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## THE SABBATH SEUDAH SEMINAR IN REVIEW

#### WELCOME HOME

We are happy to welcome back Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, who returned this week from Florida. A hearty welcome also to the President of the Congregation, Mr. Max J. Etra, upon his return.

We understand that while in Florida, our Rabbi and President engaged in a very successful action in behalf of Yeshiva University.

## Weekly Program Ends This Saturday

This Saturday afternoon at 5:30, the Sabbath Seudah Seminar program will conclude its season. Climaxing twenty consecutive weeks of modified adult education, the closing session will feature the presentation of gifts to the past speakers as well as a concluding talk by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the authorship of the Oral Law.

This past year has been a most successful one for the Sabbath Seudah Seminar on several counts. On four occasions the attendance has topped the seventy mark (the high was seventy eight). The average attendance for the nineteen weeks has been fifty eight men, women and children.

#### Sixteen Speakers

Our lay speakers have been singularly well prepared. Their preparation and research not only increased their perception and knowledge of the Bible, but also usually provided the audience with new insights into the weekly portion.

This Saturday each speaker will receive a copy of Dayan Dr. I Grunfeld's book, "The Sabbath", as a gift from the Congregation. The speakers' names follow in the order of their appearance this season: Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Zuckerman, Mrs. Theodore Fink, Mrs. Baruch Hurwich, Dr. Lillian Kaplan, Isadore Schlang, Saul J. Lance, Isidore Epstein, Menorah Lebowitz, Neil Brenner, Dr. Baruch Hurwich, Nico De-Graaff, Abbott Simon, Lawrence A. Kobrin, Barry Eichler, and Joseph N. Friedman.

#### PURIM SERVICE MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 23rd

"With the advent of Adar, joy reigns supreme," is a traditional expression describing this season. The happiness and gaity is an indication that Purim will be upon us shortly.

This year, the Purim holiday will be ushered in on Monday evening, March 23rd at which time a capacity Congregation is expected to attend the Ma'ariv service and Megillah reading. As has been the tradition in our synagogue, the evening service and the reading of the Purim Scroøl will be entrusted to the capable students of the Ramaz School.

The festive holiday of Purim has a special appeal for the youngsters and all of our members and friends are urged to bring their children with them to the service. Pupils of both the Park East Religious School and the Ramaz School will be our special guests. All the children present will receive noise-

makers to sound at the proper time during the Megillah reading.

The Congregation's practice of having our own youth read the Purim Scroll has become one of the highpoints in the synagogue year. Its introduction several years ago brought the Congregation wide acclaim, and has also been instrumental in increasing attendance in our Synagogue with every passing year.

This year at the Ma'ariv service, Samuel Sokolik will officiate as cantor. The Megillah readers will be: James Cleeman, Albert Baumgarten, Michael Schwartz, Charles Kleinhaus, Sanford Ward, Edward Lukashok, Benjamin Brown, Lionel Etra, Carmi Margolis and Nathaniel Mayer.

All of our congregants and their families are invited to join us at the service on Monday evening March 23rd. A delightful time is in store for everyone, young and old alike.

#### Readers and Cantors

An added feature this year has been the participation of laymen as Torah Readers and Cantors at the Mincha Service. Like the speakers, their preparation brought rewards to the Congregation as well as to the participants themselves. Their names appear below, followed by the number of appearances in parenthesis.

Readers: Myron Miller, Stuart Schlang (2), George Baumgarten (3), Steven Klein (3), Lionel Etra, William Etra, Mark Bieler, Stephen Texon, Charles Scheidt, Jonathan Wouk (2), Joel Eichler, and Jay Nussenfeld.

Cantors: Gerald Kaufman (4), Franklin Holzer (4), Joseph N. Friedman (2), Dr. Frederick Zuckerman (4), George Baumgarten, and Jerry Bruss (2).

#### Conclusion

As you can see, the Sabbath Seudah Seminar has been a program of participation on the part of worshippers, speakers, readers, and cantors. Why not help to close this program in proper fashion by being with us this Saturday afternoon at 5:30.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.
"WHEN CEILINGS ARE ZERO AND VISIBILITY IS POOR"

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT TO SPEAK AT NEXT MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Men's Club is pleased to announce that at its next open membership meeting on March 26th, Hal Lehrman, the noted foreign correspondent and expert on Middle East affairs will be its guest speaker.

Following a series of unavoidable mishaps and delays Mr. Lehrman, who was scheduled to speak at last month's gathering was forced to postpone his appearance.

We are most fortunate in securing Mr. Lehrman at this time. His broad knowledge of the countries of the Mediterranean area, his personal friendships with many of their government officials and his many trips to this region give his lectures a "you are there" quality.

Please mark your calendar and reserve March 26th as a night not to be missed.

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays -

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Jerry Coan, Alex Cohen, Mrs. Hyman I. Cohen, Norman H. Halper, Mrs. Sidney Horwitz, Leo Ritter, Jack H. Rothstein, and Reuben Westerman.

#### Anniversaries -

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Lipton.

#### Speedy Convalescence -

We are happy to note that our esteemed trustee, Mr. Fred Margareten is recovering speedily from a recent illness. He is presently in Florida with Mrs. Margareten to continue his convalescence. We hope he will return soon in full health.

