

**SISTERHOOD COMMITTEES
FOR 1961-62**

The following chairmen and members of committees for the coming year, were announced by Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, President of the Sisterhood.

Chanukah Party

Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Chairman
Mrs. Alexander Gross,
Co-chairman
Mrs. Jack Lieberman
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
Mrs. Henry M. Rem

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Mrs. Joseph Roth, Co-chairman
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Chairman of arrangements

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Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, Chairman

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Mrs. Edgar Trautman, Chairman

Hospitality

Mrs. Joseph Hostyk
Mrs. Jack Lieberman
Mrs. Isadore Schlang
Mrs. Samuel Witkin

Membership

Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein,
Chairman

Neediest Cases

Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon,
Chairman

TWO SPECIAL SABBATHS

We would like to call your attention to the special nature of the coming two sabbaths. On this coming sabbath, August 5th, the prayers for the blessing of the new month of Elul will be recited. The beginning of the month coincides with the following sabbath, August 12th.

The month of Elul is traditionally devoted to spiritual stock-taking and to a personal religious inventory. The best way to begin this process might be by coming to services on these two special sabbaths.

Happy Day Fund

Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman, Chairman

Program

Mrs. Romie Shapiro, Chairman
Mrs. Adrian Skydell, Co-chairman

Sabbath Kiddush

Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Chairman

Sukkah

Mrs. Joseph Roth, Chairman

Theatre Party

Mrs. Eugene Hollander, Chairman

UJA

Mrs. Richard Kolb, Chairman
Mrs. Meyer Texon, Co-chairman

We wish these women success in their committee assignments and look forward to a full season of activity on the part of the Sisterhood next year.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach at 10:45 a.m.
Saturday, August 5th — "PRESERVING THE SABBATH"
Saturday, August 12th — "OBSERVING THE SABBATH"

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The following article is excerpted from an article by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the subject of federal aid to religious education, which appeared in the official organ of the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University. Rabbi Lookstein is a member of the Executive of the Rabbinic Alumni and serves as Chairman of its Committee on Youth Activities.

In recent weeks, "spokesmen" for Orthodox Jewry have challenged the right of leaders of Jewish defense organizations to serve as spokesmen for traditional Jews, on the subject of federal aid to religious education. One might respectfully challenge the right of any person to speak in behalf of the Jewish community; for, in the absence of any truly representative Jewish organizations, whose platforms and opinions would constitute an accurate measure of the opinions of their membership, each observer has the right to speak for himself alone.

One need not be secularist or an agnostic to be opposed to federal aid to religious education. One may cherish the values of a maximum Jewish education and still deny the desirability of government assistance for it. One may believe implicitly in the vitality of the Day School movement in serving as a basis for Traditional Judaism in America and yet still be reluctant to accept financial grants from the state.

In discussing this question, it should be remembered that federal aid need not constitute a *sine qua non* for the financial stability of our Yeshivah. Somehow or other the Day School movement has grown magnificently over the past few decades without federal assistance. To be sure, this has taxed the financial resources of the Jewish community; but, to the best of my knowledge, no worthwhile program of education can ever be purchased without personal sacrifice. There is no crisis at present in the fi-

nancial stability of the Day School Movement. The budgets are growing but the contributions are simultaneously increasing. If certain institutions are having financial difficulties, federal aid may provide a temporary respite. It would be wishful thinking, however, to assume that federal aid will solve the problem of these institutions.

Assuming, however, for the sake of argument, that government funds would save certain schools from passing into institutional oblivion, the violation of the principle of separation of church and state which would attend government assistance is not to be treated lightly. Those who guard the ramparts which protect religion from the interference of the state are not to be dismissed merely as misguided souls obsessed by a pathological fear of the Catholic Church. In American democracy, the legislative and the executive branches of the government are extremely sensitive to organized and powerful political pressure groups. Moreover, it is entirely consistent with our system of government for a pressure group to try to influence the state to serve its own needs, even when those needs are not necessarily in the best interests of all parties. If the government does enter the domain of religion, it is quite reasonable to assume that sooner or later one religious group will seek to turn the power of the government toward the furtherance of its own needs. That is why the first amendment to the Constitution prohibits the government from making any law "respecting the establishment of religion".

