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# Supper Lecture Series Opens With Moving Talk By Rabbi Lookstein On "Rabbi Israel Salanter: Man's Relation to Himself"

## A Happy Purim

#### CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

Cordially Invites You and Your Family to Attend

#### **PURIM SERVICES**

This Monday Evening, March 7th, at 6:00 o'clock

The entire Service will be conducted by the young men of our congregational family

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Above are pictured the young men students of our Ramaz Upper School, who will conduct the service and read the Megillah this Monday evening. They are (l. to r.): Bennett L. Gershman, who will officiate as Cantor, Samuel Eisenstadt, David Weisberg, Martin Feinsod, Saul Eisenbud, Mr. Isaac B. Rapaport, Instructor, Martin Mayer, Robert Vigoda, Jacques Van Amerongen, Morton Julius and Bruce Shoulson. (Not shown, Charles Kleinhaus.) Mr. Rapaport was in charge of the Megillah reading preparation and Mr. Haskel Lookstein instructed the Cantor.

Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 a.m.
"JUDAISM WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM"

Where Does it Lead?

Our supper lecture series made an auspicious debut last Sunday evening when a fine turnout of members and friends came to attend the first Supper Lecture in our series and listen to a stirring talk by Rabbi Lookstein on "Rabbi Israel Salanter: Man's Relation to Himself".

At every debut there is a certain amount of excitement and anticipation. This was certainly true last Sunday evening.

First a tasty dinner was served to provide food for the body. Then came food for the soul — the lecture itself. In his usual forceful manner, Rabbi Lookstein presented the moving story of the life and times of Rabbi Israel Salanter, the founder of the Musar movement. This movement attempted to emphasize the importance of ethical conduct between man and man. Rabbi Salanter, a personage of saintly character, exerted such a strong influence that the effects of his teachings are still felt in many areas of Jewish life.

When the secularism of Haskalah began making strong inroads among the Jewish intellectuals, Rabbi Salanter countered with the appeal of the rich satisfactions to be derived from a high personal and ethical conduct. To him, the most important effort a man can make is that of improving his relationship with his fellow man. This is in keeping with the Saying of our Fathers, "one hour of good deeds in this life is better than an eternity in the world to come".

The life of such a saint is a moving story indeed and presented the way our Rabbi did, it became a most memorable experience.

This lecture was the first in the series of three lectures "In Search of

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## SHIRLEY R. LEVITTAN TO SPEAK ON "THE FIFTH AMENDMENT" AT SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING MARCH 14th

Mrs. Hyman Abrams, President, announced that the next Sisterhood Open Luncheon Meeting will take place on Monday afternoon, March 14th, at 12:30 P.M. in the Social Hall. "It will be a time of pleasant reunion" said Mrs. Abrams, "for we will be getting together again with someone who has grown very close to us." She was referring, of course, to the guest speaker, Shirley R. Levittan, who had been associated with the Synagogue as secretary to Rabbi Lookstein until she left this year to enter the field of law. She will speak on the topic, "The Fifth Amendment, What it is doing and what is undoing?"

In response to a request for information about herself and her topic, Miss Levittan sent us the kind of letter to which we can only do justice by

quoting directly:

"I am a little late with this note but I got tied up 'in the toils of the

law;

"First and briefly about myself. I spent my early years in the frozen wastes of Canada — near Halifax. I was graduated from Barnard College after an interlude in the charming village of Brooklyn where I attended Packer Collegiate Institute. I took my Master's degree from Syracuse University where I taught English literature and French for a time. I spent my junior year abroad at the Sorbonne and the University of Tours. When I finished college I was one of two students in the United States to win an International Fellowship to study abroad. I am about half way through my doctorate - though I do not think I shall complete it. Law is more interestina!

"Now to the working side — I started my working "career" for all intents and purposes with the Foreign Department of Barclay's Bank. For them I went to the West Indies and Iolled on the beaches of Montego Bay, Barbados and what have you. I spent time making various tours of Antegua, Demerara, Saint Lucia, Jamaica etc.

"I also went for them to Africa and spent several months at a time in the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia, Nairobi (now the happy hunting ground of the Mau-Mau), South West Africa, Egypt and Sudan.

"During the war I was with the O.S.S. (Office of Strategic Services).

Despite the rumor to the contrary I did not take the place of Mata Hari. I did, however, do liaison work between U. S. and British Intelligence. I spent most of my time in London (I was there during the Blitz) and I managed to be in France before and after the Liberation and was in Paris the day it was freed. I crossed over into Germany along with the Army and spent some time at Patton's headquarters. I did some relief work at Dachau and after the war was attached for a short while to American Military Government.

"Then after the O.S.S. — I came to C. K. J. I'm sure I needn't tell you much about that!

"Now as for the topic — "The Fifth Amendment". I think it is a good one. I should like to trace its history to show you how it has been misapplied to the "Communist situation" and how it has been misunderstood by both the accuser and the accused. I am engaged in drawing up a judicial study of the entire subject. While the topic is a legal one it has sociological implications and can be understood and should be understood by the layman. I think I can make it interesting."

