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PURIM SERVICE WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 13th RAMAZ STUDENTS TO READ MEGILLAH

"With the advent of Adar, joy reigns supreme." This is a traditional expression which is used to describe this season of the year. The happiness and gaiety is an indication that Purim will be upon us shortly and that Passover will not be long in coming.

This year, the Purim holiday will be ushered in on Wednesday, March 13th, at which time a capacity congregation is expected to attend the Ma'ariv service and the reading of Megillah. In accordance with a tradition of long standing in our synagogue, the entire service, as well as the reading of the Megillah, will be entrusted to the students of the Ramaz School.

Those who will officiate at our services this year are:

Samuel Blumenthal
Samuel Friedman
David Grossman
Alan Kalischer
Robert Kurzweil
Robert Levine
Steven Lorch
Asher Miller
Roger Oppenheimer
Steven Schacter
Alvin Smilow

The festive holiday of Purim has a unique appeal for youngsters of all ages, but especially for those of a young age. All of our members and friends are urged to bring their chil-

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dren with them to the service. The children will be our special guests for the evening. They will receive the traditional noisemakers with which to greet the reading of Haman's name, and they will be presented with special holiday sweets at the conclusion of the service.

The Schedule

The following is the schedule for services on Purim eve. Mincha services will be held in the Chapel at 5:40. Children in elementary school are asked to assemble in the auditorium of the synagogue house at 5:45, at the very latest. They should be brought no earlier than 5:30, because a long wait will make them unnecessarily restive. Teachers and counselors from our teen-age group will be on hand to supervise them and to distribute the noisemakers to them.

The children will be ushered into the main synagogue where Ma'ariv services will begin at 6:15. Ma'ariv will be followed by the reading of the Megillah. The service will conclude at a reasonable hour.

You are cordially invited to join us together with your family and friends for this gay festival on Wednesday, March 13th. A delightful time is in store for everyone, young and old alike.

SPECIAL MEGILLAH READING FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN PURIM MORNING THURSDAY, MARCH 14th

It is not commonly known that the main obligation to hear the reading of the Megillah is on Purim morning. For sociological reasons only, the emphasis in America has been on the evening reading.

The reading of the Megillah, moreover, is as incumbent upon women as upon men, for Esther was the heroine of the miraculous deliverance of the Jews from the hand of Haman. Most women, however, find it difficult to attend the 7:00 A.M. services on Purim Day.

This year, therefore, we are continuing a practice which we began the last time Purim fell on a weekday, in 1965. A special reading of the Megillah for women and children will be held on Thursday morning, March 14th, from 10:30 to 11:30, in the synagogue Chapel. The children are invited to bring their noisemakers and to finish off Haman for good at that time.

The reading of the Megillah will be done by a group of Ramaz students who serve as alternates for the Wednesday evening reading. They are:

> Norman Chideckel Jeremy Hyman Irving Lebovics Joseph Low Eugene Packin Jeffrey Retig Elliot Richman Henry Swergold Lewis Trencher Clifford Wolf

The morning will be capped by a light collation of hamantaschen, milk and coffee, for all present. A cordial invitation is extended to ladies and children to participate in the full joy of Purim on Thursday morning, March 14th. Joy will reign supreme — for everyone except for Haman.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A.M.
''A SANCTUARY FOR MAN ACCORDING
TO THE BLUEPRINT OF GOD''



A Sanctuary for Whom?

"And They Shall Build for Me a Sanctuary And I Shall Dwell Among Them."

Two questions logically arise from this statement of the commandment to build a sanctuary. First, why the emphasis on the fact that the sanctuary shall be built for Me? Second, should the Torah not say: "And I shall dwell in it," rather than, "And I shall dwell among them?"

In answer to our first question, we might consider the role of the synagogue - in lieu of the sanctuary in our own day. Many synagogues have become social centers (literally bet knesset). Others have, as their main religious purpose, the staging of Bar Mitzvahs and weddings.

