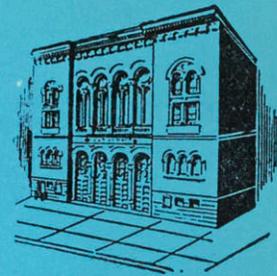


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## "MAN IN SEARCH OF GOD: THREE MODERN PHILOSOPHIES OF JUDAISM" THEME OF SUNDAY SUPPER LECTURE SERIES

### RABBI AND PRESIDENT GO SOUTH

Horace Greeley's advice to young men was to "go west." However, Rabbi Lookstein and our president, Max J. Etra, will be going south for the next few weeks.

Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein are off for a short vacation in Florida, and we extend our best wishes to them for a pleasant and relaxing stay and a safe return.

Our president is making his trip on behalf of Yeshiva University and his itinerary calls for stops in Montreal, Augusta, Ga., and finally Florida. Mr. Etra will be called upon to make numerous appearances for the cause of Yeshiva University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. We wish him success in his important work.

This year, Kehilath Jeshurun continues for its 9th consecutive season its program of Sunday Supper Lectures. This series established under the sponsorship of our Men's Club has become one of our most important activities. The lectures will again be given by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and the general theme this year is Man In Search of God: Three Modern Philosophies of Judaism."

The subjects and dates of the individual lectures are:

1. Sunday, March 4th — "The Leap to Faith" — Jewish Existentialism of Franz Rosenzweig and Martin Buber.
2. Sunday, March 18th — "Man is Not Alone" — The Neo-Mysticism of Abraham Heschel.
3. Sunday, April 8th — "The Return to Halacha" — The "Halachic Personality" of Joseph B. Soloveichik.

The topic selected this year is one of primary concern to every thinking Jew. Our generation has seen a "return to religion" and this has stimulated Theological thinking. The three major trends in modern Jewish thinking are Existentialism, Mysticism and Halachism. These three philosophies have made a great impact on the American Jewish community, and we feel it is the responsibility of every positive Jew to find out more about them. We can assure you that the way they will be handled by Rabbi Lookstein will provide a most enlightening and rewarding evening.

The subscription is \$8.00 for the entire series of three lectures and \$3.00 for a single lecture. The lecture programs will begin with supper being served at 6:30 P.M.

The Annual Lecture Series was instituted in 1947, and was incorporated into the larger body of adult studies in the Kehilath Jeshurun Institute. In past years, the lectures were on: the History of the Zionist Movement; Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism; Hassidism, Rationalism and Rabbinism; Major Books of the Bible; Four Classics of Judaism; Prophets of Jewish Survival; Four Cardinal Principles of Judaism; and, last year, In Search of the Good Life.

The lecture series reservation forms are being mailed this week. In this connection, may we call two important matters to your attention in advance: first, reservations, to be honored, must be accompanied by check. Second, the deadline for reservations is Friday, February 24th.

We urge the entire congregational family to take advantage of these lectures. We extend a cordial invitation to the members of the Men's Club, the Sisterhood, the parents of Ramaz School, as well as the residents of the neighborhood at large to avail themselves of this unique opportunity to spend an evening of delightful social and intellectual activity.

### '56 YEAR BOOK DRIVE GAINING MOMENTUM

#### Buvitt, Coan, Goodman, Grossman and Weisman Join Ad-Getters

With the advent of 1956 our Year Book campaign has gained added momentum from the work of our esteemed members: Jack Buvitt, Jerry Coan, Mrs. Frank Goodman, Isidore Grossman and Ira F. Weissman, who have brought in substantial sums for our Year Book project. In addition we are happy to report that Al Feiner brought in ads in excess of \$900, while Samuel Frank, Samuel Goldberg, Richard Kolb and Oscar Perlberger are coming close to the \$500 mark.

Many other active supporters are working hard for this worthy cause, but in spite of the efforts of our Year Book "team" we are still far from our quota. We say "our" because the beneficiary of the Year Book, the Educational Scholarship Fund, is the responsibility of all of us, and not of

the committee members alone. The Jewish education of young children is a mitzvah that concerns each and every one of us, and is not to be relegated to only a handful of interested workers.

We cannot impress too strongly upon our readers the urgency of the drive this year. More and more we are called upon to provide Jewish training in our Ramaz school and our afternoon Religious School for an ever-increasing number of boys and girls. Only through the medium of this Fund will we be able to meet the demands.

In our previous Bulletin we included an ad blank for each reader. If every member got but one ad we would be well over our goal. So don't delay — get your ad in today.

**Rabbi Roth will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 a.m.**

**"THE SOUND OF CLAMOR AND THE FURY OF DISCONTENT"**

### HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. William Lebowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Shulsky.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund. Contributions may be sent to our Happy Day Fund Chairman, Mrs. Samuel Gross, 311 East 72nd Street.