We can add very little to Miss Levittan's letter except to urge you to attend what we are sure will be a most rewarding meeting. Dessert luncheon will be served at 12:30 P.M.

The program was arranged by Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, chairman of the Program Committee.

A Few Tickets Still Available

to the

# SISTERHOOD THEATRE PARTY PLAY

"CAT ON THE HOT TIN ROOF"
Tuesday evening, March 29th

For Reservations
Call Immediately
Mrs. Romie Shapiro, SA 2-6513
or the Synagogue Office,
SA 2-0800

### ANNUAL APPEAL FOR PASSOVER RELIEF LAUNCHED

Every year at this time, the Congregation announces the launching of the Passover Relief Appeal, continuing a tradition of long standing in Jewish life — that of providing for those in need at Passover time. The Talmud speaks of this tradition, and Jewish communities the world over practice the custom by making available a fund from which Matzoth and other Passover necessities are purchased for distribution among the poor.

In our Congregation, this time honored institution of Mo'os Chitim has always elicited a warm and generous response. Our congregationel family has, in recent years, been called upon to raise large sums of money at Passover time, and they have always met the challenge. This year, a minimum of \$5,000 will be required to take care of those causes and individuals who turn to us for assistance. How, and to whom, is this sum allocated?

To begin with, a large part of it will go to the Yorkville Passover Relief Fund which takes care of the needy in our own immediate neighborhood. A major concern of ours will also be to provide as much assistance as possible to Israel, where our attention will be focused on the thousands of students and rabbis in Israel Yeshivoth who subsist on the barest necessities, hungry more often than not. Out of this fund, too, will we be able to take care of respectable and deserving families about whose need we know and who would not normally come to the attention of public charity.

We repeat the appeal contained in the letter you received this week. It is an appeal to our entire Kehilath Jeshurun family-members, seatholders and friends alike — to respond generously to our campaign this year. Above all, please do not delay. Send in your contribution at once if you want it to accomplish the most good. Please make your checks payable to the Kehilath Jeshurun Benevolent Fund.

#### WELCOME BACK, MR. PRESIDENT

We are happy to welcome back our esteemed President, Max J. Etra. Mr. Etra has just returned from an important trip to Florida on behalf of Yeshiva University and the Albert Einstein Medical School.

# SEUDAH-SEMINAR SPEAKERS TO BE HONORED MARCH 12th Rabbi Lookstein Guest Speaker at Concluding Session

An important proof of the vitality of an institution is its ability to inaugurate new projects. The success of our Seudah-Seminar program has demonstrated anew that Kehilath Jeshurun is a dynamic and vital institution.

For many months now, each Saturday afternoon, we have had our Seudah-Seminar program. Following Mincha services in the Chapel, refreshments and Z'Miros were enjoyed in the Social Hall. The high point each week was the discussion of the Bible Portion of the Week by two members of the Congregation who volunteered to put in the time and effort necessary to prepare such a discussion.

Our panelists have done exceptionally well and at the concluding Seminar on March 12th, they will be tendered the honor they so richly merit, and they will be given tokens of appreciation from the Congregation. To make this occasion even more special, we will have as our guest speaker, Rabbi Lookstein, who will lend an inspiring touch to the conclusion of such a significant program.

We extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends to join us on March 12th to participate in an enjoyable activity and to express our appreciation to the guests of honor.

#### SUPPER-LECTURES

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the Good Life: Ethical Teachings of Three Latter-Day Saints." The second lecture will be on "The Chofetz Chaim: "Man's Relation to Man", and will take place on Sunday evening, March 20th. We ask that you please make your reservations early.

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays -

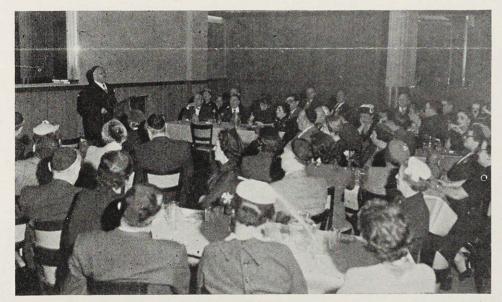
Many happy returns of the day to Irving Angel, Mrs. Harry Etra, Emanuel B. Jacobs, Mrs. Martin Klein, Mrs. George Postel and Mrs. Abraham Wiener.

#### Anniversaries -

A happy Weding Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gronowitz, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Laval, Mr. and Mrs. George Schneider and Mr. and Mrs. David Silver.

#### Congratulations Judge Postel -

We are very happy to announce that our esteemed member, George Postel, has been elevated by Mayor Robert Wagner to the office of City Magistrate. We extend to him our best wishes in his new post.



Rabbi Lookstein addresses an enraptured audience at the first Supper-Lecture last Sunday evening.

