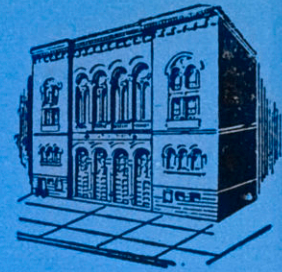


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*We extend best wishes  
for a Happy Purim to our  
members and friends.*

## PURIM NOTES TO PARENTS

This Wednesday evening we will usher in the holiday of Purim with the traditional Purim service, highlighted by the reading of the Megillah. This service is of exceptional interest to the children of our congregational family and we have made special arrangements in order to ensure that they will be comfortable and happy.

All children will receive the appropriate noisemakers with which to react demonstratively to the mention of the name of Haman. Special sections in the synagogue will be reserved for them.

Parents are requested to conform to the following arrangements for their children:

1. All children will meet in the auditorium of the Synagogue House at 5:30. They will receive their groggers and the instructions for their use. Ramaz teachers and several members of our Teenage Group will be on hand to supervise the children.

2. From the auditorium, the children will be brought to their special sections in the Main Synagogue. Parents are requested to leave the children to the supervision of those who are in charge. The children will be much better off this way and their elders will be able to enjoy the service that much more.

The Purim schedule can be summarized as follows:

**5:20**—Mincha Service in the Chapel

**5:30**—All children assemble in the auditorium

**6:30**—Ma'ariv and the reading of the Megillah in the Main Synagogue.

## Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

cordially invites you, your family and friends to attend

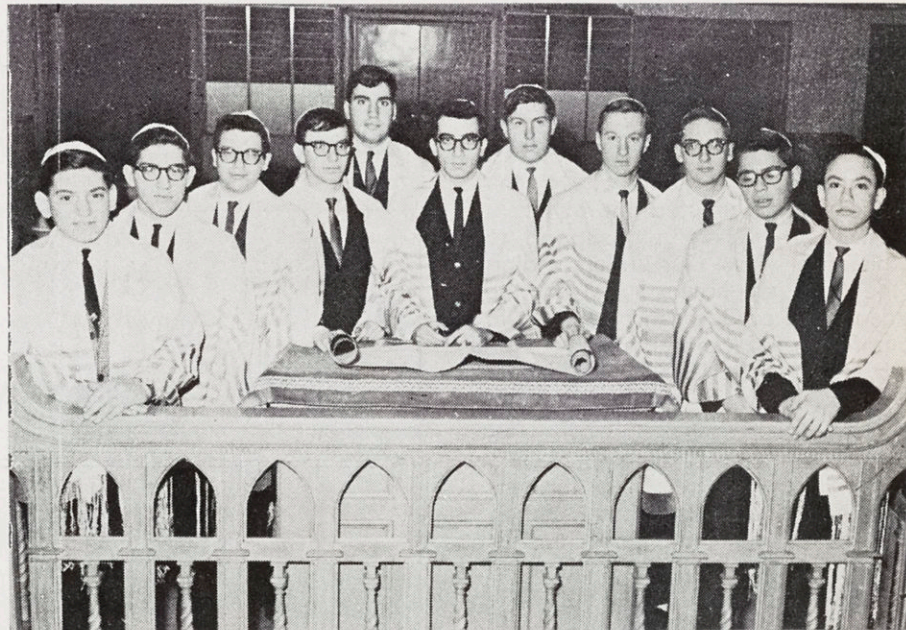
### *Purim Services*

this Wednesday evening, February 26th

Mincha Service — 5:20 P.M.

Ma'ariv Service — 6:00 P.M.

The reading of the Megillah will follow.



Shown above and scheduled to officiate at the Purim Service on Wednesday evening, are left to right:

Judah Kogen  
Jay Pearlberg  
Morris Whitcup  
Raimund Ward

Jonathan Shor  
Stuart Podell  
Johanen Levine  
Richard Cohen

Steven Gross  
David Herman  
David Kahn

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

**"MORDECAI THE JEW"**

**A Composite Portrait**

## A PURIM MESSAGE

### "DON'T READ IT BACKWARDS"

Among the many rules which pertain to the reading of Megillat Esther is the requirement that it be read in the order in which it is written. Jewish Law tells us that we may not read the Megillah backwards, that is, we may not read a later chapter and follow it with an earlier chapter.

A great Chasidic rabbi once explained this law in figurative terms. He told his disciples that one may not read the Megillah "backwards", that is: one may not read it as if it were merely history. When one considers the events described in the Megillah and when one contemplates the Hand of God in the rescue of His People, one may not read it as history.

To read the Scroll of Esther as history is to misread it on two counts. First, we tend to think of history as the natural unfolding of events in the process known as "cause and effect." In other words, every event in history was brought about by a previous cause. The event in question itself may then be a cause of a future event.

