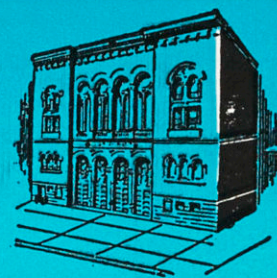


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## TALMUD CLASS TO RESUME MONDAY EVENING

The regular Monday evening Talmud class, taught by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will resume its regular sessions this coming Monday evening, September 11th, at 8:30 o'clock.

The class will continue the study of the Tractate, Pesachim, dealing with all aspects of the Passover festival. Until the completion of the alteration of our chapel and library, the Talmud class will hold its sessions in the Ramaz Library on the fourth floor.

An invitation is extended for this Monday evening to all veteran students and to all new students who are interested in the advanced study of Talmud.

## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

We wish to remind worshippers of the need to make their reservations without delay for High Holy Day seating accommodations.

We are anxious to serve new neighbors in the community and to accommodate those who have worshipped with us in the past. It is important, however, that those interested in attending our services during the High Holy Days, arrange for proper seating immediately. Please inquire at the synagogue office.

## SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 20th

### MEETING WILL FEATURE, "ISRAEL FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE"

Mrs. Leon Feldman and Mr. Abraham R. Kirshon, Presidents of the Sisterhood and Men's Club respectively have announced the joint sponsorship by both of these K. J. affiliates of a special event, as a preliminary to the 1967-68 program year. The program, which will be presented on Wednesday evening, September 20th, at 8:30 o'clock in the auditorium, will feature a slide lecture by Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein depicting the dramatic changes that have taken place in Israel as a result of the six day war.

The slides and documentary will provide visual insights into the new

areas that have come under Israeli control since the war, as well as some of the dramatic effects of the war, military and otherwise.

The views will include: The Old City of Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Syrian Heights, aerial photographs of the battle sites in the Sinai Peninsula, Mt. Sinai, and other interesting and heretofore inaccessible places.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this special evening. The slides will be shown on the new equipment provided as part of our building program. A light collation will bring the evening to a close.

## *The K. J. Sisterhood and Men's Club*

cordially invite you to attend

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## *"Israel From a New Perspective"*

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Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

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at 8:30 o'clock

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THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A. M.**





## THE WEEKLY PORTION

### Shofetim

#### "Theoretical and Practical Justice"

"By the verbal testimony of two witnesses or three witnesses shall a matter be established." These words contain the basic rules of testimony as found in the Torah and explicated by the Talmud. They also provide the basis for the characteristic avoidance of capital punishment on the part of Jewish courts.

There are many sins and crimes which carry the death penalty in the Torah for their perpetrators. In fact, however, conviction for a death sentence was rare according to the Talmud. If a court actually carried out a death sentence once in seventy years it was labelled a "murderous court."

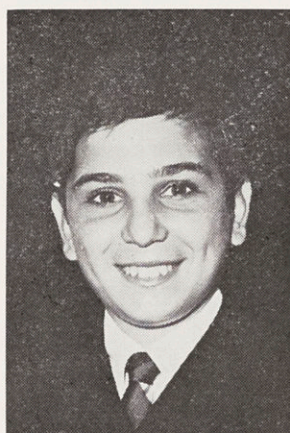
Circumstantial evidence, for example, was inadmissible. Two witnesses had to see the crime and testify verbally, in person. Intent and awareness had to be proved by demonstrating that the witnesses had first warned the criminal of the consequences and elicited a response from him.

Witnesses were cross examined mercilessly — and individually — by the court in an effort to break down the unanimous testimony. If the testimony of one of the witnesses was found to be in conflict with that of another — even on a minor point — the alleged criminal could not be convicted. This was true even if there still remained two nonconflicting, proper witnesses. As long as one of the group was disqualified, the entire group — even one hundred — was disqualified.

Is this, God forbid, sophistry on the part of Jewish Law? Not at all! It reflects a distinction between theoretical and practical justice. In theory, there were many acts which the Torah judged to be serious and injurious enough to man and society to warrant the death penalty. In practice, however, the actual taking of a man's life by a court of men was deemed to be a responsibility of the utmost gravity, a responsibility to be taken only when no other possible course remained. The taking of life, presumably like the giving of life, is essentially not the prerogative of man, but that of God alone.

An illustrative case in the Talmud describes Shimon ben Shatach who saw one man chase another into a deserted ruin and who then saw the

### WAYNE KADIS BAR MITZVAH



We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kadis, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Wayne. The Bar Mitzvah celebrant is in the ninth grade of the Robert Wagner Junior High School. He graduated last term from the Park East Religious School.

Wayne will read the Prophetic Chapter as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kadis at the kiddush following the services.

### 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.

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first emerge with a bloody knife while the second lay dead with a stab wound. Said the sage: "What can I do since your conviction is not in my hands, for the Torah states 'by the testimony of two witnesses . . .' May He who knows all the thoughts of man exact retribution from the one who killed his fellow man . . ."