### AUDITORIUM REDECORATED

We are very happy to report that the Auditorium of our Synagogue House has been redecorated under the direction of our hard working House Committee, consisting of Aaron J. Simon, chairman, Hyman I. Cohen and Alexander Gross.

We would like here to express our special thanks and appreciation to Mr. Gross for making possible the painting of the auditorium.

### IN CELEBRATION OF JEWISH MUSIC MONTH

Is there such a thing as "Jewish Music?" If so, does this mean music written by Jews or for Jews? Is there such a thing as "Jewish Art," and if so, would this include Rembrandt's portrait of a Dutch Rabbi and Chagall's painting of a church exterior?

There are those who say that what is called Jewish music in reality is no more than Slavic or Balkan or German or French or Spanish music. While admitting that there may have been a Hebrew music some two thousand years ago, these detractors assert that the story of the Jewish people in the two millenia of the common era has been a music-less story.

These are issues that have been bandied back and forth for quite a long time. We feel that it is unimportant whether or not there is such a category as "Jewish Music." The Rabbis relate that one of the sins of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah was that each stranger who came to the city was laid on a bed and either stretched or shortened in order to fit in it. We feel one cannot go around

fitting life's experiences into rigid categories. What we do believe however, is that there is **music of importance to the Jewish people.**

For this reason we as a congregation, intend to take part in the National Jewish Music Month celebration for 1956. This celebration begins Saturday, January 28, with the reading of the Bible portion Beshalach, the Sedrah of the Song of Moses.

From their very beginning, the Jews have felt a need to translate their experiences into song. From the time of Moses until today music has been a great means of expression for the Jews. The survival of such music has helped the Jew of today to understand and participate in the experiences of his ancestors.

The character of Jewish music has varied with the character of the music of the community in which the Jew has lived. Yet, whether Synagogue music, folk music or the art song it grew out of the experience of the Jewish people.

Music of importance to the Jewish people is still very much alive today, and prospering. We, at Kehilath Jeshurun, in sponsoring a Jewish Music Festival hope to encourage this music by providing first rate talent in performance and by giving our community an opportunity to listen to outstanding selections. Cheapness, falsity, banality — all these have been driven off. By so doing we believe that the highest traditions of Jewish learning and art will be furthered.

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Joseph N. Friedman, Morton Kamenman, Mrs. Emory Klein, Mrs. David W. Pelegosky, Isidor Reinhard and Isidore Silver.

#### Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schoenfeld.

#### Speedy Recovery —

We extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to our esteemed member, Mrs. Samson Eichler.



Sisterhood leaders and guests at successful Donor Luncheon. Seated (l. to r.); Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mrs. Alexander Gross, Mrs. Lookstein and Max J. Etra. Standing (l. to r.); Mrs. Edgar Trautman, Mrs. Hyman I. Cohen, Dr. Robert Wallach, Mrs. Oscar Perlberger and Mrs. Richard Kolb.

**MEN'S CLUB 17th ANNIVERSARY DINNER OUTSTANDING SUCCESS****Inside Story on Life Article Presented**

A large representation of Men's Club members turned out last Tuesday evening, January 24th, to one of the finest affairs ever held by our Men's Club. Every aspect of this dinner — the meal, the comraderie, the speeches, the entertainment — was of top notch quality. The evening began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served in the auditorium and the members had an opportunity to whet their appetites and schmooze with friends. Then all descended to the social hall where a delicious meal was served.

After the meal, Cantor Konigsberg led the singing of grace. Hyman I. Bucher, president of the Men's Club, then welcomed all those present to the Annual Dinner and spoke of the highlights of the Men's Club program. A presentation was then made to Isaac Okun, treasurer of the Ramaz Board, and to Elgin Shulsky, chairman of the Religious school Committee, of checks in the amount of \$500. each as additional Men's Club contributions.

Dr. Robert Wallach, chairman of the dinner, then took over and after brief greetings introduced Mrs. Hyman Abrams, president of the Sisterhood. At this point our guest speakers were presented. Mrs. Jozefa Stuart, author of the Life Article on "Judaism" gave a fascinating account of the many wonderful experiences she had in gathering the information for this article. She found it the most challenging assignment she had ever received and as a non-Jew she came across much that was new and surprising to her. Cornell Capa, the photographer who provided the illustrations for the Article, then gave an amusing account of the difficulties and satisfactions he encountered on his assignment. As a special treat, slides were shown of many excellent pictures that were not published in Life Magazine due to the limitation of space.

