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THE FESTIVAL OF CHANUKAH

The Festival of Chanukah, which was traditionally a minor festival in the Jewish calendar, has recently, for sociological reasons, peculiar to America, assumed added significance in our religious life. This is perhaps as it should be, because no other holiday quite captures the spirit of Judaism as does the Feast of Lights.

The Meaning of Chanukah

The meaning of Chanukah is best summed up by the prayer which is recited three times a day in the Shemoneh Esrai. This prayer is known as Al HaNissim (For the Miracles). Its text reads as follows:

"In the days of the High Priest Mattityahu, son of Johanan of the Hasmonean family, the tyrannical Hellenist power rose up against Thy people Israel to compel them to forsake Thy Torah, and force them to transgress Thy Commandments. In Thine abundant mercy Thou didst stand by them in time of distress. Thou didst rise to their defense and didst vindicate their cause.

"Thou didst bring retribution upon the evil doers, delivering the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the wicked into the hands of the just, and the arrogant into the hands of those devoted to Thy Torah. Thou didst thus make thy greatness and holiness known in thy world, and didst bring great deliverance to Israel. Then Thy children came into Thy dwelling place, cleansed the Temple, purified the Sanctuary, kindled lights in Thy sacred courts, and designated these eight days of Chanukah for giving thanks and praise unto Thy great name."

We see, therefore, that Chanukah represents three miracles which God wrought for the Jewish People. The first is an obvious miracle. The cruse of oil which was used to light the

Chanukah Greetings

We extend best wishes
for a Happy Chanukah
to our members and friends.

eternal lamp in the Temple should have been sufficient only for one day. It lasted however, for eight days until additional pure oil could be obtained.

The second and third miracles were more subtle. They consist of the victory of the few over the many and the triumph of Judaism over Hellenism, as a way of life. These physical and spiritual miracles could be considered to have been wrought by the Jewish People alone, without Divine assistance. On the surface they would seem to be military triumphs, attributable to the strategy of the Maccabees, and spiritual conquests which resulted from the persistence and adamance of the Jews in maintaining their traditions.

Jewish tradition, however, teaches us that the heroes of the Maccabean revolt were only partly responsible for the success of their battle with the Greeks. The outcome of the battle would have been entirely different were it not for the subtle miracles which God wrought for his People.

Chanukah is observed in commemoration of a military triumph, in gratitude for the confirmation of our right to freedom of religion and to worship as we please, and in recognition of the Divine providence which touches upon our lives in ways which often go unnoticed.

In the Home

The observances in the home during the week of Chanukah help to highlight the religious message of the holiday. The Menorah is lit each even-

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ATTENTION COLLEGE APPLICANTS

According to a bulletin received from the Testing Service which administers the College Entrance Examination Boards, the Medical College Aptitude Tests, and the Law Admission Test, it is no longer necessary for any student to compromise his observance of the Sabbath in order to take these examinations. For each of these exams there are Centers all over the State which administer the tests on the Sunday following the Saturday on which they are given regularly.

The Testing Service emphasizes that all examinations are given equal attention, and there is no indication in the results as to the date on which the test was taken.

This state of affairs was brought about as a result of great effort on the part of the Jewish community of this State. Students who are candidates for admission to Colleges, Medical School and Law Schools this year are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to take the examinations on a day other than the Sabbath.

All these examinations may be taken at the Main Academic Center of Yeshiva University at Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street. Information may be obtained by calling LO 8-8400. Information regarding other centers for these exams may be obtained by contacting the synagogue office.

SABBATH CLASS TO REVIEW CHANUKAH LAWS

With the advent of the Chanukah Festival, the regular Sabbath afternoon class in the Commandments of Judaism will recess for a week in order to make room for the special class in the Laws of the Festival.

This Saturday afternoon, December 10th, at 3:45, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will discuss some of the salient laws of Chanukah. Special attention will be given to the order of the blessing, the length of time which the candles ought to burn, and the particular problems of lighting the Menorah on the Sabbath eve.

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

"THE QUEST FOR SECURITY"

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Maks L. Birnbach
Emanuel M. Kaufman

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.

"FOR THE MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING"

If you are wondering what Chanukah gift to choose for the "Man or Women Who has Everything", we would recommend a subscription to Tradition, a magazine published by the Rabbinical Council of America.

