



## OVER 100 WOMEN HEAR MRS. NATHALIE FRIEDMAN DISCUSS "A SOCIOLOGIST LOOKS AT THE JEWISH WOMAN"

One of the finest Sisterhood meetings in many a year was held on Monday, November 21st, in the social hall of the congregation. Over 100 women, by actual count, gathered to hear a fascinating talk delivered by Mrs. Nathalie Friedman, analyzing the role and problems of the Jewish woman in contemporary society.

The meeting was conducted by Mrs. William Lebowitz, President of the Sisterhood. The guest speaker's sister-in-law, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Vice President in charge of program, introduced the program for the day.

Mrs. Friedman began with an analysis of the dilemma of the modern woman who wakes up one morning when her children have all gone to school, when her husband is away at work and when there is nothing significant to be done at home and she asks herself: "What have I done with my life? What am I?"

### The Jewish Wife and Mother —

After having developed the dimensions of that problem, Mrs. Friedman turned to the problem of being a traditional Jewish wife and mother in our day. Citing a passage from the Talmud, she observed that a mother must encourage her children to learn their heritage, to conform to that heritage in conduct and to feel secure in their commitment to Judaism.

In a society which is becoming increasingly matriarchal, these three areas become more the concern of mothers than fathers. Fathers are occupied and are generally removed from the family scene except on weekends when they either rest from the week's work or engage in recreational activities, frequently not with their children.

In teaching her children to learn their heritage, the mother need not be a scholar, although this would be helpful. What she must provide is an atmosphere in which knowledge is valued and in which study is an on-

going occupation. She, herself, must set an example in this respect by studying at whatever level she is capable of.

### How Mother Teaches —

Children learn most of the intangible things in life not by communication but by example. They learn gratitude, manners, character, a sense of security and many other traits by imitation. The same is true of a love for learning their heritage.

In teaching religious behavior, much the same is true. If a child sees his mother's disappointment at the fact that the Sabbath coincides with the day on which the best sales of the week are held at department stores, he cannot be expected to develop a love for observing the Sabbath, especially if his mother succumbs to the inclination to take advantage of those best sales. "Thou shalt not covet" is not made part of the child's experience if his mother constantly talks about the need to have what the neighbor next door has. Similarly, a feeling for kashruth cannot be communicated to a child when the mother feels that the whole business is simply too much trouble.

The love for prayer; the readiness to recite Grace after Meals; the desire to attend synagogue services; all of these are learned by the child by imitating his mother as much as his father. If his mother talks while the Grace after Meals is being recited and feels that somehow it is not necessary for her to take part in this ceremony, she should not expect her child to continue taking part in it indefinitely.

### More than Knowledge and Observance —

Finally, Mrs. Friedman emphasized that all the love of learning and all the observance of ritual may not be as important as a feeling of security which the mother can give the child in accepting his heritage. If a child is not

afraid to be different, to sometimes look different and frequently to act different, there is hope that the tradition of the parents may be carried on in the second generation. Study and observance, however, are not in themselves sufficient to insure future commitment to Judaism. A feeling of confidence and security in one's Jewishness is of paramount significance in this particular area.

The mother's own security about her Jewish observance practice, and differentness will be communicated to the child and, of course, any insecurity which the mother feels will be transmitted to the child in many subtle and unseen ways.

This was the kind of talk which was not only interesting and inspiring but which also contained the seed for correction. The general feeling of the women present was that a mood of repentance and sincere soul-searching was stimulated by a fascinating and highly articulate lecture.

The Sisterhood is happy to welcome the following new members: Mrs. Jacob J. Avner, Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker, Mrs. Martin Schub and Mrs. Jess Ward.

### Advance Notice —

Members and friends of the Sisterhood are asked to reserve the date of Monday, January 23rd, for a once-in-a-life-time program about which we will inform you in our next Bulletin. This is a program which you will not want to miss. Please mark the date.



### Chanukah Greetings

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

**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.  
"WHY ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ANGRY?"**



**"IN ANTICIPATION OF CHANUKAH"**

In our anxiety to render Chanukah as meaningful as possible to our children — and as competitive as possible with the December holiday of the majority faiths in our community — we are frequently guilty of excessively materializing what is essentially a genuinely spiritual festival. While our behavior is understandable, it is not necessarily appropriate.

Chanukah should be interpreted to our families — especially to the children — as a holiday commemorating the triumph of the spiritual over the material. This was essentially the focal point of Judaism's clash with Hellenism. It was a case of an incorporeal monotheism against a corporeal, idolatrous polytheism. It was a battle to maintain the primacy of the mind over the body; the soul over the senses, the book over the amphitheatre, the pen over the sword. The candles — whatever their miraculous origin may be — symbolize this preference for spirituality.

