



Men's Club Theatre Party A Success

Artistically and philanthropically, the Men's Club Theatre Party to Neil Simon's show, "The Good Doctor", was a great success. A fine gathering from the congregational family attended the show, enjoyed the evening, and helped to support the wide and varied philanthropic program of the KJ Men's Club.

Our thanks to Bill Lebowitz and Maurice Jaffe, Co-Chairmen of this effort. Our special gratitude and congratulations to Milton Berkowitz, Ben Brown, Martin R. Rochlin and Arthur Silverman who devoted so much time and effort to the success of this project.

We hope that Neil Simon is hard at work on another show for next year!

Am Hasefer Group

The first meeting of the Am Hasefer program was held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal. The discussion leader was Mordie Mann. A lively and interesting discussion was stimulated by Mr. Mann on Emil Fackenheim's excellent work; "God's Presence in History."

The next meeting will be held on Sunday evening, February 10. The book under discussion will be "How Can A Jew Speak of Faith Today" by Eugene Borowitz. The author discusses the problem of faith in God in the face of human tragedy, particularly the tragedy of the Holocaust. The subject of ethics without religion is also covered in the book as is Jewish-Christian dialogue and the meaning of the State of Israel in a religious context.

We invite new members to participate in this exceptionally fine educational program. Please use the form in this Bulletin to indicate your interest. We will arrange to send you the book and a personal invitation to attend the next meeting.

RABBI AND MRS. HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO LEAD K. J. SOLIDARITY PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

We are pleased to announce that Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, through its Couples Club, is sponsoring a solidarity pilgrimage to Israel, leaving on Saturday night, February 23 and returning on Tuesday, March 5. The pilgrimage will be led by Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.

The tour will be a de luxe package, featuring the finest hotels in Israel. We will have our own tour bus which will take us throughout most of the Land. The tour will include the Galil, the Golan Heights, the West Bank, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Masada among other places. The last six days will be spent in Jerusalem.

In addition to touring, the group will meet with leading religious and

political personalities in Israel. An extensive study tour will be conducted of the Old City of Jerusalem, with a special guide who knows the byways and pathways of Jerusalem as we know Yorkville.

The total cost for the trip, including hotels, breakfast, and touring will be under \$600. The group will be limited to 40 people who will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to reserve a place in this tour, please send a deposit of \$100 per person to Mrs. Walter Koppel, care of the Synagogue Office. Deposits are returnable until February 1. Time is short, so please act immediately.

RAMAZ SENIORS SCORE OVER FIFTY PERCENT AS REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Out of fifty-one Ramaz Seniors who were eligible to take the Regents Scholarship Examination this fall, twenty-seven students were declared winners and seven are alternates who will eventually win a Regents Scholarship. The percentage of winners and alternates is one of the highest in the state, in keeping with past traditions in Ramaz.

We congratulate in particular the following young men and women of our congregational family who are among the winners and alternates: Jerald M. Berkowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Berkowitz; Pearl Cohen, daughter of Mr. Pincus Cohen; Barry H. Meislin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Meislin; Eric D. Mosesson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Mosesson; and Miriam Wroblewski, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Felix Wroblewski.

Our warmest greetings to all of the winners, to their parents and to the entire Ramaz School family on this significant achievement and on the honor which the students have brought to themselves, their families and their school.

REMINDER

Have you made your reservation for the Dinner in honor of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein's 50th Anniversary in our Congregation?

It will be held at the Waldorf Astoria on Sunday, January 20th.

Contribution: \$250 per couple

For Reservations call HA 7-1000

We hope you will be there

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Herbert N. Abrams, Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Milton Berkowitz, Mrs. Philip Daffner, Mrs. Irving M. Geszel, Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, Mrs. David Gordon, Isaac J. Hazan, Mrs. Charles B. Jacobs, Mrs. David Joseph, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Walter Koppel, Mrs. Asher S. Levitsky, Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, Mrs. Abram Miller, Jacob M. Miller, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Mrs. Irwin B. Robins, Frank Roth, Mrs. Arthur Rubinstein, Charles Scheidt, Irwin Schloss, Mrs. Lawrence Schwartz, Mrs. Emanuel M. Simon, Ralph Spencer, Mrs. Herbert R. Steinmann, Mrs. Marco Wachter, Mrs. Philip Wald and Mrs. Wolf Zukerman.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mr. and Mrs. Al Feiner, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Scheinberg, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Tanz, Mr. and Mrs. Marco Wachter and Dr. and Mrs. Judah Zizmor.

