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COUPLES CLUB PROGRAM NOTES

The K. J. Couples Club held a fascinating meeting on Tuesday evening of this week. The meeting began with a tour of the New York Painting and Sculpture exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The second part of the meeting consisted of a discussion with Henry Geldzahler, the organizer of this exhibit. The group spent a delightful hour with Mr. Geldzahler, hearing some of the ins and outs of the organization of such an exhibit.

The next program of the Couples Club will be a non-profit theatre party for the show: "Seven Days of Mourning." The event will be held on Saturday night, February 21st, at 10:00 o'clock. For tickets please call Evelyn Rochlin at BU 8-3745.

The Couples Club is also looking forward to its weekend and Shabbaton at Grossinger's on the weekend of March 13-15. For further details, please contact Martin R. Rochlin.

PLEASE NOTE

The Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin, beginning with this issue, becomes a bi-weekly publication of the congregation. We have found that such a publication can serve the interests of the Kehilath Jeshurun family well while still holding down costs and taking into account the irregularity of the mails in this city.

When the occasion warrants it, the Bulletin will be a six page edition instead of the usual four pages. We hope that our readers will find that the bi-weekly edition will serve their needs.

SPRING STUDY GROUPS TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

This year again we are offering a renewal of a program of study groups which has met with considerable success during the past several seasons. The purpose of these study groups is to encourage advanced and independent study on the part of those students who have the time, training and inclination for it.

The two groups described below will both be conducted on a high academic level. They will serve the needs of those who seek both intellectual and practical results from their further study of Judaism. The teachers who will conduct these study groups are both exceptional scholars who will lend interest and significance to the subjects they will be teaching.

I. UNDERSTANDING THE SIDDUR

Instructor: Dr. Norman Bronznick

This group continues the study of the first part of the morning service begun last year. It is part of a long term effort to make the davening meaningful and inspiring emotionally and intellectually to men and women who take the act of praying seriously.

5 Wednesdays: February 4, 18; March 4, 18, and April 1. Hours: 8:30-9:45 P.M.

Dr. Bronznick, ordained by Yeshiva University, holds the Ph.D. from Columbia University and has taught at Rutgers University. He is at present Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Education of Yeshiva University.

II. UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

- 1. The Song of Songs
- 2. The Book of Ruth

Instructor: Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz

This group continues the study of brief books of the Bible. The books are discussed extensively and intensively, with a general overview and with close textual analysis. Preparation in advance of each session will be encouraged.

5 Tuesdays; February 10, 24; March 10, 24; and April 7. Hours: 8:30-9:45 P.M.

Rabbi Moskowitz, a member of the Ramaz High School Faculty, has taught at Herzliah. He is no stranger to our congregation, having taught in our Collegiate Seminar and having officiated at our Auxiliary Services on the High Holy Days.

There is no charge for the spring study group program. Many have already registered for these groups in our initial registration period last fall. New students who wish to register can do so at the first session of each group.

EMERGENCY NOTICE

We are requested by every Jewish communal organization to urge our readers to write courteous but firm letters to the leaders of our national government, expressing our individual concern for the change in policy toward Israel reflected in the recent statements of Secretary of State Rogers. Letters should be written to: President Richard M. Nixon, The White House; Secretary William Rogers, Department of State, Washington, D.C.; Senator Charles Goodell, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.; and Senator Jacob K. Javits, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

PLEASE WRITE NOW!



"Tefillin on the Weaker Arm"

Our portion for this week ends with the commandment to don the Tefillin: "And it shall be as a sign upon your hand and as a symbol between your eyes . . ." In this passage, one of four similar statements in the Torah, the word "Yadcha," meaning hand, is spelled with an extra "heh" at the end. This unusual spelling prompts the Talmud to infer that the Tefillin are to be worn on the "yad Kehas" — the weaker hand.

The armpiece is placed on the biceps of the weaker hand in such a manner that, when the arm is lowered into its normal position, the armpiece will face inward, toward the heart. The "weaker hand" is determined not by the criterion of strength but rather by dexterity. The rule of thumb is that the hand with which one writes is considered the "stronger" hand. If one is completely ambidextrous, then he dons the Tefillin on the left hand, following the majority.

