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SHABBAT Ha GADOL DISCOURSE

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will deliver the traditional Shabbat Ha Gadol Discourse this Saturday afternoon between Mincha and Ma'ariv. Mincha services are scheduled at 5:40, a little earlier than usual in order to provide ample time for that discourse.

We extend a cordial invitation to men and to women, young and old, to participate in the Sabbath afternoon services and to listen to the traditional discourse.

FINAL CALL FOR SEDARIM RESERVATIONS

The deadline for accepting reservations for the Passover Sedarim is this Sunday, April 7th.

If you are planning to participate in the congregational Sedarim, make your reservations immediately, by sending your reservation forms with covering remittance.

KEHILATH JESHURUN GOES ALL OUT FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

During the past two weeks, on two separate occasions, the congregational family demonstrated its regard for Yeshiva University. Kehilath Jeshurun indicated an understanding of the need to support the great citadel of education on the American Jewish scene.

On Sunday, March 24th, a well attended brunch was held in the Social Hall of the congregation under the chairmanship of Joseph Roth, Vice President of the congregation. On Saturday last, the annual Yeshiva University Sabbath was held at Kehilath Jeshurun. Our worshippers were given an opportunity to demonstrate their support for Yeshiva.

We are pleased to report that on both occasions the response was extremely gratifying. The pledges and contributions received thus far indicate that our congregation will once again occupy the leading role among congregations throughout the country which support the University.

Dependable Stalwarts and Active Newcomers Join Forces

We are greatly encouraged by the active interest taken by the reliable stalwarts and the zealous newcomers. The joint effort of a good-hearted and understanding congregation together with the energetic work of a dedicated committee, has brought much needed support to a unique institution-Yeshiva University.

A Special Request

Yeshiva University serves the needs of the American Jewish Community. It is only fitting that each of us, responds to that institution when it asks for assistance.

There are some who were not present with us either at the brunch or at Yeshiva Sabbath. We urge them to send their pledges and contributions to the Synagogue Office. Thank you in advance for your understanding and your generosity.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TO BE HELD

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 5+h, 10:30 O'CLOCK

— RESERVE THE DATE—

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A. M.
''A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT PRESIDENT
ON A GREAT SABBATH''

RABBI WURZBURGER THRILLS AUDIENCE AT ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE

Speaker Depicts Orthodoxy as a Vibrant Force

An intellectual treat was offered on Wednesday evening, March 27th, by the Adult Institute of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Those who participated will attest to the stimulating and thought-provoking lecture which took place.

Topic-Whither Orthodox Judaism?

Rabbi Wurzburger spoke movingly about the relevance of Orthodox Judaism in our time. "Our belief in the timeless Torah makes it incumbent upon us to provide answers in our modern age. If we are truly orthodox, we dare not sit back and create a spiritual ghetto in which to enclose ourselves.

"Orthodoxy must confront the world, ask questions, investigate, review and come up with answers."

The lecture on the absorbing topic brought forward searching questions. Dr. Wurzburger supplied comprehensive answers, to the accompaniment of hearty applause, to the many questions which were put to him by the enthusiastic audience.

The evening topped off a superb series of five lectures on the general theme, "Directions in Orthodox Judaism on the American Scene."

We are hopeful that during next season, our Adult Institute will find it possible to bring to the membership an equally select and dignified roster of eminent scholars, rabbis and educators.

MEN'S CLUB TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL DINNER TO BE HELD THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 2nd

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Dinner of the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club will be held on Thursday evening, May 2nd, in the Assembly Hall of the Synagogue House. The President of the Men's Club, Abraham R. Kirshon, announced that the Chairman of the Dinner will be William Lebowitz.

The warmth and sociability, the enjoyable menu at the dinner and the reception, together with an enjoyable program are part of the evening's entertainment. As in former years, the cost will be \$10.00.

We are certain that members and friends of the Club will enjoy the evening. Invitations will shortly be in the mail. Please reserve the date, and make your reservations for what promises to be a highlight in the Men's Club season.

