



## Over One Thousand Attend Iraqi Jewry Memorial Meeting In Main Synagogue

Last Sunday, for the second time in about a year, (the last time was February 3, 1969) Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun served as host to a special memorial meeting of prayer and protest in behalf of the Iraqi Jewish community and specifically in memory of more than a score of Iraqi Jews who have been executed during the past year by the Baathist regime.

The meeting which was attended by over one thousand people who jammed our Main Synagogue and some of whom overflowed into the street, was sponsored jointly by the American Committee for Rescue and Resettlement of Iraqi Jews and by the New York Board of Rabbis. Speakers included Hon. Jacob K. Javits, Hon. Charles Goodell, U. S. Senators from the State of New York, Congressman Lowenstein of Nassau County, Hon. Charles H. Silver as well as other communal leaders. The eulogy was pronounced by Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, President of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein conducted the special order of service before many members of Kehilath Jeshurun. It was especially gratifying to see on hand a good many of the young people of our congregation who understood the need to demonstrate their concern for their fellow Jews and who came to this prayer meeting and brought their friends.

Rabbi Klaperman expressed the feeling of the gathering when he said that the time for protest is over and the time for action has begun. Protests fall on the deaf ears of a world which stood unmoved while six million Jews were exterminated, which watched unconcerned while 2.3 million Jews in Israel were threatened with annihilation in June of 1967 and which continues to be insensitive and indifferent to the plight of Jews in benighted lands of oppression.

Perhaps, he said, we ought to take a page out of the book of Israel, the

## Carl Gershman Speaks To Packed Congregation At Impressive Collegiate and Young Adult Sabbath

A first in the annals of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun was celebrated last Sabbath morning when, as part of a Collegiate and Young Adults Sabbath, a young man from our community addressed the congregation on a topic of current interest. The young man was Carl Gershman, the recently married son of Mrs. Joseph S. Gershman and her late and immortal husband. He addressed the congregation in a packed auditorium on the subject: "Countering Anti-Israel Propaganda on the Campus."

Mr. Gershman's address followed an impressive service in the main Synagogue at which a group of young adults read the Torah to the delight of an enthusiastic congregation. We are grateful to the following young men for their contribution to this part of the service:

Jed Abraham  
George Baumgarten  
Samuel Blumenthal  
Richard Etra  
David Kahn  
Gilbert Kahn  
Bruce Linzer  
Stuart Schlang  
Sanford Ward

Following the regular service — sans sermon — the congregation proceeded to the Auditorium of the Synagogue House where it filled all of the more than three hundred and fifty seats. The listeners were well rewarded for their

young Jewish State, which has decided that its future lies in its own hands and that pleas and complaints should be made secondary to heroic action and self-interested behavior.

It was a moving afternoon for the Jewish community of New York. It was a great honor for Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun to serve as the host for such a gathering.

interest with a brilliantly conceived and delivered lecture on the problem of Israel's public image on the American university campus.

Mr. Gershman traced the results of a trend in the antipathy toward Israel manifested by the New Left beginning with its convention on the new politics in Chicago shortly following the 1967 six-day war. He demonstrated the falacies upon which this leftist opposition to Israel rests. He explained the reasons for its development and analyzed how the Arab propagandists have systematically exploited certain ideological points in the New Left to serve their own base interests.

At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Gershman described the creation of "the Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East" a non-sectarian organization whose purpose is to reach college and university youth with the message so eloquently expressed by our speaker. The Youth Committee is located at 1182 Broadway, room 503, New York 10001. The telephone number is 683-0534.

Those interested in the work of the committee are invited to call or write to that office for further details. Those who would like to make a contribution to further the committee's program may do so by sending a check to the synagogue office, attention Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. Checks should be made out to A.D.L. Campus Research. They will be forwarded to Mr. Gershman to help in this vital work. Contributions are tax deductible.

The congregation owes a deep debt of gratitude to Carl Gershman as well as to all the other young people who made possible such a memorable Sabbath. We hope that similar occasions will be arranged in the very near future.

