



PASSOVER RELIEF APPEAL LAUNCHED

By this time readers of the Bulletin have received the letter on our Passover Relief Appeal for this year. We request urgently that every reader respond in accordance with his own generous inclinations.

We could not spell out fully nor can we do so in the Bulletin the particular use to which our Soviet Jewry packages will be put. Suffice it to say that those packages which were in the past virtually life-savers are this year far more than that.

Besides that major effort, the Passover Relief Appeal makes it possible
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WELCOME HOME RABBI AND MRS. JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

As this Bulletin goes to press Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein are expected to be returning to New York after several weeks in Israel. In addition to working in behalf of Bar-Ilan University, the Rabbi met with President Shazar, Foreign Minister Eban and Finance Minister Sapir among other leaders in Israel's government.

The Rabbi will give his report on what he saw and heard, please God, this coming Shabbat morning when he discusses the subject: "Another Look at Israel — Sentiments and Realities."

The congregation is invited specially to attend services this week, to hear the report and to greet Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein upon their return.

Ramaz Senior Wins Westinghouse Competition

Last month we announced that Ramaz placed two out of 300 students all over the country in the Westinghouse Science Competition. We are happy to announce further that one of our seniors, Gary Swergold, has now been elected a Westinghouse Winner, one of 40 seniors from 32 cities across the country, who is eligible for part of the \$67,500 Westinghouse science scholarship which will be distributed in March among these 40 youngsters.

Gary is to be congratulated for his outstanding achievement. He is the only representative of a day school to be so honored this year. Best wishes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Swergold, and to the entire faculty of Ramaz on this great occasion.

An added note: Gary's strength lies not only in the sciences but in his Jewish studies as well, where he excels both in learning and in observance. He is a credit to this entire community.

POST PURIM THANK YOUS

There was never quite a Purim like that of 1972 at Kehilath Jeshurun. The synagogue was packed to capacity on Monday night, and fine attendances were present at the early morning service Tuesday and the special reading for women and children at 10:30. We would like to thank the following for their help in making this Purim just about the best ever:

1. Alvin and Marilyn Smilow, Steve and Judith Schachter, Jane Trencher and Dina Markson, who helped to supervise the youngsters on Purim night. They were assisted by: Sari Orentreich, Sari Scheinberg, Ann Roth, Alison Alpert, Dena Gutman, Yona Usdan, and Rhea Zirkes.

2. Mr. Isaac B. Rapoport, teacher of Judaic studies at Ramaz prepared the young men for the readings of the Megillah. The evening readers were: Gerald Berkowitz, Binyamin Shudofsky, Ron Cohen, Arthur Gribetz, Joel Comet, Samuel Newborn, Michael Widlanski, George Blumenthal, David Kupferman, Barry Meislin and Craig Barany.

3. The morning readers were: Kenneth Barany, Steven Berkowitz, Allan Friedman, Joseph Klausner, Evan Kotel, Richard Moche, Chaim Mond, Michael Nash, Robert Riederman and Theodore Widlanski.

4. Mr. Nathan Salzman, Vice President of the congregation, who hosted the lovely Purim breakfast, which followed the morning service.

5. Noam Shudofsky, Administrator of Ramaz, who contributed in so many ways behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly.

6. Finally, our thanks to Mr. Leon Smith, art teacher at Ramaz, and to Michael Alexandroni and Murray Bod who did the art and construction work for the special electronic gear used at the Purim eve service to signal the noisemakers to start and stop. Their efforts were a big hit and the results will long be remembered by those who were at the service.

SERMONS: March 4 — Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein on "Another Look at Israel — Sentiments and Realities."

March 11 — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein — "What Will I Do With A Million Jews?" The Crucial Question for Soviet Jewish Aliyah.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns of the day to Irving Angel, Albert H. Bernstein, George H. Bookbinder, Dr. Kasriel Eilender, Mrs. Harry Etra, Mrs. Harry Goldin, Mrs. Estelle Goldman, Harry Heyman, Mrs. Sidney Horwitz, Charles B. Jacobs, Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mrs. Martin Klein, Mrs. Aaron G. Meislin, Mrs. George Postel, Leo Ritter, Dr. Stephan Rosenak, Mrs. Adrian Skydell, Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, Kenneth Waldman and Mrs. Ruth Winkler.

ANNIVERSARIES

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ascher, Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jadek, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kobrin, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levi, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perlberger, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel M. Simon and Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Vanderhoek.

