

## **RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ELECTED PRINCIPAL OF RAMAZ SCHOOL**

### **WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

With this issue of the Bulletin, we resume publication of our bi-weekly organ in which we bring congregational news and announcements to the community.

This edition of the Bulletin begins our fortieth year of publication. We hope to feature, during the course of this year, such items of interest as the Weekly Portion column, headlines of Jewish interest, a report from Soviet Jewry and excerpts from literature which has significance for Jews.

We welcome all of our readers. We hope that all have enjoyed a pleasant and restful summer. We look forward to an active and fruitful year of activities at Kehilath Jeshurun with the full participation of our members and friends.

### **SEATING ARRANGEMENTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS**

There are still a few seats available in both the Main Synagogue and in our Auxiliary Service for the forthcoming High Holy Day season. Members of the congregation and of the community at large are asked to make their needs known to the Synagogue Office without any delay so that we can serve all who need to be accommodated.

We are happy to announce that the rabbinic assistant who will share rabbinic duties in both services during this season will be Rabbi Jonathan Helfand, ordained by Yeshiva University and at present a candidate for a Ph.D. degree at Yeshiva in modern Jewish history. An article by this young scholar appeared in the summer issue of the magazine *Judaism*. Among his many fine attributes is the fact that he is a graduate of the Ramaz School.

We welcome Rabbi Helfand to the congregation for the High Holy Day season.

We are happy to congratulate our Associate Rabbi, Haskel Lookstein, upon his election as Principal of the Ramaz School at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz. At the same time, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein retired from the principalship and, as Founder of the school, will remain with the Ramaz administration in a consultative capacity.

This significant event gives the membership of Kehilath Jeshurun much cause for pride. It was the congregation which, through the foresight of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and the officers of Kehilath Jeshurun, founded Ramaz in 1937. One of the first three

students at the school was our Associate Rabbi.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein has served the school during the past eighteen years as teacher, Coordinator of Jewish Studies, Associate Principal and Acting Principal. We are confident that he will maintain the standards of excellence for which Ramaz has been noted and that he will advance the record and prestige of the school in the years to come.

The congregation congratulates its family member, Ramaz, on an excellent choice and extends its heartiest mazel tov to Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and his family on this significant promotion.

You are invited to attend  
**SELICHOT SERVICES**

Next Saturday night, September 11th

at a new time — 10:00 P.M.

in the Main Synagogue

and a Social Hour

sponsored by the

**SISTERHOOD, MEN'S CLUB and COUPLES CLUB**

also at a new time — 9:15 P.M.

in the Social Hall

## **A WORD ABOUT OUR NEW TIME FOR SELICHOT**

We call to the attention of our worshippers the new time for Selichot services next Saturday night at 10:00 P.M. This time is new for us but old for others. For the past years it has become the traditional practice of almost all synagogues in Israel to hold Selichot services at that hour. It is also a particular feature of certain Hassidic groups.

We feel that this time will be more

convenient for all and will enable many more to participate in the Selichot services. We are joined in this new policy by several of our sister congregations in the mid-Manhattan area.

Please note that the "Midnight Snack" will be held at 9:15. We welcome all worshippers of all ages to the service and to the gathering beforehand.

## WEEKLY PORTION

Ki Teze

### "Wayward Children . . . and their Parents"

One of the most fascinating case studies in Biblical literature concerns the **ben sorer u'moreh** — the wayward and rebellious son. He is described by our sages as an iconoclast and non-conformist on the one hand and a dissenter from the values of the older generation on the other. Surely his case is a relevant one for both sides of the generation gap today.

Our sages describe this young man as a thief, a glutton and a lush. They indicate that if all of the procedures are carried out and all of the requirements are met — a highly improbable occurrence — then the young man must first be flogged and, if there is no improvement, he is executed not so much for what he has done but rather for the danger which he will yet present to society.

As if the entire law is not strange enough, Rabbi Simeon in the Talmud adds a final footnote: "Such a rebellious son never existed nor will one ever exist. Why then was his case recorded by the Torah? So that we might learn the facts and derive the lesson."

