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A NOTE ABOUT OUR LECTURE SERIES

On Wednesday evening, November 15th, Dr. Charles S. Liebman, Associate Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University, delivered the first in a series of lectures, on "Directions in Orthodox Judaism on the American Scene." The title of his lecture was, "The Impact of American Life Upon Orthodox Judaism." We regret that, thus far, we have not been able to publish a review of that lecture in the Bulletin. Many of those who were present felt that this was the most worthwhile and relevant lecture that they had heard in many a year. It would be a disservice to try to summarize, within a limited space, the penetrating insights presented by Dr. Liebman on patterns of thought and behavior which course through the modern Orthodox Jewish community.

In future issues, space may permit a fuller summary of the talk. If not, we have every expectation of publishing the texts of our five lectures at the conclusion of the year. This will provide a permanent record of a series which we expect will remain on the highest level.

We reprint, below, the dates, lectures and lecturers for the remainder of the series, and we urge our readers to mark the dates on their calendars so that they will not miss these splendid opportunities:

Wednesday, December 20, 9:00 P.M.

"Orthodox Judaism and the New Morality"

Lecturer: Dr. Michael Wyschogrod

Wednesday, January 31, 9:00 P.M.

"The Lubavitcher Approach"

Lecturer: Rabbi Zalman Posner

Wednesday, February 28, 9:00 P.M.

"The Ethical Quest as a Religious Experience"

Lecturer: Rabbi Martin L. Gordon

Wednesday, March 27, 9:00 P.M.

"Whither Orthodox Judaism"

Lecturer: Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger

OVER 500 WORSHIPPERS ATTEND THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Program Is Highlight Of Activity-Filled Week-End

Those of you who remember the dreary and rainy weather of Thanksgiving Day morning will be as pleasantly surprised as we were to learn that over 500 worshippers braved the elements that morning to fill the entire main floor of the synagogue for our annual Thanksgiving Day Service. This is a further tribute to our congregation's interest in the State of Israel, for the service this year was marked by special features designed to recall the great events through which our people have lived during the past six months.

There were many highlights to this service. The pulpit was graced by the presence of Hon. Shear Yashuv Cohen, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, who spoke movingly about the dream of thousands of years, which became a reality on the 28th day of Iyar last Spring, when Jerusalem was liberated and when control over it passed into Jewish hands for the first time in the modern era.

Another special feature of the service was the splendid rendition of six chorale selections by a men's ensemble from the Zamir Chorale, conducted by Stanley Sperber. The selections included baroque, Chasidic and modern folk music, all set to Hebrew verses from the Bible and elsewhere. Their concluding number was the inspiring chorale rendition of "Jerusalem the Golden."

Cantor A. Joseph Cohen, who always officiates beautifully at these services, rose to special heights in his singing of Modim Anachnu Lach, an original composition of his. Our Rabbi led the congregation in special prayers and readings appropriate to the miraculous times through which we are living. The service was concluded with the prayer for the welfare

of the State of Israel and the singing of Hatikvah.

All of this, of course, was in addition to the usual American character of our Thanksgiving Day Service, with the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner and the reading of President Johnson's proclamation by Max J. Etra, President of the congregation.

Collegiate Oneg Shabbat —

On Friday night, close to 100 persons gathered in the auditorium for our annual Collegiate Oneg Shabbat. There was an unusually large number of teen-agers and collegiates who participated in the discussion on "The Unrest on the College Campus." The dialogue between the Rabbis and the panelists: George Baumgarten, Steven Gross, Steven Herzig, Stuart Podell and Barbara Trainin, quickly developed into an auditorium-wide discussion of the nature and causes of this unrest.

Our collegiates, who were most active last year in the crisis affecting the State of Israel, revealed their keen awareness of, and involvement in, those issues which trouble college youth today. Their reasoned explanations of these issues were most impressive and persuasive.

We are grateful to the Sisterhood's Oneg Shabbat Committee, whose Chairman, Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon together with a dedicated committee, consisting of Mrs. Bertha Witkin, Mrs. Hilda Berger, Mrs. Philip Jadek and Mrs. Isaac N. Trainin, arranged the culinary aspect of the evening so beautifully.

Youth Week-end —

While all of this was going on, Shachar, our teen-age group, was sponsoring a Friday night and Shabbat program for its members and for

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**RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A.M.
"SELLING A BIRTH RIGHT FOR A
MESS OF POTTAGE"**

THE WEEKLY PORTION

TOLEDOTH
"Dig We Must"

Modern man reaches up into space to find new frontiers to conquer. Our forefather, Isaac, dug deep into the earth to find the ancient wellsprings of his tradition. When he dug and found water, the shepherds of Gerar quarreled with him saying: "This is our water; it is on our land." Isaac called this well Esek — competition or strife — because of the fuss made over it.

