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HON. OGDEN REID ACCLAIMED AT MEN'S CLUB MEETING U.S. Must Act to Prevent Middle East Explosion

Another banner audience of two hundred men and women gathered in the social hall last Thursday evening, at a Men's Club Forum meeting, to hear Ogden Reid, the former United States Ambassador to Israel, discuss new tremors in the Middle East. William Lebowitz, President of the Men's Club, introduced the guest speaker. The Republican Congressman from Westchester called for immediate action on the part of the United States Department of State to forestall an impending explosion in the Middle East.

Precipitants of Crisis

The handsome and extremely personable former publisher of the New York Herald Tribune opened his remarks with a few words of greeting in Hebrew. He apologized for the fact that, after four years of absence from Israel, his Hebrew is getting a bit rusty.

He pointed to several factors which are bringing the situation in the Middle East to a critical and potentially explosive juncture.

1) The United Arab Republic has been intervening militarily in Yemen where Nasser's armies have not only had an opportunity to practice their aggressive tactics but where they have also tested out several new weapons.

2) Nasser has played an important role in inciting the rebellion in the Congo. He has been responsible for the shipment of considerable arms to the Congolese rebels thus enhancing his position as a leader in the non committed Afro-Asian block.

3) There have been two Arab summit conferences in the past couple of years and several additional meetings. Last September, 13 Arab states signed a Doctrine of Agreement. One won-

ders whether diplomats and departments of state are sufficiently disturbed by published agreements. It is not so long ago that the world ignored Mein Kampf.

This document calls for several steps to be taken jointly by the Arabs. One step is to liberate "Palestine" from "Jewish colonialism." Another is to prevent Israel from diverting the waters of the Jordan and using them for the irrigation of the Negev.

4) A united plan of action has already been put into effect. We can see at least two results of that plan.

a) A United Arab command has been formed and an army raised which is based now in Gaza and Sinai, among other places.

b) A plan has been declared operational which will divert at least 10 per cent of the Jordan headwaters in Syria and Lebanon. This will inevitably have to arouse the forces of the State of Israel which depends for its life's blood upon the waters of the Jordan.

5) Extremely sophisticated German rocket scientists are working feverishly in Egypt. There is no doubt that within one to two years they will have between 100 and 200 missiles, all of which will be aimed in one direction — at the State of Israel.

6) Nasser is beginning to make new moves. He is looking to disturb the peace not only in Yemen but also in Aden. At present, the King of Jordan is in Cairo where Nasser is trying to put pressure upon him to accept help in the form of soldiers and armaments.

7) The latest tactic is the pressure which is being exerted on the West German government in Bonn. (Parenthetically, it might be noted, the Congressman felt that Germany's policy in

this respect is extremely shortsighted and not in her best interests either.)

United States Policy

In view of all of these factors which contribute to an extremely critical situation in the Middle East, it is important for the United States to take certain decisive steps to bring the area back from the brink of disaster.

1) We should indicate that we stand firmly behind the unified Johnston Plan of 1955, to which Israel and Jordan already agree, and which provides for a fair solution to the diversion of the waters of the Jordan. We should indicate that we are prepared to support this plan in every way.

2) We must immediately begin to supply Israel with a visible and adequate deterrent force. The important factor here is that this force should be visible so that the Arab states will know that, if they attack, they cannot be victorious but will be destroyed in the process of trying to destroy their enemy. According to Mr. Reid, we have no better friend in the Middle East than Israel; by this time, we ought to recognize this.

The only language which Nasser will understand — and, for that matter, any dictator — is the language of strength. We are in a position to deal from strength in the Middle East and there is no reason why we should refrain from doing so.

Closing With A Psalm

A moving moment was provided at the close of the Congressman's talk when he chose for his closing words the last two verses of Psalm 121 which he read in Hebrew. These verses are: "Do not stumble and let thy watchman not slumber; for the Watchman of Israel will never slumber and will never falter."

**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Will Preach This Saturday at 11 A.M.
"GETTING OFF THE GOLD STANDARD"
The Need for a Moral Economy**

**VAYAKHEL****Generosity of Heart**

Speaking of the contributions made by the children of Israel toward the construction of the Tabernacle, the Torah says: "And the men came with the women; all who were generous of heart brought . . . (their gifts)."

On this verse the Talmud Comments as follows: we know the command, "Guard the words of your mouth and act in accordance with them." This teaches us that pledges which are spoken must be honored in deeds. How do we know that unspoken decisions must be honored similarly? This is taught by the verse: "All who were generous of heart brought . . ."

There are two thoughts which are inspired by this comment. The first is that good intentions are meaningless without realizing those intentions in action. There are philosophical systems which accept the intention exclusive of its realization. As long as a man wants to do the right thing, that is praiseworthy in itself. Judaism however gives no "A" for effort, only an "A" for effect.

The second thought is that a pious intention creates an obligation to act in accordance with it. Most societies expect a man to honor his word; Judaism expects him to honor his thoughts.

