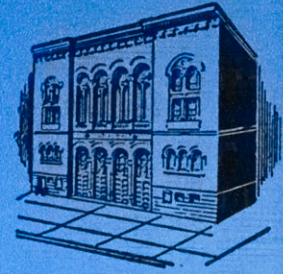


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## MEN'S CLUB HEARS RABBI TRAININ ON JEWISH SOCIAL ILLS

A large gathering of men and women filled the social hall last Tuesday evening to hear Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin discuss the rising social problems of the American Jewish Community. The occasion was the first Open Meeting of the year for the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club. This meeting inaugurated the 25th Anniversary Season of the Men's Club.

The audience sat in rapt attention as Rabbi Trainin spoke of the "Anglo-Saxonization" of the American Jewish Community. "More and more," he said, "we are becoming like all segments of the American population as far as our social problems are concerned."

For the first time, we are confronted with serious problems of juvenile delinquency, narcotics addiction, an alarming divorce rate, a most disturbing rise in the number of unwed mothers and other similar problems which twenty or thirty years ago were scarcely felt by the American Jewish Community.

In the bulletin, we cannot record some of the disturbing statistics cited by Rabbi Trainin, who is keenly aware of these problems by virtue of his position as the Director of the Religious Affairs Department of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. Suffice it to say, that those who came to hear of a problem, left with a more sober understanding of the stark realities of American Jewish life in the sixties.

The next Men's Club affair will be the Chanukah Party on Saturday night, December 14th, which will be sponsored jointly with the Sisterhood. Members and friends of the Men's Club and the Sisterhood are urged to record the date and to plan to attend an affair which promises to be the best of its kind ever in our congregation.

### SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB SPONSORS CHANUKAH PARTY

Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, President of the Sisterhood and William Lebowitz, President of the Men's Club, have announced that both affiliates of the congregation will jointly sponsor a Chanukah Party. The event will be held on Saturday night, December 14th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House.

The Chanukah Committee under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, and co-chaired by Dr. and Mrs. Jack Lieberman, have already made definite plans for what appears to be the social highlight of the early winter season. The other members of the committee are Mr. and Mrs. Joel Lewittes and Mrs. George Postel.

### Lew Parker and Betty Kean to Appear

The outstanding feature is the entertainment which will be offered by a team of well-known entertainers, namely, Lew Parker and Betty Kean. Dance Music will be provided by David Wakely and his orchestra.

In addition to a delicious supper which will be served and cocktails, which will be on the house, an entertaining evening is in store for members of the congregation and their friends.

All this will be offered at the nominal fee of \$6.50 per person.

Invitations and reservation forms will shortly be in the mail. Please mark your calendars and make reservations for yourself and your friends, for what promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

### TEENAGE GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

**Don Etra, Pres.; Marvin Wolf, V.-Pres.; Pearl Moskowitz, Sec.; David Popkin, Treas.**

A record number of our youth turned out in the spirit of the election season to elect officers for the program year ending June 1964. We are proud to note that **יְהוָה** totals 41 dues paying members.

Donald Etra was elected for a second term as President of the Teenage Group. The other officers elected were: Marvin Wolf — Vice-President Pearl Moskowitz — Secretary; David Popkin — Treasurer.

Members appointed to the Teen-age Executive Board are:

Harriet Garfinkel — Cultural Committee Chairman

Fannie Fox and Bruce Dratler — Social Committee co-Chairmen

Elaine Hyams — Newspaper Editor  
Barbara Spilky — Telephone Squad Chairman

Leo Havran — Circulation Board

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will install the newly elected officers at the first Shabbat Cultural Luncheon, which takes place, Saturday afternoon, November 23rd.

### Junior Groups Choose Hebrew Names

**שְׂמוֹנוֹת** was the name chosen by the Boys Junior Group. The name is symbolic to the boys since it reminds them of Samson, the Biblical hero who was a Judge of Israel and at the same time a man of great strength and vigor.

The Girls Group selected the name **נִצְוִי** — a spark — to identify the goal of their weekly activity. They feel that this bright spark of Jewish living will show the way to greater identification with and understanding of, Traditional Judaism.

The Junior Groups meet each and every Shabbat afternoon. Membership is open to boys and girls, ages 9-12.

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will Preach the Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.  
STOP! IT'S TIME FOR MINCHA**



**THE WEEKLY PORTION****HAYA SARAH****"What Is Everything"**

"And God blessed Abraham with everything." Our sages are troubled by the use of the word "everything" with respect to God's blessings. What does the Torah have in mind when it describes Abraham as being so perfectly blessed? In general, their solutions to this problem center on the birth of children or, perhaps more properly, the problem of parenthood.

One answer is that "everything" means a son. As a matter of fact, the numerical value of the letters in the word "Bakol" (everything) equals the numerical value in the word "Bein" (son). "Everything", therefore, means a son.

