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WILL YOU JOIN?

Letters were sent out this week to the KJ and Ramaz families inviting everyone to join Kehilath Jeshurun for Soviet Jewry once again this year. The results of our first membership drive last May were outstandingly good.

During the past year KJSJ performed many valuable functions in behalf of the Soviet Jewry effort. It organized preparations for the September 26th rally which was held in our main synagogue and at which Senator Henry Jackson addressed a capacity crowd. It sold and distributed 500 tickets to the Madison Square Garden rally. It organized 1,000 marchers for National Solidarity Day on April 30th. The proceeds from the membership drive were used to support projects at the National Conference of Soviet Jewry, the New York Conference and the Center for Soviet Jewry. At present KJSJ is financing regular telephone calls to Soviet Jews in Moscow and in other cities designed both to encourage them in their determination to press for aliyah and also to provide the American Jewish community with the latest information on the struggle for emigration.

The past year has brought dramatic results in the effort to free Soviet Jews. At the same time counter pressures from the Soviet government are very much in evidence. As I write this column I am informed that a group of intellectuals in Moscow, who are activists in the struggle for freedom, have been incarcerated for ten days because of acts against the state. The clear purpose is to keep them incommunicado while President Nixon is in Moscow.

The lesson is very clear: our efforts have brought results, but the pace of our efforts must be maintained and even quickened. We ask all readers of the Bulletin to join with us. Please use the form in this Bulletin to rejoin KJSJ for this year and send us whatever contribution you see fit. We suggest that the contribution be no more than \$10.

Thank you for participating in this great mitzvah. May our work be successful to such an extent that it will no longer be necessary in the years to come.

H. L.

SISTERHOOD CENTENNIAL LUNCHEON A GREAT AFFAIR

It is difficult to speak of the Centennial Luncheon of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood in other than superlative terms. The 354 women who were present at the Waldorf-Astoria on May 16th, were treated to an elegant and inspiring occasion.

Mrs. Meyer Texon, Chairman of the luncheon, contributed her own unique charm, taste and speaking ability to the character of this affair. Her energetic co-Chairman, Mrs. Richard Kolb, worked in her usual indefatigable fashion to make it a success. Mrs. Eugene Hollander, the President of the Sisterhood, provided perhaps the most dramatic moment in her brief address in which she spoke of what it meant for a survivor of Auschwitz to be able

to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of a congregation in New York City and to address such a splendid gathering of women.

Everything connected with this Centennial Luncheon was outstanding. The moving words of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein in honoring the past presidents of the Sisterhood were much appreciated. The address of Ambassador David Rivlin, Consul General of the State of Israel in New York, contributed warmth to the occasion. In fact, just the presence of so many friends and celebrants made the luncheon an unforgettable experience.

Our thanks to all who made this event the success — social and philanthropic — that it was.



Photo by Dr. Lawrence Bryskin

The Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz contingent marching on National Solidarity Day on April 30, 1972.

SERMONS: May 22, 1972
June 3, 1972

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Within Our Family

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Julius Cohen, Gerald Goldstein, Lawrence Gorfinkle, Harold Greenberg, Mrs. Adolph Levy, Mrs. Mordie Mann, Norman D. Mosesson, Mrs. Joseph Moss, Mrs. Solomon J. Novick, Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, Dr. Merritt Roher, Adolph Schenker, Elgin Shulsky, Mrs. Abraham Silver, and Mrs. David H. Woldenberg.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Colvin, Dr. and Mrs. William Etra, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heyman, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold I. Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kotimsky, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlang, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Stormberg.

Engagement—

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra upon the engagement of their son, Richard, to Shari Mae Spilky, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spilky. The wedding is scheduled for August. We wish the Etra and Spilky families much joy and nachas from the prospective bride and groom.

Weddings—

Congratulations to our devoted member, Nico de Graaff, upon his marriage to the former Joan Kruger. Mr. de Graaff now resides in Chicago. Mazel Tov also to Mrs. Martin de Graaff upon the marriage of her son.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Morris Morgenstern upon the marriage of Gary Kevin to the former Sharyn Halpern. Gary is the grandson of Mrs. Morgenstern and of the late Morris Morgenstern.

Academic Advancement—

Mazel Tov and all good wishes to Dr. Ruth Skydell, who has just received her Ph.D. from the City University in the field of social psychology. Dr. Skydell's thesis on Attitude Change was successfully defended. She is at present a lecturer in psychology at Hunter College.

