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## YOUNG MARRIEDS TO HEAR

DR. CHARLES LIEBMAN AT

### RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN'S HOME

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds Group will be the annual gathering of this congregational affiliate in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein. It will be held on Saturday night, February 3, at 8:30 o'clock.

Our special guest for the evening will be Dr. Charles Liebman, Associate Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University. He will lead a discussion on Orthodox Jewish involvement in American political life.

Several members of the group were present when Dr. Liebman delivered his outstanding talk at the opening lecture of our Adult Institute series. They felt that his informal and easy style, combined with his penetrating and thought-provoking insights into American Jewish life, would make him an ideal guest discussant for a Young Marrieds meeting.

We are happy to announce that he will be the guest of the Young Marrieds in our Associate Rabbi's home. Members of the Group are urged to reserve the date, Saturday night, February 3, and to return the response card which they have received in the mail.

## LUBAVITCHER APPROACH TO ORTHODOX JUDAISM TO BE DISCUSSED AT LECTURE WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

The third installment in our Adult Institute lecture series, "Directions in Orthodox Judaism on the American Scene," will be forthcoming on Wednesday evening, January 31st, at 9:00 o'clock. On that occasion we will hear a lecture on "The Lubavitcher Approach" by an outstanding representative of the Lubavitcher Movement in this country.

Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Zalman I. Posner, a young and dynamic graduate of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn. Rabbi Posner has been the spiritual leader of Congregation Shearith Israel in Nashville, Tennessee for the past eighteen years. He is also chief chaplain of all military installation in middle Tennessee.

Our guest speaker has written widely in a variety of popular and scholarly

journals on the theme of Chassidism. He is also the translator of four major works on the Lubavitcher Movement and Approach.

He will describe the program of a group which has energetically engaged contemporary secular forces in spiritual combat. The movement has struck bold roots in the soil of American life, especially in areas where Jewish communities are small and are isolated.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend what promises to be a stimulating and informative evening. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer period and the evening will come to a conclusion with a light collation.

Reserve the date: Wednesday evening, January 31, at 9:00 o'clock.

## Men's Club Theatre Party — A Wonderful Success

On Tuesday evening, January 9th, the Men's Club of the congregation held its annual Theatre Party, "How Now, Dow Jones". It was the most successful Theatre Party ever sponsored by the Club. The proceeds from the project are far above any previous record of the Club in such a venture. That achievement was matched by the enjoyable performance and the warm spirit that prevailed.

### Thank You, Committee

We are grateful to the Chairman of the Theatre Party Committee, William Lebowitz and to his Co-Chairmen, Maurice N. Jaffe and Milton Eletz, for their efforts in making the Men's Club project a successful one. They were

aided in their work by Abraham R. Kirshon and Ira F. Weisman.

### Debt of Gratitude

The Men's Club expresses its sincere thanks to the many friends who contributed to the success of the Theatre Party. We are grateful to those who purchased tickets and to those who sent contributions in lieu of their attendance. A special thanks is due to a few members who, through their personal efforts, made a handsome contribution to the financial success of this activity.

All who helped, will be gratified to know that this year the Men's Club will be able to carry on an extended and expanded program of philanthropy.

**RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A.M.  
"AT A FATHER'S DEATHBED — JACOB TALKS  
TO HIS CHILDREN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS"**

## THE WEEKLY PORTION

## VAYECHI

## "The First Angry Men"

"Simeon and Levi are brothers, their swords are weapons of lawlessness. Let not my person enter their councils nor my spirit be joined to their company. For they slew men in anger . . . Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce and their wrath, for it is relentless . . ."

These are the words used by Jacob on his death bed with which to castigate two of his sons who displayed unbecoming anger in response to the episode with Shechem.

Anger is considered by the Talmud to be an extremely reprehensible characteristic in man. It is a manifestation of the supremacy of the "Yetzer Hara", to such an extent that the angry man is likened to one who worships idols. The psalmist referred to this quality when he said, "There shall not be within you a foreign god."

Anger is often an emotional response to an alleged deficiency in others, which mirrors a genuine deficiency in ourselves. We tend to be most disturbed when we see others doing that of which we ourselves are guilty and hence ashamed.

Korach, a descendent of Levi, was thus afflicted by the sickness of self-righteous anger. He wanted to be a ruler. Consequently, he bitterly accused Moses and Aaron of pre-empting leadership for themselves. He saw in them a disease which they did not possess, but which he did.

