



ON SLAVERY

An Historical Perspective

The Portion of Mishpatim contains the first account of the Biblical position on slavery. It affirms that no Jew can own another Jew's body. It makes possible a long-term contract — six years — but it safeguards the dignity of the laborer with many rules and regulations.

It is worthwhile to consider that slavery, as a basic economic institution, was not only an essential part of the ancient world, but that from the dawn of history until less than a century ago, millions of people considered the owning of human property as natural as the owning of domestic animals. In 1834, Senator John C. Calhoun, the foremost political philosopher and spokesman of the South, declared that "There cannot be a durable Republic without slavery" and an entire section of the United States pronounced amen to his statement.

In the face of such a statement and in the light of the fact that not until the conclusion of the Civil War was slavery abolished in America, it is noteworthy to consider how the Torah tried to humanize this institution and lay the groundwork for its eventual disappearance. In ancient Babylonia it was a capital crime to shelter a fugitive slave. In the Torah, it is a crime to return a fugitive slave to his master. In Babylonia, the ears of a slave had to be cut off if he pressed for freedom. In the Torah, a slave must be freed after six years and if he rejects human freedom and desires instead the secure and irresponsible status of a slave, then his right ear is pierced as a sign of his disinterest in being free. In Greece, slaves were defined by

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Aristotle as "animated tools". They were chained while working in the fields and if their number multiplied excessively, the surplus was exterminated. In Rome, a master could mutilate or crucify a slave at his pleasure, while the Torah requires that any damage to a limb or organ of a slave automatically results in the latter's going free.

In ancient societies, slaves worked day and night. The Torah requires that the Sabbath is a day of rest "so that your slave and maidservant should

rest as you do." In fact, the entire institution of the Sabbath is described in the second reading of the Decalogue as a means of reminding the Jewish people that once they were slaves in Egypt and now they and everybody else must be free.

The Jewish attitude towards slavery could have been no other. Man is a slave only to God. The concept of man being a slave to man is at odds with the sacredness of the human soul fashioned in the image of God.

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Sermons: February 1 — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
February 8 — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

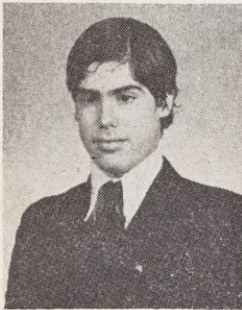
B'nai Mitzvah**JAMES REM**

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rem, upon the forthcoming celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, James, which will be observed in our synagogue this Shabbat morning, February 1.

The Rems have been among the most generous supporters of the congregation and of Ramaz School over the years of their association with us.

James, a former student of Ramaz who is now at Columbia Grammar School, will read the Torah and Haftorah this Shabbat in celebration of this happy milestone in his life. The entire congregation is invited as the guests of the Rems for Kiddush in the Hollander Social Hall following services.

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**ARTHUR FOX**

Our heartiest congratulations also to Dr. and Mrs. Martin L. Fox upon the forthcoming celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Arthur, which will be observed on Shabbat, February 8.

Arthur who is a student at Lysee Francais, will read from the Torah and the Prophetic Portion that Shabbat morning. We invite the congregation to be the guests of the Fox family for Kiddush following services in celebration of this happy milestone.

Sisterhood Theatre Party

March 12, 1975

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birthdays—**

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Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Barany, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Frankel, Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Gimbel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gruenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Asher S. Levitsky, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker and Dr. and Mrs. David Weisselberger.

Special Anniversary—

We extend our warmest greetings to Cantor and Mrs. Avrum Davis upon the occasion of their 30th Wedding Anniversary. May we at K. J. be privileged to celebrate many more happy occasions with the Davis family in the years ahead.

Condolences:—

We extend our sincerest condolences to our esteemed member Mur-

ray Rosenberg on the passing of his beloved sister, Bessie Robinson.

Similar consolations to our devoted member, Dr. Samuel Stromberg, on the loss of his beloved mother, Mrs. Anna Stromberg Kalechman.

May all of the bereaved be comforted among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Communal Service—

Congratulations to our Honorary President, Harry W. Baumgarten, who was just elected to the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Hospital. We congratulate the Hospital on its choice and we wish Mr. Baumgarten well in his efforts in behalf of Beth Israel.

We are also pleased to note that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Irwin B. Robins have been named to the Synagogue Advisory Council of the UJA-Federation Campaign in New York. They join Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Andrew Fier as the Kehilath Jeshurun members on this Council.

Member in Print—

We are pleased to note that Dr. Michael W. Sigall is the author of an article on "Church-State Relations and Civil Liberties: A Collegiate Interpretation." The article, co-authored with Milton D. Ottensoser, examines the ambivalence of college students concerning civil liberties on the one hand and the interest of religious groups in gaining aid for religious education from the state, thereby weakening the traditional separation of church and state. The article appeared in the **Journal of Church and State**.

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The Fall of the Year

An Unpublished — As Yet —
Letter To Time Magazine

To The Editor of TIME:

I was astonished to read that King Faisal has been selected as TIME magazine's Man of the Year for 1974. I understand that principal factors involved in making this choice are Faisal's role in quadrupling the price of oil and the fact that he "now holds more power than any other leader to lower or raise the price."

