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GALA CHANUKAH PARTY CELEBRATED AT SYNAGOGUE

On Tuesday evening, December 20th, members of the congregation, Sisterhood and Men's Club gathered together, more than 200 strong, to participate in the Annual Chanukah celebration of the congregation. The meeting was one of gaiety, the spirit was one of great joy.

The participants were treated to a very fine artistic performance by Miss Blix Ruskay. Her dramatization and pantomime of the character of Harriet Beecher Stowe was most moving. Miss Ruskay dramatized the events which lead that great authoress to write Uncle Tom's Cabin, a novel which had great impact in the pre-civil war years in America.

Our artist also dramatized, in humorous fashion, an old time marriage arrangement between two fathers whose children never met each other before their wedding night. She similarly lampooned the stereotype sisterhood officer who was leaving her home and children to attend a National Sisterhood Convention in Washington, D.C. The applause and laughter of the audience which punctuated this last dramatization, showed both the good natured quality of the audience and the perception of Miss Ruskay.

Cantor Cohen in a New Light

The biggest surprise of the evening was our own Cantor A. Joseph Cohen. The Cantor, who has already endeared himself to our congregation as an interpreter of prayers, showed himself to be also a very talented entertainer. Besides lighting the candles, the Cantor offered two musical renditions. The first was a comical portrayal in song of a meeting between a synagogue Gabbai and a new Cantor whom the official did not recognize as such. The second was a nostalgic number on "recollecting the years of childhood" in which the Cantor described, musically, the spirit and mood of the Sabbath in traditional Jewish practice.

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MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL DINNER TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

The Annual Dinner of the Men's Club of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will be held on Tuesday evening, January 24. The dinner will begin with cocktails at 6:30.

The Annual Dinner of the Men's Club has come to be known as one of the most genuinely enjoyable features of the congregational year. The dinner is for men only and, according to Abraham R. Kirshon, chairman of this year's affair, it will have all the components which have come to be considered traditional at Men's Club Annual Dinners.

The first component is the dinner itself, which is worth twice the nominal \$10 cost. Arnold Weiss, himself a member of the Men's Club, has always extended himself in catering this dinner to make it a great culinary triumph.

The second component is the atmosphere of fellowship and sociability which prevails at the dinner. Men have a chance to greet each other over a cocktail and at dinner. They meet members who may be new to the Club and make new friends.

The program was followed by an elaborate buffet prepared by the talented members of the Sisterhood. The highlight of the evening was the presentation to one of the guests of the painting "The Paris Opera-Moonlight," by the Feinberg Twins, specially framed for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz.

The following is a list of the Sisterhood members, who, together with Mr. and Mrs. William Lebowitz, co-chairmen, worked most energetically to make this affair the success that it was.

The program itself is a modest one, consisting primarily of entertainment which will be provided by Dave Astor, a humorist who captivated our delegation to last year's Convention of the National Association of Men's Clubs affiliated with Yeshiva University. The report on him is an exciting one, and Men's Club members will no doubt second the judgment of the Convention Delegation.

Finally, no Men's Club dinner would be complete without a few appropriate remarks from Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. As a matter of fact, the original date for the Men's Club dinner, which had been set as far back as last June, was changed in order to be sure that the Rabbi would be back from Israel in time to attend the dinner and to address the Club at that time.

Members have already received their invitations in the mail. They are urged to send in their reservations without delay. Friends and guests of the Men's Club are also cordially invited. Please cooperate with the officers and with the Dinner Committee by sending your reservations to the Synagogue Office immediately.

Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten
Mrs. Samuel Gross
Mrs. Joseph Hostyk
Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon
Mrs. Richard Kolb
Mrs. Oscar Perlberger
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin
Mrs. Joseph Roth
Mrs. Romie Shapiro
Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman
Mrs. Elgin Shulsky
Mrs. Edgar Trautman
Mrs. Meyer Texon
Mrs. Samuel Witkin

Rabbi Haskel Lockstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.