One might speculate briefly on why the Tefillin, which are a sign that "with a strong hand God brought us forth out of Egypt," are donned on the weaker hand. One obvious answer is that our emphasis is not on the hand on which the Tefillin are placed, but rather on the hand which does the placing — i.e. the stronger hand. The mitzvah of Tefillin is not in the wearing but in the binding ("And you shall tie them for a sign upon thy hand . . ."). The stronger hand, which is the agent of action, is sanctified with the command to bind the Tefillin.

Another view is that the Tefillin are worn on the weaker hand to balance might with spirit and strength with holiness. This view is reinforced by our recollection that when the Tefillin are placed properly on the left arm, they will automatically face the heart. It is the heart which represents man's spirit and soul. It is the heart which should supercede and mitigate the "strong arm" of man.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of January 10 - 16

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Herbert N. Abrams, Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. David Gordon, Mrs. Charles B. Jacobs, Jerome Margereten, Mrs. Abram Miller; Arthur A. Rashbaum, Mrs. Irwin B. Robins, Frank Roth, Charles Scheidt, Mrs. Emanuel M. Simon and Dr. Norman Sohn.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Binstock, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Scheinberg.

Week of January 17 - 23

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Milton H. Berkowitz, Lewis Braff, Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, Mrs. Arthur B. Colvin, Elmer G. Engel, Charles A. Greenberg, Dr. Isadore Givner, Mrs. Fred S. Kahn, Abraham R. Kirshon, Jacob M. Miller, Mrs. Leo Ritter and Mrs. Marco Wachter.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Maks L. Birnbach, Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra.

Communal Honors-

Congratulations to our esteemed Trustee and former Vice President, Joseph Roth, upon being the guest of honor at the Annual Chanukah Dinner of Yeshiva University on December 14th. Mr. Roth was presented with his honor by Max J. Etra, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva Uni-

versity and Honorary President of our congregation.

The finest turnout of Kehilath Jeshurun members ever to attend the Yeshiva University Chanukah Dinner was present for this deserved tribute to Mr. Roth. We congratulate him, Mrs. Roth and their entire family on this memorable occasion.

Congratulations also to our devoted member, Sidney Scheinberg, a member of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz School, upon being the guest of honor at the Fifty-fifth Annual Dinner of the Hebrew Institute of Boro Park (Yeshivat Etz Chaim). Mr. Scheinberg, the class valedictorian in 1935, was given the award of Alumnus of the Year by the school at its dinner on Sunday, January 4th.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, the guest speaker at the dinner, presented Mr. Scheinberg with his award. Many of the celebrant's friends came to do him honor. Sharing in that honor were Mrs. Scheinberg and their two children, Sari and Ronald, who are students at Ramaz.

Condolences-

We record with sorrow the passing of Robert Trautman, the beloved brother of Dr. Edgar C. Trautman.

Similar expressions of condolence are expressed to Mrs. Hyman I. Bucher, on the passing of her beloved father, Harry Shanman.

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

In Memoriam

Nathan Warshaw

We mourn with sorrow the passing of a senior member of the congregation, Nathan Warshaw.

A gentleman in the finest tradition of that term, he was generous to many causes in the Jewish and general community. He had a special love for our House of God and all of its activities.

We extend our fullest sympathy to his dear wife and children and we pray that they will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Dr. Harry Kaplan

One of the most lovable and esteemed members of Kehilath Jeshurun, Dr. Kaplan was called to his eternal reward suddenly while practicing his calling as a physician.

A member of the Board of our Men's Club, he was active in every aspect of congregational life and contributed his time, his effort and his substance to the welfare of the synagogue and the community.

He and his late and immortal wife, Dr. Lillian Kaplan, left indelible impressions upon the congregational family, impressions that will make their memory grow by the years and that will leave them enshrined in our hearts for decades to come.

May his soul be forever bound up among the living.

H. L.

RAMAZ SENIOR SCORES HIGHEST IN STATE SCHOLARSHIP EXAM MANHATTAN DIVISION

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun joins the Ramaz School family in extending its special congratulations to Robert Levine, a member of this year's senior class in Ramaz High School. Robert achieved the highest score in the Borough of Manhattan on the recent scholarship examination administered by the New York State Board of Regents.

Such an achievement is a great honor for Robert, for his classmates as well as for the entire school. Congratulations to all.