If a person is incapable of generosity of the heart, then we cannot criticize his failure to be generous in deed. If, however, he can arrive at the right emotional conclusion, if he instinctively comprehends the proper path, if he knows in his own soul what is right, this obligates him to act accordingly. A decision of the heart is every bit as compelling as a verbal pledge.

The argument "I know that I ought to act in a certain way, but I can't," has no moral justification according to the Talmudic view. When a man is capable of thinking nobly, we expect him to speak nobly and we consider him obligated to live nobly as well.

H. L.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

February 27, 1965

Cantors

Ron Cohen
Simon Lerner
Peter Oppenheimer

Sermonette

Judith Schacter

Torah Reader

Roger Oppenheimer

**THE ENTERPRISING TALENTS
OF OUR SISTERHOOD**

An interesting and informative meeting was held by the Sisterhood last Monday. The meeting was chaired by the President, Mrs. William Lebowitz.

Due to a misunderstanding, the speaker for the afternoon did not arrive. But, our Sisterhood, with its very capable and able membership, carried out an impromptu program which proved to be an extremely enjoyable one.

Mrs. Joseph S. Gershman, who had earlier in the meeting delivered a stirring report on the United Jewish Appeal activities, was called upon by the President to give her views and lead a discussion on the accomplishments of the State of Israel. Mrs. Gershman, did a magnificent job. Her talk elicited a spirited general discussion.

The Sisterhood in general and Mrs. Gershman in particular deserve commendation for utilizing their skills and initiative in the extemporaneous program which was held.

**New Sisterhood Members
Welcomed**

At the meeting, the following new Sisterhood members were officially welcomed:

Mrs. Phillip A. Brenner
Mrs. Leon Feldman
Mrs. Samuel Greenberg
Miss Frances Perlman

The next meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Monday, March 22nd, in the Versailles Suite of the Croydon Hotel. The guest speaker will be Zelda Schaps. She will talk on "Art, Antiques and Accessories in the Home." Plan to attend what will certainly be an interesting meeting.

**WELCOME HOME
RABBI AND MRS.
JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN**

The congregation extends a hearty welcome home to Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein. The Rabbi spent a most productive few weeks in Israel. He presided at the commencement exercises of Bar Ilan University, and reviewed the university's position, in his capacity as acting President of that institution.

We are happy to have the Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein back in our midst, and we look forward to their reports on the current conditions in the State of Israel.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Michael M. Barany, Mrs. Helen F. Dayton, Mrs. Al Feiner, William B. Fischberg, Leon Gronowitz, Charles B. Jacobs, Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Dr. Moses Nussbaum, Dr. Stephen S. Rosenak, Eugene R. Sarezky, Mrs. Albert Wald, and Miss Ruth Winkler.

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Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Stadin.

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Condolence —

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to our esteemed member, Jack D. Weiler, upon the passing of his brother, Hyman.

We pray that the family may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

The Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1965

THE PARK LANE HOTEL

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MRS. REUBEN N. POPKIN, Chairman

— Co-Chairmen —

MRS. SAMUEL GROSS — MRS. SAUL LINZER — MRS. MEYER TEXON

YOUTH NOTES

**Shachar Honored At
Charter Day Ceremony**

A fine delegation of youth members represented Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun at the Charter Day Ceremonies that was sponsored by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, at the Community Center of Israel.

Robert Pik, Shachar President, received the charter on behalf of our teenage group. Our synagogue youth group was singled out for "being able to maintain a continued high level of cultural programming." Particular praise was given to the "Cultural Luncheons" type of activity that our group has developed. In addition, the recent publication of the group's first Literary Magazine was saluted. Copies of this publication have been mailed by N.C.S.Y. to Youth Directors all over the country.

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**Youth Membership
Reaches High of 71**

During the past year and a half the membership of our teenage group has grown five-fold. Aaron Holzer, Group Treasurer, informs us that the membership stands today at an all time high of 71. We look forward to our young people going "from strength to strength."

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**Registration Opens For
Youth Conclave - March 26 - 28**

Congregation Knesseth Israel in Far Rockaway, will host the first convention of the Action N.C.S.Y. Region. Some 200 teenage delegates throughout the metropolitan area will take part in this intensive religious, cultural, social and recreational weekend, which will be held on March 26-28.

We hope to have a fine representation from our synagogue youth chapter at this initial regional conclave. The cost for the weekend is \$12.00. For further information please contact Robert Pik — TR 3-4330, Aaron Holzer — RE 7-8634 or the Youth Office.

SISTERHOOD**KIDDUSH HOSTESSES****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th**

Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody

Mrs. Harry Etra

Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman

Mrs. Saul J. Linzer

Mrs. Eugene Hollander

MEN'S CLUB THEATRE PARTY**"DO I HEAR A WALTZ?"****The Season's Musical Hit****by Richard Rodgers****on Monday, March 22nd**

A limited number of tickets are still available

Call the Synagogue Office.

