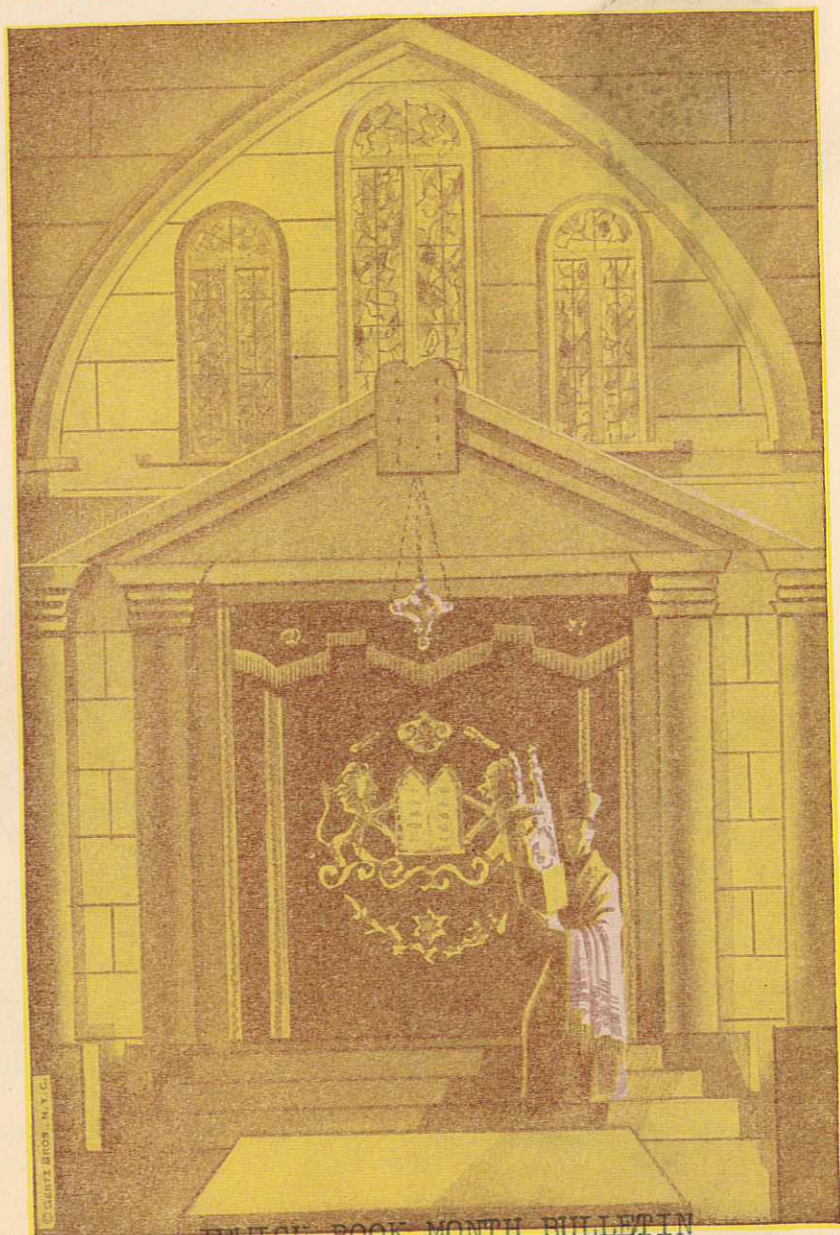


TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION & CENTER
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JEWISH BOOK MONTH BULLETIN
Cheshvan 17, 5725 Oct. 23, 1964

B'NAI BRITH DISCUSSION GROUP.

Wed. Nite Oct. 28 8:00 P.M.
Topic: Differences between Reform, Con-
servative & Orthodox Judaism
Panalists: Rabbi I. Gruen, Temple Israel,
New Castle, Reform
Rabbi V. Zwelling, Jewish
Center, Erie, Conserative
Rabbi M. Sachs, Orthodox
Moderator: Mr. Howard Schultz
Followed by reception in honor of our guests
Sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. S. Regal

Voters Bazaar

Tues. Nov. 3rd 11 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Wed. Nov. 4th 11 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Sponsored by Sisterhood
Chaired by Mrs. A. Salkin & Mrs. M. Kessler

FEATURING

- ★ A variety of displays & booths ★
- ★ A raffle for ski wardrobe ★
- ★ Serving luncheons & suppers ★

LATE FRIDAY NITE SERVICES
8:45 to 9:45 P.M.

