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IN PREPARATION FOR TISHAH B'AV

Every major Holy Day on the Jewish calendar has a period of preparation which precedes it. Rosh Hashanah is preceded by a month of penitential prayers; Yom Kippur is the climax of nine days of preparation; Passover follows a group of special Sabbaths and several weeks of preparation; Shavuoth is the culmination of forty-nine days of counting in anticipation of it.

In this tradition, Tishah b'Av is also the climax of a three week preparatory period. In the case of this fast day, the introductory period is even more important because the summer vacation season is not ideally suited for a day of national mourning. Clearly a day like Tishah b'Av needs to be preceded by a period during which the proper mood is slowly generated.

The preparatory period begins this year on Tuesday, July 9. This is Shivah Asar b'Tammuz, a fast day which commemorates several tragedies which have befallen the Jewish People during its long sojourn through history. According to tradition, on that day Moses destroyed the first Tablets upon seeing the idolatrous worship of the golden calf; the sacrificial ritual was discontinued shortly before the destruction of the first Temple; the wall of Jerusalem was breached prior to the destruction of the second Temple; the Torah was burned by the Romans and a heathen statue was placed in the Temple.

This day marks the beginning of a

three week period of semi-mourning during which we refrain from conducting weddings and from participating in any public festive occasions. With the advent of Rosh Chodesh Av, the spirit of mourning is somewhat intensified as we prepare for the day of Tishah b'Av itself. It is customary not to eat meat from Rosh Chodesh Av until the conclusion of Tishah b'Av with the exception of the Sabbath day when, of course, no mourning is permitted.

Following these days of preparation, we observe the fast of Tishah b'Av with greater meaning and with a greater sense of its importance as the day which has been set aside to commemorate all of the great calamities which have marked the existence of the Jewish People, from the destruction of the first Temple to the razing of the second; from the brutal treatment received by our People at the hands of the medieval crusaders to the inhuman horrors of the Nazi era.

The religious calendar for the next few weeks is as follows:

Tuesday, July 9th — Shivah Asar b'Tammuz

Monday, July 22nd — Rosh Chodesh Av

Saturday, July 27th — Shabbat Chazon

Monday evening, July 29th and Tuesday, July 30th — Tishah b'Av

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 o'clock

THE WEEKLY PORTION

BALAK

"Strange Bed Fellows"

"And Balak the son of Tzippor saw all that Israel did to the Emorites. And Moab greatly feared the people which was numerous . . . and Moab spoke to the elders of Midian . . ."

Rashi inquires as to why the leaders of Moab should have consorted with their counterparts — the people of Midian. The two nations were forever at each other's throats. They were mortal enemies, how could they consult successfully over the problem of Israel.

The answer that Rashi gives is that they made an alliance because of the common enemy. Here we may have the earliest example in history of an unholy alliance — the union of two warring peoples because of their fear of a third party.

It is not without significance that these two nations are the ancestors of the present Arab nations of the world. The Arabs have a justification for this type of alliance. They say "the enemy of your enemy is your friend." It is the hatred of Israel which forms the only lasting link which unites the Arab Nations.

Of course, such a unity for hate rather than for good can never be successful. United Arab Republics will be formed and dissolved just as quickly. Arab Leagues will meet at the summit level but their conversation will be at the quagmire level and their effective action will always be limited by the internal conflicts which can never be resolved merely by a nation which they consider to be a common enemy.

Moab and Midian cannot emerge triumphant as long as Israel will conduct itself in a manner which will inspire the judgment of "How good are thy tents O Jacob, thy tabernacles O Israel.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Alexander A. Bernstein, Nathan D. Brown, Joseph J. Einhorn, Mrs. Isidore Epstein, Al Feiner, Mrs. Norman Jaspan, Dr. Harry Kaplan, Robert L. Karlin, Benjamin L. Leifert, Mrs. David L. Lippoff, Abram Miller, Louis Orwasher, Michael L. Schloss, Tobias Shapiro, Mrs. Edgar Trautman, Mrs. Samuel Weiss and Louis Zucker.

Marriages —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Levy upon the marriage of their daughter, Brenda, to Dr. Herbert Abrams.

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Brown upon the marriage of their son, Benjamin to Miss Francine Renee Lustigman.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aizer, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hecht, Dr. and Mrs. Emory Klein and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wallach.

Get Well —

We wish a speedy recovery to Ira F. Weisman, who is recovering from recent illness.

