

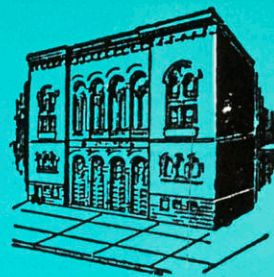
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CAPACITY CROWD HEARS ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO THE U. N.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN TO LAUNCH ITS 20th SEASON THIS SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30

The Father and Son Minyan will launch its 20th consecutive season of activity at services this Sunday morning at 9:30.

The program will continue in its regular format. At 9:30 the boys will conduct a regular morning service. Breakfast will be served at 10:30. At 11:00 o'clock, the participants will go to the gym for a period of basketball, ending by 1:00 o'clock.

The program will be conducted by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. The assistant director of the Minyan will again be David Kahn, himself an alumnus of this program. The Minyan is open to all boys, but it is especially designed for young men over the age of Bar Mitzvah.

We cordially invite fathers to attend with their sons and to enjoy together this wonderfully balanced religious, nutritious and physically invigorating program. We begin this Sunday morning at 9:30. The breakfast will be sponsored this week by Ira F. Weisman.

Yosef Tekoah Addresses Gala Men's Club Gathering

One of the most impressive evenings in many a year was held last Tuesday in the Auditorium of our Synagogue House. On that occasion, close to five hundred members and friends of the congregation gathered to pay tribute and listen to Israel's celebrated Ambassador to the United Nations, Hon. Yosef Tekoah.

The crowd came early and in most impressive numbers. All seats were filled when Martin R. Rochlin, President of the Men's Club, opened the meeting by greeting the gathering. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein introduced the congregation to the Ambassador and the Ambassador to the congregation. Of course, the Israel Ambassador is no stranger to our community. His children are students in the Ramaz Lower and Upper Schools.

Mr. Tekoah gave a moving and inspiring address to a throng that hung on his every word. He described some of his experiences as Ambassador to the Soviet Union. Many a tear was shed as he talked about the plight of Soviet Jewry. He expressed confidence about the outcome of negotiations in the

Middle East and he urged our membership to continue to provide Israel with moral as well as physical support.

He praised the Government of the United States and both Presidential candidates for their forthright positions in support of Israel's rights in the Middle East. He looked forward to a time when peace would become a reality and when the Soviet threat in that area of the world would be neutralized.

Following the Ambassador's address, the President of the Men's Club introduced Mrs. Tekoah who rose for the applause of the gathering. The entire program was brought to a conclusion by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein as he led the assembled in a prayer for the welfare of the State of Israel.

Following the formal program in the auditorium, the gathering adjourned to the Social Hall for a light collation and a reception in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Tekoah. It was truly a memorable evening for the Men's Club, for the congregation and for all present.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
"WHEN DO WE PRAY? WHY DO WE PRAY? HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?"



Vayera

"She Is in the Tent!"

Our portion opens with the beautiful drama of Abraham and the three strangers. The principals of the drama are the three weary travellers. The hero is Abraham, sensitive to their needs, concerned for their welfare, devoted wholeheartedly to their care.

Where is Sarah during this drama? Abraham is rushing about like an inspired valet, inviting the guests, washing their feet, arranging the chairs, fixing the "awnings", and catering a full course dinner. Where is Sarah?

Apparently, the question bothers the strangers too. They ask, "Ayeh Sarah ishtecha?" And Abraham answers: "Hineh ba-ohel": here she is, in the tent.

Our sages seized upon that remark to establish a fundamental Jewish attitude toward womanhood. They knew that Abraham was not simply saying that Sarah was the inside man while he was the outside one; she the cook and he the maitre de; she the production woman and he the salesman.

No, their inference from the text was: "From here we learn that the glory of womanhood is in the home" (Talmud Bavli, Yevamot, 77a) or as Rashi puts it: "Sarah was modest."

What we learn from Sarah is that her central role is home and family; to sanctify and purify the household and to rear and inspire the children. Father has little time for this. By division of labor, this task is assigned to the woman. "As long as Sarah was alive, there was a candle burning from Sabbath to Sabbath, the dough of the bread was blessed and a cloud of glory enveloped the tent." (see Rashi on Genesis, 24:67).

