

## MEN'S CLUB SEUDAH SHLISHITH PROGRAM ATTRACTS FINE GATHERING

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## Jed H. Abraham Fascinates Audience; Change of Menu Planned for Next Occasion

The Men's Club scored a wonderful success with its first Seudah Shlishith program of the season last Sabbath afternoon. The Chapel of the Synagogue was filled to capacity for Mincha. A goodly number of ladies joined the men afterwards in the Social Hall for the actual program itself.

Martin R. Rochlin, President of the Men's Club, explained the goal of the program as designed to give the Kehilath Jeshurun family an authentic Shabbat afternoon experience and to provide a spirit of fellowship, an opportunity for prayer and an occasion for cultural enrichment, all at the same time.

While the collation for this first Seudah was a conservative one – cookies and tea – the President hinted that some of the more traditional Seudah Shlishith foods would be offered at the next such program, which is scheduled for Purim eve, March 21st. Let the Vita Company please take notice.

The speaker for the afternoon was Jed H. Abraham, who presented a fascinating, learned discourse on the origins, history and current status of Ethiopian Jewry. He aroused many questions about the Falashas, their religious practices, the hopes of the community for survival, the prospects of Aliyah to Israel and many other factors.

At the conclusion of the program it was agreed that Mr. Abraham would have to be brought back for another session, in order to fill us in on some of the intriguing details about this long lost Jewish community which looks to the western Jewish world for help in ensuring its survival.

# PURIM AT KEHILATH JESHURUN

## Festive occasions planned for Saturday night, March 21 and Sunday morning, March 22

With Rosh Chodesh Adar II already upon us this Sunday and Monday, Purim can only be two weeks away. This year for the first time in quite a while, Purim falls on Saturday night and Sunday. The dates are March 21st and 22nd.

#### Saturday Night Program

On Saturday night, Mincha Services will be held a little earlier than usual. Following Mincha, the Men's Club will sponsor its second Seudah Shlishith program of the season in the Social Hall of the congregation.

At the conclusion of that program, the congregation will assemble in the Main Synagogue for Ma'ariv services and the reading of the Megillah. We shall continue a practice that we inaugurated the last time Purim occurred this way, by inviting collegiates and young adults to divide up the reading of the Megillah and to conduct the service. The following young men will officiate:

George Baumgarten Samuel Blumenthal Richard Etra Aaron Hostyk Alan Kalischer Steven Lorch Steven Schacter Stuart Schlang Stephen Texon Lewis Trencher

## **Sunday Morning Services**

At 9:15 o'clock on Sunday morning, March 22nd, the gala Purim service will be conducted by the students of the Ramaz Upper School. They will officiate as Cantors and they will, of course, read the Megillah. This is always a highlight of our synagogue year and on a Sunday morning it is particularly thrilling to see so many men assembled in Talith and Tefillin.

The students who will officiate at the service will be:Craig BaranySamuel FriedmanAsher MillerMichael BartelArthur GribetzSamuel NewbornGeorge BlumenthalDavid HostykEugene PackinRon CohenRobert LevineAlvin SmilowJacob MerkinJacob MerkinAlvin Smilow

#### Children are our special guests

At both Purim services, the children occupy the center of the stage at Kehilath Jeshurun. On Saturday night, we will be able to allow the children to stamp out Haman to their hearts' content, that is if the collegiates cannot slip in a few mentions of Haman's name without the children being aware of it. They will be seated in a special section and provided with the necessary noisemakers.

On Sunday morning the children of Ramaz and the Park East Religious School will be the guests of honor. There will be special leaders to assist them at the service. The appropriate noisemakers will be distributed and, of course, the Purim goodies will be provided to them.

The service on Sunday morning will begin at 9:15 o'clock. We ask parents to bring their children between the ages of five and twelve to the Auditorium of the Synagogue house at 9:15. They will be organized and at the proper time they will be brought in to participate in the service.

A review of the pertinent details and schedules will be found in our next issue of the Bulletin. In the meantime, do plan to be with us on Saturday night and Sunday morning for a double barrelled, glorious Purim experience.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M. ''HOW TO FURNISH A JEWISH HOME''

#### A PARALLEL MISSION

(We are indebted to the Lubavitcher Movement for the following thought. It was contained in the publication "A Thought for the Week." A subscription to this publication can be arranged simply by writing to Vaad L'Hafotzas Sichos, 788 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213.)

During the past several years, we have all become familiar with the strict discipline and rules which must be observed by astronauts in their space explorations. We are particularly aware of that fact that the astronauts are trained strictly and that they are under complete domination by Ground Control which tells them when to eat, when to sleep, when to fire retro rockets, when to take pictures, etc.