There are, it seems to me, three pertinent lessons to be derived from this case. Briefly they are the following:

1. Some youthful acts of dissent and non-conformity may be so dangerous in their implications for the future that they should be dealt with more harshly than the objective act would normally deserve. As a matter of theory, that ugly phrase "shoot the looters" has a certain logic behind it.

2. The second lesson is, paradoxically, that if one acts in accordance with the theoretical conclusion of the first lesson, then one is a barbarian. Over reacting to the rebellion of youth may seem plausible logically, but it should never be countenanced practically. You cannot bludgeon the dissenter, the rebel or the protestor — however grotesque his behavior may be — without some of his blood soiling your soul indelibly. The looter in a riot must be apprehended; but you cannot

shoot him without your becoming a murderer.

In short, if one reacts to the act of dissent and iconoclasm not in terms of the act but out of fear for future implications, one is bringing about a present that is intolerably worse than any future could be. Out of fear for the safety of society one dare not introduce into society the norms of the jungle.

3. Finally, Rashi points out that the rebellious son is not a creature of his own making. The passage dealing with his case follows two other paragraphs: one dealing with war and the other with marital discord. These three passages are linked causally according to Jewish tradition.

Out of the turbulence and turmoil of a world of strife and enmity and out of the increasing manifestation of domestic discord, distrust and disarray there develops a climate which nurtures non-conformist youth, rebellious sons, alienation, anomie and the now cliched generation gap.

Perhaps the natural reaction of **v'yisru oto** — "beat the nonsense out of them" — serves no practical purpose and makes a brute out of the beater. Perhaps a more felicitous approach is found in the Targum's translation of **v'yisru oto — u'malfin yatai** — "teach them what is right." The best approach to the young iconoclast is for the old to serve as teacher — not alone in words but more often in example, in personal standards and in a serious commitment to what is right and what is good.

It might help us to know that even God had to learn to tolerate rebellion and dissent. In the concluding verses of this week's prophetic portion, we read: "Even as I have promised never again to bring the floods of Noah upon the earth, so shall I refrain from anger and resentment against you. For the mountains will move and the valleys will totter; but my love for you will not be moved and my covenant of peace with you will not totter. Thus sayeth the merciful God."

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**REMINDER**  
**SISTERHOOD THEATRE PARTY**  
**"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"**  
**Monday, December 20th**

Announcing the  
**Men's Club Theatre Party**  
**"The Prisoner of Second Avenue"**  
A Comedy by Neil Simon  
Directed by Mike Nichols  
**Monday evening, Jan. 17, 1972**

## In Memoriam

Isidor Berkowitz

One of the senior members of the congregation passed away this summer, after an extended illness. Though his tenure in our congregation was a brief one, Mr. Berkowitz was appreciated by many of us.

He was a regular worshipper in our daily minyan, morning and evening. He loved to study Talmud and his only complaint about Kehilath Jeshurun was that it did not have a daily Talmud shiur.

He was a man of piety, generosity to people and to worthy causes and also a man learned in Jewish tradition. We pray that his family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

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**Max Shefler**

Though a member of our congregation for a relatively short time, Max Shefler won many friends and admirers in Kehilath Jeshurun. His passing is mourned by us all.

Retiring and reticent in nature, he was possessed of piety and generosity, nobility of character and an intense loyalty towards his family. Himself a refugee from persecution, he was responsible for the life and support of many others.

He will be remembered as a noble Jewish gentleman who loved the House of God and who represented the best in our tradition and heritage. May his dear wife and sons be comforted among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

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**Elizabeth Heller**

The beloved wife of Gideon Hiller passed away last week after a long illness.

Mrs. Heller was a majestic lady, reared in the European tradition of grace, honor and dignity. An exemplary wife and mother she was truly heroic in her struggle to overcome hardship and prevail in the struggle for life.

We pray that Gideon Heller and his sons and family be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

### Condolences—

We extend belated condolences to our devoted member, Mrs. Nettie Alpert whose sister, Annie Cooper passed away in late June. We pray that Mrs. Alpert and her family will be spared further sorrow for a long time to come.

