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INSTITUTE OF ADULT JEWISH STUDIES

MONDAY EVE., NOVEMBER 14th at 8:30 P.M.

Guest Lecturer: RABBI DR. BERNARD LANDER

Director, Bernard Revel Graduate School Renowned orator, lecturer and sociologist

Topic:

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE AMERICAN JEW?

Dr. Lander is one of the outstanding thinkers on the American Jewish scene and a scholar in his field.

> Registration For Courses Will Precede The Lecture

> > Admission Free Collation Will Follow



Why Adult Education?

We as Jews have a special obligation when it comes to the attainment of the Knowledge of the Torah. The following is an excerpt from the President of Yeshiva University, Dr. Samuel Belkin, writing in his book "In His Image", pertaining to the importance of the Knowledge of Torah for every Jew.

"There is a fundamental difference between general law and Jewish law. The former looks upon law as the chief concern of the jurist, the attorney, and the specialist in jurisprudence. The latter, which has its origins and is deeply rooted in religious convictions, looks upon law as a moral guide and as a means of learning how to obey the divine word of G-d. It is this attitude that explains Judaism's insistence, probably unparalleled in any other legal system, that every Jew must be versed in the law of the Torah and its oral traditions.

The duty to study the Torah falls upon every Jew regardless of his financial status or his physical condition. The rich and poor, the strong and sick, the young and old, the single and married, are all under obligation to study the law, "to meditate therein day and night." Nor is this study pursued for any immediate or "practical" end. The great men in Israel never made their learning a "career"; they did not study to become "judges" or "attorneys." In the words of Maimonides: "The great sages of Israel, some of them were woodcutters. some drawers of water, while others were blind. Nonetheless they engaged in the study of the Torah by day and by night and they are included among those who transmitted the oral traditions in a direct line from Moses our teacher." The study of the Torah is a religious obligation of the highest rank, and the Mishnah tells us: "These are things whose fruits a man enjoys in this world and the capital (full reward) is reserved for the world to come: honoring father and mother, deeds of loving-kindness, making peace between man and man - and the study of the Torah equals them all."

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As we enter the 27th year of our Young Israel of Parkchester we are imbued not only with a spirit and sense of pride in our past accomplishments, but we view the future with a spirit of rededication. This can only be achieved by the study of Torah and continued education giving us a firm grasp of the basic intellectual and spiritual principles of our ancient heritage.

Our program of study is a modest attempt to help stimulate greater intellectual participation and inquiry on the part of our Parkchester Jewish community. It is earnestly hoped that each one of us will be able to pursue at least one course of study and help our Young Israel make what is perhaps its most important contribution to the perpetuation of Torah Judaism.

Courses are open to both men and women and you are urged to participate in this comprehensive program of Adult Jewish Education.

Our Institute is affiliated with the Department of Adult Education of Yeshiva University and the National Council of Young Israel. A nominal registration fee of \$2.00 entitles the student to formal accreditation by the University and Council.

REGULAR CLASSES — Meet regularly from the third week in November through March.

BIBLE — Monday 8:30 - 9:30 P.M.

A comprehensive study of our Torah, giving the student an insight into the meaning and interpretation of classic and modern commentaries. This popular class is at the present time engaged in the study of the Second Book of the Bible, Exodus (Shemos).

BASIC JUDAISM — Monday Evening 9:30-10:30 P.M.

Designed to aquaint the student with the meaning and concepts of Jewish law, ritual and ceremony. Active group discussion is an assential part of the course. **MODERN HEBREW I** — Tuesday Evening 8:30 - 9:30 P.M.

The purpose of this course is to enable students to learn to read, write and speak simple Hebrew. Course especially designed for students with no prior knowledge of Hebrew.

HEBREW II — MODERN CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW —

Tuesday Evening 9:30 - 10:30 P.M.

This course is a continuation of the beginners' course and is intended to increase the student's vocabulary, develop his spoken Hebrew, and introduce him to simple Hebrew literature.

HIGHLIGHTS OF JEWISH HISTORY — Tuesday Evening 9:30 - 10:30 P.M. This course will be a survey of the highpoints of Jewish History beginning with the Patriarchs.

HEBREW and SIDDUR (Classes for Women) ---

Tuesday Morning — Section I — 10:00 A.M.

Section II — 11:00 A.M.

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to obtain a reading knowledge of Hebrew and learn the basic prayers of our Prayer Book, the Siddur. This course is sponsored by the Women's League and is followed by a luncheon in Levin Hall.

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BIBLE CLASS FOR WOMEN — Tuesday Morning 10 A.M.

A survey course of our Torah, especially designed to help the modern American Jewish woman have an understanding of the Book of Books.

TALMUD—Saturday Afternoon (One hour before Mincha throughout the year) A study of the Oral Law with use of Talmudic Study opens new vistas of Jewish learning for the student and gives him a keen sense of perception and analytical study.

EIN YAAKOV (Legends of the Talmud and SHULCHAN ARUCH) (Code of Jewish Law).

This class is conducted daily throughout the year in the main synagogue, between the Mincha and Maariv services in the evening.

JEWISH BOOK CLUB

This popular program, meets every seven weeks to discuss a book of Jewish significance which they have read in the interim. Both classical and modern Jewish literary works, fictional and non-fictional, are read and discussed by the members of the club.

Don't forget registration for the above courses, Monday evening, November 14th at 8:30 P.M. preceding Dr. Lander's lecture.

The Institute will be only too happy to arrange other classes in various subjects if the registration warrants it. This can be accomplished by signifying your desire on registration night, Monday, November 14th.

Our Friday Night Oneg Shabbat Lecture Forums will begin on December 2nd at 8:30 P.M.

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