No one questions the need for this kind of control. We all understand that every movement and act in the capsule must be carefully regulated and rehearsed. The success of the mission, the well being of the astronauts and the smooth operation of the entire machinery depend upon a carefully arranged and executed master plan. Tampering with this plan could lead to disaster.

In a sense, the Torah views the Jewish People, individually and collectively, as embarked on a similar mission. The mission is to walk in God's ways, to survive meaningfully in this world and to bring the message of Judaism to the world by example and proper behavior. We too are governed by a master plan. We are told what to eat, if not when to eat. We are ordered when to rest and how to rest. We are commanded what to study, when to celebrate, when to fast, etc.

Upon our attention to the details of these instructions depends the success of our mission. The welfare of the individual himself is at stake. No less important, the security and enhancement of society also hang in the balance.

No one questions the need for absolute discipline in ensuring the success of a space mission. Is it not possible that a four thousand year mission of the Jewish People might also require a careful and precise attention to rules and regulations which exist to make that mission possible and to benefit the individual and his environment?

# THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD



cordially invites all ladies to hear

# SHONIE LEVI

author, lecturer and radio personality

discuss

## "Jewish Ceremonial Art — It's the 'In' Thing"

Date: This Monday, March 9th Time: 12:30 o'clock Place: The Synagogue Social Hall

Coffee and cake will be served prior to the program.

Ladies are invited to bring from home their Jewish ceremonial art objects.

Mrs. Levi will discuss and evaluate them as part of the program.

# WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Week of March 7-13

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to George H. Bookbinder, Dr. Kasriel K. Eilender, Mrs. Harry Etra, Harry Heyman, Dr. Emory Klein, Mrs. Martin Klein, Mrs. Aaron G. Meislin, Mrs. George Postel, Mrs. Adrian Skydell and Mrs. Aaron Welish.

#### Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jadek, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levi, Mr. and Mrs. George Schneider and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel M. Simon.

#### Week of March 14-20

#### Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Abram J. Abeloff, Albert H. Bernstein, Mrs. Jerry Coan, Joseph S. Gruss, Mrs. Sidney Horwitz, David Pik, Henry M. Rem, Leo Ritter and Jack A. Rothenstein.

### Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal.

#### Births-

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Propp upon the birth of their third son. May the new arrival be a source of joy and pride to his parents and grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

Congratulations and a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perlberger upon the birth of their second daughter. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger. May Jillian join her "big" sister, Jody, in bringing pride and "nachas" to the entire Perlberger family.

## Communal Honors-

Congratulations to our esteemed member, Benjamin Kaufman, who will be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Maimonides Institute. Mr. Kaufman will be honored at the Hotel Pierre on March 29th.

#### Condolence-

We express our condolences to Max Schefler, upon the passing of his beloved brother, Fred Schefler. We pray that the family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

#### **KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

The kiddush this Sabbath morning will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter.

THE SISTERHOOD ANNUAL DONOR LUNCHEON

will be held on

# MONDAY, MARCH 30th

in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House

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# In Alemariam Martin E. DeGraaff

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun mourns the passing of one of its stalwart sons who was called suddenly to his eternal reward last week.

Mr. DeGraaff was an impressive example of what an Orthodox Jew can and should be in the twentieth century. Pious and reverent in his religious practice, he was respected by family and friends, devoted to the House of God and deeply involved in the work of the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem.

A retiring and modest man by nature, his dependable, consistent and reliable religious, ethical and benevolent actions spoke eloquently and served as an example to us all.

We express our fullest sympathy to his beloved life's companion and to his two children, Nico DeGraaff and Mrs. Paula Azulai. May they be comforted among all who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

## FOUR NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS IN RAMAZ HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS

We are pleased and proud to announce that four students in the senior class of Ramaz High School have earned positions as finalists in the National Merit Competition. In a class which numbers only sixty students, this achievement is particularly remarkable. In addition to the four finalists, 14 students have received honorable mention in this competition, also a most impressive record.

#### PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATIONS

As this Bulletin reaches you, letters are being sent to our members which invite reservations for the Passover Sedarim that will be conducted in the Synagogue Ballroom on Monday night, April 20th and Tuesday night, April 21st. The congregational Seder will be catered this year by Victor Mayer Caterers. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will conduct the Sedarim on alternate nights.

Members are urged to make their reservations in advance if they desire to be with us. We have set a limit on the number of reservations which we will accept and we will handle the reservations on a first come, first served basis. A form accompanies the letter for your convenience.

### KEHILATH JESHURUN BULLETIN

## **OF URGENT COMMUNITY INTEREST**

On Thursday, March 19th, elections will be held throughout the New York City for District School Boards. These Boards which are part of the decentralization plan for New York City Public education, will do more than supervise the Public School System. They will also have a measure of control on matters affecting private schools including Day Schools in their districts.

