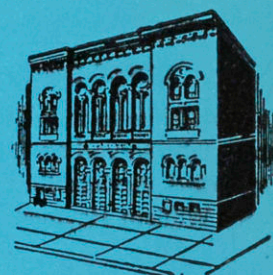


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## HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE POOR?

In a few weeks we will be sitting around the Seder table. In the opening statements of the Seder service we will read "whosoever is hungry, let him come and eat."

One of the ways to make this statement meaningful is by responding to our Passover Relief Appeal. There are many poor people who depend upon our help for their Passover needs. Some of us are not aware of the heart-rending appeals that come to us from institutions here, overseas and in Israel. They look to us for special grants during this season of the year. To whom else can they turn if not to their more fortunate brethren in this land of plenty?

Before other matters crowd this most important one out of your mind, please send in your contribution — made payable to the Benevolent Fund — to the Synagogue Office. In the name of Jewish Charity, act now.

## OVER 200 ATTEND OPENING SUPPER LECTURE Rabbi Lookstein Thrills Audience With Talk on "Existentialism"

### ATTENTION: MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

As announced in the previous issue of the Bulletin, we shall again hold a Congregational Seder on both nights of Passover, Monday and Tuesday, March 26th and 27th. As was the case last year, when we sponsored unusually beautiful Sedorim, we shall again try to retain the family character of the occasion so that the true spirit of the Seder may not be lost. Accordingly, a limited number of reservations will be accepted, and these only from members of the Congregation and their immediate families for both Seder nights. Since we must make arrangements well in advance, we ask that you make reservations now.

The annual Sunday Supper-Lecture series sponsored by the Men's Club opened last Sunday with a large and enthusiastic audience of more than 200 members and friends of the congregation. As in previous years, the engrossing talk was delivered by Rabbi Lookstein, who discussed "Existentialism."

In planning his talk, the Rabbi explained, he had intended to divide the topic into three sections — secular Existentialism, Christian Existentialism and Jewish Existentialism. After he had really gotten into the subject, however, he found that each of these three sections deserved an evening in its own right. Consequently, he decided to discuss secular Existentialism the first night and to leave the religious Existentialism for the second lecture on March 18.

Speaking before an enraptured audience that listened intently to every word, the Rabbi explained that Existentialism teaches there is no God and no Divine Providence. Man is what he is because he wills it so. Confronted by complete responsibility for himself and his actions, man is assailed by a variety of moods, foremost among them being anguish and forlornness. Having no guide outside himself, the existentialist man must act in accordance with his own instincts and emotions. To the existentialist, only action is valid; feelings are recognizable only insofar as they are expressed in action.

Summing up, Rabbi Lookstein said, "Existentialism does not propound a philosophy of man. It is, as one of its sharp critics described it, metaphysical pornography. It paints a portrait not of man but of Univox — with a will.

Existentialism, therefore, is not a solution of, but a response to, the modern crisis."

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Rabbi Lookstein clarifies difficult point at opening supper lecture

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

"CLOUDS OVER THE TABERNACLE"

The Role of Crisis in Personal and Collective Life



### JEWRY DUTY

We would like to thank those of our members who served on "Jewry Duty" and attended services this past week. They are William Heyman and Albert Zuch.

Our volunteers for the coming week are Abbott Bernard and Eugene Hollander.

### FINE TURNOUT HEARS STORY OF "ISRAEL AND THE U. N."

This past Monday afternoon a large turnout of Sisterhood members and friends was on hand to enjoy a tasty luncheon and to listen to our guest speaker, Mrs. Tamar Shoham, discuss the topic, "Israel and the United Nations."

Mrs. Shoham, a member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations,

is in a unique position to discuss this assignment. A brilliant woman of talent and charm, she has earned for herself an admirable reputation both at the United Nations and among her co-workers.

Mrs. Shoham described the many difficulties attendant upon participation in the United Nations, a role that had to be learned quickly in the face of an intransigent Arab opposition. Often snubbed but never intimidated by the potent Arab block, the Israeli delegation, although small in number, has made a formidable contribution on U. N. committees as well as in the Security Council. By recounting her personal experiences, Mrs. Shoham provided a vivid picture of what goes on behind the scenes.

#### Visit the U. N. —

Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Sisterhood president, announced that the next activity of the Sisterhood would be a trip to the U.N. buildings on Monday, April 23rd. More information concerning this project will appear in future bulletins.

#### Executive Board Meeting this Monday —

Mrs. Abrams announced that the next meeting of the Sisterhood Executive Board will take place this coming Monday afternoon, March 12, at 12:30 o'clock in the social hall. There are many important items on the agenda and all board members are urged to make every effort to attend.

#### Mrs. Kolb, UJA Chairman —

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Richard Kolb has been appointed UJA chairman. The UJA drive will soon be under way and all Sisterhood members are asked to respond generously to this important cause.