"A-FEUDIN', A-FUSSIN' AND A-FIGHTIN' "

Contemporary Reflections on an Ancient Quarrel

Am Hasefer Groups Complete First Meetings

The Am HaSefer Program has completed the first phase of its activity for the 1960-61 season. The report so far is an excellent one. Group I met to discuss Bernard Malamud's "The Magic Barrel" as we reported in a previous issue of the Bulletin. Group II met to discuss Eliezer Berkovitz' "God, Man and History."

The discussion of this latter book was a thrilling one. The members found this philosophical work to be a difficult but beneficial one. They discussed the book from beginning to end in an attempt to understand its contents and to evaluate the approach of the author to the problem of divine providence which he considers to be central to religion in general and to Judaism in particular.

The next meetings of the groups will be held as follows. Group I will meet on Tuesday evening, January 17, to discuss Louis I. Jacobs' volume "We have Reason to Believe." Group II will meet on Monday evening, February 13, to discuss Marshall Sklare's book "Conservative Judaism"—a sociological study of Jewish Life in 20th century America. Both meetings will be held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.

We record below the names of the members of these two groups and congratulate them for their interest in reading and discussing books of importance to the informed American Jew:

GROUP I

Mrs. Nathan Andrews
Mrs. Max J. Etra
Max J. Etra
Miss Mildred Feinberg
Mrs. Samuel Gross
Mrs. Milton Herman
Milton Herman
Mrs. Fred Kahn
Mrs. William Lebowitz
William Lebowitz
Mrs. Rae Lechner
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
Mrs. David Pik
Mrs. Nathan Richman
Jacob P. Shulman
Mrs. Elgin Shulsky
Elgin Shulsky
Mrs. Syd Stein

GROUP II

Mrs. Aaron L. Akabas
Aaron L. Akabas
Mrs. Charles Cohen
Dr. Charles Cohen

TEEN AGERS MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 8

While the Teen Age Group took a vacation during the past two weeks, the leadership of the Group was busy planning for the spring season. A special executive meeting was held at the home of Vivian Salzman to concretize some of these plans.

On Sunday, January 8, the Group will meet in the Social Hall at 1:30. At that time there will be a business session devoted to the formation of certain necessary committees, a social period during which songs and dances will be taught, and a discussion on topics for the new season.

Exodus Theatre Party

On Wednesday afternoon, February 1, during the intersession recess, the Group will attend a showing of the movie Exodus. A very limited supply of tickets is available at \$2 each. Teen Agers who are interested may send a check to the synagogue office or bring the money to the meeting on January 8. Inasmuch as the supply of tickets is very small, first consideration will be given to members of the Group.

KIDDUSH HOST

The Kiddush this past Saturday, was sponsored by our esteemed member Benjamin Gottesman.

Mrs. Theodore R. Fink
Mrs. Joseph Hostyk
Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman
Gerald S. Kaufman
Lawrence A. Kobrin
Dr. Fannie Kreinen
Miss Menorah Lebowitz
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
Martin Markson
Mrs. Gilbert Portnoy
Gilbert Portnoy
Dr. Louis I. Posner
Mrs. Robert Richter
Arthur M. Rosen
Norman C. Ryp
Lewis D. Siegel
Mrs. Edgar Trautman
Mrs. George Weiss
George Weiss

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO DISCUSS "THE WASTEMAKERS" AT SISTERHOOD MEETING

On Monday, January 23rd, the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood will hold its third luncheon meeting of the season. Luncheon will be served promptly at 12:30.

Our guest speaker at this meeting will be the assistant Rabbi of the congregation, who will review Vance Packard's third book — and current best seller — "The Wastemakers." It is anticipated that this book will have the same widespread impact which the author's two previous best sellers had. The ladies of the Sisterhood are urged to read the book in anticipation of the meeting in order to benefit more fully from the Rabbi's review.

The meeting promises to be a very interesting one. All ladies are invited to come and to bring their friends.

HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, Mrs. Ralph Hyman, Mrs. Richard Kolb and Mrs. Simon J. Vogel.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns to Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Frank Goodman, Alex Herbst, Charles B. Jacobs, Mrs. David Joseph, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Harry Metzger.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, Dr. and Mrs. Judah Zizmor.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN Tenth Service

Cantors:

ROBERT KURZWEIL
JONATHAN SHOR
RICHARD COHN
IVAN GREENSTEIN

Breakfast Sponsor
ALEXANDER GROSS

YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

This is a continuation of a series of articles, which we began last year, on places, people and institutions of interest in the New York metropolitan community. These articles will appear from time to time as space permits.

Lexington School for the Deaf

One of the most uncelebrated but vital institutions in New York City is located in our own neighborhood at 904 Lexington Avenue. It is the Lexington School for the Deaf, a member agency of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. The Lexington School provides oral education for deaf boys and girls between ages of three and twenty-one, by teaching speech and lip reading, and through the use of auditory training. Children whose hearing is severely impaired, are offered opportunities to complete a high school program which includes academic work, business education, and vocational skills. They are prepared for life as equal members in the community.

At the Lexington School, residential quarters are provided along with a complete program of after school activities for children who need such facilities. The school also operates a graduate program of teacher preparation in affiliation with Teachers College of Columbia University.

We tend to think of contributions to charity as designed to help only those who are financially destitute. It is worth noting that this Federation institution is not for the poverty stricken, nor even for people struck by illness. It is a school designated to deal with a widespread problem which besets many children in the community. Through its facilities, the child who is hard of hearing learns to lead a normal life as a first class citizen.

LOOKING BACK
ON COLLEGIATE SABBATH

We were very happy to welcome home the Collegiates and Graduate students of the congregation from their out of town locations. On Collegiate Sabbath, December 24, in spite of the bitterly cold and heavily overcast day, many of our vacationing student population came to the synagogue and were the recipients of Torah Honors.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein delivered a sermon appropriate for the occasion. He discussed the classical purpose of education as designed to produce an ethical human being. He analyzed some of the reasons why present day education, which is available to so many, is not producing a more ethical society.

Reception to Young Adults —

A highlight of the Homecoming Weekend was the beautiful reception tendered to the Collegiates and the Young Adults of the congregation by Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein at their home. The reception was attended by almost one hundred young people affiliated with the congregation and the Young Adults League. The spirit and the warmth at the reception were most gratifying. Some young people met others from their own schools who they did not even know were affiliated with the synagogue. It was certainly an affair to remember and one which we hope will become a regular annual feature at this season of the year.

Young Adults

Executive Committee —

At the reception, Norman C. Ryp, chairman of the Young Adults League, announced a forthcoming executive committee meeting of the Young Adults League for Sunday, January 8th, at 7:30 in the Synagogue Library. Members of the Executive Committee have received notice and are urged to attend this meeting.

HEADLINES OF
JEWISH INTERESTNazi Doctor Sentenced
to 21 Life Terms

Gottlieb Musikant, former S.S. Medical orderly, was sentenced last week to 21 terms of life imprisonment for the murder of 21 prisoners in Mauthausen and Steyr, former concentration camps in Austria. The court also ordered revocation of his civil rights for life.

The prosecution had tried to prove that the 57 year old defendant actually murdered at least 210 camp inmates by strangulations, beatings and lethal injections. The court accepted proof on only 10% of the cases. The practical results of this partial, rather than total, acceptance of the prosecution's case is judged to be negligible.

Bar Ilan Professor Wins U. S.
Science Award

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has awarded its Physical Science prize for 1960 to Prof. Moshe Jammer for his monograph "The Concept of Mass in Modern Physics."

The winner of this prize, which is awarded annually by the Academy for "especially meritorious contributions" in science, is the Chairman of the Physics Department at Bar Ilan University.

Israeli Orchestra Returns
from World Tour

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra returned home last week after a trip which covered three continents and fifty cities. The orchestra's musical renditions were heralded by critics all over the world.

