however, there must be, and atonement is the concern of all men.

The Rabbi has been asked by the editor of "The Menorah Journal" further to develop his ideas on this subject in an article for that publication. We are sure that all of our congregational family will look forward to this article which should appear shortly.



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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

##### FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles ..... 4:50  
Evening ..... 5:00

##### SATURDAY

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:00  
Weekly Portion: Bo, Exodus  
10:1-13:16  
Haftorah: Jeremiah 46:13-28  
Evening ..... 5:00  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:50

##### SUNDAY

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

##### DAILY

Morning ..... 7:30  
Evening ..... 5:10

#### Y A H R Z E I T S

##### February

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Monday evenings at 8:00 — Sessions  
in the Kehilath Jeshurun Institute —  
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Thursday evenings at 7:00—Boy Scout  
Troop and Cub Pack—Gymnasium

Thursday, Feb. 7, 8:30 p.m. — Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees — Library

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 8:30 p.m.—Men's  
Club Executive Board meeting —  
Library

Sunday evenings, Feb. 24, Mar. 2, 16,  
30 — Supper Lecture Series spon-  
sored by the Men's Club—Social Hall

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