This mechanistic view of human history omits the possibility of Divine intervention in the historical arena. To be sure, one may read the Scroll of Esther as a natural unfolding of historical events. As a matter of fact, the name of God is omitted entirely from the Megillah, thus giving support to the historical view. Our understanding of the Megillah, however, is that the unseen Hand of God can be sensed in the unfolding of the drama. The Megillah is testimony to God's revelation in the historical affairs of Shushan long ago.

Misreading the Megillah as history, involves another error. The incident which the Megillah describes is but an archetype of many moments in time in which Divine Providence plays an unseen role. The victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Temple in 165 B.C.E. was such a moment. The establishment of the State of Israel in our day and the victory of its armies over seven invading Arab Nations is a similar moment. To consider the events of the Megillah as a one time occurrence is to misconstrue the message of the Megillah for our day and for every generation.

From its literal interpretation and from its figurative explanation, we can thus see that "he who reads the Megillah 'backwards' has not fulfilled his obligation."

H. L.

## ABRAHAM R. KIRSHON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEN'S CLUBS

We take great pride in announcing the election of the Vice-President of our Men's Club, Abraham R. Kirshon, to the Presidency of the National Association of Men's Clubs, affiliated with Yeshiva University. The election took place at a special conclave held last week at the Stern College for Women.

Together with Mr. Kirshon, two other leaders of our Men's Club were elected to important positions in the National Association. Dr. Jack Lieberman, Treasurer of our Men's Club was elected the National Treasurer of the Association, while our President, William Lebowitz, was elected a Delegate At Large.

Mr. Kirshon's election comes after many years of service to this national organization. He served it in many capacities and was one of the founders of the organization, together with Ira F. Weisman, who served for five years as its first president. Mr. Weisman remains as Honorary President of the Association.

We congratulate the new officers of the National Association of Men's Clubs and we hope that the organization will grow and expand under their leadership.

## FATHER AND SON MINYAN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

### Cantors

Marvin Binstock  
Norman Chideckel  
Judah Kogen  
Aaron Holzer

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Michael M. Barany, Alexander A. Bernstein, Israel Cummings, Mrs. Helen F. Dayton, William B. Fischberg, Bernard D. Fischman, Dezso Goldner, Dr. Frank Goodman, Joseph Schlang, Albert A. Zuch, and Mrs. Martin Zuger.

### Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Samson Gordon.

### Get Well —

We are extremely pleased to report that our dear member, Mrs. Frank Goodman has returned home from the hospital following recent surgery. We look forward to her return to our midst.

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**PURIM DAY****Schedule and Notes**

On Thursday morning, February 27th, a special Purim morning service will be held in the Synagogue Chapel at 7:00 o'clock. The highlight of this service is the reading of the Megillah by our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg. Without the traditional noisemakers, the Megillah is appreciated for what it is—a moving and thrilling story of danger and rescue and a stimulus to the praise of God.

The entire service will be concluded by 8:30 to enable all to attend to their daily affairs. A special invitation to this service is extended to those children who are off from school on Purim Day. In point of fact, the original obligation for reading the Megillah was in the morning rather than at night. The nighttime reading, which has become so popular in our day, was a secondary addition.

**Al ha-Nissim**

In the three services of Purim, as well as in the Grace After Meals, the prayer of Al ha-Nissim is added as an expression of thanksgiving to God for the miracle which he wrought to our forefathers at this season of the year. It is interesting to note that on Purim we do not recite Hallel—The Psalms of Praise—because the reading of the Megillah itself is considered to be praise to God.

**Exchanging Gifts**

A traditional practice on Purim, which is recorded in the Megillah, is the exchange of culinary gifts between friends. This practice is matched by the requirement to give charity to the poor as well.

**The Festive Repast**

In the late afternoon on Purim Day it is customary to have a Purim Seudah—a festive repast with all the holiday trimmings. The meal lasts until after dark and should be conducted in the merry spirit of the Festival.

May this year's Purim usher in an extended period of peace and happiness for all mankind.

**YESHIVA UNIVERSITY ON TELEVISION**

Yeshiva University will present a program on television entitled "For Thou Art With Me". The program will appear on WABC-T.V. Channel 7, on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:30. The program will be shown on Sundays February 23, March 1, 8, 15, April 5 and May 17.

**RAMAZ NOTES****Morning Minyan Inaugurated**

Last week, a Morning Minyan was inaugurated for the boys of Ramaz High School. Services are now held every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:35 and 7:25 respectively. Despite the commuting problems for many students who live close to an hour away from the high school building, a beautiful attendance appeared at the first two services. In general, the student body is enthusiastic about this particular project. The senior girls have volunteered to work shifts as hostesses for breakfast which is served at the conclusion of services.

Through the kind cooperation of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman, we were able to obtain a small Torah on loan from them. The Torah will be used at the Thursday morning services.

**National Honors**

The Senior Class of Ramaz High School continues to match and surpass the record of preceeding classes in winning various honors. At present, three students out of 48 have been declared finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Three other students have been declared semi-finalists in the National Honor Society Competition. We await the news concerning the winners for both of these scholarships.

