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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE REMINDER

We wish to remind you that the Book of Remembrance is now in the process of preparation. Many of our readers have already sent in the names of dear ones whom they wish to be memorialized at Yizkor services throughout the year.

You have received the necessary forms in the mail. If you have not yet returned the completed forms to the synagogue, please do so without delay. It is necessary that authorization be given before a name is included.

Invariably there are some who fail to notify us of their wishes in time. Sometimes there is a disappointment when the name of a departed dear one does not appear. Please, therefore, notify us **immediately** of your wishes. We must have all the information as soon as possible so that the book may be properly prepared.

AM HASEFER GROUPS TO MEET MAY 2 and MAY 15

The final meeting for both groups of our Am HaSefer program will be held during the next few weeks. The schedule is as follows:

Group 1 will meet on Tuesday evening, May 2, at 8 o'clock, at the home of the Feinberg Twins, 823 Park Avenue. The book under discussion will be, "Where Judaism Differed", by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Group 2 will meet on Monday evening, May 15, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson, 315 East 68th Street. The book under discussion will be, "In His Image", by Dr. Samuel Belkin.

The members of both groups are urged to complete their reading of the books and to arrive at their respective meetings on time.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION CONCLUDES SEASON THIS SATURDAY

24 Children Earn Treat for Regular Attendance

The Junior Congregation, which began its regular services early in September, will have its fortieth and concluding service this Saturday morning, at 10:15, in the synagogue chapel. With this service, the children will conclude the most successful season of the Junior Congregation in recent years.

The leader of the Junior Congregation, Mark Gross, a senior at Yeshiva College who has just been admitted to Medical School for next year, has conducted this activity throughout the year in a most impressive fashion. His efforts have reaped a harvest for this activity, both in exceptional attendance and in an unusual degree of participation.

The children have had several sets of officers during the past eight months. They have officiated as cantors and as ushers. They have learned the methods of prayer and the contents of the prayers. They have learned, above all, to enjoy a synagogue service which is geared to their interests.

Teen-age Readers

The new feature, which was introduced in the Junior Congregation this year, was the practice of having one of our young men read the Torah at each service. Their participation not only served to enhance the reading of the Torah, but, by their efforts, they served as fine examples for the members of the Junior Congregation to follow in the years ahead.

The nine boys who served as Torah Readers on one or more occasions during the year are:

George Baumgarten, Lanny Binstock, Steven Gross, David Herman, Steven Klein, Robert Pik, Stuart Podell, Stuart Schlang and Stephen Texon.

From time to time, we have published the names of those children who have been most regular in their attendance at services every Sabbath. We promised them a reward at the end of the season. This reward will be in the form of an outing to Yankee Stadium on May 28, to see a double header baseball game between the New York Yankees and the Chicago White-Sox.

The children who have been invited as guests of the Congregation to attend this game are: Samuel Blumenthal, Larry Breindel, William Davis, Judith Fink, Samuel Friedman, Harold Fox, Aaron Hostyk, David Hostyk, Michael Jaspan, Richard Kahn, Alan Kalischer, Robert Kurzweil, Philip Lerner, Gail Linden, Nancy Linzer, Roger Oppenheimer, Steven Pomex, Joel Ranells, Gerald Rem, Richard Rem, Jonathan Safadi, Alvin Smilow, Marilyn Smilow and Lewis Trencher.

We congratulate these children on earning their reward. We commend Mark Gross for his leadership during the year. We applaud the achievements of our Junior Congregation during 1960-61. We look forward to the opening of the season next year and to a repetition of the outstanding character of this year.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.

"STATE SUPPORT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION"

Is There an Official Jewish Position on This Issue?

THE WEEKLY PORTION**AHARE-KEDOSHIM****Living by Principles**

"And you shall keep my statutes and laws which a man can perform and live by them; I am the Lord." This verse from this week's portion has an appendage in the Talmud. "And live by them but not die by them".

This appendage is generally understood to mean that a man is not required to observe God's law on pain of death. There are three exceptions to this rule. If the sin is idolatry, murder, or incest, then a man must give up his life "Al Kiddush Hashem" (sanctifying God's name) rather than commit the crime.

It is not generally known that the requirement to sanctify God's name exists even beyond these three sins. Under certain circumstances, a Jew is required to make the supreme sacrifice when, not to do so, would imply that he values the respect and favor of man more than he values the approval of God.

