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### ADULT INSTITUTE OPENS WITH RECORD ENROLLMENT

Adult Education Week in the Synagogue, an annual event which we inaugurated last year, served to spark our Adult Education program to qualitative and quantitative heights which we hope will surpass the splendid achievements of last year.

A Sabbath afternoon class, a Talmud Class, a Prayer class for women and four Hebrew classes began sessions with wonderful enrollments. The Adult Institute has already evolved from a small attempt at a few part time classes, into a regular school with a full program of studies which is conducted the year 'round.

This development of our Adult Institute is not an accident. It is a result, primarily, of two factors. First, the congregation decided to make adult education a major feature of its religious program and to offer to the members of the community every opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Judaism and its traditions.

Second, the members of our congregational family have responded enthusiastically to the courses offered. They have followed the advice of our sages in "setting specific time aside for Jewish study." Those who had some knowledge have come to increase it. Men and women have come to study the Talmud in depth and to learn the reasons for, and the rules of, the Commandments of Judaism. A group of forty men and women have joined the Am HaSefer Program to read the books which are of interest to a modern American Jew.

We are very proud of the achievements of our Adult Institute. We are even more proud of the interest of the students. We congratulate them on their attempts to widen the dimensions of their Jewish knowledge. We urge all our readers to join in this attempt and to begin this week to attend one or more of the courses offered by the Institute.

## SISTERHOOD DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR BEGINS Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Addresses Opening Meeting

The Diamond Jubilee year of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood opened this past Monday with the first luncheon meeting of the year. Over eighty women were present as the seventy-fifth season of Sisterhood activity was launched. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein addressed the group on: "A Place in the Sun" — a commentary upon Vance Packard's best seller of last year: "The Status Seekers."

In a moving ceremony Mrs. Joseph Lookstein introduced and inducted twelve ladies to membership in the organization. Their names are:

Mrs. Sidney Axelrod

Mrs. Leo Breindel

Mrs. James Clark

Mrs. Abraham Ernst

Mrs. Dora Guttman

Mrs. Saul Linzer

Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

Mrs. Simon Newell

Mrs. David Pik

Mrs. Tobias Shapiro

Mrs. Adrian Skydell

Mrs. Israel Wachter

Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, chairman of Federation for the Sisterhood, spoke briefly about the work of this city wide organization which supports 116 varied welfare institutions. The women then viewed a splendid film which illustrated the work of Federation and the soul of this philanthropic organization.

Mrs. Meyer Texon, president of the Sisterhood, then introduced Rabbi

Lookstein who described Vance Packard's book as one which should be read by all intelligent readers. He said the book was an important sociological study which was designed to be read and understood by laymen.

#### Snob Appeal Analyzed

The Rabbi discussed the snob appeal of various areas in modern life. "Home Sweet Home", which used to be marked by people living in it for many years, has now become something which families change all to frequently. Last year 50,000 Americans moved their residences. The emphasis is now on the "right address," a nice outside (the inside is rarely seen), and the "right neighborhood."

Similar snob appeal is evident in our search for clothes with a "fashionable label," the right kind of friends who can give us a status boost, belonging to the right club, and membership in an upper class church or synagogue.

The Rabbi indicated that part of our search for status is the result of our loss of roots and the absence of anchorage. He attributed the frenzy for acquiring possessions and buying an identity, in part, to our desire to escape from the cold realities of a world which has known only war and turmoil for the past forty five years.

He suggested that the Jewish People has always striven for a status which stems from anchorage and achievement and not from artificial frills.

The meeting was a beautiful beginning to what promises to be a splendid seventy-fifth season.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.

"WHEREFORE IS THIS ELECTION DIFFERENT
FROM ALL OTHER ELECTIONS?"

#### YOUNG MARRIEDS BEGIN SEASON AT HOME OF ASSISTANT RABBI

Seventeen couples attended the first Young Marrieds meeting of the year at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein last week. It was, by far, the largest number of couples ever to have attended a function of the group.

The Young Marrieds Group meets about once every six weeks in a member's home. The Group now consists of some twenty three couples who live in this neighborhood. Young married couples in the community, who are not yet affiliated with the Group, are cordially invited to join.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday night, December 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Rosen, 544 East 86th Street. Members will receive further details shortly.

#### YOUR COOPERATION PLEASE

We are very anxious to know of the whereabouts of the collegiate set in our congregational family. We would like to invite them to our Young Adults League, and to involve them in a homecoming weekend at the end of December. If they are out of town, we would like to send them the bulletin and other pertinent mail.

You can help us to maintain contact with this group of young men and women by informing us of the names and addresses of the collegians in your family or others who you feel would want to hear from us. The form below is provided for your convenience

We will also use these names for our collegiate registry which appears in the bulletin in late December. Thank you for whatever cooperation you may extend in this matter.

