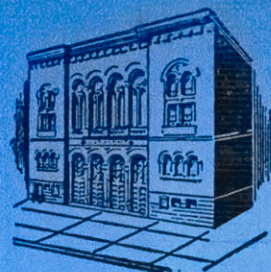


# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin

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## Sisterhood Hears Rabbi Lookstein "Let Go" At Philip Roth For "Letting Go"

Close to one hundred women gathered in the Social Hall of our Synagogue House on Monday, October 21 for the first open luncheon meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood. The women were treated to a delicious dessert luncheon under the supervision of the Sisterhood Hospitality Committee. The committee consists of:

Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Erwin Linden, Mrs. David Pik, Mrs. Frank Roth, Mrs. Isadore Schlang and Mrs. Bertha Witkin.

Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, Sisterhood

President, welcomed the ladies and reviewed briefly the stimulating program which is planned for the current year. Reports were heard from various committees and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Membership Chairman, introduced the following new members of the Sisterhood: Mrs. Samuel M. Cohen, Mrs. Florence S. Cooper, Mrs. Ethel Freedman, Mrs. Sam Lerner, Mrs. Abe Newborn and Mrs. Albert Zuch.

A new member of the dais who was busily engaged in taking minutes throughout most of the meeting was

Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, the newly elected Secretary of the Sisterhood.

The highlight of the afternoon was an analysis of "Letting Go", the best selling novel of Philip Roth, by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. Rabbi Lookstein spoke about the type of man who would write such a book. He testified to the brilliance of the author and to the virtuosity of his pen. He read passages from the book which showed how moving it was and how penetratingly the young author described his characters and their innermost feelings.

The Rabbi questioned, however, why it was that a young Jewish author could not find a place in the book for a single Jewish character who could be viewed by the readers sympathetically. In a book where many of the characters are clearly Jewish, why must it be that all of these characters are portrayed in a most unfavorable light.

On the other hand, it seems that the only sympathetic characters in the book are the non-Jewish ones. It is they who display the character traits and the ideals which one would normally derive from an understanding of Judaism and from a sensitive reading of Jewish history. There must be a reason why a novelist writes a book like "Letting Go" which seems to speak of his "Letting Go" at Jews and "Letting Go" of Judaism.

The Rabbi explained some of the reasons for such an outlook. He talked of the vacuum created in our homes which leaves a sensitive soul starved for the nourishment which Judaism could offer. He spoke of the woeful lack of Jewish education among the young Jewish intellectuals who currently write with authority about Judaism and about Jews.

It is regrettable that such a great talent must be exercised in a non-constructive and critical fashion concerning a heritage and a tradition about which one can speak so warmly and with such depth of conviction, if only one's background were different and one's education more substantial.

## Adult Education Week November 2 - 9

### REGULAR COURSES

#### STUDIES IN THE BIBLE

(A class for Women)

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein  
First Session: Monday, Nov. 4,  
11 A.M.

#### TALMUD — EVENING SESSION

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein  
First Session: Monday, Nov. 4,  
8:00 P.M.

#### ADVANCED HEBREW

Instructor: Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz  
First Session: Monday, Nov. 4,  
8:00 P.M.

#### TALMUD — MORNING SESSION

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein  
First Session: Tuesday, Nov. 5,  
8:05 A.M. (Breakfast will follow)

### SEMESTER COURSES

#### ELEMENTARY HEBREW

Instructor: Mrs. Charles Cohen  
First Session: Wednesday, Nov. 6,  
8:00 P.M.

#### SABBATH PRAYERS

Instructor: Mrs. Haskel Lookstein  
First Session: Wednesday, Nov. 6,  
8:00 P.M.

#### MAIMONIDES' CODE OF LAW

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein  
First Session: Wednesday, Nov. 6,  
8:00 P.M.

#### CANTILLATION

(For Men Only)

Instructor: Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg  
First Session: Wednesday, Nov. 6,  
8:00 P.M.

### JEWISH HISTORY — THE BIBLICAL PERIOD

Instructor: Dr. Irving Agus  
First Session: Wednesday, November 6, 9:00 P.M.

