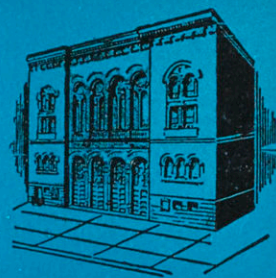


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PURIM SERVICE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

"With the advent of Adar, joy reigns supreme," is a traditional expression describing this season. The happiness and gaiety is an indication that Purim will be upon us shortly.

This year, the Purim holiday will be ushered in on Wednesday evening, March 1, at which time a capacity Congregation is expected to attend the Ma'ariv service and Megillah reading. As has been the tradition in our synagogue, the evening services and the reading of the Purim Scroll will be entrusted to the capable students of the Ramaz School.

The festive holiday of Purim has a special appeal for the youngsters. All of our members and friends are urged to bring their children with them to the service. Pupils of both the Park East Religious School and the Ramaz School will be our special guests. All the children present will receive noisemakers to sound at the proper time during the Megillah reading.

The Congregation's practice of having our own youth read the Purim Scroll has become one of the high-points in the synagogue year. This year, the following boys will officiate: George Baumgarten, Mark Bieler, Dan Chill, William Etra, Steven Gross, James Mond, Stuart Schlang, Ian Schorr, Henry Sobel, Stephen Texon and Raimund Ward.

All of our congregants and their families are invited to join us at the service Wednesday evening March 1. A delightful time is in store for everyone, young and old alike.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.
"THE ANCIENT TABERNACLE AND THE MODERN HOME"
Lessons In Moral Decor

ONE HUNDRED ATTEND SPECIAL FATHER AND SON MINYAN

Men's Club Hears Rabbi Isidore Meyer

A capacity congregation filled the synagogue chapel to overflowing last Sunday as the Men's Club held a special meeting in conjunction with the Father and Son Minyan. Following an inspiring service, the congregation retired to the social hall to enjoy a community breakfast. The meeting, was chaired by William Lebowitz, the chairman of the Father and Son Minyan Committee for the Men's Club.

The highlight of the meeting was a fascinating address by Rabbi Isidore Meyer, the editor and librarian of the American Jewish Historical Society.

Our speaker briefed the members of the Club on the Civil War period in general. He cited the fact that Jewish participation in the war could be understood only in terms of the general history of that period. The distribution of the Jews in the North and South was roughly similar to the distribution of the general population. There were 6000 Jews in the Northern Army and 2000 in the Confederate Army.

Six Jews received the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in the Grand Army of the Republic and many Jews were equally heroic on the Southern side. Judah P. Benjamin, who served alternately as Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Attorney General for the Southern Government, was quite frequently referred to as "the brains of the Confederacy". It has been reported that every Jewish family in the South supplied at least one soldier to the Southern Armies.

Rabbi Meyer presented many interesting side-lights concerning the effect of the Civil War on Jewish life in this

country. He read a letter signed by a German Jewish immigrant who suffered great hardship as a result of an act of piracy perpetrated by the Confederacy on an American ship during the war. He read an article describing how a group of twenty Jews in the 23rd Regiment from Ohio celebrated Passover in the mountains of West Virginia. The writer states that the fiery herb which was substituted for horseradish was much more bitter than anything our forefathers ever experienced in Egypt.

Rabbi Meyer also made mention of the fact that a Doctor Zachary — a Jew — was Lincoln's chiropodist and was described as the man who "kept Lincoln on his feet". This same Zachary was sent as Lincoln's emissary in 1863 to a conference in Richmond at which he tried to arrange terms for peace. The attempt was, of course, a failure.

Our speaker, who had intended to speak for about half an hour continued his remarks for a full hour. The listeners were so absorbed, that time did not seem to be of much consequence.

The service, the meeting, the address of Rabbi Meyer, and the closing remarks of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein made this a memorable occasion for the Men's Club.

