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Professor Henry Graaff to Address Men's Club Annual Meeting

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club will be held on Tuesday evening, May 23, at 8:30, in the Social Hall of the Synagogue.

The Annual Meeting of the Men's Club is always a very special occasion on the calendar of this affiliate of the Congregation. At the meeting this year, Elgin Shulsky will deliver his third presidential report to the membership and a new slate of officers will be presented for election.

The highlight of the meeting will be an address delivered by Professor Henry Graaff on the subject; "John F. Kennedy — Retrospect and Prospect".

Professor Graaff, one of the leading members of the Department of American History at Columbia University, is not a stranger to the Men's Club. Several years ago he was enthusiastically received as the guest speaker at a Men's Club Annual Dinner.

Our guest speaker is a frequent contributor to the Book Review Section of the Sunday Times; he is the author of several important monographs on American History; and he is one of the most popular lecturers on the Columbia campus, according to students who have attended his courses. Possessed of a keen sense of humor and of an effervescent personality, he brings to his lectures a depth of scholarship, a breadth of vision and a delightful wit.

Ladies Invited

A special invitation is extended to the ladies of our congregational family to attend this meeting and to meet and hear from a most engaging personality. The business part of the meeting will be brief; the lecture promises to be thoroughly enjoyable; and the traditional Men's Club collation will undoubtedly be most delectable.

Come and bring your friends on Tuesday evening, May 23.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood

cordially invites its members and friends

to attend the

Closing Luncheon Meeting of the Season

Monday, May 15th

at 12:30 P.M.

in the Social Hall



Program

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Induction of New Members

Election of Officers



Address by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.
"RELIGION AND THE FAMILY — AN INDISSOLUBLE PARTNERSHIP"

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Behar-Behukotai

"And Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land to All the Inhabitants Thereof"

This verse, from our portion for this week, is inscribed on the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. It is interesting to note how the concept of liberty is interpreted by the Bible.

Liberty means, first of all, freedom from bondage. On the fiftieth year — the Jubilee Year — all slaves were freed. The word "D'ror" — Liberty — is interpreted by our sages as being a derivation of the verb "ladur" — to dwell. A free man, say our sages, must have the right to dwell where he pleases without any restrictions of class, status, or race.

On the Jubilee year, all debts were cancelled, for the debtor was viewed as a slave without physical chains. Liberty means freedom from the obligation to mortgage one's life and labor to a creditor. While the complexity of life in the Second Jewish Commonwealth required an amendment to the law of debt cancellation, the principle of freedom from the oppressive yoke of the creditor remained inviolate.

Liberty also means freedom from want. This is reflected by the Torah in two rules. The first provides for the right of the poor to glean in any field during the Jubilee Year. The second provides for the return of real property which may have been sold by an economically depressed individual.

The Torah infers that freedom is merely a vacuous term when even one man is treated as a second class citizen, fettered by the bonds of prejudice, restrictive covenants, or economic impoverishment. Freedom must be understood as the opportunity of each citizen to enjoy the rights of life, liberty and property. This was the conclusion of the 18th Century Age of Enlightenment. The light for that age was kindled by the Divine Torah.

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KIDDUSH HOST

This Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Arnold Weiss in honor of the Yahrzeit of his parents.

AM HASEFER GROUP DISCUSSES "WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED"

One of the most stimulating discussions in the two year history of our Am HaSefer program was held last week by Group I at the home of the Feinberg Twins. The book under discussion was, "Where Judaism Differed", by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

The book is a fascinating discussion of Judaism and a readable and, at times, scholarly attempt to distinguish Judaism from its daughter religions and from the religions of the East.

Rabbi Silver presents an eloquent description of Jewish philosophy and shows himself to be possessed of wisdom, insight and knowledge, in addition to his salient qualities as a preacher.

The author manages to treat Judaism largely in traditional terms although he frequently relies too much on Talmudic aphorisms and too little on decisions of Jewish law which constitute the meaningful source for Jewish philosophy. While Rabbi Silver's acceptance of Reform Judaism is evident in certain parts of the book, his particular theology does not color his presentation of traditional thought.