Is this to be the criterion for choosing a Man of the Year? Is it his power, his ruthlessness, his exploitation of a people, his throwing the world into an uncontrollable inflation and a consequent recession? Are these what determine one's qualification for Man of the Year? By the use of such criteria, would not Hitler have qualified for such a title? Did not Mao or Stalin deserve such approbation?

Your choice of the Man of the Year of 1974 is an insult to the intelligence of your readership and does not speak well for your editorship either. There is but one consolation. A Man of the Year who has risen to his place because of power, arrogance and disdain for his fellow man may ultimately fall from that place for the very same reasons. There is ample precedent for this in the past.

I am sure that many of your readers hope that the 1974 Man of the Year will become the 1975 Fall of the Year. May your magazine have occasion to report the fall of this latest rise.

Yours truly,

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

PURIM

Purim comes early this year. We call to the attention of our readers that Purim this year comes on Monday night, February 24 and Tuesday, February 25. The service at night will again be conducted by the students of the Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz in accordance with a very old tradition here at Kehilath Jeshurun. The children of the community will be our special guests.

Complete details as to time and arrangements will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin. In the meantime, please reserve the date.

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Passover Sedarim

We call to the attention of our members that we plan once again this year to conduct public Sedarim on the first two nights of Passover, which this year will be on Wednesday night, March 26 and Thursday night, March 27. We would like you to know this far in advance so that you can make the necessary plans to be with us if you so desire.

A mailing on these Sedarim will be sent to you very shortly.

REMINDER

Make your reservations for the
Couples Club Luncheon

Shabbat, February 8th

Following Services

Contact the Synagogue Office
for reservations

Adults: \$5.00 Children: \$2.50
(all ages)

MEMBER ON T.V. SUNRISE SEMESTER

We are proud to announce that Prof. Elaine Brody, also known as Mrs. David Silverberg, will give a course for New York University on the Sunrise Semester beginning on January 27. The course will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 6:30 to 7:00 A.M. and will concern "Music in the Romantic Era."

Readers who are interested in further information regarding this course are invited to write to: Sunrise Semester, New York University, 19 University Place, Room 500X, New York, N.Y. 10003.

This course should provide a delightful prelude to our Daily Minyan which begins at 7:30. So, tune in first and come to daven next.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Oneg Shabbat, February 7

There will be an Oneg on February 7th at 8:00 P.M. for all high school students at the home of David & Ricki Bernstein, 425 East 86th Street, Apartment #2B. Come and Enjoy!

Shabbat Luncheon, February 8

High school students are invited to a Shabbat luncheon in the Hollander Social Hall following services and the regular Congregational kiddush. The cost will be \$2.00. Anyone interested in making reservations should speak to David or Ricki Bernstein at 289-4921.

Movie Night — Tribute to "Simon & Garfunkel"

On February 8, Youth Program, in conjunction with the Ramaz G.O., will sponsor a movie night and tribute to folksingers Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. Beginning at 8:00 P.M., the movie "The Graduate" (with music by Simon & Garfunkel) will be shown. This will be followed by a "kumzitz" of Simon & Garfunkel songs in both English and Hebrew. Copies of the bilingual lyrics will be distributed. Refreshments will be served. The cost for the whole evening will be \$1.00.

Afternoon Groups Concluded on February 8

The Shabbat Afternoon Youth Groups will **not** be held on February 8, but will resume their normal activities on February 15.

Junior and Pre-Junior Congregation will not be affected by this cancellation.

THANK YOU

We are happy to express our thanks publicly to our new members, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Gitow, who have donated fifty new Prayer Books for daily use in the Chapel of the Congregation. The Siddurim were donated in memory of the parents of Mr. Gitow, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gitow.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, January 31

Lighting of Candles4:55
Evening5:00

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: Yitro
Haftorah: Isaiah 6

Evening5:00
Conclusion of Sabbath5:51

FRIDAY, February 7

Lighting of Candles5:02
Evening5:10

SATURDAY, Shabbat Shekalim

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: Mishpatim
Haftorah: II Kings 12
ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on Tuesday, February 11 and Wednesday, February 12.

Evening5:10
Conclusion of Sabbath5:59

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Father and Son Minyan9:30
Evening5:00

Sunday Night Studies

The next session of Dr. Herskovics' lecture series on the **Apocrypha** will be held on February 9, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, 5 West 86th Street.

The session will begin at 8:00 P.M.

YAHARZEITS

FEBRUARY

- 1—Emma Schlinger
- 1—Fannie Sheintag
- 1—Rose Gelfand
- 1—Philip Citron
- 1—Abraham J. Reinstein
- 2—Lazar Deutsch
- 2—Julius Hebold
- 2—Hanna Fischel
- 3—Toby Theresa Goldman
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- 4—Jacob Levy
- 4—Aaron Hyman
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- 5—Miriam Golden
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- 6—Charles I. Leff
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- 7—Lucille Levine
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- 13—Lena Chapman
- 13—Samuel Morris
- 13—Julius Engel
- 14—Enoch Wolberg
- 14—Sarah H. Brown
- 14—Augusta Hirshorn
- 14—Joseph Broz
- 14—Nathan D. Brown
- 14—Rae W. Freedman

Neediest Cases Fund

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