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JEWISH ART DISCUSSED AT YOUNG MARRIEDS MEETING

The Young Marrieds Group of Kehilath Jeshurun held its final regular meeting of the year last Saturday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen. Dr. Cohen is the President of the Young Marrieds Group.

The subject of the meeting was a discussion on Jewish influences in art. The discussant was a young Jewish artist by the name of Gideon Shacknai. Mr. Shacknai, who was born in Jerusalem a little over thirty years ago, is a graduate of City College and attended the Graduate School of Fine Arts and Archeology of Columbia University. He has recently become recognized as a sensitve artist whose Jewish background is quite prominent in his work.

Mr. Shacknai tried to explain how his Jewish education and family background contributes to his creative efforts. He discussed many aspects of painting and elicited a host of questions from a fine attendance of young marrieds. For close to an hour he made a clear and succinct presentation of a subject which defies clarity.

Cocktail Party to Close Season

The closing affair of the season for the Young Marrieds Group will be a Cocktail Party to be held on Saturday night, May 23rd, at 9:30 o'clock. Letters have already been sent to the members of the Group inviting them to participate in this closing affair. The members are asked to return their reservation forms to the hosts, so that the necessary plans may be made.

Dr. Cohen announced that the young marrieds would be happy to invite new couples in the community who may not yet be affiliated with the group. Those interested in attending this final affair are asked to contact the Synagogue Office.

SISTERHOOD HOLDS GALA SPRING LUNCHEON Capacity Attendance Renders Support to Wide Philanthropic Program

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood held its Annual Donor Luncheon on Wednesday, April 15th, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Park Lane Hotel. To paraphrase the popular song, "the weather outside was frightful but the luncheon was so delightful." Under the leadership of Mrs. William Lebowitz and Mrs. Samuel Gross, co-chairman, the luncheon was an outstanding success socially and financially. Artistically, the affair was a beautiful one thanks to Mrs. Meyer Texon, Chairman of Arrangements and the artistic contributions of the Feinberg Twins.

The fine hand of Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, President of the Sisterhood, was evident throughout. The special contributions of Mrs. A. Milton Brown and Mrs. Joseph Roth lent a festive character to the affair. The conclusion of all who were present was that this was the nicest luncheon in many a year.

Program

Greetings were offered by the President of the congregation, Max J. Etra and the President of the Men's Club, William Lebowitz. The invocation was pronounced by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and the only address of the day was

presented by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. The Rabbi, taking his cue from the season of the year and the colorful hats which were in full view, spoke about the meaning of optimism.

He said that while the pessimist is a worrier, the optimist is a doer. The worry of the pessimist merely produces depression while the action of the optimist results in accomplishment and progress.

The proceeds from this Donor Luncheon will make it possible for the Sisterhood to carry out its extensive philanthropic program. This program includes contributions to the Ramaz Scholarship Fund and the Park East Religious School; the support of neediest cases, the sponsoring of the weekly Kiddush after Sabbath Services; the decoration of the Synagogue Sukkah; the support of Yeshiva's Torah Leadership Seminars and many other commitments.

When a luncheon can be so enjoyable on the one hand and so productive of good works on the other hand, the Rabbi's theme of optimism can be said to have more than an intellectual significance. It is symbolic of the Sisterhood's program itself.

RESERVE THE DATE
FRIDAY EVENING MAY 22nd

for a unique program
of interest to
All Members of the Congregational Family

More information concerning this program will appear in future Bulletins

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.
"LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH AN EYE TO THE PAST"

THE WEEKLY PORTION AHARE - KEDOSHIM "Equal but Separate"

In our portion for this week, we find the verse "you shall not act in the manner of the inhabitants of the Land of Egypt in which you dwelled . . ." More than one observer has indicated that this verse alludes to the fact that when the Egyptians enslaved the Jewish People, one of the ways in which they tried to break their morale was by giving a man's job to women and a woman's job to men. It is this confusion of roles which the Torah orders us to avoid.

Living during the generation following the emancipation of women, we can singularly appreciate this judgment of Biblical commentators. There is very little doubt that most things which a man can do, a woman can do as well, if not better. In the same way, many of the things which a woman can do a man can also do. It is, however, questionable whether men and women ought to be engaged in the same type of activity.

The candidacy of a woman Senator from Maine for the Presidential nomination on the Republican ticket has brought this question to the fore anew. Assuming that the Senator from Maine could perform the functions of the Presidency in an admirable fashion, what would her position as President of the United States of America mean to the character of the American male and to the image of the American female? One need not be an Ahasuerus, who executed his wife for rebelliousness, in order to wonder what this confusion of the roles of man and woman might mean to the psyche of two hundred million Americans.

