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Special Meeting on Synagogue Melodies This Wednesday Night

Something new will be attempted by Kehilath Jeshurun this Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock. At that time, in the Social Hall of the Synagogue, members and friends of the congregational family will meet to try to improve the congregational singing at our synagogue services.

Those who worship with us with regularity know that the participation of worshippers in the services in the synagogue is considerable. It is felt, however, that this participation could be increased still more and made even more enjoyable to the worshippers.

Toward this end, a meeting is being called for Wednesday evening, January 25, at 9 o'clock. The meeting, to which all worshippers in the synagogue are invited, — men and women — will last no more than three quarters of an hour. During that time those present will have a chance to review some of the congregational melodies which Cantor Cohen has introduced in the past few months. Cantor Cohen will also teach one or two new melodies which he would like to introduce in the forthcoming weeks.

It is most difficult to add a new congregational melody without having a corps of worshippers who are familiar with the melody and who can sing it with the Cantor. When such a corps participates, the melody is readily learned by all the worshippers and is immediately appreciated. Without this "lay" assistance, however, new melodies" are very hard to learn and usually have to be discarded after a few weeks.

This is a one night stand for interested parties. The rewards will be a sense of satisfaction, a capacity to participate in the services, and a substantial contribution to the cause of public worship in our congregation. Refreshments will be served at the meeting's conclusion.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood

cordially invites its members and friends

to attend its

Open Luncheon Meeting

This Monday, January 23

in the Social Hall

-Guest of Honor-

Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

will discuss

Vance Packard's - "The Wastemakers"

under the title

"IMPLICATIONS OF THE THROW-AWAY AGE"

Luncheon will be served at 12:30

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.
"DARKNESS IS MORE THAN THE ABSENCE OF LIGHT"

RABBI ABRAHAM BESDIN TO CONCLUDE ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE SERIES

Philosophy of Samson Raphael Hirsch to be Analyzed

On Wednesday evening, February 1st, at 9 o'clock, the Adult Institute Lecture Series will come to a close for the 1960-61 season. The series, on the general topic "Problems and Personalities in Jewish Philosophy", will be concluded with a lecture by Rabbi Abraham Besdin on the subject "Samson Raphael Hirsch and the Challenge of Modernism."



Rabbi Abraham Besdin

Rabbi Besdin is one of the most brilliant young men in the Orthodox Rabbinate. He was ordained by Yeshiva University and will shortly receive his Doctorate from that institution of higher learning. He is at present the spiritual leader of the Marine Park Jewish Center in Brooklyn.

Rabbi Besdin's outstanding contributions to date have been in the field of Adult Education. His congregation has a program in this area which has served as a model for many other synagogues in the traditional Jewish Community. Among other things, he pioneered the Am HaSefer program which has struck such firm roots in our synagogue. He was recently invited to design a program of Adult Education for the Jewish Welfare Board which will be used in the Armed Forces.

Our guest speaker is also an unusually eloquent and erudite speaker. He has a very clear understanding of complex philosophical problems and the ability to transmit them to an audience in a crisp and stimulating

In his lecture, he will deal with the problems which confront the traditional Jew as he seeks to live in two civilizations simultaneously — the Jewish

and the Secular. Samson Raphael Hirsch, the peerless rabbinic leader in 19th century Germany confronted this problem directly. At the time of his ministry, a Jew had two choices; either to live a traditional life and ignore the modern world or to participate in modern life and ignore Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Hirsch developed a philosophy and a program by means of which the Jew was able to integrate these two civilizations into one wholesome personality.

Members and friends of the congregational family are cordially invited to attend this lecture on February 1st, at 9 o'clock and to bring their guests with them. Refreshments will be served following the lecture.