Tradition includes a fine variety of non-technical articles of Judaism from the traditional viewpoint. The contributors to the magazine represent the finest minds of Orthodox Jewry. The magazine is published twice a year. subscription is \$2.50 for one year and \$4. for two.

Whether Chanukah gifts are your problem or not, Tradition ought to be in your home. Requests for subscriptions should be directed to the Rabbinical Council of America, 84 Fifth Avenue. If you wish, you may call the synagogue office and we will arrange the matter for you.

KIDDUSH HOST

The Kiddush this Sabbath will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gross upon the occasion of the engagement of their daughter Alice to Mr. David Beier.

THE JEWRY BOX**LAST WEEK**

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The Members of the
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CHANUKAH EVENING

Tuesday, December 20th, 1960

8:30 o'clock



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— Musical Program —

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— Collation —

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birth—**

We heartily congratulate our esteemed associate trustee, Harry Heyman and Mrs. Heyman upon the birth of a son to their children Mr. and Mrs. David I. Heyman. This is the second grandson born to the Heymans within the last few months.

Birthdays—

Many happy returns to M. H. Berkson, Dr. Leo Edelman, Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mrs. Isadore Givner, Eugene Hollander, Mrs. Harry Kaplan, Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman, Mrs. Sarah Klein, William Lebowitz, Mrs. Frederick Margareten, Martin Markson, Dr. Gizella Perl, J. William Rosenbluth, Leon Sigall, Dr. Miriam E. Trachman and Mrs. Simon J. Vogel.

Anniversaries—

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Halper, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jame, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin.

Get Well—

We wish a speedy recovery to our dear member, Mrs. Anna Jacobson, who recently fell and broke her hip. She is in the Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Bon Voyage—

Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman will leave for Israel soon to attend the Zionist Congress to which she is a delegate as one of the National leaders of the American Hadassah.



HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

A Break in Arab Boycott?

The Arab News Agency, in a recent release reported that the Government of Lebanon stated that it "will pay no attention to those recommendations of the Arab League's Israel Boycott Office which are unsound and which may conflict with the country's interests." Ed. Note: During the week preceding this statement, Lebanese police confiscated a quantity of Israel - made goods in Beirut.

Egyptian Military Mission in USSR

The Israel Knesset (Parliament) approved a special bill permitting a thirteen million dollar loan from Israel banks for security purposes. The approval was a reaction to reports that Premier Krushchev sent a special plane to bring the United Arab Republic vice-president and chief military commander to Moscow. The purpose of the visit is for Egypt's acceptance of new Soviet seaplanes and three submarines which would bring this total of undersea craft to twelve.

PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHANUKAH PROGRAM PLANNED

On Sunday morning, December 18, at 10:30 o'clock the Park East Religious School will hold a Chanukah celebration. Religious School parents are cordially invited to attend the program. The students will present a Chanukah play, which has been prepared by Dr. Fannie Kreinen.

The Parents Association of the school will present Chanukah gifts to each child attending the celebration. This project is the first undertaking of the Parents Association following the recent election of officers. The newly elected officers are: Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, President; Mrs. Max Novod, Secretary; and Mrs. Julian Joseph, Treasurer. They plan to make this Chanukah celebration one to remember. The students' performance will, of course, add to the warm spirit of the Chanukah holiday.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN Eighth Service

Cantors:

Aaron Hostyk
Martin Rosenberg
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Andrew Hausman

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YOUNG MARRIEDS MEET

Last Saturday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rosen, the Young Marrieds held their second meeting of the year. A group of fifteen couples attended the meeting and enjoyed the spirit of friendship and cordiality.

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds will take place on Saturday night, January 21st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler.

AM HASEFER GROUPS MEET

As this bulletin goes to press, the Am Hasefer (People of the Book) groups are about to launch their season. The first meeting for Group I was held on Tuesday evening, December 6th. Group II will hold its first meeting on Monday evening, December 19th.

Both groups are composed of twenty two members who have been engaged in reading the assigned books. Group I read the "Magic Barrel" by Bernard Malamud. Group II is completing the reading of "God, Man and History" by Eliezer Berkovits.