Students who have not as yet registered, may do so at the first meeting of each course.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will Preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.  
"ABRAHAM'S DIALOGUE WITH GOD"  
You, Too, Can Have It



**THE WEEKLY PORTION****VAYERA****"Seeing and Understanding"**

"And he saw three men standing before him, . . . he saw them and ran to greet them." These words describe the reaction of our forefather, Abraham, to the three strangers who stood out on the road in the heat of the sun.

Obviously, Abraham not only "saw them"; he understood their plight as well. He saw with his heart and felt their need with his soul. His reaction was not unlike that of God who "saw the children of Israel (in Egypt), and God understood."

This is the quality of compassion for human beings and involvement in their troubles, which Judaism asks of man. If we look for an application in our own day, a compelling one comes to mind in the form of the Negro's struggle for equality and dignity in the south. To see this struggle is not sufficient; to understand it and to feel the pain involved is necessary if we are to be true to our heritage as the children of Abraham.

I would recommend to you the summary on page three of this bulletin for an eloquent stimulus to such understanding and feeling.

H.L.

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. A. Milton Brown, Mrs. Julius Char-nov, Mrs. Jules Gourary, Mrs. Gedeon Heller, Mr. Saul Linzer and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler.

**Anniversaries —**

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Gura and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart D. Perlman.

**New Residence —**

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman who have recently moved into their new home.

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd**
**Cantors**

Samuel Blumenthal  
 Samuel Friedman  
 David Hostyk

**Torah Reader**

Lanny Binstock

**YOUTH CORNER**
**Banner Attendance Last Weekend**  
**at Youth Groups**
**Tuesday Evening Gym Session**  
**to be Organized**

Last Saturday witnessed an unprecedented attendance in our morning and afternoon programs. At the Junior Congregation, fifty three children assembled for the services on Saturday morning at 10:15. If the attendance continues to grow as it has for the past few weeks, and if the regulars continue to attend as consistently as they have been, we will be faced with an insoluble problem in trying to find a new location to accommodate the expanded Junior Congregation. We promise, however, that when faced with such a problem, we will find a satisfactory solution.

A similar situation has been developing with our afternoon groups which met last Saturday for their second sessions. The Boy's Group, led by Steven Gross and Stuart Podell, had an attendance of almost thirty boys between the ages of nine and twelve. The Girl's Group which, traditionally, has been the smaller of the two, though no less spirited, was attended by sixteen girls of the same ages. This group is under the direction of Harriet Garfinkel and Viviane Pik.

We are most anxious that all of the young people in our congregational family and in the community at large take advantage of these activities. We urge parents to send their children regularly to Junior Congregation in the morning and to the Sabbath afternoon groups at 3:00 o'clock.

**What's In A Name?**

The youth of Kehilath Jeshurun have chosen the name of שחר as the official name of their group. The inspiration for this name comes from Isaiah 58:8 where it is stated **אז יבקע בשחר אור**. Paraphrasing this idiom we can say: "Then shall the light of youth break forth as the morning." The activity to date and the projected program shows every promise for the ushering in of a new era of fulfillment for our teenagers.

**FATHER AND SON MINYAN**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd**
**Cantors**

Marvin Binstock  
 Jay Lifshen  
 Aaron Holzer  
 Steven Herzig

**Breakfast Sponsor**

Morris Morgenstern

**KIDDUSH SPONSOR**

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Marcus for sponsoring the Sabbath kiddush on October 19th, in celebration of the birth of their grandson.

**עליון Election - November 3rd**

The election of officers for the Teenage Group will take place this Sunday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock in the library. Only those who have paid their membership dues may vote.

**עליון Basketball Team**

As part of our affiliation with A.C.T.I.O.N., the Metropolitan Youth Organization sponsored by Yeshiva University, the members of our teenage group have decided to organize their own basketball team. The group will meet for practice every Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock in the gymnasium. The coach for the team will be a relative newcomer to our neighborhood, Mr. Richard Stadin, who shows his versatility in serving as a basketball coach inasmuch as during the High Holy Days he sounded the Shofar for the children in Junior Congregation. We are happy to have so adaptable a person in contact with our youth group.

