



**RAMAZ
CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES
TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 7th**

On Sunday morning, June 7th, at 11 o'clock, ceremonies will be held by the Ramaz School family, marking the setting of the cornerstone for the new school building.

The program for the morning will be in the form of a convocation, at which the Ramaz chorus will perform a number of selections. The cornerstone program itself will be held outdoors in front of the new building area. Following the ceremonies a reception will be held.

The occasion will afford an opportunity to parents and friends of Ramaz School to gather and celebrate an event for which they have hoped for many years—a new school and expanded facilities for the student body.

The Principal of the School, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, the Board of Trustees of Ramaz and the Parents Council of the School will be on hand to participate in the program.

We know that all parents and friends of Ramaz will want to take part in the historic convocation and cornerstone laying ceremonies.

**JULES PODELL LEADS IN
YEARBOOK ACTIVITY**

We are pleased to announce that our devoted member Jules Podell is again setting the pace for the yearbook campaign. Mr. Podell has already raised the handsome sum of \$7,000.00 in ads for the yearbook campaign, the proceeds of which are used for our Educational Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Podell who has always been an ardent worker for the scholarship fund serves once again this year as an inspiring example for all his co-workers in the congregation.

In the coming weeks we will inform our readers of the progress in our yearbook activity. In the meantime we wish to thank Mr. Podell for his efforts and accomplishments.

MRS. WILLIAM LEBOWITZ NEW SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

**Closing Meeting Elects Mrs. George Postel, Vice President;
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Secretary; Mrs. Jack Lieberman, Treasurer**

The closing meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood for the 1963-64 season was held on Monday, May 11th, in the social hall of the synagogue house. A fine gathering of ladies turned out for this luncheon meeting which featured elections, the induction of new members, a review of the year, and a closing talk by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, the retiring President, opened the meeting by thanking the Hospitality Committee, consisting of Mrs. Bertha Witkin, Chairman, Mrs. David Pik, Mrs. Frank Roth and Mrs. Erwin Linden, and the special hostesses for this meeting Mrs. I. B. Jacobs and Mrs. Sam Goodman.

Mrs. Samuel Gross, Co-chairman of the Donor Luncheon, reported on the splendid results of this major activity and cited for special plaudits Mrs. William Lebowitz and Mrs. Meyer Texon. Mrs. Jack Lieberman, Treasurer, delivered a financial report in which she detailed the generous contributions which the Sisterhood made during the course of the past season to the scholarship funds of Ramaz School and the Park East Religious School, to a number of "neediest cases", to scholarship funds for summer camp and to the Yeshiva University Torah Leadership Seminars.

Mrs. Popkin then announced that Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, Chairman of the Sisterhood's Federation campaign, had been appointed to the Board of the Manhattan Women's Division of Federation. Mrs. Perlberger spoke briefly about this honor. She indicated that it was a tribute not to her but to the generosity of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood, which this year raised more

than \$6,000 for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. The closing report was delivered by Mrs. Joseph Roth, Chairman of the Neediest Cases Fund, who outlined some of the projects in which the Sisterhood was involved during the past season in this area.

14 New Members Inducted

Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Chairman of the Membership Committee, then presented fourteen new members for induction into the ranks of the Sisterhood. Most of the new inductees were present for this ceremony and each received a commemorative corsage for the occasion. Mrs. Lookstein was assisted in this ceremony by Mrs. Arthur Silver, who herself was an inductee last May.

The names of the new members of the Sisterhood are:

Mrs. Max Belsky
Mrs. Arthur T. Bernstein
Mrs. Ethel Braten
Mrs. Samuel Cohen
Mrs. Florence S. Cooper
Mrs. Joseph Golding
Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith
Mrs. Jack Kurzweil
Mrs. Samuel Lerner
Mrs. Abe Newborn
Mrs. Louis Orwasher
Mrs. Leon Spilky
Mrs. Samuel Weiss
Mrs. Albert Zuch

Mrs. Popkin next delivered the annual President's report to the membership. She thanked all the committee chairmen for their leadership in the various activities of the Sisterhood, and she expressed her personal gratitude to the membership for its sup-

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Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.