It is this thought which underlies the position taken by Traditional Judaism with respect to a woman's participation at a public service. The reason for the exclusion of women from the honor of being called to the Torah or officiating as cantor is largely Halakhic; but the legal reason itself is rooted in functional and psychological grounds.

A woman is absolved from the requirement to pray three times a day and to perform other religious commandments which are restricted to a particular time of the day because her most essential role is that of wife and mother. In that function, she cannot be tied down to a ritual schedule which might conflict with duties which are more basic and, in

The 92nd Annual Membership Meeting of the Congregation

and

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for the new building

will be held on

Sunday morning, May 10, 10:30 o'clock

at the Synagogue

Members of the Congregation are urged to inform us immediately of their participation by returning their response cards

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The Kiddush sponsors this Saturday will be Mr. and Mrs. William Lebowitz, in honor of the birth of a grandmandments.

Last week's Kiddush sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kolb, in celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

the life of her family, more important even in a religious sense. If she has the time naturally, she may, and ought to, observe most of these ritual commandments.

The important observation of Judaism on this question, is that men and woman are equal in value but separate in function. To negate the equality of the sexes is both unfair and unethical; to ignore the distinctiveness of man and women however, is both unrealistic and, psychologically unhealthy.

In musical comedy, it is good satire to have man and woman say to each other "anything you can do I can do better." In real life, such an attitude is characteristic of the corrupt life of Egypt. In introducing the subject of family integrity and health, the Torah warns us to avoid such an attitude. In the respective roles of man and woman, the judgment of the Torah is: equal, but separate.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birth -

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Abramson on the birth of a son.

May they derive much joy and happiness from him.

Birthdays -

Many happy returns of the day to Martin Klein, Elliott W. Siegel, Mrs. Joseph M. Jame, Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, Victor Wouk, Mrs. Anna L. Flax, Simon Vogel, Harry Abramson, Mrs. Sidney Flatow, Mrs. Herman Davidowitz, and Henry K. Chapman.

Welcome Back -

We were happy to have Abraham Mandel with us at services last Saturday, following his recent illness.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, April 25th

Cantors

Leonard Klein Richard Rem Joel Ranells

Sermonette Alvin Smilow Torah Reader

Bruce Linzer

RAMAZ NOTES

"Rise To The Service Of The Creator"

We are told that in Eastern Europe, the "Shamash" of the synagogue would arise early every morning and walk through the streets calling out "fellow Jews, members of a Holy People, rise to the service of the Creator." In spirit, if not in fact, that traditional cry is heard in the homes of many Ramaz High School boys every Tuesday and Thursday morning, as they prepare to attend the morning minyan at the School.

It is now two months since we inaugurated this twice a week program. We have every reason to feel gratified at the response which it has elicited from the boys in Ramaz High School. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, a fine representation of boys from the school, many of whom come from our immediate community, gather for public worship in Talis and Tephillin. We are aware of the fact that geographical conditions make it virtually impossible for a good part of the student body to be present at this Minyan. We are happy to note, however, that among those within a halfhour to three-quarters of an hour from the school, a good portion is present on a regular basis at the Minyan.

We are grateful to Lawrence A. Kobrin who has volunteered to supervise this activity together with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. Mr. Kobrin acts as the "chaperone" at the Ramaz Minyan every Tuesday morning.

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Now that the weather is warmer and the sun rises earlier, we hope that even more of the boys will make the necessary effort to come to the Tuesday morning service at 7:35 and the Thursday morning service at 7:25. After the service, of course, the boys are treated to a community breakfast which is served by a group of volunteer girls from the senior class of Ramaz High School.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, April 25, 1964

Mrs. David Joseph Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert Mrs. Oscar Perlberger Mrs. Romie Shapiro Mrs. Sam Taffet Mrs. Robert H. Zessman

MID MANHATTAN COUNCIL OF SYNAGOGUES FORMED

We are happy to announce that the Mid Manhattan Council of Orthodox Synagogues which has been in formation for the past year has now officially become an organization. It is composed of all of the major Congregations in the midtown area and it is an outgrowth of an informal organization of the rabbis of these Congregations who have been meeting monthly for almost two years.

At its last meeting the Council approved plans by the Committee on Organization and Structure for establishing an operational framework and a slate of officers was elected.

Kosher Food at World's Fair

One of the most interesting announcements made at the meeting was the news that an Exhibit by the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America will be on display at the World's Fair, together with Kosher facilities for light refreshments. The Exhibit will be found at the American-Israel Pavilion.

