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HONOR TO OUR CONGREGATION

We were pleased to note the excellent turnout of our Kehilath Jeshurun family at the Israel Bond Dinner last week, at which Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein was honored. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein delivered the invocation. Our own President, Max J. Etra, presided at the Dinner and conducted, in his usual warm and enthusiastic manner, the practical side of the evening. We report with gratification that \$700,000 was raised for the State of Israel that evening.

We were proud that the following members of the congregation received scrolls of tribute for their work and contributions in behalf of the Israel Bond Campaign of last June and July:

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cummings

Gustave Etra Benjamin Kaufman Arnold Neustadter

Actually, all the members of the congregation who attended that night were deserving of honor. They displayed exceptional generosity in the purchase of Israel Bonds to help to strengthen the economy and security of the State of Israel, which is so essential if Israel is to prevail in this current crisis.

CHANUKAH CANDLES COURTESY OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND

Chanukah candles have already been mailed to all the members of the congregation. As in former years, the candles are sent with the compliments of the Benevolent Fund.

Members of the congregation are well aware of the service rendered by the Benevolent Fund to needy individuals and worthwhile charitable institutions. The fund is able to carry on its philanthropic work by virtue of the generosity shown to it by members and friends of the congregation.

We are hopeful that the response to the Benevolent Fund at Chanukah time will be as gratifying as it has been in the past.

UNREST ON THE CAMPUS TO BE DISCUSSED THIS FRIDAY NIGHT AT COLLEGIATE ONEG SHABBAT

We are happy to announce that the annual Collegiate Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club of the congregation, will be held this Friday night, November 24th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the auditorium of the synagogue house.

The feature of the program this year will be in a new format. Instead of having collegiates "Ask the Rabbis," the Rabbis will "Ask the Collegiates."

Those who have attended these programs for the past few years will recall the perceptive and incisive questions which students in college and graduate school put to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. This year the tables will be turned. The Rabbis will ask a panel of collegiates questions revolving around

the general theme of "Unrest on the College Campus."

Readers of the daily newspapers are very much aware of the current ferment which pervades campus life these days. This will be an opportunity to hear from the young people themselves. We will open the floor to the general audience for questioning and debate.

The Collegiate Oneg Shabbat will coincide this year with a special weekend of activities to which members of the junior and senior classes of Ramaz High School have been invited. Our teen-age group, Shachar, will host these students at special programs on Friday night and Shabbat noon, as well as at the regular Sabbath services.

You and your family are cordially invited to attend

The Annual Collegiate Oneg Shabbat

sponsored by the

The Sisterhood and Men's Club

This Friday night, November 24, at 8:30 o'clock

featuring

A Panel Discussion Program: "Ask the Collegiates"

The Subject

"CURRENT UNREST ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS"

Questioners: Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Panelists:

George Baumgarten, Yeshiva College Steven Gross, Columbia College

Stuart Podell, Queens College Barbara Trainin, Barnard College

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A.M.
''DEVALUATING AGE, INFLATING YOUTH, AND THE
RESULTANT BANKRUPTCY OF A WORLD''



CHAYE SARAH

"A Religious Attitude Toward Burial"

"After that, Abraham buried his wife Sarah . . ." With this verse, the Bible in our Portion for this week, concludes a description of the burial of Sarah by her husband, Abraham. The essence of that description could best be summed up by the words "personal involvement." This involvement began with Abraham arranging for the purchase of a proper burial plot for Sarah. It concluded with Abraham's personal effort in burying the remains of his life's companion.

An orthodox rabbi is frequently asked why he requests that the family at a funeral remain at the graveside while the grave is filled in. Many have become accustomed to an American innovation - according to Jessica Mitford it is unheard of outside of America — to have the coffin lowered just beneath ground level and then to have an imitation grass blanket placed over it while the rabbi conducts the burial service. Because of the widespread acceptance of this impersonal treatment of the departed, the practice of filling in the grave while the family and friends stand by has been riducled as "barbaric."

In truth, it is the innovation which has traces of barbarism. To leave the graveside without being sure that a loved has been buried in a proper and dignified manner is to unwittingly repudiate a moral responsibility to the departed one. The personal involvement of Abraham in the burial of his wife stands in stark contrast to the impersonal, professional and almost cavalier practices which have been foisted upon well meaning relatives and friends without their full understanding of the human values involved.

Judaism is most explicit on this point. We all know that a Priest is forbidden to come in contact with the deceased. When, however, the deceased in one of the seven relatives for whom mourning is mandatory, the Priest must "defile" himself by his personal participation in the burial.

From the point of view of psychology — which encourages man to face reality unflinchingly — and from the point of view of morality and religion, the practice of Abraham which is the accepted norm for Jews all over the world should become the universal model for American Jewry as well.

CLAUDE B. ALPERT BAR MITZVAH



We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Alpert, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Claude.

