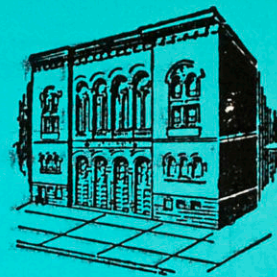


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AUXILIARY THANKS

In the rush of activity during the High Holy Day season and immediately thereafter, we did not have adequate opportunity in the Bulletin to express our thanks to a group of men who helped to make the Auxiliary Services during our High Holy Days so meaningful and impressive. We are most grateful to the following:

To Joseph Lorch, Edward Low, Martin R. Rochlin, and Mordie Mann for presiding at the Auxiliary Service and helping to maintain the dignity and decorum of that service. Mordie Mann, in addition, served as Cantor for the opening portion of the services.

To Joseph N. Friedman who was the Cantor throughout the High Holy Days for Shacharith. The congregation appreciated the feeling that he brought to the prayers as well as the lovely melodies which he used.

To Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz who lends so much of his Chassidic spirit to the Auxiliary Services in his role as Cantor. His melodies are already familiar to those who worship in that service and the inspiration that he provides makes the High Holy Days just that much more memorable.

To young Martin Rosenberg, who read the Torah with expertise throughout the Days of Awe and who sounded the Shofar in such an impressive manner. The maturity of his officiating far transcends his young years.

To Irwin Robins who served as chief usher and who helped to maintain order and dignity throughout.

Finally, to Noam Shudofsky who served in so many different capacities that one could not enumerate them.

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ADULT EDUCATION WEEK

The following courses begin this week:

Monday Morning, 11:00 o'clock STUDIES IN JUDAISM

A class for women

This course will use Meyer Waxman's "Judaism — Religion and Ethics" as a reference text. The instructor will lecture on a different topic each week, dealing with Jewish philosophy and ethics. Among the topics to be discussed are: Holiness, pride, meekness, truth, charity, vengeance, parent-child relationships.

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
(This class will continue to meet Mondays 11:00 - 12:00 Noon through March)

Monday Evening, 8:30 o'clock TALMUD CLASS

This class will study the Tractate, Pesachim, dealing with the festival of Passover. It is conducted in English and is open to students who have some background in Talmud study. The text will be discussed with the traditional commentaries.

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

(This class will continue to meet Monday evenings from 8:30 — 9:30 P.M. through June)

Wednesday Evening, 8:00 o'clock HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS

A course in elementary Hebrew, starting from the Aleph Bet. It is designed to develop proficiency in reading Hebrew in order to follow the service in the synagogue. The class will also learn simple speech, writing and grammar. The course is open to men and women.

Instructor: Mrs. Charles Cohen (This class will continue to meet Wednesday evenings from 8:00 - 9:00 P.M. through March).

(This class will continue to meet on the following
Wednesdays: November 6, 13, 20; December 4, 11, 18).

I. BIBLICAL LITERATURE

This course replaces our Modern Hebrew Literature offering from last year. It will be given entirely in Hebrew and will concern selected themes from the Book of Genesis.
Hours: 8:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Instructor: Rabbi Joshua Bakst (member of the Ramaz High School faculty and an instructor in Hebrew at Columbia University).

II. MAIMONIDES: BOOK OF REBELLION

A study of the laws of rebellion as recorded by Maimonides in his monumental code of law. This twelfth century work addresses itself most relevantly to the problems of rebellion that are manifest on all levels of society today.

Instructor: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
"WHEREFORE IS THIS ELECTION DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER ELECTIONS?"

THE WEEKLY PORTION

Lech Lecha

"Walking Before God"

At the age of ninety-nine years, according to Biblical chronology, Abraham, about to enter the covenant with God by means of the ritual of circumcision, is given the culminating command by God: "Walk Before Me and be Upright."

Abraham had already displayed a genius for goodness and benevolence, a compulsion for selflessness and modesty, a powerful drive for giving and a strong reluctance to taking.

And yet, in forging the Jewish covenant with God, an additional challenge is required: Hithalech l'fanai — walk before me. What is the meaning of this walking? It is none other than requiring Abraham to follow the life of Halacha. The word Halacha means "walking." Jewish law shows man how to walk before God.

The implication here is that Abraham must ascend to a new level of religious behavior as he enters the covenant. To walk before God is to be more than a voluntarily ethical man. It is to respond to a sense of duty, out of a feeling of total commitment to the Divine command. It is this concept of duty and obligation that we call a mitzvah. The mitzvah is the detail of Halacha, the steps that we are to take as we walk before God.

The Ramban, Nachmanides, commenting on our verse, indicates that when we walk before God we are not responding to our own will and desire, but rather bending our will to conform with God's Will. We must be capable of surrendering to God's law and of submitting ourselves to his rule. This is the very essence of Halacha and the touch stone of Jewish existence.

Such a surrender sometimes entails pain, sacrifice, discomfort and inconvenience. This is symbolized by the fact that Abraham had to undergo painful surgery at an advanced age in order to make the covenant part of his own being. Walking before God is not always easy or practical. We do not follow the road for pragmatic reasons. We follow it because it is the right road.

A beautiful illustration of this kind of submission is conveyed in the story of the Chassidic sage who was fondling coins on Purim morning. He was known as one who had no use whatsoever for money. Why, he was asked, was he fondling his coins that day. He answered: "I have no appre-

ABRAHAM ROSENBERG
BAR MITZVAH

Abraham Rosenberg, son of our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, and Mrs. Rosenberg will become Bar Mitzvah in our synagogue this Saturday.

Young Abraham is an exemplary student in the eighth grade at Ramaz School. In addition, this young man has won the respect of teachers and classmate for his fine character and genuine piety.

