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TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY WOMEN HEAR DIALOGUE BETWEEN SAM LEVENSON AND RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

A record attendance of women packed the assembly hall of the synagogue house last Monday afternoon to listen to a dialogue between Sam Levenson and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the former's best selling non-fiction work, "Everything But Money." The meeting was presided over by Mrs. William Lebowitz, President of the Sisterhood. The program was presented by Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Vice President in charge of programming.

The dialogue began with an informal monologue by our Associate Rabbi who evaluated "Everything But Money" as a beautifully contrived, humorously phrased and compassionately presented picture of the life and values of Sam Levenson's parental home and world as they related to his children's home and world.

The book is far more than a work of humorous nostalgia. It is that, of course, but it is also an instrument for presenting a philosophy of life and a method of relating parents to children and children to parents.

II was this latter aspect of the book with which the dialogue was concerned. Mr. Levenson spoke about his need to write this book. He confided his early apprehensions about how the public would accept the direct critical comments and teachings which abound in the last half of the volume. He felt, however, that if the voice of his parental home was not to be stilled and was rather to project its values, insights and sources to the modern world, what was needed was more than simple nostalgic humor.

He said that since the publication of the book, experience has justified this decision. The book has been accepted not only by Jews but also by Catholics, Protestants and peoples of all races, religions and nationalities, who find the indigenous Jewish fam-

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June;

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Re-opening on February 1st

TALMUD EL-AM8:00-9:00

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

ELEMENTARY YIDDISH8:00-9:00

Rabbi Samuel Klein

HEBREW LITERATURE8:15-9:15

Yoav Ellstein

CANTILLATION8:00-9:00

Israel D. Rosenberg

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend

An Open Lecture

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The third lecture in the series

"TRADITIONAL JUDAISM CONFRONTS CONTEMPORARY ISSUES"

-Guest Speaker-

DR. IRVING GREENBERG

-topic-

"HALAKHIC PERSPECTIVES ON WAR IN THE MODERN AGE"

- All are welcome -

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.

''A NON-JEW CONTRIBUTES A CHAPTER TO THE TORAH''



"And all the people saw the sounds"

In describing the giving of the Ten Commandments in this week's portion, the Bible records a rather strange verse: "And all the people saw the sounds." What is the meaning of this figure of speech — seeing the sounds?

According to one mystic, the children of Israel saw the commandments of God as words floating in the air. We may assume that the intention is to describe not a theatrical experience a la Cecil B. Demille but rather an intellectual experience. The Jews not only heard the word of God; they saw it as real and as significant and as it applied to their own lives in their own universe. They understood it much as a child grasps an abstract mathematical principle when illustrated graphically on the blackboard.

There is an old expression which illustrates this point beautifully. A father, seeing his son "davening" by heart will say: "Look in the Siddur my boy; Otiyot Machkimot — seeing the letters will make the thoughts more intelligible."

The reference here, then, is to the primacy of knowledge within the framework of Jewish values. A good Jewish heart is secondary to a good Jewish mind. Emotional commitment should come as a result of a mature rational comprehension of God's word.

We do not believe in religion by heresay. We do not and should not react by reflex to the words of a Rabbi or Priest. Hearing a command is simply not sufficient. According to the Jewish view, seeing is believing; and seeing means understanding.

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YOUR COOPERATION PLEASE

Members of the congregation are urged to inform the office of any change of address or telephone number in their home or business. The necessity of keeping the synagogue files up-to-date and accurate is obvious. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN LEAVING FOR ISRAEL

On Monday evening Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein will leave for Israel. They intend to be away several weeks.

The Rabbi will preside at the commencement exercises of Bar-Ilan University, of which he is the Chancellor. While in Israel, he will confer with high officials of the Ministry of Education. The Rabbi will meet with the Head of State and government officials on matters affecting world Jewry.

We wish Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein a bon voyage and a safe return to our midst.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU — FIRST CHOICE FOR MEN'S CLUB THEATRE TICKETS

Mr. Abraham R. Kirshon, President of the Men's Club, has announced that tickets for the Men's Club Theatre Party, "Illya Darling," will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis. In order to facilitate that distribution we are including a form in the Bulletin, which we ask you to please fill out and return to the synagogue office.

The demand for tickets for "Illya Darling" is extremely great. Telephone calls have already been received from individuals not connected with the synagogue asking for tickets.

Of course, our Men's Club is interested in making a success of its Theatre Party venture. Yet, our intentions have always been to accommodate the members of the congregation and their friends who, for many years, have given support to our Theatre Party.

We sincerely hope that the support will be forthcoming this year for the Theatre Party which will undoubtedly be the "hit of the season."

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Leo Breindel, Dr. Irwin Chabon, Nico DeGraaff, Joseph N. Friedman, Martin G. Haber, Morton Kamerman, Mrs. Emory Klein, Dr. Max Miller, Mrs. Abe Newborn, Mrs. Norman Orentreich, Mrs. Louis Orwasher, Mrs. David Pik, Stanley G. Reiss and Dr. Robert Wallach.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Barany, Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Gimbel and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth.