In a future issue of the Bulletin, we will publish a full report on the discussions in the Am Hasefer Group meetings.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, December 10th

Cantors:

Robert Kurzweil
William Davis
Louis Trencher

Teen Age Torah Reader:

George Baumgarten

RABBI LOOKSTEIN LEAVING FOR ISRAEL

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, accompanied by Mrs. Lookstein, will leave for Israel on Saturday night, December 17th. The Rabbi will officiate at the Graduation Exercises of Bar-Ilan University while in Israel.

He will also attend the Zionist Congress to which he is a delegate from America. He expects to remain in the Holy Land for about two weeks.

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ing soon after sunset, preferably before the evening meal. If possible, the Menorah should be placed in the window so that it may be seen outside the home. By so doing, we help to publicize the miracle of Chanukah.

On the first night (Tuesday evening this year) we light one candle on the right side of the Menorah. Each night we add an additional candle. We light the newest candle first and then continue from left to right.

On Friday night the Chanukah lights are lit before the Sabbath candles. At the conclusion of the Sabbath the lights are lit after Havdalah.

The candles of the Menorah are lit solely for the purpose of commemorating the miracles of Chanukah. We are not permitted to use their light for any other purpose. We, therefore, light an additional candle called the "Shamash" with which we light all the other candles.

In the Synagogue

While Chanukah is mainly a home festival, the celebration of the holiday also extends to the Synagogue. Special prayers are recited during the morning and evening services. The Menorah is lit at each service. On the Sabbath of Chanukah there are special prayers and special melodies with which our congregation has become familiar over the course of the years.

We hope that the coming Festival of Lights will have greater meaning than ever before to the members of our congregational family. We pray that the spirit of Chanukah -- the right to freedom of religion for every human being, and the recognition of Divine Providence in the world -- will be absorbed and cherished by a world in peace.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 4:10
Evening 4:20

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Weekly Portion: Vayeshev,
Genesis 37.1 - 40.23
Haftorah: Amos 2.6 - 3.8
Evening 4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:00

SUNDAY

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

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THE WEEKLY PORTION

Vayeshev, Genesis 37. 1-40.23

This portion marks the first of three Biblical portions which constitute the Joseph story. The protagonist, who was destined to go down in history as Joseph the Righteous, shows few signs of great character during his boyhood years.

Joseph, a child born to Jacob late in life, is favored over his brothers. He incurs his brothers' wrath by his favored position with Jacob and by his prophetic dreams in which he sees himself as ruler over his brothers.

Sent by Jacob to inquire after his brothers' welfare, Joseph is seized by them and sold into slavery in Egypt.

The story is interrupted by a subplot involving an act of questionable morality performed by Judah. The guilt of Judah is tempered somewhat by his gallant admission of the error and his steps to rectify the situation.

Meanwhile, in Egypt, Joseph is beginning to show signs of developing character. His ability as manager of his lord's estate is quickly recognized. His strength of principle when approached by an unfaithful woman is clearly admirable. His reward however, is not commensurate with his actions. He lands in prison.

While in prison, he interprets the dreams of two servants of Pharaoh—one optimistically, the other pessimistically. The wine steward who is returned to the King's service forgets the young man from whose brilliance and friendship he benefitted while in prison. It remains for the hand of Providence to ensure the emancipation of Joseph and his rise to a position of second in command in Egypt.

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3:45 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class
Laws and Customs of Chanukah

MONDAY — 11:00 A.M.

Women's Class in Prayer

WEDNESDAY — 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Hebrew for Beginners
Hebrew 2
Hebrew 3
Hebrew 4

8:30 P.M.

Men's Club
Executive Board Meeting
Social Hall

**MONDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 19th**

Am HaSefer Group 11
Synagogue Library

**TUESDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 20th**

Chanukah Evening
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Men's Club and Sisterhood

YAHREZITS

December

10—RACHEL GOLDSTEIN
10—HYMAN U. LIEBERMAN
10—MAX BERNARD
10—HARRY JAME
12—CHARLES ROSEN
12—JACOB LEVIN
12—ALADAR BRODY
12—SAUL NADLER
14—CHARLES GOLDMAN
14—ADOLPH HAUPTMAN
14—LISA GORDON
14—MORRIS N. ADLER
14—ANNA LOORY
14—BERNARD KAPLAN
15—SAMUEL KAHN
15—SARAH GOURARY
16—IGNATZ HEYMAN
16—ABBOTT S. BERNARD
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