

# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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## TWENTY-NINE NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are happy to announce that at its recent meeting the Board of Trustees approved the applications of twenty-nine families for membership in the Congregation. These new members have joined during the past four or five months. They will be officially inducted at the forthcoming 104th Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the Spring of 1976.

We are very pleased to welcome these new members. We hope their association with us will be a long, happy and mutually rewarding one. We invite all veteran members of the Congregation to welcome the new members and make them feel part of Kehilath Jeshurun and its activities.

We list below the new applicants:

Mrs. Harry Burak  
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Cooper  
Mrs. Florence Edelman  
Dr. and Mrs. William Etra  
Dr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Fisher  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frankel  
Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedman  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Geisler  
Dr. and Mrs. Burt Gelberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greenberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Muni Hammer  
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kaufman  
Mr. Jeffrey Krulwich  
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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mukasey  
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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pomerance  
Mr. Jerome I. Rindner  
Mr. Lawrence Rosenbluth  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Wm. Rosenbluth  
Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Seplov  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smigel  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Steintal  
Dr. Leonard Tabachnik  
Mr. and Mrs. David Tendler  
Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Weisbuch  
Dr. Michael Wyschogrod



## A CHANUKAH MESSAGE The Ups and Downs of Jewish History

During this season of the year, when we recite Hallel every morning, two adjacent verses that seem to contradict each other attract our attention. The first verse states: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be happy on it." The second verse, following immediately after it, states: "Please God, save us."

How strange that these two verses, the one expressing joy, happiness and achievement, and the other, expressing anxiety, fear and insecurity, should come together in the book of Psalms and in our prayers. How are these two opposite moods to be reconciled?

In fact, these two verses reflect the ups and downs of Jewish history. It has been the lot of the Jew to go from the dizzying heights of achievement, security and bliss to the depths of insecurity, fear and trembling. Just when we think we have arrived, we find out that we have barely started out on our road to the Promised Land.

In our own day, we have seen this clearly and decisively in the rapid changes which have overtaken the Jewish people during the last 28 years. The glorious euphoria that attended the United Nations vote in November of 1947 was shattered by the brutal assault upon Israel staged by all of its Arab neighbors. The great feelings of exhilaration brought about by the swift and successful Sinai campaign in 1956 were reversed by the forced retreat of Israel from the Sinai under the administration of the late and eminently forgettable John Foster Dulles.

More recently, the feeling of triumph and a dream fulfilled which attended the great victory in the Six Day War was dispelled by the new and difficult problems which arose in the wake of the Yom Kippur War. Shavuot of 1967 was "the day the Lord has chosen for gladness and joy." Yom Kippur 1973 was the day on which we began to say: "Please God, save us."

This Chanukah season of the year 5736 is not entirely a happy one. The oil that flows in our menorahs cannot completely supersede the oil that flows from Arab wells. The heroism of a small people is sorely taxed and strained by the overwhelming strength of powerful and rich Middle-Eastern states. Our joy is not unmitigated; our gladness is not uncompromised.

Nevertheless we believe in the God whom we address with the words: "Please God, save us." As He has heard us and answered us in history, He will hear us today.

May God who worked miracles for our forefathers in days gone by at this season of the year perform miracles for us speedily and in our time. H.L.

### CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

Welcomes the Children & Parents of Grade 3 of Ramaz  
who will be our guests at Shabbat Services on  
Saturday, December 13th



## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Abram J. Abeloff, Harry W. Baumgarten, Mr. Bertram S. Bermar, Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mrs. Norman Bulow, Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Mrs. Philip Daffner, Elliott H. Eisman, Mrs. Max J. Etra, Andrew Fier, Israel Friedman, Mrs. Isidore Givner, David Goldberg, Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, Mrs. Harold Greenberg, Mrs. Norman H. Halper, Eugene Hollander, Michael D. Jaspan, Mrs. David Joseph, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mrs. Sarah Klein, Miss Esther H. Kolatch, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Walter Koppel, William Lebowitz, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Irving Levine, Mrs. Emil Mandelbaum, Mrs. Henrik Markovits, Martin Markson, Mrs. Milton Medwin, Mrs. Norman D. Mosesson, Saul H. Nack, Solomon J. Novick, Mrs. Isaac Okun, Dr. Norman Orentreich, Dr. Gisella Perl, Mrs. Martin Pomerance, Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, Mrs. Henry Rem, Mrs. Herman Riederman, Jerome Rindner, Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Richard M. Sachar, Mrs. Eugene R. Sarezky, Mrs. Jules Sax, Mrs. Lawrence Schwartz, Mrs. Irwin Shapiro, Mrs. Jennie Shapiro, Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Amos Shuchman, Leon Sigall, Dr. Max L. Som, Fred L. Sommer, Ralph Spencer, Leon Spilky, Mrs. Herbert R. Steinmann, Mrs. Marco Wachter, Mrs. Jess Ward, Mrs. George Weiss, Miss Irene Weiss, Miss Vilma Weiss, Dr. David Weisselberger, Mrs. William Zessman, Mrs. Wolf Zukerman.

### Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cohen, Dr. and Mrs. Kasriel K. Eilender, Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mr. and Mrs. Al Feiner, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Friedland, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin M. Geszel, Mr. and Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Halper, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Hornblass, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jaspan, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Landa, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce David Linzer, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lippoff, Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, Hon. and Mrs. George Postel, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sachar, Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Tanz, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Usdan, Mr. and Mrs. Marco Wachter.

### Bar Mitzvah —

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack

## THE KEHILATH JESHURUN ADULT INSTITUTE

invites the community to a public lecture  
ON TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9th, at 9:00 P.M.

**DR. MICHAEL WYSCHOGROD**

will speak on:

**"JUDAISM AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY"**



Professor Wyschogrod, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the Baruch College of the City University of New York, has taught Philosophy at Hunter, Bar-Ilan University and the New School, among other higher academic institutions. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of **Tradition**, **Judaism** and **Sh'ma**. His lecture will deal with some of the following questions:

What was the attitude of Jesus to the mitzvot? Did Paul break with the law? What is the Jewish element in the **New Testament**? How did Christianity come to be a separate religion? What is the significance of the Noachide commandments in early Christianity?

**All welcome.**

## SUNDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

The next session of Dr. Mayer Herskovics' lecture series on **Latter Day Jewish Luminaries** will be held on Sunday evening, December 21, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, 40 East 83rd Street. The session will begin at 8:00 P.M.

The next session of Dr. Hayim Tawil's course on **The Age of the Patriarchs** will be held in the Synagogue House on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:45 P.M.

Lefkowitz upon the Bar Mitzvah of their oldest grandson Jay Lefkowitz, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lefkowitz of Albany, New York. We hope that the family will enjoy many more happy religious occasions in health and good fortune.

### Academic Milestone —

Congratulations to Mrs. Marilyn Smilow Schwartz, a Ramaz graduate and daughter of our members Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow upon her attainment of a Masters degree in education from Hunter College.

### Engagement —

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow upon the engagement of their son, Alvin, to Miss Judith Iris Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Levine. May their wedding take place in happiness and blessing.

### Aufruf —

Congratulations to our member Michael David Jaspan upon his aufruf which will take place in our synagogue on December 6th. Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspan, the proud parents of the groom.



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Oneg Shabbat

The second J. K. Oneg Shabbat will take place on Friday night, December 5 at 8 P.M. at David and Ricki Bernstein's, 425 East 86th Street, Apt. #2B. Details will follow in the mail.

### J. K. Beit Cafe

Watch for our Beit Cafe on Saturday night, December 13, with the "Ashira" band, refreshments, and a special program. All Jewish students of high school age are invited. If you would like to help in organizing the Cafe night, call Linda Blum at 427-7055.

### Bikur Cholim

As a result of the response to the first "Visit to the Sick" program, we are beginning regular visitations by small groups to area hospitals every Shabbat afternoon. It will be organized on a rotation basis, so that individual participants will only be going once every six or seven weeks. If you are interested in signing up — with or without a group of friends — call Beth Kabakow at 249-4118.

### Volleyball Night

Co-ed volleyball continues its wanderings, coming to Tuesday nights December 2 and 16 at 8:30 P.M. in the Ramaz gym. Come on down!

### Coming - "The Sting"

J. K. will sponsor the Academy-Award film starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford on Saturday night, January 10. Watch for more information.

### Junior Congregation Elections

The officers for the month of Kislev are:

Burt Rosen — President  
Alan Brown — Vice President  
Laurie Kabakow — Secretary  
Shira Lookstein — Kiddush Hostess  
Lisa Rosen — Kiddush Hostess  
Jonathan Shapiro — Gabbai.

### Shabbat Afternoon Groups - Chanukah Celebration

A special Chanukah celebration for Nursery thru 8th grade will take place on Thursday night, December 4 from 7:30-9:00 P.M. Latkes will be served dreidels played, candles lit and songs sung. Come join the fun!

### Schedule Changes

The Shabbat Afternoon groups will **not** meet on November 29, December 20, and December 27.

## BAT MITZVAH

### FRANNIE ROBINS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Robins upon the Bat Mitzvah celebration of their daughter, Frannie, which will take place at our Synagogue House on the afternoon of Shabbat Chanukah, December 6.

Frannie, a student in Form I of Ramaz will deliver an address appropriate to the holiday at a Seudah Shlishit to be held in her honor. The entire congregation is invited, as guests of the Robins, to participate in this happy occasion in Frannie's life. Mincha services will begin at 4 o'clock.