THE JEWRY BOX

WEEK OF DECEMBER 25th

LIONEL ETRA
MAX J. ETRA
WILLIAM ETRA
ABRAHAM R. KIRSHON
MARTIN MARKSON

WEEK OF JANUARY 1

DR. THEODORE R. FINK
SIDNEY FLATOW
KALMAN FULEP
DR. H. HAROLD GELFAND

THIS WEEK

DR. ELI GOLDSTEIN
DR. FRANK GOODMAN
HERMAN DAVIDOWITZ

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

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Joseph H. Lookstein	Rabbi
Haskel Lookstein	Ass't Rabbi
A. Joseph Cohen	Cantor
Israel D. Rosenberg	Ritual Director
Joseph Glatt	Exec. Director

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Joseph Roth	Vice-President
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Joseph S. Gershman	Secretary
Elgin Shulsky	Pres., Men's Club
Mrs. Meyer Texon	Pres., Sisterhood

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles	4:20
Evening	4:30

SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15
Weekly Portion: Shemoth	
Exodus 1:1-6:1	
Haftarah: Isaiah 27.6-28.13	
Evening	4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:15

SUNDAY

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

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Evening	4:30

YAHREZITS

January

7—MARTHA HECKSCHER
7—HARRY FISCHER
7—NATHAN NEWELL
8—ANNIE MANDELBAUM
8—CECELIA FELDBERG
9—ESTHER SCHLANG
9—WALTER H. STINER
9—SAMUEL KINGSON
9—HARRY GOLDSTEIN
9—JEANNE RUDDY RUBIN
10—WILLIAM GOLDMAN
11—MINNIE SHAPIRO
11—SAM BUCHER
11—MINNIE LIPSHUTZ
12—JACOB LANDAU
12—S. LAWRENCE BRODY
12—ABRAHAM POUST
13—JULIA ADLER
13—ALBERT HERSHKOVITZ
13—SARAH KERNER

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Shemoth

Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

The Book of Exodus opens with a most thrilling episode in world literature. It is simultaneously one of the most intensely religious portions in Jewish literature because it is saturated with the concept of divine providence.

A new king assumes the throne of Egypt, who knows nothing of the contributions which Joseph made to the Kingdom of the Nile. Because of his fear of the Jewish people, Pharaoh renders them slaves to the Government and sets forth the most arduous tasks which they must complete. In order to forestall any rebellion he systematically eliminates all new born male children.

One child is saved from the hands of Pharaoh and is even reared in the Palace of the King. That child is Moses. He matures and recognizes the plight of his people. Because of his subversive activities he is forced to flee to the land of Midian where he marries and begins to raise a family. A life of comfort, however, is not for Moses. He is confronted by God in the famous vision of the burning bush which would not be a consumed. He is charged with the responsibility of leading the Jewish People out of Egyptian bondage in accordance with God's will.

His initial results are not only unsuccessful but rather cause Pharaoh to increase the burden of work and further embitter the lives of the people. Moses complains to God and asks him why he was sent on a mission which was destined to fail. God responds with the words which ring throughout the ensuing chapters of the liberation from slavery: "You will shortly see what I shall do to Pharaoh for he will send the Jewish people forth with a strong hand; and he will drive them from the land with a guiding arm."

How God transforms Pharaoh's inclinations is the story of the next few portions in the Book of Exodus.

— RESERVE —

Tuesday, January 24, 1961
for the
Men's Club Annual Dinner

K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY — 3:00 P.M.

K. J. Juniors
Gymnasium

3:50

Sabbath Afternoon Class
The Commandments of Judaism

SUNDAY — 1:30 P.M.

Teenage Meeting
Social Hall

7:30 P.M.

Young Adults
Executive Meeting
Social Hall

MONDAY — 11:00 A.M.

Women's Class In Prayer

12:30

Sisterhood
Executive Board Meeting
at the home of
Mrs. Richard Kolb
11 East 87th St.

TUESDAY — 8:30 P.M.

Men's Club
Executive Board Meeting
Social Hall

WEDNESDAY 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Hebrew Classes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th

Sisterhood Theatre Party
"Exodus"

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Sisterhood Open Meeting
— Guest Speaker —
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Social Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Men's Club Annual Dinner
Synagogue House

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, January 7th

Cantors:

ALAN KALISCHER
PHILLIP LERNER
LEWIS TRENCHER

Teenage Torah Reader:

STUART PODELL