Further, we learn from Sarah that a woman's virtues shine forth most boldly through modesty and not through exhibiting herself. The qualities of heart, mind and soul that make a Jewish woman unique are not revealed by a high neckline or a low neckline. These merely make her

SISTERHOOD HEARS RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN DISCUSS "WHILE SIX MILLION DIED"

A fine gathering of women came together for the formal opening of the season for the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood on Monday, October 28th. The meeting began with a collation of coffee and cake.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Leon A. Feldman, President. She introduced the various chairmen of committees who rendered reports on Sisterhood activity. Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Vice President and Program Chairman, introduced the guest speaker.

Our Associate Rabbi gave a review of the main arguments in Morse's book. The author essentially asks two questions:

1) How much did the world know about the atrocities which were underway and in planning in Nazi Europe during the thirties and forties?

2) What was the reaction of the world to the information available?

The answer of the author is a devastating one. By means of systematic and thorough documentation, he proves beyond any reasonable doubt that the world as a whole and the allied leadership in particular knew very well in 1938 just what was being done and what was being planned. Certainly, in the second half of 1942, the entire program for the "final solution of the Jewish problem" was al-

ready in the hands of the American Government.

By means of further documentation, the author demonstrates the reaction of callousness, indifference and cowardness exhibited by a world. He proves what might have been done to save hundreds of thousands of lives — Jewish lives. And he demonstrates effectively how the leadership of the United States and other western countries ignored their responsibilities.

The book is a shocking one, said Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. It is, however, a book which ought to be in every Jewish home. It should be read by every Jewish man, woman and child in every generation, so that the important lessons contained therein might not be forgotten. The Jew should never forget the capacity of a world to be indifferent to his plight. The Jew should also never be capable of practicing a similar indifference toward the plight of others. These two lessons are indivisible, one from the other.

Someone once said: He who does not learn from history is doomed to repeat it. It is our task, then, to learn as best we can from the lessons of our most recent past.

Next Meeting

The next regular function of the Sisterhood will be a most novel and interesting one. It will take the form of a tour of the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue in New York City. The tour will be conducted by Rabbi Harris Guedalia. In addition to his own virtues, Rabbi Guedalia is a graduate of Ramaz School. This tour and lecture will take place on Monday, November 25th, at 1:00 o'clock. Further information will be available shortly in the mail.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION Saturday, November 9th

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mundane and ordinary. What makes her special is the quality of modesty — "tzenu'ah he" is the way Rashi puts it.

The portion, then, teaches us of the values of the patriarchal home. It takes many verses to describe Abraham in his dynamism and extroversion. The lesson from Sarah is far more succinct, though no less impressive: And Abraham said: "hineh ba-ohel," Sarah is here; in the tent.

H.L.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Julius Charnow, Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mrs. Louis Etra, Mrs. Joseph S. Gruss, Philip Jadek, Saul Linzer, Mrs. Jacob M. Miller, Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, Bernard Podell, Herman Riederman, Mrs. Gabriel J. Robbins, Mrs. Herman Smilow and Mrs. Sam Taffet.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Gura, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Reinhold and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sigall.

Condolence—

We extend our heartfelt condolences to David Warshavsky, upon the passing of his beloved brother, William.

Our heartfelt condolences to our members Miles, Murray and Samuel Rosenberg, upon the passing of their beloved brother, Abraham.

We express our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Richard Sachar, upon the passing of her beloved mother, Estelle Hershfield.

May the families be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Double Mazel Tov—

A hearty double Mazel Tov greeting to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Neustadter, upon a double blessed event in their family. Just seventeen hours apart, their two daughters gave birth to children. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Berman are the proud parents of a newborn son while Mr. and Mrs. David Revasch are the happy parents of a newborn girl.

Congratulations to the Neustadter family upon the birth of their first grandchildren. May they continue to enjoy happy occasions in double portions.

Birth—

Mazel Tov to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lorch, upon the birth of a daughter to their children Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kagan. May the grandchild bring the grandparents much happiness.

