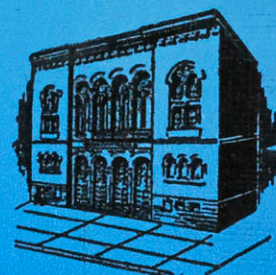


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## RABBI NORMAN B. FRIMER ADDRESSES ADULT INSTITUTE Comments on Philosophy of Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi

On Wednesday evening, January 4, Rabbi Norman B. Frimer delivered the 3rd lecture in a four part series on the general topic, "Problems and Personalities in Jewish Philosophy." Rabbi Frimer concerned himself with the philosophy of Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi under the general heading, "Can We Talk to God?"

Thus far, in this series, sponsored by the Adult Institute of the congregation, we have heard Rabbi Isaac L. Swift discuss the philosophy of Saadia Gaon, Rabbi Sol Roth analyse the ethical philosophy of Maimonides, and now Rabbi Frimer, on Yehuda HaLevi. The final lecture in the series, will be presented on Wednesday evening, February 1, at 9 o'clock. At that time we will hear Rabbi Abraham Besdin speak about the contributions of Rabbi Samon Raphael Hirsch under the general topic "The Challenge of Modernism".

We now present some of the salient features in Rabbi Frimer's discussion. Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi is best understood in contrast with Maimonides. Concerning Maimonides we know accurately the day, the place, and the year of his birth. We can follow his life from birth to death. We see in him a well-structured personality, and an organized philosophic system of thought.

Concerning Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi, while we know that he was born in the last quarter of the eleventh century, we do not know for sure when, and we are not certain where, although we do know that it was some place in Spain. There is not even a definite proof of when and where he died, although tradition has it that he was killed by an Arab horseman in Jerusalem while he was praying.

Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi, who spent much of his life in Spain, was a stranger in exile. He wrote of himself: "My heart is in the east (Israel) while I reside in the west". He wrote his major

philosophic work — the Kuzari — in order to defend Judaism against Arabic and Christian thought — and the Karaitic reform movement.

His philosophic writing contrasts sharply with that of Maimonides. While that great rationalist wrote his philosophy for the super-intellectual and used different logic and technical concepts which would phase the average reader, Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi, who was as much a poet as he was a philosopher, wrote his book for the common man and structured it in a dialogue form in order to give it life, vividness and interest.

The philosopher-poet distinguishes between the God of the philosopher and the God of Abraham. The former is an abstraction, says he. It is detached from man and viewed impersonally, as a first cause. With this God of the infinite, there can be no relationship for man because a relationship cannot exist between the infinite and the finite.

The God of Abraham, says Rabbi

Yehudah HaLevi is a personal God, a God who can be found not through logic but through experience. The collective experience of the Jewish People is a witness to such a God and the individual experience of the Jewish soul bears eloquent testimony to His existence. He approaches the Prophet and can be approached by a man in prayer. He is reached by man through the performance of His Commandments out of a response to the Divine will.

Such a God, says Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi cannot be grasped by speculation alone. He must be sensed by intuition and seen through prophetic vision. Above all, He is a God with whom finite man can have and must have a relationship. The God of Abraham, unlike the God of the philosophers is not a force to be comprehended by man but rather a Divine personality to be apprehended by every human being.

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION ELECTS OFFICERS

#### Regular Attenders to be Treated

The Junior Congregation held elections for officers during the month of January. The following were chosen: David Hostyk, was elected president and Roger Oppenheimer was elected vice-president. We congratulate these youngsters on their inauguration last week and we wish them every success in conducting the affairs of the Junior Congregation during the coming months.

As was announced some months ago, those children who are most regular in their attendance at the services of the Junior Congregation will

be given a special treat at the end of the year. This will be in the form of a trip to the kind of place which young people like most. The matter will be decided upon by the Junior Congregation itself within the coming few weeks.

In the meantime, we would like to urge all those who have not been regular in their attendance until now, to begin coming every Saturday morning at 10:15. It is never too late to become "regulars" at the Junior Congregation. The program is designed

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**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.  
"BEN GURION AND WORLD JEWRY"  
An Eye - and Ear - Witness Report from Israel**



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### **RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ON TELEVISION**

In the event that some of our readers may have missed the program, we would like to mention that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was the featured speaker on the Columbia Broadcasting System program "Give me this Day". He appeared last week on Thursday morning, shortly before 6:30 A.M. at the conclusion of the previous day's programming.

Is it possible that some of our readers may not have been watching television during those hours and we have received assurances from C.B.S. that when our Assistant Rabbi's sermons are again shown (on WCBS-TV Channel 2,) we will receive ample notification in order to inform those who may be interested in watching.

