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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ATTEND ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES Morning and Evening Beginners Hebrew Classes Organized Enrollment in Courses Stands at 180

YOUNG MARRIEDS HEAR RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

The first Young Marrieds meeting of the year was held on Saturday night October 17th at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein. Twenty couples attended the meeting including several new couples in our neighborhood.

The guests for the evening were Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein who thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet the members of the Young Marrieds Group and to join in the enthusiasm of the evening. Dr. Charles I. Cohen, Chairman of the Group presided.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein spoke to the group on the inside story of world Jewry's efforts in connection with the Schema on the Jews and Non-Christians which is before the Ecumenical Council. He supplied many details about work that was going on behind the scenes which helped the group to understand the complex political problems associated with the Schema.

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky on Saturday night, December 5th. Full details will reach the members of the group by letter during the coming week.

If there are young couples in the community who would like to become part of this group, they are asked to communicate with the synagogue office or with Dr. Charles I. Cohen, at 5 West 86th Street.

The results from Adult Education Week, which marked the formal opening of classes in the Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute, are most gratifying from a variety of standpoints.

Our enrollment figures for the first week of classes now are as follows: 120 students are enrolled for at least one course. Inasmuch as many of the students are attending more than one course, the total figure for the enrollment in all the courses has reached 180. These two figures almost equal our record enrollment for last year. With the expected addition of students over the next several weeks we hope to be able to surpass our achievements of last year.

Highlights for the first week of classes

The Monday morning Bible Class opened with twenty-four women in attendance and several more who registered in advance but could not be present for our first session. The Wednesday evening course in Maimonides' Code of Law now has a registration of thirty students. The class in Readings for Customs and Ceremonies has an even dozen registrants who are enthusiastic about the syllabus which we are offering.

For the first time in our history we are offering two classes for those who wish to begin the study of Hebrew. The regular Wednesday evening class is being taught by Mrs. Charles Cohen and our new Monday class at 10 o'clock is being taught by Mrs. Noam Shudofsky. Both classes will still accept registrants for the next week's sessions.

No one who is in a position to benefit from such a class ought to pass up

this opportunity. It may very well be that we will not be able to offer a class in the future for lack of "beginners".

The highlight of the week was, of course, Professor Irving Agus' Jewish History Lecture which brought sixty-three students to the social hall at 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening. Many of them were repeaters from last year; some were new students who had heard of the splendid results of this lecture program and wanted to be part of it this year.

There Is Still Time

If you have not as yet attended one of our Adult Institute classes this year, why not come down and see for yourself what we offer. We are confident that you will be gratified with the course of your choice and we will appreciate the support which you will be rendering to our program of Adult Education.

RAMAZ DINNER DANCE TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965

We are very pleased to announce that the Ramaz School Dinner Dance will be held Sunday evening, January 17, 1965. The event, which is one of the most beautiful functions of the year, will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria.

There is always a goodly representation of Kehilath Jeshurun members at this function. We are, therefore, giving advance notice to the Kehilath Jeshurun family, in order that they may reserve the date.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock "HOW I INTEND TO VOTE—A RABBI'S NON-POLITICAL CONFESSIONS"

THE WEEKLY PORTION HAYE SARAH

"A Religious Attitude Toward Burial"

"After that, Abraham buried his wife Sarah . . ." With this verse, the Bible, in our Portion for this week, concludes a description of the burial of Sarah by her husband, Abraham. The essence of that description could best be summed up by the words "personal involvement." This involvement began with Abraham arranging for the purchase of a proper burial plot for Sarah. It concluded with Abraham's personal effort in burying the remains of his life's companion.

An orthodox rabbi is frequently asked why he requests that the family at a funeral remain at the graveside while the grave is filled in. Many have become accustomed to an American innovation - according to Jessica Mitford it is unheard of outstide of America - to have the coffin lowered just beneath ground level and then to have an imitation grass blanket placed over it while the rabbi conducts the burial service. Because of the widespread acceptance of this impersonal treatment of the departed, the practice of filling in the grave while the family and friends stand by has been ridiculed as "barbaric."

In truth, it is the innovation which has traces of barbarism. To leave the graveside without being sure that a loved has been buried in a proper and dignified manner is to unwittingly repudiate a moral responsibility to the departed one. The personal involvement of Abraham in the burial of his wife stands in stark contrast to the impersonal, professional and almost cavalier practices which have been foisted upon well meaning relatives and friends without their full understanding of the human values involved.