Birth—

Mazel Tov to our young, devoted members, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryskin upon the birth of their second child — their first son. May he and his sister grow up in the best tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

Bar Mitzvah—

Mazel Tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Mark Lieber, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lieber of Riverdale, N.Y. The Bar Mitzvah was held on December 23 at the Kotel.

Honors To A Ramaz Student—

Congratulations to young David Freudenstein, a student in Form I of the Ramaz Upper School upon earning first prize in a National Hebrew Contest sponsored by the Committee for Yediat Yisrael and the Jewish National Fund. David achieved the highest score, 185 out of a possible 200. He also received a gold pin as his award.

Condolences—

We extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Roy Abraham on the passing of her beloved mother, Florence Kallus. We hope the family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Pre-Junior and Junior Congregation

With the return of Dina Markson and Binny Shudofsky from Israel, these groups will resume their normal weekly meetings on January 5. Dina's group (Nursery-Kindergarten-1st grade) will meet in the lunchroom at 11:00 A.M. Binny's group (2nd through 6th grades) will meet in the chapel at 10:00 A.M.

Shabbat Afternoon Youth Groups

Normal meetings resume on January 5 from 3:00-4:30 P.M. All youngsters from Nursery through 8th grade are invited to attend and to participate in a fun time with children of their own age group.

Young People to See "The Fixer" January 19

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun's Youth Program invites all teenagers to come see the film "The Fixer", starring Alan Bates, in the Kamber Auditorium on Saturday night, January 19, at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served, and the film will be followed by a "kumzitz". Admission is 50¢, if paid in advance, and 75¢ if paid at the door. For tickets and other info, call David or Ricki Bernstein at 289-4921. This program is being sponsored jointly by the K.J. Youth Program and the Ramaz G.O.

Teenage Oneg Shabbat Programs

The Oneg-Shabbat Get-Together will resume on January 4 at 7:30 P.M. at

the Bernsteins' (425 East 86th Street, Apt. 2B). There's always good food, good singing and good talk. Surprises are always in store (within the Shabbat spirit, of course).

A week later, we will have another Oneg on January 11 at the home of the Berkowitz family, 500 East 85th Street, at 7:30 P.M.

11th-12th Grade Shabbaton on February 1-3

By popular demand, the K.J. Youth Program is holding a Junior-Senior Shabbaton at the Shul on the first weekend in February. The cost is nominal—\$7.00, which includes meals and all activities. Anyone interested in participating, or in housing people from outside our community for this weekend, should contact David or Ricki Bernstein at 289-4921.

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Bar Mitzvah



Roger Mosesson

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mosesson upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah celebration for their son, Roger Elliott, which will be observed in our synagogue on Shabbat Morning, January 12.

Roger is an Honor student in Form II of the Ramaz School, where he is the President of the Junior High Student Organization. He has achieved many awards, among which are first

Item From The New York Times December 3, 1973

"A change has been ordered in the inaugural ceremonies for Mr. Beame at the insistence of Controller-elect Harrison J. Goldin. The reception scheduled for the Metropolitan Opera House originally included ham sandwiches. But Mr. Goldin, the grandson of a rabbi and the cousin of Gerson Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, objected to ham at the inaugural of the first Jewish Mayor of New York. The ham has been deleted from the menu."

(What the NEW YORK TIMES omitted to say is that the new Controller is a graduate of Ramaz. It was at Ramaz that he learned to stand up firmly in support of important matters).

place in two Bible contests, and a certificate in the National Bible contest. He will read the entire Torah Portion at services in our synagogue.

The entire congregation is invited to Kiddush at the close of services as guests of the Mosesson family.

A RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO THE YOM KIPPUR WAR

(A summary of a recently delivered sermon by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein)

There have been many responses to the Yom Kippur War and its tragic aftermath. Jews have risen to the defense of the State of Israel in perhaps unprecedented fashion, economically, politically, emotionally and morally. One response, however, has been notable by its absence: the religious response.