Participation in the Tuesday evening gym session is open to all boys who are regular members of the Kehilath Jeshurun Teenage Group. The first session will be this Tuesday evening November 5 at 7:00 o'clock.

**THE JEWRY BOX****WEEK OF OCTOBER 20th**

DAVID HEFTER  
 GEORGE POSTEL

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3rd**

HYMAN I. BUCHER  
 DR. THEODORE R. FINK

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



## YOUNG MARRIEDS HEAR JAY GOLDIN ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The living room of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein was literally filled to overflowing by more than twenty young married couples who gathered for the opening meeting of the year of the Young Marrieds Groups of the congregation.

The highlight of the evening was a brilliant talk delivered by Jay Harrison Goldin, a Ramaz graduate, who served for two years as a litigating attorney for the Justice Department in the South. Mr. Goldin discussed the current status of the civil rights revolution, with particular reference to the bill that is now before Congress.

### Highlights from Mr. Goldin's Address

The Civil Rights Movement is striving to achieve two types of results. The first is in the realm of natural rights. The Negro maintains that public funds and public functions cannot be maintained on a basis which leads to discrimination against any citizen because of his color. Such discrimination is no more justifiable than if a person were deprived of his rights because of his height, weight, or the shape of his nose.

The second result is in terms of human dignity. The movement maintains that no man may be deprived of his rightful human dignity by a government or by an individual who is operating in the public domain. Title Two of the Civil Rights Bill is concerned with this area. Under this heading would come the question of the Negro's use of barber shops, lunch counters, department stores and the like.

### What if the Bill Passes?

If the Civil Rights Bill should pass, in part or in total, Mr. Goldin felt that it would be quixotic to assume that the movement would subside. The bill will merely give us a breathing period in which to make concrete plans for progress in the area of civil rights; progress which should have been made during the past twenty years. A year or two after the passage of the bill, if sufficient progress is not made, the struggle will resume with its power and intensity.

Resume it must, for the bill will only provide the legal basis for integration. It will not bring integration into realization. It will merely empower the Justice Department to sue on behalf of the Negro where there is discrimination against him in one area or another.

### The Slow Grind of Justice

The limited value of such suits, and their slow progress in the face of the mobilization of legal forces in the South arrayed against them, is revealed by the following example.

James Meredith first applied to the University of Mississippi in April 1961. He was denied admission and appealed to the Courts to force the University to admit him on the grounds that he was academically qualified. In December 1961, the court finally decided against him and Meredith's lawyers filed an appeal immediately.

In June 1962, some fourteen months after he had applied originally to the university, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in New Orleans, decided 8 to 1 in his favor and directed the clerk of the court to serve the officials of the University with an order to admit Meredith.

In a clandestine fashion, Judge Cameron, from Mississippi, the lone dissenting judge, directed the clerk privately not to issue the court's order. It took several weeks before this act was discovered and the court met in special session to countermand the devious act of Judge Cameron. Whereupon the same judge, again in clandestine fashion, issued another directive to the clerk to disregard the countermanding order of the court. This procedure was repeated four times so that two months went by before Meredith, having won his appeal, could actually get the order.

While this entire legal process was painfully grinding out its way, the District Attorneys in Mississippi tried no less than six times to have Meredith convicted on a variety of felonies. Naturally, a conviction on any of these accusations would have disqualified him for admission to the university.

This is but one example of the frightening mobilization of the communities in many parts of the South against any decision by the state or federal governments to change the status of the Negro. It is this powerful force for the segregationist status quo, which will make it likely that, bill or no bill, the Civil Rights Movement will continue and perhaps increase in intensity.

If this first meeting of the young marrieds is a harbinger of things to come, we can expect a lively and interesting season.

## OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

On April 29th of last year, the annual meeting of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies was held. The meeting marked the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Department on Religious Affairs at Federation. The actual date of the establishment was September 8, 1952. It is appropriate that our readers be informed about the work of this Department of Federation, for our rabbis and many of our members are deeply involved in the work of Federation.

