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## Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

cordially invites you, your family and friends to our

### Purim Service

This Sunday Morning, March 6th, at 9:15 o'clock



Shown above and scheduled to be Cantors and Readers at the Purim Service on Sunday morning, are left to right:

Roger Oppenheimer	Joshua Barzilay
Sidney Rosen	Jonathan Shor
Samuel Lorch	Samuel Blumenthal
Dan Moskowitz	Judah Kogan
Alan Kalischer	David Grossman
Steven Schacter	Richard Kahn
Richard Silverman	

## Purim Greetings

*We extend best wishes for a happy Purim to all our members and friends.*

### NOTES ON PURIM SERVICES

1. Purim will be ushered in on Saturday evening in the synagogue. Mincha will begin at 5:40 P.M. It will be followed by a short talk on the laws and significance of Purim.

2. Ma'ariv will begin at 6:40 in the main synagogue and will be followed by the reading of the Megillah.

3. The Sunday service will start promptly at 9:15 A.M. The reading of the Megillah will take place at 10:00 o'clock. Uniform prayerbooks and Taleisim will be provided for all. The men, however, are urged to bring their own Tephilin.

4. Students of the Park East Religious School will meet at 9:00 o'clock in the third floor lunchroom from where they will be brought to the synagogue. Ramaz children and all other youngsters will assemble in the synagogue chapel at 8:45. They will be escorted to the synagogue from there.

5. All children will receive noisemakers at their places of assembly. Please be sure, therefore, to bring your children to the proper place at the right time so that the necessary arrangements may be made for them.

6. All worshippers are invited to be the guests of the Sisterhood and Men's Club at a light snack which will be served in the social hall following the service. The snack for the children will be served in the third floor lunch room.

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.**

**"FROM PERSIA TO SUBURBIA"**

**Timeless Ingredients In The Purim Story**



### A PURIM MESSAGE "DON'T READ IT BACKWARDS"

Among the many rules which pertain to the reading of Megillath Esther is the requirement that it be read in the order in which it is written. Jewish Law tells us that we may not read the Megillah backwards, that is, we may not read a later chapter and follow it with an earlier chapter.

A great Chasidic rabbi once explained this law in figurative terms. He told his disciples that one may not read the Megillah "backwards," that is: one may not read it as if it were merely history. When one considers the events described in the Megillah and when one contemplates the Hand of God in the rescue of His People, one may not read it as history.

To read the Scroll of Esther as history is to misread it on two counts. First, we tend to think of history as the natural unfolding of events in the process known as "cause and effect." In other words, every event in history was brought about by a previous cause. The event in question itself may then be a cause of a future event.

This mechanistic view of human history omits the possibility of Divine intervention in the historical arena. To be sure, one may read the Scroll of Esther as a natural unfolding of historical events. As a matter of fact, the name of God is omitted entirely from the Megillah, thus giving support to the historical view. Our understanding of the Megillah, however, is that the unseen Hand of God can be sensed in the unfolding of the drama. The Megillah is testimony to God's revelation in the historical affairs of Shushan long ago.

Misreading the Megillah as history, involves another error. The incident which the Megillah describes is but an archetype of many moments in time in which Divine Providence plays an unseen role. The victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Temple in 165 B.C.E. was such a moment. The establishment of the State of Israel in our day and the victory of its armies over seven invading Arab Nations is a similar moment. To consider the events of the Megillah as a one time occurrence is to misconstrue the message of the Megillah for our day and for every generation.

From its literal interpretation and from its figurative explanation, we can thus see that "he who reads the Megillah 'backwards' has not fulfilled his obligation."

H. L.

### YOUNG MARRIEDS HOLD A FASCINATING MEETING

The evening which promised to be the best of the season turned out to be even better than expected. This was the unanimous reaction of the forty or so Young Marrieds who gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shapiro for the meeting of the Young Marrieds Group last Saturday night.

The program for the evening called for a panel symposium on "The Artificial Control of Life," featuring a doctor, a lawyer and a rabbi — and chaired by a periodontist. Unfortunately, the rabbi's control of his health was not sufficiently precise to allow him to participate, but, gratifyingly, the chairman filled in much of the information in the religious area which was to have been presented.

Dr. Moses Nussbaum presented some of the medical facts and concerns with respect to birth control, artificial insemination and abortion. Some of his revelations were most startling, particularly the one which estimated that probably the number of illegal abortions in the United States, during the past year, has exceeded one million.

Martin Rochlin presented a historical and contemporary survey of the posture of the law toward each of the three fields. He, too, was able to demonstrate many startling facts, some of which indicated the intolerable conservatism of the law in keeping pace with medicine, and others which indicated the healthy restraining effect of law on abuses in the artificial control of life.

Dr. Charles I. Cohen, as chairman, introduced the entire subject, moderated the lengthy question period, and indicated some of the guidelines of Jewish law which operate in these three areas. Above all, he cautioned that these matters are of the utmost concern to Jewish law, and that many rabbinic responsa have been written in answer to questions in these fields.

It is important, therefore, that while certain guidelines might be discussed, any question involving a particular case ought to be referred to rabbinic authority. After all, these matters are hardly less significant than the accidental mixing of dishes, which frequently occasions a question to a rabbi.

The entire discussion lasted over two hours and made available a great deal of important information on some of the most vital problems facing moral man today.

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Ernest Adler, Irving Angel, Mrs. Harry Etra, Harry Heyman, Dr. Norman B. Javitt, Gerald S. Kaufman, Dr. Emory Klein, Mrs. Martin Klein, Mrs. George Postel, Dr. Stephan S. Rosenak, Stephen M. Scheidt, Mrs. Adrian Skydell, Mrs. Aaron Welish and Miss Ruth Winkler.

#### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gronowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perlberger, Mr. and Mrs. George Schneider, and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel M. Simon.

#### Condolence—

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member Joseph S. Prensky.

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member, Alexander Morganstern.

We record with sorrow the passing of Nancy Miller, the beloved daughter of our esteemed member, Mrs. Abram Miller, and sister of our devoted member, Deborah Miller.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families. We pray that they may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, March 5th

#### Cantors

SIDNEY MOSKOWITZ  
PETER OPPENHEIMER  
JONATHAN JAVITT

#### Sermonette

CLAUDE ALPERT

#### Teenage Torah Reader

STEVEN LORCH

Note: David Orwasher served as a cantor, at the February 26th session of the Junior Congregation.



### CONGREGATIONAL SEDARIM TO BE CONDUCTED

We are pleased to inform our members that we will again hold a congregational Seder on both nights of the Passover holiday, Monday, April 4th and Tuesday, April 5th.

The congregational Seder is a service for members only, who may have as their guests, members of their immediate families.

In order to preserve the character of Seder as a family function, we are compelled to limit the number of reservations that can be accepted. As in the past, reservations will be accepted only if they are made for both Seder nights.

Reservation forms will shortly be sent to all members of the congregation.

### COMPARATIVE LAW CLASS TO MEET THIS WEEK ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

We would like to call to the attention of members of the Comparative Law Study Group that, according to the Adult Institute schedule, this group will meet this week on Wednesday evening at 8:30, instead of Monday evening, because of the Men's Club theatre party.

We are happy to learn of the enthusiastic reaction which this group has created among many men and women of our congregational family. Our special thanks to Mr. Lawrence A. Kobrin for making his time, his knowledge, and his talents available to the Adult Institute for the enhancement of its students.

The next meeting, will take place on Wednesday, March 9th, at 8:30, in the synagogue library.

### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

**Saturday, March 5, 1966**

Mrs. Eugene Hollander  
Mrs. William Lebowitz  
Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert  
Mrs. Oscar Perlberger  
Mrs. Sam Taffet

## Father And Son Minyan Opens With Record Gathering

Close to eighty men and boys crowded the chapel of the congregation last Sunday morning to mark the official return of the Father and Son Minyan to the activities program of Kehilath Jeshurun. This particular program which, until its interruption last year due to building activity, has been sponsored by the Men's Club for sixteen consecutive years, continues under the same sponsorship this year.

The beautiful outpouring of men and boys for this first service is ample proof of the interest in and value of such an activity. It was particularly nice to note that there were about two Minyanim of adults in the congregation on Sunday morning.

William Lebowitz, a former President of the Men's Club and for many years Chairman of the Father and Son Minyan of the club, and Nico DeGraaff, the Treasurer of the Men's Club were on hand and viewed with pride the wonderful turnout.

We express our thanks to Mr. Lebowitz for volunteering to sponsor the breakfast for the opening service.

It was also gratifying to observe the many "alumni" of prior Minyan seasons, who, having heard of the resumption of this program, came to participate once again. We understand that they davened as well as ever, but that their years in college somewhat rusted their basketball prowess.

In the absence of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, the entire program was conducted by Stuart Podell, a graduate of Ramaz High School — and a star of its basketball team — and, at present, a student at Queens College. Stuart serves, as well, as a youth leader in our congregation.

### No Service This Sunday

Due to the fact that Purim occurs this coming Sunday, we will not be able to conduct the Father and Son Minyan. Our next service will be held on Sunday, March 13th. A cordial invitation is extended to all men and boys to join us from that day on until the conclusion of the season.

## *The Men's Club Theatre Party*

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



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**Synagogue Officials**

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

**Officers of the Congregation**

Max J. Etra .....President  
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Irwin Shapiro .....Secretary  
Mrs. William Lebowitz .....Pres., Sist.  
Abraham R. Kirshon.....Pres. Men's Club

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

Lighting of Candles .....5:30  
Evening .....5:40

**SATURDAY, Shabbat Zachor**

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

**Weekly Portion: Tetzave****Exodus 27:20 - 30:10****Deuteronomy 25:17 - 19****Haftorah: I Samuel 15:2 - 34**

Evening .....5:40  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:25  
Ma'ariv .....6:40  
The reading of the Megillah will follow.

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning .....9:15  
Evening .....5:40

**YAHREZITS****March**

5—FANNY SALZMAN  
5—MINNIE COLIN  
5—ISRAEL SMITH  
5—JACOB ROBINS  
6—EUGENE I. GOODSIDE  
6—HENRI UNTERMANS  
6—LEO KAHAN  
6—LIBBY PENZNER  
6—DORA R. WEISS  
6—ISAAC COHEN  
6—SAMUEL DRIBBEN  
6—REBECCA GRUSS  
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7—JACOB S. ADLER  
8—FANNIE LEVIN  
8—DINAH MERKIN  
8—ISRAEL ETRA  
8—ADOLPH BERNHARDT  
8—PHILIP J. SPILKY  
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8—MILLIE KLAPPER  
8—ESTHER MOLKA BERNARD  
8—DAVID ISAAC ROSSANT  
10—HATTIE FINE  
10—EZRIEL SHAPIRO  
10—LEAH KATCHER  
10—ISRAEL MANDELBAUM  
11—JACOB FREEDMAN  
11—NATHAN PODELL  
11—ESTHER KEREW

**K. J. CALENDAR****THIS WEEK****SATURDAY****3:00 P.M.**

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

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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.**

Men's Club Theatre Party  
"Sweet Charity"  
Palace Theater

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**WEDNESDAY****7:00 P.M.**

Advanced Hebrew

**8:30 P.M.**

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