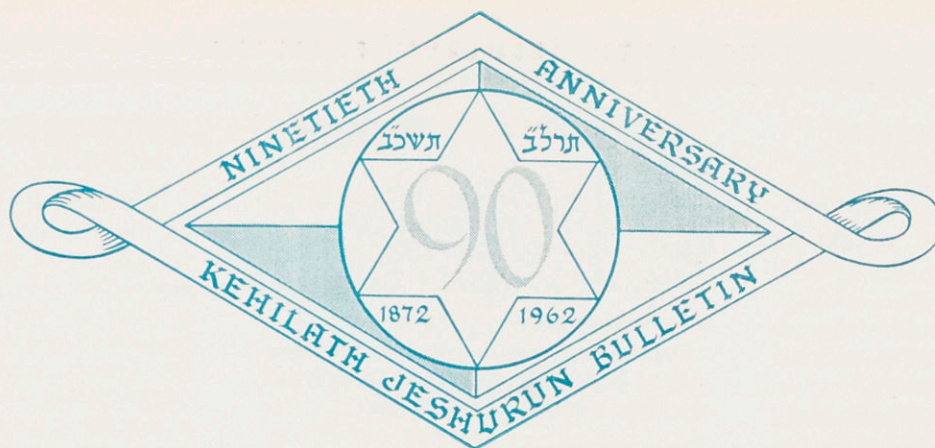


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THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

cordially invites you and your friends to attend its

OPENING FORUM MEETING

This Tuesday evening, November 13th

in the Social Hall

— Guest Speaker —



ABRAHAM I. CARMEL

Lecturer and Author

— Topic —

"Why I am a Jew"

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Ladies Invited

Refreshments will be served

YOUNG MARRIED'S GROUP OPENS SEASON

The Young Married's Group of the congregation opened its season with a meeting on Saturday night in the social hall of the congregation. The hosts for the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman.

A surprisingly large number of couples braved the freezing rain to join in an evening of warm sociability. The special feature of the evening was a brief slide show on Israel presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen who visited the Jewish State last summer. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen showed graphically, the changes in the appearance of the young country by contrasting slides taken this year with those taken three years ago.

Next meeting December 1

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Saturday night, December 1, at 8:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Perlman, 525 East 86th Street. At that time the Group will discuss Rabbi Emanuel Rackman's informative pamphlet entitled "Sabbaths and Festivals in the Modern Age," together with a critique of that work which appeared in the magazine Tradition. Copies of the pamphlet and subscriptions for the magazine have already been ordered for those who requested them.

The next meeting of the Group promises to be a most stimulating one and we urge all members to plan to be with us. If there are any other young married couples in our community who are interested in attending the meeting of the Group, we urge them to contact the synagogue office and assure them of a cordial reception.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock

"WHEN ALL CONDITIONS ARE 'GO'"

Highlights of the First Religious Quest

THE WEEKLY PORTION**LECH LECHA****"Circumcision and Self Perfection"**

In this week's portion, we read of the following charge to Abraham: "And this is the covenant which you shall preserve between me, you, and your descendants: that each of your male offspring shall be circumcised."

Circumcision is commonly considered to be a health measure. This view has been strengthened by the judgement of modern medical science that this operation can serve as a deterrent to infection and to chronic diseases.

The Torah indicates, however, that the purpose of circumcision is not the physical well being of man—though this may be a blessed by-product—but rather a means for cementing the bond between man and God. The rite, according to the Talmud, constitutes the acceptance by man of God's Kingship and the consent to live in accordance with his laws.

In Jewish writings the removal of the foreskin is likened to the removal of the spiritual shell which closes man's heart to the voice of his creator. By this act, one joins the covenant of Abraham and one becomes committed to the life of principle and idealism which characterized the father of the Jewish People.

Implicit in this act is the optimistic view that man, through a policy of determinism, will accept this responsibility. The author of the Sefer ha-Chinuch affirms that circumcision represents God's desire that man complete the act of physical creation. Man is born physically imperfect; it is in his power to correct this imperfection.

The obvious implication is that if man is empowered to perfect his physical being, he is certainly capable of perfecting his soul.

God invites man to form a covenant with Him. The rite of circumcision is symbolic of man's readiness to accept the invitation to render himself worthy of establishing a relationship with his Creator.

JEWRY DUTY**WEEK OF OCTOBER 28th**

DAVID HEFTER
HON. GEORGE POSTEL

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11th

PHILIP A. BRENNER
NICO de GRAAFF
DR. THEODORE R. FINK

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

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Hyman Cohen, Mrs. Israel Cummings, Saul J. Lance, Bernard Podell, Mrs. Sam Taffet, and Dr. Frederick Zuckerman.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sigall, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stern.

Engagement —

A hearty Mazel Tov to our young member, David E. Rosen and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosen upon David's engagement to Miss Marcella Jung, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Leo Jung of the West Side Jewish Center.

