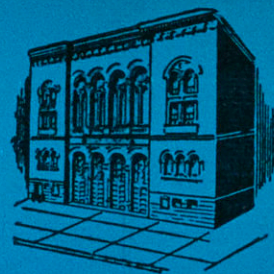


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Capacity Audience Hears Bennett Gershman at Men's Club Meeting

An unforgettable evening was presented last Tuesday by the Men's Club of the congregation. Close to two hundred men and women filled the social hall to virtual capacity to hear Bennett Gershman speak on "Ten Weeks in Mississippi."

To try to recapture the spirit of the evening would be a vain effort. Suffice it to say that the listeners sat in rapt attention for about three quarters of an hour as Bennett gave his impressions and reactions to a summer's work in behalf of COFO in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Our young speaker spoke in a subdued fashion about an explosive and emotionally charged subject. At the conclusion of his address there was an audible sign of relief as the tension was suddenly dissipated and a moment of relaxation was at hand.

Throughout his talk, Bennett showed the insight, the sensitivity, the humility, and the courage which made his summer's work possible. He showed himself to be worthy of the tribute paid to him and his colleagues by Grenville Clark: "They have proved that in the midst of much callousness and apathy there still burns in our nation the light of devotion to all that is best in the American dream."

Rabbi Lookstein's Tribute

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein echoed the sentiments of all present when he spoke glowingly of the work performed by Bennett and his concrete concern with the persecution of the Negro. He said that such concern was a manifestation of the teachings of Judaism and an outpouring of the natural love which is resident within all human beings.

Those who were witness to this evening left with a new insight into the most vexing social problem which faces our country today. They also gained a new appreciation of a young man who was raised in our congregation and Ramaz and who has begun to

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The K. J. Sisterhood

takes pleasure in inviting its members,
and their friends to the

Opening Meeting of the Season

which will be held
this Monday afternoon, October 26th, at 1:00 o'clock

*Versailles Suite
Croydon Hotel
12 East 86th Street*

— Speaker —

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

— Topic —

"Goals for a Sisterhood and Guidelines for its Members"

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Tea and cake will be served

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock
"THE MORAL CLIMATE OF AMERICA"
A Religious Commentary

THE WEEKLY PORTION

VAYERA

"The Art of Entertaining"

The first eight verses of our portion for this week tell the story of Abraham's hospitality. A simple summary of the verses will demonstrate the example of love, compassion and empathy which the first Jew has set for his descendants.

Abraham, sitting at the door of his tent in the noonday sun, sees three desert travellers out on the road. Running to greet them, he pleads with them not to pass by his home without some light refreshment and some small comforts. Having persuaded them to tarry, he joins his wife and his staff in preparing an elaborate table for the travellers and he stands over them while they eat, to serve them and care for their every need.

The sages of the Talmud were particularly seized by this display of warm hospitality. They highlight several aspects which can be seen between the lines of the Biblical text.

1. Abraham was not in a good frame of mind for entertaining that day. The heat was unbearable and he was himself recuperating from his recent circumcision. As a matter of fact, God, we are told, made the day extra hot in order to deter travellers so as not to impose upon Abraham. Nevertheless, the patriarch was moved to respond to the needs of fellow human beings.

2. Like the righteous man that he was, Abraham was short on promises and long on deeds. He promised: "I will get a piece of bread for you"; but, actually, "he ran to the flock." He brought them to the house, as it were, just for Kiddush, but he served them a sumptuous meal.

3. Abraham did not know the exalted status of these travellers. He thought them to be nomadic Arabs. It is hardly an act of hospitality to invite an influential person to one's home — for, in fact, it is the guest who is then performing the good deed. The act of hospitality is evident when there is nothing to be gained from one's entertainment — except a mitzvah.

In an age when we are all very "entertainment" conscious, whether such entertaining is deductible, socially productive, status enhancing, or professionally warranted, it is desirable to have before our eyes the vision of

AN INVITATION TO READING

The description Am HaSefer — the People of the Book — characterizes the Jewish People because of its devotion to the Torah — the Book — and because of its passion for studying the written word. In keeping with that tradition, the Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute offers the Am HaSefer Program to a select group of discerning men and women in our congregational family.

Our version of the "Jewish Book of the Month Club" works as follows: A "participant" joins one of two groups, each of which meets four times a year, to discuss a particular book read by the members of the group. Meetings are held at intervals of six weeks, in order to give the members ample time to complete the reading.

