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JUNIOR CONGREGATION TO BEGIN THIS SABBATH MORNING

The 1962-63 season of our Junior Congregation will begin this Saturday morning, September 22, at 10:15. Last year was a most gratifying one for the Junior Congregation and we are confident that the children will improve upon that splendid season this year.

The Junior Congregation provides a service geared to the interest and requirements of children between the ages of 8 and 11, or in grades 3 through 6 in elementary school. The children conduct their own services, serve as cantors and ushers and are elected as officers on a monthly basis.

This year we are happy to have Alan Shapiro returning for a second season as the advisor to the Junior Congregation. Alan, who grew up in our community and was active once as a member of the Junior Congregation, is at present a junior at Yeshiva College. We are confident that under his leadership the children will derive great benefit from the Junior Congregation program.

Special Features

This sabbath morning, each member will receive a special colorful booklet in which there is a place for stamps which are designed according to the weekly portions of the Torah. For each service which a child attends, a stamp will be placed in his booklet. At the end of the season each child will receive his own booklet which will represent his record of attendance and which will constitute a cherished souvenir of his season in the Junior Congregation.

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to attend

Selichoth Services

This Saturday Night, September 22nd

12:30 A.M. in the Synagogue

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will conduct the service

Cantor A. Joseph Cohen will officiate

A Midnight Snack

11:30 P.M. — Social Hall

Sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club

As has become traditional during the past two years, we plan to take those youngsters who attend services regularly, on a baseball outing to Yankee Stadium in the Spring. In addition, the regulars will be given special honors at our Annual Youth Sabbath at the end of the year.

Cooperation from Parents

We urge parents to encourage their children to attend the Junior Congregation regularly. They will find the results from this regular attendance to be most gratifying. At the same time, we earnestly request that, at all times,

the dignity of the Junior Congregation be respected. All children should be present at 10:15 when the service begins; children who have not reached the proper age level should not be brought to these services; above all, adults are urged not to open the chapel doors for any reason whatsoever while the service is in progress.

We look forward to the opening of the Junior Congregation this Sabbath morning at 10:15 and we are confident that the coming season will be a rewarding one for the young worshippers in our synagogue.

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

"GOD'S SECOND CHANCE TO MAN"

A Reflection During the Penitential Season

THE WEEKLY PORTION NITZAVIM — VAYELECH

"Life and Good: Death and Evil"

"Behold I set before you this day, life and good, death and evil." This is the classic expression in the Torah of the doctrine of free will and self-determinism for each human being. Man is not innately good — for if so the Torah would be unnecessary; nor is he innately evil — for if so, the Torah would be a useless document. Man is born with a capacity to choose. The Torah is a guide to help him make the right choice, but no one can force him to do so.

This doctrine, as one can easily discern, is a source of optimistic faith in negating any predisposition to sin which might reside in the human personality. At the same time, it is a source both of anxiety and challenge to learn that no predisposition for righteousness exists either.

The traditional interpretation of the above verse is that life is dependent upon good behavior; death is the result of evil. As expounded by Rashi this is one of a series of assurances in the Torah about just retribution for one's conduct.

This particular verse, however, lends itself to the understanding of a self-induced retributive system. The pre-occupation with the good and the ideal is true life, while the perpetration of evil is a living death. In this sense the Talmud affirms that just as the righteous are considered living even after their demise — for their goodness lives on through their disciples — so the evil individual is considered to be dead even while he is physically alive.

The Torah views human life as characterized by more than a mere vegetative or animalistic existence. Human life is unthinkable without the activity of one's "divine image", the soul. Creativity and friendship, love and charity, study and *ma'asim tovim*, self-understanding and criticism, all are an essential part of living. Without these qualities a heart may beat but a soul lies dormant. Such an individual chooses a living death rather than a significant life.

We might note briefly, one further interpretation on a universal rather than personal level. A world chooses good or evil in macrocosm as the individual chooses in microcosm, with one significant difference; the outcome of the individual's choice of good or

WELCOME HOME RABBI and MRS. LOOKSTEIN and MR. PRESIDENT

We extend a hearty welcome home to Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, and to the President of the congregation, Max J. Etra, who returned this week from their trips abroad. We are happy that they are back with us.

Worshippers will have an opportunity to welcome them personally on Saturday at the kiddush following services.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Mrs. Charles Rapoport and Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman.

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

evil needs homiletical embellishment to associate it with life or death, while the outcome of the world's choice of good or evil is life or death in the pragmatic sense.

When a society chooses to go the way of the animal, to obscure man's divine image and to negate his soul, to treat individuals as things to be manipulated rather than as people to be understood, to live by power rather than by justice, by might rather than by spirit, that society is choosing a path leading to destruction and death. History, particularly of recent vintage, is replete with examples of the decline and fall of human values which accompanied the disintegration of societies. Often, however, it was not alone the evil society that suffered death. This was also the portion of nations and peoples which stood by in a tacit acceptance of that evil society.