"TO BE SURE, THE JEWS ARE DIFFERENT"

A Respectful Dissent from my old Professor MacIver

THE WEEKLY PORTION BEHAALOTECHA

"Be Exceedingly Modest"

Maimonides, in that part of his code of law dealing with the Laws of Ethics, indicates that Judaism requires of man a median existence in terms of ethical qualities. For example, the two extremes of the spendthrift and the abstemious person should be shunned in favor of the middle way—generosity in accordance with one's means. The extremes of the levantine and the ascetic should be avoided in favor of the middle way of happiness. The extremes of stubbornness and indecisiveness should be eschewed in favor of the middle way of persistence combined with flexibility.

While we all recognize this admonition as conforming to the principle of the Aristotelian mean, Maimonides, who was greatly influenced by this Greek philosopher, nevertheless bases his conclusion upon Scripture and Talmud. He considers life conducted in such a median manner to be a fulfillment of the Torah's command, "And thou shall walk in His ways."

There are, however, certain ethical qualities concerning which Maimonides advocates a position of extremism. One of these is the tendency to become angry. Maimonides cautions against resorting to anger except in the most unusual circumstances. Another quality which should be adopted in the extreme is that of modesty. It is not enough for a man to be modest; he must also be self-effacing and self-sacrificing.

The source for this last conclusion is in our portion for this week where the Bible says of Moses, "The man Moses was extremely modest; more so than any other man on the face of the earth." We are bidden to follow the ways of the righteous which the Talmud describes as follows: "They suffer shame but do not embarrass others; they listen to abuse without returning it . . ." It is upon such a man that the Talmud says God's spirit rests. He must be heroic, of substance, and wise; but, in addition, he must also be exceedingly modest.

This is why the sin of gossip perpetrated by Miriam in speaking disparagingly of Moses' wife was so serious. She was taking advantage of a man who, because of ethical principles, could not fight back against this slander. On the contrary, it was Moses who prayed for forgiveness for

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port. Retiring from the Presidency after three years gave her an opportunity, she said, to look back with satisfaction over her tenure in office. In her own characteristically modest fashion, the President said, "The Sisterhood has given me more than I have given to it," a noble sentiment from a most dedicated and creative leader.

Mrs. Meyer Texon, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented to the outgoing President a beautiful silver bowl as a token of the esteem, affection and gratitude of the Sisterhood.

Mrs. Texon, speaking for herself and for Mrs. Kirshon and Mrs. Silberman, Co-chairmen of the Nominating Committee, then nominated Mrs. Jack Lieberman and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein for a second term as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Both ladies were warmly received by the members.

Mrs. Texon then nominated for the office of Vice-President, Mrs. George Postel, a lady of exceptional talent and ability, who no doubt will contribute much to the program of the Sisterhood in the years to come. She, too, was enthusiastically received by the members.

Mrs. Texon then placed in nomination the name of Mrs. William Lebowitz, past Vice-President of the Sisterhood, as the new President for 1964-65. Mrs. Lebowitz, who has won the admiration of all the members for her organizational ability, progressive ideas and general competence, was elected by acclamation.

The new President spoke briefly about being catapulted into the driver's seat in "Hertz-like" fashion to steer the Sisterhood for the coming year. She expressed the collective hope of all the officers that they would lead the organization to new heights of achievement. We might add, parenthetically, that we expect greater cooperation than usual between the Men's Club and the Sisterhood next year inasmuch as the offices of President and Treasurer in both groups are shared by the wife

Miriam, and healing for her disease, despite her act of indiscretion.

This is a supreme standard for human behavior. It may be well beyond our reach but there is nothing to be lost in striving to attain it and much to be gained by approaching it.

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and husband of the Lebowitz family and the Lieberman family. Truly, we can look forward, as never before, to the utmost in togetherness between these two congregational affiliates.

The highlight of the program was Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein's talk on the general subject "Talking to One's Self." He was introduced with particular eloquence by the Program Chairman, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, who quoted from Ecclesiastes to indicate that "there is a season for everything under the heavens." In the case of the Rabbi and the Sisterhood, the season has always been the first meeting of the year and the closing one. Continuing with her Biblical theme, Mrs. Silberman quoted as follows: "There is a time for silence and a time to speak." Considering the difficulty in properly introducing the Rabbi, it would appear that it is my time to be silent and the Rabbi's to speak."

