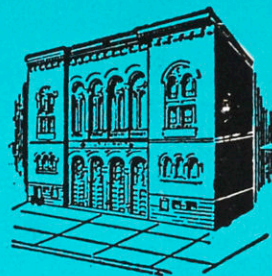


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Chanukah Greetings

We extend best wishes for a happy Chanukah to our members and friends.

CHANUKAH NOTES

We list below for your convenience some of the salient laws and customs of the Chanukah Festival.

The Candles

The candles are placed in the Menorah from the right to left, adding an additional candle each night. The order of lighting the candles is from left to right so that the newest candle is lit first.

The Menorah is lit soon after sunset while people are still about, so that they may see the candles aglow.

An extra candle — the shamash — is kindled each evening and is used to light the other candles. This is to ensure that the regular candles will not be used but will serve only to publicize the miracle of Chanukah.

On Saturday night the Chanukah candles are kindled after Havdalah. On Friday evening, they are lit before the Sabbath candles.

The Blessings

On the first night (Saturday night, December 18th this year) three blessings are recited. The first is concerned with the ritual of lighting the candles. The second refers to their function as symbols of the Divinely wrought miracle associated with the military and spiritual victories of the Maccabees. The third expresses our thanks to God for granting us life to celebrate the festival. The last blessing is omitted on the last seven nights.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The new telephone number of the congregation and of Ramaz School is HA 7-1000.



THE SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB

of

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

take pleasure in inviting you

to a

CHANUKAH EVENING

which will be held on

Monday Evening, December 20, 1965

at 8:30 o'clock

in the Social Hall of the Synagogue House

Cantor Cohen will light the candles

Monologist: LARRY ALPERT

CHANUKAH REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11 A.M.
"O CHANUKAH! WHAT SINS ARE COMMITTED
IN YOUR NAME"

HIGHLIGHTING THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF CHANUKAH

The glorious holiday of Chanukah, which begins on Saturday night, is even more closely compared with the holiday of non-Jews this year than on most others. It is particularly important, therefore, that we highlight the sublime spiritual values of Chanukah this year—values which have important meaning for our day, for our people, and for members of other faiths.

The lighting of the menorah symbolizes, essentially, the rededication of the Jewish people to its spiritual mission and heritage. Historically, the miracle of the cruse of oil occurred because the Maccabees, following their military victory, addressed their efforts toward recapturing the religious life of Judea. The fact that they were successful in reversing the tide of assimilation — Hellenism at that time — was the most singular achievement of the Maccabean revolt.

When we stress the gift aspect of Chanukah we unwittingly do violence to the true meaning of the festival. Naturally, our purpose is to endear the holiday to the children but the means toward that purpose easily dwarf and supersede the purpose itself. Moreover, in emphasizing the institution of Chanukah presents we are imitating — unsuccessfully at that — the most crude and religiously unrefined aspects of the non-Jewish holiday.

While we recognize the pedagogic value of gifts, let us at least be certain that their purpose is achieved: to draw the attention of all to the religious significance of Chanukah. Let us make the menorah ceremony on each of the eight nights an important and inspiring experience. Gather the family together; let each member light his own menorah — even if it be a modest one. Recite the blessings; sing the songs; sit down to a family meal and recite the Grace after Meals with the Al ha-Nissim.

In short, let there be no doubt this year that Chanukah is a religious occasion with profound meaning for all. Then it will be, in truth, a Happy Chanukah to all.

H. L.

YOUNG MARRIEDS HEAR RABBI BULMAN ON "THE JEWISH FAMILY"

The Young Marrieds group of the congregation held its second regular meeting of the year on Saturday night, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Moses Nussbaum. A fine gathering disregarded the elements in order to be present at this meeting and to hear Rabbi Nathan Bulman, Educational Consultant to the National Society of Hebrew Day Schools, discuss "The Jewish Family."

Describing the Jewish family as "a nerve center of Jewish concern", Rabbi Bulman showed how this basic institution in Jewish life determined the character of the Jewish community and the individual Jew. There can be no strong and vibrant Jewish community without there being a healthy and dynamic Jewish family, he said. On the other hand, a weak and inactive Jewish community can be redeemed and revived if there are a number of vital and committed Jewish families as part of it.

Rabbi Bulman then explained the Biblical roots of the relationship between husband and wife. He distinguished between the Biblical idea of channeling and sanctifying this relationship and the other current views of permissiveness and philosophical negation. He showed how, according to the Bible, the relationship between husband and wife is the culmination of God's perfection in creating the world and fashioning man.

