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Thirty-Two Congregants to be Honored at Yeshiva University Brunch

For years, Kehilath Jeshurun stood in the forefront as a supporter of Yeshiva University. Year after year, generous assistance came from the sons and daughters of Kehilath Jeshurun to this foremost institution of combined Jewish and general learning in our day.

This year, thirty two members of the Congregation have been selected for special recognition. They will receive medallions as "Ambassadors" of Yeshiva University at a Testimonial Brunch on Sunday Morning, March 12th, at ten o'clock, in the Social Hall of the synagogue.

Invitations have been sent out to the entire membership to attend the brunch and in that way to honor their fellow congregants. Responses have been coming in beautifully, and a representative turnout is expected for the event. Mr. Max J. Etra, Dr. Samuel Belkin and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will address the gathering.

Those who have not yet responded are urged not to delay. The brunch will provide an opportunity not only for tribute to those who have earned it but also to learn more about an academic institution whose fame has spread throughout the world.

CAPACITY CONGREGATION ATTENDS PURIM SERVICE RAMAZ STUDENTS EXCEL AS READERS

Over 700 men, women and children filled every seat on the main floor of the synagogue and overflowed into the balcony, last Wednesday evening at our special Purim Service. This largest Purim gathering in several years was thrilled by the Cantor and Readers of Ramaz School who conducted the entire service.

The special guests of the evening were some 200 children from Ramaz and the Park East Religious School who made unsparing use of their noise-makers and blotted out the memory of

Haman for at least another thirteen months (next year is a Jewish leap year).

We list below the names of the students who participated so beautifully in the service. We are also including the alternates who were prepared to serve in the event of an emergency. We congratulate these boys and their

instructor, Isaac B. Rapaport, on their efforts and cooperation.

Cantor: Ian Schorr. **Readers:** George Baumgarten, Mark Bieler, Dan Chill, William Etra, Steven Gross, James Mond, Stuart Schlang, Henry Sobel, Stephen Texon, and Raimund Ward.

Alternates: Herbert Frisch, Lawrence Grossman, Howard Kramer, Johanan Levine, Joel Levy, David Mandelbaum, Jacob Morgenstein, Jay Pearlberg, Stuart Podell, Eric Schon, and Morris Whitcup.

**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.
"THE LIMITS OF REASON — WHAT LIES BEYOND?"**

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood

invites its members and friends

to the

Sisterhood Diamond Jubilee Donor Luncheon

on

Wednesday Afternoon, March 15

12:00 noon

HOTEL PIERRE

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"EITHER GIVE OR RECEIVE"

According to Jewish law, the charity given before Passover is of special importance. Everyone must have a share in it. If a man does not receive the charity, he is obligated to give.

Please bear the importance of Passover Relief in mind during this season. Remember that the funds are needed now so that they may reach the needy in time to be used for Passover provisions. Do not delay. Send in your donation to the synagogue office today.

A list of donors to the Passover Relief Appeal will be published in next week's Bulletin.

**POMEX AND HOSTYK ELECTED
BY JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

Steven Pomex and Aaron Hostyk were elected President and Vice President respectively of the Junior Congregation. We congratulate them on the honor bestowed upon them by their peers and wish them a successful tenure in office.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birthdays —**

Many happy returns to Mrs. Jerry Coan, Alex Cohen, Mrs. Hyman I. Cohen, Norman H. Halper, Mrs. Sidney Horwitz, Simon Newell, Leo Ritter, and Benjamin Siegel.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Armin W. Docter and Mr. and Mrs. Uscher Doppelt.

Birth —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov, to Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Simon upon the birth of a daughter. Similar wishes to Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kamerman.

Get Well —

We are happy to learn that Raymond Schwartz has left the hospital and that he is convalescing at home. We look forward to his speedy recovery and to his return to congregational activities.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN**Nineteenth Service****Cantors:**

STEVEN POMEX
ROBERT KURZWEIL
BRUCE DRATLER
JAMES SEIDEN

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**AM HASEFER GROUP II
DISCUSSES SKLARE'S
"CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM"**

Group II of the Am HaSefer Program held its second regular discussion meeting at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein. The group has had many successful meetings in the past but this one excelled them all by far. For over two hours, the members discussed the sociological nature of Conservative Judaism.