Abraham had the same experience with Lot in his life. Grazing land and water sources were at stake. Abraham's reaction was most uncompetitive. Lot, he said: "We have a whole land before us, abundant resources, enough for everyone. You take your choice; let us live in *cooperation*, not in *competition*."

The dilemma of our forefathers is not a simple one to resolve. The theory of free competition and free enterprise has always been well supported by sound economic theory. Too much cooperation between entrepreneurs smacks of monopoly. The advocacy, on the other hand, of regulated competition by government, the more equal distribution of the world's goods, the support of impoverished families, the funding of programs for economic opportunity for the deprived; all of these invite the charge of creeping socialism. It is quite a dilemma.

Even the Talmud is somewhat equivocal on the subject. Our sages differ about the propriety of that *laissez faire* state where "what is mine is mine and what is yours is yours." One view says that this is a middle of the road policy; perhaps it is not ideal, but it is the best way we know to gain the maximum benefit for the greatest number of people.

Another view, however, condemns this state as "the way of Sodom." This ruthless competitive society displays little concern for the poor and the indigent, the sick and the helpless. Out of such rugged competition and individualism, some will gain fortunes, but far too many will go penniless; some wells will be overflowing, while others will run dry.

Isaac was not satisfied with the well of Esek — competition. He dug again until he found another well — Rechovot — the symbol of a fulfilled life and a non-contentious existence. Our sages comment that this well was big enough for all, for man, for beast and for the fields. Out of such a well, refreshing waters could be drawn for the betterment of all in a peaceful society.

H. L.

— A REMINDER —

Last week, members of the congregation received Chanukah Candles in the mail with compliments of the Benevolent Fund. Several of our members responded promptly and generously — a most gratifying response indeed.

The support which the Benevolent Fund gives to the needy is dependent upon the good-heartedness and generosity of our members and friends.

If you have not as yet made your contribution to the Benevolent Fund, please do so now.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESS
COMMITTEE AUGMENTED BY
COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP

Favorable responses continue to pour in from an interested and cooperative Sisterhood membership, in reply to a letter from the Sisterhood Kiddush Hostess Committee Chairman, Mr. Samuel Witkin and the President of the Sisterhood, Mrs. Leon A. Feldman. The letter, which went to the entire Sisterhood, asked for members to indicate whether they would be willing to serve as kiddush hostesses on a number of occasions during the year.

It is indeed heartening to know that there are so many ladies of the congregational family who are interested and anxious to serve with their fellow members in order to make the congregational kiddush a more hospitable and enjoyable one.

We are grateful to the ladies who responded promptly and willingly to the call. We express our hearty gratitude to them and to the Sisterhood in general for making the "after-service kiddush repast" a fitting conclusion to a warm and enriching spiritual experience.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Joseph Aizer, Max Dattner, Mrs. Leo Davenport, Mrs. Theodore R. Fink, Mrs. Jacob A. Freezer, A. Phillip Goldsmith, Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Saul Nack, Mrs. John Addison, Mrs. Max Scheidt, and Mrs. Meyer Shapiro.

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.

Marriage—

We extend our hearty congratulations to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon, upon the marriage of their daughter, Iris to Mr. Leonard Steiner.

Births—

We extend our hearty congratulations to our new members, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Starman, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hessel.

We extend our hearty congratulations to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Silverstein, upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meyers.

Get Well—

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our devoted member, Mrs. Samuel Rosen, who is home recuperating from recent surgery.

Condolence—

We record with sorrow the passing of our devoted member, Irma Jacoby.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM



A partial view of worshippers at the Thanksgiving Day Program.

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YOUNG MARRIEDS PARTICIPATE IN ISRAEL PROGRAM

The season of activities for the Young Marrieds Group of the congregation opened on Saturday night, November 11th, at a special meeting held in the auditorium of the synagogue house. Some 45 couples from the group, along with a number of guests, enjoyed, and were inspired by the slide lecture on Israel presented by Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 17th, at 8:00 o'clock. The meeting will take place in the auditorium of the Jewish Museum and will center on the Museum's exhibit on Masada.

The group will hear a lecture by an avid archaeologist who is familiar, personally, with the ins and outs — or, rather, the ups and downs — of Masada. Following this, the lecturer will conduct the group on a special tour of the exhibit.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, December 2nd

Cantors

David Orwaser
Craig Barany
Douglas Zippel

Sermonette

Jonathan Javitt

Teenage Torah Reader

Steven Schacter

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, December 2nd

Mrs. Harry Freundlich
Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman
Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg
Mrs. Meyer Texon

ARE YOU THINKING OF YOUR TAX RETURN?