H. L.

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. George H. Bookbinder, Mrs. Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Max Dattner, Sidney Flatow, Mrs. Samuel Frank, Samuel Greenberg, Lawrence A. Kobrin, Benjamin Mandelker, Mrs. Saul H. Nack, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, Joseph Roth, Raymond Schwartz, and Samuel L. Zuckerman.

#### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Saul H. Nack, and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Sussman.

#### New Appointment—

Our hearty congratulations to our devoted member, Dr. Norman V. Balinson, upon his recent appointment as Director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic at Roosevelt Hospital.

#### Engagement—

A hearty Mazel Tov to the Treasurer of the congregation, Elgin Shulsky, and Mrs. Shulsky upon the recent engagement of their son Marvin to Miss Linda F. Rosenfeld of White Plains, New York.

#### Condolence—

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member Mary Margaretten, beloved wife of our esteemed Honorary Trustee and former President of the congregation, Frederick Margaretten, and dear mother of our devoted member, Jerome Margaretten.

Mary Margaretten, who was a regular worshipper at the congregation for more than half a century, was a beloved daughter of Kehilath Jeshurun. Her queenly presence will be missed by all who knew her.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Frederick Margaretten, to Jerome Margaretten and to all the members of the bereaved family.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We are pleased to inform our readers that the ® kosher food endorsement of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America was recently accorded to 160 A & P Ann Page foods. These include dressings, relishes, syrups and a variety of other foods.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

During the summer months, a number of members of the congregation graciously volunteered their cooperation in order to assist in the smooth functioning of regular services.

We are grateful to our esteemed Trustee, Joseph E. Adler, for rendering his services as Cantor on a number of occasions; and to our devoted member, Dr. Martin Schub, for acting as Torah Reader at Sabbath services.

We are grateful as well to a number of young men of the congregational family who made it their business to attend services during the week in order to bolster the attendance on the hot summer days.

To all the above go our sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done at a time when it was needed.

### CLASS IN HIGH HOLY DAY LAWS TO BEGIN THIS SABBATH AFTERNOON

An old practice will resume this Sabbath afternoon in a new format. A class will begin sessions for the study of the laws and significance of the fall festivals. This class will meet regularly on Sabbath afternoons about an hour before Mincha through the end of October.

The new format consists of the text for study. Instead of being a lecture session, the hour will be spent in studying selected passages from the Shulchan Arukh with the commentary of the Mishna B'rurah. Each student will be provided with a copy of this classic work so that he or she may follow the reading, explanations and interpolations properly.

We invite all interested students — young and old, men and women — to begin this timely study, this coming Sabbath at 6:00 P.M. The class will meet in the auditorium and will be under the instruction of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

### FROM THE BOOKSHELF

(From time to time, as space permits, we plan to reprint in the Bulletin passages from contemporary and classical writings which we think might interest our readers. The following passage, concerning repentance, is in keeping with the spirit of the month of Elul, which began this week. The author is Samson Raphael Hirsch, Horeb, vol. 2, pp. 386-390. Ed.)

"God in His law does not only summon you to duty. His word also admonishes you to return to duty as soon as you have departed from it, and shows you the way back to the lost purity. And even should every moment of your life bear the marks of sin and transgression, and though you had never deliberately walked with God, yet God's word calls you back; in spite of all, you are God's child, and your Father calls to you to return to Him like a lost child, and not to throw the rest of your life in despair after your past life of sin.

"Certainly the path of true return, of true repentance, is not an easy one, certainly it requires a strong effort of will to go through with it; but none who is really in earnest will fail in it. Make up your mind, summon up all your strength, beseech help from above, and then for once endeavour to resist sin, to conquer selfishness and egotism and love of pleasure and indolence.

"Do not imagine that you are too weak. Do not think that because you have given way to sin so often you cannot finally gain the victory over it. If God demands something of you, He also gives you the strength to achieve it. He furnishes every man at his entry into the world with the strength to perform his duty, and you have only to strive for **teshuvah**, for a return to inner purity, to become again what you once were. Once upon a time — even if that time for you lies in the dreamland of childhood — you were pure, and you can again become pure. Your Father in heaven is there to wipe out with His omnipotent goodness the consequences of your impure past, if you only want it so. When you were first formed the Angel of Birth took the seed and stood before God and said: 'The man that is to be born from this seed — what will be his lot in life? Riches or poverty, strength or weakness, an alert or a dull mind?' He does not ask whether he will be obedient or sinful, for everything comes from the hand of God except obedience. You are to owe all else to God, but your virtue only to yourself. Therefore is it that you have the strength to be virtuous; build yourself on it boldly."

### A REQUEST TO PARENTS

With the beginning of the academic year, many of our young people will be leaving the neighborhood to take up residence out-of-town, to pursue their academic careers. We are certain that they would like to know what is happening at their congregation while they are away.

We will be happy to send all out-of-town students the Bulletin. Parents are requested to send us the addresses of their children who are away at school. Please include the Zip Code.

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

\*Evening .....6:00

**SATURDAY**

Morning .....9:00

**Weekly Portion: Shofetim**

**Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9**

**Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12**

Evening .....7:00

Conclusion of Sabbath .....7:50

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30

Sunday Morning.....8:30

Evening .....6:00

\* *Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:00 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.*

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