To Abraham, the prospect of living his life without an heir was an intolerable one. The possibility that there might be no one to carry on the monotheistic tradition which he had himself discovered, was painful to consider. When Sarah bore him a son, one who could carry on this tradition, it was Abraham who then felt that he was blessed with "everything".

Another sage considers the blessing of "everything" to mean that Abraham did not have a daughter. On the surface, such an interpretation is quite surprising, especially in that part of the Bible which deals with the greatness of Rebecca. On closer examination, however, we can agree with Samson Raphael Hirsch who explains that in the society of that day a daughter would have presented Abraham with a painful problem.

While a son could be expected to bring his bride into the family tradition; a daughter would, of necessity, be taken from the family tradition to that of her husband. In the time of Abraham, a foreign tradition meant the idolatry of Canaan, Aram or any of the neighboring countries. To bear a child, to rear her in the Jewish tradition and then to see her absorbed into a society which represents the antithesis of Judaism, would indeed have been a terrible curse. To be without a daughter, then, was, in such a society, the blessing of "everything".

A third sage takes a more optimistic view of the era of Abraham and a more complimentary view of the strength of Abraham's personality and the influence of his home. He says that the blessing of "everything"

**SISTERHOOD TO HEAR  
HELEN G. METZLER AT NEXT MEETING**

The next Open Meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Monday afternoon, November 18th, at 12:30 o'clock. The Sisterhood's guest at the meeting will be Helen G. Metzler, a well known interpreter, of plays and books. Under the title "Broadway on Parade", the guest artist will bring the glamour and excitement of Broadway and the essence of theatre to her audience.

An exciting program of entertainment is in store for all members of the Sisterhood.

The regular business agenda includes reports on the Sisterhood's coming activities, one of which is the Chanukah Party scheduled for Saturday evening, December 14th.

We urge all members of the Sisterhood to mark the date on their calendars and to be on hand at 12:30 on Monday, November 18th.

A dessert luncheon will be served prior to the opening of the meeting.

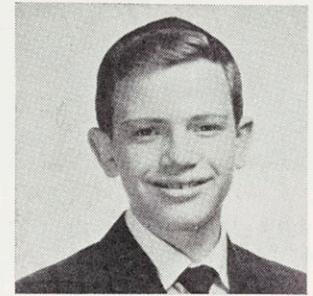
**FATHER AND SON MINYAN  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1963****Cantors**

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means that Abraham was blessed with a daughter, a daughter who was so committed to her father's tradition, so loyal to her family's ideals that she would win over her husband to the worship of the One God.

The common denominator which all these interpretations possess is the belief that the blessing of "everything" exists when a man and woman have children who carry on the traditions of the home. Of course, in order to have such a blessing, there must be a home and the home must have a tradition. When these two qualities exist and when the children are strengthened by them, then the blessing of "everything" is no less desirable in our day than it was four thousand years ago.

H. L.

**AARON HENRY HOSTYK  
BAR MITZVAH**

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hostyk upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Aaron.

The Bar Mitzvah is in the eighth grade of Ramaz School. He has been a student at the school since first grade.

At the services this Saturday, Aaron will read the entire Torah portion and the prophetic chapter, as part of the regular services.

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

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Julius Charnow, Hyman Cohen, Mrs. Israel Cummings, Saul J. Lance, Saul Linzer, Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, Bernard Podell and Mrs. Sam Taffet.

**Anniversaries —**

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

**New Residence —**

We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Samuel Witkin upon her moving into a new home.

**CONDOLENCES**

We extend sincere condolences to our devoted member, Mrs. Meir Goldstein, upon the passing of her beloved sister, Dorothy Lehman.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to our devoted member, Nathan Warsaw, on the passing of his beloved sister, Nechuma Ruina.

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



## IN TIME OF BEREAVEMENT

In the Torah portion which we will read in the synagogue this week, the death and burial of the first Jewish Matriarch, Sarah, is described. It is appropriate therefore to discuss in this issue of the bulletin a subject which is not fully understood, namely, the character of a traditional Jewish funeral.

In a time of personal bereavement, it is sometimes difficult to describe to the bereaved family, the proper method for conducting such a funeral. In order to make available clear information on a subject concerning which there are many misunderstandings, we present the following abstract from a circular prepared jointly by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and its Rabbinic arm, the Rabbinical Council of America.

### A General Word

A Jewish funeral is divided into two parts. The first part consists of the service at the funeral chapel, the main portion of which is devoted to a eulogy — "Hesped" — which fulfills our obligation to honor the personality and the life of one who was called to his eternal reward. The second part is the interment, the responsibility to see that the deceased is buried properly and in a dignified manner. For this reason, the brief service at the graveside is not conducted until the grave is fully filled in. Only then, are the Kaddish and memorial prayers recited.

### Traditional Practices Attending the Funeral

1. The deceased is washed and purified ritually — "Taharah" — by religious and competent Jews in accordance with special regulations.

2. Until the members of the family assemble for the funeral service, a pious Jew or Jewess is assigned as a guard for the deceased. It is customary for the guard to read passages from the Psalms while engaged in the "watch".