One of the most significant achievements of the Department was the organization of the Commission on Synagogue Relations itself. This bridge between the synagogue world and philanthropy has had far reaching results, not only in New York but in many other communities where the model was watched carefully and, ultimately, copied successfully.

The Department has sponsored several formal dialogues between the rabbis and the social workers, so that each should understand the problems of the other and try to reach a degree of cooperation between these two allied professions.

When the Department was established in 1952, Federation did not include in its family even one kosher home for the aged. Today there are two: the Home and Hospital of the Daughters of Israel and the Home and Hospital of the Daughters of Jacob.

In 1952, none of the so called kosher camps in Federation had rabbinical supervision. Today, every camp in Federation that presents its kitchen facilities as "kosher", has on its staff a responsible person who supervises the Kashruth.

In 1952, except for the three kosher hospitals affiliated with Federation, all the Federation hospitals did not serve kosher food. Today, all Federation hospitals, as well as child care institutions, provide kosher food for those who request it.

Ten years has brought a great deal of progress in the relationship between the religious community and Federation. No one will dispute that much more progress is needed. We may be confident, however, that the Department of Religious Affairs, under its energetic director, Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, will continue to influence the leaders and directors of Federation to meet the needs of religious Jewry and — in fact — of Judaism itself.



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Noam Shudofsky	Youth Director
Joseph Giatt	Exec. Director

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Joseph Roth	Vice-President
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Elgin Shulsky	Treasurer
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin	Pres., Sist.
William Lebowitz	Pres. Men's Club

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

##### FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles	4:30
Evening	4:45

##### SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15

##### Weekly Portion:

**Vayera, Genesis 18:1-22:24**

**Haftorah: II Kings 4:1-37**

Evening	4:45
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##### Torah Reader

Robert Pik

Conclusion of Sabbath	5:20
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##### SUNDAY

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

##### DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Evening	4:40

#### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1963

Mrs. Hilda S. Berger  
Mrs. Pauline Einstein  
Mrs. Alfred Kahn  
Mrs. Erwin Linden  
Mrs. Benjamin Perlman  
Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman  
Mrs. Israel Wachter

We extend a collective vote of thanks to all those who acted as Kiddush Hostesses during the past few weeks. The lack of space does not permit us to list all the names.

#### HELP WANTED

We are in need of a person to do part time office work for the Park East Religious School, and for our Youth Activities Program. The hours are flexible, and can be arranged to suit the person involved. Those interested in such work, or those who know of others who might be interested, are asked to contact Mr. Noam Shudofsky at the Synagogue Office.

#### RESERVE THESE DATES

**Saturday Night, December 14th**

##### CHANUKAH PARTY

sponsored by  
Sisterhood and Men's Club

**Tuesday, March 10th, 1964**

##### MEN'S CLUB TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

**Wednesday, April 15th**

##### SISTERHOOD ANNUAL LUNCHEON

#### K. J. CALENDAR

**SATURDAY  
3:00 P.M.**

Junior Girls  
Auditorium

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Junior Boys  
Gymnasium

**MONDAY  
12:30**

Sisterhood Board Meeting  
at the home of  
Mrs. Elgin Shulsky

#### YAHREZITS

##### November

2—MOSES EINHORN  
2—LOUIS KANAREK  
3—JACOB POUST  
3—MEYER SOM  
3—ROSE HIRSCH  
3—RAE HEFTER  
4—ESTHER NATELSON  
4—ROSE WOLBERG  
4—MENACHEM A.  
SCHWARTZ  
5—WILLIAM ETRA  
6—JULIUS ZEISSMAN  
7—LAZAR WOHL  
7—MAX SCHNEIDER  
7—REUVEN FRIEDMAN  
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**Thursday evening, November 7th, at 8:30 P.M.**  
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Panoramic view of school curriculum and plans for the future  
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Mr. Nathan Salzman  
Chairman, School Board

Mr. Noam Shudofsky, Principal

• Teachers conference

• Social Hour