Marshall Sklare, in his book on the subject, makes the point that this branch of Judaism was motivated largely by social forces and not by any particular religious dogma. As a matter of fact, the Conservative movement, which is now more than sixty years old, is still struggling to develop a uniform ideology — a struggle which is meeting with very limited success.

The reason for the absence of ideology in the Conservative movement is that its constituents, the laymen, are moved to accept religion on a practical basis rather than on an ideological one. Their decisions concerning the acceptance or rejection of kashruth, the Sabbath, worship and other features of Judaism are made individually and pragmatically without recourse to a consistent philosophy of religious observance.

In this connection, our discussion group, which is composed of people of varying degrees of observance, engaged in a prolonged discussion of an introspective nature. They asked themselves whether they, as Orthodox Jews, were not also making their religious decisions pragmatically rather than ideologically. A worshipper in an Orthodox synagogue, they felt, ought to be reminded from time to time that there are right and wrong, good and bad, legal behavior and illegal behavior in accordance with the principals of the Torah and Traditional Judaism.

There was a great deal of soul searching at this meeting, as members grappled sincerely with problems which touched upon every area of their lives. This was an example of discussion in the Talmudic sense — "learning is good when it affects action."

The next meeting of Group II of the Am HaSefer Program will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Akabas, on Monday evening, March 20. The book under discussion at that time will be "Judaism — A Historical Presentation" by Isidore Epstein.

**CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM
TO BE HELD**

Our members have already received information regarding the sedorim which will be held at our congregation on Friday night, March 31 and Saturday night, April 1.

In order to preserve the family character of these sedorim we can only accept reservations of members and those of their immediate families.

A great deal of planning and effort is required in order to make the sedorim as beautiful as they are each year. We must know, well in advance the number of members who plan to attend. Please, therefore, inform the synagogue office if you plan to attend. No reservations will be accepted after Tuesday, March 21st.

PREPARING FOR PASSOVER**What is Chometz?**

Throughout the eight days of the festival, we abstain from eating any Chometz, i.e. foods which contain grains and which have been subjected to moisture.

Wheat, rye, barley, oats and, generally speaking, all grains and grain products, as well as foods and liquids made from them, are subject to the laws of Chometz.

All baked articles, candy, soft drinks, wines, liquors, milk, canned foods, and dry fruits, as well as other similarly processed foods, must have a reliable endorsement by a recognized rabbinical authority. Our suggestion, contained in last week's Bulletin, continues to be appropriate. Wherever possible, products should be used that are manufactured by the reputable Matzoh firms. An alternate suggestion would be to use products which carry the endorsement of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations for Passover use.

Further questions on these items, or others pertaining to Passover preparations, may be directed to the office of the Congregation.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION**Saturday, March 11****Cantors:**

ROGER OPPENHEIMER
LEWIS TRENCHER
PHILLIP LERNER

Teen Age Torah Reader:

STUART PODELL

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Vayakhel-Pekude, Exodus 35:1-40:58;
Number 19:1-22

"Rest on the Sabbath"

These two portions from the Torah are primarily concerned with the construction of the Tabernacle. It is surprising, therefore, that the first portion opens with a brief statement concerning the religious obligation of every Jew to rest on the Sabbath.

This unusual introduction provides the Talmud with the clue to the Torah concept of "rest" on the Sabbath. The juxtaposition of the Sabbath to the construction of the Tabernacle indicates to our sages that the creative labors required for building the sanctuary are the labors which are prohibited on the Sabbath Day.

In other words, on the Sabbath, the concept of "rest" is different from the modern notion implied by that word. Rest on the Sabbath day means a cessation not from work per se, but rather from creative activity. There are 39 categories of creative activity which were necessary for the construction of the Tabernacle. These categories are what the Torah excludes from our Sabbath activities.

The question has often been asked. Why does Jewish Law oppose the switching on of an electric light on the Sabbath day? It may be, that in olden times, the creation of fire required great exertion in cutting down the trees, slicing the wood and generating a spark. Nowadays, however, the operating of an electric switch could hardly be considered an exertion.

