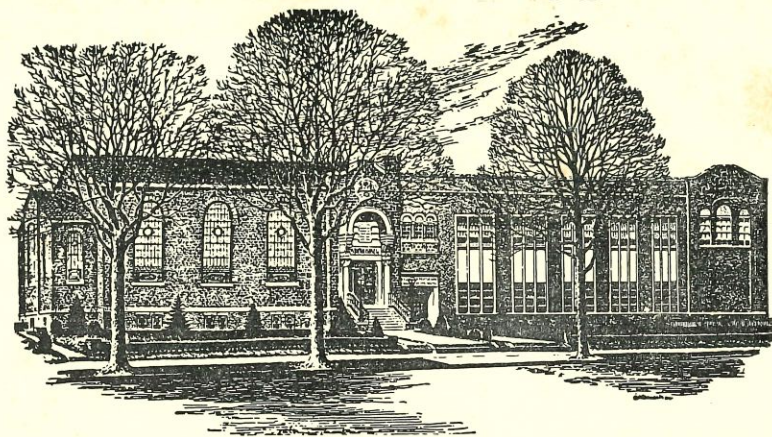


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Rabbi's Pen

Book Month

It is a good thing to be reminded that Book Month is celebrated in this country beginning November 27, 1959.

Judaism depends upon knowledge and the knowledge of Judaism is vast. The average Jew thinks of Jewish knowledge as beginning and ending with the Bible. There is no doubt that the Bible is the source of our inspiration and the source of our religion. However, we are a people of four thousand years of history and literature. The Bible is only the foundation of Jewish literature. Following the Bible there is the Apocrypha, the Mishna and the Gemara (Talmud), the literature of the Geonim and the poetry of hundreds of our gifted men who have written in every generation and in every country. There is a new Hebrew literature that is very prolific in the land of Israel. In other words, Jewish life and Jewish literature are co-extensive and in order to be intelligently informed a Jew must read and study. What strikes me as strange is that so few Jews read a Jewish newspaper nor do we really have a very good Jewish weekly such as *The Jewish Chronicle of London* (which, by the way, you will find in our library). There is an interesting saying: "If you want old ideas read new books; if you want new ideas read old books."

The Hyman and Jennie Green Library of Adath Israel has one of the finest collections of books and also contains the great classics and standard volumes which enable one to do research work. May I encourage you to make use of our library and become a reader of Jewish books? Jewish life will then be enhanced and promulgated.

Schedule of Religious Services

Rabbi: Dr. S. Joshua Kohn

Hazzan: Irving S. Feller

Friday, November 13, 1959

Lighting of Candles — 4:20 P. M.

8:15 P. M.—SABBATH EVENING SERVICES, Friday, November 13, 1959
ORT SABBATH — ONEG SHABBAT

9:00 A. M.—SABBATH MORNING SERVICES, Saturday, November 14, 1959
BAR MITZVAH — JERROLD WILLIAMS

10:00 A. M.—JUNIOR and YOUTH SERVICES

Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. U. Archie Williams cordially invite the members of Junior and Youth Congregation to Kiddush in honor of Jerrold's Bar Mitzvah.

Friday, November 20, 1959

Lighting of Candles — 4:15 P. M.

8:15 P. M.—SABBATH EVENING SERVICES, Friday, November 20, 1959

9:00 A. M.—SABBATH MORNING SERVICES, Saturday, November 21, 1959
BAR MITZVAH — STUART SCHWARTZSTEIN

10:00 A. M.—JUNIOR and YOUTH SERVICES

Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schwartzstein cordially invite the members of Junior and Youth Congregation to Kiddush in honor of Stuart's Bar Mitzvah.

Friday, November 27, 1959

Lighting of Candles — 4:11 P. M.

8:15 P. M.—SABBATH EVENING SERVICES, Friday, November 27, 1959

SISTERHOOD-JEWISH BOOK MONTH SABBATH
Oneg Shabbat honoring engagement of Hedva Kohn to Michael D. Weinberg will follow services.

9:00 A. M.—SABBATH MORNING SERVICES, Saturday, November 28, 1959
BAR MITZVAH — RONALD SCHNUR

10:00 A. M.—JUNIOR and YOUTH CONGREGATION SERVICES

Hosts: Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Schnur cordially invite the members of Junior and Youth Congregation to Kiddush in honor of Ronald's Bar Mitzvah. Ronald Schnur will also celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at a special morning service on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 1959, at 10:00 A. M.

School News

Dr. Robert Kunin, P.T.A. chairman of our Hebrew School, announces that "a class visitation and reception for teachers" will take place on Tuesday, November 24, 1959 at 7:30 P. M., in the Lewis Auditorium. All parents of Hebrew School children are urged to attend and familiarize themselves with the Hebrew School curriculum and to meet our old and our new teachers.

The Green Library is open on Monday and Thursday, from 4:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M., with a librarian in attendance. Urge your children to take full advantage of our up-to-date library, which contains books on all levels of interest.