Group I

Group I is for women only and will meet on four mornings or early afternoons (depending upon the group's preference) during the year. The four books to be read by this group are as follows:

1. **This Is My God**
by Herman Wouk
2. **The Town Beyond The Wall**
by Ellie Wiesel
3. **As A Driven Leaf**
by Milton Steinberg
4. **Life Is With People**
by Zborowski and Herzog

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Gertrude Breiner, Herman Davidowitz, David Joseph, Mrs. Alex Lichtman, Mrs. Jack Perlberger, Mrs. Irving I. Schnur, Mrs. Robert Wallach, Mrs. Maurice Wegier, and Mrs. Frederick Zuckerman.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kommel, Mr. and Mrs. Murray J. Schlusel, and Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon.

Group II

Group II is for both men and women. It will meet on four Tuesday evenings during the year. The selections to be read by this group are as follows:

1. **I Cannot Forgive**
by Vrba and Bestic
2. **Judaism and Modern Man**
by Will Herberg
3. **Anti-Semitism**
by Jean Paul Sartre
Europe and the Jews
by Malcolm Hay
4. **Confrontation**
by Joseph B. Soloveitchik

Descriptions of these books may be found in our Adult Institute Brochure. Extra copies may be obtained from the synagogue office.

To enroll in either of the groups please use the form on this page.

Please enroll me in the following groups of the Am Hasefer Program.

..... Group I (for women only)

..... preferred day..... preferred time.....

..... Group II

..... Name.....

..... Address

an Abraham who extends hospitality solely of altruistic and humane motives.

It is not surprising that our sages infer from this portion that such hospitality is of even greater consequence than the greeting of the Divine Presence.

H. L.

YOUTH CORNER

Stuart Podell has been appointed to serve as leader of the Intermediate Boys' Group, which will meet each and every Saturday afternoon. The first meeting takes place this Saturday, October 24th at 2 o'clock in the Social Hall. Membership in this group is open to boys who are in the 8th grade.

MEN'S CLUB

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represent in action some of the noble principles and standards for which Kehilath Jeshurun stands.

For your information we list below the Schedule of our Men's Club Program for the season.

Tuesday, November 10th

Guest Speaker

Himan Brown

Rescue Work Behind the Iron Curtain

Friday, November 27th

Collegiate Oneg Shabbat

Sponsored with Sisterhood

Thursday, December 3rd

Chanukah Meeting with Sisterhood

Guest Speaker

Charles Silberman

"Crisis in Black and White"

Tuesday, January 12th

Twenty-Sixth Annual Dinner

A CALL FOR LATE REGISTRANTS

Did you miss the first sessions of our Adult Institute classes during the past week? It is still not too late to take advantage of our educational offerings.

Why not come down to one or more classes during the coming week. A full listing of the courses appears as part of the K. J. Calendar on page 4. May we remind you of the admonition in the Ethics of the Fathers: "Do not say when I have the time I shall study, lest you never have the time."

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**The JEC's Silver Anniversary**

We are happy to pay tribute to the Jewish Education Committee of New York City on its 25th anniversary.

The JEC has done more than any other single agency to foster Jewish education in our community. It serves over 700 Jewish schools and over 150,000 pupils. It establishes curricula, raises school standards, offers consultation, publishes the World Over Magazine, a Junior Hebrew Library (now comprising 45 titles), and issues teaching and learning materials.

The JEC's spacious quarters at 426 W. 58th St. is a Jewish landmark in the city. The building houses the nerve center of a vibrant educational system reaching into every synagogue and home.

AN OLD FEATURE AND A NEW ONE

By popular request we are resuming with this week's issue of the Bulletin the weekly feature "Headlines of Jewish Interest" in which we will endeavor to bring to the attention of our readers news of Jewish affairs which might not be available to them in the daily papers.

Beginning with this issue we are also inaugurating a new feature: "From the Bookshelf". In this column we will print excerpts from classical and modern Jewish works which we feel may be of interest to our readers. We will be happy to consider excerpts which our readers will suggest from their own reading.

We would appreciate your comments on these features as well as your suggestions for other ways to make the Bulletin increasingly useful to our congregational family.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

"Every Israelite is under an obligation to study Torah, whether he is poor or rich, in sound health or ailing, in the vigour of youth or very old and feeble. Even a man so poor that he is maintained by charity or goes begging from door to door, as also a man with a wife and children to support, are under the obligation to set aside a definite period during the day and at night for the study of the Torah, as it is said 'But thou shalt meditate therein day and night' (Joshua 1:8) . . .