In view of the introduction above, this question has an obvious answer. What is prohibited on the Sabbath is not exertion but rather creativity. The generation of an electric current is every bit as creative today as was the generation of a spark of fire 3,000 years ago. Perhaps it is even more so in our day. Electricity is necessary for so many of the machines and utensils which make possible all sorts of creative activity. Abstaining from the use of electricity on the Sabbath is a way of saying that all the creative powers which we possess are, in reality, derived from God. On the seventh day of each week we take cognizance of that derivation by desisting from all manner of creative activity.

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**FIRST CONFERENCE OF
HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
TO BE HELD AT K. J.**

Fifteen students from the Park East Religious School will be among the one hundred and fifty students attending the first conference of Hebrew High School Students which will take place on Sunday, March 19, 1961 at our congregation.

The program, arranged by the Metropolitan Commission on Talmud Torah Education, which is sponsored by the Yeshiva University Synagogue Council, will bring together students from a score of schools in the metropolitan area for a day of Jewish inspiration and comradery.

Revolving about the theme, "Understanding our Heritage", the program will feature panels and discussions on current Jewish issues, guest personalities, elections of an inter Hebrew High School Council and a concluding Jewish Music Festival program.

**MICHAEL JOSEPH ROBERTS
BAR MITZVAH**



We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mrs. Albert Sladkus upon the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of her son Michael. We extend similar congratulations to the grandmother, our dear member Mrs. Ruth Wax.

Michael, who is a student in the Park East Religious School, will read the prophetic portion at our services this Saturday.

KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB AND SISTERHOOD

SUNDAY SUPPER-LECTURE SERIES

Lecturer:

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

Theme:

"TWO APPROACHES TO THE JEWISH FAITH"

I. Sunday, March 19th

"THE NON-TRADITIONAL APPROACH —
JUDAISM AND SOCIOLOGICAL FACTORS"

II. Sunday, April 16th

"THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH — JUDAISM AND HALACHA"

Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M. The Lecture will follow.

Subscription: \$5.00 for both lectures; \$3.00 for single lecture

Reservations for the first lecture should be sent to the office before
Tuesday, March 14.

THE JEWRY BOX

LAST WEEK

EDWARD LEBOWITZ
WILLIAM LEBOWITZ

THIS WEEK

ABRAHAM I. HOLZER
LAWRENCE A. KOBRIN

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

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 5:40
Evening 5:45

SATURDAY, SHABBAT PARAH

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Weekly Portion: Vayakhel-Pekude,
Exodus 35:1-40:58
Numbers 19:1-22
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38
Rosh Chodesh Prayers: Rosh Chodesh
Nisan will be Saturday, March 18.
Evening 5:45
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:30

SUNDAY

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

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Evening 5:50

YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE

SPRING SQUARE DANCE

Sunday, March 26, 7:30 P.M.
Social Hall

Admission \$1.25

Yahrzeits

March

11—ANNIE EDELMAN
11—MOSES DAVIS
11—LEON ALPERT
12—JACOB J. LUBELL
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17—ROSE GLASS
17—SAMUEL FINE
18—SIMON BROZ
18—ISRAEL DAVID LASCOFF
18—SCHRAGE FISCHEL
18—SOLOMON OLSHAN

— REMINDER —

YOUNG MARRIEDS GROUP

Meeting

**This Saturday Night, March 11
8:30 P.M.**

at the home of
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SATURDAY — 3:30 P.M.

K. J. Juniors
Gymnasium

5:00 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class
Laws of Passover

8:30 P.M.

Young Marrieds Group Meeting
at the home of
Dr. and Mrs.
Mortimer J. Blumenthal
40 East 83 Street

SUNDAY — 10:00 A.M.

Yeshiva University Brunch
Social Hall

2:30 P.M.

Teen Age Musicale
Auditorium

WEDNESDAY — 12:00 NOON

Sisterhood Diamond Jubilee
Donor Luncheon
Hotel Pierre

SUNDAY — MARCH 19

Supper Lecture

— Lecturer —

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

SUNDAY — MARCH 26

Young Adults Square Dance

TEEN-AGE MUSICALE

Sunday, March 12, 2:30 P.M.

Auditorium

— Program —

SHLOMO CARLBACH

Mizrachi Hatzair Dance Group

K-J Teen Agers

are requested

to report at 1:30 P.M.

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