3. The deceased is dressed in "Tachrichin" — the traditional white burial shroud — in order to symbolize that all men are equal before their Creator and that they meet their Creator without thought of earthly status.

4. The deceased is placed in a wooden casket, in keeping with the Biblical dictum that man comes from earth and returns to earth. The simplicity of the casket further symbolizes our non-concern with earthly symbols of material wealth and social status.

5. The members of the immediate

The opening of the Adult Institute has been met with a wonderful response by the members of the congregation. If, for any reason, you were unable to register for the course of your choice, you may do so at this coming week's sessions.

We list below the course schedule for your convenience.

## REGULAR COURSES

### STUDIES IN THE BIBLE

(A class for Women)

**Instructor:** Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

**Sessions:** Mondays, 11 A.M.

### TALMUD — EVENING SESSION

**Instructor:** Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

**Sessions:** Mondays, 8:00 P.M.

### ADVANCED HEBREW

**Instructor:** Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz

**Sessions:** Mondays, 8:00 P.M.

### TALMUD — MORNING SESSION

**Instructor:** Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

**Sessions:** Tuesdays, 8:05 A.M.

## SEMESTER COURSES

### ELEMENTARY HEBREW

**Instructor:** Mrs. Charles Cohen

**Sessions:** Wednesdays, 8:00 P.M.

### SABBATH PRAYERS

**Instructor:** Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

**Sessions:** Wednesdays, 8:00 P.M.

### MAIMONIDES' CODE OF LAW

**Instructor:** Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

**Sessions:** Wednesdays, 8:00 P.M.

### CANTILLATION

(For Men Only)

**Instructor:** Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg

**Sessions:** Wednesdays, 8:00 P.M.

## JEWISH HISTORY — THE BIBLICAL PERIOD

**Instructor:** Dr. Irving Agus

**Sessions:** Wednesdays, 9:00 P.M.

family, rend their outer garments as a symbol of their anguish and grief. The substitution of a black ribbon for this custom has no foundation in Jewish law or lore and does not, in any case, take the place of "k'reeah" — the ritual rending of a garment.

6. After the grave has been filled in, the "Tsidduk ha-Din" is recited. This statement testifies to the mourners' belief that God's judgment and conduct of his world, however incomprehensible and painful to us, is just and righteous. Following this statement, the "Kaddish", which conveys similar sentiments, is recited by the mourners.

### For Further Information

Naturally, the paragraphs above only touch in a surface fashion upon the salient features of a traditional Jewish funeral. Those who have questions about the above or who desire further information, may address their inquiries to the rabbis.

## RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT AT RABBINIC ALUMNI CONVENTION

At the Rabbinic Alumni Convention held recently in the Pioneer Country Club, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was elected as a Vice President of the organization. The election gives him a second term in that office.

The recognition which his colleagues have given to our Assistant Rabbi is a result of his persistent efforts as chairman of the Youth Committee of the Rabbinic Alumni. In that capacity he has been in the forefront of the project to establish a summer camp for the Orthodox Jewish community which will be serviced by the Community Service Division of Yeshiva University.

We congratulate Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on his election and we wish him well in discharging his obligation in office.



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Haskel Lookstein ..... Ass't Rabbi  
A. Joseph Cohen ..... Cantor  
Israel D. Rosenberg ..... Ritual Director  
Noam Shudofsky ..... Youth Director  
Joseph Glatt ..... Exec. Director

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Max J. Etra ..... President  
Joseph Roth ..... Vice-President  
Dr. H. Harold Gelfand ..... Secretary  
Elgin Shulsky ..... Treasurer  
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin ..... Pres., Sist.  
William Lebowitz ..... Pres. Men's Club

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles ..... 4:25  
Evening ..... 4:40

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15

**Weekly Portion:****Haya Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18****Haftorah: I Kings 1:1-31**

Evening ..... 4:30

**Torah Reader**

Robert Pik

Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:15

**SUNDAY**

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

**DAILY SERVICES**

Morning ..... 7:30  
Evening ..... 4:30

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3:00 P.M.**Juniors Girls  
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11:00 A.M.**Studies in the Bible  
(A Class for Women)**8:00 P.M.**Talmud Class  
Advanced Hebrew**TUESDAY  
8:05 A.M.**

Talmud Class

**7:00 P.M.**

Teen-agers Gym Session

**WEDNESDAY  
8:00 P.M.**Elementary Hebrew  
Sabbath Prayers  
Maimonides' Code of Law  
Cantillation**9:00 P.M.**

Jewish History

**COMING EVENTS****SATURDAY NIGHT,  
NOVEMBER 16th**

Young Marrieds Meeting

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th**

Sisterhood Meeting

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd**

Teenage Cultural Luncheon

**THE JEWRY BOX****WEEK OF OCTOBER 27th**MILTON ELETZ  
WILLIAM HEYMAN**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10th**HENRY K. CHAPMAN  
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