Birth-

We extend our hearty congratulations to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sadinoff, upon the birth of a son. We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to the proud grandparents, our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Max Sadinoff.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN ON TELEVISION THIS SUNDAY MORNING

We are pleased to inform our members that Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will appear on WNBC TV Channel 4 this Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The Rabbi will discuss the subject, "Law and Justice in Israel."

SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES

We acknowledge with thanks, a contribution to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund by Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, Chairman of the Neediest Cases Fund, 891 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

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Gentlemen:
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Number of Tickets

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THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB FATHER AND SON MINYAN

will Resume Its Regular Sunday Program This Sunday Morning, January 29, at 9:30 o'clock

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Breakfast

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A cordial invitation is extended to all men and boys to participate.

Dialogue between Sam Levenson and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein (Cont'd)

ily structure to be particularly relevant for our age.

In response to the Rabbi's questions, the author spoke about "gifted" children, upon whom are lavished every conceivable kind of possessions. In humor and in seriousness, in wit and in forthright advice, he talked of the need to "deprive" children of certain things while endowing them with many other spiritual gifts which are frequently overlooked.

Mr. Levenson spoke compassionately and realistically about the "underprivileged poor" of our day as opposed to his own generation of "privileged poor." He suggested that a society of abundance like ours simply has to be able to afford the educational instruments necessary to supplement the spiritual and cultural impoverishment to certain classes in society.

Without mincing words, the author deprecated the tendency for children to be allowed to function as adults during early adolescence. The gap between dating and mating, he said, is becoming increasingly narrow. Perhaps our teenagers are dating and dancing at too early an age and at too fast a

He contrasted the modern parents' reaction to a child's request with his own parents' reaction. Today, we say: "What harm will it do?" His parents' question was rather: "What good will it do?" He felt that if parents ask the second question more often, they would be more gratified with their children's development and the children, too, would be the happier for it.

The Rabbi closed the dialogue by reading a selection from the close of the book, a selection which illustrates the compassion and feeling which pervades the volume:

"While all eyes are turned to the heavens in admiration of manmade celestial bodies, be sure to remember the manmade miseries; the two fifths of the human race that goes to bed hungry every night, the 50 per cent that cannot read or write, the bombings of homes and places of worship. Either our ethics keep up with our physics or we shall all be cremated

"To my parents, freedom meant above all, "Live and let live." They were willing to settle for tolerance as a way of life. For the world in which you are going to live, tolerance will not be good enough. We are now in the "Live and help live" era of democracy. Like your immigrant grandparents who sent for those left behind, you will have to help others to cross over into freedom.'

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, January 28th

Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein

Mrs. Caroline Goldstein Mrs. Nathan Kalischer

Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

YAHRZEITS

January

28-FANNY DEBROVNER

28-GUSSIE POUST

28-MAX KESSLER

29-DAVID GOLDSTEIN

29—FANNY STRAUSS

30-MINNIE KATZ

31-EMMA SCHLINGER

31-JOSEPH GOTTSCHALK

31-FANNIE SHIENTAG

31-ROSE GELFAND

31-PHILIPP CITRON

February

1-JULIUS HEBALD

1-HANNA FISCHEL

1-JENNY MARMER

1-SIMON MAGNUS

1-HYMAN GLASSMAN

2-TOBY THERESA GOLDMAN

2-REBECCA JACOBS

2-ABRAHAM GLIKSMAN

2-TILLIE COHEN

3-ISAAC CLAMAN

3-KATE FRANK

3-JACOB LEVY

3-AARON HYMAN

3-SARI JOSEPH

3-HUDA ERNST

3-STELLA SCHOENFELD

3-JENNIE SOROCK

A FITTING MEMORIAL TO THE DECEASED

In our House of God there are Memorial Tablets upon which may be inscribed the names of dear departed

On these Tablets each name is inscribed on an individual plaque bearing the date of death in Hebrew and English with a Memorial light on either side of it. These lights are kindled on the Yahrzeit and at every Yizkor service at which time are also recited the traditional memorial prayers for the deceased. The charge for a Memorial Plaque is \$250.00.

On Tuesday evening, March 21st, a Memorial Service will be held in our Main Synagogue. At that time, all plaques will be dedicated, amidst appropriate ceremonies.

A reservation form is provided below for those who wish to order a plaque.

MEMORIAL TEAGOES RESERVATION	MEMORIAL	PLAQUES	RESERVATION	FORM
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Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Please inscribe plaques for the following on the Memorial Tablet of the Congregation:

Name of deceased

(Please print)

English date of death (Month) (Day) (Year)

Name (Please print)

Address

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting	of Candles	4:50
Evening		4:50

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Yitro Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

Haftorah:	Isaiah	6:1 - 7:6,	9:5 - 6
Evening			4:50

Conclusion of Sabbath5:40

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning		/:30
Sunday	Morning	8:30
		5:00

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