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## **"JEWISH TRADITION AND MODERN CRISIS" — AN ANALYSIS OF THE WORKS OF S. Y. AGNON**

**Wednesday, December 21 - 9:00 P.M.**

The Kehilath Jeshurun Adult Institute will present a special lecture on Wednesday, December 21st, at 9:00 o'clock on the works of S. Y. Agnon. Our lecturer will be Professor Robert Alter of Columbia University.

Shmuel Yosef Agnon represents a unique personality in the Hebrew literature of the 19th and 20th centuries. He is unique in his use of traditional language sources. His writings are saturated with Biblical and Talmudic quotations and references and his phraseology is also influenced by the early Mussar literature of the late Middle Ages.

His roots in Jewish tradition do not manifest themselves in language alone. He draws deeply from traditional sources for his attitudes, values and sentiments. He exhibits a love for Jews and an abiding commitment to what is indigenously Jewish. In this sense, he stands in bold contrast to the strains of self hatred and self deprecation that course through the veins of Haskalah and modern Hebrew writers.

And yet, while Agnon's values are turned inward and do not represent literary escapism, he is still in tune with the world and he is keenly aware of the contemporary existential crisis which afflicts modern man. How he brings Jewish sources to meet that crisis is the secret of his greatness. It is the reason for his winning the Nobel Prize, and it will form the subject matter for our lecture on December 21st.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

## **FATHER AND SON MINYAN CHANUKAH SERVICE THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

### **Charter for Boy Scout Troop to be Presented**

A highlight in the program year of our Father and Son Minyan will take place this Sunday morning at 9:30. On that occasion the Minyan will hold its annual Chanukah service.

The occasion provides a wonderful opportunity for males of all ages — fathers, sons, uncles, nephews, etc. — to participate in a regular weekday morning service with the festive Chanukah addenda of Hallel and Torah Reading.

The 9:30 hour makes it possible for those who attend the Champagne — Latka Party on Saturday night to get a good night's sleep and still derive the benefits of this service of worship. The breakfast will be sponsored by Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal, a regular participant in the Minyan, in honor of the birthday of his son, George, — also a regular of ours.

### **Chartering of Boy Scout Troop #613—**

Following the breakfast, the members of our new Boy Scout Troop will participate in formal dedication ceremonies together with representatives of the Boy Scouts of America and the

Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club which sponsors the Troop.

The Boy Scout Troop functions under the guidance of a group of men from the congregation. The Chairman of the Committee is Michael Barany. The members are Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal, Benjamin Deutsch and Dr. Norman B. Javitt.

The official number of our Troop is 613. This number has special significance for us in that it corresponds to the traditional number of commandments in the Torah. It indicates that our scouts will be loyal to the ideals of America and scouting while also expressing their commitment to the 613 mitzvot of the Torah — a beautiful symbol of the meaning of a synagogue-sponsored Boy Scout Troop.

### **Special Added Feature —**

Following the Charter Ceremonies our teen-age group will present a special film entitled: "Key Plays in Football." All who are interested can remain for this twenty minute film on the highly popular Fall pastime of our day.

### **YOUNG MARRIEDS TO HEAR**

#### **DR. SCHATZMAN ON DECEMBER 17th**

The Young Marrieds Group, will hold its next meeting on Saturday night, December 17th. The meeting will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein, 460 East 79th Street.

Our guest for the evening will be Dr. Morton Schatzman, a Resident in Psychiatry at Montefiore Hospital. Dr. Schatzman, a graduate of Ramaz,

Columbia College and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, will discuss: "LSD and Psychedelic Drugs — Are There Religious Implications?"

In order to avoid any discomfort we request all members of the Young Marrieds Group to notify the synagogue office of their attendance or absence, in the event that they have not done so already.

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.  
"CHANUKAH - 166 B.C.E. AND 1966 C.E."  
SOME PERTINENT COMPARISONS**



## A CHANUKAH MESSAGE

### "Having The Courage To Light"

A traditional question about the lighting of candles for eight nights on Chanukah goes as follows: if this ceremony commemorates the fact that a one night's supply of oil lasted miraculously for eight nights, then it is only the last seven nights that were miraculous; why do we light for eight nights?

One of the many answers to this question seems particularly relevant to our day. The last seven nights commemorate the miraculous staying power of that cruce of fuel. The first night commemorates a human miracle: the miracle of the Maccabean courage to light the Menorah at the first opportunity even though they knew it could not last. They lit a lamp that was destined — so they thought — to flicker and die out. They kindled the candle against all odds of success. To remember this act of faith and courage, we light the Menorah on the first night.

Actually, this Maccabean miracle of faith is characteristic of all of Jewish history. Abraham was the first to try to bring light to a world bent upon maintaining the darkness of idolatry and superstition at all costs. Imagine where we could be today if Abraham had waited for a more accommodating social and political setting.