The Bar Mitzvah celebrant is in Form II (eighth grade) of Ramaz School. He will read the Torah Portion and Prophetic Chapter as part of the regular services this Saturday.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We recently received applications for membership in the congregation from:

Miss Gertrude Block Mrs. Fannie Buchman Mr. and Mrs. Elliott H. Eisman Mrs. Ella M. Lewis Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scheidt Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Septimus Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Starman

We extend a hearty welcome to the applicants and to their families.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Sidney A. Block, Benjamin Gottesman, Mrs. Meyer A. Gross, Mrs. Joseph Grossman, Mrs. Bernard Podell, Herman Smilow, and Dr. Judah Zizmor.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Kalischer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Merkin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schimel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shulman, and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel.

Birth—

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. J. William Rosenbluth, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Spencer Sherman.

May the new addition to the family be a source of joy and happiness at all

Congratulations-

We extend our hearty congratulations to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, upon the admittance of their son, Stuart D. Perlman to practice Law in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Stuart, who lives in Chicago, is one of the youngest attorneys to receive such in appointment.

Get Well-

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our devoted member, Mrs. Sarah Klein, who is recuperating from recent illness.

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our devoted member, Michael L. Schloss, who is recuperating at home from recent illness.

KOSHER FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT FORTY FIVE COLLEGES

The Synagogue Office has received a number of inquiries regarding the kosher food facilities which are available for students at out-of-town colleges and universities.

We are heartened by the many inquiries that we have had and by the fact that so many non-affiliated young people have turned to our congregation for such information.

We wish to point out that the schools listed below have some form of kosher meal facilities available. In some schools a full schedule of meals is provided, but others may only be equipped to furnish kosher food on a limited basis.

According to the information re-

ceived, the following schools have some facilities for kosher meals:

University of Arizona Boston University Brandeis University Brooklyn College Brown University Buffaloe, State of University of New York California, University of Los Angeles University of California University of Chicago University of Colorado University of Connecticut Cornell University University of Florida (Continued on Page 4)

THE JEWRY BOX

Served During
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12th
NORMAN A. SHUTMAN
ABRAHAM R. KIRSHON
WILLIAM LEBOWITZ

Will Serve During
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26th
MILTON ELETZ
HYMAN I. BUCHER
ADOLPH CITRON

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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS CITED BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN AS THEME OF "THE CHOSEN"

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood, at its first open meeting of the year, heard Rabbi Haskel Lookstein review a current bestseller under the heading: "How Chosen Is 'The Chosen?' '

A gratifying attendance of over 100 women participated in the meeting and listened to the review of Dr. Chaim Potok's book. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Leon Feldman, President of the Sisterhood. The guest speaker was introduced by the first Vice President and Program Chairman, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.

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In endeavoring to explain the unusual popularity of this first novel by Dr. Potok, our Associate Rabbi indicated that there are probably two main reasons for the popularity. First, it is now the "in thing" to be Jewish and even more "in" to be religious. In addition, while many novelists, today, concentrate on themes such as alienation, loneliness, man's struggle for identity and other such subjects which touch people only tangentially, the theme of Potok's book is of universal concern to every parent and child, which means, essentially, to every human being. That theme was identified by the Rabbi as the problem of communication between parents and children and the attempt to establish some form of continuity between the traditions of the older generation and those of the younger.

Avoiding any attempt to evaluate the literary worth of the book, the Rabbi did indicate that he felt that the statement by Life Magazine, "that Potok will do for Williamsburg what James Joyce did for Dublin," may be something of an overstatement. He cited some of the minor and major inaccuracies in the book, ranging from errors in describing the facts of the baseball game to a somewhat superficial and misleading description of the rise of Chasidism.

On the other hand, the Rabbi pointed out that the book contributes much to our understanding of a number of important issues in American Jewish life. For example, the unfortunate division that exists in Orthodox Judaism today is clearly set forth by the author, particularly with respect to pro-Zionist and anti-Zionist feeling.

The dangerous influence of the environment upon children is also portrayed well in the book. This, of course, is not alone the problem of Jews, but is common to all segments of the American population. It is tragic

when the rebbe has to plead with Reuven to be a good influence upon his son, Danny, realizing that the association with peers may be more decisive than the child's association with the father, himself.

The problem of communication between parents and children is, of course, basic. One father in the book communicates through intimate conversation in which he does not spell out everything for his son, but rather gives him guidelines for further thinking on his own part. Another father attempts to communicate values and ethics to his son by withdrawing from conversation entirely and emphasizing, rather, being an example for his son.

Both fathers, however, clearly communicate to their children an abiding concern with their future. They both take the time to study Talmud with their children and, in one way or another, convey to a younger generation the feeling of trust and faith that the older generation places in them.

Reading between the lines of the book, perhaps the question that Potok asks is how to achieve a posture of "Shema Yisrael" on the part of children - how to get them to listen to the voices from the past and the lessons of their parents. This is, of course, not only the theme of "The Chosen," as a book. It is also the key to the survival of the chosen, as a people.

