

# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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## A POST FEDERATION APPEAL REMINDER

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun observed its annual Federation Sabbath in the Synagogue last Saturday. A large number of worshippers braved the driving rain to attend services and to demonstrate their support for the work of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

While we are most gratified with the generosity of those who attended, there are no doubt many worshippers who could not be with us because of the inclement weather on Saturday, but who would nevertheless want to do their part to support the philanthropic work of Federation.

Please keep in mind that Federation helps everyone in the community. It is the duty and obligation of every member in the community to help carry on the important work of the 116 institutions which are affiliated with Federation.

Please fill out the form which you will find on page three and send your check or your pledge to Federation c/o the Synagogue Office.

## FATHER AND SON MINYAN RESUMES ACTIVITIES

Beginning with this Sunday morning, February 2nd, regular activities of the Father and Son Minyan will once again be held.

The Sunday morning activity consists of morning services, communal breakfast and an invigorating basketball session in the gymnasium. All aspects of the program are thoroughly enjoyed by the youngsters who have attended in the past.

The Men's Club which sponsors this activity is proud of the achievements of the youngsters in learning to act as cantors, and in their progress in understanding the role of prayer.

A cordial invitation is extended to the boys of the congregational family and to their friends to attend the weekly Father and Son Minyan, beginning with this Sunday morning, at 9:30 o'clock.

## Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute

### SPRING SEMESTER

(The following courses will meet for six sessions each on the following Wednesday nights, February 5, 12, 19, March 4, 11 and 18. Students from the Fall Semester as well as new registrants are cordially invited to attend these courses.)

### Semester Courses

#### ELEMENTARY HEBREW

Instructor:

**Mrs. Charles Cohen**

Time: 8:00 P.M.

#### MAIMONIDES' CODE OF LAW

Instructor:

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein**

Time: 8:00 P.M.

#### SABBATH PRAYERS

Instructor:

**Mrs. Haskel Lookstein**

Time: 8:00 P.M.

#### CANTILLATION

(For Men Only)

Instructor:

**Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg**

Time: 8:00 P.M.

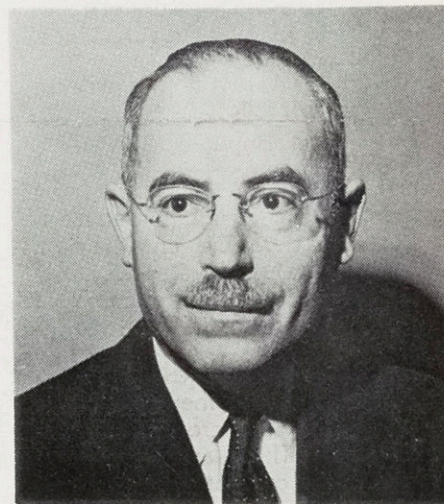
#### JEWISH HISTORY

#### The Second Jewish Commonwealth

Instructor:

**Dr. Irving Agus**

Time: 9:00 P.M.



**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.**

**"A COMMUNIQUE IN TEN PARAGRAPHS" —**

**From The First Summit Meeting**

## THE WEEKLY PORTION

## YITHRO

## "By Choice or by Compulsion?"

Our sages, viewing the Divine Revelation and the enunciation of the Ten Commandments which occur in this week's portion, visualize two contradicting situations which accompanied this revelation.

One group of sages sees God as a sort of Divine travelling salesman offering his ethical wares to a variety of peoples. Each nation of that era rejected the Ten Commandments for one reason or another because they would impinge upon their normal course of life. One objected to the banning of life by the sword; another could not accept the faithfulness of the marital bond; while a third could not tolerate the abolition of theft. Only the Jewish People answered God's offer with the statement "we shall do and we shall obey." It appears from this view that the acceptance of the Torah on the part of our people was a voluntary one, based upon our appreciation of the Lawgiver and the contents of his Law.

Another view visualizes the Jewish People standing at Sinai while God raised the mountain over their heads and said in effect "if you will accept the Torah, fine; if not, this site will mark your collective grave." According to this view, the acceptance of the Torah on the part of our people was compulsory; an acceptance of God's power and a commitment to God's Law, which came without understanding and without voluntary acquiescence.

It would appear, that both views are essential for the religious experience. In every generation, man accepts the Torah as a matter of choice and as a matter of compulsion. Much of religion seems to us to be not only understandable but also desirable and helpful. Many of the statutes quite obviously contribute to the wholesomeness of life. Indeed, they make life itself worthwhile.

On the other hand, there are facets to Jewish Law which are not comprehensible to us. There are many laws which are in the category of "chukim", whose reason escapes us. There are many institutions in Jewish life which, while we understand them in their totality, we frequently cannot fathom the reasons for the minutiae of those institutions. Thus, there are few among us who cannot see the value of the Sabbath; but there are

## SISTERHOOD

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

Mrs. Arthur T. Bernstein  
Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody  
Mrs. Harry Etra  
Mrs. Joseph Hostyk  
Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman  
Mrs. Saul Linzer  
Mrs. David Pik  
Mrs. George Postel  
Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman

many who find it difficult to accept the many rules which govern our conduct on the Sabbath.