This meeting brought to a close a very successful season for Group I. At previous meetings the Group met in the Synagogue Library and at the homes of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein and Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra. The books under discussion were Bernard Melamed's "The Magic Barrel", Louis I. Jacobs' "We Have Reason to Believe", and Rachmil Bryks' "The Cat in the Ghetto".

We look forward to the return of the members of the group when the Am HaSefer program resumes in the fall.

Group 11 to meet Monday Evening.

The final meeting of Group II will be held Monday evening 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE YOUTH SABBATH

will be held on
May 27th

The morning and evening
services will be conducted
by the young men of
the Congregation.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birth —

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Mrs. Ida Golub Kitay on the birth of a great granddaughter.

Birthdays —

Many happy returns to Alexander Gross, Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, Hermann Merkin, George Weiss.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Abram J. Abeloff, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Colin, Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. de Graaff, and Mr. and Mrs. Irving I. Schnur.

Bon Voyage —

We wish a pleasant trip and safe return to Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Horowitz who left recently for a trip to Israel.

New Residence —

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Elias M. Black upon their moving into a new home.

Honor —

Dr. Frank Goodman was honored recently on his fortieth Masonic birthday by Independent Lodge No. 185.

Member in the News —

We are happy to note in the Jerusalem Post of Wednesday, April 26, a stimulating article on the Eichmann trial by our devoted member, Abraham Mandel. Mr. Mandel is an official observer at the trial, for the Federal Bar Association of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK MAY 7 — 14

We are informed by the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies that this week is National Family Week in the United States.

Congregations throughout the metropolitan area and, presumably, throughout the land will signalize this week by special services this coming Sabbath. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will devote his sermon to the indissoluble relationship which exists between Judaism and the family.

A special invitation is extended to all members of our congregational family to attend services this Saturday with their families. This is a most appropriate way by which to emphasize the importance and the solidarity of the family.

ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

In a forthcoming issue of the Bulletin we should like to devote a few columns to the Academic progress of our young people. This is the season of the year when many of them are celebrating educational milestones. We reserve all such announcements for this special Academic News Bulletin.

We are anxious to record all graduations, admissions to schools of higher education, academic honors, conference of degrees, and any other intellectual achievements of young men and women in our congregational family.

Your Cooperation Please

It is impossible for us to pursue information ourselves. We are most anxious to record all appropriate items. We would, therefore, appreciate the cooperation of all parents and students in bringing this information to our attention. With such cooperation, no honor will be omitted and no achievement will go unmentioned.

Please do not delay. In order to prepare this special issue we must have all information within the next few days.

TEEN AGE TORAH LEADERSHIP
SEMINAR AUGUST 25
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4

The Seventh Annual Teen Age Torah Leadership Seminar will be conducted under the auspices of Yeshiva University from August 25th through September 4th. The readers of this Bulletin are well acquainted with the varied and stimulating program which these Seminars offer to teen agers.

The Summer Seminar will again be held this year at Camp Monroe, approximately 40 miles from New York. The Seminar will include a stimulating program of Jewish studies conducted on various educational levels suited to the participants. Leadership skills and group dynamics also will be featured. There will be ample opportunities for recreation and a chance for our teen agers to socialize with young people from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein hope to spend one week at the Seminar as they did last year. We hope that young people will want to take advantage of this wonderful program.

Those who are interested in registration and any further details are asked to communicate with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein at the Synagogue Office.

TALMUD CLASS
CONCLUDES SESSIONS

This coming Wednesday night, May 17, will mark the final session of the Talmud Class for this season. The class has been meeting with a very gratifying attendance since last October.

The students have covered a sizeable portion of the Tractate, Beizah, dealing with the rituals, laws and significance of the festivals on the Jewish calendar.

When the books are closed this coming Wednesday, it will be not in the sense of an adjournment but rather of a recess until, please God, the class resumes its regular meetings after the High Holy Days.

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS

Why is God viewed by our sages as having created the world with ten utterances? Would not one utterance have been sufficient?

In what way does the unethical and immoral individual wreak destruction upon the world? In what way does the righteous individual maintain and preserve God's creation?

