

## YOUNG MARRIEDS DISCUSS ORTHODOX JEWISH INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS

The Young Marrieds Group of the congregation assembled, 66 strong, for its annual meeting in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, on Saturday night, February 3rd. The meeting not only attracted a large attendance to our Associate Rabbi's home; it also stimulated a vociferous and enthusiastic discussion of the involvement of the Orthodox Jew in local and national political problems.

The guest for the evening was Dr. Charles Liebman, Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University. Dr. Liebman, in a brief talk, cited studies and surveys which show that while all Jews as a group tend to be more liberal than the norm in the population, Orthodox Jews, on the whole, tend to be more conservative in their political views by comparison with Conservative and Reform Jews.

Dr. Liebman presented a number of theories to explain this tendency.

There is sometimes a feeling among traditional Jews — though a mistaken one — that the problems of the general community are less important than are matters of specifically Jewish concern. Thus, whether there is more public housing or less, more integration or less, more government involvement in directing the economy or less, are sometimes considered to be matters of marginal significance. The inappropriateness of such a stand on the part of traditional Jews was debated with great fervor at the meeting.

Secondly, there is a tendency on the part of the more religious elements in the population — sometimes referred to as the more fundamentalist groups — to be suspicious of change in the status quo, in general. Orthodox individuals and organizations often reflect this reluctance to change.

Dr. Liebman also cited several theological positions which tend to be

reflected in more conservative behavior on the part of those who accept these positions. One example would be the theological view that the goal of man is primarily self-improvement rather than social betterment. This is, of course, a Christian bias, but it is one which has made something of an intrusion into traditional Jewish circles — a mistaken intrusion, but nonetheless real.

The Young Marrieds heatedly debated the points raised by Dr. Liebman, not only in the formal question and answer period that followed his presentation, but also for several hours thereafter. This was, without a doubt, one of the most provocative discussions ever held by this group. It gave the members a chance to see some of the flaws in their own thinking and the extent to which traditional Judaism has been affected by theological concepts and theories which are distinctly foreign to it.

## "The Ethical Quest As A Religious Experience" To Be Discussed on Wed., Feb. 28



Guest Speaker

Rabbi Martin L. Gordon

The next lecture in our Adult Institute's series on "Directions in Orthodox Judaism on the American Scene," will be delivered by Rabbi Martin L. Gordon on Wednesday evening, February 28, at 8:30 o'clock, in the social hall. The title of his lecture will be: "The Ethical Quest as a Religious Experience."

Our recent evening with Rabbi Zalman Posner of the Lubavitcher Movement served as an excellent preface to Rabbi Gordon's subject. Rabbi Posner, it will be recalled, stressed the ethical movement in Judaism as being the method whereby man may be inspired to the service of God.

Recently, a new generation of Orthodox Jewish thinkers and scholars have begun to highlight the ethics of Judaism and their message for our day. Considerable research has been done

in trying to discern the Halakhic approach to contemporary ethical problems.

The areas which have been explored are business ethics and professional relationships, the control of the individual by society and the role of the individual in molding and influencing society.

One of the leading lights in this new generation of scholars is Rabbi Martin L. Gordon, Instructor in Religious Studies at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women. Rabbi Gordon has been a Fellow at the University's Rogozin Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this lecture on Wednesday evening, February 28, at 8:30 o'clock.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A.M.

## THE WEEKLY PORTION

## YITRO

## "Seeing Without Understanding"

In the preliminary verses to the description of the revelation at Mount Sinai, our weekly portion states: "And all the people saw the sounds . . . and the voice of the Shofar . . . And the people saw and trembled and stood back at a distance."

Apparently, the Torah wants to stress that the use of the sense of sight as distinguished from the sense of hearing was particularly important in grasping the message of Divine Revelation. Seeing is believing; hearing is not. Testimony in a court of law based on hearsay is inadmissible according to Judaism; only testimony based upon what one witnessed with his own eyes is acceptable.

In general, to see something is to understand it, while to hear about it may provide one with information, but still leave one indifferent. We hear about poverty in the slums; but to enter a slum tenement and see it with your own eyes produces a different reaction altogether. We hear about the brutal war in Vietnam; but to see the results of that war in veteran's hospitals is quite something else again.

Our sages tell us, in commenting on this verse, that "no one among the people was blind and no one was deaf." We suspect that the Midrashic comment was meant more in a figurative sense than in a literal one.

"And the people saw and were moved." The impression was fixed. The message was understood. The maximum impact was achieved.

H. L.

## KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by our members, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rashbaum, in honor of the forthcoming marriage of their son, Steven.

*Members of the  
Kehilath Jeshurun Youth Group  
are cordially invited to attend  
A CULTURAL LUNCHEON  
which will take place  
This Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17th  
following the  
Sabbath morning services  
—Guest Speaker—  
DR. ARYEH NESHER,  
Director of Sherut L'Am  
—Topic—  
"THE LEGACY OF THE  
SIX DAY WAR"*

KOSHER FOOD DIRECTORY  
AVAILABLE

We are pleased to inform members of the congregation that the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations has recently issued a new edition of the Kosher Food Directory. This enlarged volume lists the foods which are under the supervision of the Kashruth Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

The booklet is "a must" for the Jewish housewife. Copies are available to those who request them. Kindly address your request either directly to the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at 84 Fifth Avenue, or contact Joseph Glatt, Executive Director of the congregation.