When Rabbi Akivah and his followers were threatened with death if they were to continue the study of Torah, they gave up their lives, although the study of Torah is not one of the three sins for which a man must make the supreme sacrifice.

The criterion here is not the severity of the crime so much as the impression which is given to the on-lookers. If the impression is left that a Jew will take orders from man and disregard orders from God then sanctification of God's name requires him not to accept man's orders. In the broadest sense, this is what we mean when we say that man's life should be governed by principle rather than by expediency.

Man is not expected to die for the Torah. Sometimes, however, when principle is at stake, cringing before a corrupt human authority is a fate worse than death. Under such circumstances a man must sanctify God's name and show by his actions that the ultimate standards for his life are divine.

H. L.

KIDDUSH HOSTS

The kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by our devoted members Dr. and Mrs. H. Harold Gelfand in honor of the engagement of their daughter Marylin Jane to Mr. William J. Diamond.

ADVANCE NOTICE**THE SISTERHOOD CLOSING MEETING**

will be held on

Monday, May 15

at 12:30 o'clock

The Guest Speaker will be

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

Luncheon will be served

in the Social Hall

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEN'S CLUB

will be held on

May 23rd, at 8:30

in the Social Hall

The Guest Speaker will be

PROFESSOR HENRY GRAAFF

Professor of American History at Columbia University

The Topic

"JOHN F. KENNEDY —

Retrospect and Prospects"

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birth —**

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Justin J. Bayer on the birth of a granddaughter.

Birthdays —

Many happy returns to Harry Abramson, Jacob Baruch, Mrs. B. Warren Brown, Mrs. Herman Davidowitz, Lafay Dribben, Mrs. Joseph J. Einhorn, Mrs. Sidney Flatow, Mrs. Stella Levi, Mrs. Abraham L. Marcus, Emanuel M. Simon and Simon J. Vogel.

Engagement —

We congratulate our devoted mem-

bers Dr. and Mrs. H. Harold Gelfand upon the engagement of their daughter, Marylin Jane to Mr. William J. Diamond.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Deutsch, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Horwitz, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger.

Welcome Home —

We extend a hearty welcome to our esteemed Associate Trustee Mr. Joseph E. Adler and Mrs. Adler upon their return from a trip to Israel.

THE JEWRY BOX**LAST WEEK**

GILBERT PORTNOY
JOSEPH SCHLANG

THIS WEEK

JOSEPH A. PERLMAN
JOSEPH ROTH
M. LOEB SHEPARD
LEON SIGALL
ISIDORE SILVER

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

MEN'S CLUB INDEPENDENCE DAY MEETING ATTRACTS LARGE AUDIENCE

The Men's Club of the Congregation held its first Independence Day Celebration last Tuesday evening in the Social Hall of the synagogue. A group of close to two hundred members and friends was thrilled by a beautiful program of speeches, songs, readings and prayer.

Elgin Shulsky, president of the Men's Club, began the program, after an invocation and the singing of the National Anthem, by introducing our guest speaker, the Honorable Binyamin Eliav, Consul-General of the State of Israel in New York. Our guest speaker, only recently recovered from illness, spoke briefly, but movingly about the significance of the Thirteenth Anniversary of Israel Independence.

Unaccustomed Notoriety

Mr. Eliav discussed the sudden prominence of Israel on the front pages of the world's press. He indicated that Israel would rather not be featured so prominently for its trial of Adolph Eichmann or for the problems which arose in the UN over its pending parade of armed might in the streets of Jerusalem. Our speaker indicated that the Jewish State would rather take its place on the back pages of newspapers where items appear concerning the amazing economic development of Israel, the experiments which will lead to a practical method for the desalination of sea water, the integration of North African immigrants into her population, and the high standards of education which prevail in the country. This is the heart of Israel and the soul of a nation which stands at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa.

Integration

Fifty per cent of Israel's population has arrived in the past thirteen years from Asia and Africa, from countries which are regarded by westerners as backward and underdeveloped. For the benefit of these immigrants, Israel has conducted a broad program to speed their adjustment to western life and their acculturation in the land. This seemingly insurmountable task is now well on its way to success. It is facilitated by the feeling of unity which exists in the Jewish People and which results in a desire on the part of the immigrants to be exemplary citizens. They feel equal and free for the first time in their lives. They are learning, they are developing new techniques

and trades and they are experiencing a significant rise in their standard of living.

