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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE NOW IN PREPARATION

The 1961-62 volume of the Book of Remembrance is now in preparation and will be ready for use by our worshippers for the Shavuoth Festival.

This booklet, together with a special Yizkor order of service, has become a regular feature of our synagogue service. To our knowledge it is the first such volume of its kind in any synagogue.

Worshippers will recall the old days when Yizkor was invariably associated with an appeal for funds. In order to maintain the sanctity and dignity of the service we have eliminated all such appeals.

In order, however, to fulfill the pledge for charity which is a regular part of the Yizkor service, we invite our worshippers to memorialize their dear departed ones by recording their names in our Book of Remembrance and by making a contribution in their memory once a year before Shavuoth.

Since this memorial booklet is not intended for fund raising, we try to stress the purely religious character of the offering by limiting it to no more than ten dollars and no less than five dollars for each name to be memorialized.

You have by now received correspondence from the Synagogue office concerning the 1961-62 Book of Remembrance. The task of preparing the volume is an exacting one. You are requested, therefore, to return the authorization card listing the names of those to be included in the book. Please send the card with your token offering to the synagogue office without delay.

*Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun*

cordially invites its members

to attend the

*89th Annual Membership Meeting  
of the Congregation*

which will be held

**this Thursday Evening, April 27**

at 8:30 o'clock

in the auditorium of the Synagogue House



A buffet reception will follow the meeting

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.  
"WHO KNOWS THIRTEENTH?"**



### THE WEEKLY PORTION Tazria - Metzora

These two portions deal primarily with physical skin disorders which may affect the individual during his life. These include skin sores, boils and leprosy.

While these physical blemishes are characterized by eruptions of skin, the Torah and the Talmud view them as being merely external manifestations of a non-physical ailment. This is clearly indicated by the rule that only a priest may treat such blemishes. "The verse ordains that the diagnosis and treatment of sores and boils are the task of the priest" (Rashi).

The underlying spiritual cause for this type of illness is, Lashon Hara (gossip), according to our sages. Gossip is not to be construed here in its narrow sense of tale bearing alone, but rather in its broader connotation, referring to a deep seated antagonism on the part of the individual toward his fellow man which leads him to speak ill of others. The aggression which torments such a man's soul is not expressed outwardly toward his family and neighbors in hostile acts, but rather finds its outlet in eruptions of the skin.

The priest is the ancient healer who diagnoses and treats this ailment of the spirit. It is the priest who is described as: "A lover and pursuer of peace and a lover of man". It is the priest who can attempt to restore harmony within the soul of the emotionally afflicted by rendering him at peace with his fellow man.

If this analysis of the problem of boils and skin blemishes is punctuated with psychiatric overtones, it would not be mere apologetics to assert that contemporary medicine has built upon the foundations of the Torah and the Talmud in this matter. The modern "Doctor of the Soul" is a scientifically oriented edition of the ancient priest whose function was to establish harmony between man and man, and accord between mankind and God.

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### DR. BELKIN'S BOOK AVAILABLE THROUGH SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Mrs. Edgar Trautman, Chairman of the Sisterhood Gift Shop, has been able to obtain a number of copies of Dr. Belkin's new book, "In his Image", and has announced that it can be purchased in the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Dr. Belkin's Book is a copious and penetrating presentation of Jewish Philosophy in general and the Jewish view of man and his function in particular. It is a book which should be read by every intelligent Jew and it should form a part of every Jewish library.

The book is available through the Gift Shop at a cost of \$6.00 — a discount price — and may be ordered by contacting the synagogue office.

### YOUNG MARRIEDS MEET APRIL 29

The next regular meeting of the Young Marrieds Group of the Congregation will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman, 110 East 87th Street, apartment 6B, on Saturday night, April 29, at 8:30 o'clock.

Besides the regular social part of the meeting, the Young Marrieds will discuss the problem of Zionism in America and the general question of dual loyalties which arises from American Jew's relationship to the United States and to Israel.

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birth —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Steven Marcus on the birth of a daughter.