**SYNAGOGUE OFFICIALS
APPOINTED TO
COMMUNAL POSITIONS**

We congratulate Rabbi Haskel Lookstein upon his appointment as a member of the Executive Board of the New York Board of Rabbis. In addition to serving on the Executive Board, he will represent the New York Board of Rabbis on the sub-committee for Health and Welfare of the New York City Committee of Religious Leaders.

We are happy to congratulate our Executive Director, Joseph Glatt, upon his appointment to the Executive Board of the National Organization of Synagogue Administrators, an organization affiliated with the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. We are sure that his experience and skills will make him particularly useful in the development of this organization.

Similar congratulations to our Youth Director, Noam Shudofsky, upon his appointment to the National Youth Commission of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. We are happy that the Union's youth arm, the National Conference on Synagogue Youth, will have the benefit of his experience and counsel.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to report that applications for membership have been received from:

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Freezer
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gribetz
Lt. Elliot M. Lebowitz
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lorch
Dr. and Mrs. William Major
Mr. and Mrs. Martin R. Rochlin
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Waltuch

We have also received applications for special membership from:

Mrs. Florence S. Cooper
Mrs. Ruth Greenberg
Mrs. Nathalie Schacter

As new members, they will be officially inducted into membership at the Annual Meeting of the congregation. In the meantime, we extend a hearty welcome to the applicants and to their families.

HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Leo Breindel, Mrs. Florence S. Cooper, Mrs. Pauline Einstein, Mrs. David Gordon, Mrs. Alexander Gross, Mrs. Abraham Miller, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Mrs. Michael Schloss and Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel.

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.

THE JEWRY BOX**Served During****WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14th**

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Haskel Lookstein Assoc. Rabbi
A. Joseph Cohen Cantor
Israel D. Rosenberg Ritual Director
Joseph Glatt Exec. Director
Noam Shudofsky Youth Director

Officers of the Congregation

Max J. Etra President
Joseph Roth Vice-President
Elgin Shulsky Treasurer
Irwin Shapiro Secretary
Mrs. William Lebowitz Pres., Sist.
William Lebowitz Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday**

Lighting of Candles 5:25
Evening 5:30

Saturday**SHABBAT SHEKALIM**

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15

Weekly Portion: Yayakhel**Exodus 35:1 - 38:20; 30:11 - 16****Haftarah: II Kings 12:1 - 17****Rosh Chodesh Prayers**

Rosh Chodesh Adar II will be on
Thursday, March 4th and Friday, March
5th.

Evening 5:30
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:15

Daily Services

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 5:30

Yahrzeits**February**

27—JOSEPH KAILES
27—BENJAMIN RYP
27—SARAH KUSTIN
27—JOSEPH B. GIMBEL
28—DAVID FRANK PHILLIPS

March

1—JOSEPH RITTER
1—IDA RAPPAPORT
2—JACOB WOLF BAB
3—BARUCH DAVID KAPLAN
3—ROSE GLASS
3—SAMUEL FINE
3—SIMON BROZ
3—ISRAEL DAVID LASCOFF
3—SHRAGE FISCHER
3—ROZELLA BRENNER
3—ROSE KANAREK
5—ALEXANDER GARFEIN
5—DORA KOPIT
5—SOLOMAN FARBRIDGE

**RESERVE WEDNESDAY NIGHT,
MARCH 17th — IT'S PURIM!**

We would like to call to your attention the fact that this year the eve of Purim comes on Wednesday night, March 17th. On that occasion, of course, we will have our annual Megillah reading service in the main synagogue. The children of Ramaz, the Park East Religious School and the general community will be our special guests that night.

Full details will appear in our next two issues of the Bulletin. In the meantime, we wanted to remind you of the date.

**"A 'POST'-SCRIPT TO
A SERMON"**

We received the following clipping from "The Lyons Den" which appeared in the New York Post last week: "Judge Harry Stackell was one of the most respected jurists in the state, before his retirement from the Criminal Court bench here about a dozen years ago. His son-in-law last week asked him why he now spends so much time reading the Bible.

"I'm reading the Bible," replied Judge Stackell, who is over 80, "because I'm cramming for the finals . . ."

Our correspondent adds a note which is in keeping with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's sermon of February 13 in which he spoke about the primacy of Jewish study for Jews of all ages. He advises that "there are too many Judge Stackell's around who neglected to 'cram' at 8 so that they might coast at 80."

K. J. CALENDAR**SATURDAY, 2:00 P.M.**

Intermediate Boys
Social Hall
3:00

Intermediate Girls
Library
Junior Boys
Social Hall
Junior Girls
Room 301

MONDAY, 10:00 A.M.

Hebrew for Beginners

11:00 A.M.

Bible Class for Women

8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class
Advanced Hebrew

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.

Elementary Hebrew
Passover and the Haggadah
Maimonides' Laws of Repentance

9:00 P.M.

Studies in Jewish Philosophy
"Torah and Commandments"

COMING EVENTS**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

Teenage Cultural Luncheon

MONDAY, MARCH 22nd**12:30 P.M.**

Sisterhood Open Meeting

8:30 P.M.

Men's Club Theatre Party
"DO I HEAR A WALTZ?"

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