Those parts of our Tradition, which we understand fully, and to which our religious consciousness reacts instinctively in a favorable manner, can be said to be acceptable to us on a voluntary basis. The cornerstone of Traditional Judaism, however, consists in our readiness to accept also those parts of the tradition which do not on the surface seem understandable to us and whose performance may sometimes be a chore. We accept them because they are a matter of law. We try to comprehend their significance but, when we fail, we accept them nonetheless and we endeavor to practice them fully. In this sense we are accepting God's Law and the traditions of Judaism as something compelling rather than voluntary; as an obligation rather than as an obvious opportunity.

It is this latter dimension of religion which the Talmud describes when it speaks of the Jews' acceptance of the Torah as "the acceptance of the yoke of God's Kingdom". It might properly be said that in order for religion to constitute an opportunity and a privilege it must also be acceptable as a yoke and an obligation.

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## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Irwin Chabon, Martin E. de Graaff, Nico de Graaff, Warren Forsythe, Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman, David Gordon, Mrs. Eugene Hollander, Mrs. Maurice N. Jaffe, Mrs. Emory Klein, Abe Newborn, Mrs. Louis Orwasher, Mrs. David W. Petegorsky, Mrs. David Pik, Abraham Silver, Dr. Robert Wallach, and Miss Cecilie Weiss.

## Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Gimbel, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann.

## Member in the News—

We have just been informed that our esteemed Trustee, Joseph Schlang was recently presented with the key to the city of Miami Beach. The presentation was made by the Mayor of Miami Beach, in recognition of Mr. Schlang's sponsorship of "The Graphic History of the Jewish Heritage". The scholarly work has been depicted as "the key to the Bible".

## KASHRUTH NOTE

We received a recent announcement from the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations indicating several new products which now have rabbinical supervision through the  $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ . These products include:

Tuxedo Brand Cottage Cheese, Pot Cheese and Farmer Cheese. Bachman Pretzels, available in a variety of containers. These pretzels are, in addition to being Kosher, also pareve.

The complete line of jellies, preserves, marmalades, both regular and low calorie, produced by the Polaner Company of Newark, New Jersey.

Those who wish a full Kosher Products Directory from the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, can obtain one by writing to 84 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10011.

## THE JEWRY BOX

## WEEK OF JANUARY 19th

HYAMAN ABRAMS  
HERMAN DAVIDOWITZ  
WILLIAM HEYMAN

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2nd

GEDEON HELLER  
DR. NATHAN KALISCHER  
DR. EMORY KLEIN  
NEIL RANELLS  
FRANK ROTH

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

**"GLEANED FROM THE HERALD"**

(The following article is taken verbatim from "The Herald", the regular newspaper of our Teenage Group. Its tone and its content reflect the enthusiasm which our delegation of youth to the winter Torah Leadership Seminar experienced. Attendance is made possible in part, by a generous scholarship program maintained by the Sisterhood and Men's Club of the congregation.)

**Winter Torah Leadership Seminar  
A Fantabulous Success**

A full report of 'Seminar Doings' was given at the last Cultural luncheon, by our KJ delegation. Six teenagers shared this rich and varied experience. It was interesting to note that no two youth members said the same thing. Each participant came away from the Seminar with his own treasure.

One remembers the Seminar when . . . we listened in awe to a gifted Rabbi's interpretation of the Torah . . . the spontaneous chassidic dancing, that lasted three hours . . . a discussion on Halacha at five in the morning . . . waking up during vacation time to attend Shacharit services at seven in the morning . . . the flame of a twisted candle illuminating a Havdallah service before hundreds . . . a good contata delivered badly at 1 AM, on January 1, 1964 . . . and a bus pulling away from 'a friend' who was nameless but six days ago.

Each of us, upon returning from Seminar, can use descriptive phrases to outline various anecdotes and incidents, which might illustrate a part of the Seminar experience. Yet, there is a certain "ruach" which defies communication in the spoken word.

The Seminar experience must be seen, felt and above all lived.

If you are interested in the Summer Seminar contact Don Etra.

(An example of what Seminar means to those who attend is provided by one member of our delegation who, having experienced two previous Seminars, attended this past Winter Seminar and in order to do so, gave up the opportunity to spend the winter vacation in Florida. Surely, this is a fulfillment of the Biblical observation, "Taste and see that the Lord is good.")

**AM HASEFER GROUP DISCUSSES  
"AS A DRIVEN LEAF"**

A stimulating evening was spent by the members of Am haSefer Group II, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, last week. The group met to discuss, "As A Driven Leaf", by the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg. The book is a fictionalized account of the life of Alisha ben Abuyah, a heretic sage from the second century of the C.E. He was a contemporary of Rabbi Akibah and a colleague of many great talmudic sages before he spiritually and intellectually left the fold of Traditional Judaism.

The discussion which was led by one of the members of the group, Lawrence A. Kobrin, brought out the fact that the book deals with an historical figure in terms of the intellectual crisis which grips many in our own day. In the case of the protagonist of the book, the intellectual crisis was never resolved and Alisha remained, to the end, a disoriented and unrequited soul.