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.  
"ANCIENT SLAVERY AND ITS MODERN IMPLICATIONS!"**

## A DIGRESSION ON THE JEWISH CALENDAR

(This coming Friday and Shabbat, we will begin the month of Adar I. It is this month which is doubled to make the Jewish leap year, as will happen this year. I thought you would be interested in the following passage which succinctly explains some of the enigmas about the Jewish calendar. It comes from page 68 of Herman Wouk's classic exposition of Judaism, "This is My God," published by Doubleday and available in a Dell paperback edition. H. L.)

"The Bible says the Jews left Egypt at midnight by the light of the full moon, the moon of the spring equinox, on the fourteenth night of the month of Nissan, about thirty-two hundred years ago. This, then, is the night for observing Pesach, the Passover.

An immediate timing difficulty arises. The Jewish year, like the Mohammedan, has twelve moon months of twenty-nine or thirty days. The year of the sun, which governs the seasons, is about eleven days longer. A moon calendar drifts backward at a rate of about a month every three years. Mohammedans successively observe Ramadan in winter, fall, summer, and spring. But the Mosaic law specifies that Passover is a spring holiday; the freedom feast must come in blossom time. The old Jewish solution of this problem was a leap month every few years, proclaimed by the Sanhedrin. When the dispersion destroyed the nation, and communication between the centers of learning in exile began to break down, the rabbis worked out a perpetual calendar on a nineteen-year cycle, with seven leap months so arranged as to keep Passover forever at the equinox. This calendar has the respect of modern astronomers. In nearly two thousand years Passover has not drifted out of the springtime, and in the foreseeable future it will not.

In ancient days each new month was proclaimed by the central court in Jerusalem when the crescent moon appeared. The only doubt, of course, was whether it would show up twenty-nine or thirty days after the last new moon. As soon as the Month was announced, runners went out all over the Mideast to advise the Jewish communities of the date of their holy days. Those settlements that were more than fourteen days' journey from Jerusalem had no way of knowing the exact day of Passover. To be sure of keeping the festival properly, they observed both

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Week of February 7-13

#### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Roy E. Abraham, Mrs. Victor Binstock, Maks L. Birnbach, Adolph Citron, Mrs. Joshua S. Deutsch, Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman, Mrs. Eugene Hollander, Adolph Levy, Abe Newborn, Oscar Perlberger, Joseph A. Perlman, Dr. Meyer Shapiro and Dr. Samuel Stromberg.

#### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker.

### Week of February 14-20

#### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Adolph Citron, Mrs. Alex Herbst, Maurice N. Jaffe, Edward Lebowitz, Alexander Lichtman and Mrs. Samuel L. Zuckerman.

#### Anniversaries—

Warmest greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green.

#### Birth—

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D. Newman upon the birth of a baby girl, their third child. A hearty Mazel Tov to the proud grandparents,

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman upon this blessed addition to their family. We hope that the new arrival will grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

#### Communal Honors—

We are proud to record the appearance of our esteemed member, Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, as a guest speaker at the recent annual winter meeting of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists held at the up-town campus of Yeshiva University. Dr. Blumenthal, who is the head of the Child Psychiatry Outpatient Service at Mt. Sinai, spoke on the subject: "Contemporary Drug Usage and our Youth."

#### Get Well—

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Joseph Rossant who has undergone surgery and is recovering from illness in Doctors Hospital. We hope he will be restored to full health soon.

#### Condolences—

We record with sorrow the passing of Leon Wolf, beloved brother of our member Mr. Joseph Wolf.

We pray that all the members of the bereaved family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

### ADAM ISLER BAR MITZVAH



Congratulations to Professor and Mrs. Alan Isler upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Adam at services in our synagogue on Saturday morning, February 14th.

Adam, a student in the 8th grade at the Robert Wagner Junior High School, is a graduate of our Park East Religious School. He will chant the Haftorah at services in our synagogue.

The entire congregation will be the guests of Professor and Mrs. Isler at Kiddush following services on February 14th.

possible dates. The custom became general in time to double up the observance of festival days outside the land of Israel."