Chanukah should also be understood as the holiday commemorating Jewish distinctiveness and individuality. It recalls the successful battle against assimilation, the triumph of a minority view against a majority culture, the refusal of the Jew to emulate and absorb the alluring cultural patterns of the Greek.

In making Chanukah gifts the central feature of the holiday we not only materialize a spiritual festival but we lose the battle of distinctiveness for which the Maccabees fought and died some 2200 years ago. What started out some time ago as an ancillary feature — Chanukah gelt — should not be allowed to overwhelm and supersede the main event, the lighting of the Menorah.

In the face of what is now a broadly based practice, and with due regard for the vested interests of the children, we do not suggest the elimination of gift giving. We merely make three recommendations in line with the analysis above.

1. Do not overdo or overextend the practice (a gift every night for eight nights reflects "religious" extremism in this matter and merely compounds the felony).

2. Try to give at least one book to each recipient on your "Chanukah list."

3. Make the lighting of the Menorah an impressive family occasion every night and emphasize the meaning of the ceremony as symbolic of the great spiritual values of Judaism.

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**— REMINDER —***Sisterhood Concert and Champagne Party*

will be held on

*Saturday Night, December 10th*

*The Concert —*

under the direction of Andre Kostelanetz will take place at Philharmonic Hall.

*Chanukah Champagne Party**Sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club*

Arrangements have been made for the transportation of concert guests to the Champagne Party. All particulars in connection with the transportation appears in a letter concert guests have already received.

**Concert Chairman**  
Mrs. Eugene Hollander

**Champagne Party Chairman**  
Mrs. Meyer Texon

**Co-Chairman**  
Mrs. A. Milton Brown

**KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

The kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Barany on the occasion of the observance of the yahrzeit of Mr. Barany's father.

The kiddush of last Saturday was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Max Dattner in honor of the birth of a great grandson.

**SISTERHOOD  
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**

Mrs. Frank Goodman  
Mrs. Samuel B. Goodman  
Mrs. Samuel Gross  
Mrs. Joseph Hostyk  
Mrs. Samuel Witkin  
Mrs. Wolf Zukerman

**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE**

*A Partial view of the worshippers at the Thanksgiving Day Service.*

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## PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

While the practice of gift giving has become an integral part of the Festival of Lights, the lights themselves are the principal observance of the holiday and should be highlighted as the central feature of Chanukah in the home.

The following are a few items which should be kept in mind:

1. **The Menorah** — While one Menorah suffices for the household, it is customary — and desirable — for each member of the household to light his own Menorah. This is particularly recommended for the children in the family who will take special delight in kindling their own Chanukah lamps.

2. **The Time for Lighting** — The candles should be lit as soon as possible after nightfall (30 minutes after sunset). They should be allowed to burn for at least 30 minutes.

On Saturday night at home, the candles are lit after Havdalah. On Friday afternoon they are lit before the Sabbath candles and they should be large enough so that they will remain lit for about an hour and a half.

3. **Arranging the Candles** — The candles are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candlelighter faces it. Each night an additional candle is added.

4. **Lighting the Candles** — The candles are lit from left to right — starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the "Shamash." Then

## DR. ROBERT ALTER TO DISCUSS S. Y. AGNON ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st

The Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute will present a special lecture on Wednesday evening, December 21st, at 9:00, in honor of the awarding of the Nobel Prize in literature to S. Y. Agnon of Israel.

Our lecturer for the evening will be Dr. Robert Alter, Assistant Professor of English at Columbia University and, at present, a Guggenheim Fellow for research in English literature. Dr. Alter, though young in years, has already earned a wide reputation as an authority in literature — both English and

Hebrew. He is the co-editor of the section, Observations, for Commentary Magazine and he is currently completing a book on Henry Fielding.

In keeping with the general theme of the year's lectures — "Traditional Judaism Confronts Contemporary Issues" — Dr. Alter will lecture on the subject: "Jewish Tradition and Modern Crisis" — An Analysis of the Works of S. Y. Agnon.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this special lecture on Wednesday, December 21st, at 9:00.

## RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF RABBINIC ALUMNI

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein has been elected a Vice President of the Rabbinic Alumni Association of Yeshiva University. He has previously served that organization as Treasurer.

Our Associate Rabbi was a guest lecturer recently at the Congregation Sons of Israel in Yonkers on the occasion of the opening of their Adult Institute for Jewish Studies. He spoke on "Relating Religion to Life." He was the guest speaker at a luncheon held recently by the Women's Division of Bar-Ilan University. His topic was: "How High is Higher Education."

the blessings are recited — three on the first night and two on the other nights. After the blessings are recited we light the candles by the flame of the "Shamash."

The reason for using the "Shamash" is in order to avoid using the candles themselves — the candles are holy (for ritual purposes only) and may not be used (for light or for kindling each other).