Bar Mitzvah—

Congratulations to Mrs. Michael Schloss upon the Bar Mitzvah celebra-

In Memoriam

JULIA WINER

We are all bereaved in the passing of Julia Winer, dear wife of Abraham R. Winer and the beloved mother of Jimmy and Eddie Winer.

Almost throughout her married life Julia was affiliated with Kehilath Jeshurun as were her parents before her. The Goodstein family, from which she descended, were stalwarts in the earlier days of the congregation.

Julia Winer was an accomplished artist and was considered one of the foremost teachers of art in the High School system of our city. She was a lady of superb character, of firm will combined with gentleness, of determination blended with compassion.

Our condolences to her dear husband and loving children.

tion of her grandson, Douglas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Schloss, which took place in our synagogue on May 14.

Academic News—

Congratulations to Emanuel Nack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Nack, upon his acceptance to the New York University School of Medicine in the M.D.-Ph.D. program on a fellowship. To have achieved this distinction at the age of 18 is quite a tribute to Emanuel's talents. We wish him well in his academic work.

Condolences—

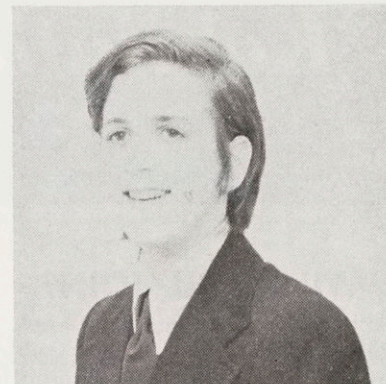
We express our sincere condolences to our devoted member, Mrs. Bertha Witkin, upon the passing of her beloved sister, Eva Brenner. We pray that she will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Academic News Requested

At this season of the year we would like to record and publicize news concerning young men and women in the congregational family, who have advanced academically during the past year or earned honors or awards in their academic work. We would appreciate any information which would help us to give the students the recognition which they deserve.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be our closing regular issue of the season. The information, therefore, should be sent to us without delay.

BAR MITZVAH



JEFFREY HABER

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov and all good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Haber upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Jeffrey, which will take place in our synagogue on Shabbat, June 3rd.

Jeffrey is a fine student in Form I of Ramaz. He will read from the Torah and Haftorah as part of the regular service on June 3rd. The congregation will be the guests of the Haber family for kiddush at the conclusion of the services.

Our Thanks to the Girls

A delightful program was presented by the Shabbat afternoon youth group for girls in grades 4, 5 and 6 at the Seudah Shlishit on May 13th. The girls performed four artistic and complex dances accompanied by their own singing. They also offered two choral selections of modern Israeli folk tunes.

The group was under the leadership of Marilyn Smilow and showed considerable talent and excellent preparation. The participants included: Elysee Bernstein, Diane Dulkan, Sandy Erlich, Beth Goldman, Mindy Lookstein, Debbie Lookstein, Felice Medwin, Lily Ann Rosenberg, Wendy Roth, Debbie Shapiro, Rachel Shudofsky, Dona Woldenberg and Debbie Wax.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH RABBI GOREN

One of the most fascinating and exciting personalities in the State of Israel is Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the former Chief Chaplain of the Israel Armed Forces and the current Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Jaffo. There is a strong likelihood that Rabbi Goren will be the next Chief Rabbi of Israel.

The appearance, therefore, of a lengthy interview of Rabbi Goren in the magazine Or Hamizrach, a publication of the Torah Education Department of the Jewish Agency, is worthy of our special attention. Excerpts from this interview have been translated by us and will appear in this and forthcoming issues of the KJ Bulletin.

H. L.

"And you shall live by them . . ." — this phrase from the Torah encompasses the Ani Ma'amin of Colonel-Rabbi Shlomo Goren, in terms of his outlook on Judaism and the Halacha. His legal approach stresses the absence of any contradiction between scientific developments and the authority and relevance of the Torah. On the contrary, the more science develops the easier it is to utilize its inventions in searching for solutions to the problems of sabbath, dietary laws and other similar matters.

During the rabbi's tenure in the armed forces there was a parallel development of physical might on the part of the army and spiritual strength in the ranks of Israel's Armed Forces. Some will say that the army accommodated itself to the Halacha; others will assert — and this is probably more correct — that the Halacha became an integral part of army life.