A spirited period of questions and answers followed Rabbi Bulman's address. Among the topics covered was the alleged inferiority of women which is mistakenly inferred by some from Biblical, Talmudic and legal sources.

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds group will be held on Saturday evening, January 22nd at 8:30. Our guest for the evening will be Professor Robert Alter of the English Department of Columbia College. Professor Alter, a section editor of Commentary Magazine, will discuss, "Jewish Writers in Israel and America — Comparisons and Contrasts."

Special News For Ramaz And Congregational Families

While our academic honors Bulletin is not scheduled to appear until the end of the year, we received special news a short time ago which we feel will be of interest to all readers of the Bulletin.

The senior class in the Ramaz High School is composed of 44 students this year. Three of the girls applied for admission to Barnard on the early admission plan. We are happy to an-

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day: Mrs. Abram J. Abeloff, Mrs. Irving Angel, Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Samuel W. Bloom, Dr. Samuel Gross, Israel Jacobs, Mrs. Saul J. Lance, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Eugene R. Saretsky, Mrs. Jules M. Sax, Mrs. Mary Schleifer, Irving I. Schnur, Raymond Schwartz, and Miss Vilma Weiss.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Dezzo Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jaspan, Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lippoff, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Schloss and Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Zuckerman.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The kiddush this Sabbath will be sponsored by Mr. Isidore Grossman in commemoration of a Yahrzeit observance.

CHANUKAH CANDLES FROM THE BENEVOLENT FUND

Year in, year out, without fanfare and in their usual quiet manner, the members of the congregation, with almost complete unanimity, give their generous support to the Benevolent Fund, in response to the Chanukah Candles which they receive.

This year, once again, the same exemplary support is being given to that Fund, which aides the needy and assists many worthwhile charities.

We express a collective thanks to those who have already forwarded their contributions, and a thank you in advance to those whose contributions will yet come in.

nounce that all three were accepted. They are:

Edna Rubin
Helene Schorr
Rebecca Zames

This is an achievement which ought to bring pride not only to the girls and to their families, but to the wider families of the congregation and Ramaz School.

MAX J. ETRA HONORED AT Y. U. DINNER

A large representation of the Kehilath Jeshurun family participated enthusiastically — and generously — in a tribute to Max J. Etra who was the guest of honor at the Chanukah Dinner of Yeshiva University last Sunday evening in the Waldorf Astoria.

Mr. Etra was honored for his twenty-five years of service as a Trustee of the University. During the past thirteen years he has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees and has spearheaded the expansion of Yeshiva to its present enrollment of 6,000 students in the various schools and divisions.

One of the highlights of the evening was the tribute paid to our President by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. The rabbi spoke of him as one who "brought his whole being as an offering upon the high altar of this Temple of knowledge . . . no chore was too menial, no journey too long, no effort too great, if it was of service to the (Yeshiva) University . . . He reacted to criticism with tolerance, to approbation with modesty, and to institutional success with pride. He was as eager to confer honor upon others as to avoid it for himself."

Mr. Etra responded graciously and in a moving fashion to the rabbi's tribute and to the medalion presented to him by the President of the University, Dr. Samuel Belkin. He indicated that for whatever he had accomplished he was more than compensated by the opportunity to work with Dr. Belkin and to serve this noblest of causes together with his family and in cooperation with all those who took Yeshiva to their heart.

Perhaps the most gratifying feature of the evening was the generosity expressed by the assembled in behalf of Yeshiva and in honor of Mr. Etra. It indicated that the guest of honor's life's work was recognized, appreciated, and emulated.

"An institution," Rabbi Lookstein said, "is also people." It was obvious last Sunday night that the honoring of Max J. Etra was synonymous with honoring Yeshiva University. This was perhaps the finest tribute of all.

You are cordially invited to attend
the third lecture in the series

"THE STATE OF ISRAEL AT EIGHTEEN — PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS"

which will be held this
Wednesday Evening, December 22, at 9:00 o'clock

— Lecturer —

DR. SHLOMO HARAMATI

Consultant on education to the Jewish Agency

— Topic —

"BRIDGING THE EDUCATIONAL GAP"

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN NAMED CO-EDITOR OF SERMON MANUAL

We are happy to congratulate Rabbi Haskel Lookstein upon his appointment as Co-Editor of the forthcoming 5726 edition of the Rabbinical Council of America's Sermon Manual. The Manual contains the best sermons of the year preached by members of this Orthodox rabbinic organization. In

every edition there are always to be found sermons from both of our rabbis.