YOUTH CORNER

Shachar Elections Sunday, April 26

Our teenage group will hold its annual election this Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 P.M. in the Synagogue Library. The following names have been presented by the Nominations Committee:

President

Bruce Dratler Robert Pik

Vice President

Pearl Moskowitz

David Popkin

Secretary

Elaine Hyams Treasurer

Aaron Holzer

Prior to the election of officers, the membership will ratify the proposed constitution of the group. During the past year Shacher has grown to include fifty three members. Each and every member is urged to exercise his voting privilege.

HEBREW FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE

We are in receipt of a mailing from the National Hebrew Culture Council, 426 West 58th Street, New York, N. Y. 10019, which informs us that more than fifteen hundred colleges and universities now accept Hebrew for meeting entrance requirements in the field of foreign languages. Virtually every college worthy of note, including almost all the ivy-league schools, accept Hebrew in this regard.

Examinations from the New York State Board of Regents can be taken for Hebrew studied in junior and senior high school. The College Entrance Examination Board gives Achievement Tests in modern Hebrew. In every respect, then, Hebrew is now accepted as a foreign language.

It need hardly be added that for the Jewish student, the study of Hebrew offers much more than the mere knowledge of a foreign language. You will not only be able to travel in Israel in a different capacity, you will be able to live as a Jew on an entirely different spiritual level. The study of Hebrew in high school is, therefore, strongly recommended.

Further information on this, may be obtained by writing to the National Hebrew Culture Council.

THANK YOU

We express again our hearty thanks to the eight boys who read the Torah in our Synagogue this past Sabbath. The boys were given only brief notice to prepare for what amounts to the most difficult reading of all the weekly portions in the Torah.

We are grateful to the following for their cooperation and service.

Lanny Binstock Steven Gross David Herman David Kahn Alan Kalischer Robert Pik Stuart Podell Bernard Skydell

THE JEWRY BOX

WEEK OF APRIL 12th

JOSEPH JAME JACOB POUST IRWIN SHAPIRO WEEK OF APRIL 26th

MAKS BIRNBACH ARTHUR M. ROSEN NATHAN SALZMAN ABBOTT SIMON

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

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

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Cantor
Ritual Director
Youth Director
Exec. Director

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting	of	Candles	6:20
Evening			6:00

SATURDAY

Mornin	g	9:00
Junior	Congregation	10:15

Weekly Portion: Ahare - Kedoshim

Leviticus 16:1-20:27 Haftorah: Amos 9:7-15

Evening6:4	Evening		6:40
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Torah Reader

Steven Gross

Conclusion of Sabbath7:20

DAILY SERVICES

Morning7:30	D.S.T.
Sunday Morning8:30	D.S.T.
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26-BEN ZION BLACKOWITZ

27-ROSALIE LEVY

27-JEANETTE GIVNER

27-JENNIE ROEDER

27-MAX PIERMONT

27-FANNIE KORNFELD

28-ISAAC D. POPKIN

29-MARCUS ROTHENSTEIN

30-GOLDIE BAUM

May

1-MINNIE POFCHER

1-JACOB OKUN

1-MINA KLEIN

1-ROSE RUBIN

1-OLGA KRUPNIK

KOSHER BUTCHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the information of residents of our neighborhood, we list the butchers under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

Max Backer - 202 E. 87th Street -AT 9-7234.

L. Berger - 1224 Lexington Avenue - RE 7-9800.

Eugene Czeisler - 1520 York Avenue - RH 4-6488.

L. Feldman — 1355 Second Avenue - RH 4-5918.

Iser Salzman - 1279 Second Avenue - RH 4-9823.

Bernard Scheiner - 1200 Madison Avenue - AT 9-5461.

Leonard Schull - 1163 Madison Avenue — SU 7-3545.

Eli Vizel - 1547 First Avenue -RE 4-2280.

A MODERN RITUALARIUM

is located in our community at 158 West 97th Street MOnument 3-0300

K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY 3:00 P.M.

Boys Group Gymnasium

Girls Group Auditorium

5:40

Class in Ethics of the Fathers Synagogue Library

SUNDAY 1:00 P.M.

Teenage Group Meeting Synagogue Library

TUESDAY EVENING 6:15

Men's Club Executive Board Meeting Social Hall

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 4th

Sisterhood Board Meeting at the home of Mrs. Alexander Gross

SUNDAY, MAY 10th

92nd Annual Meeting Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies

MONDAY, MAY 11th

Sisterhood Closing Membership Meeting

RIVERSIDE

Memorial Chapel

76th ST. AND AMSTERDAM AVENUE ENdicott 2-6600

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