MRS. MORDIE MANN DISCUSSES ELI WIESEL'S BOOK AT AM HASEFER MEETING

Another penetrating analysis of a work of fiction was offered recently by Mrs. Mordie Mann, at the Am ha-Sefer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson.

The book under discussion was Eli Wiesel's, "The Gates of the Forest." Mrs. Mann provided the readers with some marvelous insights into what Wiesel was trying to do and how the structure of his book enabled him to do it

She also provoked a discussion among the members present about why Wiesel has been called: "The Job of the Holocaust." To fortify her arguments, she discussed conclusions derived from some of the other fiction and non-fiction works of this celebrated Jewish belletrist.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Thursday evening, April 25th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Fink. The book under discussion then will be: "The Treasury of Tradition," an anthology of articles chosen from the last ten years of the magazine, **Tradition**. The discussion leader for that evening will be Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks recent contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from: Mrs. Gussie Axelrod, Feinberg Twins, Mrs. Caroline Goldstein, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Jack Lieberman, Mrs. Morris Morgenstern, Mrs. Louis Orwasher, Mrs. George Postel, Mrs. Elgin Shulsky, and Mrs. Ella M. Weiss.

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.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Harry Bachrach, Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Moses Englander, Mrs. William B. Fischberg, Mrs. Israel Jacobs, Dr. Emory Klein, Reuben N. Popkin, Mrs. Charles Scheidt, Mrs. David Warshavsky and Dr. Bernard Wetchler.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. William Fuirst, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Grossman, Mr. and Mr. Jacob Rudd and Mr. and Mrs. David Warshavsky.

Special Anniversary Greetings-

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth. Our beloved Vice President and his wife, Shirley, a very active member of the congregation and of the Sisterhood, are celebrating their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.

We of the congregational family wish them good health and happiness together with their family and all their friends, unto the proverbial one hundred and twenty years.

Honors-

Seven hundred guests assembled to do honor to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Wassner, at the Shaare Zedek Hospital Dinner, which took place at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

"Bob" Wassner and Diane were honored, not alone for their generosity to the hospital in Jerusalem, but for their devotion to all deserving causes in America and in Israel.

Bon Voyage-

We extend our best wishes for an enjoyable trip and a safe return to Miss Naomi Fink, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Fink, who left on a visit to Israel.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The kiddush this Sabbath will be under the joint sponsorship of the Roth and Bayer families.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roth and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Farber are sponsoring the kiddush in honor of the forty-fifth wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Bayer are marking the event of the "aufruf" of their son, Michael.

The Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon

will be held on

Tuesday, May 7th

at the Waldorf - Astoria

-Reserve the date-

THAT THE JEWS OF THE SOVIET UNION MAY KNOW THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN . . .

At the Seder table one should have four matzohs, the three traditional ones and an additional matzah which will not be eaten and which will symbolize the plight of our brethren in the Soviet Union, most of whom will be unable to obtain matzah for Passover this year.

In Jewish households throughout America, this year, the following formula will be recited at the Seder immediately prior to "Ma Nishtanah", after completing the recitation of "Ha Lachma Anya."

THIS IS THE MATZOH OF OPPRESSION

We set aside this "lechem oni" — this matzah of oppression — to remember the three million Jews of the Soviet Union. Most of them cannot have matzah on their Seder tables tonight. Conceive of Passover without matzah — without that visible reminder of our flight from slavery.

Think of Soviet Jews! They cannot learn of their Jewish past and hand it down to their children. They cannot learn the languages of their fathers and hand them down to their children. They cannot teach their children to be their teachers, their rabbis.

They can only sit in silence and become invisible. We shall be their voice, and our voices shall be joined by thousands of men of conscience aroused by the injustice imposed on Soviet Jews. Then shall they know that they have not been forgotten, and they that sit in darkness shall yet see a great light.

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PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is "bedikat chametz" — the search for chametz. The ceremony is composed of three parts.