The Children of Israel began their trek toward a meeting with destiny by leaving the garden that was Egypt and setting out in a wilderness, plunging into a Red Sea and fighting their way to a Promised Land — lighting a candle against all odds.

The Jewish martyrs through the ages kindled the light of Judaism under circumstances in which people with lesser faith would have given up

in despair. The latest chapter in this saga of the first night of Chanukah is being written by a determined remnant of Russian Jewry who refuse to accept the "reality" of Judaism's ultimate disappearance in the Soviet Union.

Each of us in his or her own life faces the test of faith of the first candle. Can one expect success in living a full, traditional Jewish life in the face of the strains and stresses, the enticements and attractions of a secular society? Can one who is imbued with the modern idea of man's centrality and virtual omnipotence ever hope to stand before God in prayer, assuming the posture of helplessness and dependence? Can a sophisticated, cosmopolitan person ever achieve the sublime faith and the unqualified commitment of a Hillel or a Rabbi Akiba?

These are real questions and they raise reasonable doubts about the ultimate success of our religious behavior. If, however, we comprehend the meaning of Chanukah — and Jewish history in general — we will not hesitate to light the first candle, to take a firm stance with the committed, in the full faith that God will help replenish our religious stamina and assure the staying power of our spiritual light.

Our task, then, is not to worry about ultimate success — this is God's concern. Our task is to take the first steps courageously and firmly. And as we do so, let us recall that the first candle of Chanukah is accompanied by an extra blessing — "Shehechianu v'kiyemanu v'higi'anu la-zman hazeh." It is the ability to light the first candle that assures our survival as a people and as a religion.

H. L.

### — REMINDER —

## *Sisterhood Concert and Champagne Party*

will be held this

*Saturday Night, December 10th*

The Concert takes place at Philharmonic Hall.

The Chanukah Champagne Party, for concert guests only, will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Synagogue House.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Dr. Leo Edelman, Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mrs. Isadore Givner, Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Eugene Hollander, Mrs. Harry Kaplan, Mrs. Gerald Kaufman, Mrs. Sarah Klein, William Lebowitz, Mrs. Frederick Margareten, Martin Markson, Mrs. Norman D. Mosesson, Dr. Gizella Perl, J. William Rosenbluth, Leon Sigall, Dr. Miriam E. Trachman and Mrs. Simon J. Vogel.

### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Zucker-man.

### Bar Mitzvah—

We extend our hearty congratulations to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Saul H. Nack upon the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Emanuel.

May they derive much joy and happiness from the Bar Mitzvah celebrant.

### Births—

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. David Joseph, upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weinstein.

Our hearty congratulations are extended to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Silver, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. George Levinson.

## KOSHER BUTCHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the information of residents of our neighborhood, we list the butchers under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

### Max Backer

202 E. 87th St. — AT 9-7234

### L. Berger

1224 Lexington Ave. — RE 7-9800

### Eugene Czeisler

1520 York Ave. — RH 4-6488

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1355 Second Ave. — RH 4-5918

### Iser Salzman

1279 Second Ave. — RH 4-9823

### Bernard Scheiner

1200 Madison Ave. — AT 9-5461

### Leonard Schull

1163 Madison Ave. — SU 7-3545

### Eli Vize

1547 First Ave. — RE 4-2280



### AN ECHO OMITTED — BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Due to an unfortunate error in last week's issue of the Bulletin, proper expressions of gratitude and commendation were omitted from our account of the Thanksgiving weekend. Those who were at the Collegiate Oneg Shabbot had a chance to hear the rich baritone voice of Stephan Texon, a graduate of New York University.

Stephan, a member of the augmented chorus of the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center and a student under two conductors of the Met, sang several selections for us without the aid of accompaniment or microphone. His beautifully trained voice and easy manner still linger in our ears. The echos are not forgotten — although mention of them was omitted — and we are confident that some day we will hear that voice again in the more spacious and accommodating surroundings of Lincoln Center.

We express our gratitude to the energetic committee of the Sisterhood for their efforts in making the culinary part of the evening so enjoyable. The members of the committee are: Mrs. Hilda Berger, Mrs. Leon Feldman and Mrs. Bertha Witkin.

### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Saul H. Nack in celebration of the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Emanuel.

The recent kiddush sponsored by the Vice-President of the congregation, Joseph Roth and Mrs. Roth, was on the occasion of the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roth.

### PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS Chanukah Assembly This Sunday

On Sunday morning, December 11th, the Park East Religious School will hold its annual Chanukah Assembly. It will take place in the Assembly Hall of the Synagogue House at 10:30 o'clock. Parents and friends of the school are invited to participate.