Date	TOPIC	Sponsor
Oct. 23rd	"Jewish Family Life"	Hadassah
Oct. 30th	"The Jewish Way of Death"	Cemetery Assn.
Nov. 6th	"Two Different Worlds"	Dr. & Mrs. H. Schleider & Miss R. Cohen
Nov. 13th	"The People of the Book"	Rabbi Sachs
Nov. 20th	"Being Thankful"	Mr. & Mrs. I. Schwartzman

Sisterhood Funds

Mrs. Molly Levine, book in memory of Dr.
Morris Rack
Mrs. Molly Levine, book in memory of Mrs.
Hannah Grosser
Mr. & Mrs. S. Slesnick, book in memory of
Sam Slesnick
Mrs. Wm. Goldberg, book in memory of Wm.
Goldberg
Minnie Landy, for recovery of Max Posner
Mrs. Wm. Goldberg, recovery of Mrs. Sigmund
Klivans
Mrs. Sol Harris, honoring son Albert's
graduation and son Martin's
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Mrs. Wm. Goldberg, rcovery of S. Klivans
Miss Rae Cohen Library Fund in mcmory of
Mrs. David Bernstcin
Mrs. Harry Magdovitz, Library Fund in
memory of Mrs. David Bernstcin
In Memory of Louis Salkin
Mrs. Wm. Goldberg & family
Mrs. Margaret Keller
Mrs. Bessie Rosen
Mr. & Mrs. Stanford Regal
Mr. & Mrs. Israel Backer
Mr. & Mrs. Max Posner
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Shakespeare
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Serrins
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. McVeagh
Mrs. Louis Kraft
Don Winger & Family
Rac, Ellis & Meyer Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Snyder
Mr. & Mrs. Sigmund Klivans
Mrs. Molly Levine
Mr. & Mrs. Simon Goldberg
Mrs. Rose Slesnick
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Laric
Mrs. Louis Salkin

YOUR RABBI SPEAKS

The age of automation is upon us and it leaves in its wake the release of a considerable amount of spare time. The latest technological developments has cut down considerably the working man's week. The newest gadgets around the house has alleviated the housewife's burden tremendously.

Spare time means an aroused concern for leisure activities. Many will turn to spending time on the golf course or taking the family on an outing. The local Y has its inviting swimming pool and steam bath. Then there is the synagogue with its myriad of activities.

But what are the synagogue's major activities, B'nai Brith bowling team, Sisterhood card parties, Hadassah Rummage Sales and teenage dances. All these we call religion to give a sense of respectability to our leisure activities. The program of worship and study is something that we engage in the spare time that we have left over from our leisure activities. After all going to Shul or learning the Bible is not really fun and this what we need to relax us. But often we discover that these leisure activities tire us out and leave us just as unprepared for our future work's stresses and strains as we were before.

Qualitatively we may conceive that the distinctive religious activities are more elevated than the varieties of routine entertainment that we bring into a religious institution. However quantitatively we are not prepared to give it more than a secondary back seat position which we turn

to only when we have nothing else to do. I do not want to bring you back to the European town when activities revolved around Torah and there were few distractions. It will serve no purpose to remind you of the good old days in Oil City, when your forebears didn't have the plethora of activities and diversions to spend their time at. Living without automation they could be satisfied with spending a few moments at a minion or Talmud group.

But I do realize that I am addressing you the contemporary American environment with its demands for leisure time. Nevertheless I feel that I can at least ask that you set aside a proportionate increase in time for adult Jewish education and public worship, something you have been telling me all along that you really want.

The late Friday night services are in operation and we begin our discussion group on Oct. 28th. Instead of talking about having it, I have made arrangements for it to be continued in a regular and organized fashion. The rest is up to you. A good beginning would be to observe the coming Jewish Book Month by taking out books from our library thereby opening new horizons and insights into our glorious heritage.

Rabbi M. J. ...

The Slave
A book review

It is a rarity to find a book of Jewish interest in the public library in a small community sparsely inhabited by Jews. The local synagogue library seems to have a virtual monopoly on all such books. But occasionally one finds its way into the public library as well when it's deemed to be of high caliber and general interest. "The Slave" by Issac Singer meets these requirements and it is found in both synagogue and public libraries as it answers perplexing questions about the nature of religion asked by Jew and Gentile alike.