#### TEEN AGERS TO CONDUCT DEBATE THIS SUNDAY AT 1:30

The K. J. Teen Agers will hold their next meeting Sunday afternoon, November 6, at 1:30 in the social hall of the synagogue. At its last meeting, the group sponsored an Israeli afternoon. Close to forty youngsters, ages 14 through 18, attended the meeting.

The forthcoming meeting will be in the form of a "Great Debate" on the subject: "Should Religion Play a Part in Politics?" Paula Ballan will argue for the affirmative and Marshall Etra will speak for the negative. The debate will be followed by a general discussion, a business session, refreshments, and a social period.

If you fit into the ages between 14 and 18 and have not yet joined the Teen Age Group, come down this Sunday, take part in the discussion, and join this wonderful group of young people.

#### JUNIOR GROUP OPENS SEASON

The K. J. Juniors began their season last Saturday afternoon with a hardy collection of children ages 8 through 11.

The group will meet every week on Shabbat at 3:00 in the gymnasium for a program of singing, dancing, stories, games, and goodies. Under the direction of Miss Naomi Lebowitz the group has made a fine beginning. Encourage your youngsters to take an active part in this program.

One word of caution: please do not send children under eight or over eleven. The program is planned to interest a particular age group and will lose its effect if it has to be adjusted for children who are either too young or too old.

The following are collegians who would like to receive pertinent mail from the congregation.

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#### DAVID MANDELBAUM BAR MITZVAH



We extend hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Mandelbaum on the occasion of the bar mitzvah of their son, David.

The bar mitzvah is in the eighth grade at the Ramaz School. His favorite subjects are social studies, and prophets. David is president of the Junior High School student organization.

Stamp collecting and boat and airplane models are his favorite hobbies. He enjoys swimming and football.

David will read the Torah portion as part of the regular service this Saturday. The entire congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mandelbaum at the Kiddush which will be held following the services.

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Births

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our new members, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron L. Akabas upon the birth of a daughter; and to our esteemed associate trustee, Mr. Harry Heyman and to Mrs. Heyman upon the birth of a granddaughter. The proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Heyman, reside in Port-Washington, New York.

#### **Birthdays**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Jules Gourary, Saul J. Lance and Saul Linzer.

#### Anniversaries

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Charnow, Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler.

#### Get Well

We wish a speedy recovery to our devoted member, Alexander Feifer, who was taken ill recently and is at present at Mount Sinai Hospital; and to our dear member, Miss Vilma Weiss, who underwent surgery last week.

Our members will be happy to learn that our esteemed associate trustee, Samuel Schreiber, has left the hospital and is recuperating at home from recent illness. bo of nai De no de

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## JAMES WECHSLER THRILLS TWO HUNDRED AT OPENING MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The opening Men's Club Forum Meeting of the 1960-61 session was attended by some 200 men and women who came to hear Mr. James Wechsler speak on the subject: "An Editor's-Eye-View of an Election Campaign." The listeners were treated to one of the most thrilling talks in many years of Men's Club activity.

The fiery editor of the New York Post began by declaring himself as a partial, biased, prejudiced, and partisan supporter of the Democratic candidate. Having stated this position most unequivocally, he then proceeded to speak in relative impartiality against both candidates and against the mood of American chauvinism and political naivete which has resulted in a Great Debate where the crucial issues have not even been broached, much less debated.

Mr. Wechsler then presented some of the issues which he felt should be aired in a political campaign. One such issue is the entire question of our relationship with 600,000,000 people in Communist China, whom we treat as if they didn't exist, and with 10, 000,000 citizens of Formosa whom we recognize as the legitimate guardians of Free China. This situation, whereby we have arbitrarily placed a huge multitude of individuals and a gigantic world power in a veritable international quarantine, ought properly to be viewed in a political campaign.

The intellectual climate of America and chauvinism of the press, however, will not tolerate such a discussion. The discussant is immediately castigated as being pink, soft on communism, and a traitor if he suggests a realistic appraisal of our present Far Eastern policies.

Mr. Wechsler suggested that a consideration of our policies toward East and West Germany is of similar concern; as would be a realistic debate on the problems of Cuba; civil liberties

for those who dissent from the majority view; and control of inflation by modified price and wage controls.

In all these cases, our speaker asserted that he was less concerned with the solutions offered to these problems than with the opening of these subjects for honest appraisal. During the present campaign neither candidate has dared to touch these issues more than tangentially for fear of arousing the press and "no nothing" public opinion against him. This state of affairs constitutes an indictment of our society which encourages the individual to walk through life without involvement in the crucial issues of the day, and allows its citizens to wear political blinders and to remain deaf to the ticking of a nuclear bomb which threatens to transform all civilization into one large heap of atomic ash.

The listeners to Mr. Wechsler represented all shades of political opinion. Yet there was unanimous praise for a man whose basic message should be taken to heart by all Americans if we are to meet the challenges of contemporary political life.