To be sure, many prayers have been offered in behalf of Israel and its citizens. Memorial prayers have been offered to the fallen; mishebeirachs have been uttered for the wounded; psalms have been said for everyone. There is, however, a further response that is necessary from the religious point of view: repentance. This has always been the traditional response in crisis. We repent and we try to do good deeds.

The Talmud advises that when a man feels pain afflicting him and crisis enveloping him, he should examine his deeds. Maimonides in the beginning of Hilkhot Ta'anit indicates that fasting and repentance are a proper response to communal tragedy and personal difficulty.

This response, of course, has serious theological implications. It affirms that in some way God is involved in the crisis. Our "tsoros" did not simply come by coincidence. In some fashion our behavior made the problem possible, perhaps even necessary. Jud-

aism's concern, however, is not to cast around for the guilty parties. It is not our task to ferret out the sinners in our midst or even to determine which sins have precipitated the crisis. This would be an act of terrible arrogance on our part, one which is specifically forbidden by the Talmud in Baba Metzia (58B). It would constitute a violation of the Biblical command: "Do not wrong your neighbor" — including even wronging him with words.

The thrust of the religious response is not to cast blame on others but rather to search for ways of improving ourselves and society. By doing this, we believe we may be relieving the cause — still unknown — of the crisis for which we accept, tacitly a measure of responsibility.

Furthermore, the path of repentance has another religious purpose. It is a form of appealing to God for a change in our situation. It is surprising how many people believe in prayer as a method of appeal, while they ignore teshuva as another form of statement to God. If we have faith that God will hear our prayers (although He may not answer them fully in accordance with our wishes) should we not have at least as much faith in our ability to appeal to Him through religious moral and ethical behavior?

Surely the religious personality believes that repentance and good

deeds, as much as prayer, influence the judgment of the Almighty. We are all familiar with the famous liturgical poem of Rabbi Amnon, recited by us on the day the Yom Kippur War broke out, in which we say that "prayer, penitence and righteousness will avert the evil decree."

Perhaps, then, along with contributions to the U.J.A., the purchase of Israel Bonds, attendance at protest rallies, and the dispatching of telegrams and letters to public officials, we ought to embark also upon a religious campaign in an effort to improve the desperate situation in which Israel and world Jewry find themselves at present. We have much to do in the realm of repentance. We might try to avoid arrogance; we might endeavor to reduce anger among people, to practice love and kindness towards fellow human beings, to pray more regularly and more fervently, to study Torah, to keep the Sabbath and to give tzedakah to deserving institutions on the home front which are currently starving because of the necessary contributions to Israel's survival.

It is perhaps characteristic of the way of Lubavitch that the great Rebbe of Lubavitch wrote a letter to the American Jewish community recently in which he called for a similar effort. He reminds us of the prophetic promise that "Zion shall be redeemed through law and its returnees through righteousness." Is it too simplistic and naive to believe that God is waiting for the full response of His people?

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Rabbi Haskel Lookstein holding the plaque presented to the Congregation for Exemplary Service to Klal Yisrael at the Annual Synagogue Council of America Dinner held in November. From the left are: Rabbi Louis Bernstein, President, Rabbinical Council of America; Mr. Nathan Salzman; Consul General David Rivlin; Rabbi Lookstein; Mr. Irwin Robins; Rabbi Irwin Blank, President, Synagogue Council of America.

Ulpan Class Divides In Two

Our Monday morning Ulpan class has been split into a beginner's group and an intermediate group. The beginner's group will meet from 10:30 to 12:00 while the intermediates will meet from 9:00 to 10:30.

With this change in class structure, the Ulpan program invites new students to join the classes which will serve their needs best. The next session for each group will be held on Monday, January 7. Mr. Efrat Abrams continues to teach both classes.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, January 4

Lighting of Candles4:25
Evening4:40

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: Vayehi
Haftorah: ! Kings 2

Evening4:40
Conclusion of Sabbath5:22

FRIDAY, January 11

*Lighting of Candles5:30
*Evening5:40

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: Shemot
Haftorah: Isaiah 27

*Evening5:45
*Conclusion of Sabbath6:29

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Father and Son Minyan9:30
*Evening5:30

* These times assume the nation's conversion to Daylight Savings Time on Saturday night, January 5th. Otherwise subtract one hour.

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7-Alexander Schlang
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7-Leon Braunstein
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18-Musia Mendelowitz
18-Herman Goldman

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