Jacob, a devote, 17th Century Jew is uprooted from his people by the destructive Cossacks and transferred to a section of the country isolated from the Jewish population where he is sold as a slave. Despite the difficulty of doing so, one Jew among so many non-Jews, and with no prayer books and calendars at hand, he manages to say his prayers, observe the Sabbath and keep the holidays. Often he is mocked for being different but his devotion to Judaism uplifts his depressed spirit and sets his living standard high above the mores of the ignorant peasants around him.

However, being prone to human desires, he succumbs to the pleading exhortations of his master's daughter Wanda to have relations with her. Even though initially he resists her pleas, he finally accedes when she consents to convert. He rationalizes his actions but he notices a corresponding decline in his living

standards as a result of his contradictory religious behavior.

Ultimately he returns, together with Wanda, now called Sarah, to the Jewish community. Since it was illegal for a Christian to convert to Judaism, Sarah must pretend to be a mute in fear of her inability to speak Yiddish would betray her Christian origin. Having been separated from his colleagues for a long period of time Jacob becomes sensitive to the hypocrisies of paying too much attention to ritual details and not enough to the ethical practices of religion. In particular the Jewish women gossip about Sarah, for they think that she as a mute doesn't hear them.

Jacob rationalizes this as being due to the persecutions suffered at the hands of the Poles for many years and he resolved to build up a new Jewish life based on warmth of heart and inner goodness without surrendering the ceremonies, which give Judaism its unique characteristics. Jacob discovered a few Jews who share the same feeling as he but who also hesitate to challenge the established hypocrisies of the majority. Sarah dies in childbirth but is buried outside the cemetery walls as she was discovered to be non-Jewish. Jacob flees to Israel where his son becomes a Rabbi. He returns to discover that the cemetery walls have been expanded to include Sarah's grave. God in his mercy has recognized them as being victims of circumstances and has enabled them to remain Jewish.

Jew and Gentile alike question the validity of religion when wars are carried on in its name and when religious people are often quite unethical in business. cont.

The system of religion seems ineffective if it has no impact on its inherent. But one will discover a minority who are totally religious, both ethical and ritually. One will then realize that its not the system that has failed but rather people have failed the system. So this should be no excuse for abandoning the faith and like Jacob and Sarah of old we too can relate its message to our own daily lives.

Refuah Shlemah

To our beloved Mr. Sigmund Klivans, whose good deeds and noble virtues are admired by all of us. G-d should grant him renewed health so that he can resume his worthy activities.

In Sympathy

To Mrs. Marvin Kessler upon the loss of her dearly departed father, Mr Harry Mermelstein of Sharon. May she be comforted among all the mourners of Zion.

B'nai Brith Brunch

Sunday

Nov. 15

10:00 A.M.

A film will be shown
A good time for all members

Sisterhood News

Our vote of thanks to Mrs. Sherry Slesnick for hostessing the Sukkoth party. A note of appreciation to Mrs. Harry Goldberg for the chairmanship of the Simah Torah party. A boequet of commendation to Mrs. H. Schleider and Mrs. I. Magdovitz for arranging the fine reception for Rabbi Sachs. All enjoyed and were inspired by the excellent readings given by Mrs. Herman Magdovitz at the last Sisterhood meeting. Our children are enjoying the weekly Shabbos morning Kiddush set up by Miss Naomi Zand.

The next Sisterhood meeting will be the joint open meeting with Hadassah chaired by Mrs. Leo Levine and will take place Wed. Nov. 18th, 8:15 P.M.. Rabbi Sachs will speak at the meeting on "The Jewish Attitude towards Women & Marriage".

All women are requested to bring new or nearly new merchandisc for the bazaar to the Synagogue on Sunday Nov. 1st. At the same time all women are requested to bring antiques and toys for the children's grab bag. Everyone is expected to bake pasteries for the bake sale for both days of the bazaar.

Sisterhood Funds

Mr. & Mrs. Sigmund Klivans- honoring
confirmands
Mr. & Mrs. A. Salkin, honoring confirmands
Mrs. Louis Salkin, Honoring confirmands
Sunshine of Sisterhood-book in memory of
Louis Salkin
Mr & Mrs. N. Schwartz - book in memory of
Frank Apter

THE VALUE OF JEWISH BOOKS

by
Mrs. Henrietta Schleider-Chairman Sisterhood
Library Committee

Once again Jewish book month will be observed throughout the country from Oct. 29th to Nov. 29th using for its theme "A Jewish Library in every Jewish home". Is it necessary for the Jewish child to read books on Jewish ideals, history, and fiction other than what he is required to read in Sunday School? Do adults require anything more in the house than a Siddur and Bible to fulfill the requirements of their faith?