## KEHILATH JESHURUN DURING THE SUMMER

Throughout the summer months, while many members of the congregation were vacationing out of the city, Kehilath Jeshurun maintained its full complement of religious services. Many members and trustees of the congregation helped to maintain this regularity of worship. We are grateful to all of them.

We are particularly thankful to those who helped to maintain the daily minyan, morning and evening. Our special thanks to Sidney Schwartzfeld, Chairman of the Daily Services Committee, whose help was invaluable in this area.

Similarly, we would like to express our thanks to Dr. William Herzig, Mordie Mann, Samuel Blumenthal and Simon Lerner, who shared Torah reading and cantorial duties on one or more occasions during the summer Sabbaths. The congregation appreciated their cooperation and expertise.

Special plaudits to young Douglas Zippel, who read the entire portion on Shabbat morning, August 7th, as a sort of dry run for his official Bar Mitzvah celebration, which will take place, please God, this fall on Shabbat Noach. He acquitted himself beautifully.

Our thanks too to Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Zippel for treating the congregation to a special kiddush in honor of the occasion.

### Tisha B'Av

The Tisha B'Av services which this year were held on July 31st and August 1st were, as usual, the highlights of the summer at Kehilath Jeshurun. On Saturday night, a beautiful turnout of worshippers participated in a moving fashion in the entire service. Eicha was read by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Cantor A. Joseph Cohen, George Baumgarten, Steven Gross and Gilbert Kahn. The service once again featured readings to emphasize the meaning of the day. Rabbi Lookstein chose this year to read specifically from the most recent volume of Elie Wiesel, "One Generation After."

An interesting innovation during the summer was the use of the sermon period for teaching purposes rather than for preaching. On several occasions during the summer, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein interpolated during the reading of the Torah and used the time for textual analysis and elucidation. The experiment seemed to be well received and will be carried over in a modified fashion into the regular congregational season.

During the course of the summer months, several happy occasions were

celebrated by members of the congregation. We list them below:

### Births—

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Shulsky upon the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shulsky. May Lauren bring much happiness and nachas to her parents and grandparents.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Avner upon the birth of a son to their children, Dr. and Mrs. William Brenner. We hope that this second grandson of the Avners will, like his predecessor, grow up in the tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

### Weddings—

Congratulations and all good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spilky upon the marriage of their daughter Barbara to Jeffrey Teller. May they establish the kind of home which will bring pride and nachas to the entire Kehilath Jeshurun Family.

Similar congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wolf upon the marriage of their son Marvin to the former Madeline Sue Kitaeff of Flushing, New York. We look forward to their worshipping in our midst.

Congratulations to Barry Helprin on his marriage last June to the former Debby Slavin. Barry is responsible for a good deal of work that comes from the synagogue office. He and his par-

ents Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Helprin have been regular worshippers of the congregation for many years. Our best wishes to the entire family.

### Member in the News—

We are happy to announce that Aline Kaplan, our devoted member, has just assumed the position of executive director of Hadassah. We congratulate her on this new position and wish her well in her efforts in behalf of this important women's Zionist organization.

### MEN'S CLUB TO SPONSOR FREE "INSPECT-IN"

Once again this year, we will hold an "Inspect-In" on Sunday, September 12th, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the congregation.

The purpose is to enable members and friends of the congregation to have Tefilin and Mezuzoth inspected by a professional scribe during the month of Elul.

It is a requirement of Jewish Law to have these religious articles inspected periodically and we urge all to take advantage of this opportunity.

As a special service to the congregation the Men's Club will absorb the cost of all inspections.



Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein during the course of conferring an Honorary Degree upon the Prime Minister of the State of Israel. The Rabbi presided at the graduation and degree granting exercises of Bar-Ilan University in June. He also led the special dedication program for the new Law School of Bar-Ilan.