Life for the individual, as well as for the world, is possible only if we choose the good and if we progress morally, ethically and intellectually at a rate commensurate with our commercial, material and scientific growth. On the eve of the year 5723, we pray that the world will usher in an era of unprecedented advances in the "gross international ethic" along with the anticipated rises in the gross international product. In this way, we shall be sure of a blissful, peaceful and blessed standard of living. H. L.

LAWRENCE MARK BREINDEL BAR MITZVAH



We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Breindel upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Lawrence. The Bar Mitzvah will be held in our synagogue this Sabbath.

Larry, who is a student at the Ramaz School, will read the entire Torah portion and the prophetic portion as part of the regular services.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Breindel at the kiddush following the services.

SELICHOH DURING THE WEEK

While the "Midnight" Selichoth Service has a special glamour and importance all its own, Selichoth Services continue to be held throughout the week preceding Rosh Hashanah and the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. During the coming week, Selichoth will be recited on Monday through Thursday mornings at 7 o'clock, one half hour before the start of the regular morning service.

On Friday morning, Erev Rosh Hashanah there is an extended service known as "Z'chor Brith". This service, which is composed mostly of moving liturgical poems from the middle ages is conducted by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. It will begin on Friday morning at 6:30. The regular service will follow at 7:30.

CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing of Dinah Tenenbaum, beloved wife of our devoted member, Harry Tenenbaum. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and pray that the Almighty will spare them further grief for many years to come.

CLASS IN FESTIVAL LAWS TO MEET THIS SATURDAY

The first in a series of classes dealing with the laws of the coming festivals will be held this Sabbath afternoon at 5:50 o'clock in the Synagogue Library. At this class, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will discuss the festival of Rosh Hashanah with special emphasis on the traditional preparations for that festival.

A cordial invitation is extended to all — young and old — to attend this class and future ones which will deal with other aspects of the High Holy day season.

"NOW IS THE HOUR"

We note with considerable pride the overwhelming response to the Jewry Duty letters which were sent to our members and friends only last week. As this Bulletin goes to press we have almost reached the level of last year's participation. Many who never accepted an assignment in the past have indicated their willingness to serve this year in fulfillment of this religious duty.

There are, nevertheless, a large number of people who have not as yet responded to the president's "summons". The High Holy Day season is a most propitious time to consider the value of such a service and the desirability of obligating one's self to attend the morning services for one week during the year. The factor of time is also important for the synagogue office which has to draw up the final list of Jewry Duty assignments for the year.

If, therefore, you have received a letter and have not as yet replied, please do so affirmatively without delay. Our thanks in advance for your cooperation in this manner.

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Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lichtman.

Get Well —

David Spiegel was recently admitted to Doctor's Hospital. We look forward to his recovery and return to congregational activities.

NEWS FROM HOME FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The congregation will be pleased to send the Bulletin to young people from our neighborhood, who are attending out-of-town schools. We are sure that they are interested in keeping up-to-date on what is happening in their community and synagogue.

We urge parents of out-of-town students to inform the synagogue office of the address of their children, so that we may send the Bulletin to them.

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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HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

Record Enrollment at Jewish Schools This Year

A study made by the American Association for Jewish Education revealed that about 650,000 children are attending Jewish Schools this academic year. This figure represents a 12% increase since 1958 (the date of the last study) and a phenomenal 77% increase since 1952.


The breakdown of the figures is, unfortunately, less heartening. Of the total enrollment, 307,000 children will be attending Sunday School; 292,000 children afternoon schools; and 51,000 day schools.

Yeshiva University Begins 76th Academic Year with Record Enrollment of 5,260 Students

Yeshiva University, with a record of 5,260 students, began sessions last week. Of this number, 3,000 students will be attending the University's eight under-graduate divisions while the remainder are in the nine graduate schools of the University.

KASHRUTH NEWS

With this issue we are introducing a new feature to the Bulletin for the information of our readers, especially to those on the distaff side. From time to time, as we receive information of products which have been newly certified as kosher by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregation of America, we shall pass this information along to our readers through this column.

In recent months, the following products have received the  endorsement:

French's Potato Mix
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES***FRIDAY**

Evening 6:00

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion: **Nitzavim —
Vayelech**

Evening 6:45

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:25

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30

Sunday Morning 8:30

Evening 6:00

*Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:00 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

Yahrzeits**September**

22—JONAS M. LEVY
22—FLORA BACHRACH
23—IDA HASS
24—ANNA KAPLAN
24—EVE SANDERS
24—SAMUEL LUSTBADER
24—MILTON SIMON
25—ANNIE TRACHMAN
27—BERTHA HAUPTMAN
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