#### "SEE IT NOW" TO FEATURE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

This Tuesday evening, March 13th, Edward R. Murrow's Television program "See It Now" will feature an hour-and-a-half report on the crisis of the Middle East with special emphasis being given to Israel and Egypt. The filmed record will include interviews with Premier Ben-Gurion and Egyptian Prime Minister, Gamal Nasser.

### CONGREGATION HONORS PANELISTS AT LAST SEUDAH SEMINAR

Our Sabbath Seudah Seminar was brought to a fine conclusion this past Saturday afternoon with a program honoring all those who participated during the year as panelists. A large turnout of members and friends paid tribute to the panelists and enjoyed the brief talks given by Rabbi Lookstein and Rabbi Roth.

After mincha services in the chapel refreshments and Z'miros were enjoyed in the social hall. Cantor Konigsberg led the group in a review of all the Z'miros songs that had been learned throughout the year. Martin Markson, chairman of the Adult Education Committee, which sponsors the Seudah Seminar, extended greetings on behalf of his committee and then presented each panelist with an inscribed copy of the Soncino "Book of Proverbs."

The panelists honored were: Miss

Linda Belkin, Hyman I. Bucher, Dr. Theodore R. Fink, Joseph N. Friedman, Gerald Goldstein, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Saul J. Lance, Dr. M. Landau, Harvey Leifert, Dr. Philip A. Lief, Mrs. Martin Markson, Judge George Postel, Isidore Schlang, Elgin Shulsky, Abbott Simon, Dr. Robert Wallach, Ira F. Weisman and Fred Zuckerman.

Rabbi Roth then presented an evaluation of the Seudah Seminar and discussed the reaction of the panelists as well as the fine manner in which they carried out their assignments. Rabbi Lookstein brought the Seminar to a conclusion in his own inimitable fashion. He pointed out the many benefits that the Seminar brought to the panelists as well as to all those who attended. He emphasized that the Seudah Seminar program has made a vital contribution to the religious and educational life of Kehilath Jeshurun.



**PANELISTS HONORED AT SEUDAH-SEMINAR.** Seated (l. to r.) Abbott Simon, Joshua Konigsberg (future panelist), Cantor Konigsberg, Rabbi Roth, Rabbi Lookstein, Max J. Etra, Linda Belkin, Ira F. Weisman, Joseph N. Friedman and Isidore Schlang. Standing (l. to r.) Gerald Goldstein, Elgin Shulsky, Hyman I. Bucher, Dr. Philip A. Lief, Harvey Leifert, Martin Markson, Fred Zuckerman and Judge George Postel. (Not Shown) Dr. Theodore R. Fink, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Saul J. Lance, Dr. M. Landau, Mrs. Martin Markson and Dr. Robert Wallach.



### SHOCKING DEMONSTRATION TO SPARK MINYAN THIS SUNDAY

There is an old vaudeville story about a judge who asks the defendant his name, occupation and what he is charged with. The defendant answers that his name is Sparks, that he is an electrician and that he is charged with Battery. The annoyed judge then orders him placed in a dry cell.

This kind of humor will become popular with the young men of our Father-and-Son Minyan after this Sunday morning, for at that time — after the service, brunch and basketball period — they are invited to witness a demonstration of high voltage electricity at the Beta Electric Corporation plant, 333 East 103rd Street.

In charge of the demonstration is Mr. Victor Wouk, director of the plant, who has been a regular participant in the Minyan for the past two years. The demonstration will include artificial lighting, disintegrating rays and fire that does not burn.

We extend a cordial invitation to all our young people as well as to our older ones to join us at the Father and Son Minyan this Sunday morning, and for the demonstration afterwards which promises to provide the "shock of your life." Don't be surprised if you hear the boys walking around afterwards asking "watt's new?"

#### Officiating at service —

During recent weeks many of the members of the Minyan have participated as Cantors, some on several occasions. These include: Daniel Lewittes, Chaim Unterman, Benjamin Brown, Jonathan Wouk, Michael Mukasey, Sandy Ward, Jules Markofsky, Leonard Lifshen, Bennett Gershman, Charles Kleinhaus, David Chideckal, Lionel Etra, Evan Torczyner, Carl Gershman and Henry Bloomstein.

This coming Sunday's lineup includes: Daniel Lewittes, Charles Kleinhaus, Daniel Subotnick and Leonard Lifshen.

#### KOSHER FOR PASSOVER

In order to help our members in their selection of Passover products that are properly supervised, we are enclosing a pamphlet listing those items which are endorsed by the Kashruth Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

### RABBI ROTH TO GIVE THREE LECTURES ON PASSOVER LAWS

#### OVER 200 ATTEND OPENING SUPPER LECTURE

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Following the talk, there was a spirited discussion period. The questions asked by members of the audience indicated that, though the subject was probably new to most of them, the presentation had left them with a good working grasp of what Existentialism is.