### Tour of Jewish Museum Held

Rabbi Jack Guttenberg, Principal of the Park East Religious School, informed us that the students of the Park East Religious School recently participated in a guided tour of the Jewish Museum.

The students viewed the exhibition depicting the conditions of the Jewish immigrants on the lower East Side during the years 1870-1920. The exhibition conveyed to the youngsters the historical and sociological background of the Jewish community of our city.

### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

**Saturday, December 10th**

Mrs. Leo Davenport

Mrs. Herman Greenberg

Mrs. Morton Kamerman

Mrs. Abraham L. Marcus

Mrs. Louis Schleifer

Mrs. Irwin Shapiro

Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman

### K. J. MEN'S CLUB TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER

will be held on

**Tuesday Evening, January 10th, 1967**

— RESERVE THE DATE —

### AM haSEFER TO DISCUSS PSYCHOANALYSIS AND RELIGION ON DECEMBER 22nd

The first meeting of the year for our Am haSefer program will be held on Thursday evening, December 22nd, in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein. The Group will discuss: "Psychoanalysis and Religion," by Erich Fromm.

Our discussion leader for the evening will be Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, an esteemed member of our congregation and an authority in the field of specialization with which the book is concerned.

While we would like to extend an invitation to the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family, we must restrict this meeting to members of the Am haSefer program who have already registered for it. In order for our discussions to be profitable, the group must be kept to a reasonable size.

### SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks recent contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from: Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mrs. Sadie Cohen, Mrs. Regina Gourary, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Justin Kingson, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Edith Linden, Mrs. Frank Roth, Mrs. Elliot Siegel, Mrs. Alice Straus and Mrs. Samuel Witkin.

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

### JOSEPH GLATT ELECTED SECRETARY OF SYNAGOGUE ADMINISTRATORS

We are happy to announce that Joseph Glatt, our Executive Director, has been elected as Secretary of the National Association of Orthodox Synagogue Administrators, affiliated with the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

We are pleased to note the honor accorded to him by his colleagues.

### — ADVANCE NOTICE — THE MEN'S CLUB THEATRE PARTY

*"Illya, Darling"*

A musical based on  
"Never On Sunday"

will be held on

*Wednesday, March 29, 1967*

at the Mark Hellinger Theatre



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**Synagogue Officials**

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

**Officers of the Congregation**

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Elgin Shulsky ..... Treasurer  
Irwin Shapiro ..... Secretary  
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, SHABBAT CHANUKAH**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Pre-School Service  
Dining Hall ..... 11:00

**Weekly Portion: Miketz****Genesis 41:1 - 44:17****Numbers 7:24 - 29****Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7****ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS**

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Tuesday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 14th.

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



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**YAHREZITS****December**

10—IGNATZ HEYMAN  
10—ABBOTT S. BERNARD  
10—HENRY MATH  
10—MILLIE L. SARADA  
11—JACOB S. POFCHER  
11—ABRAHAM JACOBS  
11—JACOB RISKIN  
11—HELENA TRENCHER  
12—JACOB M. SCHULTZ  
12—TOBE MANN  
13—AMELIA LEVY  
13—KATHERINE GREENFIELD  
14—ETHEL GRONOWITZ  
14—SAMUEL FRIEDMAN  
14—JOSEPH LEVIN  
14—LILLIAN MANDELBAUM  
14—RONALD JAY FERBER  
15—JULIUS BAYER  
15—SARAH FREEDMAN  
16—GITEL BORNSTEIN  
16—BESSIE FEINBERG  
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16—MAJER KAUFMAN  
16—S. HERBERT GOLDEN  
16—JOSEPH JAME

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

Boys' Pre-Teen Group-Social Hall  
Intermediate Girls' Group  
Synagogue Library

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**8:30**

Sisterhood Concert and  
Champagne Chanukah Party

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**SUNDAY****10:30 A.M.**

Park East Religious School  
Chanukah Assembly

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**MONDAY****10:00 A.M.**

Hebrew for Beginners  
Hebrew II  
Hebrew III

**11:00 A.M.**

Studies In Judaism

**8:30 P.M.**

Talmud Class

**TUESDAY****10:00 A.M.**

Advanced Hebrew

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**WEDNESDAY****8:00 P.M.**

El-Am Talmud  
Elementary Yiddish  
Cantillation

**8:15 P.M.**

Modern Hebrew Literature

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**THURSDAY****7:30 P.M.**

Boy Scout Meeting

**COMING EVENTS****Saturday Night, December 17th**

Young Marrieds Meeting

**Wednesday, December 21st**

Adult Institute Lecture

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION****Saturday, December 10th****Cantors**

Peter Oppenheimer  
Nicky Gura  
Allan Friedman

**Sermonette**

Claude Alpert

**Teenage Torah Reader**

David Hostyk