5. **Concluding Songs** — Following the lighting of the candles we sing ha-Nerot ha-Lalu, which explains the reason for the ceremony, and Maoz Tzur, a ballad which describes in several stanzas how Divine Providence has intervened at various points in history to save the beleaguered Jews from their enemies.

## AT KEHILATH JESHURUN



On the platform left to right: Max J. Etra, President; Dr. David Daube, Guest Speaker; Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein in the pulpit; Cantor A. Joseph Cohen; Joseph Roth, Vice President; Irwin Shapiro, Secretary; and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

## SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases fund from Mrs. Ann Berger.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 981 Park Avenue, Chairman of the Neediest Cases Fund.

## Chanukah Contributions to the Benevolent Fund

We remind our readers that they may still make a contribution to the Benevolent Fund in honor of the Chanukah Festival.



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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

Dining Hall .....11:00

**Weekly Portion: Vayeshev**

**Genesis 37:1 - 40:23**

**Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8**

Evening .....4:15  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....5:00

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning .....8:30  
Father and Son Minyan .....9:30  
Evening .....4:20

**THE JEWRY BOX**

**Served During  
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20th**

JERRY COAN  
MILTON ELETZ  
DR. ELI GOLDSTEIN  
MEIR GOLDSTEIN

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

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****Birthdays—**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Joseph Aizer, Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Max Dattner, Mrs. Leo Davenport, Mrs. Theodore R. Fink, Mrs. Jacob A. Freezer, Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, Saul H. Nack, Mrs. Max Scheidt, Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Mrs. Ralph M. Sussman, and Nathan Warshaw.

**Anniversaries—**

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Levy, Hon. and Mrs. George Postel, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rosenzweig.

**Condolences—**

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our devoted member Mrs. Ralph Spencer, upon the passing of her beloved mother, Mrs. Dora Bruckner.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to our devoted member, Jacob M. Miller, upon the passing of his beloved father, Charles Miller.

We pray that the families will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

**YAHREZITS****December**

3—BELLE WEISMAN  
3—ALICE BLUVER  
3—CHANAH WEILER  
3—EPHRAIM BERNSTEIN  
3—AGUSTA LEVY  
3—MENASHE SALZMAN  
4—RACHEL GOLDSTEIN  
4—HYMAN U. LIEBERMAN  
4—MAX BERNARD  
4—ANNA ROSENBLATT  
5—WOLFF RAPOPORT  
5—JACOB BARANY  
6—CHARLES ROSEN  
6—JACOB LEVIN  
6—ALADAR BRODY  
6—JACOB POSTEL  
6—SAUL NADLER  
7—REBECCA RINGEL  
7—SARAH SHULSKY  
8—CHARLES GOLDMAN  
8—ADOLPH HAUPTMAN  
8—MORRIS N. ADLER  
8—BERNARD KAPLAN  
8—BENJAMIN KLEIN  
8—JACOB K. GOLDENRITT  
8—HARRY LATUCHA  
9—SAMUEL KAHN  
9—SAMUEL A. HERZIG  
9—LEON GOLDSMITH  
9—HESKEL E. SOMECH

**A MEMORABLE WEEKEND**

The past holiday weekend was a memorable one at Kehilath Jeshurun. It all began with a well attended Thanksgiving Day service in the main synagogue at which Dr. David Daube of Oxford University delivered a fascinating talk on Jewish-Christian relations.

Dr. Daube pointed out that, on the whole, the Jewish attitude toward monotheistic religions ("Chassidai Umot ha-Olam") is representative of the latter rather than of the former. This is so, despite the fact that Judaism looks forward to a time when all the world will be united under the Kingship of One God and when all mankind will call upon Him after our own fashion.

On Friday night, some three score juniors and seniors of Ramaz High School were the guests of our teenage group for a Shabbaton (Sabbath weekend). The spirit at the table was a stimulating prelude to the special collegiate program which followed in the auditorium.

At that program, four collegiates, Steven Gross, David Kahn, Robert Krulwich and Jonathan Shor, interviewed our rabbis on a variety of subjects ranging from a Eruv in Manhattan to the war in Vietnam and from divisiveness in the Jewish community to "disintegration" in the general community.

Following the Sabbath morning service, over eighty teenagers held a cultural luncheon in the social hall. The highlights of the afternoon were a brief talk by Natan Dussberg, director of K'far Batyah in Israel, and a superlative "psycho-drama" written and staged by Steven Lorch. The latter concerned the roots of anti-semitism and the reaction to it by a Jewish victim who faced a choice between active battle against it or passive resistance to it.

Our thanks to Ronald Goldman, President of Shachar and Alan Kalischer, chairman of the weekend, for their efforts in enhancing the program.

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

**Saturday, December 3rd**

**CANTORS**

Charles Sub  
Wayne Kadis  
Kenneth Barany

**SERMONETTE**

Claude Alpert

**TEENAGE TORAH READER**

Richard Rem