### SISTERHOOD NEEDIEST CASES

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund from Mrs. A. Milton Brown, Mrs. Jack Farber, Mrs. Alice Lewis, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mrs. Joseph Roth, Mrs. David Schack, Mrs. Robert Wallach and Mrs. Frances Wohlstetter and Mrs. Samuel L. Zuckerman.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, Chairman of the Neediest Cases Fund, 891 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

#### Saturday, February 7th

Mrs. Henry M. Rem  
Mrs. Herman Riederman  
Mrs. Martin R. Rochlin

#### Saturday, February 14th

Mrs. Aaron Reinhold  
Mrs. Irwin B. Robins  
Mrs. David E. Rosen  
Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg

### ADVANCE NOTICE FOR PASSOVER SEDARIM

The congregation will conduct a public Seder, catered by Victor Mayer Caterers, on both nights of Passover, Monday, April 20th and Tuesday, April 21st.

Further information will reach you shortly.

## STUDY GROUP IN BIBLE TO BEGIN THIS TUESDAY EVENING AT 8:30

**Song of Songs and Book of Ruth to be studied**

The second study group of the spring semester, "Understanding the Bible", will begin its five sessions this Tuesday evening, February 10th, at 8:30. Succeeding sessions will be held bi-weekly on February 24, March 10, 24 and April 7th.

This study group, conducted by Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz, an outstanding member of the Ramaz High School faculty, will concentrate on two of the most beautiful books of the Bible, the Song of Songs and the Book of Ruth.

By means of lecture and discussion, Rabbi Moskowitz will illuminate the themes and the concepts which abound in each book.

It should be remembered that these two books will be read in the synagogue on Passover and Shavuoth respectively. Here is a wonderful opportunity for interested adults to learn fully and comprehensively two important books of the Bible with which we all have contact during this season.

## K. J. FAMILY PROMINENT AT BAR-ILAN FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Fifteenth Anniversary Dinner of Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel was held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel last Sunday evening. Several members of the Kehilath Jeshurun family were prominently featured at that dinner.

Of course, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Chancellor of the University, was a leading figure at the dinner. In addition to speaking about the significance of the University, the Rabbi also delivered a moving presentation of the guest of honor, Hon. Arthur J. Goldberg, former Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

We were happy to see occupying places on the dais, the following members of the congregation who are members of the Board of Overseers of the University: Edward Adams, Adolph Citron, Eugene Hollander, Joseph Lorch, Dr. Maurice Sage and Philip Stollman.

Of specific interest to the K. J. family present for the occasion was the rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah by Stephen Texon, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon. His rich baritone voice made the anthems sound even more impressive than usual.

### FATHER AND SON MINYAN BACK IN SESSION

We wish to remind all men and boys that the Father and Son Minyan has resumed sessions after a three week recess.

Services are held regularly on Sunday mornings at 9:30 under the leadership of David Kahn. Breakfast follows at 10:30 and a gym period begins for the boys at 11:00 o'clock.

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We are indebted to Mrs. Euval Barrekette and to Mrs. Michael Kitay for their help in this program.

### COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 15th**

Special Father & Son Minyan

**Saturday, February 28th**

Men's Club Seudah Shlishith Program

**Saturday, March 7th**

K.J. Couples Club Theatre Party

**March 13-15**

Kehilath Jeshurun Couples Club Grossinger Weekend

### HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

#### Arms For Israel Makes Sense

(This note was excerpted from Near East Report, a Washington letter on American policy in the Near East. This bi-weekly publication is highly recommended for your interest and information. Subscription is \$7.00 per year and may be obtained by writing to: Near East Report, 1341 G St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.)

Geoffrey Kemp, writing on "Dilemmas of the Arms Traffic" in the current Foreign Affairs, asserts that "the most important U.S. policy objectives have been served by supplying certain weapons to Israel" and that "it would be unwise to deny Israel further supplies in the hope that such restraints would enhance the prospects of a multilateral political settlement."