In the case of Traditional Jews the opposition to government aid to religious education ought to be absolute and uncompromising. We are the first to raise our voices against the inequities which are inherent in Sunday Blue Laws. How then can we compromise on federal aid to education? Is the principle of separation of church and

state merely a matter of convenience which we accept when it is to our advantage and reject when it involves some measure of sacrifice? If the principle is a good one, then any inconvenience which it entails ought to be accepted.

Let us recall that the prohibitions of labor on the Sabbath are derived from the labor in the Tabernacle. Jewish law recognizes that the principle of the Sabbath must remain inviolate, even if it means discontinuing, temporarily, the construction of a Sanctuary. We ask our congregants to accept the blessings of the Sabbath, together with its practical inconveniences. If the principles of Judaism were to be compromised whenever they involve inconvenience, there would be no Judaism at all.

If the separation of church and state is a desirable principle in the conduct of American democracy, as it would seem from the perspective of history, then let us be prepared to accept the hardships which that principle necessarily entails. The Day School is the institution which strives to teach the young to live in accordance with principles. Let the financial stability of our Yeshivoh not be the product itself of the adulteration of principle. Let our Day Schools grow and expand with God's help and with our sacrifice.

PLEASE COOPERATE

Some weeks ago a letter was sent to all members of the Congregation asking them to notify the synagogue office of their needs for seats for the coming High Holy Day season. With Rosh Hashanah five weeks away, it is imperative that we hear from all our members so that we may know of their needs and of the availability of seats for sale to non-members.

If you have not as yet answered our communication, please do so without delay. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns to Fred M. Beck, Mrs. M. H. Berkson, Mrs. Maks L. Birnbach, Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, Richard Kolb, Mrs. Martin Markson, Mrs. Charles Rapoport, Lawrence Rosenzweig, Mrs. Adolph Schimel, Joseph Schoenfeld, Romie Shapiro, Aaron Welish, and Mrs. Samuel Witkin.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baruch, Dr. and Mrs. Hyman I. Biegeleisen, Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Givner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Welish and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Westerman

Marriages—

A hearty mazel-tov to Dr. and Mrs. H. Harold Gelfand upon the marriage of their daughter Marilyn to Mr. William J. Diamond.

Similar best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jame upon the marriage of their son Harvey to Adrienne Joachim.

We wish the young couples and their parents, many years of health and happiness.

Get Well—

We are happy to hear that our beloved member, Mrs. Nathan Flax, has left the hospital and is recuperating nicely from her recent surgery. We hope that she will be restored to full health shortly.

Condolences—

We extend sincere condolences to our devoted member Mrs. Isidore Silver upon the passing of her dear brother.

Similar expressions of sympathy are extended to our devoted member, Mrs. Abbott Simon, upon the passing of her beloved mother.

We pray that God may comfort the members of the bereaved families and that He may spare them further grief for many years to come.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Evening 6:15

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Ekev

Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Haftorah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Rosh Chodesh Prayers

Rosh Chodesh Elul will be on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday August 13.

Evening 8:00

Conclusion of Sabbath 8:40

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Evening 6:15

SATURDAY, ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Reeh

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17;

Numbers 28:9-15

Haftorah: Isaiah 66:1-24

Evening 7:50

Conclusion of Sabbath 8:30

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30

Sunday Morning 8:30

Evening 6:15

Yahrzeits

August

5-DEREZNER ROSE BAB
6-LENA FEIFER
6-RACHEL PREGEL
6-MARY KLEIN
8-ZIGMUND WECHSLER
8-BESSIE RICHMAN
8-ABRAHAM GREENBERG
8-DAVID ZIZMOR
8-JOSEPH LEVINE
8-DAVID SHEAR
9-MAX URIS
9-YEHUDA LEVI
9-MIRIAM LEVI
10-IDA NEWMAN
10-HENNIE POUST
10-FAIVEL FINKEL
10-FANNIE NACHTIGALL
11-MAX GOLDMAN
11-ADOLF JACOB ZUCKER
12-HYMAN LEVY
12-SAMUEL LEVINE
13-SAMUEL EDELMAN
14-NELLIE SILVER
14-HARRY LUCKS
15-HENNIE BERK
16-YECHIEL RUBINSKY
16-EDWARD EPSTEIN
17-JACOB D. COHEN
17-JOSEPH GOLDING
18-LOUIS BASKIND
18-SAMUEL METZGER
18-JULIUS H. BINK

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MONument 3-0300

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Saturday, August 5, 7:15 P.M.

Saturday, August 12, 7:00 P.M.