We wish the young couple health, blessing and good fortune in their coming marriage and we extend our best wishes to both families.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, Mrs. Sadie Cohen, Mrs. Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Joseph H. Hostyk, Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Morris Morgenstern, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Mrs. Charles Rapoport, Mrs. Irving I. Schnur, Mrs. Tobias Shapiro, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, Mrs. Meyer Texon, and Mrs. Malvina Wachter.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to our devoted member, Dr. Harry Luloff, upon the passing of his beloved brother, Alexander.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to our devoted member, Charles Rapoport, upon the passing of his beloved brother, David.

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

**SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th**

The second meeting of the season of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood, will be held on Monday afternoon, November 19 at 12:30 o'clock. The cultural portion of the meeting will feature an address by Dr. Lillian Kaplan. Dr. Kaplan, who is a member of the congregation and of the Sisterhood is a practicing psychiatrist. She will address the group on the topic, "The Varying Psychiatric Experiences in a Community."

We are certain that the members of the Sisterhood who know Dr. Kaplan, will want to attend this meeting and hear what she has to say on this important subject. Those who have not as yet met her, will find her a warm individual, an outstanding speaker and an interesting personality.

The meeting will begin at 12:30 with a delightful luncheon. All members of the Sisterhood and their friends are invited to attend.

**SISTERHOOD
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**

Mrs. Nathan Andrews
Mrs. James Clark
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Mrs. Joseph S. Gershman
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REACHING THE UNREACHED JEWISH YOUTH

On Sunday morning, October 28, at the opening Men's Club meeting of the year, held jointly with the first Father and Son Minyan of the season, Mr. Abraham Stern, the Director of the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University's Community Service Division, lectured on the subject, "Reaching the Unreached Jewish Youth." For the information of the readers, we present a brief synopsis of the salient ideas in that lecture.

The growing problem of juvenile delinquency is a source of great concern to thoughtful leaders of American society. Last year, out of a teenage population of nineteen million in the United States, one and a quarter million were arrested for one form of crime or another. This figure is rising dramatically. Four years ago the figure was only three quarters of a million. While the teenage population of this country has increased during the past twelve years by 50%, juvenile delinquency has more than doubled during the same period. The most conservative estimates indicate that ten years from now, if this trend continues, between three and four million teenagers will be brought before punitive authorities every year.

The teenager, according to recent studies, is developing his own particular province of illegal behavior. At present about 60% of all automobile thefts are perpetrated by this group, and almost half of all robberies are the result of teenage delinquency.

Short-run hedonism

Besides the alarming rise in the incidence of this problem and the concentration of juvenile crimes into circumscribed areas, there is another factor which appears to be new in the juvenile delinquency of the 60's — motivation. In the past, students of this problem have attributed juvenile delinquency to a variety of causes which are rooted in poor living conditions, sub-standard housing and improper schooling. Current sociological thought, however, considers the present incidence to be the result of a basic anti-social nature on the part of the juvenile delinquent and to be prompted by "flings" of short run hedonism. The theft of an automobile or a bicycle is a thrilling anti-social escapade rather than, a necessary acquisition of property. Throwing a rock through a school window—just for the heck of it—is a direct attack

upon a social institution. Drinking to the point of intoxication, smoking at an early age—a recent survey showed that 90% of juvenile delinquents begin smoking at a high school age as opposed to 23% of the rest of the population—and the taking of narcotics, are all acts which reflect the youngster's need to rebel against society's established mores.

The Incidence Among Jews

Among the factors which seem to predominate in the background of juvenile delinquents are a low cultural level among their elders, little parental respect, poor family ties, and an almost total absence of love, warmth and sympathy. As one might suspect, these factors are not wide spread among Jewish families. This alone will go far to explain why the presence of juvenile delinquency among Jewish teenagers is relatively insignificant in comparison to its incidence among the general population. Only 5% of Jewish teenagers in New York City are classified as delinquents, although they represent 32% of the population of the city.

The presence of delinquency among Jewish teenagers is probably less the result of the factors mentioned above and more the outgrowth of what Durkheim called anomie, a lack of identification with a group. This French sociologist found that as people leave the farm with its well organized life, warm family ties, and closely knit community, and move into the metropolitan areas where these conditions do not exist, the people begin to feel a loss of identification and their children show a tendency toward delinquency.

Dr. Bernard Lander, Dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School at Yeshiva University, supported Durkheim's thesis in a study of a segregated negro community and a nearby integrated community in Baltimore. He found that the incidence of delinquency was much higher in the integrated community and offered as one of the significant reasons for this, the condition of anomie which existed among the negro children in the integrated community.

