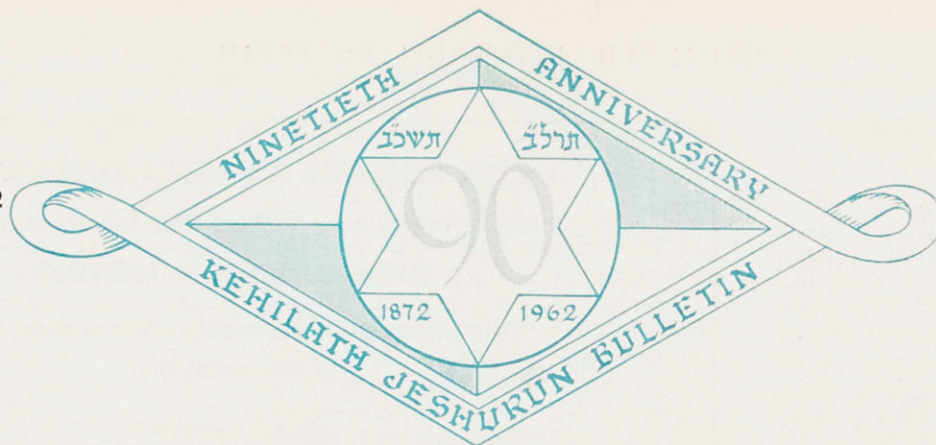


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DR. HARRY M. ORLINSKY TO DISCUSS NEW BIBLE TRANSLATION AT THANKSGIVING SERVICE

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend

Thanksgiving Services

This Thursday Morning, November 22nd
at 11 o'clock



DR. HARRY M. ORLINSKY

will speak on

"BIBLE TRANSLATIONS — PAST AND PRESENT"

Choir under the direction of Seymour Silbermintz

The Thanksgiving Service of our congregation this year will feature a guest speaker who is one of the most talked-about personalities in the news today.

Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky is the editor-in-chief of the new translation of the Hebrew Bible, sponsored by the Jewish Publication Society of America. The leading newspapers of the country recently reported on this new translation and as a result, Dr. Orlinsky became a very controversial figure.

We will now have an opportunity to meet him face to face and to listen to his presentation which will provide an authentic report on the great historic enterprise under his direction.

Dr. Orlinsky is a Professor of Bible at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He is the first Jewish scholar who took part in an authorized Christian translation of the Bible into English. He also was a member of the committee which proposed the Protestant revised version of the Old Testament. He is, therefore, acknowledged by all faiths as an authority in Bible translations.

It is not generally known that he is the co-translator of the Rashi Commentary on the Pentateuch. This translation of one of the great Bible Commentators is a remarkable feat.

Dr. Orlinsky is a fascinating lecturer who possesses the rare ability of speaking on profound and complicated scholarly themes in a manner that is intelligible to all. His address before our Thanksgiving audience will be a real intellectual treat.

Cantor A. Joseph Cohen will officiate at the Service and he will be assisted by the Seymour Silbermintz Choir. Those who attended the service in the past, know what an inspiring occasion it is. Come and bring your families. Join with us in prayer, in thanksgiving, and in an important intellectual experience.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock

"ABRAHAM THE BELIEVER AND THE DOUBTER"

The Paradox in Religious Experience

THE WEEKLY PORTION

VAYERA

"Dust and Ashes"

"And Abraham answered, saying: 'Behold I begin to speak to God and I am but dust and ashes.'" This statement highlights what is surely one of the most magnificent chapters in all of Biblical literature. We have reference, of course, to the 18th chapter of the Book of Genesis in which Abraham argues with God about the Holy One's intention of destroying the City of Sodom. The dust and ashes metaphor punctuates two of Abraham's most admirable characteristics; his unparalleled altruism and his sense of justice.

This dialogue between Abraham and his Maker, takes place after a covenant has been made between Abraham and God, after Abraham has been declared to be the father of many peoples and the first patriarch of Israel. Abraham was blessed by God with great material wealth; he had established an enviable record of transforming the spiritual ideals of his generation; and he had just been informed by a messenger from God that his greatest wish in life was to be fulfilled, he was to become a father of a son through his wife Sarah. Surely, any man at such a time would be justified in entertaining delusions of grandeur and feelings of self-esteem.

It was, however, at this point that Abraham stood before God to speak out for others, to plead for the welfare of the wicked and to challenge the decision of the Judge of the Universe to destroy part of his creation. Such altruism was noted by God, according to the Talmud. And the Holy One, blessed be He, said to Israel, "I love you because at the moment when I bestow upon you greatness, you practice self-effacement before me; I gave such greatness to Abraham and he said, 'I am nothing but dust and ashes'."

An even more admirable quality of Abraham, however, was his passion for justice as evidenced in this episode. Justice means that the righteous do not perish for the sins of the wicked, that repentance must always be available to man, and that even a single human life is precious. "Shall not the Judge of all the world practice justice?"