Zimri, a descendent of the Tribe of Simeon, was similarly stricken. Wanting to indulge his immoral lust for a Midianite woman, he accused Moses of having sinned by taking a Midianite wife.

A similar self righteous anger is evident in our own day and in our own community, in the form of an organization called "Operation Yorkville." Its purpose is to rid this community — and the entire country — of the plague of salacious literature.

There is no doubt that such literature constitutes something of a threat to the health of our society. But anyone who has seen this organization's films and read its bulletins, cannot help but wonder at the intense tone, the overbearing anger, the unbridled hatred and the venomous attacks on Justices in the State Courts and in the U. S. Supreme Court.

One fears that this angry organization is composed of many guilt-ridden people who see the salacious even when it does not exist and who

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We recently received applications for membership in the congregation from:

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Berkowitz  
Miss Aline Kaplan  
Mr. and Mrs. Solomon J. Novick  
Mr. and Mrs. Manfred M. Rechtschaffen  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Septimus  
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Usdan  
Mr. and Mrs. Marco Wachter

The applications will be processed in accordance with the established practice of the congregation. In the meantime, we extend a hearty welcome to the applicants and to their families.

## SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks recent contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from: Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mrs. S. Honig Klein, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, Mrs. Jacob Starman and Mrs. Simon J. Vogel.

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

Contributions should be sent to the Chairmen of the Happy Day Fund, Mrs. Harry Heyman, 120 East 81st Street or Mrs. Leon Spilky, 1160 Park Avenue.

exaggerate an unfortunate condition beyond all logical proportions.

One never sees his anger as a manifestation of his own guilt. He cloaks it under the mantle of pure and holy pursuits. Simeon and Levi posed a problem to Jacob because they contended that their act was not vengeance, but rather just retribution. The facts, however, proved otherwise. Justice may have warranted the execution of Shechem and his son, but certainly not the murder of an entire male population. Furthermore, these same brothers were also partners in the plan to murder Joseph.

The lesson for us is clear. Anger is an extremely insidious and dangerous device. It is generally used self-righteously with the excuse of "Kiddush ha-Shem." In most instances, however, it is a sick response, motivated by base and vindictive motives and a self-deluding self-righteousness. In short, it is usually a "Chilul ha-Shem."

"Let not our persons enter their councils nor our spirits be joined to such company."  
H. L.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day of Mrs. Milton Berkowitz, Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, Mrs. David Gordon, Jerome Margareten, Mrs. Abram Miller, Jacob Miller, Arthur A. Rashbaum, Frank Roth, Charles Scheidt, Mrs. Emanuel M. Simon, and Robert H. Zessman.

## Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra, and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Scheinberg.

## Engagement—

Hearty congratulations to our devoted member, Michael A. Bayer, upon his engagement to Miss Karen Biffer of New York City. We congratulate our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Justin J. Bayer, upon their son's engagement.

## Congratulations—

We extend hearty congratulations to our esteemed member, Jack D. Weiler, upon the tribute that was recently paid him at the Annual Meeting of the New York Board of Rabbis. Mr. Weiler was singled out as an outstanding leader who, throughout the years, has devoted his time and energy on behalf of the Jewish community and the community at large.

## Get Well—

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our devoted member, Mrs. Lillian Lewis, who is recuperating from recent illness.

## Condolences—

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our devoted member, Mrs. Fred Kahn, upon the passing of her beloved brother, Percy Meyers.

We record with sorrow the passing of Helen Skydell, beloved mother of our devoted members, Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman and Adrian Skydell.

We express heartfelt condolences to our devoted member, Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, upon the passing of her beloved mother, Rose Math.

We express our sympathy to our devoted member, Mrs. Hilda S. Berger, upon the passing of her beloved sister, Rose Gittleman.

We hope that the families will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

**RAMAZ SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE  
THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY  
AT DINNER-DANCE  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1968**

The Ramaz Dinner, an annual event which is always one of the most beautiful functions of the year, will be held this year on Sunday evening, January 28th.

There is always a fine representation of members of the Kehilath Jeshurun family at the dinner. Please make note of the date and reserve the evening for what promises to be a stirring and long-to-be remembered thirtieth anniversary celebration.

**FATHER AND SON MINYAN NOTICE**

The Father and Son Minyan will not meet this coming Sunday, January 14th, and on Sunday next, January 21st.