The Jewish adolescent suffers from a similar condition, although the causes of this condition are slowly being eliminated. Teenage Jewish youngsters today, contrary to popular opinion, are not rejecting the heritage of the past, simply because there is little left

for them to reject. Their rebellion has already been accomplished for them by their parents and grandparents. They are beset merely with feelings of drifting and with a sense of non-belonging.

In a recent Gallup Poll, 96% of Jewish children were found to believe in God, but only 21% of this same sampling could name even one prophet from the Bible. They know that they are Jews but they are not sure what that means or why they are part of such a people. The result is anomie, a search for identification which, if not found within the group, is discovered beyond the group through thrill seeking, drinking, narcotics and the kind of whimsical vandalism which was discovered recently among a group of Long Island Jewish youths.

Yeshiva's Program

For the past eight years Yeshiva University, through its Youth Bureau, has endeavored to meet this problem to the extent of its capabilities. Every year at least a dozen weekend conclaves are held for Jewish teenagers in the various regions of the country. During the past eight years almost one hundred such conclaves have been held with an average participation of 250 children. The Torah Leadership Seminars held in late December and August are extensions of this conclave idea in a period of six and twelve days respectively. These started six years ago with twenty eight children and now regularly bring more than 300 participants to each seminar for an intensive program of Jewish living, learning, and inspiration.

These programs are not directed primarily at students in Jewish day schools. The largest number of participants are from the religiously uninitiated. The teenager who is drifting and searching, who experiences an absence of identification and who yearns for some kind of positive involvement with his people and with his tradition, finds gratification and fulfillment in these programs. While not designed specifically to prevent juvenile delinquency, these programs serve to alleviate the condition of anomie and thereby to enhance the security of our children and to secure the future of American Judaism.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday**

Lighting of Candles 4:25
Evening 4:30

Saturday

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion:**Lech Lecha, Genesis 12:1-17:27****Haftorah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16**

Evening 4:30

Torah Reader

Lanny Binstock

Conclusion of Sabbath 5:15

Sunday

Morning 8:30
Father and Son Minyan 9:30

Daily Services

Morning 7:30
Evening 4:30

Yahrzeits**November**

10—MARGARETTE BALLIN
10—JACOB HELFER
10—HENRY REINHOLD
11—LEON KAMAKEY
11—CHAYE SCHWARTZ
11—NATHAN BECKER
11—REBECCA LAYTON
12—MOSES EINHORN
12—LOUIS KANAREK
13—JACOB POUST
13—MEYER SOM
13—ROSE HIRSCH
13—RAE HEFTER
14—ESTHER NATELSON
14—ROSE WOLBERG
14—MENACHEM A. SCHWARTZ
15—WILLIAM ETRA
16—JULIUS ZESSMAN

**JUNIOR GROUPS MEET REGULARLY
ON SABBATH AFTERNOONS**

Without any fanfare or notice — except by the children themselves — our two Junior Groups for boys and girls have been meeting regularly on Sabbath afternoons for the past few weeks.

The group for boys meets at 2:30 in the gymnasium under the leadership of Steven Gross and Stuart Podell. This group is so popular with its members that more than twenty of them came one week despite a driving rain storm. The group for girls meets every Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium under the direction of Miss Barbara Dratler. Although smaller in number and more subdued in tone, this group has run beautiful programs and the children enjoy it thoroughly. An invitation is hereby extended to children between the ages of ten and twelve who have not as yet attended these groups, to come down this Saturday—boys at 2:30, girls at 3:00.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION OFFICERS

Now that the holidays are over and Election Day is passed, we want to bring you up to date on the election campaigns which have been held in the Junior Congregation and on the results of those campaigns.

During the month of October, the officers, all of whom served with distinction, were:

President, Alvin Smilow
Vice President, Roger Oppenheimer
Head Usher, Philip Lerner

At recent elections, the officers for the month of November were chosen. They are:

President, Simon Lerner
Vice President, Richard Gelfand
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K. J. CALENDER**THIS WEEK
SATURDAY
2:30 P.M.**

K. J. Boys Group
Gymnasium

3:00 P.M.

K. J. Girls Group
Auditorium

3:30 P.M.

Teenage Oneg Shabbat
Social Hall

MONDAY, 11:00 A.M.

Studies in the Bible
(A class for women)

TUESDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Men's Club Forum Meeting
- Guest Speaker -
Abraham I. Carmel

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

ADULT INSTITUTE CLASSES
Talmud Class
Hebrew for Beginners
Hebrew 2
Intermediate Hebrew
Advanced Hebrew

COMING EVENTS**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th**

Sisterhood Open Meeting
- Guest Speaker -
Dr. Lillian Kaplan

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
NOVEMBER 28th**

Men's Club Theatre Party
"Harold"
Cort Theatre

—REMINDER—**TEENAGE ONEG SHABBAT****This Saturday, 3:30 P.M.**

in the social hall

Members of the group and their
friends are invited.