Reserve Monday, December 18th -

The next regular meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Monday, December 18th. The guest speaker on that occasion will be Colonel Joseph Caleff, Israel military adviser to the U.N. delegation. His topic will be: "Israel's Military Position in the Middle East."

Welcome New Sisterhood Members

We extend a hearty welcome to the following ladies who recently joined the ranks of the Sisterhood:

Mrs. Harry Burak Mrs. Dora Kaplan

Mrs. Saul L. Rosenbluth

Mrs. Max Schefler

Mrs. Sidney Schwartzenfeld Mrs. Isaac N. Trainin

SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES

We acknowledge with thanks, contributions to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund from Mrs. Bertha Kelin and Mrs. Morris Morgenstern.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue, Chairman of the Neediest Cases Fund.

EUGENE HOLLANDER TO BE HONORED BY YESHIVA UNIVERSITY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

We are pleased to announce that our esteemed Trustee, Eugene Hollander, will be awarded a citation by Yeshiva University at the annual Chanukah Dinner of that Institution. The dinner will be held on Sunday, December 10th, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The presentation of the citation will be made by Max J. Etra, President of the congregation, who is Chairman of the Board of Yeshiva University.

Mr. Joseph Roth, Vice President of the congregation, is coordinating the dinner arrangements on behalf of the congregation. Those interested in making reservations for the Yeshiva University Chanukah Dinner are urged to contact him or to call the Synagogue

MEN'S CLUB RETREAT PLANNED FOR THE PRE-PURIM WEEKEND, MARCH 8th - 10th

Members of the congregation have already received information by mail pertaining to a unique plan which will undoubtedly prove to be a hit with members of Kehilath Jeshurun. The plan calls for a weekend retreat for members of the congregational family to be held at Grossinger's during the weekend of March 8th to March 10th.

A special program is being planned that will prove extremely interesting. In addition, the regular activities of Grossinger's will be available for the enjoyment of the "weekenders."

The Chairman of the committee planning the program, Mr. Martin Rochlin, is anxious to know approximately how many members of the congregational family would be interested in such a weekend. The letters which were mailed giving complete information on the weekend, have response cards included. Please be good enough to return the cards indicating your interest in spending the weekend with your friends of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Please note that the card which you will return will not be considered as a reservation. It is merely as a guide for use by those planning the activity.

As a further inducement for attending the weekend, you will be pleasantly surprised by the special discount rate which the Men's Club was able to arrange for this weekend. We think you will find the weekend an enjoyable experience. Please respond without delay.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting	of Candles	4:10
Evening		4:20

SATURDAY

Morning	9.00
Junior Congregation	
Pre-School Service	
Dining Hall	11:00

Weekly Portion: Chaye Sarah Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

Haftorah: I Kings 1:1 - 31 Evening4:20 Conclusion of Sabbath5:05

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

- REMINDER -

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN'S SLIDE LECTURE "ISRAEL FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE"

will be presented on

Thursday Evening, November 30th, 8:30 o'clock

in the auditorium of the Synagogue House under the auspices of

THE PARK EAST CHAPTER OF THE **RELIGIOUS ZIONISTS OF AMERICA**

TO IGNORE . . .

. . . the purchase of a family plot is to ignore the peace of mind and well being of loved ones. To delay such action is to impose upon yourself or a dear one a difficult duty at a difficult time.

Do Not Ignore This Responsibility

The synagogue office will provide all information and assistance to those who are interested.

YAHRZEITS

November

25-WILLIAM KIRSHON

25-ISRAEL J. KAY

25-SARAH SILVERMAN

26-MARCUS SCHUMAN

26-SAMUEL FEINER

26-KREINE FISHEL

26-OSHER LITWINS

26-ISIDOR ETRA

26-MAYER GROSSMAN

27-MORRIS D. EICHLER

27-ALBERT LEVEY

28-MEYER ROTHSTEIN

28-JACOB S. SILBERMAN

29-FRANK MANDELBAUM

29-MORRIS BARTEL

30-MAX SPIEGEL

30-LILLIE ROSEN

30-MARCUS WACHTER

December

1-HARRY H. HOLZMAN

1-MAX THEAMAN

1-CHARLES E. DAVIS

1-BATHSHEBA FISCHEL

1-ROSE SCHEIER



Kosher Facilities At Colleges (Cont'd)

George Washington University University of Georgia Harvard University, Radcliffe College University of Illinois Indiana University State University of Iowa University of Maryland Massachusetts Institute of Technology University of Massachussetts, Smith College McGill University, Montreal University of Miami University of Michigan University of Minnesota Northwestern University Ohio State University Pennsylvania State University University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh Princeton University Purdue University Queens College Queens University, Kingston Ontario University of Rochester Rutgers State University University of Southern California Syracuse University Temple University University of Toronto Washington University Wayne State University Western Reserve University, Case Institute of Technology University of Wisconsin

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