The members of the group found the book and the discussion interesting although they understood that the historicity of the volume is not at all accurate, as the author himself indicates. The book is recommended for all adult readers who may find this type of subject material interesting.

The next meeting of Group II, will be held on Thursday evening, March 5th. At that time, the book under discussion will be "The United States and Israel", by Nadav Safran. This book was described in a review in the New York Times, as "the finest book yet about Israel". Members are urged to complete their reading in time for the meeting.

**KIDDUSH SPONSOR**

The kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mrs. Rose Etra, in honor of the recent Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, William Charles Etra.

**YOUTH CORNER**

**Cultural Luncheon to be held**

The Third Cultural Luncheon will take place on Saturday, February 1st. The highlight of the program will be a panel show called "Ask The Rabbis." Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will be asked questions on topical interest and events. Harriet Garfinkel will moderate the program which will follow the "Meet The Press" format. Youth panel members are Fannie Fox, Steven Gross, Robert Pik and Steven Silberblatt. The Youth Group of the Jewish Center will be guests of our teenagers. Youth members are asked to place their reservations with Mr. Noam Shudofsky.

**OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**Mid-Manhattan Congregations and Rabbis to honor Rabbi Henkin**

An evening of tribute to the venerable Rabbi Yosef Eliahu Henkin, Director of the Ezras Torah Charitable Fund, and world renowned scholar and sage, will be held Saturday night, February 15, 8 P.M., at the West Side Institutional Synagogue. The event which has received city-wide attention is being sponsored by the congregations and rabbis of Mid-Manhattan.

The proceedings will be broadcast over Station WEVD from the Synagogue. All members of the Mid-Manhattan Jewish Community are invited to attend this event which will mark the 50th anniversary of Ezras Torah and the 40th since Rabbi Henkin assumed its leadership.

I would like to share in the support of the 116 hospitals, health and welfare agencies of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies which serve our community.

Enclosed herewith is my contribution/pledge in the amount of \$.....

Name.....

Address.....

**Men's Club Silver Anniversary Dinner**

**Tuesday Evening, March 10th**

**— Guest of Honor —**

**IRA F. WEISMAN**

**Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun**

125 East 85th Street  
New York 28, N. Y.  
SAcramento 2-0800

**Synagogue Officials**

Joseph H. Lookstein ..... Rabbi  
Haskel Lookstein ..... Assoc. Rabbi  
A. Joseph Cohen ..... Cantor  
Israel D. Rosenberg ..... Ritual Director  
Noam Shudofsky ..... Youth Director  
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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles ..... 4:50  
Evening ..... 5:00

**SATURDAY**

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

**Weekly Portion: Yithro,  
Exodus 18:1-20:23**

**Haftorah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6**

Evening ..... 5:00

**Torah Reader**

Aaron Hostyk

Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:45

**SUNDAY**

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

**DAILY SERVICES**

Morning ..... 7:30  
Evening ..... 5:10

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

Saturday, February 1st

**Cantors**

Marvin Binstock  
Samuel Blumenthal  
Philip Lerner

**Sermonette**

Gail Linden

**Torah Reader**

Elliot Kamerman

**Yahrzeits****February**

1-DAVID GOLDSTEIN  
1-FANNY STRAUSS  
2-MINNIE KATZ  
3-EMMA SCHLINGER  
3-JOSEPH GOTTSCHALK  
3-FANNIE SHIENTAG  
3-ROSE GELFAND  
3-PHILIP CITRON  
4-JULIUS HEBALD  
4-HANNA FISCHEL  
4-JENNY MARMER  
4-SIMON MAGNUS  
5-TOBY THERESA GOLDMAN  
5-REBECCA JACOBS  
5-JACOB VOGEL  
5-ABRAHAM GLIKSMAN  
5-TILLIE COHEN  
6-ISAAC CLAMAN  
6-KATE FRANK  
6-JACOB LEVY  
6-AARON HYMAN  
6-SARI JOSEPH  
6-HUDA ERNST  
6-STELLA SCHOENFELD  
6-ROSE BUCHSBAUM  
7-BENJAMIN BROWN  
7-MAX SHULMAN  
7-YETTA B. LEVEY  
7-ISAAC LIEBERMAN  
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**K. J. CALENDAR****SATURDAY**

1:00 P.M.

Teenage Group  
Cultural Luncheon  
Social Hall

3:00 P.M.

Junior Girls  
Auditorium

Junior Boys  
Gymnasium

MONDAY

11:00 A.M.

Studies in the Bible  
(a class for women)  
Synagogue Library

12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Board Meetnig  
Social Hall

8:00 P.M.

Talmud  
Elementary Hebrew  
Advanced Hebrew

WEDNESDAY

8:00 P.M.

**Adult Institute Classes**  
Sabbath Prayers  
Maimonides' Code of Law  
Cantillation

9:00 P.M.

Jewish History

**CONDOLENCE**

We record with sorrow the passing of Rabbi Samuel Schrieber, the beloved father of our devoted member, Mrs. Emory Klein.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to our esteemed Trustee, Samuel A. Marcus on the passing of his beloved brother, Charles.

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