About this time of the year, business people begin to assemble the facts and figures for the close of the calendar year.

At such time they also give consideration to additional gifts and offerings that they are in a position to make to tax deductible institutions.

May we, therefore, respectfully bring to the attention of our congregants the fact that there are local and overseas agencies and institutions that can use all the help they can get. The global agencies, such as UJA are known to all. The local ones will include those that are of immediate interest to members and friends of Kehilath Jeshurun.

There is, first, Kehilath Jeshurun itself, open 365 days a year and sponsoring a comprehensive program of religious, educational and welfare activities. There is, of course, Ramaz School with a scholarship aid program in excess of \$140,000.00 a year to provide for the education of deserving students.

Of course, it goes without saying that Yeshiva University which has our fullest allegiance should be for us at Kehilath Jeshurun one of the most deserving beneficiaries of our generosity.

Please, therefore, think, calculate and act in the spirit of true generosity.

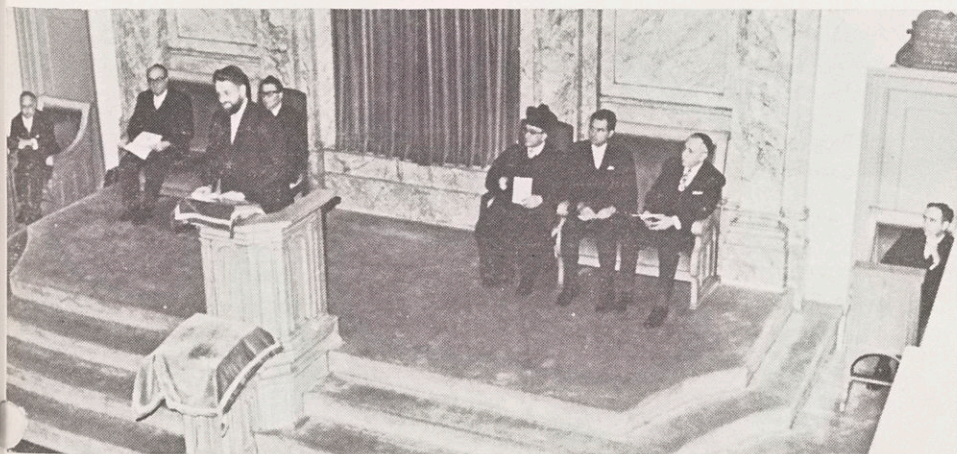
Thanksgiving Week-end

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juniors and seniors at Ramaz. A fine gathering was present for the Shabbat dinner on Friday night. An ever larger turnout participated in lunch the following day and witnessed a psychodrama on the contrasting views of the war in Vietnam, authored and directed by Steven Shachter, and acted by Perry Berkowitz.

All in all, this was the kind of a week-end that left the facilities of the congregation somewhat exhausted, but the members of our congregation exhilarated, moved and informed.

GRAT KEHILATH JESHURUN



On the platform left to right: Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein; Max J. Etra, President; Hon. Shear Yashuv Cohen, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem; Elgin Shulsky, Treasurer; Cantor A. Joseph Cohen; Irwin Shapiro, Secretary; Joseph Roth, Vice President and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles4:10
Evening4:20

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service
Dining Hall11:00

Weekly Portion: Toledot
Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18 - 42

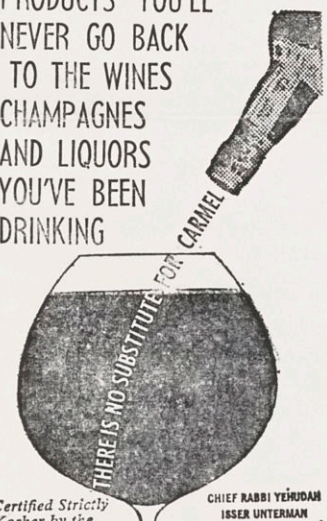
ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on
Sunday, December 3rd.
Evening4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath5:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Father and Son Minyan9:30
Evening4:20

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2-CELIA SHANMAN
3-THEODORE SIMON
3-SAMUEL WEISS
3-SIMCHA KURTZ
3-FRIEDA KAHN
3-JULIUS KLEIN
3-MORRIS ZUCKERMAN
3-MONES ZUCKERMAN
3-MORRIS KITE
3-FRIEDA KAHN
4-SARA SPILKY
4-HARRY HERSKOWITZ
4-HERMAN ENGEL

5-MORRIS BRANDMAN
5-MILDRED JEAN WITWINS
5-SARAH LAX
5-BERTHA BARANY
6-KATHERINE MORRIS
6-MORRIS ZUCKERMAN
6-MORRIS GARFINKEL
6-DAVID M. ALPERT
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