We wish a speedy recovery to Michael Sigall, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sigall. Michael suffered injuries in a recent automobile accident.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

We are very happy to offer our special congratulations to Cantor A. Joseph Cohen and Mrs. Cohen upon the birth of a son.

We pray that he will be a source of joy and pride to them as he grows up.

KIDDUSH SPONSOR

The Kiddush this past Saturday was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Grossman.

A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Members of the Congregation have received a letter in connection with high Holy Day seat reservations.. Enclosed with that letter was a return card by means of which members can indicate their High Holy Day seat requirements.

The membership roster of the congregation has grown considerably during the past year. The task of distributing High Holy Day seats has, therefore, become even greater than ever before. We are, of course, anxious to provide each member and his family with suitable seating arrangements. You will assist the committee in its work, by forwarding, without delay, the card which was sent to you.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

KOSHER BUTCHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the information of residents of Yorkville we list below the neighborhood butcher shops that are under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

Max Backer — 202 E. 87th Street — AT 9-7234.

L. Berger — 1224 Lexington Avenue — TR 7-9888.

Eugene Czeisler — 1520 York Avenue — RH 4-6488.

L. Feldman — 1355 Second Avenue — RH 4-5918.

Fishman and Falkowitz — 1163 Madison Avenue — SU 7-3545.

Iser Salzman — 1279 Second Avenue — RH 4-9823.

Bernard Scheiner — 1200 Madison Avenue — AT 9-5461.

Eli Vizel — 1547 First Avenue — RE 4-2280.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN ON PRESIDUM OF WORLD COUNCIL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

It was recently announced that Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein was unanimously elected as a member of the Presidium of the recently formed World Council of Jewish Education.

The Presidium is composed of seven members, among whom are the President of the State of Israel, Mr. Zalman Shazar and Dr. Nahum Goldman, President of the World Zionist Organization.

On his current trip to Europe and Israel, the Rabbi will spend some time in Geneva where the Presidium will hold its first meetings and lay the plans for the new organization. The World Council of Jewish Education resulted from a conference held last summer in Jerusalem attended by educators from the world over. The Council will concern itself with Jewish education in all the countries of the Diaspora.

We congratulate our Rabbi on this great honor and we wish him success in his efforts.

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks, contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Brown, The Feinberg Twins, Mrs. Jules Gourary, Mrs. Harry Heyman, Mrs. Abram Miller, David Miller and Mrs. Simon J. Vogel.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman, 115 East 82nd Street, the Chairman of the Happy Day Fund.

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

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Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein	Rabbi
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Joseph Glatt	Exec. Director

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY, July 5, 1963**

*Evening 6:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion:

Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9

Haftorah: Micha 5:6-6:8

Evening	8:20
Conclusion of Sabbath	9:05

FRIDAY, July 12, 1963

*Evening 6:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion:

Pinhas, Numbers 25:10-30:1

Haftorah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

Evening	8:20
Conclusion of Sabbath	9:05

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	8:30
Evening	6:15

*Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:30 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

YAHREZITS**July**

6—ROSA D. WEISMAN
6—RAYE HEBALD
6—HANNAH B. WINER
6—BESSIE GERSHMAN
6—EDWARD STEIN
7—JACOB S. LOOKSTEIN
7—SARAH ETRA
7—SHEINE SARAH ADLER
8—SAMUEL GLASS
8—SALOMON KAHAN
8—DAVID ORENTREICH
8—LEW LUBIN
8—NATHAN FLAX
9—IDA OKUN
9—MINA BREINER
9—GISELA KLEIN
10—GIZA SCHWARTZ
11—SIMON A. WEISMAN
11—LOUIS ROSENBLATT
12—HARRIS PERLMAN
12—BERNARD ETRA
12—ROSE F. SCHLOSS
14—SAMUEL I. HYMAN
14—DOROTHY KLEIN
14—ANNA KOSLOVSKY
15—CELIA MARGARETEN
16—CAESER HECKSCHER
16—SARAH FINE
16—LOUIS KRAM
16—MORRIS TRACHMAN
16—ABRAHAM ORWASHER
17—JACOB SIEGEL
17—JACOB I. BAUMGARTEN
18—ABRAHAM KAGAN
18—NORMAN SALIT
19—ANNA RAFSKY
19—OSKAR TRAUTMAN

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is located in our community
at 158 West 97th Street
MONument 3-0300