- Reciting of a special blessing over the mitzvah of the removal of chametz.
- The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of chametz.
- 3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of chametz.

The ceremony this year will be observed on Thursday night, April 11th. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

The children should be asked to place the pieces of chametz in the various rooms — a practice which ensures that the search will not be in vain. They can hold the candle and the feather; they should examine their own possessions, dressers and desks, for long forgotten relics of chametz.

Passover is a beautiful festival. It is a serious one too. Both these aspects can be captured twenty-four hours in advance of the festival by a careful observance of the ritual of bedikat chametz.

Disposal of Chametz

No chametz may be eaten on Friday, April 12th after 9:30 A.M. All chametz must be completely disposed of by 10:30 A.M.

Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of chametz must be completed by early Friday morning, April 12th. There are those who prefer to perform this ritual in person. The Rabbis and the Ritual Director are available for that purpose. For those who cannot attend to this matter in person, there is a form provided in this Bulletin on page 5 which authorizes Rabbi Lookstein to sell your chametz. This form should be returned to the synagogue by Friday morning, not later than 8:30 o'clock.

Services for First Born

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born. It is obligatory upon every first born who cannot observe the fast on Friday, April 12th, to attend the special service on that day and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (Siyum Bechorim) will be held in the Chapel on Friday as part of the regular morning service. It will begin at 7:30.

The attendance at this service grows from year to year, and we urge all first born to make a special effort to attend.

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THE WEEKLY PORTION SHABBAT HAGADOL

There are many reasons for calling the Sabbath before Passover by the name "The Great Sabbath." Surely one of the best reasons links the name to a miracle that took place on the Sabbath before the exodus from Egypt.

In the year of the exodus, the tenth day of Nisan fell on the Sabbath. It was on the tenth when the Jewish people were required to take a lamb for each household to be slaughtered on the fourteenth of Nisan as a Passover sacrifice.

This was more than a simple ritual. The lamb was the god of Egypt, and in the month of Nisan the sign of the lamb was in the ascendancy according to astrological principles.

The miracle, then, of that Sabbath consisted of the fact that the Egyptians saw masses of Jews taking their gods for purposes of ritual slaughter and they did nothing to stop them. From that time on, the Sabbath before Passover became to be known as "The Great Sabbath" because the greatness of the one God was manifested on it.

I think another greatness was manifested here too: the greatness of the Jewish people. The act of taking the god of Egypt with the intention to sacrifice it was an act of great courage and principle. It was an heroic defiance of their Egyptian taskmasters and a clear repudiation of the civilization and religion of Egypt. For a slave people to have been capable of this kind of act of self-redemption was a human miracle of considerable proportions.

It is of such human miracles that redemption is made. God can never redeem anyone alone. All He can do is help; Man and society must do the

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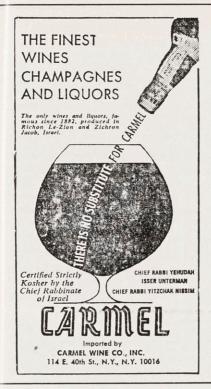
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We list below the names of those individuals whose contributions were received by Monday, as we went to press. In the next issue of the Bulletin, we will list the names of those whose contributions will be received during the week.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting	of Candles	6:05
Evening		6:00

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36 Haftorah: Malachi 3:4-24

Evening			5:40
Conclusion	of	Sabbath	7:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning		7:30
Sunday	Morning	8:30
Evening		6:00

SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES

We acknowledge with thanks a contribution to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund from Mrs. Isaac Meilach.

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

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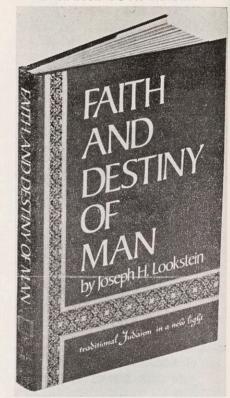
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- 7-DAVID KASS
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