### Special Thanks to Abe Esses

He is in our congregation for barely a year, but during that time Abe Esses and his wife Barbara have been so extraordinarily helpful in a variety of activities in behalf of the congregation, the Men's Club and the Couples Club.

Most recently, Abe conceived, organized, promoted and conducted the highly successful Blood Drive which made possible the creation of a Kehilath Jeshurun-Ramaz Blood Bank. The drive, which was held on Sunday November 16th, was over-subscribed.

We are deeply grateful to Abe and to his dedicated co-workers: Milton Berkowitz, Benjamin Brown, Walter Koppel and Martin R. Rochlin, who together with a host of other volunteers, brought this project to a successful conclusion.

## PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

### Beginning with Friday Afternoon, November 28

While the practice of gift giving has become an integral part of the Festival of Lights, the lights themselves are the principal observance of the holiday and should be highlighted as the central feature of Chanukah in the home.

The following are a few items which should be kept in mind.

1. **The Menorah** — While one Menorah suffices for the household, it is customary — and desirable — for each member of the household to light his own Menorah. This is particularly recommended for the children in the family who will take special delight in kindling their own Chanukah lamps.

2. **The Time for Lighting** — The candles should be lit as soon as possible after nightfall (30 minutes after sunset). They should be allowed to burn for at least 30 minutes.

On Saturday night at home, the candles are lit after Havdalah. On Friday afternoon they are lit before the Sabbath candles and they should be large enough so that they will remain lit for about an hour and a half.

3. **Arranging the Candles** — The candles are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candlelighter faces it. Each night an additional candle is lit.

4. **Lighting the Candles** — The candles are lit from left to right — starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the "Shamash." Then the blessings are recited — three on the first night and two on the other nights. After the blessings are recited we light the candles by the flame of the "Shamash."

The reason for using the "Shamash" is in order to avoid using the candles

LAST CALL  
**Yeshiva University**  
Chanukah Dinner  
in honor of Dr. Samuel Belkin  
**Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 P.M.**  
For reservations, contact  
Mr. Irwin Shapiro  
TR 5-5166  
or the Synagogue Office

themselves — the candles are holy (for ritual purposes only) and may not be used (for light or for kindling each other).

5. **Concluding Songs** — Following the lighting of the candles we sing ha-Nerot ha-Lalu, which explains the reason for the ceremony, and Maoz Tzur, a ballad which describes in several stanzas how Divine Providence has intervened at various points in history to save the beleaguered Jews from their enemies.



## Friendship Circle Chanukah Party

On Wednesday afternoon, December 3 at 1:30, the K.J. Friendship Circle will hold its Chanukah party in our Synagogue House. The Friendship Circle, which has been holding weekly get-togethers since the Sukkot holiday period, is open to anyone who has time available to spend with others on Wednesdays during the mid-afternoon. Our Senior Members and friends, especially, have found much satisfaction in sharing their literary, cultural, and living experiences at get-togethers of this group.

All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served.

## Opportunity to Help

Two recent Russian immigrants — both electrical engineers — with one adolescent child — just arrived with severely limited resources. Please help with basic furniture of any kind or clothing as soon as possible.

Phone 249-5600

## Oneg Shabbat for Singles

The K.J. Singles Group will hold its third Oneg Shabbat on Friday evening, December 12 at 8:30 P.M. Our special guest speaker will be Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, who has prepared a most fascinating presentation. Previous Singles functions at K.J. have been well attended and enjoyed by all. We especially invite singles between the ages of 20 and 40 to come and enjoy a very pleasant evening.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday mornings .....	7:30
Sunday mornings .....	8:30
Father and Son Minyan	
except November 30 and December 28 .....	9:30
Evenings except Saturday .....	4:30

## Sabbath Schedule

November		Candle Lighting	Saturday Afternoon Service	Sabbath Ends
28-29	Vayeshev .....	4:13	4:30	5:10
	Shabbat Chanukah I			
	Rosh Chodesh Prayers			
December				
5-6	Miketz .....	4:11	4:00	5:08
	Shabbat Chanukah II			
12-13	Vayigash .....	4:11	4:30	5:09
19-20	Vayehi .....	4:12	4:30	5:12
26-27	Shemot .....	4:16	4:30	5:15
	Rosh Chodesh Prayers			
January				
2-3	Vaera .....	4:22	4:30	5:20
	Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Shevat			

## SPECIAL DATES

Thursday and Friday, December 4th and 5th

Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Saturday night, December 6th

Winter Prayer of Tal u'Matar is first recited

Sunday, December 14th

Fast of the Tenth of Tevet

Thursdays, Tevet 21 and 28

Morning services will begin at 8:30

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