MAX J. ETRA IN FLORIDA  
FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Max J. Etra, President of the congregation and Chairman of the Board of Yeshiva University, is now in Florida spearheading the annual campaign for Yeshiva University, which is being conducted there at this time.

The best wishes of the congregation go with him for a successful trip and a rewarding campaign. We look forward to his return to our midst.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Alexander A. Bernstein, Arthur Brown, Mrs. Benjamin Brown, Israel Cummings, Mrs. Alex Herbst, Maurice N. Jaffe, Sam Taffet, Albert Wald and Mrs. Samuel L. Zuckerman.

## Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Lieberman.

## Engagement—

Our hearty congratulations to our esteemed Trustee, Hon. George Postel and Mrs. Postel upon the engagement of their son Ira to Miss Bonnie Kaplan.

## Birth—

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Citron, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Professor and Mrs. Neil Hecht.

## Get Well—

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our member, Mrs. Norman D. Mosesson, who is recuperating from recent surgery. We look forward to her return to our midst.

## Condolence—

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our member, Sidney Kotimsky, upon the loss of his beloved sister, Sophie Rosenblum.

We pray that the family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

## THE JEWRY BOX

Served during  
Week of February 4  
Dr. Theodore R. Fink  
Max Dattner  
Raymond Gura

Will serve during  
Week of February 18  
Alfred Kahn  
Dr. Nathan Kalischer  
Dr. Harry Kaplan  
Hon. Herman Katz

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

## JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, February 17th

## Cantors

Craig Barany  
Henry Zimet  
Steven Berkowitz

## Sermonette

Binyamin Shudofsky

**SISTERHOOD**

**PHILHARMONIC CONCERT  
HELD LAST SATURDAY NIGHT**

Outside, the temperature was at a low ten degrees. Inside Philharmonic Hall, however, a warm mood pervaded the auditorium, as the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood and their friends relaxed to the gay and electrifying music of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, under the baton of Andre Kostelanetz.

We express our gratitude to the Sisterhood Concert Chairman, Mrs. Eugene Hollander, for her fruitful efforts in connection with the concert.

We express our thanks to the members and friends of the congregation who supported the Sisterhood in its concert undertaking. They will be gratified to know that by their support of this activity, they are enabling the Sisterhood to carry on its ever-expanding philanthropic work.

**—OF COMMUNITY INTEREST—**

**"Lest We Forget"**

**Art in a Concentration Camp**

The Synagogue Office has been notified of an exhibition of drawings made in the Terezin Concentration Camp during World War II. The art exhibition which is on loan from the State Jewish Museum in Prague, will have its first showing in the United States at the New School Art Center.

The drawings are on exhibition through March 16th, on Mondays through Fridays, between the hours of 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M. The New School Art Center is located at 66 West 12th Street, New York City. There is no admission charge.

**SISTERHOOD  
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES**

**Saturday, Feb. 17th**

- Mrs. Philip Jadek
- Mrs. Richard Kolb
- Mrs. Ella M. Lewis
- Mrs. Joseph Lorch
- Mrs. Jacob M. Miller
- Mrs. Ira W. Nadler

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

In order to assist parents and students in their choice of out-of-town colleges and universities, we reprint below a listing of schools of higher education that have some form of kosher meal facilities available.

- University of Arizona
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brooklyn College
- Brown University
- Buffalo, State 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
- 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 Massachusetts, 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, Institute of Technology
- University of Wisconsin
- Yale University
- Yeshiva University

We are indebted to the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation for making this information available to us. Further information can be received directly from the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at 1640 Rhode Island Avenue Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20036 or by contacting the synagogue office.

We assure you of our fullest cooperation in furnishing you with the information which you desire.

**ADULT INSTITUTE CALENDAR**

**Monday**

**10:00 A.M.**

Advanced Hebrew

**11:00 A.M.**

Studies In Judaism

**8:30 P.M.**

Talmud Class

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**Tuesday**

**8:30 P.M.**

Study Group

"Topics From The Psalms"

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**Wednesday**

**8:00 P.M.**

Beginners' Hebrew

Hebrew Literature

*The Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon*

will be held on

**Tuesday, May 7th**

*at the Waldorf-Astoria*

**—Reserve the date—**

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

Lighting of Candles ..... 5:10  
Evening ..... 5:20

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
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 ..... 5:20  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 6:05

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning ..... 7:30  
Sunday Morning ..... 8:30  
Father and Son Minyan ..... 9:30  
Evening ..... 5:20

**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.

**Max Backer**

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1547 First Ave. — RE 4-2280

**YAHARZEITS****February**

17—DAVID GOLDSTEIN  
17—FANNY STRAUSS  
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19—FANNIE SHIENTAG  
19—ROSE GELFAND  
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22—STELLA SCHOENFELD  
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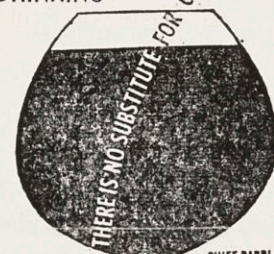
We bring to the attention of our members and worshippers that in our Main Synagogue there are Memorial Tablets upon which may be inscribed the names of dear departed ones.

On these Tablets, each name is inscribed on an individual plaque which bears the name of the deceased and the date of the yahrzeit in Hebrew and in English. Memorial lights are located on either side of the individual plaque. These lights are kindled on the yahrzeit and at every memorial service. On these occasions memorial prayers are recited for all those whose names are inscribed on the Tablets.

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