Clearly, the Torah wanted to avoid this kind of synagogue concept when it said: "And they shall build for Me a sanctuary." Whatever reasons synagogues may have for existence - and they are legion — the primary purpose ought to be purely religious: religious services, religious study and religious counsel.

Our second question was: "Why does the Bible say: 'And I shall dwell among them,' rather than: 'I shall dwell in it?" The obvious answer to that is that God should not dwell only in the synagogue; God's place is among the people. The synagogue should never become a substitute for religion. It should always be an inspiration for religion beyond its walls.

Thus we must ask ourselves: We belong to an Orthodox synagogue; but how Orthodox does that synagogue make us? We are part of a traditional House of God; how traditional does this House of God make us in our everyday lives? We come to the synagogue on the Sabbath; how do we behave during the week? Are we more religious as people because of our synagogue experience, or does the synagogue experience really create no effect upon us?

It is to be hoped that if a synagogue truly exists for "Me" then God's place will not only be in that synagogue, but rather will his influence be felt among all the people in their daily lives.

LARGE TURNOUT AT SISTERHOOD MEETING HEARS ADDRESS BY MARTHA K. SELIG

A fine turnout of Sisterhood members was on hand on Monday last at the Open Meeting of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood. Mrs. Leon A. Feldman, President of the Sisterhood presided. The ladies were treated to a stirring address by Mrs. Martha K. Selig, Executive Director for Community Services of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Mrs. Selig utilized her many-faceted professional qualities and her warm personality in analyzing the subject, "The Search for Fulfillment."

The World Needs You

The guest speaker spoke of the obligation of every woman to give of her energies, her time and her capacity on behalf of the community. "Our world cannot afford the woman who centers her life solely around the card table, the fashion shops or the beauty parlors. Our world can no longer afford the woman wrapped in a cocoon of self-adornment. Our world cannot survive with parasites.

". . . The word life - in Hebrew -Chaim, is found only in the plural form. There is no singular. For in our tradition, life cannot be lived alone. All of us play a part in the larger community in which we live.

Mrs. Selig concluded her remarks by speaking of the years to come, the discovery, the change and the excitement that they will bring. "We are all part of that new world that is emerging," she said, "and all of us should look beyond ourselves now - and get on with that job."

It was an inspiring afternoon and an enjoyable one.

New Sisterhood Members

At the meeting, the following ladies were officially welcomed into membership of the Sisterhood:

> Mrs. Florence A. Edelman Mrs. Harry L. Septimus Mrs. Ira Usdan

We extend a hearty welcome to

The next function of the Sisterhood will be a visit to the American-Israel Culture House. That visit will take place on Monday afternoon, March 25th. Please mark your calendars for that event, which will prove to be a thrilling experience.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Irving Angel, Isidor Berkowitz, George H. Bookbinder, Mrs. Harry Etra, Leon Gronowitz, Charles B. Jacobs, Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Gerald S. Kaufman, Mrs. Martin Klein, Mrs. Aaron G. Meislin, Mrs. George Postel, Henry Reinhold, Dr. Stephan S. Rosenak, Dr. Stephen M. Scheidt, Mrs. Samuel S. Silverstein, Mrs. Adrian Skydell, Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, Mrs. Aaron Welish and Miss Ruth Winkler.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gronowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perlberger.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We recently received applications for membership in the congregation

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Berkowitz Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Goldman

Mrs. Bertha Himmelstein Dr. and Mrs. Aaron G. Meislin

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon J. Novick

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Usdan

Mr. Walter J. Vogel

Mr. and Mrs. Marco Wachter

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

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES Saturday, March 2

Mrs. Samuel Rosenberg

Mrs. Joseph Roth

Mrs. Leon Spilky

Mrs. Jess Ward

Mrs. George Weiss

Mrs. Samuel Zuckerman

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks recent contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from: Mrs. Caroline Goldstein, Mrs. Jack Lieberman, Mrs. Louis Orwasher and Mrs. Elgin Shulsky.