The basic principle of Rabbi Goren's Halachic rulings in the army was: we may not avail ourselves of the solution of a 'Shabbos goy' in seeking to solve legal problems. We must find the kind of solutions that will enable a religious or non-religious Jew to carry out his activities on sabbaths and festivals in a way which will not compromise, God forbid, the security of Israel. Hundreds of such solutions were developed by Rabbi Goren during his tenure in the armed forces. The written record of these solutions will one day be published, a record that will show the adaptability of the Halacha to the most complex questions of life, military and civilian alike.



GOREN

In the army, besides solving Halachic problems, Rabbi Goren also strove to unify the method of worship of Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jewry by means of blends and compromises. The rabbi feels that: "One of the conditions — perhaps the essential condition — for the unity of Israel is the unity of Jewish practice in Israel." In one society there can no longer be tolerated extremes of practice that make it virtually impossible for one group of Jews to pray and live with another.

A false impression has been created by the press, by means of sensational reportage, that the Halacha is dividing the religious from the non-religious. In reality, Jewish law can be the great unifier and can serve as the bridge which will unite all Jews. For that purpose it is necessary to squeeze out from the Halacha its last drop of flexibility.

According to the rabbi's evaluation, it is possible to solve most of the crucial problems which now divide the people by the use of the Halacha itself.

What is necessary is to use *an abundant measure of love and mercy* and to activate all of the *latent flexibility that exists in Halacha* which in its essence is a Torah of life for every generation. At no time more than in the present was it more appropriate to return to original sources, to tradition and to religion. At a time of moral and ethical decline in the national and international spheres, at a time of rebellion, at a time when mankind is seriously concerned about the future of civilized life on earth, at such a time one might well come to the conclusion that the anchor of salvation which can hold the good ship earth afloat is religion and tradition. Particularly in Israel is there an awakening to the value of our religion in the wake of the six-day war with its resultant surge of religious feeling and the recognition that there is a higher power whose will is manifest in our day.

What is preventing the meeting of minds of traditionalists and liberals in Israel today? Is it the crusty, hard line of the Israel Rabbinate as it faces the problems of the day? Or is it the prejudice that exists within the secular community which is not ready to accept the authority of religious decision?

(To be continued)

THANK YOU

Our thanks to Mr. Rosenberg for preparing four young men to read the Book of Ruth in the synagogue on the second day of Shavuoth. The readers who acquitted themselves in their usual splendid fashion were: Gerald Berkowitz, Alan Friedman, Samuel Newborn and Douglas Zippel.

KEHILATH JESHURUN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

To: Harry Green
Gilbert N. Kahn

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, May 26th*

Evening 6:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:15

Pre-School Service

Dining Hall 11:00

Weekly Portion: NASO

NUMBERS 4:21 - 7:89

Haftorah: JUDGES 13-2-25

Evening 8:00

Conclusion of Sabbath 8:59

FRIDAY, June 2nd*

Evening 6:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:15

Pre-School Service

Dining Hall 11:00

Weekly Portion: BEHAALOTEKHA

NUMBERS 8-1 - 12:16

Haftorah: ZECHARIAH 2:14-4:7

Evening 8:10

Conclusion of Sabbath 9:05

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30

Sunday Morning 8:30

Evening 6:00

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

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28—Meyer Vesell
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29—Bessie Bornstein
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JUNIOR CONGREGATION REGULARS SEE MAYS WIN FOR METS IN PHILADELPHIA

One of the great experiences in a long time was provided to the regular worshippers of the Junior Congregation when they went en masse — some 50 of them — to Philadelphia last Sunday to see a game between the New York Mets and the Philadelphia Phillies in the new Veterans Stadium in that city. The rain which had threatened to cancel the event disappeared and the sun shone for our Junior Congregants.

The occasion was Bat Day in Philadelphia which provided all of our youngsters with special souvenirs. But the greatest part of the day was provided by the amazing Mets themselves who, led by Willie Mays, came from behind to win their eleventh straight.

We would like to thank Alvin Smilow for his splendid effort in leading the Junior Congregation this year

to its best season in recent history. Next year again, Alvin!

Junior Groups Complete Season

Our Shabbat afternoon groups have come to the end of their season with the close of the Shavuot festival. The groups met weekly for fine programs of a social, cultural and athletic nature.

We would like to thank Judy Shacter, Marilyn and Alvin Smilow and Janie Trencher for their services as youth leaders during the entire season. Thanks, too, to Dina Markson who serves as Marilyn's assistant in running the Pre-Junior Congregation every Shabbat morning.

That particular activity will continue until the middle of June.

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