It is gratifying to learn that our Associate Rabbi's colleagues have accorded him the honor and the responsibility of editing this important volume.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have just been informed that the Theatre Party of the Men's Club for this year, "Sweet Charity," opened in Philadelphia. It received outstanding reviews and promises to be the **hit of the season.**

The Theatre Party will be held on Saturday night, January 29th. Reserve the date.

YOUTH NOTES

Second Cultural Luncheon This Saturday

Shachar, the Teenage Group of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, is holding its second in the series of six Cultural Luncheons this Saturday, December 18th following the kiddush in the Social Hall. The Cultural Luncheon has a tradition of serving as an open forum for topical themes for our youngsters.

Members are cordially invited to hear a dialogue between Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and a panel of youth members on the topic: "Making Religion Relevant." The panel members are: Larry Breindel, Alan Kalischer, Joseph Low and Jessica Schacter. Steven Lorch is the moderator.

THE JEWRY BOX

Served During
WEEK OF DECEMBER 5th

JOSEPH N. FRIEDMAN
DR. ELI GOLDSTEIN
MEIR GOLDSTEIN

Will Serve During
WEEK OF DECEMBER 19th

SAMUEL GINSBURG
MARTIN MARKSON
SAMUEL GOODMAN

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

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

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Elgin Shulsky Treasurer
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Mrs. William Lebowitz Pres., Sist.
Abraham R. Kirshon Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles 4:10
Evening 4:20

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Pre-School Service
Room 405 11:00

Weekly Portion: Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on
Friday, December 24.
Evening 4:15
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 4:20

SISTERHOOD**KIDDUSH HOSTESSES**

Saturday, December 18th

Mrs. Joseph Hostyk
Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert
Mrs. Jack Lieberman
Mrs. Oscar Perlberger
Mrs. Sam Taffet

Yahrzeits**December**

18—REBECCA RINGEL
19—CHARLES GOLDMAN
19—ADOLPH HAUPTMAN
19—MORRIS N. ADLER
19—BERNARD KAPLAN
19—BENJAMIN KLEIN
19—JACOB KOPPEL GOLDENRITT
20—SAMUEL KAHN
20—SAMUEL AARON HERZIG
20—LEON GOLDSMITH
20—HESKEL EZRA SOMECH
21—IGNATZ HEYMAN
21—ABBOTT S. BERNARD
21—HENRY MATH
21—MILLIE LEAH SARADA
22—JACOB S. POFCHER
22—ABRAHAM JACOBS
22—JACOB RISKIN
22—HELENA TRENCHER
23—JACOB M. SCHULTZ
23—TOBE MANN
24—AMELIA LEVY
24—KATHERINE GREENFIELD
24—ETHEL GRONOWITZ
24—SAMUEL FRIEDMAN
24—JOSEPH LEVIN
24—ZITA LAX
24—LILLIAN MANDELBAUM

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Cantors

Claude Alpert
Craig Barany
Wayne Kadis

Sermonette

Naomi Fink

Teenage Torah Reader

Richard Rem

YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE

Members of the congregation are urged to inform the office of any change of address or telephone number, home or business. The necessity for keeping the synagogue office files accurate and up-to-date is obvious. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

K. J. CALENDAR**THIS WEEK****SATURDAY**

12:30 P.M.

Teenage Cultural Luncheon

3:00 P.M.

Boys Group — Library
Boys Pre-Teen — Social Hall
Intermediate Boys — 504
Intermediate Girls — 404

3:30 P.M.

Talmud Class

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MONDAY**Classes for Women**

10:00 A.M.

Hebrew for Beginners
Second Year Hebrew

11:00 A.M.

Studies in Judaism

8:30 P.M.

Chanukah Evening Sponsored by
the Sisterhood and Men's Club

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WEDNESDAY

8:00 P.M.

Adult Institute Classes

Maimonides' Code of Law
A Survey of Genesis
Modern Hebrew Literature
Advanced Hebrew

9:00 P.M.

Lecture

Dr. Shlomo Haramati

COMING EVENTS

Saturday Night, January 29, 1966
MEN'S CLUB THEATRE PARTY

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Sunday, January 23, 1966
RAMAZ DINNER DANCE

**RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL
CHAPEL**

76th ST. & AMSTERDAM AVE.
ENDicott 2-6600

CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Director