#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

In recent weeks the following have applied for membership in our congregation:

David B. Brockman Adolph Citron Larry Gelbart Irwin Shapiro

The applications will be processed in accordance with the established practice of the congregation. In the meantime, we wish to extend a hearty welcome to the applicants and their families. We hope that their affiliation with Kehilath Jeshurun will be a long and happy one.

#### THE JEWRY BOX

#### LAST WEEK

JONAS ADLER ALEX MORGANSTERN NEIL RANELLS

#### THIS WEEK

NATHAN D. BROWN THEODORE BROWN LUDWIG SIMON

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to maintain the Daily Minyan.

#### HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST Reports on Russian Jewry Confirmed

A portrait of the present-day position of Russia's 3,000,000 Jews, showed no central Jewish religious organization, no Yiddish press whatever, and lingering fears that the anti-Semitic terror period of 1948-51 might recur. This was reported by Andre Blumel, one of the distinguished leaders of French Jewry.

Special significance was attributed to Mr. Blumel's report by the fact that he is one of the co-chairmen of France USSR, an organization whose aim is the fostering of mutual understanding between France and the Soviet Union.

#### American Jewish Congress Opposes U.N. Council Seat for Egypt

The American Jewish Congress called on the United States Government to support one of the new African states rather than the United Arab Republic for a seat on the United Nations Security Council.

In a resolution, the national governing council of the Congress charged the UAR with "intransigent and persistent defiance of the very United Nations Security Council to whose membership it now aspires." These actions, the resolution declared, "preclude the election of the United Arab Republic to any post on which it will be charged with the preservation and promotion of world peace."

#### Yeshiva Medical School Launches Drive

Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine announced that it is launching a \$27,500,000 drive for a development program to strengthen and expand the institution's resources and facilities for training, research and patient care.

George Alpert, president and chairman of the board of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, has been appointed national chairman of the campaign.

#### FATHER AND SON MINYAN Third Service

#### Cantors:

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY	
Lighting of Candles	
Evening	4:40
SATURDAY	
Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation Weekly Portion: Vayera, Genesis 18: 1 - 22:24	10:15
Haftorah: II Kings 4.1 - 37 Evening	4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:20
SUNDAY	
Morning	8:30
Father-and-Son Minyan	9:30
DAILY SERVICES	
Morning	7:30
Evening	4:30

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### THE WEEKLY PORTION Genesis 18:1 – 22:24

This portion begins with the arrival of three angelic guests in the house of Abraham. The angels bring good and bad tidings to the father of the Jewish People.

The bad tidings concern God's decision to destroy the corrupt city of Sodom, a decision which Abraham vigorously challenges in one of the most moving passages in Biblical literature.

The glad tidings concern the announced birth of Isaac. Until, this announcement, Abraham was an unhappy man as he contemplated the prospect that no one would inherit his physical and spiritual wealth. When Isaac is born, the Patriarch and Sarah zealously care not only for his bodily welfare but also for his spiritual sustenance. When they see that Ishmael is a disturbing influence upon Isaac's character growth, they remedy the situation immediately.

The readiness of Isaac to be offered as a sacrifice to God, as described in the portion, is not surprising for Isaac was reared in the spirit of sacrifice and dedication. If one asks: did his parents give him all that they had in their childhood, the answer ought properly to be: they gave him much more than they had, in wealth— wealth of spirit.

#### **YAHRZEITS**

#### November

5-MOSES EINHORN

5-LOUIS KANAREK

5—ETHYL STOKAR

5-ARMINE ROTTER

6-JACOB POUST

6-MEYER SOM

6-ROSE HIRSCH

7-ESTHER NATELSON

7-ROSE WOLBERG

7-MENACHEM SCHWARTZ

8-WILLIAM ETRA

9-JULIUS ZESSMAN

9-MAX WEIMAN

9-MIRIAM SCHREIBER

10-LAZAR WOHL

10-MAX SCHNEIDER

10-REUVON FREIDMAN

11-LILLIAN ROTHSTEIN

11-MARGUERITE POPKIN

11-SIMON GROSS

11-MAX LOORY

#### K. J. CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY - 3:00 P.M.

Junior Group Gymnasium

3:45 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class The Commandments of Judaism

#### SUNDAY - 1:30 P.M.

K. J. Teen Agers "The Great Debate" Social Hall

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#### MONDAY - 8:00 P.M.

Hebrew for Beginners

#### **TUESDAY - 12:30**

Sisterhood Board Meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert H. Zessman 12 East 87th Street

#### WEDNESDAY - 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class Hebrew for Beginners Hebrew 2 Hebrew 3 Hebrew 4

#### THURSDAY - 8:30 P.M.

Board of Trustees Meeting Social Hall

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

Teen Agers Bowling Party Point of Assembly Synagogue House 1:45 P.M.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

Men's Club Theatre Party "Advise and Consent"

#### SATURDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 19th — 8:30 P.M.

Young Adults Cabaret Night Social Hall

#### SATURDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 3rd

Young Marrieds Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Rosen

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