Until what period in life ought one to study Torah? Until the day of one's death, as it said, 'And lest they (the precepts) depart from thy heart all the days of thy life' (Deut. 4:9). Whenever one ceases to study, one forgets."

(Maimonides' "Book of Knowledge, Laws of Torah Study, Chapter 1, paragraphs 8, 10. Translation by Moses Hyamson.)

**HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST****U.S.—Israel Desalination Project.**

President Johnson issued the following statement last week-end about the Desalination Program of the United States and Israel:

"I am pleased to announce that the Governments of the United States and Israel have agreed to a second step toward the solution of Israel's critical water needs. The first step was taken last June, when Prime Minister Eshkol and I established a joint United States—Israel study team to conduct technical services. These have already been completed."

"Now we have agreed that our Governments will share equally in the costs of a detailed engineering study for a large water desalting project to meet Israel's present demands for more fresh water. Both Governments will promptly issue invitations to American engineering consulting firms to participate in the second step. A joint board, with each Government equally represented, will assist in making the selection and will oversee the effort."

Goldwater Takes Stand on Middle East

Sen. Barry Goldwater, the Republican nominee for President, said in an interview with the Jewish News, of Detroit, that he favored a review of United States immigration laws and a review of United States foreign aid to nations "such as Egypt" whose "commitment to the free world is dubious."

The senator stated his positions in a statement mailed to the Jewish weekly, in reply to a series of questions from Editor-Publisher-Philip Slomovitz, sent to the senator on July 20. He did not reply to one of the four questions, which asked his position on United States ratification of the United Nations Genocide convention.

Young People — 9th to 12th grades — are cordially invited
to attend the First Social of the year

Sponsored by — *"Shachar"* — The K. J. Teenage Group

Saturday, October 24th, 8:30 P.M., in the Social Hall

Music by "Marty & The Escorts", Refreshments

Dance Contest & Entertainment

Members \$75

— **Bring Your Friends** —

Guest \$1.00

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
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Elgin Shulsky Treasurer
Irwin Shapiro Secretary
Mrs. William Lebowitz Pres., Sist.
William Lebowitz Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles 5:45
Evening 5:45

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion: Vayera**Genesis 18:1-22:24****Haftorah: II Kings 4:1-37**

Evening 5:50
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:35

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30 EST.*
Sunday Morning 8:30 EST.
Evening 4:45 EST.

*Please note that beginning with Sunday morning, all times listed are Eastern Standard Time.

RIVERSIDE

Memorial Chapel

76th ST. AND AMSTERDAM AVENUE

ENdicott 2-6600

CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Director

YAHREZITS**October**

24—WILLIAM ETRA
25—JULIUS ZESSMAN
26—LAZAR WOHL
26—MAX SCHNEIDER
27—LILLIAN ROTHSTEIN
27—SIMON GROSS
27—MARGUERITE POPKIN
27—MAX LOORY
28—WILLIAM KIRSHON
28—ISRAEL J. KAY
28—ISAAC SCHLUSSEL
28—SARAH SILVERMAN
29—MARCUS SCHUMAN
29—SAMUEL FEINER
29—KREINE FISHEL
29—OSHER LITWINS
29—ISIDOR ETRA
29—MAYER GROSSMAN
30—MORRIS D. EICHLER
30—ALBERT LEVEY

**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.

**SISTERHOOD
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES****Saturday, October 24th**

Mrs. Hyman Abrams
Mrs. Jacob H. Alpert
Mrs. Myron M. Bogdonoff
Mrs. Sam Bucher
Mrs. James Clark

K. J. CALENDAR**THIS WEEK****SATURDAY, 2:00 P.M.**

Intermediate Boys' Group
Social Hall

3:00

Junior Boys' Group
Social Hall

Junior Girls' Group
Room 301

Intermediate Girls' Group
Synagogue Library

8:30 P.M.

Teenage Dance
Social Hall

MONDAY, 1:00 P.M.

Sisterhood Open Meeting
Versailles Suite
Croydon Hotel

8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Advanced Hebrew

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

Beginner's Hebrew
Customs and Ceremonies
Maimonides' Code
Cantillation

9:00 P.M.

Jewish History Lecture
— Lecturer —

Dr. Irving Agus**COMING EVENTS****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd**

Teenage Cultural Luncheon

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

Sisterhood Board Meeting

A MODERN RITUALARIUM

is located in our community

at 158 West 97th Street

MOnumment 3-0300