#### MINYAN NOTE

Last week's article on the Father and Son Minyan did not mention the names of the most recent Cantors. We record their names here plus those of the Cantors who officiated this past Sunday. Aaron Holzer, Joel Podell, Jonathan Helfand, Steven Rauch, Steven Wassner, Jon Mills, and Mark Bieler.

There are only five more services left this season. Why not begin the home stretch by coming this Sunday at 9:30 A.M.

#### KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

Dessert Luncheon Meeting

This Monday afternoon, March 16th

at the home of MRS. JOSEPH S. GERSHMAN 25 East 86th Street



ELAINE BRODY Presenting a recital of piano selections

Dessert Luncheon at 12:30 P.M.

You are cordially invited to attend the

#### SABBATH SEUDAH SEMINAR

Closing Program

Saturday, March 14th at 5:30 P.M.

Reader: Steven Klein

Cantor: George Baumgarten

Discussant: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Topic: "The Oral Law - Who is its Author?"

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## Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute - A Progress Report

In a well ordered school the students periodically receive a progress report on their achievement. This report is designed for the students and their parents. Here follows a brief report on the students at the Institute. The report is designed for their parents—the members of the sponsoring Congregation.

You are already quite familiar with the growth of our lecture series. The latest lecture, an inspiring evaluation of East European Jewry, was delivered by Rabbi Harry I. Wohlberg to an audience of over eighty students last Wednesday evening. In tracing the outlines of this community, the lecturer picturesquely described the exclusiveness and all-inclusiveness of its Jewishness, the democracy of learning among its members, and the mystic traditions.

#### **Hebrew Classes**

Under the able guidance of Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz and Mr. Joseph Fuchs of the Park East Religious School, twenty students are matriculating in Hebrew courses on an elementary and intermediate level. Their status of matriculation depends upon regular attendance. At the close of the school year, each student will receive accreditation from the Yeshiva University Department of Adult Education. The real reward, however, will consist of the Hebrew they will have learned and the satisfaction gained from pursuing a rigorous study program.

#### Talmud Class

The weekly Talmud class, a picture of which appears on this page, has



The Talmud Class, under the tutelage of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, meets at its regular Wednesday evening session.

fifteen matriculated students and has already had an attendance of twenty on occasion. The class is studying the Tractate of Beizah dealing with the rules of Yom Tov. While every concept is explained carefully in English, the level of analysis is by no means elementary. The students are learning Talmud as they would in an advanced class in a Yeshiva. Progress is neces-

sarily slow, but what is lost in breadth of coverage, is gained in depth of understanding.

#### A Note to Parents

This is the progress report of your children and students of the Institute. It is not necessary for you to sign it. What is necessary is for all parents to become children (students) once again. We cordially invite you to take this forward step. The aphorism of the Ethics of the Fathers is the basis on which Adult Education rests. "He who does not increase his knowledge, loses it." Please take it to heart and join us this week. You will be most welcome.

#### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

At Saturday's Junior Congregation service, four children officiated as Cantors. They were Norman Hellman, Aaron Holzer, David Kahn and Elliot Kamerman.

If your youngster has not attended the Junior Congregation service as yet, make it your business to see that he does not miss this treat. Boys and girls are invited.



Rabbi Harry I. Wohlberg speaking at our Adult Institute Lecture Series on March 4th

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles	5:40
Evening	5:45
SATURDAY	
Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	
Weekly Portion: Pekude (E) 38:21 - 40:38) Haftorah: I Kings 7:40 - 50	codus
Evening	5:30
Conclusion of Sabbath	6:35
SUNDAY	
Morning	8:30
Father-and-Son Minyan	9:30
DAILY SERVICES	
Morning	7:30
Evening	5:50

#### **YAHRZEITS**

#### MARCH

14-NACHMAN FISCHEL

14-MIRIAM GOLDE

15-RUSSELL GOLDMAN

15-DAVID JURIST

16-RACHEL HUTKOFF

16-ANNA FISCHBERG

18-PEARL MESSING

18-MARY KRAMER

18-BARNET SANDERS

20-ANNA LOOKSTEIN

20-ADAH M. STINER

#### HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks a contribution to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. A. Milton Brown and Mrs. Elgin Shulsky. Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund. Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Robert H. Zessman, 12 East 87 Street, the Happy Day Fund Chairman.

#### KIDDUSH HOSTS

This Saturday, the Sabbath Kiddush will be sponsored by our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schwartz, on the occasion of their forthcoming trip to Israel.

## KOSHER BUTCHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the information of residents of Yorkville, we again list below the neighborhood butcher shops that are under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

Max Backer - 202 E. 87th St. - ATwater 9-7234.

L. Berger — 1224 Lexington Ave. — TR 7-9888.

Eugene Czeisler — 1520 York Ave. — RHinelander 4-6488.

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lser Salzman — 1279 Second Ave. — RHinelander 4-9823.

Eli Vizel – 1547 First Ave. – REgent 4-2280.

Sam Witkin — 1200 Madison Ave. — ATwater 9-5461.

#### K - J CALENDAR

Saturday, 3:30 P.M. – K. J. Juniors Meeting in Auditorium

Monday, 12:30 P.M. — Sisterhood Open Meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Gershman

Wednesday, 8:00 P.M. — Talmud Class, Elementary Hebrew, Intermediate Hebrew

Thursday, 8:30 P.M. — Meeting of the Board of Trustees in Social Hall.

Thursday, March 26th — Men's Club Meeting in Social Hall.

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