Rashi notes that Abraham's challenge to God was made despite the fact that the father of the Jewish

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

cordially invites all members and friends to attend its

OPEN LUNCHEON MEETING

This Monday Afternoon, November 19th

in the social hall

— Guest Speaker —

DR. LILLIAN KAPLAN

— Topic —

"The Varying Psychiatric Experiences in a Community"

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

Cantors

Robert Kurzweil

Arthur Aizer

David Hostyk

Torah Reader

Lanny Binstock

people was thoroughly aware of his great indebtedness to the Almighty. He cites the fact that had it not been for God's assistance, he would have been reduced to "dust" in his war against the kings who made a captive of his nephew, Lot. He is cognizant of Divine Providence which saved him from the furnace into which he was cast by Nimrod for his iconoclastic ideas and practices and where he would have been reduced to "ashes" were it not for Divine Assistance.

A sense of indebtedness, however, must not be allowed to cloud one's passion for justice. One must be possessed of the necessary courage and independence to challenge even one's greatest benefactor when principles of morality and justice are at stake.

We can well imagine the integrity and principle which must have guided Abraham's actions among his fellow men if he was capable of such courageous behavior before God. Abraham may have been composed of dust and ashes, but in his case, his earthy composition was made in heaven.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Sidney A. Block, Mrs. Julius Charnow, Mrs. Leon Fromer, Dr. Maximillian W. Goldstein, Dr. Samuel Gross, Alfred Kahn, Mrs. Ira I. Kaplan, Frederick Margareten, Mrs. Lawrence Rosenzweig, and Mrs. Max Sadinoff.

Engagement —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Givner upon the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Lynn, to Mr. Allan S. Goodman.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Citron, Mr. and Mrs. Jules M. Sax, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Salzman.

Get Well —

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Samuel Ratner, who recently underwent surgery, has returned home and is recuperating nicely. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Member in the News —

We congratulate Mrs. Albert Wald upon her appointment as Chairman of the convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which will be held in Washington, D. C. this coming week.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heyman in celebration of the birth of a grandson.

ADULT INSTITUTE OPENS WITH RECORD ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Three Students Honored at Opening Exercises

The 1962-63 season of the Kehilath Jeshurun Institute began last week with opening exercises held in the social hall on Wednesday evening. These exercises followed the first sessions of the Talmud class and the four Hebrew classes on that same evening.

At this opening meeting Dr. Sidney Hoenig, Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, delivered the first in a series of open lectures on the general theme "Four Jewish Communities and their Leaders." Dr. Hoenig's lecture last Wednesday was on the subject "Philo and Alexandrian Jewry."

Over 100 listeners sat in rapt attention as our lecturer described the Alexandrian Jewish Community at the beginning of the Common Era. He showed how this community was marked by considerable economic wealth and by unusual achievement in the economic and spiritual spheres.

Professor Hoenig analysed the writings of Philo who was the philosophic spokesman for the Alexandrian Jewish Community. Philo composed a multitude of works on cosmogony — the study of the divine origin of the earth — the patriarchs, the Decalogue, and a variety of other subjects. His special province was in the field of explaining the reasons for the commandments.

It is in this last area that he gained recognition as the first apologist for Judaism. He wrote his books not primarily for the Jew but rather for the world, in a desire to show the validity of Judaism and the insights of Biblical literature.

There are three differing evaluations of Philo as a philosopher. One view considers that Philo did not read the Bible in the original but rather reached his conclusions on the basis of the Bible as it was translated into Greek. Another view, held by Dr. Samuel Belkin in his research into Philo's works, considers him to be a great halachic scholar and a profound student of Biblical and Midrashic literature. A final opinion considers him to be an excellent preacher whose province was less philosophy and more sermonics.

YUDAE Certificates Granted

Dr. Hoenig, in his capacity as the Director of the Department of Adult Education of Yeshiva University, pre-

sented at the lecture, certificates of achievement to three members of our Adult Institute for having completed a course of study which included at least eighty points of credited work in our Adult Institute. According to Dr. Hoenig, during the entire history of the Department of Adult Education at the University only eight such certificates have ever been granted. Now three ladies of Kehilath Jeshurun have increased that number by thirty seven percent. The ladies who were honored were Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Dr. Miriam Trachman and Dr. Sadie Edith Trachman.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, in a few remarks following Dr. Hoenig's speech, praised these three women for their dedication to learning. He described Mrs. Hostyk as a descendant of a learned family who has continued that learning herself and whose two young boys are following in her footsteps as students in Ramaz School.

He spoke of the Trachman sisters as veteran students whose educational careers in our congregation preceded the formal organization of our Adult Institute. He informed the audience that they are descended from two great halachic authorities, Rabbi Moses Isserles on one side of the family and Rabbi Shabsai haCohen (known as the Schach) on the other. The Rabbi pointed out that the crown of Torah, however, is not passed on from generation to generation by inheritance. It must be earned in each generation by effort and study.