BIRTH

A Hearty Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryskin upon the birth of their daughter, Elisa Deborah.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ward are the sponsors of a Kiddush on March 4th in honor of the Aufruf of their son, Sanfred, who is being married on Sunday, March 5th to Ellen Jane Horowitz of Rockville Center.

The Kiddush on March 11th will be sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Leon A. Feldman, in honor of the birth of their first granddaughter, Debra Jolan, born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Feldman.

Passover Relief (Cont'd)

for the Benevolent Fund of the congregation to make a substantial subvention to the Yorkville Passover Association which takes care of needy individuals in the community and also to render support to organizations and institutions both in America and Israel which depend upon our generosity at this season of the year and at other times.

In addition, the Benevolent Fund is always a source of help to special needy individuals who for one reason or another do not come to the attention of public charities. When you give to Passover Relief you are thus giving to individuals and to causes which should be of primary interest to you, especially at this season of the year.

Help us to do our part by sending in your contribution now.

Thank you.

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12:00 noon

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YAHRZEITS

March

4—Ezriel Shapiro
4—Hattie Fine
4—Leah Katcher
4—Israel Mandelbaum
4—Fannie Fischer
4—Paul Shapiro
5—Jacob Freedman
5—Nathan Podell
5—Esther Kerew
6—Lester Nightingale
6—Dr. Ira I. Kaplan
6—Abraham Ernst
6—Martin E. DeGraaff
6—Rabbi Aaron R. Charney
7—Anna Shapiro
7—Samuel C. Gold
7—Toby Holzer
8—Harry Feingold
8—Abraham Simon
8—Jacob M. Waltuch
8—David Ickovic
8—Lester Udell
9—Annie Edelman
9—Moses Davis
9—Nachum Weisselberger
10—Jacob J. Lubell
10—Else Levy
10—Gertrude Ostow
10—Ethel Weisselberger
10—Abraham Ehrlich
11—Joseph Kailes
11—Benjamin Ryp
11—Sarah Kustin
11—Joseph B. Gimbel

March

11—Michael Green
11—Hyman Babich
11—Malka Zippel
12—Gitel Backer
12—Etta Schlang
12—David Frank Philip
13—Pauline Wagner
13—Joseph Ritter
13—Jacob Van Dam
13—Rose Van Dam
14—Samuel Levy
14—Jacob Kopit
14—Jacob Wolf Bab
15—Rose Glass
15—Samuel Fine
15—Simon Broz
15—Isaac David Lascoff
15—Shrage Fischel
15—Rozella Brenner
15—Baruch David Kaplan
15—Rose Kanarek
15—Manfred M. Magnus
16—Lizette Schmukler
16—Esther Farbeidge
16—Benjamin Siegel
16—Grace Finkelstein
16—Morris Kramer
16—Jaaov Meir Zippel
16—Dr. Samuel Abraham
16—Dr. Jack Lieberman
16—Max Moskowitz
17—Jennie Theaman
17—Bessie Lavine

SERMON NOTE

Because of the blizzard conditions on February 19th, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein did not deliver the special report on Soviet Jewry which was announced in the last issue of the Bulletin. That report is now scheduled to be delivered on Shabbat morning, March 11th. The congregational family is urged to attend services that day in order to hear a report which is of special significance and requires a special kind of response.

A NOTE FOR WOMEN

A Seminar for Women on the Haggadah and the conduct of the seder will be conducted by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on Monday mornings, March 13th and 20th at 11:00 o'clock in the synagogue chapel. All Welcome!

Of Community Interest

On January 24th a delegation of 15 prominent American Youth Leaders left for a two-week tour of Israel sponsored by the Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East. Among the delegates were the President of the United States Youth Council, representatives of both the Young Democrats and Young Republicans, the Director of the Youth and College Division of the NAACP, the founder of Young Italians of America, the president of the student body of the State University of New York at Stonybrook, the former Executive Director of the Association of Student Governments, a member of the Steering Committee of the White House Conference on Youth and a member of the National Council of the YMCA.

This is the first trip of its kind ever to be organized. It is expected that the trip will have a significant impact on the attitudes of the leaders of the young people of America with respect to Israel. Hopefully, their concrete experiences in Israel will influence their work within the various organizations which they head in this country.

The Director of the Youth Committee is Carl Gershman, who grew up in our congregation and periodically speaks for youth groups in the synagogue. Those who would like to help in furthering the work of the Youth Committee can obtain further information by writing to Carl at 112 East 19th Street, New York, N.Y. 10003.