Abraham, or, as he is affectionately known by us, "Avremele" will read the weekly portion and, of course, chant the Maftir. He is expert at that.

We congratulate heartily Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg on their "simcha" and we add our warm wishes to the proud maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Reich, whom God has blessed to witness this happy event.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Rosenberg at the kiddush following the services.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Sadie Cohen, Mrs. Samuel Feder, Mrs. David Gordon, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mrs. Martin Klein, Mrs. Morris Morgenstern, Mrs. Samuel Rosenberg, Mrs. Elgin Shulsky and Mrs. Malvina Wachter.

ciation for money, and yet today I am required to give money to the poor. What I am trying to do is to develop a love for these coins so that when I give them away to the poor, I will be giving something that has value to me and I will thereby be submitting my will before God's Will."

This is "Walking Before God"; not only when it is convenient, comfortable and desirable, but simply walking before God because that is the right thing to do.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to A. Milton Brown, Mrs. Jules Gourary, Mrs. Gedeon Heller, Samuel S. Silverstein, Isidor Wassner and Mrs. Isidor Wassner.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Kinzler and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Riederman.

THE YOUNG MARRIEDS GROUP
OF THE CONGREGATION

will hold its
FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON
Sunday Evening, November 10th,
8:30 o'clock

at the home of
Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

—Guest Speaker—

Theodore Comet

—Topic—

"Jews On The Move — A First
Hand Report on the Jewish Scene
in Europe and North Africa"

SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund from Mrs. Morris S. Galler, Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker, Mrs. Milton Medwin, Mrs. Joseph Roth, Mrs. David Schack and Mrs. Malvina Wachter.

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

Auxiliary Thanks (Cont'd)

Suffice it to say, the services could not have been conducted without his splendid efforts in so many areas.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun has come to expect excellence and inspiration from its regular officials, from its Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, and from its Cantor, A. Joseph Cohen. No special thanks therefore, are needed for them. We felt, however, that the "extra-curricular" efforts of the people mentioned above deserved honorable mention. Those who were present at the Auxiliary Services, were most aware of these contributions. Let the rest of the congregation be similarly aware and equally grateful to them for their service.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF RABBINIC ALUMNI AT CONVENTION OF WHICH HE WAS CHAIRMAN

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was the Chairman of the 25th Annual Convention of the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University last week at the Monsey Park Hotel. The general theme of the convention was, "On Being Relevant." The program of the convention, according to all who were in attendance, was of utmost interest to the Rabbis. The subjects under discussion included an Orthodox Jewish Approach to Civil Rights in the Light of Black Anti-Semitism; The Relationship of an Authoritarian Ethic (Halakhic Judaism) to an Anti-Authoritarian World; Our Religious Expectations from Israel; Law and Conscience; and other similar subjects. Some of the outstanding personalities in American Jewish life addressed the convention on these themes.

The highlight of the gathering was a gala dinner and reception in honor of Dr. Samuel Belkin on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his presidency of Yeshiva University. At that dinner, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein made the presentation to him on behalf of the Alumni, of two volumes which incorporated all of Dr. Belkin's collected writings.

The program at that dinner was graced by another personality from our congregation, Max J. Etra, who as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, delivered his own greetings to the Rabbinic Alumni and to the President of this significant milestone.

On the final day of the convention, our Associate Rabbi was elected a Vice President of the Rabbinic Alumni Organization. He had served last year as Treasurer.

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SEVENTY TEENAGERS ASSEMBLE FOR FIRST CULTURAL LUNCHEON

The first activity of the year for our teenage group, Shachar, was held last Saturday after regular services in the synagogue. The activity was in the form of a cultural luncheon.

Just under seventy teenagers gathered for this function. They ate together, sang Sabbath songs and recited the Grace after Meals in a lusty fashion.

Following the meal, the group listened attentively to Stanley Nason who is a Staff Member at the Headquarters of Hubert H. Humphrey, and who presented a first-hand report on the Convention scene in Chicago. Mr. Nason tried to give a balanced view of the problems involved in Chicago and stressed that in his opinion what

happened there was in no way related to the candidacy of the Vice President.

His evaluation of the situation was that the Mayor of Chicago had an obligation to keep the peace in the community in such a way as to allow divergent groups the opportunity to be heard without their interfering with the rights of others for a similar hearing. The youngsters listened respectfully to the presentation and then peppered Mr. Nason with a series of pertinent questions designed for clarification as well as disagreement.

The entire afternoon was most worthwhile for helping our teenagers to think and learn about an issue which has wide ramifications, and above and beyond the current political struggle.

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The Seventieth Anniversary National Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America will be held from Wednesday, November 27th through Sunday, December 1st, Thanksgiving Weekend, at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, as a charter member of the U.O.J.C.A., is entitled to representation at the Convention. Those who are interested in serving as delegates of the congregation to the Union Convention are invited to call the Synagogue Office.

One of the highlights of the proceedings will be an address by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein on Thursday evening.

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The dedication of a plaque in the House of God is a beautiful and appropriate memorial for a departed loved one.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, will furnish you with any information you may require in connection with ordering such a plaque.

ADVANCE NOTICE

THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 11:00 A.M.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles 4:35
Evening 4:45

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Lech Lecha**Genesis 12:1 - 17:27****Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16**

Evening 4:40
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:25

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 4:40

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5—REBECCA LAYTON
6—MOSES EINHORN
6—LOUIS KANAREK
7—JACOB POUST
7—MEYER SOM
7—RAE HEFTER
7—JULES GOURARY
8—ESTHER NATELSON
8—ROSE WOLBERG
8—CHARLES BUTTERMAN

JUNIOR CONGREGATION**Saturday, November 2****Cantors**

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