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Mrs. Eugene Hollander .....Pres. Sist.  
Dr. Charles I. Cohen...Pres. Men's Club

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**FRIDAY, September 3rd**

Evening .....6:00

**SATURDAY,**

Morning .....9:00  
Weekly Portion: KEE TETZE,  
DEUTERONOMY 27:10-25:19  
Haftorah: ISAIAH 54:1-10  
Evening .....7:15  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....8:01

**FRIDAY, September 10th**

Evening .....6:00

**SATURDAY,**

Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:15  
Pre-School Service .....11:00  
Weekly Portion: KEE TAVO,  
DEUTERONOMY 26:1-29:8  
Haftorah: ISAIAH 60  
Evening .....7:00  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....7:49

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Mornings .....7:30  
Sunday Mornings .....8:30  
Monday morning, Labor Day.....8:30  
Evenings .....6:00

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY**

**Week of Sept. 4-10**

**Birthdays—**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Herman Merkin, Dr. Nathan Kalischer, Sidney Kotimsky, Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Dr. Edgar Trautman, Jacob J. Avner, Samuel Greenberg, Mrs. George H. Bookbinder, Sidney Flatow, and Philip Daffner.

**Anniversaries—**

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. David Scheinfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Romie Shapiro, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Zuch, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryskin, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zuger, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz.

**Week of Sept. 11-17**

**Birthdays—**

Many happy returns of the day to

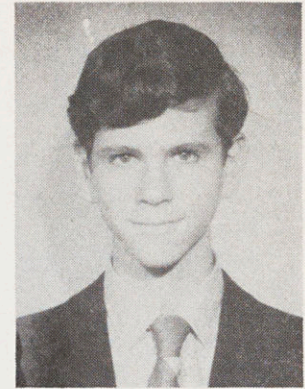
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**YAHREZITS**

**September**

4—Celia Kottler  
5—Aidle Gross  
5—Annie Friedman  
5—Ida Cummings  
5—Abraham Reiser  
5—Robert Ezra Himmelstein  
5—Rachel Gottfried  
5—Anna Markowitz  
6—Marie Daniel  
6—Feivel Weiler  
6—Usher Doppelt  
7—Albert Sokolski  
7—Albert A. Kaplan  
7—Max Breiner  
7—Rosalia Mandelbaum  
8—Chaim Moses Feldman  
8—Harry Wecker  
8—Jacob M. Holzer  
8—Samuel Luloff  
8—Rebecca Rabinowitz  
9—Gittel Scheffler  
9—Nancy Wechsler  
9—Reuben Rabinowitz  
10—Ethel Alpert  
10—Charles Schlang  
10—Sigmund Roth  
11—Pearl Dubiner  
11—Harry Gelof  
11—Sadie Neustadter  
12—Morris Greenberg  
12—Mollie Podell  
12—Ray Oppenheim  
12—Gertrude Heyman  
13—Rosa Reinhold  
13—Miksa Rosenak  
14—David Chertkof  
15—Anna Kaplan  
15—Samuel Lustbader  
15—Milton Simon  
15—Emanuel Winkler  
15—Isadore Schlang  
16—Annie Trachman  
16—Lajos Weiss  
17—Louis Sachar

**BAR MITZVAH  
DAVID MENDES**



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Seigfried Mendes upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son David, which will take place on Shabbat morning, September 11th, in our synagogue.

David, a recent arrival from Israel, is entering Form II at Ramaz. He will chant the Maftir and Haftorah at our services.

The entire congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mendes for kiddush following services.

**SERVICES FOR YOUTH NEXT SHABBAT**

We wish to remind all children through Grade 7 that special services for them will begin on Shabbat morning, September 11th.

For those in Grades 2 through 7 the Junior Congregation service will meet in the Chapel at 10:15 under the leadership of Alvin Smilow. This successful program will, no doubt, achieve even greater milestones during the coming year.

At 11:00 o'clock, in the third floor lunchroom, the pre-Junior Congregation for children of Nursery, Kindergarten and Grade 1 age, will be conducted every week by Marilyn Smilow, assisted by Dinah Markson. Special plans have been made to ensure that this service will be both educational and enjoyable.

An excellent opportunity is afforded to parents and children through both of these programs. We urge all who qualify to take advantage of this opportunity.

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