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.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION Zionist Youth Council Annual Israel Dance Festival

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The seventeenth annual Israel Dance Festival, sponsored by the New York Zionist Youth Council, will take place on Sunday, March 17th, at Carnegie Hall.

The Festival which will feature sixteen Israel folk dance groups, bears the title this year, "Jerusalem, the Golden."

In addition to enjoying the performance, those who will attend will give strength and encouragement to the various Zionist youth groups in our community.

Tickets for the performances, which take place at 3:30 P.M. and at 8:00 P.M. on March 17th, are available through the American Zionist Youth Foundation, at 515 Park Avenue, HA 1-4120.

ADULT INSTITUTE CALENDAR

Monday
10:00 A.M.
Advanced Hebrew
11:00 A.M.
Studies In Judaism
8:30 P.M.
Talmud Class

Wednesday 8:00 P.M.

Beginners' Hebrew Hebrew Literature

> Thursday 8:30 P.M.

Study Group "Topics From The Psalms"

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, March 2nd Cantors

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Teenage Torah Reader Alvin Smilow

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PresidentBinyamin Shudofsky Vice Pres.George Blumenthal GabbaiHenry Zimet HostessRachel Shudofsky

YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE

Members of the congregation are urged to inform the synagogue office of any change of address or telephone number in their home or business. The necessity of keeping the synagogue files up-to-date and accurate is obvious. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SHACHAR HEARS STIRRING TALK ON SIX DAY WAR

Close to fifty teenagers in our congregational teenage group, Shachar, attended the cultural luncheon recently held. It took place in the auditorium of the Synagogue house. They were treated to a stirring address by Dr. Aryeh Nesher, Director of Sherut La-Am, the "Peace Corps" of Israel.

Dr. Nesher went back to the 1940's in an effort to explain the significance of the events of last June. He said that there were two worlds arrayed against the Jewish people during the 1940's. One was busily engaged in murdering the Jew; the other was neutral and made no effort to stop this diabolical scheme. The latter world included the Allies, the Pope and what we normally think of as the free world.

Last June, Dr. Nesher said, history repeated itself in an agonizing way. There was again one world that strove to annihilate 2.3 million Jews in Israel. There was also another world that was neutral "in thought, word and deed" and that was prepared to do nothing to oppose the threatened genocide.

There were two critical differences between last June and the 1940's. The obvious difference was the readiness of the Jewish people in Israel to defeat their would-be murders. But the other difference, Dr. Nesher said, was perhaps more profound and more significant in the long run. This consisted of the fact that last June the Jewish people all over the world was joined together with Israel in the crisis.

This was, unfortunately, not the case in the 1940's, when Jews were rather unmotivated and unmoved by by what we knew was going on in Europe. Last year, by contrast, mass meetings were held, hundreds of millions of dollars were collected and thousands of volunteers presented themselves from all over the world to help in the crisis.

In this way has history changed through the development of the State of Israel. The two worlds that are against us — the active and the passive — are no less serious threats than those which existed in the past. The difference is in the response of the Jew — the readiness to fight on the part of the threatened and the solidarity of feeling which exists whereby every Jew all over the world feels the threat in a very personal way.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN AT BAR-ILAN GRADUATION EXERCISES



Shown above is Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Chancellor of Bar-Ilan University delivering the address at the recent Graduation Ceremonies held in Israel.

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SCHEDOLL OF SERVICES
FRIDAY
Lighting of Candles5:30
Evening5:30
SATURDAY
Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service
Dining Hall11:00
Weekly Portion: TERUMAH

EXODUS 25:1 - 27:19 Haftorah: | KINGS 5:26 - 6:13

Hallora		KIIAGS	3:20	- 0:13
Evening				5:30
Conclusio	on of	Sabba		6:20
WEEKDAY	SERVI	ICES		
Morning				7:30

Conclusion of Sabbath	6:20
VEEKDAY SERVICES	
Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	8:30
Father and Son Minyan	9:30
Evening	5:30



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