We hope that all the members of Kehilath Jeshurun will not only join in congratulating these women on their achievement but will also follow their splendid example and enroll for one or more courses in our Adult Institute. There is a course for every need and for every type of background.

TEEN-AGE GROUP PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

The Kehilath Jeshurun teenagers held an Oneg Shabbat in the social hall of the synagogue last Saturday and have scheduled a similar program for this coming Saturday, November 17, at 3:15 in the afternoon. All teenagers in the community are invited.

On Sunday, December 2nd, the group will conduct a Theatre Party at the City Center where they will see the "Pirates of Penzance." Those who have not as yet obtained their tickets and who desire to participate in this Theatre Party may call the synagogue office for reservations.

Dance on December 22nd

On Saturday night, December 22nd, the first night of Chanukah, the teenagers will hold a dance in the social hall of the synagogue. Plans are currently under way to make this affair one to remember. All teenagers are urged to reserve that date and to plan to attend.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ELECTED A VICE PRESIDENT OF RABBINIC ALUMNI

We heartily congratulate our Assistant Rabbi on his recent election as a Vice President of the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University. Rabbi Lookstein was elected to this position at the recent convention of graduates of the Rabbinic School of Yeshiva University.

We are proud that our Assistant Rabbi was elected as an officer of this national rabbinic organization, and we wish him every success in fulfilling the important work of that group.

THE JEWRY BOX

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4th

MILTON ELETZ
ALEXANDER KOMMEL

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18th

HARRY ENDE
NORMAN C. RYP
MURRAY J. SCHLUSSEL

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

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

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Haskel Lookstein Ass't Rabbi
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Martin Marksön Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday**

Lighting of Candles 4:20
Evening 4:30

Saturday

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion:

Vayera, Genesis 18:1-22:24

Haftorah: II Kings 4:1-37

Evening 4:20

Torah Reader

Robert Pik

Conclusion of Sabbath 5:10

Sunday

Morning 8:30
Father-and-Son Minyan 9:30

Daily Services

Morning 7:30
Evening 4:20

**SISTERHOOD
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th**

Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten
Mrs. Harry Heyman
Mrs. Alfred Kahn
Mrs. Morton Kamerman
Mrs. D. Harry Kleinfeld
Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert
Mrs. Meyer Texon

**ADULT INSTITUTORS
PLEASE NOTE**

The Wednesday night classes of the Adult Institute will not be held this week because of Thanksgiving Eve. On the following Wednesday night, classes will meet at their regular times.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN**FOURTH SERVICE****Cantors**

Jesse Axelrod
Alvin Adler
Jonathan Shor
Steven Herzig

Breakfast Sponsor

Dr. Robert Wallach

**SABBATH AFTERNOON LECTURES
TO BEGIN THIS WEEK**

Following a practice which we began last year, brief lectures will again be given during the winter season on Saturday afternoons between Mincha and Ma'ariv. The lectures will deal each week with a different commandment of the Torah. They will be given by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

This Saturday afternoon, the first lecture of the season will be given by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the commandment dealing with majority rule.

YAHREZITS**November**

17-LAZAR WOHL
17-MAX SCHNEIDER
17-REUVEN FRIEDMAN
18-LILLIAN ROTHSTEIN
18-SIMON GROSS
18-MARGUERITE POPKIN
18-MAX LOORY
19-WILLIAM KIRSHON
19-ISRAEL J. KAY
19-ISAAC SCHLUSSEL
19-SARAH SILVERMAN
20-MARCUS SCHUMAN
20-SAMUEL FEINER
20-KREINE FISHEL
20-OSHER LITWINS
20-ISIDOR ETRA
20-MAYER GROSSMAN
21-MORRIS D. EICHLER
21-ALBERT LEVEY
22-MEYER ROTHSTEIN
22-JACOB S. SILVERMAN
22-JECHIAL D. SHAPIRO
23-SADIE CASNER

K. J. CALENDAR**THIS WEEK****SATURDAY
2:30 P.M.**

K. J. Boys Group
Gymnasium

2:30 P.M.

K. J. Girls Group
Auditorium

3:15 P.M.

Teenage Oneg Shabbat
Social Hall

MONDAY, 12:30

Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting
- Guest Speaker -
Dr. Lillian Kaplan

TUESDAY, 8:05 A.M.

Talmud Class

7:30 P.M.

Teenage Gym Night

COMING EVENTS**WEDNESDAY EVENING****NOVEMBER 28th**

Men's Club Theatre Party
"Harold"
Cort Theatre

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st
8:30 P.M.**

Young Marrieds Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Sisterhood Board Meeting
at the home of
Mrs. Robert H. Zessman

**WEDNESDAY, EVENING
DECEMBER 5th**

Adult Institute Lecture

- Lecturer -

Dr. Irving Agus