Economic Growth

Israel's achievements in the area of economic development have been no less impressive. Less than ten years ago there was a serious shortage of food. Israelis used to stand in line for hours to receive their rations of vegetables and meat. Currently, the economy is producing so much food, that nearly four hundred million eggs a year and thousands of bushels of vegetables are exported to Europe. Israel has attained self-sufficiency in meat and in sugar. She now supplies her own cotton for the clothing industry and will soon begin to export the surplus to the world markets. It is only four years since she started experimenting with a cotton crop.

The unfavorable balance of payments, which Israel still experiences, is not due to her need to import consumer goods but rather to the necessity of purchasing capital goods to make possible the vigorous expansion of her economy.

The Consul-General closed with an appeal to Jews all over the world to help Israel to replant the tree of Jewish life which was felled by Eichmann and his murderous cohorts. The Jews of the world have to develop a Hebrew conscience in order to understand Israel. Israel on the other hand, has to increase its Jewish consciousness in order to assure the survival of Judaism.

Cantor Cohen excels

Cantor A. Joseph Cohen rendered a musical portrait of life in Israel by singing four songs which reflected the diverse character of the culture of the new State. The audience participated

in some of the songs and applauded heartily, the Cantor's interpretation of Israel's music.

Stuart Schlang chanted a prophetic reading in which Jeremiah describes the return to Israel and the joy which will accompany the reconstruction of the Jewish Homeland. Alan Shapiro, the former president of our Teen-age Group, read two appropriate Hebrew poems in translation.

Elgin Shulsky then called upon Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein who spoke about the oft-forgotten miracles which are evident in Israel. How did a thirteen year old State develop a symphony orchestra, brilliant jurists who could try a criminal under world-wide scrutiny, scores of technicians who are helping the under-developed nations of Asia and Africa, dozens of newspapers and magazines which are read throughout the length and breadth of the world?

These are miraculous achievements. The most miraculous one of all, however, is that after 1800 years without a land, a people succeeded in returning to that land after only fifty years of Zionist activity. The Rabbi explained that this is less of a miracle than it would seem on the surface; for, if, through 1800 years a people does not forget its land, then in fifty years it can rebuild it. On the other hand, if a people forgets its land for fifty years, then it could not rebuild it even in 1800 years.

The meeting closed with a recitation of the Chief Rabbinate's prayer for the welfare of Israel, which was recited in English by the audience. After the prayer, the entire assemblage rose to sing *Hatikvah*, a fitting conclusion to one of the most memorable programs in the history of the Men's Club and the Congregation.



The Honorable Binyamin Eliav, Consul-General of Israel in New York, addressing the enthralled audience at the Men's Club Israel Independence Day Celebration.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 6:30
Evening 5:45

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Weekly Portion: Ahare-Kedoshim
Leviticus 16:1-20:27
Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15
Evening 6:40
Conclusion of Sabbath 7:20

DAILY SERVICES

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

Yahrzeits

April

29-ESTHER LEFKOWITZ
29-CIRL HOLZER
29-MARIS PERLMAN
30-ELIEZER POFCHER
30-JACOB EPSTEIN
30-ROZA ROTH

May

1-ROSALIE LEVY
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5-HERSH HEFFNER
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5-ROSE RUBIN

—REMINDER—

Young Marrieds Meeting

This Saturday night,
April 29, 8:30 o'clock

at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman
110 East 87th Street, Apt. 6B

CONDOLENCE

We record with profound sorrow the passing of our esteemed Trustee, Samuel Schreiber, beloved father of our devoted member, Mrs. Irwin Shapiro. We extend sincere condolences to Mrs. Schreiber and to the other members of the bereaved family.

Similar expressions of sympathy are extended to our devoted member, Sidney Shenker, upon the loss of his beloved father.

We pray that the Almighty may spare the families further grief for many years to come.

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K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY — 5:30 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class
Ethics of the Fathers

8:30 P.M.

Young Marrieds Meeting
at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman
110 East 87th Street

TUESDAY — 8:00 P.M.

Am HaSefer Group I
at the home of the
Feinberg Twins
823 Park Avenue

WEDNESDAY — 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class

MONDAY — MAY 15

Sisterhood Closing Meeting

8:00 P.M.

Am HaSefer Group II

TUESDAY — MAY 23

Men's Club Annual Meeting

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