This lecture was the first in the series of three on the general subject "Man in Search of God: Three Modern Philosophies of Judaism." The second lecture on March 18 was originally scheduled for the topic "Man is Not Alone — The Neo-Mysticism of Abraham J. Heschel." However, because of the vastness of the scope of Existentialism, the evening will be spent in a discussion of general religious and Jewish Existentialism with the emphasis on Kierkegaard, Franz Rosenzweig and Martin Buber. At the concluding lecture on April 8th, Rabbi Lookstein will combine the topics of Neo-Mysticism and Neo-Halachaism.

If you have not already made your reservations for the second and third lectures, please call the Synagogue Office as soon as possible. Based on the enthusiastic and large attendance at last Sunday's lecture, we anticipate another capacity audience.

Laws relating to Passover will be the subject of a series of three lectures to be delivered by Rabbi Sol Roth on the next three Saturday afternoons, one hour before the Mincha Service.

The first talk will be given this Saturday, March 10th, on the topic "What is Chometz." The second lecture will be held on March 17th on the subject "Preparing the home for Passover." The final discussion will be held on March 24th and at that time the topic will be "The Passover Seder."

At this series emphasis will be placed on the Talmudic sources of the Passover customs and rituals as well as the problems that arise in the modern home. Both men and women are invited and we especially urge the women to attend.

#### Final Talmud Class —

The Talmud Class that has been meeting weekly since the fall held its last session this past Wednesday evening. We have been very proud of the men and women who have attended this class week in and week out, regardless of weather and other commitments. We would also like to commend Rabbi Roth for his fine instruction of this group.

#### HOSTS AT SABBATH KIDDUSH

This Saturday morning after services our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth, will be hosts at the Kiddush in honor of the birth of their granddaughter.

On Sunday, March 18th, in the Social Hall

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

will discuss

"THE RELIGIOUS EXISTENTIALISM OF  
KIERKEGAARD, FRANZ ROSENZWEIG AND MARTIN BUBER"

in the second of the

SUNDAY SUPPER LECTURE SERIES

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on the theme of

"MAN IN SEARCH OF GOD: THREE MODERN  
PHILOSOPHIES OF JUDAISM"

Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M. — Lecture will follow



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

Lighting of Candles ..... 5:35  
Evening ..... 5:45

**SATURDAY Shabbat Hahodesh**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Weekly Portion: Vayakhel —  
Pekude, Exodus 35:1 -40:38;  
12:1-20  
Haftorah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18  
Rosh Chodesh Prayers:  
Rosh Chodesh Nisan will be on  
Tuesday, March 13th.  
Evening ..... 5:45  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 6:35

**SUNDAY**

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

**DAILY SERVICES**

Morning ..... 7:30  
Evening ..... 5:50

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**RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO ADDRESS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS**

The parents of the students of our afternoon Religious School will hold a special meeting on Monday evening, March 19th. Our guest speaker on that occasion will be Rabbi Lookstein.

The theme of this meeting will be "Implementing the Passover Holiday in the Home." The program will consist of several parts. The parents will be informed of what the school is attempting to teach their children concerning the Passover holiday and how they can follow up these teachings in their homes.

Passover books, records and art objects will be exhibited and explained. A beautiful Seder table setting will be shown and the various ceremonies illustrated. In addition, there will be Passover songs and refreshments.

We would like to urge all parents and friends of our school children to attend this gathering, which promises to provide an informative and stimulating evening.

**CONDOLENCE**

We record with sorrow the passing of Frank Rutman, beloved father of our esteemed member, Mrs. Julius Silver, 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.

**Yahrzeit****March**

10—PAULINE WAGNER  
11—FRANZISKA GOTTSALK  
11—SAMUEL LEVY  
11—GUSTAV WURZWEILER  
12—ROSE GLASS  
12—BARUCH D. KAPLAN  
12—SAMUEL FINE  
12—SIMON BROZ  
12—ISRAEL D. LASCOFF  
12—SHRAGA FISHEL  
12—SOLOMON OLSHAN  
14—JENNIE THEAMAN  
15—MEYER N. HOFSTADTER  
15—BENJAMIN GOLDEN  
15—ANNA SCHARF  
15—YETTA KIRSCHSTEIN  
16—JOSEPH BERNHARDT  
16—ANNA ROGGEN  
16—MARY MORGANSTERN

**K-J CALENDAR**

Monday, March 12th — 12:30 P.M. —  
Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting  
— Social Hall.

Sunday, March 18th — 6:30 P.M. —  
Second Supper Lecture — Social  
Hall.

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****Birth —**

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth, on the birth of a daughter, Sheryl Lynn, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Farber.

**Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Hyman I. Cohen, Mrs. Samuel B. Cooperman, Norman H. Halper and Mrs. Abraham Wiener.

**Anniversary —**

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Amitay.

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