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN
ON TELEVISION WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22**

In the event that some of our readers are early risers, they may be interested to know that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will appear on television on Wednesday morning, February 22nd, at 6:15 A.M. His sermonette will open the day's programming on WCBS TV Channel 2, and will appear on the program "Give us This Day."

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Terumah, Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

The Tabernacle as a Democratic Institution

The central theme of this week's portion from the Torah is the building of the Tabernacle. This sanctuary was to serve as the central place of worship and Divine service until such time as a permanent Temple would be built in Jerusalem.

It might be assumed that, inasmuch as the priests were the main functionaries in the Tabernacle, they would have complete control over its activities. The fact is, however, that the sanctuary was a democratic institution.

This state of affairs was insured by granting to each individual Jew the "power of the purse" in the affairs of the Tabernacle. The opening verse of this week's portion states "speak unto the children of Israel that they may take for me an offering from every man whose heart prompts him to give." In this way, each citizen had a share in the building of the Tabernacle and in the sacrifices which were brought therein.

There was a time in Jewish history when the priests tried to preempt control in the sanctuary by bringing the sacrifices from their own funds. This practice, however, was rejected by Jewish Law. Public worship was ordained to be a democratic institution in which each member of the community had a share and which was therefore to be controlled by the general public. Such a system entails an obligation upon the public. Each citizen had to make his own contribution in accordance with his means and financial ability. Only in this way could each individual be a partner in public worship.

What was true of the Tabernacle is true of the institution of the synagogue. The synagogue is a democratic institution in that it is under the control of a congregation of individuals and not dominated by a particular class. There is no Jewish aristocracy in the synagogue. Its activities are made possible by the contributions and support of every member. The obligation of the membership to support the House of God, brings as its reward the right of every member to benefit from the synagogue and to have a share in its program and policy.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

cordially invites its members and friends

to attend an

OPEN LUNCHEON MEETING

This Monday, February 20th

in the social hall

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— Guest Speaker —

MR. ISAAC TOUBIN

— Topic —

"THE JEWISH PURPOSE"

Luncheon will be served at 12:30



A partial view of the participants at the Men's Club Twenty-Second Annual Dinner held recently.

THE JEWRY BOX

LAST WEEK

MORTON KAMERMAN
DR. NED WACHTEL

THIS WEEK

A. MILTON BROWN
ABRAHAM R. KIRSHON
DR. EMORY KLEIN

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

RABBI LOOKSTEIN'S FEDERATION LETTER BRINGS WARM RESPONSE

Following the "Federation Sabbath", held in our synagogue, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein sent out a letter to the membership of the congregation, in which he asked those who were not in synagogue on that Sabbath, to participate in the Federation Appeal.

As a result of that letter, it is gratifying to report that responses have actually been streaming in. Contributions of every size have been sent to the Rabbi. It appears at the moment that several thousand dollars will result from this letter appeal.

The Rabbi explained in the letter that his object is not so much to get large contributions as to get wide participation. He stated that his ambition is to see every Kehilath Jeshurun congregant be a contributor to Federation. If the responses continue to come in as they have been coming in, then it is quite possible that the Rabbi's ambition will be realized.

Those who received the letter from Rabbi Lookstein are urged to respond to it as soon as possible.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Alexander A. Bernstein, Dr. Armin W. Docter, Mrs. Alexander Herbst, Maurice N. Jaffe, Louis Olshan, Joseph Schlang, Julius I. Silver, Sam Taffet, Harry Tenenbaum and Albert Wald.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Samson Gordon and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Lieberman.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolences to our esteemed member, Joseph Schoenfeld, upon the loss of his beloved wife.

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.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks, contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund by Mrs. Leo Breindel and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Robert H. Zessman, 12 East 87th Street, Happy Day Fund Chairman.

YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE HEARS BOOK REVIEW

The January meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Young Adults League presented a panel book review discussion of the best seller by Andre Schwartz-Bart, "The Last of the Just". Two members of the group, Shari Lookstein and Lawrence Kobrin, were joined by a guest reviewer, Miss Lisa Billig, for the discussion which took place on Sunday evening, January 29.