The author, from M.I.T.'s Center for International Studies, explains that the safest military situation in the Near East exists when Israel has "clear superiority" over the Arab states and both sides know it. The likelihood of a new full-scale war increases when either side doubts Israel's military dominance. For if Egypt believed she could successfully challenge Israel's airpower "the temptation to plan a major offensive against Israel would grow". And if Israel had reason to fear such an Egyptian challenge she "might prepare for preemptive action."

Kemp concludes that to lessen the chances of another Arab-Israel war and a U.S.-Soviet confrontation, the United States must provide Israel with an "optimum" military deterrent force.

#### ADL ASKS PRES. NIXON TO HALT FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ROAD TO GERALD K. SMITH SHRINE

The national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith appealed directly to President Richard M. Nixon recently to prevent government financing of a road leading to the "Christ of the Ozarks" project, a shrine promoted by "the notorious anti-Semite, Gerald L. K. Smith," in Eureka Springs, Ark. In a telegram to the President, Dore Schary asked that he direct Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans and Transportation Secretary John Volpe to withdraw \$182,000 of U.S. funds allocated for the road. Earlier direct representations to Mr. Stans and Mr. Volpe failed to forestall the grant.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**FRIDAY, February 6th**

Lighting of Candles .....5:00  
Evening .....5:10

**SATURDAY, Shabbat Rosh Chodesh**

Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:15  
Pre-School Service  
Dining Hall .....11:00

**Weekly Portion: Mishpatim**

**Exodus 21:1-24; Numbers 28:9-15**  
**Haftorah: Isaiah 66:1-24**

Evening .....5:10  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....5:50

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning .....8:30  
Father and Son Minyan .....9:30  
Evening .....5:15

**FRIDAY, February 13th**

Lighting of Candles.....5:10  
Evening .....5:15

**SATURDAY**

Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:15  
Pre-School Service  
Dining Hall .....11:00

**Weekly Portion: Terumah**

**Exodus 25:1 - 27:19**

**Haftorah: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13**

Evening .....5:15  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:00

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning .....8:30  
Father and Son Minyan .....9:30  
Evening .....5:20

**YAHARZEITS**

**February**

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 7—Alexander Garfein   | 15—Hanina Aizer            |
| 7—Mordecai Shochetman | 15—Marie Baruch            |
| 7—Dora Kopet          | 15—Abraham J. Reinstein    |
| 7—Solomon Farbridge   | 16—Anna Lookstein          |
| 7—Rose W. Kleinfeld   | 16—Adah M. Stiner          |
| 8—Samuel Eisman       | 16—Bernard Joseph          |
| 8—Lena Chapman        | 16—Annie Silver            |
| 8—Samuel Morris       | 17—Jacob Levy              |
| 9—Enoch Wolberg       | 17—Hans J. Vogel           |
| 9—Sarah H. Brown      | 17—Annie Rothstein         |
| 9—Augusta Hirshhorn   | 17—Rockmore Clayton        |
| 9—Josef Broz          | 17—Leo Tilles              |
| 9—Rae W. Freedman     | 17—Joseph Nehemiah Dunaetz |
| 10—Miriam Golde       | 18—Israel W. Dubiner       |
| 10—Rose Gudis         | 18—Louis Lefkowitz         |
| 10—Frances Bayer      | 18—Reuven Friedman         |
| 11—Julia Spira        | 18—Moshe Meir Freiman      |
| 11—Nathan Kotimsky    | 19—Israel Smith            |
| 11—Celia Lobar        | 19—Jacob Robins            |
| 11—Abraham Meyers     | 20—Eugene I. Goodside      |
| 11—Joseph Prenskey    | 20—Henri Untermans         |
| 12—Rachel Hutkoff     | 20—Leo Kahan               |
| 12—Zoltan Strulovits  | 20—Libby Penzner           |
| 12—Nancy Miller       | 20—Dora R. Weiss           |
| 12—Minnie Elinowitz   | 20—Samuel Dribben          |
| 13—Anna Spencer       | 20—Rebecca Gruss           |
| 13—Mollie Kaufman     | 20—Philip Mandelker        |
| 14—Mary Kramer        | 20—Arthur Fischer          |
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