The next session will take place on Sunday morning, January 28th. The sponsor of the breakfast on that Sunday will be Martin R. Rochlin.

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

**Saturday, January 13th**

**Cantors**

Jerold Berkowitz  
Douglas Zippel  
Binyamin Shudofsky

**Sermonette**

Steven Berkowitz

**Teenage Torah Reader**

Lewis Trencher

Officers Elected for the Month of Tevet Are:

President .....Craig Barany  
Vice President .....Kenneth Barany  
Gabbai .....Jonathan Javitt  
Hostess .....Colette Hyman

**At The Jerusalem Conference**

We are pleased to report that our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ward have joined the Kehilath Jeshurun contingent at the Conference of Ashkenazic and Sephardic Congregations in Jerusalem, Israel.

**THE JEWRY BOX  
Will Serve During  
WEEK OF JANUARY 14th**

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ABRAHAM SILVER

**Thank you for your cooperation in  
helping to maintain the  
Daily Minyan.**

**AT THE YESHIVA UNIVERSITY THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CHANUKAH DINNER**



*Shown Left to Right: Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University; Louis Dannenberg, Citation Awardee; Charles Silver, Yeshiva University Trustee; Senator John O. Pastore; our esteemed Trustee, Eugene Hollander, Citation Awardee; Henry Richard, Citation Awardee; our esteemed President, Max J. Etra, Chairman of the Board, Yeshiva University; Max Stern, Vice Chairman of the Board of Yeshiva University.*

**SISTERHOOD  
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES**

**Saturday, January 13th**

Mrs. Hilda S. Berger  
Mrs. Leo Davenport  
Mrs. Isidore Epstein  
Mrs. Morton Kamerman  
Mrs. Louis Schleifer

**THANK YOU  
FROM THE BENEVOLENT FUND**

We express our sincere thanks to the members and friends of the congregation for the generosity they have shown towards the Benevolent Fund during the Chanukah Festival.

Those who have not as yet sent in their contributions, may yet do so.

**A VETERAN RABBI COMMENTS ON  
RABBI LOOKSTEIN'S BOOK  
"FAITH AND DESTINY OF MAN"**

The following is an extract from a letter received from a veteran Rabbi, Israel Herbert Leventhal who has served the community for more than half a century.

Dear Friend, Rabbi Lookstein:

"I have just completed reading your book, and I must tell you that I found it most interesting. You deal with very vital topics and you discuss each of them with wisdom and with learning. I like very much your appropriate quotations, both Biblical and Talmudic, as well as current authorities. I am confident that these sermon addresses made a deep impression upon all your listeners."

The volume, available through the Synagogue Office, makes an enriching addition to one's library of Judaica.

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Please send me .....copies of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein's new volume of homiletical essays. I have enclosed \$6.75 for each volume.

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

Lighting of Candles ..... 4:30  
Evening ..... 4:45

**SATURDAY**

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

**Weekly Portion: Vayechi****Genesis 47:28 - 50:26****Haftorah: I Kings 2:1 - 12**

Evening ..... 4:45  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:20

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning ..... 7:30  
Sunday Morning ..... 8:30  
Evening ..... 4:45

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19—SAMSON GORDON  
19—HELENE TRAININ

**MEN'S CLUB WEEKEND RETREAT****MARCH 8th-10th****Will You be There?**

As already reported in a recent issue of the Bulletin, the K. J. Men's Club will hold a Pre-Purim weekend retreat at Grossinger's Hotel on the weekend of March 8th to 10th.

A special program is being prepared that will prove interesting and enjoyable to the "weekenders." In addition to the special Men's Club program, the guests will have the opportunity to partake in the regular Grossinger activities.

We urge you to make your reservation without delay. In order to assist you, a reservation form is provided on this page. Please fill it out and mail to the synagogue office without delay, along with a deposit of \$25 per couple reservation.

**MEN'S CLUB WEEK-END REGISTRATION FORM**

Please enter ..... couple reservations in my name for the K. J. Men's Club Pre-Purim Weekend Retreat. **Prices include all dining room gratuities, and are net per couple.**

— Pool Building or Jennie G. ....	\$130
— Ritz East, Roosevelt or Main House .....	119
— Milton Berle, Eddie Cantor, Ritz West .....	108
— The Ross. Joy. Pop. Lyman .....	99
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