Judaism is most explicit on this point. We all know that a Priest is forbidden to come in contact with the deceased. When, however, the deceased is one of the seven relatives for whom mourning is mandatory, the Priest must "defile" himself by his personal participation in the burial.

From the point of view of psychology — which encourages man to face reality unflinchingly — and from the point of view of morality and religion, the practice of Abraham which is the accepted norm for Jews all over the world should become the universal model for American Jewry as well.

Ramaz Graduate Greeted by President Johnson



Henry Sobel, a graduate of Ramaz High School in 1961, is shown above being greeted by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Henry, who is a Senior at Yeshiva University, represented that school at a reception for student representatives of 200 universities across the nation.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays -

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Jules Gourary, Mrs. Gordon Heller and Richard N. Stadin.

Anniversaries -

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart D. Perlman.

Congratulations —

We congratulate Warren Brown upon his election as President of the Art Material Club. The club is the trade organization of the art material manufacturers and distributors.

Condolence -

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member, Jules Gourary, the beloved father of our devoted member, Paul Gourary. To his dear wife and to all the members of the bereaved family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

May the family be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES SATURDAY,OCTOBER 31st

Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert Mrs. Robert H. Zessman Mrs. Sam Taffet

THE JEWRY BOX

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18th

NATHAN GOLDSMITH HARRY HEYMAN ABRAHAM R. KIRSHON REUBEN WESTERMAN

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1st

HENRY K. CHAPMAN DR. NORMAN BALINSON JERRY COAN

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES RESERVATION FORM
Name
(Please print)
Address
Age School Attending Grade
Please mail to Mr. Shudofsky at the Synagogue Office

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REACH NEW HEIGHTS

Under the leadership of our Youth Director, Mr. Noam Shudofsky, the Youth Activities Program of the congregation has developed a pattern of intensive activity that has opened vast vistas of expression for our young people. The program offers the preadolescent and the teenagers a fourfold religious, cultural, social and recreational structure of activity. In addition, a number of our outstanding youth have been trained as group leaders.

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We are proud of the fact that the past year has shown a continued growth in the number of participants and in the various types of programming that have been put into effect. To date, 138 youngsters have enrolled as members in the various groups that meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

On this page you will find a description of the various groups whose sessions have begun. If you know of a youngster who conforms to the age of one of them, please send in his name and address to the Synagogue Office. We will be happy to invite him to participate. For this purpose you may use the form provided on page 2.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

The Junior Congregation, which began its sessions just before the High Holy Days, has come through its initial meetings strengthened and invigorated for the year ahead.

We urge all parents of children between the ages of 8 and 12 to impress upon their children the need to attend these services, As pleasurable as it is for a father and mother to sit with a son or daughter in the Main Synagogue, it is in most cases an inadequate substitute for a Junior Congregation service which has meaning for the child and in which the child can participate as an equal with other worshippers. The Junior Congregation members serve as Cantors, Torah Readers, Sermonizers and responsive readers.

See that your child attends these services regularly. Encourage him to arrive before 10:15 at which time the Junior Congregation begins in the chapel. The Junior Congregation has a Kiddush every Sabbath which, quite frankly, is far more enticing than that enjoyed by the main congregation. Needless to say, however, it is open only to the children.

JUNIOR GROUPS

The boys' and girls' Pre-Teen Groups meet each and every Saturday afternoon. Their Oneg Shabbat Program includes discussions, games, Sabbath Zemirot, Israeli dancing and refreshments. Robert Pik and Aaron Holzer serve as leaders of the Boys' Group. Pearl Moskowitz is the leader of the Girls' Group. Membership is open to boys and girls 9 to 12 years of age.

INTERMEDIATE GROUPS

Two new intermediate groups have been organized for pre-adolescents. Stuart Podell serves as the leader of our Eighth Grade Boys' Group. Vivian Pik has been appointed as leader of the Seventh and Eighth Grades Girls' Group. These groups meet for an Oneg Shabbat program each Saturday afternoon.

SHACHAR - TEENAGE GROUP

Our Teenage Group is composed of high school students from the 9th through 12th grades. To date, these young people have already held their First Cultural Luncheon, attended a Folk Concert, and have thoroughly enjoyed their First Social.