OUR APOLOGY

In the list of regular worshippers at the Junior Congregation, which we published last week, the name of Nancy Linzer was inadvertently omitted. Nancy is one of the most regular of the "regulars" and has an almost perfect record of attendance since the season began. We hope that other children in the congregation will try to match her admirable record.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Samson Eichler, Elmer G. Engel, Dr. Isadore Givner, Samson Gordon, Mrs. Emanuel M. Kaufman, Abraham R. Kirshon, Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mrs. J. William Rosenbluth and Louis W. Yohann.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Maks L. Birnbach, Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Scheidt.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolences to our devoted member, Milton Herman, upon the loss of his beloved father.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved family. We pray that the Almighty may spare them further grief for many years to come.

MICHAEL LOUIS BROFF BAR MITZVAH



We extend heartiest Mazel Tov wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Broff, on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Michael.

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant is in the eighth grade at the Barnard School for Boys. His favorite subjects are science and algebra. Michael is an avid sportsmen, with football, baseball, and waterskiing as his favorites. Hunting and rifling are his hobby "firsts."

Michael will chant the prophetic portion as part of the regular service this Saturday. The entire congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Broff at the kiddush following the services.

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WOMEN'S CLASS IN PRAYER to RECESS

We wish to bring to the attention of the participants in the Women's Class in Prayer, that there will be a recess of this class for two weeks. The next session of the class will be held on Monday, February 6, at 11 a.m., in the synagogue library.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, January 21

Cantors:

JERRY STERN ALAN KALISCHER JONATHAN SAFADI

Teen Age Torah Reader: ROBERT PIK

FATHER AND SON MINYAN Twelfth Service

Cantors:

MARVIN DAVENPORT WILLIAM DAVIS STEVEN GROSS STEVEN WASSNER

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- REMINDER -

MEN'S CLUB 22nd ANNUAL DINNER

THIS TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 24th

in the Synagogue House

Cocktails at 6:30

Subscription \$10.00

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Many of our members have inquired regarding the caterers whom they may use for catered functions in our synagogue.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding regarding this, we list below the names of catering establishments who have received authorization for use of the catering facilities in our synagogue:

Arnold Caterers Dornstein Caterers Papilsky Caterers Patrician Caterers Schreiber Caterers

The K. J. Teenagers

invite all members and teenage friends to attend their next meeting Sunday, January 29, 1:30 P.M. Social Hall

YOUNG ADULTS TO DISCUSS "THE LAST OF THE JUST"

The Young Adults League of the Congregation will hold a regular meeting on Sunday evening, January 29, at 8 o'clock in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. The feature of the meeting will be a panel review of Andre Schwartz-Bart's best seller "The Last of the Just."

The panelists will be Miss Lisa Billig, Miss Shari Lookstein and Lawrence A. Kobrin. They will be discussing a book which is making an ever increasing impact on the American reading public. We urge all members of the Young Adults League to read the book and to come to the meeting prepared to participate in the discussion.

Theatre Party Tickets Going Fast

We would like to remind friends of the League that tickets for the Theatre Party, "The Goldoliers", at the City Center on Sunday February 5th, are going fast. We have only a few left. Those interested in obtaining tickets are urged to call the Synagogue office.

THE JEWRY BOX

LAST WEEK

HERMAN DAVIDOWITZ DR. ELI GOLDSTEIN DR. FRANK GOODMAN

THIS WEEK

JOSEPH ECKHAUS JOSEPH N. FRIEDMAN HARRY HEYMAN EUGENE HOLLANDER

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



HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

Ben Gurion Refutes Bomb Rumor

Prime Minister Ben Gurion characterized reports that an atomic bomb is being produced in Israel as "either a deliberate or an unconscious untruth". A research reactor with a capacity of 24,000 Kilowatts, now under construction in the Negev (in addition to the 1,000 Kilowatt reactor completed in June with American assistance), is designed exclusively for peaceful purposes.

Goldmann Regrets Distortion

Dr. Nachum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, publicly expressed regret over the distortion of some passages in Ben Gurion's speech to the World Zionist Congress.

He also deplored bitterly the fact that many American Jewish leaders had reacted with violent protests against the Prime Minister's speech, without making a sincere effort to find out exactly what the speech contained. The universal reaction of the delegates at the Congress, who heard the entire speech first hand, was that it was a brilliant presentation even if some of the delegates entertained doubts and differences concerning part of the Premier's proposals.