A group of about 50 young people heard Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein introduce the subject by pointing out to those present the importance to the Jewish community and to the world at large of such books as "The Last of the Just".

Shari Lookstein was the first member of the panel to discuss the book. A literary and publishing editor by profession, she analyzed the book from the point of view of its literary impact and method. Miss Lisa Billig, who has recently reviewed the book for a national Jewish publication was a guest member of the reviewing panel. She discussed at some length the concept of martyrdom as it is expressed in the novel.

Lawrence Kobrin offered a summary and conclusion for the panel in setting forth some of the many ways in which the contents of this book could be considered. These included, he said, not merely its literary merit, but its religious, historical, and psychological implications as well.

The audience present was far more than a mere listening group for, following the presentation by the members of the panel, there took place a vigorous discussion on the comments of the members of the panel and on the book itself.

The Young Adults have arranged for a varied program throughout the remainder of the year, including several social events and meetings. Further information regarding this group, which is open to young men and women between the ages of 18 and 30 is available from the synagogue office.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, February 18

Cantors:

LARRY BREINDEL
LOUIS TRENCHER
WILLIAM DAVIS

Teen Age Torah Reader
LANNY BINSTOCK



HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

Morocco Acts Against Jewish Press

It has been reported from Paris, that the Moroccan Government has taken the first step in what appears to be a campaign to suppress the Jewish Press. A Jewish Weekly (Trait D'Union), which began publication recently, has been ordered to shut down. Its editor has been picked up by police authorities for investigation. In addition, the Central Communal Organization has received notice that the publishing license for its monthly organ is to be withdrawn.

U.N. On Anti-Semitism

The Fourteen Member U.N. Subcommittee on "Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities" unanimously adopted a resolution condemning "manifestations of Anti-Semitism in forms of racial prejudice and religious intolerance of a similar nature."

The resolution calls on the Human Rights Commission to adopt a resolution calling for "Specific Measures" to combat intolerance through legislation by U.N. Member Governments.

Bar Mitzvah Group and the Bar Mitzvah Year

The first organized group of Bar Mitzvah boys has come to Israel to mark the Bar Mitzvah year of that State. To date some 25 young men, the majority of them from South American countries, have celebrated their Bar Mitzvah in Israel.

Ancient Village Discovered In Southern Israel

A settlement dating back to the 4th Millennium B.C.E. was uncovered recently at Gat, Southern Israel. The prehistoric village is situated near the modern town of Kiryat Gat.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN Sixteenth Service

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DANIEL BELLER
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Breakfast Sponsor:
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 5:15
Evening 5:20

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Weekly Portion: Terumah,
Exodus, 25:1-27:19
Haftorah: I Kings, 5:26-6:13
Evening 5:20
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:05

SUNDAY

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

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Evening 5:20

Yahrzeits

February

18—ESTHER FEDERMAN
19—ENOCH WOLBERG
19—SARAH H. BROWN
19—AUGUSTA HIRSHHORN
19—JOSEF BROZ
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20—NACHMAN FISCHEL
20—MIRIAM GOLDE
20—RACHAEL MINA TOBIAS
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21—DAVID JURIST
21—JULIA SPIRA
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22—ANNA FISCHBERG
23—ANNA SPENCER
24—PEARL MESSING
24—MARY KRAMER
24—BARNET SANDERS

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We wish to thank our devoted member, Joseph Hostyk, for sponsoring the Father and Son Breakfast on February 5. His name was inadvertently omitted from the Bulletin of that week.

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Gymnasium

4:30 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class
Commandments of Judaism

SUNDAY—1:30 P.M.

Teen Age Group
Auditorium

MONDAY—12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Open Meeting
— Guest Speaker —
Mr. Isaac Toubin

WEDNESDAY—8:00 P.M.

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