As the 17th century poet Milton wrote, "for books are not absolutely dead things but do contain a potency of life in them". A good book is the precious life blood of a master spirit preserved for treasured values opening a purpose to life beyond life. For Jews this means we can relive the times, the ideas, and the spirit of all the noble Jews who have lived and molded the history of past centuries.

It is not enough for us to say as parents and adults that we have read the stories, we should encourage our young people to read constantly and soak up like a sponge all the available Jewish literature. This is their heritage and to deny them the opportunity to read Jewish books would be unthinkable. Let's put a "Jewish book in Jewish homes". Let them be read after dinner, for family round table discussions and let them be in the living room within the easy reach of young and old alike. Each year more and more Jewish books are being published. Our own Sisterhood Library will attest to this.

Public Meeting

The Mental Health Assoc. of Venango County is having its annual open meeting at our Synagogue Monday night Oct. 26th -7:30 P.M.. All are cordially invited to attend.

Happy Birthday

Ted Wein Oct. 21st Howard Schultz Oct. 27th
Kay Teig Oct. 25th Mimmie Swartzman Oct. 30th
Jill Levine Nov. 6th

Mazel Tov

To Ted Goldberg upon attaining the rank of Eagle—the highest honor bestowed upon Boy Scouts.
To Harold Snyder upon being the highest scorer in the Merchants Bowling Tourney.
To Allen Wein upon winning the pass, punt, and kick contest for juniors in Clarion.
To Neal Rosen upon winning the punt, pass, and kick tournament in Oil City.
To Terry Wein, who was a successful contestant on the TV show "What's my Line" Oct. 11th
To Mr. & Mrs. Keva Miller upon their Wedding Anniversary Nov. 16th.
To Mr. & Mrs. Irving Swartzman upon their Wedding Anniversary Nov. 21st.
To Sammy Samuels & Susan Brodman for scoring in the upper 2% of students taking the Nat'l Merit Scholarship examinations throughout the country.
To Mr. & Mrs. David Cohen upon the marriage of their daughter Nancy to Mr. Herb Stein, Sunday Oct. 11th.
To Mr. & Mrs. S. G. Levine & Mrs. Mollie Levine & Mr. Joe Schultz upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson John.

Weekly Activities

Sat. morning Services 9-11 A.M.
Sunday morning Minyon 8:45-9 A.M.
Teenage Hebrew Class, Sunday 3-4 P.M.
Teenage Syng. Group, Sunday 4-5:30 P.M.

Religious School Hours

Sunday 9:30AM to 12:30
Monday thru Thursday 3:45-6:15 P.M.
Tuesday- Clarion 7-10 P.M.

Note: Please try to avoid calling Rabbi during the above scheduled hours

Congregation Yahrtzeits

Cheshvan 15	Oct. 21	Isadore Swetsky
Cheshvan 17	Oct. 23	Eva Speer
Cheshvan 19	Oct. 25	Morris Adelson
Cheshvan 20	Oct. 26	Mrs. M. Barton
Cheshvan 21	Oct. 27	Hanna Levine
Cheshvan 23	Oct. 29	Samuel Levine
Cheshvan 23	Oct. 29	Bessie Gordon
Cheshvan 29	Nov. 4	Fannie Woolhandler
Kislev 2	Nov. 7	Sylvia Wien
Kislev 6	Nov. 9	Hyman Cohen
Kislev 8	Nov. 13	Esther Swetsky
Kislev 10	Nov. 15	Moses Gordon
Kislev 10	Nov. 15	Joseph Goodstein
Kislev 11	Nov. 16	Bedonna Greenberg
Kislev 13	Nov. 18	Ruben Weissman
Kislev 14	Nov. 19	Rose Snyder Yanks
Kislev 19	Nov. 24	Anna Broida
Kislev 20	Nov. 25	Adolf Smulovitz
Kislev 21	Nov. 26	Louis Backer

Yahrtzeits begins the evening before. Light is lit by name on memorial tablets. If you call Rabbi Sachs in advance he will arrange the evening and morning Minyon for you.

Shabbos Candle Lighting Time

Oct. 23, 6:10 P.M.	Nov. 6, 4:53 P.M.
Oct. 30, 6:01 P.M.	Nov. 13 4:46 P.M.
Nov. 20, 4:40 P.M.	