HEADLINES

Housing Loan for Soviet Jewish Immigrants Signed

Israeli and American officials recently signed agreements providing \$50,000,000 in loans through the United States Agency for International Development (AID). The purpose is to finance the construction of 11,000 housing units for lower middle income families in Israel, including present residents and future immigrants who are expected to arrive from the Soviet Union.

This loan is over and above any additional funds that might be forthcoming from bills sponsored in the Senate by Senator Edmund Muskie (\$85,000,000) and Senator Henry M. Jackson (\$250,000,000).

The following letter speaks for itself. A similar letter was received by my father. Both of them were made possible by the close to 100% participation of the Kehilath Jeshurun family in the 1971 UJA campaign:

February 18, 1972

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun
125 East 85th Street
New York, N. Y. 10028

Dear Haskel:

I'm happy to extend my warmest congratulations to you and your fellow members for achieving such a wonderful record of participation in the United Jewish Appeal.

Such generous understanding of the importance and meaningfulness of UJA's efforts — particularly at this time when we are witnessing the long hoped for emigration to Israel of many thousands of Jews from Russia and other lands — is especially encouraging.

Yours is an accomplishment that deserves to be noted and you will be pleased to know that your congregation will be cited at the Inaugural Dinner for the 1972 UJA campaign on Tuesday, March 21, 1972 at the Hotel Americana, 53rd Street & Seventh Avenue, New York City at 6:00 P.M. Please accept my cordial invitation therefore to attend this event.

Many thanks and congratulations again. I look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Judah Cahn
Chairman, Rabbinical Advisory Council
United Jewish Appeal

Last year we almost reached 100%, a figure that did us honor. This year, 1972, let Kehilath Jeshurun achieve 100% participation in the first priority of Jewish philanthropic life, the United Jewish Appeal for Israel, for Soviet Jewry and for Jews the world over.

The Ultimate Miracle of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov

(The following is excerpted from the latest book by Elie Wiesel, "Souls on Fire", Portraits and Legends of Hasidic Masters. The book is now available from Random House. It deserves a place in every Jewish home. H. L.)

What cannot help but astound us is that Hasidim remained Hasidim inside the ghetto walls, inside the death camps. In the shadow of the executioner, they celebrated life. Startled Germans whispered to each other of Jews dancing in the cattle cars rolling toward Birkenau: Hasidim ushering in Simhat Torah. And there were those who in Block 57 at Auschwitz tried to make me join in their fervent singing. Were these miracles? Some of those that failed? Perhaps.

Yet there is something else. There is the spark lit in the Carpathian Mountains which has refused to go out. On the contrary, it rekindles our own wavering flame. Consolidated in Jerusalem, Hasidism reappears in the Diaspora everywhere. It would be difficult to imagine a more curious phenomenon: with almost the totality of its followers lost in the Holocaust, Hasidism today is throbbing with newly found vigor. At the Lubavitcher court in Brooklyn, you can see hundreds of youths from every corner of the land. I met Hasidim in Leningrad, Kiev and Moscow, and I was deeply moved by their hidden faith.

And all of them define themselves in relation to the old Masters long dead. They live in America but they belong to Lizensk, Mezeritch or Rizhin. There are no more Jews in Wizsnitz, but there are Wizsnitzer Hasidim on both sides of the ocean. The same is true for the other Hasidic branches or dynasties. Ger, Kossov, Sadigor, Karlin — these kingdoms have but transferred their capitals. Lubavitch is everywhere except in Lubavitch; Sighet and Satmar are no longer in Transylvania but wherever Satmarer and Sigheter Hasidim live and remember. And then there are the tales the Besht has left us, for us to relive as though they were our own. That is the most striking, the most moving of his miracles.

H. L.

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Schedule of Services**FRIDAY, March 3rd**

Lighting of Candles 5:30
Evening 5:40

SATURDAY, Shabbat Parah

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

Weekly Portion: Ke Tissa**Exodus 30:11 - 34:25****Numbers 19:1 - 22****Haftorah: Ezekiel 36:16 - 38**

Evening 5:45
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:27

FRIDAY, March 10th

Lighting of Candles 5:35
Evening 5:40

SATURDAY, Shabbat Hachodesh

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

Weekly Portion: VAYAKHEL PEKUDE**Exodus 35:1-40:30; 2:1-20****Haftorah: Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18****ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS**

Rosh Chodesh Nisan will be on
Thursday, March 16th.

Evening 5:45
Conclusion of Sabbath 6:34

WEEKLY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 5:45

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