The school is conducting a Poster Contest, on the subject of Jewish Book Month. Prizes will be awarded for the best posters. All entries will be displayed in the Lewis Auditorium for Jewish Book Month.

All boys and girls, ages 14 and up are invited to attend a discussion group every Sunday morning, in the Rosenthal Chapel, from 11:00 A. M.-12:00 noon. The group will be directed by Mr. Hank Cohen. This is an opportunity to continue your Jewish education and to learn more about your religion. So let's turn out for this group every Sunday morning at 11:00 A. M.

SISTERHOOD DOINGS

Adath Israel's Confirmation Alumnae is again preparing its annual children's show on Sunday, December 13th at 2:15 P. M. in the Lewis Auditorium. The featured entertainer will be Larry Klepper, well-known magician. Mr. Klepper dramatizes biblical stories through the medium of magic.

Tickets may be purchased from A.C.A. members, the Synagogue office or through the religious school. Donation is 75 cents.

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Will anyone interested in the formation of a girl scout troop contact Mrs. Leon Siskowitz, EXport 4-6167, or Mrs. Abe Botwinick, CYpress 5-5295.

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The Ongei Shabbat arranged by Mrs. Israel Levine and her committee have been very beautiful and enjoyed by everyone.

Book and Author Tea Dec. 2nd

In observance of Jewish Book Month, which prevails throughout the nation commencing November 20th, Adath Israel Sisterhood will hold a Book and Author Tea in Lewis Auditorium on December 2nd.

Honored guest will be Mrs. Shonei Levi, author of the book "Across the Threshold," among others.

Mrs. Levi, a scintillating speaker, will include other important books in her repertoire.

There is a collection of the books of Dr. Mordecai Kaplan for sale in Adath Book Shop. If you care to pursue further the provocative thoughts projected by Dr. Kaplan, here is your opportunity to own a treasured book.

Condolences

Adath Israel expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the late:

MARVIN PESTCOE, brother of Mrs. Arnold Groobman, Mr. William Pestcoe and Mr. Sidney Pestcoe.

CHARLES GRABOYES, father of Mrs. Morris Rosenthal and Mrs. Lawrence Pincus.

Rabbi and Mrs. S. Joshua Kohn

cordially invite you
to be their guests at the

ONEG SHABBAT

on Friday evening, November 27th,

in honor of the engagement of their daughter Hedva
to Michael D. Weinberg
and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Weinberg,
of Minneapolis, Minnesota

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK AT ADATH

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will address a dinner meeting in the Lewis Auditorium of Adath Israel on Sunday, December 6th. The dinner will honor Mrs. Roosevelt on the occasion of her 75th birthday year and is sponsored by Bonds for Israel. This will be our annual community-wide Israel Bond Dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$6.00 per person. Make your reservations at once before the dinner is completely sold out. Make out your check to Dinner Committee, and mail to State of Israel Bonds, 28 West State Street.

NOTICE

The deadline for news for the next issue of this bulletin is Monday, November 21st. Please leave publicity in the Synagogue office before that date.

Coming Events

- Nov. 15—Father-Son Banquet
- Nov. 15—U.S.Y. Meeting
- Nov. 18—Board of Trustees
- Nov. 27—Sisterhood Sabbath
- Dec. 2—Book and Author Tea
- Dec. 6—Men's Club Meeting

WEEK-END KALLAH PROVES OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The week-end Kallah just concluded at Adath Israel was successful even beyond hopes of the Adult Education Commission. Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, who conducted the Kallah, was thrillingly stimulating. He discussed Jewish history and Judaism and projected his thoughts on the future of the Jewish people. Judaism, according to Dr. Kaplan, encompasses peoplehood, culture and religion, each of which is dependent on the other. He discussed each sub-hearing in detail, drawing upon Jewish history for his conclusions. He also lectured on "What God Should Mean to Us." His premise was that we cannot define what God is. Therefore we must define what God means to us as individuals and as Jews.

What is Holiness? Here again Dr. Kaplan defined holiness in three categories: Reliability, Responsibility and Torah. Reliability means truth, but goes beyond the dictionary definition of truth. Responsibility means our

moral accountability for the welfare of all our people wherever they may be. Torah is the study of Judaism and the practice of our religion.

Dr. Kaplan's thesis also held that Judaism will disintegrate unless it is revitalized with Israel at the fountainhead of this reconstruction. This reporter was particularly impressed with Dr. Kaplan's plea for more Jewish education for our teen-agers. This, he held, is retained more than the education our children receive in Hebrew schools before their Bar Mitzvah. The teen-age mind is receptive to education, while at the same time questioning new philosophies. It is at this time when we must give our teen-agers as much Jewish education as we possibly can. Otherwise they will stray from our historic paths of tradition.

It is to be hoped that the Adult Education Commission will follow this Kallah with a series of seminars at which time we can delve more deeply into Dr. Kaplan's theories.