**Varsity Concludes Impressive Season**

Last Saturday night, the Ramaz Varsity Basketball Team won its final game of the season and concluded with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses. If the team wins its first play-off contest next week, the Ramaz Varsity will appear in Madison Square Garden for the first time in a Yeshiva League Play-off on Tuesday evening, March 3rd.

Until this year, Ramaz' excellence was known in the fields of Torah Reading and chess and debating competition. We are happy that the school has now made its mark in the athletic arena as well.

**KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

The kiddush this Sabbath will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spilky.

**PARK EAST RELIGIOUS NEWS**

This year the Park East Religious School will hold a masquerade Purim Ball on Sunday, February 23. Each student will be asked to dress up in a costume that represents a historical Jewish figure. The costumes will be judged as to their originality and creativity.

Parents and friends of the school are cordially invited to our Purim Ball which will take place at 10 o'clock in the Kehilath Jeshurun auditorium.

An added feature of the assembly will be a short ceremony that will officially induct the students of the second grade to the study of the Siddur. Rabbi Simon Langer will give each student a specially inscribed prayer book.

**YOUTH CORNER****Purim & Youth**

Youth members are reminded that the Purim service takes place Wednesday evening, February 26 — 5:20 until 7:30 o'clock.

Immediately following the Megillah reading, you are cordially invited to Nash a Hamentash at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky, 209 West 86 Street, Apt. 917.

**Junior Congregation Reaches All Time High**

We are happy to make note of the excellent strides being made by the Junior Congregation. To date an all time high of 64 young people, ages 7 to 12 have become members of the Junior Congregation. Each week different members are assigned to take part in the service. It is most gratifying to see the youngsters act as cantors, deliver brief sermonettes and read the prophetic portion.

The Junior congregation meets each Sabbath and holiday morning from 10:15 to noon. For further information please contact our Youth Director, Mr. Noam Shudofsky.

**THE JEWRY BOX****WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9th**

KALMAN FASS  
HARRY HEYMAN

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23rd**

NATHAN KAMERMAN  
HERMAN KATZ  
BRUCE LINZER  
DR. CHARLES COHEN

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

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Haskel Lookstein ..... Assoc. Rabbi  
A. Joseph Cohen ..... Cantor  
Israel D. Rosenberg ..... Ritual Director  
Noam Shudofsky ..... Youth Director  
Joseph Glatt ..... Exec. Director

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Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin ..... Pres., Sist.  
William Lebowitz ..... Pres. Men's Club

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles ..... 5:20  
Evening ..... 5:30

**SATURDAY, SHABBAT ZACHOR**

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

**Weekly Portion: Tetzaveh**

**Exodus 27:20-30:10**

**Deuteronomy 25:17-19**

**Haftarah: I Samuel 15:-34**

Evening ..... 5:30

**Torah Reader**

Nathan Kamernan

Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 6:10

**SUNDAY**

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

**DAILY SERVICES**

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

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**Cantors**

Philip Lerner  
Joel Ranells  
Alvin Smilow

**Sermonette**

Nancy Linzer

**Teenage Torah Reader**

Martin Rosenberg

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24-ANNIE SILVER  
24-JACOB LEVY  
24-HANS J. VOGEL  
24-ANNIE ROTHSTEIN  
24-ROCKMORE CLAYTON  
24-ESTHER FEDERMAN  
25-SIMON RUBINSTEIN  
25-ABRAHAM D. KATZ  
25-SOL FEIFER  
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25-ESTHER BLANC  
25-ISRAEL SMITH  
25-LOUIS LEFKOWITZ  
26-FANNY SALZMAN  
26-MINNIE COLIN  
26-FANNIE RICH  
27-EUGENE I. GOODSIDE  
27-HENRI UNTERMANS  
27-LEO KAHAN  
27-LIBBY PENZNER  
27-DORA R. WEISS  
27-ISAAC COHEN  
27-SAMUEL DRIBBEN  
28-BENJAMIN LEVY  
28-SARAH ROTHENSTEIN  
28-JACOB S. ADLER  
28-ROSE SIGALL  
28-ISAAC ERNST  
28-KAUFMAN ADLER

**K. J. CALENDAR**

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

Junior Girls  
Auditorium

Junior Boys  
Gymnasium

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**SUNDAY**  
**10:00 A.M.**

Park East Religious School  
Purim Assembly  
Auditorium

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**MONDAY**  
**11:00 A.M.**

Studies in the Bible  
(a class for women)

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**8:00 P.M.**

Talmud  
Advanced Hebrew

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**TUESDAY**  
**8:30 P.M.**

Am Ha Sefer Group I

**COMING EVENTS**

**Monday, March 2nd**  
Sisterhood Board Meeting

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**Tuesday, March 10th**  
**Men's Club**  
**Silver Anniversary Celebration**  
**Hotel Croydon**

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**Monday, March 16**  
Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting

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**Thursday, March 19th**  
Sisterhood Theatre Party



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