We congratulate the grandparents, our esteemed Treasurer, Samuel A. Marcus, and Mrs. Marcus, and wish the family much joy and happiness from the new arrival.

#### Birthdays —

Many happy returns to Mrs. Joseph Jame, Martin Klein, Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, Elliott W. Siegel, Dr. Meyer Texon and Dr. Victor Wouk.

#### Get Well —

We wish a speedy recovery to our dear member Mrs. Anna Jacobson who is in Montefiore Hospital.

We have learned that Mrs. Samuel Witkin suffered a leg injury recently. We extend to her our wishes for a speedy recovery.

### SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks, contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund by Mrs. Rose Alpert, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Ralph Hyman and Mrs. Bertha K. Green.

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



Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Max J. Etra are shown here with Chief Justice Earl Warren at Yeshiva University's recent academic convocation, in which the Chief Justice received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Rabbi Lookstein presented Chief Justice Warren for the degree, and Mr. Etra, Chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees, conducted dedication ceremonies for the University's new \$3,000,000 classroom-administration building.



## ANOTHER CAPACITY ATTENDANCE AT SUPPER LECTURE

### Rabbi Lookstein Discusses Law and Traditional Judaism

The "standing room only" sign was in figurative display at the second Supper Lecture of the season last Sunday evening in the Social Hall of the synagogue. Close to two hundred members and friends of the Congregation joined in the complete program and a score or more came after supper to hear the lecture.

Mrs. Joseph Roth, chairman of this project for the Sisterhood, was one of a splendid group of ladies who supervised the delicious supper, which was catered by Arnold Caterers. Elgin Shulsky, President of the Men's Club, presided over the lecture part of the evening.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, discussing the second part of his general theme, "Two Approaches To The Jewish Faith," treated the philosophy and program of Traditional Judaism. The following is a brief summary of his remarks.

#### Nothing Orthodox about "Orthodox"

The name "Orthodox", which is usually used to describe Traditional Judaism, is a misnomer. Derived from two Greek words meaning "right opinion", it was used by non-traditional Jews not as an adjective but as a stigma. It emphasizes the primacy of opinion, faith, and belief in Judaism. Such emphasis may perhaps be suited to other religions. Judaism, however, especially in its traditional expression, is basically a religion not of faith but of action; not of believing but of living; not of opinion but of behavior.

The only proper name for the mainstream of Judaism is "Traditional Judaism". This name is derived from the fundamental sanction for Jewish life which is contained in the opening statement of the Tractate, "The Ethics of the Fathers" and which reads: "Moses received the Torah from Sinai and transmitted it to Joshua, and Joshua to the Elders . . ."

#### The Rule of Law

Turning from name to substance, the main principle of Traditional Judaism is that it conceives of Judaism as a system of Law. Every other form of Judaism deviates from this principle to a greater or lesser degree.

Reform Judaism defines our religion as "the collective experience of

a people". Reconstructionist Judaism defines it as " . . . that nexus of a history, literature, language, social organization, folk sanctions, standards of conduct, social and spiritual ideals, esthetic values, which in their totality form a civilization." Conservative Judaism defines it as "the evolving religious civilization of the Jew."

All of these forms of Judaism recommend certain practices and rituals. What is lacking is a philosophy of motivation for these practices. The non-traditional approaches to Judaism have either rejected or temporized Jewish Law. Reform Judaism determines the character of Jewish rituals, according to Solomon Freehof, by the changing feelings of the people - depending upon their rejections and acceptances. Reconstructionism transforms the laws of Judaism into folkways. Conservative Judaism is not prepared to deny the existence of laws altogether, but, in practice, this movement treats the laws as folkways.

The approach of Traditional Judaism recognizes that law is the heart of Judaism. The totality of our experience, - the Hebrew language, Zionism, charity, diet, prayer, the Sabbath, etc. - is sanctioned and ordained by Law. Before engaging in any religious act, the Jew recites a blessing which says: "He has sanctified us and commanded us." Other branches of Judaism will stress the sanctification. Traditional Judaism places primary emphasis on the element of commandment.