It is entirely possible, indeed probable, that some of the federal and state aid programs will be administered through these regional boards. Readers of this Bulletin will understand, therefore, the need to elect members for these boards who will represent the interests of the Jewish community of New York.

May we strongly urge, therefore,

that every reader of the Bulletin vote in this election. Balloting can be done at the place where you vote on Election Day. It is important that you familiarize yourselves with the candidates and vote in accordance with your interest. Other groups in the community will be voting in accordance with their interest.

### George H. Bookbinder, a Candidate

It is a source of pride to Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun that one of its esteemed members, George H. Bookbinder, is a candidate for election to School Board #1 which will govern the area between 98th Street and Pike Street from Fifth Avenue to the East River. We wish him well in his effort to render this kind of important communal service.

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

(The following are two excerpts from the January, 1970 issue of the American Zionist, a monthly published by the Zionist Organization of America and available by subscription from that organization.—Ed.)

#### On Zionism

Ambassador Joseph Tekoah also drew a parallel between the Nazi method of rewriting history and the Arab method of falsifying Jewish history and in particular the nature of Zionism, the Jewish liberation movement:

#### "What is Zionism?

When Jews formed a Jewish Brigade in World War II to fight Hitler, while Arab leaders supported him that was Zionism. When Jews went to Nazi gas chambers with the name of Jerusalem on their lips — that was Zionism . . . When Jews fought British colonialism while the Arabs of Palestine and the neighboring Arab states were being helped by it — that was Zionism . . . Zionism aims at securing for the Jewish people the rights possessed by other nations. It harbors malice to none. It seeks cooperation and understanding with the Arab peoples and their movements."

#### On Israel's Intelligence Service

The day after the victory in the Six-Day War, Moshe Dayan, when asked about the role played by intelligence, could only answer, "All I can say is, the role of intelligence was just as important as that of the aircraft and the tanks."

It was General Yariv and his services that decided the hour of the surprise air attack on the Egyptian bases: 7:45 A.M., Monday, June 5 (8:45 A.M. Egyptian time). Yariv had learned from his spies that the Egyptian air force, on permanent alert since May 16, relaxed its vigilance for one hour (from 8:45 to 9:45) when the pilots went off to eat breakfast. When the Israeli air force attacked, the Egyptian pilots were all at the table eating buttered toast and drinking coffee.

On the morning of June 5 the Israeli radio directed a number of appeals in Arabic to the Egyptian pilots. The speaker addressed them directly, calling them by their names, including their first names, and even invoking the names of their wives and children. He advised them not to bomb Tel Aviv but to drop their bombs into the sea.

Sometimes sheer chance makes it possible to lift a corner of the veil covering the mysterious activities of the "master spy." While the tanks of General Israel Tal were pushing toward the canal from the Sinai, they picked up radio messages addressed to them by an Egyptian officer. These messages gave the exact placements of the enemy artillery and the movements of the enemy tanks, which were regrouping to cut off the Israelis' route. This invaluable information enabled the Israelis to annihilate the enemy very quickly. But the Egyptian officer who had provided the intelligence was killed during the battle. He was shot down by a patrol of his own countrymen while trying to reach the Israeli lines, for this "Egyptian" was one of Yariv's Israeli agents. The order was given to bring him back to Israel and to bury him there. His name is still unknown.

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# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### FRIDAY, March 6th

Lighting	of Candles	
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## SATURDAY, SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Morning	
Junior Congregation	
Pre-School Service	
Dining Hall	

### Weekly Portion: Vayakhel

# Exodus 35:1-38:20, 30:11-16

Haftorah: II Kings 12:1-17

### **Rosh Chodesh Prayers**

Rosh Chodesh Adar II will be
on Sunday, March 8th and
Monday, March 9th.
Evening5:40
Conclusion of Sabbath6:25

### FRIDAY, March 13th

Lighting	of Candles	5:40
Evening		5:45

### SATURDAY

Morning	
Junior Congregation	
Pre-School Service	
Dining Hall	

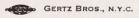
## Weekly Portion: Pekude Exodus 38:21-40:38 Haftorah: I Kings 7:40-50

Evening		5:45
Conclusion	n of Sabbath	6:35

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning		
Sunday	Morning	8:30
Evening		5:45

The Fast of Esther Will Be Observed on Thursday, March 19th





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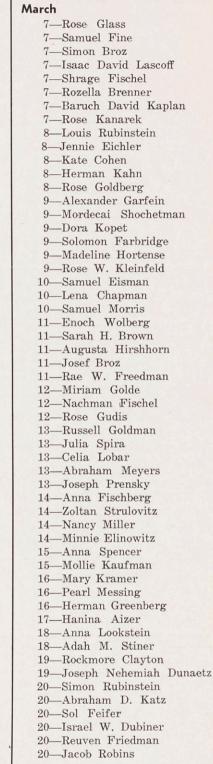
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