

# *Kehilath Jeshurun* Bulletin

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## "NEITHER COLD NOR SNOW . . ."

Postal services are not the only services which have remained consistently in operation throughout the recent weeks of cold and snow. We are happy to report that the regular services of worship at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun have continued unabated, and with gratifying strength, throughout the past difficult weeks.

Last Saturday morning, for example, the synagogue was filled with worshippers who came to celebrate Shabbat Shirah and Tu b'Shevat with us. Included in the congregation were close to fifty teen-agers who remained for the cultural luncheon which followed services.

Equally gratifying is the continued strength of our daily Minyan. Thanks to the fine response to Jewry Duty and to the growing number of regular morning worshippers, our morning Minyan has never been stronger. The afternoon services for which it is more difficult to gather a Minyan on short winter days have also been regularly attended.

All of this is a good sign of the health and strength of our congregation. Of course, such signs can never be good enough. We will be happy to welcome all members of the community to our Sabbath services and we extend a cordial invitation to all men to participate, as time and circumstances permit, in the weekly morning and evening services.

## AM HASEFER GROUP TO DISCUSS "THE SOURCE"

The first meeting of our Am HaSefer program for this year will be held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein this Wednesday evening, February 16th at 8:30 o'clock.

The book under discussion that evening will be James A. Michener's best-selling novel, "The Source." The discussion will be led by our Associate Rabbi. Invitations have been sent to registered members of the group. The meeting is open to registrants only. We will still be happy to accept new registrants who may become part of this program by calling the synagogue office.

Members are urged to complete the reading of this book and to plan to arrive on time for what promises to be a lively and controversial meeting.

## Shachar Cultural Luncheon Features Psycho-Drama

On Saturday, February 5th, Shachar presented and enjoyed its Third Cultural Luncheon. Besides a delicious lunch and spirited singing, the highlight of the afternoon was a Psycho-Drama written by Steven Lorch and Alan Kalischer. Participants were Ronald Goldman, Helen Jarney, Roger Oppenheimer, Nathaniel Lipstadt, Robert Kurzweil and Richard Kahn.

The play, dealing with the problems of cheating and interfaith dating was humorous, provocative and informative and was followed by a lively discussion.



## THE WEEKLY PORTION YITHRO

### "The Revelation at Sinai"

The revelation at Mt. Sinai marks the formal acceptance of an incorporeal God by the Jewish People. This idea of incorporeality was as strange to the world as was the message which was revealed to the Jewish people at Sinai.

The idolators knew of gods only as providers. In cafeteria-like style the idolators sought from their gods economic plenty, fruitfulness, rain, sun, victory and the like. They could never conceive of God in a non-physical sense — as a teacher.

As a direct challenge to this view, the Ten Commandments begins: "I am the Lord thy God who took you out of the Land of Egypt . . ." If that were the end, then Judaism would have merely become another idolator's cult, worshipping a god of war, a splitter of seas and a miraculous redeemer. God reveals himself at Mt. Sinai, however, as a spiritual teacher who cares enough to teach his people how to live: keep the Sabbath; honor parents; do not murder.

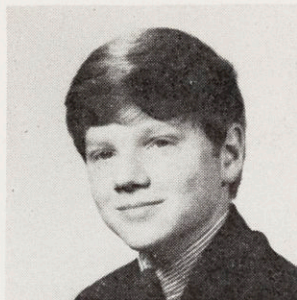
In the year 1300 B.C.E. these were not the kind of commands which might have been expected from God. What might have been expected would be commandments to offer incense, to bring sacrifices and to build a sumptuous temple. These were the traditional "commands" from corporeal deities.

What the Torah presents in the initial message of revelation is of an entirely different character. God requires conformity to a holy and moral way of life. Recite the Kiddush; do not steal; do not be unfaithful in matrimony. This is far more than the gift of life from a fertility deity. This is a gift which teaches us how to use life, how to fulfill life and how to ennoble life.

This is the spiritual message from the incorporeal Father and Teacher of mankind.

H. L.

## ERIC KAUFMAN BAR MITZVAH



We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Kaufman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eric.

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant is in the fifth grade of the Park East Religious School. He is in the eighth grade of the Columbia Grammar School. Eric will read the Prophetic chapter as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Kaufman at the kiddush following the services.

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### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Victor Binstock, Mrs. Adolph Citron, Mrs. Alexander Herbst, Maurice N. Jaffe, Edward Lebowitz, Alexander Lichtman, Joseph A. Perlman, Mrs. I. Jerome Riker and Mrs. Samuel L. Zuckerman.

#### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taffet.

#### Member in the News—

We extend our hearty congratulations to our esteemed member, and Secretary of our Men's Club, Milton Eletz, upon his appointment as Assistant Director of Finance of the City of New York, and upon his appointment as a member of the Mayor's Cabinet.

We wish him success in his new post.