After recovering from this exceptional introduction, the Rabbi spoke of people who speak cynically to themselves, saying, in effect, "What's the use?" or "Everything is finished." Such talk, he said, is worse than physical suicide. It is mental suicide and there are many such people who walk this earth while mentally deceased.

On the other hand, he continued, there is the talk to one's self that is healthy. There is the internal persuasion of a Helen Keller, or of a Beethoven who, after being afflicted with deafness, said to himself: "I'll seize faith by the throat." There is the courage and fortitude exhibited by an F.D.R. who, after paralysis, talked himself into the leadership of a nation in its most perilous hour.

The Rabbi wished the ladies of the Sisterhood well for the summer season and he advised them to begin the practice of periodically having a healthy and hearty talk with themselves whenever necessary.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1964

Mrs. Helen F. Dayton
Mrs. Ida Golub Kitay
Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky
Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg
Mrs. Meyer Texon

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birth —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. J. William Rosenbluth on the birth of a daughter to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Spencer Sherman, of Oakland, California.

May the family derive much "nachas" from the new-born at all times.

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Elgin Shulsky, Mrs. Abraham Silver, Mrs. Reuben Westerman, Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Alexander Kommel, Abraham Mandel, Adolph Schenker, and Gerald M. Goldstein.

Marriage —

We extend our hearty congratulations to Miss Linda Behr, a devoted member of the Synagogue Office staff upon her marriage last week to Mr. Marvin C. Teicher.

We congratulate the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Behr and Mr. Isidore Teicher and wish them much "nachas" from the young people.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kotimsky, Dr. and Mrs. Norman V. Balinson, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heyman, and Dr. and Mrs. Norman B. Javitt.

Congratulations —

We extend our congratulations to our esteemed Vice-President, Mr. Joseph Roth and Mrs. Roth, upon the election of their son Walter to the office of President of the Shelter Rock Jewish Center.

We wish him success in discharging his responsibilities of congregational leadership in that young community.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman on the recent publication of an excellent volume entitled "Crisis in Black and White", authored by her son, Charles E. Silberman, an editor of Fortune magazine. The book has already been reviewed enthusiastically in several literary journals. We are happy to congratulate Mrs. Silberman on her son's "first fruits."



The Rabbis, Officers and members of the Board of Trustees of the Congregation are shown prior to the Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies and Annual Meeting, on May 10th.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION SATURDAY, MAY 30

Cantor

Richard Rem
Alvin Smilow
Lewis Trencher

Sermonette

Samuel Blumenthal

Teenage Torah Reader

Richard Etra

The elected officers for the month of Sivan are:

President — Roger Oppenheimer
Vice President — Joseph Low
Gabbai — Jonathan Javitt

SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES FUND

We acknowledge with thanks, contributions to the Sisterhood's Neediest Cases Fund from Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann and Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody.

Contributions to this Fund should be sent to the Chairman of the Fund, Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue.

PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Closing Assembly, Sunday, May 31st

The Park East Religious School will hold its Closing Assembly and Graduation Exercises on Sunday, May 31st at 11 o'clock in the Auditorium. An original Cantata entitled, "Sing A Song of Freedom" will be presented by the school chorus. Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz will be honored for her twenty years of dedicated service as a teacher and educator in our community. Parents and friends of the Park East Religious School are cordially invited.

Graduates

Elaine Schwartz Susan Schwartz

Talmud Torah Honor Roll

Aleph Class

Jessica Bloom Wayne Kadis
Leslie Gruss Thomas Teicholtz

Beth Class

Joan Bermar Eric Wachtel
Eric Kaufman

Gimel Class

Barbara Briggs Richard Taffet
Philip Shultz

Hey Class

Richard Gelfand Brenda Gruss
Iris Greenbaum

Registration Open For New School Year

We are accepting registration now for the Fall Semester. In order to insure proper classification enroll your child NOW.

If you have a friend or neighbor whose children are of Hebrew school age, please let us know. A school brochure is available on request.