Why was Abraham given ten trials by the Almighty? Was not God sure of Abraham's intrinsic piety? What is the function of a trial in realizing the ethical potential which resides in every individual?

If these questions do not whet your intellectual appetite, there is no reason for you to read any further. If, however, you are interested in the problems raised by these questions, we have a suggestion for you.

These and other problems have been the subject of discussion at the Ethics of the Fathers class for the past three weeks. The class meets every Saturday afternoon about an hour before Mincha (for the exact time please consult the K-J Calendar). It is conducted by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein in the air-conditioned Synagogue Library. It is a wonderful way in which to spend the waning hours of the long summer Sabbaths.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to you to begin attending the class this Saturday afternoon. The class this week will be held at 6:50.

HEADLINES OF
JEWISH INTEREST

The following is an editorial from the New York Times of Sunday, May 7th. We think that it would be of interest to readers who may have missed it in the Times. ed.

THE FACES OF THE DEAD

There was a woman who lived in Poland and died there some years ago, and of her life and death only a few things are known. It is known that she was Jewish. This is known because testimony was given at the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem that she was murdered near the grave's edge in one of the Germans' massacres of Jews. It is known that she was young. This is known because the child torn from her arms and ripped apart like a rag doll by a guard was a baby and because she had the strength to crawl a few feet toward the pieces of its body.

This much is known, but nothing else. Not what she looked like or what her parents called her the day of her birth or the name her husband gave to her the day of her marriage. But she lives again now and has a face, and this is her pale triumph.

Somebody reads about her in France or in Australia or in New Mexico. She is just one item in the columns of printed horror, but for at least a moment those who read see her face in their minds and hear her cries and remember her anguish. They evoke her and resurrect her.

And this is the story, the mystery and the meaning of the trial of Adolf Eichmann. The nameless and faceless dead have received the blessing of remembrance and are again alive, vivid as a scream in the night, in the minds of men.

Each person who reads the testimony brings the dead back to life and gives them faces. There was a boy in the crowd of Jews being flogged to the grave. He turns around in the mind of some living person and suddenly he has a face and is remembered.

There was a father who wept when he told his son he could no longer give him a father's advice; he has a face. The teacher who rode with his children to death and on the way told them not what he knew was coming but that at last they would see woods and fields and flowers; he has a face, and the beauty and sweetness of his soul is, for others, a matter of tears and remembrance.

But how long will they live in the memory now so newly fresh? How long before they are returned to the final grave of the forever-forgotten, returned by men's desire to turn away from pain and by the very fact that their sufferings were so great and their number so many that sane men cannot — or will not — really retain comprehension of it all?

How long before their resurrection ends? This will be the real verdict of the Eichmann trial and it will not be given by the judges in Jerusalem, but by each person who has read of the suffering and humiliation of the dead and heard their cries and seen their faces.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

*Evening 6:15

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Bahar-Behukotai
Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Haftorah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Rosh Chodesh Prayers

Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be on
Tuesday, May 16.

Evening 7:50

Conclusion of Sabbath 8:40

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30

Sunday Morning 8:30

Evening 6:15

*Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:15 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

YAHREZEITS

May

13—MORRIS COHEN
13—SARAH TENENBAUM
13—ISAAC SADINOFF
14—ABRAHAM A. BAUM
14—OSIAS GARFEIN
14—SYLVIA GOLD
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CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing
of our dear member, Ida Berkowitz.

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.

THE JEWRY BOX

LAST WEEK

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

THIS WEEK

J. WM. ROSENBLUTH
AARON WELISH

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

K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY — 6:50 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class
Ethics of the Fathers

MONDAY — 12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Closing Luncheon
Meeting

8:00 P.M.

Am HaSefer Group II
at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson
315 East 68th Street

WEDNESDAY — 8:00

Talmud Class

TUESDAY — MAY 23rd

Men's Club Annual Meeting

SUNDAY — MAY 28th

Junior Congregation Outing

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the supervision of the Park East Kash-
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ison Avenue — SU 7-3545

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nue — RH 4-9823.

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