To conclude the evening's program we heard from our own beloved Rabbi Lookstein, who gave his reactions to the Article, to its charming authoress and photographer. He spoke of the impact of this Article on the Jewish and non-Jewish community.

All in all it was a most successful evening and the kind that makes one anticipate next year's affair.

**NOTES ON THE WEEKLY PORTION****Beshalach**

When the Jews left Egypt they took the indirect path to the Promised Land and spent forty years in the desert. Had they taken the direct route, they would have reached Palestine in eleven days. Dr. Hertz, in his comment on Verse 17 of Chapter XIII, explains why the Jews were denied immediate entry into the land of their dreams.

There are times when action is more laudable than prayer. See Verse 15 of Chapter XIV and Dr. Hertz comment on it.

There is a beautiful Jewish Legend associated with the suggestion that the Pharaoh alone, of the entire Egyptian army, escaped drowning in the Red Sea. It is described by Dr. Hertz on Verse 82, Chapter XIV.

Do you know why, during the Passover Seder Service, a drop of wine is poured out of the goblet at the mention of each of the plagues inflicted upon the Egyptians? See Dr. Hertz on Verse 30 of the same chapter for the answer.

Chapter XV contains the famous Shira — the Song of Victory sung by Moses and the Jews following their successful crossing of the Red Sea and the total defeat of the Egyptians. This song is chanted during the service with a special melody which reflects the joy and the faith expressed in it. Listen for it on Saturday morning!

—RABBI SOL ROTH

**SCOUTS OFFER ACTIVE PROGRAM**

Troop 640, the Scout Troop sponsored by the Men's Club of our Synagogue, offers a Scouting program of fun and the learning of new skills. The scouts meet every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

In addition to the regular meetings the Scouts go on hikes, play basketball and other games in the gym. The troop offers membership to boys between the ages of 11 and 13. Boys between 14 and 17 will soon be able to join the new Explorer Post which is in the process of being formed. This Post offers a special Leadership training program.

Troop 640 is at present busily engaged in preparing an exhibit that will be displayed in the window of the New York Federal Savings Bank on Lexington Avenue between 85th and 86th Streets. In addition plans for a Parents Night are being made.

During the month of February the scouts will have as their special guests, two men from the Order of the Arrow, a brotherhood organization in the Boy Scouts of America, who will conduct the election of our troop's eligible candidates. As usual, the scouts are busy passing boys in the various tests so that they may advance in rank.

The Scout Program is conducted under the supervision of our esteemed member, Dr. Ned Wachtel, who is ably assisted by Scoutmaster Mel Benowitz, avid Weisberg, Alvin L. Elkins and Robert Jablon.

In addition to the Scout Program, the Cubs are busily engaged in their own activities which are open to boys from 8 through 10 years of age.

We extend a cordial invitation to all the boys in our neighborhood who are scout age to join us.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

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

**SATURDAY Shabbat Shirah**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Weekly Portion: Beshalach, Exodus  
13:17-17:16  
Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31  
Evening ..... 4:15  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:45

**SUNDAY**

Morning ..... 8:30  
Father-and-Son Minyan ..... 9:30

**DAILY SERVICES**

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**JEWRY DUTY**

We would like to thank those of our members who served on "Jewry Duty" and attended services this past week. They are Harry Ende, Oscar Perlberger, Bernard Sproucz and Ira F. Weisman.

Our volunteers for the coming week are George Fisch, Maurice N. Jaffe, Morton Kameron and Alex Morganstern.

**HEBREW ARTS ON TV**

The Hebrew Arts School for Music and the Dance which meets in our building every Sunday morning will appear on the TV Jewish Home Show — Station WATV Channel 13 on Thursday, February 2nd, at 3:30 P.M.

The school, which is sponsored by the Hebrew Arts Foundation, will give a classroom demonstration in the teaching of the Chalil and the dance.

**CONDOLENCE**

We record with sorrow the passing of Naomi Finkelstein, beloved wife of our esteemed member, Prof. Maurice Finkelstein, and we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved family. May the Almighty spare them further grief for many years to come.

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Our discussion leader this week is

**MRS. MARTIN MARKSON**

Moderator: Rabbi Sol Roth

**YAHREZITS****January**

28—ELIEZER GROSS  
28—HELEN BUECHLER  
28—HARRIS MANDELBAUM  
28—ROSA ERlich  
29—MIRIAM KOMMEL  
30—KARL SCHEIDT  
30—FANNY DEBROVNER  
30—GUSSIE POUST  
30—MAX KESSLER  
31—DAVID GOLDSTEIN

**February**

1—MINNIE KATZ  
2—JOSEPH GOTTSCHALK  
2—SAMUEL J. KIRSCHSTEIN  
2—FANNIE SHIENTAG  
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