#### NOTES ON PURIM SERVICE

For our Purim Service we especially urge you to bring your children. Special arrangements have been made for them. We ask that you follow these instructions carefully. Children from the ages 9 and up should assemble in the auditorium at 5:45 o'clock. Children from the ages 5 to 9 should assemble in the auditorium at 6:10 o'clock. There they will receive noisemakers and hats and then be escorted to a section in the Synagogue reserved for them.

We know that many parents would like to have their children sit next to them in the Synagogue. However, we ask that you cooperate with us by having all children sit in their special section.

Youngsters below the age of 5 should not be brought to the Synagogue. They are much too young to be expected to participate properly in the service. In order to avoid any embarrassment, we ask that you keep the very young tots at home.

# DR. HARRY KAPLAN TO SPEAK ON "CAREERS IN MEDICINE" AT FATHER-AND-SON MINYAN

If anyone asks the question this coming Sunday morning, "Is there a doctor in the house?", the answer will certainly be "Yes". For that is the time that our esteemed member, Dr. Harry Kaplan, will address the members of our Father-and-Son Minyan on the topic "Careers in Medicine".

This is the third talk in our series on "Careers" and we are very pleased with the success of this new feature. The Minyan begins with services at 9:30 A.M. in our Chapel. Brunch is served from 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and Dr. Kaplan's talk will be given at the Brunch.

We extend a cordial invitation to our young men and "fathers" to join us this Sunday morning.

#### Many Thanks -

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Nathan D. Brown, Theodore Brown and Dr. Robert Wallach for their generous sponsorship of a Minyan Brunch.

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Lighting of Candles	5:30
Evening	
SATURDAY, Shabbat Zakor	
Morning Junior Congregation Weekly Portion: Tezaveh, Ex 27:20-30:10; Deuteronomy 25:17-19 Haftorah: I Samuel 15:2-34	10:30 odus
Evening	
SUNDAY	. 0.00
MorningFather-and-Son Minyan	8:30
MONDAY, Fast of Esther	
Selichoth Morning Service Mincha (Chapel)	7:30 5:30

#### CANTORIAL FEATURE

Ma'ariv (Main Synagogue)

TUESDAY, Purim

DAILY SERVICES

Reading of the Megillah will follow

Morning ...... 7:00

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Evening ...... 5:40

This Saturday morning, Cantor Jacob Konigsberg will feature a special melody to the R'Tzeh prayer. This melody is by Schlossberg.

#### Last Chance to Make Your Reservations!

# MEN'S CLUB and SISTERHOOD PURIM PARTY

This Sunday evening, March 6th

Featuring:

Songs by Cantor Konigsberg
Israeli Folk Dances by the Ariel Dance Troupe
Dinner — Dancing — Drinks — Good Fellowship
Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00 P.M. in the Auditorium

Dinner at 7:00 P.M. in the Social Hall

Chairmen: Mrs. Hyman I. Cohen and Elgin Shulsky In Charge of Arrangements: Mrs. Edgar C. Trautman

Subscription: \$5.00 per person

#### YAHRZEITS

#### March

- 5-JACOB LEVY
- 5-HEINRICH BUECHLER
- 5-HANNAH B. FINKELSTEIN
- 5-HANS J. VOGEL
- 5-ANNIE ROTHSTEIN
- 5-ROCKMORE CLAYTON
- 6-SIMON RUBINSTEIN
- 6-ABRAHAM D. KATZ
- 6-SOL FEIFER
- 7—FANNY SALZMAN
- 7-BERNARD KOBRIN
- 8-EUGENE I. GOODSIDE
- 8-HENRI UNTERMANS
- 8-LEO KAHAN
- 8-LIBBY PENZNER
- 9-BENJAMIN LEVY
- 9-ABRAHAM G. ROSENTHAL
- 9-SARAH ROTHENSTEIN
- 10-FANNIE LEVIN
- 10-DINAH MERKIN
- 10-ISRAEL ETRA
- 10-JACOB S. ADLER
- 10-ADOLPH BERNHARDT
- 11-ANNA KOPPELMAN

#### K. J. CALENDAR

- Sunday, March 6th 11:00 A.M. Religious School Purim Carnival — Auditorium.
- Sunday, March 6th 12:30 P.M. First Meeting of Teen-Age Planning Group Synagogue Library.
- Sunday, March 6th 6:00 P.M. Men's Club and Sisterhood Purim Party Auditorium and Social Hall.
- Monday, March 14th 12:30 P.M. Sisterhood Open Meeting — Social Hall
- Sunday, March 20th 6:30 P.M. Second Supper Lecture Social Hall.

#### "JEWRY" DUTY

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to those of our members who served on "Jewry" duty and attended services this past week. They are: Joseph N. Friedman, Dr. Abraham Geffen and Moses Schonfeld.

We would also like to announce here that our volunteers for the coming week are: David Kallman, Dr. Jack Lieberman and Jacob P. Shulman.

### SABBATH SEUDAH-SEMINAR

This Saturday Afternoon, March 5th

at 5:00 P.M.

Our Guest Speaker will be DR. JUDAH ZIZMOR Moderator: RABBI SOL ROTH