### **YOUNG MARRIEDS TO MEET JANUARY 21**

The Young Marrieds Group of the Congregation will hold a regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, 430 East 86th Street, on Saturday night, January 21, at 8:30. Through the courtesy of Arthur Rosen, we will see a private showing of a feature movie.

All members of the group have received invitations and are urged to call Barbara Nadler or the Synagogue office so that our hostess will know to expect them.

### **K. J. TEENAGERS ELECT OFFICERS**

The Kehilath Jeshurun Teenage Group elected new officers to serve for the remainder of the year. The election was motivated by the resignation of Alan Shapiro as president. Alan is at present deeply involved in his college work at Yeshiva University.

Vivian Salzman was elected president of the group. Marshall Etra was elected vice-president, Joel Eichler, secretary; and Michael Sigall, treasurer. These elections were held at the meeting of the group last Sunday.

At the same meeting, the tickets were distributed for the group's theatre party (Exodus), and a dance committee was chosen to plan a Spring Dance.

The group will now recess for the next two weeks due to the mid-year examinations in which the members are involved. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, at 1:30 o'clock.

### **FATHER AND SON MINYAN Eleventh Service**

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#### **THIS WEEK**

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ISIDORE GROSSMAN  
JACOB POUST  
NORMAN C. RYP

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

### **RABBI AND MRS. LOOKSTEIN RETURN FROM ISRAEL**

Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein will return this week, (please God,) in time to be in the synagogue for the Sabbath.

The Rabbi, while in Israel, presided at the second graduation of the Bar Ilan University of which he is President of the Board of Governors. He also was a participant in the deliberations of the World Zionist Congress which was held in Jerusalem. The Rabbi addressed a plenary session of the congress and his remarks were widely quoted in the press. We have been informed by cable that Rabbi Lookstein plans to discuss in his sermon this Saturday, the recent controversies which have arisen in the State of Israel.

The title of the sermon is, "Ben-Gurion and World Jewry — An Eye and Ear Witness report from Israel".

### **JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

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to benefit children specifically between the ages of eight and eleven and we are happy to note that much progress has been observed in the way in which the children conduct their services.

The lion's share of the credit ought properly to be given to Mark Gross a senior at Yeshiva College, who has been leading the Junior Congregation in brilliant fashion.

Below is the list of the children who have been most regular in attendance during the past six weeks.

Larry Breindel  
William Davis  
Judith Fink  
Aaron Hostyk  
David Hostyk  
Alan Kalischer  
Robert Kurzweil  
Phillip Lerner  
Roger Oppenheimer  
Joel Ranells  
Jonathan Safadi  
Marilyn Smilow  
Alvin Smilow  
Lewis Trencher

We congratulate these children on their regular attendance and hope that they will continue to derive benefit and pleasure from the services at the Junior Congregation.



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Class room instruction, under the auspices of the New York City Board of Education is provided to all school age children, including those confined to bed.

Blythedale is one of the 116 institutions supported by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Birthdays—

Many happy returns to Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, Mrs. David Gordon, Mrs. Baruch J. Hurwich, Jerome Margareten, Mrs. Abram Miller and Robert H. Zessman.

## Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice H. Berkson, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra.

## Welcome Home—

We extend a hearty welcome to Neil Brenner, son of our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Brenner, who has just completed his tour of duty with the Army.

## Bon Voyage—

We wish a pleasant trip and a safe return to our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Akabas who are leaving on the S.S. Jerusalem for a Caribbean cruise.

## Get Well—

We wish a speedy recovery to our devoted member, Gedeon Heller, who recently underwent surgery.

YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE  
ANNOUNCES PLANS

## Book Review Meeting, January 29

The Young Adults League of the congregation at an executive board meeting, held last Sunday evening in the synagogue library, formulated concrete plans for six functions during the next five months.

The plans were announced by Norman C. Ryp Chairman of the League as follows:

**Sunday Evening, January 29** at 8:00 o'clock, a panel review of the current best seller "The Last of the Just" by Andre Schwartz-Bart. The panel will consist of Miss Shari Lookstein, Miss Lisa Billig and Lawrence A. Kobrin.

**Sunday Evening, February 5,** a theatre party at the City Center where the program will be "The Gondoliers", the famed operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan. Only a limited supply of tickets will be available. They will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

**Sunday Evening, February 26,** a pre-Purim square dance in the social hall of the synagogue house.

**Sunday Evening, March 12,** a panel discussion conducted by several members of the group. The topic of discussion will probably be concerned with the appearance of new nations on the political map of the world and the consequent implications for world peace and progress.

**Sunday Evening, April 23,** a slide lecture on the State of Israel by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

**Sunday, May 14,** a spring outing.

The program which the Young Adults League has undertaken is the most ambitious one in its brief history. The League cordially invites all young people from college age through the twenties to participate in these activities and to become members of the Young Adults League.

