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## **RABBI MARTIN GORDON TO DISCUSS "AN AUTHORITARIAN ETHIC IN AN ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN AGE" AT SECOND ADULT INSTITUTE LECTURE**

The second Adult Institute lecture on the general theme "Contemporary Challenges to the Halakhic Way of Life" will be presented on Wednesday evening, November 19th, at 9:00 o'clock in the Social Hall of the Synagogue House. The speaker will be Rabbi Martin Gordon, instructor of Bible and Jewish Philosophy at the Stern College for Women. His subject will be "An Authoritarian Ethic in an Anti-Authoritarian Age."

Rabbi Gordon's subject could not be more timely. The libertarian spirit which has long been an integral part of the American way of life has blossomed in our day into a veritable revolution against authority. It is as if every individual citizen were publishing his own Declaration of Independence, whether the locality be Congress, the church or the university.

James Reston, last summer, observed this mood and commented as follows: "Everywhere, authority is being questioned and even challenged and defied. Presidents and priests, party leaders and chairmen of the board, city bosses, pompous editors, headmasters and all other Establishment characters are in trouble."

What shall be the reaction of Jewish tradition to such an anti-authoritarian mood. Essentially, Judaism is an authoritarian system. Can it survive in an age when control, discipline, rules and regulations are anathema to much of the population?

Rabbi Gordon, one of the most brilliant young Rabbis to be ordained by Yeshiva University, will address himself to this problem. He has lectured widely on this subject before many distinguished audiences.

## **THE K. J. MEN'S CLUB**

cordially invites its members and friends  
to attend

### **A CONVOCATION**

in honor of the

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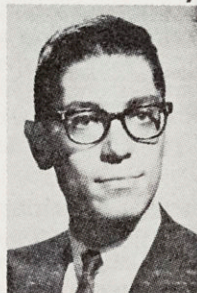
who will present a

### **"PRIVATE BRIEFING IN PUBLIC"**

**This Tuesday evening, November 11, at 8:30 P.M.**  
in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House

You and Your Friends  
are cordially invited to attend  
**THE SECOND LECTURE**  
of the Kehilath Jeshurun Lecture Series  
on the general theme

**CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO THE HALAKHIC WAY OF LIFE**  
on Wednesday evening, November 19th, at 9:00 o'clock



in the Social Hall of  
the Synagogue House

**RABBI MARTIN GORDON**

will discuss

### **"AN AUTHORITARIAN ETHIC IN AN ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN AGE"**

Question and answer period to follow  
Refreshments will be served





### "Stop! It's Time for Mincha"

Shacharith is a logical prayer. One rises in the morning in anxious expectation of the day's opportunities and problems and one prays for God's help. Ma'ariv is similarly reasonable. We have survived the day — if not triumphant, at least unbowed — and we thank God for his generous assistance even as we pray for the safe-keeping of body and soul through the long night ahead.

But Mincha! what a strange prayer! It comes smack in the middle of the day; it breaks up our routine; it disrupts our sense of continuity. It is short, to be sure; but there is still not enough time for it. It is difficult to hearken to that spiritual alarm clock that rings out in the midst of our busy schedule and says to us: "Stop! It's time for Mincha."

The source for Mincha is in this week's portion. "And Isaac went out to meditate in the field." Our sages tell us that right there our forefather established the ritual of Mincha. They understood this from the fact that this prayer comes in the middle of Isaac's pre-occupation with meeting his future bride. At the moment of greatest anticipation when he did not know whether his dreams were about to be fulfilled or dashed, when he was not sure whether his future was to be secured or destroyed, at that very moment before meeting the bride who was chosen for him, Isaac stops to daven Mincha.

There is a great deal implicit in this inference of our sages. Mincha, apparently, represents a fundamental attitude of the Jew. It tells us, first of all, that although we are deeply involved in our activities, and although we may not feel the need to pray at the moment, we must pray. Mincha is a service that does not derive from a need, but rather from an obligation. As such, it has wide ramifications in Jewish practice.

Secondly, Mincha represents the religious influence in the middle of our daily activities. Religion, according to the Jew, is not something with which one begins and ends the day while he does whatever he pleases in the interim. Religion must influence life; it must determine one's daily be-

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Week of November 8-14

#### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Julius Charnow, Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mrs. Louis Etra, Philip Jadek, Abraham Keller, Saul Linzer, Mrs. Jacob M. Miller, Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, Mrs. Gabriel J. Robbins and Mrs. Herman Smilow.

#### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Gura and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sigall.

### Week of November 15-21

#### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Benjamin Bartel, Victor Binstock, Mrs. Sidney A. Block, Mrs. Julius Charnow, Harry Green, Mrs. Joseph S. Gruss, Sue Ellen Herman, Alfred Kahn, Frederick Margareten, Bernard Podell, Herman Riederman, and Saul L. Warshaw.

#### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Max Backer, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Citron, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Reinhold, Mr. and Mrs. Saul L. Rosenbluth, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Salzman and Mr. and Mrs. Jules M. Sax.