Congratulations—

Our best wishes to our esteemed Trustee Samuel Singer and to Mrs. Singer upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Gary, son of our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Martin Singer. We are happy to wish the Singer family all the best on this joyous milestone.

COMMUNAL HONORS FROM YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Heartiest congratulations to our esteemed members Samuel A. Marcus and Hermann Merkin upon their appointment as guests of honor at the annual Chanukah Dinner of Yeshiva University, which will be held on Sunday evening, December 8th, in the Waldorf Astoria.

It is a source of special pride to us that two of the three honorees are members of Kehilath Jeshurun. Mr.

Marcus is, of course, also an esteemed Trustee of the congregation.

Our best wishes to the Marcus and Merkin families upon this deserved honor. Those of our congregation who would like to attend this dinner and join in the tribute to the guests of honor, are asked to call the synagogue office to arrange for reservations. Tickets are at a nominal \$20.00 per person for this dinner.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The 1936 Olympics

(With the recent Olympics on our minds, together with the protests and strife which characterized them, it is worthwhile remembering the reaction of the world to another such event, the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. These Games presented a bold moral challenge to the United States. The excerpt below describes the reaction to that challenge and is derived from Arthur D. Morse's book, "While Six Million Died." Ed. Note.)

"The Olympic Games were not a casual matter to the Government of Adolf Hitler. This was to be a vast spectacle enhancing the international prestige of the regime . . . The refusal of the United States to participate, for example, would have dealt a massive blow to the Nazis . . .

"In November, 1933, the American Athletic Union of the United States voted almost unanimously to boycott the Games unless the Nazis permitted the Jews equal opportunity in athletics. Although the AAU dominated American sports, the American Olympic Committee (AOC) was responsible for U.S. participation in the Olympic Games. Membership on the AOC was socially prestigious and the businessmen and retired generals who dominated it were not the sort to permit the cancellation of the Olympics by an irrelevancy like religious persecution. The AAU vote . . . annoyed these dignitaries.

"After the threatening AAU resolution, Mr. (Avery) Brundage (President

of the American Olympic Committee) had gone to Germany to find out for himself about the situation of the Jews . . . He announced (to his colleagues) that the German Jews were satisfied with their treatment from a sports point-of-view. Since the Committee had agreed unanimously to consider the Anti-Semitic situation in Germany only as it related to sports, the debate was not complicated by such extraneous considerations as concentration camps, economic boycotts and terror in the streets.

(In fact,) "in March 1935, one year before the start of the Olympics, the Jews, already barred from employment in government, the arts and the professions, were excluded from the manual crafts. On April 28, Minister of Interior Wilhelm Frick gave advance notice of the Nuremberg laws, which would be passed in September: he made a public announcement, reported by the world's press, that the time had come to deprive all German Jews of their citizenship. But the Jews, according to Mr. Brundage's information, would be given access to training facilities and an equal opportunity to compete for places on a team representing a country in which they were not even citizens."

(It is tragic to contemplate a world in which the game must go on even while humanity ceases to exist. The greatest pride in the Olympic world is "good sportsmanship." How ironic! Ed. note).

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles 4:25
Evening 4:40

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Vayera**Genesis 18:1 - 22:24****Haftorah: II Kings 4:1-37**

Evening 4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:15

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Father and Son Minyan 9:30
Evening 4:30

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

We are happy to announce that Yeshiva University will conduct its annual winter Torah Leadership Seminar during the winter vacation period this year. The seminar will be conducted at the beautiful Monsey Park Hotel — with swimming pool and all — from December 24-30th.

We already have the beginnings of a fine delegation from Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz who will be attending this year's seminar. Those who come will participate in inspirational discussion sessions on all aspects of Judaism, interesting leadership groups designed to teach skills and methods of group leading and, of course, the usual social and recreational activities that make the seminars so memorable.

The Men's Club and the Sisterhood of the congregation offer a one-third scholarship to all members of Shachar — our teenage group — who attend the Torah Leadership Seminar.

For further information, please contact Rabbi Haskel Lookstein or our Director of Youth Activities, Noam Shudofsky.

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