Further inquiries as to details on the program should be directed to the synagogue office.

## — REMINDER —

Sisterhood Theatre Party  
"EXODUS"

This Wednesday, January 18

HEADLINES OF  
JEWISH INTEREST

## Nasser's Military Strength Growing

According to a report made by Shimon Peres, Israel's Deputy Defense Minister, at a meeting of the Political Committee of the 25th World Zionist Congress, President Nasser of the United Arab Republic has more tanks today than Marshall Montgomery had in his desert victory over the Nazi Field Marshall Rommel in the Second War.

## Nasser's Political Influence Growing

A resolution declaring that Israel is "an instrument of imperialism and colonialism, not only in the Middle East, but also in Africa", was adopted at a recent summit meeting of five African states. The resolution was pushed through by Nasser as a slap at Nkrumah, president of Ghana. Other countries represented at this meeting were Mali, Morocco, and Guinea.

## Israel Invited to World's Fair

A representative of the New York World's Fair committee has presented an official invitation to Israel to participate in the 1964-65 Exposition. It is expected that Israel will accept the invitation.

## Hassidic students Join Israel Army

A group of students from the Vizhnitzer Yeshiva in B'nei B'rak, discarded their long kaftans and black hats last week and donned the khaki uniforms of the Israel Army as volunteers. They were welcomed by Army Chief Chaplain Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

In taking the Oath of Service they were permitted to say "I undertake" rather than "I swear" in accordance with their religious convictions. To the phrase "to devote all my strength to the defense of the country and to Israel's freedom", they added the expression "in the spirit of Torah and Tradition".

## JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, January 14

## Cantors:

DAVID HOSTYK  
ROGER OPPENHEIMER  
MICHAEL JASPAN

## Teen Age Torah Reader

STUART SCHLANG



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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

##### FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles .....4:30  
Evening .....4:40

##### SATURDAY

Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Weekly Portion: Vaera  
Exodus 6:2-9:35  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

##### Rosh Chodesh Prayers:

Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on  
Wednesday, January 18.  
Evening .....4:40  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....5:25

##### SUNDAY

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

##### DAILY SERVICES

Morning .....7:30  
Evening .....4:40

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#### THE WEEKLY PORTION

Vaera, Exodus 6:2-9:35

The portion opens with a promise of God to Moses to fulfill his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Holy One instructs Moses to tell the children of Israel that; "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will deliver you from their bondage, I will redeem you with an outstretched arm . . . , I will take you unto me for a People . . . , and I will bring you unto the Land." These are the five "statements of redemption" which are noted in the Talmud and in commemoration of which we drink four cups of wine on Passover and fill a fifth cup for Elijah.

The bulk of the portion is an account of the requests of Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh to allow the Jews to leave Egypt, at least temporarily; the intransigence of the Egyptian ruler who refused to consider such a proposal; and the miracles which God brings to bear upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians in the form of plagues.

In this portion the first seven plagues are delivered: blood; frogs, gnats, fly-swarms, cattle-plague, boils, and hail. In spite of the severity of the plagues, "The heart of Pharaoh was hard and he did not let the children of Israel go; as the Lord had spoken to Moses."

#### YAHREZITS

##### January

14-HARRY WESTERMAN  
14-DORA PERLMAN  
15-FLORA MUENSTERBERGER  
15-ISIDORE FISCHMAN  
15-DORA RHODES  
16-JANE FISCHEL  
16-CLARA LEWIS  
16-ELIAS I. GORDON  
16-LOUIS J. LEBOWITZ  
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18-HANNAH FOLKMAN  
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18-FREDERIK SAX  
19-JENNIE SIEGEL  
19-MORRIS H. GELFAND  
20-EVA HOFSTADTER  
20-BERTHA GORDON  
20-SARAH ROSENBERG  
20-HEYMAN COHEN  
20-ROSE HORWITZ

#### K. J. CALENDAR

**SATURDAY — 3:30 P.M.**

K. J. Juniors  
Gymnasium

**4:00 P.M.**

Sabbath Afternoon Class  
The Commandments of Judaism

**MONDAY — 11:00 A.M.**

Womens Class in Prayer

**TUESDAY — 8:30 P.M.**

Am HaSefer Group - I  
at the home of  
Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

**WEDNESDAY — 8:00 P.M.**

Talmud Class  
Hebrew Classes

#### SISTERHOOD THEATRE PARTY "EXODUS"

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

Young Marrieds Meeting  
at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

Men's Club Annual Dinner  
Synagogue House

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

**8:00 P.M.**  
Young Adults Meeting  
Social Hall

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