#### Birth—

Mazel Tov and all good wishes to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Schwalbe, upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schwalbe. May Jeremy grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

#### Condolence—

We record with sorrow the passing of Herman Winter, beloved father of our member, Mrs. Charles I. Cohen.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and pray that they may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The kiddush this Sabbath at the close of services will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein in honor of the birth of their first son, Ephraim Arnold.

On Saturday, November 15th, the kiddush will be sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross in honor of the birth of their first grandson.

havior; it must dominate one's business practices; it must pervade one's relationship with his fellow man.

Finally, Mincha represents our consciousness of God's continuous providence. As we put it in the Modim prayer, we are grateful for "Thy miracles and goodness which come at all times: evening, morning **and noon**. In a sense, it is Mincha, the midday prayer, that makes the Psalmist's assertion meaningful and capable of fulfillment: "I place God before me **always**."

It is perhaps not surprising that our sages make a statement about Mincha which they make about no other service: "Let a man always be scrupulous about the Mincha prayer." Such scrupulousness is necessary not only because Mincha is easily forgotten, but also because of what Mincha represents.

H. L.

### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

#### Saturday, November 8, 1969

Mrs. Leon A. Feldman  
Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman  
Mrs. Jacob Freezer  
Mrs. Harry Freundlich  
Mrs. Morris S. Galler

#### Saturday, November 15, 1969

Mrs. Samuel E. Garfinkel  
Mrs. Joseph S. Gershman  
Mrs. Dezso Goldner

### SHACHAR THANKS . . .

The teenage group of the congregation, Shachar, wishes to express its thanks to Debbie Gutman and Miriam Karp for their services beyond the call of duty, in connection with the recent youth weekend spent here at Kehilath Jeshurun.

### PLEASE NOTE

This Bulletin contains information for the forthcoming two weeks. The next issue will appear on Friday November 21st.



**FAREWELL LILLIAN FINKELBERG**

For twenty-one years, she was an integral part of the life of Kehilath Jeshurun. In a sense, she ministered to the life-blood of the synagogue, the Men's Club and the Sisterhood. She was, of course, the likeable and energetic Lillian Finkelberg, the keeper of the books at Kehilath Jeshurun.

Last week, after long and yeoman service, she retired from active duty with a host of friends and with many good wishes. Throughout her long tenure as a professional in our office, she handled every task delegated to her with competence and sensitivity. It is difficult for us to imagine Kehilath Jeshurun without her.

Mrs. Finkelberg has gone South to Norfolk, Virginia where she will be living near one of her daughters. We wish her well in her retirement and we envy the firms in Norfolk who will no doubt be the beneficiaries of her skill and loyalty. Those of our congregational family who would like to be in touch with her can reach her at 902 Armsfield Circle, Norfolk, Virginia 23504.

**K. J. SISTERHOOD MOVIE NIGHT****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1970**

featuring

**"HELLO DOLLY"**

with

Barbra Streisand

and

Walter Matthau

**HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST****Interpreting the Elections in Israel**

Most Israeli political commentators disagree with the interpretation of the recent election which was given by the New York Times last week in an editorial. The Times found that Golda Meir had "lost ground to proponents of a harder line. The vote reflects an ominous shift in Israeli public opinion toward the minority who favor outright annexation of occupied territories."

This interpretation has been challenged by commentators in Israel. It is based essentially, they say, on a false premise: that the decline in the Labor vote was reflected in the gain by Gahal. It is Gahal which favors permanent annexation and settlement of the occupied areas.

In fact, however, the electorate actually voted for continuity in the existing division of power. While the Labor alignment lost its absolute majority of sixty-three seats and now holds only fifty-eight, two of those seats were lost to David Ben Gurion's state list made up largely of dissidents from labor's own camp. Moreover, while Gahal gained five seats, three of these were drawn from its own dissident Free Center faction for whom the election proved a devastating blow. Thus any actual shift between Labor and Gahal may involve only two seats at most.

This analysis was presented in an editorial in the Jerusalem Post (a pro-labor newspaper). The analysis was corroborated by most political commentators in Israel. They feel that the seventh Keneset does not reflect a shift to the right toward a hard line on the question of the future of the occupied territories.

A second interpretation which has received wide support was offered by the independent newspaper, Ha'aretz. According to its editorial, the loss of seats on the part of the labor alignment was a result of fear by the public that this alignment might constitute an overpowering force which would subjugate the country. It is this group that has been in power over the past two and a half years and that has been

**JEWRY DUTY NOTICES SENT TO MEMBERSHIP**

The Ritual Director of the congregation, Israel D. Rosenberg, has sent out the annual Jewry Duty notices to the membership of the congregation. Each notice is a "summons" to the member to attend one week of daily morning services during the course of the year.

Jewry Duty is a program which was pioneered at Kehilath Jeshurun some twenty years ago. Through this service, members of the congregation help the synagogue to maintain a daily minyan fifty-two weeks a year, morning and evening. Of course, at the same time, the service provides the member himself with spiritual enrichment through the opportunity to daven at a morning service with his fellow worshippers.