The Sabbath has great cosmic significance. To the Traditional Jew, however, it is primarily a law. Passover represents sublime ideals of freedom and human dignity. To the Traditional Jew, its greatest importance is its legal status. Prayer accomplishes much for the human personality engaged in it. To the Traditional Jew, what is decisive is its legal character.

#### The Achievements of a Legal Tradition

The Hebraists have striven valiantly to resurrect the Hebrew language. Its greatest expression and acceptance, however, lies within the ranks of Traditional Jewry, where Hebrew is the "holy tongue", holy because of the Torah.

Jewish culturalists have endeavored to raise the level of our culture. The most ardent supporters of that culture are still the children who study in maximum Jewish educational institutions, founded and maintained by Traditional Jewry, in accordance with the commandment; "And they shall teach them to thy children."

Other branches of Judaism have sought to increase Jewish consciousness and observance by converting laws into folkways or other expressions of a civilization. The ultimate realization of greater Jewish practice, however, will be achieved by reconverting the folkways and the civilization into law, in accordance with the traditions of our people throughout the past 3500 years.

The Law is the wellspring of Jewish life and experience. For the individual it provides incentive; for the faith it ensures permanence; for the people it promises survival.

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#### KIDDUSH HOSTS

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by our esteemed Trustee Oscar Perlberger and Mrs. Perlberger in celebration of the birth of a grandson.

#### KOSHER BUTCHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the information of residents of Yorkville we list below the neighborhood butcher shops that are under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

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Iser Salzman — 1279 Second Avenue — RH 4-9823.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles ..... 6:20  
Evening ..... 5:45

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Weekly Portion: Tazria-Metzora  
Leviticus 12:1-15:33  
Haftorah: II Kings 7:3-20  
Evening ..... 6:30  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 7:15

**DAILY SERVICES**

Morning ..... 7:30  
Sunday Morning ..... 8:30  
Evening ..... 6:00

**YAHREZITS**

**April**

22—MINA HIRSHHORN  
22—BERTALON LICHTMAN  
22—HYMAN WEISBERG  
22—SARAH RISKIN  
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**HEADLINES OF  
JEWISH INTEREST**

**Mixed Reaction to Eichmann Trial  
in German Press**

The Eichmann trial has produced a mixed reaction in the press of West Germany. Most of the press approves of Israel's action in trying Eichmann. One prominent newspaper in Frankfurt explained that the feeling of the victims of the Nazis is "similar to that experienced in a city where the police have captured the murderer of children." The paper declared that Germans could not simply divorce themselves from Eichmann and his atrocities, because his crimes were committed in connection with a political ideology which is part of the German historical being.

One particular magazine criticizes Israel's Attorney General for deliberately avoiding mention of attempts by German friends of Jews to save at least a limited number from annihilation. The magazine accused Gideon Hausner of touching certain facts only on the periphery because they might affect his cause adversely.

**State Department Urged to Ratify  
Genocide Pact**

The American Jewish Congress has called upon Secretary of State Dean Rusk to press for Senate ratification of the International Genocide Convention outlawing mass murder. The Convention, which is aimed at preventing and punishing the mass annihilation of national, racial, religious or ethnic groups, has been ratified by sixty-four countries since its adoption by the UN General Assembly in 1948. The failure of America to sign the treaty has substantially weakened the treaty's effectiveness as an instrument of international law.

**THE JEWRY BOX**

**LAST WEEK**

NATHAN SALZMAN  
LUDWIG SIMON

**THIS WEEK**

HENRY M. REM  
JOSEPH SCHOENFELD  
ELGIN SHULSKY

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

**K. J. CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY - 5:30 P.M.**  
Sabbath Afternoon Class  
Ethics of the Fathers

**THURSDAY - 8:30 P.M.**  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Auditorium

**SATURDAY EVENING**  
**APRIL 29 - 8:30 P.M.**

Young Marrieds Meeting

**MONDAY, MAY 15**  
Sisterhood Closing Meeting

**TUESDAY, MAY 23**  
Men's Club Annual Meeting

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