THE JEWRY BOX

WEEK OF MAY 17th

HERMAN SMILOW
SAM TAFFET
NATHAN GOLDSMITH
BENJAMIN GOTTESMAN

WEEK OF MAY 31

NORMAN A. SHUTMAN
LEON SIGALL

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Joseph H. Lookstein	Rabbi
Haskel Lookstein	Assoc. Rabbi
A. Joseph Cohen	Cantor
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Noam Shudofsky	Youth Director
Joseph Glatt	Exec. Director

Officers of the Congregation

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

*Evening 6:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion,**Behaalotecha**

Numbers 8:1-12:16

Haftarah: Zecharia 2:14-4:7

Evening 8:10
Conclusion of Sabbath 8:50

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 6:00

*Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the sabbath at 6:30 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

CONDOLENCES

With sorrow we record the sudden and untimely passing of Dan Schacter. The deceased was the dear son of our esteemed member, Mrs. Martha Schacter, the beloved son-in-law of Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein and brother-in-law of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.

The entire Kehilath Jeshurun family mourns the loss and extends to all the bereaved their sincerest expressions of sympathy.

YOUTH CORNER**Leftovers from the Final Cultural Luncheon**

Once again the Shabbat Afternoon Youth Forum proved an overwhelming success. Close to 60 teenagers took part in an intensive afternoon discussion which analyzed the mores, practices, and principles of the American Jewish adolescent. Harriet Garfinkel, Steven Gross, Florence Kalischer, and Stuart Podell served as panelists.

Officers Inducted

The following members of the Youth Group were inducted:

Officers

Honorary President, Don Etra
President, Robert Pik
Vice President, Pearl Moskowitz
Secretary, Elaine Hyams
Treasurer, Aaron Holzer

Board Members

Cutural Committee, David Herman
Co-Chairman, David Kahn
Social Committee, Marvin Wolf
Co-Chairman, Miriam Bryks
EZRA (Social Service), Bruce Dratler
Newspaper, Steven Silverblatt
Sports, David Popkin
Communications, Rochelle Jadek
Co-Chairman, Barbara Spilky

In his acceptance speech, Robert Pik promised to faithfully follow the pattern of intensive cultural programming. We wish him, the other officers, and Board Members continued success in all of their endeavors.

YAHREZITS**May**

30—HARRY KATZ
30—ANNA LEBOWITZ
30—JAMES LEVY
30—ROSE SARAH LIEBERMAN
30—DORA KATZ
30—LOUIS LEIFERT
31—MICHAEL KURZROK
31—IDA AVRON

June

1—BENJAMIN JACOBY
2—AARON KURTZ
2—SARA ELKON
3—STANLEY R BROFF
3—FANNY CUKOR
5—MAX RAFSKY
5—LOUIS SIEGEL
5—ARTHUR T. BERNSTEIN

Junior Congregation News

This year has proven to be the finest in the history of our Junior Congregation. Our young people have met 48 times in prayer and worship, on holidays and Sabbaths during the 1963-64 school year. The Junior Congregation is composed of Ramaz and Park East Religious School students. Services are conducted by the members themselves. They serve as Cantors, Torah Readers, and Sermonizers.

This year 43 Junior Congregation members have been singled out for their outstanding attendance record. They have been invited to attend, as guests of the Synagogue, the Baseball double header which takes place between the Mets and the Dodgers at Shea Stadium on Sunday, June 7th.

We are happy to list below, the names of the youngsters who, by their regular attendance, have earned the special treat.

Arthur Aizer	Melanie Klein
Claude Alpert	Philip Lerner
Kenneth Barany	Simon Lerner
Craig Barany	Gail Linden
Marvin Binstock	Nancy Linzer
Jonathan Bloom	Joseph Low
George Blumenthal	Naomi Markson
Celia Blumenthal	Sidney Moskowitz
Samuel Blumenthal	Peter Oppenheimer
Pearl Borger	Roger Oppenheimer
Naomi Fink	Joel Ranells
Samuel Friedman	William Recant
Richard Gelfand	Richard Rem
Brenda Gruss	Binyamin Shudofsky
Nicky Gura	Alvin Smilow
Leslie Helprin	Marilyn Smilow
David Hostyk	Charles Sub
Michael Jaspan	Elliot Taffet
Jonathan Javitt	Richard Taffet
Richard Kahn	Lewis Trencher
Francine Klein	Janie Trencher
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