We hope that every member of the congregation will participate this year and join the ever expanding corps of Jewrors at Kehilath Jeshurun. Your own individual notice provides you with an excellent opportunity to serve yourself and the community at the same time.

We urgently request that our members return the card enclosed with each notice so that the program can proceed smoothly.

identified with Israel's accomplishments, political and military, during this period.

It is noteworthy that Gahal which won twenty-seven seats, where it held only twenty-two seats in the sixth Keneset, originally had won twenty-six seats in that Keneset. Four of its seats were lost when the Free Center Party was formed from dissidents from Gahal. In last week's vote, the Free Center list lost three out of its four seats. On the other hand, Ben Gurion's State List which held one seat in the last Keneset will end up with either three or four in the new Keneset. The National Religious Party remains with eleven seats, the same number that it held in the last Keneset.



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Haskel Lookstein ..... Assoc. Rabbi  
A. Joseph Cohen ..... Cantor  
Israel D. Rosenberg ..... Ritual Director  
Walter J. Krug ..... Exec. Director

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Harry W. Baumgarten ..... President  
Nathan Salzman ..... Vice President  
Joseph S. Gershman ..... Treasurer  
Edward Low ..... Secretary  
Mrs. Leon A. Feldman ..... Pres. Sist.  
Martin R. Rochlin ..... Pres. Men's Club

**K. J. CALENDAR****Week of November 7th****Saturday, 3:00 P.M.**

Youth Groups  
Girls, Grades 3 & 4  
Girls, Grades 5 - 7  
Boys, Grades 5 - 7

**Monday, 12:30 P.M.**

Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Tuesday, 8:30 P.M.**

Men's Club Convocation

**Week of November 14th****Saturday, 3:00 P.M.**

Youth Groups  
Girls, Grades 3 & 4  
Girls, Grades 5 - 7  
Boys, Grades 5 - 7

**Wednesday, November 19th**

Adult Institute Public Lecture

**COMING EVENTS****Monday, November 24th, 12:30**

Sisterhood Meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 9:00 P.M.**

Adult Institute Public Lecture

**ADULT INSTITUTE SCHEDULE  
FOR WEEK OF NOV. 7 & 14****Saturday, 8:15 A.M.**

Class in Chumash with Rashi

**Monday, 11:00 A.M.**

Studies in Judaism

**Monday, 8:30 P.M.**

Talmud Class

**Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.**

- 1) Hebrew to Read Siddur By
- 2) Maimonides' Code of Law
- 3) The Weekly Portion

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th**

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: Haya Sarah**

Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 - 31

**ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS**

Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on  
Tuesday, November 11.  
Evening ..... 4:40  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:15

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th**

Lighting of Candles ..... 4:20  
Evening ..... 4:30

**SATURDAY**

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

**Weekly Portion: Toledot**

Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

Haftarah: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

Evening ..... 4:30  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:05

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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

**Y A H R Z E I T S****November**

8—YETTA USDAN  
9—HARRY H. HOLZMAN  
9—MAX THEAMAN  
9—CHARLES E. DAVIS  
9—BATHSHEBA FISCHER  
10—ABRAHAM I. FINE  
10—JOSEPH LAX  
10—CELIA SHARMAN  
11—THEODORE SIMON  
11—SAMUEL WEISS  
11—MORRIS KITE  
11—SIMCHA KURTZ  
11—FRIEDA KAHN  
11—JULIUS KLEIN  
11—MORRIS ZUCKERMAN  
11—MONES ZUCKERMAN  
11—MORRIS LEWITTES  
12—SARA SPILKY  
12—HARRY HERSKOWITZ  
12—HERMAN ENGEL  
13—MORRIS BRANDMAN  
13—MILDRED JEAN LITWINS  
13—SARAH LAX  
13—BERTHA BARANY  
14—MORRIS ZUCKERMAN

14—MORRIS GARFINKEL  
14—DAVID M. ALPERT  
15—NATHAN HUTKOFF  
15—LOUIS LIPPOFF  
15—ABRAHAM M. MANN  
16—SAMUEL KLEIN  
16—SAMUEL LEWIS JR.  
16—RIVKA CHODOS  
16—CHARLES MILLER  
17—FLORENCE LAYE  
17—MARGARETE COHN  
17—ANNA PROPP  
18—SOLOMON BERK  
18—MAURICE BRETZFIELD  
18—NATHAN ANDREWS  
18—HERMAN CUKOR  
18—RIKA BREUER  
19—DR. HERBERT KLEIN  
19—SAMUEL PALLEY  
19—ALBERT ROTHENSTEIN  
20—LOUIS W. YOHANN  
21—JULIUS GOLDSTEIN  
21—SADIE MARX  
21—SAMUEL SPENCER  
21—JULIUS GOLDSTEIN  
21—PHILLIP DERSHOWITZ



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