**—OF COMMUNITY INTEREST—**

We have been informed that Yeshiva University, in association with the Public Affairs Department of WABC-TV is presenting a lecture series on outstanding works of literature.

The program, which is entitled "America Through 13 Pairs of Eyes" is a 13 part series which began on February 3rd, and which will run for 13 consecutive weeks on Thursday mornings. The series will be televised on WABC-TV Channel 7, between 6:30 and 7:00 A.M.

Those interested in a lucid analysis on literature given by Professor David Mirsky, are invited to tune in. Some of the books that will be covered in the series are: The Pioneers, the Scarlet Letter, Giants In the Earth, the Red Badge of Courage, An American Tragedy, and U.S.A.

**SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND**

We acknowledge with thanks recent contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from: Mrs. Samuel Bucher, Feinberg Twins, Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, Mrs. S. Honig Klein, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Mrs. Jules Sax and Mrs. Robert H. Zessman.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a contribution to the Sisterhood Happy Day Fund.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman, 115 East 82nd Street, Chairman of the Happy Day Fund.

**"Cast A Giant Shadow"—Theatre Party  
Set By Teenage Group**

Aaron Holzer, Shachar President, announces that tickets have been secured for the April 17th showing of "Cast A Giant Shadow" at the DeMille Theatre. This film portrays the life of Col. Mickey Marcus, the West Point graduate who gave his life fighting the Arabs in the War of Independence.

The cost per ticket is \$2.00. They may be purchased through the Youth Office, on a first come first served basis.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

We have been requested by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to bring to the attention of our readers, poignant information concerning Social Security and Medicare benefits. We will publish this information as a public service from time to time.

**Your-1965-Social Security  
Questions and Answers**

Q. I am over sixty-five and eligible for social security; however, I do not intend to retire. Am I included under "MEDICARE?"

A. Yes, you are eligible for "MEDI-CARE" coverage, but it will be necessary for you to file an application at your Social Security office. You should do this at once.

Q. I am over sixty-five and getting social security. My wife is sixty-two. Will both of us be eligible for "MEDI-CARE?"

A. You will be eligible for protection under the hospital insurance plan and you can enroll for extended "MEDI-CARE" at a cost of \$3.00 per month. Your wife will not be eligible until she reaches age sixty-five.

**THE JEWRY BOX**

**Served During**  
**WEEK OF JANUARY 30th**

DR. NATHAN KALISCHER  
DR. HARRY KAPLAN  
HON. HERMAN KATZ  
ALFRED KAHN

**Will Serve During**  
**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13th**

HYMAN ABRAMS  
DESZO GOLDNER  
EDWARD LEBOWITZ

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



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles .....5:05  
 Evening .....5:15

**SATURDAY**

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

**Weekly Portion: Yithro****Exodus 18:1 - 20:23****Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6, 9:5 - 6**

Evening .....5:10  
 Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:00

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30  
 Sunday Morning .....8:30  
 Evening .....5:20

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION****Saturday, February 12th****Cantors**

CLAUDE ALPERT  
 ALLAN FRIEDMAN  
 WAYNE KADIS

**Sermonette**

LESLIE HELPRIN

**Teenage Torah Reader**

BRUCE LINZER

**YAHARZEITS****February**

12—TOBY T. GOLDMAN  
 12—REBECCA JACOBS  
 12—JACOB VOGEL  
 12—ABRAHAM GLIKSMAN  
 12—TILLIE COHEN  
 13—ISAAC CLAMAN  
 13—KATE FRANK  
 13—JACOB LEVY  
 13—AARON HYMAN  
 13—SARI JOSEPH  
 13—HUDA ERNST  
 13—STELLA SCHOENFELD  
 13—ROSE BUCHSBAUM  
 13—JENNIE SOROCK  
 14—JOSEPH WEINSTEIN  
 14—MIRIAM GOLDEN  
 14—BENJAMIN BROWN  
 14—YETTA B. LEVEY  
 14—ISAAC LIEBERMAN  
 14—DORA ABRAMS  
 14—JACOB AARON GOLDBLATT  
 14—LEONARD BRESLOW  
 15—CHARLES I. LEFF  
 15—YECHIEL MICHEL YAKOV  
 ETRA  
 16—JACOB MARMER  
 16—ABRAHAM A. SHEPARD  
 16—MORRIS PROPP  
 17—CHARLES BOGDONOFF  
 17—JOSEPH M. ZOOK  
 17—BERNARD JAVITT  
 17—SARAH WECKER  
 17—JACOB FERTIG  
 18—MINNA TRAUTMAN  
 18—BETTY KLEIN

**SISTERHOOD****KIDDUSH HOSTESSES****Saturday, February 12th**

Mrs. Hilda S. Berger  
 Mrs. Samuel Garfinkel  
 Mrs. Otto J. Helprin  
 Mrs. Evelyn Oppenheimer  
 Mrs. George Weiss