FATHER AND SON MINYAN RECESS

Due to the advent of the final examperiod, the Father and Son Minyan will not be held for the next three Sundays.

The next session of the Father and Son Minyan will be held on Sunday, February 1st, at 9:30 A.M.

THE INQUIRING FOTOGRAPHER GETS A CHANUKAH LESSON

In the Daily News of Saturday, December 20th, the following questions was asked of a number of children by the "Inquiring Fotographer": "What do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?" The locality was Park and Lexington Avenues. Imagine our surprise when we saw a photograph of Keith Barany, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Barany. His answer, which must have floored the fotographer, read as follows:

"I already received my gifts for the holidays a week or so ago. Jewish people celebrate Chanukah instead of Christmas. Our folks give us presents just like Christian parents give their children presents. My parents gave me two jigsaw puzzles, two beautiful neckties, a Hunts Down game, some other games, Rudy the Robot, and a big hug and kiss from mother."

That's the way to tell 'em, Keith!

MEN'S CLUB DINNER POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Men's Club Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th, had to be postponed. You will be notified as soon as a new date has been set.

SCOUT NEWS

CUB SCOUTS

On December 21st, the cub scouts of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun held their first pack meeting. It opened with the Father and Son Minyan and breakfast. Afterwards, each of the individual scouts presented a facet of the scouting activities. A few of the scouts proudly presented their tumbling achievements and there was a table display of the plant boxes and pencil cases the cubs had made. All the boys already had earned the Bobcat pin, their first achievement pin. A movie on the technique of artificial respiration was well received by the pack.

Members of the pack that attended the meeting were: Richard Ehrlich, Larry Finkel, Barry Pearlman, Ittai Hershman, David Harlow, James Rem, Jonathan Wroblewski, Andrew Kessler, Ronnie Lewittes, Keith Barany, David Goldfarb, Daniel Gruen, Jonathan Rheinhold, Eric Cohen, Arthur Chabon, Lior Hillel, Jeffrey Klapper, Jeffrey Zimet, Michael Anstendig and Mark Rosenberg.

BOY SCOUTS



FRONT ROW: Left to right: Mitchell Coven, Steven Schon, Kenneth Barany, Allan Friedman.

BACK ROW: Lewis Trencher, Assistant Scoutmaster, Ethan Heisler, Mr. Michael M. Barany, Chairman.

Not shown: Andrew Abraham

On Sunday, February 1st, at the Father and Son minyan, six members of the congregation's boy scout troop no. 613 will be advanced to the rank of 2nd Class scout.

Having passed all necessary requirements under the guidance and leadership of Assistant Scoutmaster Lewis Trencher, scouts Andrew Abraham, Kenneth Barany, Mitchell Coven, Allan Friedman, Ethan Heisler and Steven Schon will receive their cards of promotion from Mr. Michael Barany, chairman of troop no. 613.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR TEENAGERS

The United Jewish Appeal is sponsoring an essay contest which is open to teenagers between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. The theme of the essay is The Talmudic Injunction: "All Israel is responsible, One for the Other."

All entries must be no longer than five hundred words. They should be typewritten, double space, on white paper 8½ x 11. Your name, address, telephone number and age must appear in the upper right hand corner of the first page. Your name alone is to be printed on all of the following pages.

The deadline for all entries is April

1, 1970. Entries should be mailed to Essay Contest, U.J.A., 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N. Y. 10019.

The judges decisions will be announced publicly on May 1, 1970. The winner of the first prize will receive a two week visit to Israel, all expenses paid. Second and third prizes will also be awarded. Honorable mention awards will be given according to geographical regions.

We strongly urge our teenagers to participate in this contest. Further details may be obtained from Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

FOR T.V. WATCHERS

We are happy to announce that young Jerald Berkowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Berkowitz, will appear on television this Wednesday morning, January 14th, at 10:30 on the Jewish Dimension, WPIX Channel 11. He will chant a portion of a Haftorah as part of a program on Bar Mitzvah.

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Sunday Morning8:30

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Tu Bi-Shevat (New Year for Trees) will

be observed on Thursday, January

22nd.

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14-Floyd Katske

15-William Prince

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Saturday, January 17th

Mrs. Abe Newborn Mrs. Ira W. Nadler Mrs. Louis Orwasher Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman Mrs. David H. Woldenberg

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