"Out of Zion Shall Go Forth the Law"

The prophecy of Isaiah is coming true, at least in a material sense, in our own day, in the form of a substantial increase in the export of parchment scrolls and other manuscripts for religious purposes from the State of Israel.

Last year \$607,000 worth of this material was exported. It included texts for Tephillin, 145 Torah Scrolls, 70,000 Mezuzzoth and 159 scrolls of the Book of Esther. A course to train graduates of Yeshivoth as scribes was begun recently at Kfar Habad, the Lubavitcher Village in Israel.

A MODERN RITUALARIUM

is located in our community at 158 West 97th Street MOnument 3-0300

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles	4:40
Evening	
SATURDAY	
Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15
Weekly Portion: BO	
Exodus 10:1-13:16	
Haftorah: Jeremiah 46.13-28	
Evening	4:45
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:30
SUNDAY	

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Evening	4:50

Father-and-Son Minyan 9:30

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YAHRZEITS

January

21-HARRY B. KOCH

21-YETTA ARBEIT

22-JOSEPH FEINBERG

22-IDA E. BECKER

22-KRAINA BROZ

22-REGINA MARGARETEN

22—AARON BARBASH

24-BESSIE WALLACH

24-EDWARD UNTERMAN

24—FLOYD KATSKE

24—SAMUEL KLEPPNER

25-MAX PHILLIPS

25-WILLIAM PRINCE

25-ARYEH L. ABELOW

27—JOSEPH FREED

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Bo, Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

"Who Redeemed Israel from Egypt?"

This is the portion of redemption. In its passages we read of the concluding three plagues, the first Passover, the terror of the Egyptians, and the deliverance of the Jewish People from bondage.

In popular parlance we frequently hear Moses referred to as "The Great Redeemer". In the Talmud and in all of our traditional literature however, such a title is never given to Moses. Prophet, statesman, and supreme teacher; yes. Redeemer? There is only one redeemer - God himself.

The uniqueness of the Divine force in redemption is emphasized in the Haggadah of Passover, in which the name of Moses does not appear. Moreover, in that book is contained the traditional commentary to the key Biblical passages in this week's portion concerning the liberation from Egypt, as follows: "And I shall pass through the Land of Egypt on that night" - I, and not an angel; "and I shall smite each first born in the Land of Egypt" - I, and not a seraph; "and I shall execute judgments against all the Gods of Egypt" - I, and not an agent.

The implication which our sages draw from the Biblical verses is that God was the sole executor of the liberation. Human nature, on the other hand, would lead man to assume that the forces of history are human and not Divine. Thus the Jewish People, before worshipping the Golden Calf, inquire about the whereabouts of "This Moses, who brought us up out of Egypt."

It is not an accident that this was the belief of the idolators among the people. When man cannot believe in Divine Providence, he cannot worship God. Praying to the Almighty and following the commandments of the Lord are impossible unless man is conscious of God's interest in him as it is reflected in the Divine forces at work in history. If Divine Providence is denied, then man seeks to place his trust in something else. The Golden Calf was the ancients' alternative. Modern man has found other outlets to fill the void which is left when history is viewed as a mechanical and undirected series of causes and effects. K. J. CALENDAR SATURDAY—3:30 P.M. K. J. Juniors

K. J. Juniors Gymnasium

4:00 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class The Commandments of Judaism

SUNDAY-10:30 A.M.

Board of Trustees Meeting Social Hall

MONDAY-12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting

— Guest of Honor —

MRS. JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

— Guest Speaker —

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

TUESDAY-6:30 P.M.

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Men's Club Annual Dinner

WEDNESDAY-8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class Hebrew Classes

9:00 P.M.

Congregational Melodies Social Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 1:30 P.M.

> Teenagers' Meeting Social Hall

> > 8:00 P.M.

Young Adults Meeting Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Adult Institute Lecture

— Guest Lecturer —
RABBI ABRAHAM BESDIN

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