One Hundred and Fifty Teenagers took part in the opening social event of the year this past Saturday night. The large attendance concretely proved the growing attraction of our Teenage Programming to the adolescents around us. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jules M. Sax who served as chaperons.

Second Cultural Luncheon — November 7th

David Herman, Cultural Chairman, informs us that Bennett Gershman will speak on "Ten Weeks in Mississippi" at the Second Cultural Luncheon which will be held Saturday, November 7th following Kiddush in the Social Hall. Following his presentation, there will be a question and answer period. Our young people have shown keen insight and knowledge in previous dialogues that have centered around topical themes. Reservations for this Luncheon are open to members only, and may be made with the Youth Office.



HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

"Britain Puts Out Mat for Nasser"

The above headline from the London Daily Mail is indicative of a new trend in Great Britain's relations with Nasser. Stressing that he did not wish to change England's support for Israel, the new Foreign Secretary of the British Labor Government, Patrick Gordon Walker, indicated that England desires the improvement of relations with Nasser and with other Arab rulers.

In its Middle East efforts, the Labor Government has one great advantage, he added. It is not the Government of Suez and it does not expect to carry that very great burden in terms of its relations with the Arab States. The Daily Mail suggested that Nasser might possibly be invited to visit Great Britain by the new Government.

Yeshiva Receives Federal and Private

The National Institute of Health has made a grant of almost \$5 million dollars to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University for a center of research in Mental Retardation, the first of its type in the Eastern United States.

A gift of \$1 million dollars has been made by Henry Kalman, a prominent New York businessman and Jewish leader, to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine for the establishment of an Institute for Cancer research. The Institute will occupy a floor in the new Health Research Center now being completed on the campus of Einstein College.

Bar-Ilan Student Body Rises 30%

Matityahu Adler, the Director General of Bar-Ilan University who is now in New York for a meeting of the University's Global Board of Governors, reported that the student body at Bar-Ilan has increased this year by 30 per cent to 1500 students. The University was forced to deny admission to some 500 qualified candidates because of lack of space.

For this academic year two new buildings for Physics and Sociology were completed. There are four additional buildings scheduled for completion next year. Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun 125 East 85th Street New York 28, N. Y. SAcramento 2-0800

Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein	Rabbi
	Assoc. Rabbi
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Israel D. Rosenberg	Ritual Director
Noam Shudofsky	Youth Director
Joseph Glatt	Exec. Director

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting	of	Candles	4:35
Evening			4:45

SATURDAY

Mornin	g	9:00
	Congregation	10:15

Weekly Portion: Haye Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18 Haftorah: I Kings 1:1-31

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS:

Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on Thursday, November 5th and Friday November 6th.

Evening			4:40
Conclusion	of	Sabbath	5:25

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	8:30
Evening	4:40

JUNIOR CONGREGATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1964

Cantors

Arthur Aizer Samuel Friedman Peter Oppenheimer

Sermonette

Naomi Fink

Torah Reader

Aaron Hostyk

YAHRZEITS

October

- 31-MEYER ROTHSTEIN
- 31-JACOB S. SILBERMAN
- 31-SARAH H. JASPAN
- 31-JECHIAL D. SHAPIRO

November

- 1-SADIE CASNER
- 1-FRANK MANDELBAUM
- 2-MAX SPIEGEL
- 2-LILLIE ROSEN
- 3-HARRY H. HOLZMAN
- 3-MAX THEAMAN
- 3-CHARLES E. DAVIS
- 3-BATHSHEBA FISCHEL
- 3-JACOB E. JOSEM
- 3-ROSE SCHEIER
- 4-ABRAHAM I. FINE
- 4-JOSEPH LAX
- 4-CELIA SHANMAN
- 5-THEODORE SIMON
- 5-SAMUEL WEISS
- 6-SIMCHA KURTZ
- 6-FRIEDA KAHN
- 6-JULIUS KLEIN
- 6-MORRIS ZUCKERMAN



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Intermediate Boys' Group Social Hall

3:00

Junior Boys' Group Social Hall

Junior Girls' Group Room 301

Intermediate Girls' Group Synagogue Library

MONDAY, 10:00 A.M.

Hebrew for Beginners

11:00

Bible Class for Women

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 7th Teenage Cultural Luncheon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th Board of Trustees Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th Sisterhood Board Meeting

RIVERSIDE

Memorial Chapel

76th ST. AND AMSTERDAM AVENUE ENdicott 2-6600

CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Director