



RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ELECTED TO LIFE TENURE AT 106th ANNUAL MEETING MAGNIFICENT CHUPAH DEDICATED; OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

One of the historic moments in the life of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun was observed at the 106th Annual Meeting on Sunday morning, April 9, when a magnificent turnout packed the lower floor of the Main Synagogue to participate in several events that will long be remembered by those who participated in them.

Our esteemed Trustee and senior member, Benjamin Gottesman, whose membership exceeds that of any of our worshippers, read a statement to the assemblage informing the membership that the Board of Trustees had voted to confer life tenure upon Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the occasion of his completing 20 years of service in our synagogue. Mr. Gottesman, who recalled his own Bar Mitzvah at K.J. under the leadership of the great-grandfather of Rabbi Lookstein, Rabbi

M. Z. Margolies in 1911, spoke warmly about Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, recalling his childhood in this congregation and remarking about his development in the rabbinate of our congregation, as Principal of Ramaz and as a leader in the wider Jewish community. He presented the Rabbi to the assemblage, which rose in a standing ovation in his honor.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein responded briefly, thanking the Officers, Trustees and membership for their important, symbolic gesture of friendship and support and promising that at a future date he would expand somewhat more on what this occasion meant to him.

Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten Honored

The other major event at the meeting was the dedication of a new

Chupah which had been created in needlepoint by 28 women from the Sisterhood. The Chupah was standing impressively before the Ark for all to admire. The ladies who created it were seated in the front of the synagogue in places of honor. The chairman of the Chupah Committee who coordinated the entire project was Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, assisted by her co-chairman, Mrs. Richard Kolb.

Mrs. Baumgarten spoke movingly about how this project originated and about the dedication of the women who labored many hours, days and nights in order to bring it to fruition. She particularly thanked Pauline Fischer who designed the Chupah and put all of the different pieces together once they had been completed.

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Benjamin Gottesman reading the statement announcing Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's life contract as the Rabbi looks on.



Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten telling the story of the Chupah.

Rabbi Lookstein (Cont'd)

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein congratulated Mrs. Baumgarten, all of the ladies and the entire congregation on this great religious, esthetic development in our communal life. He spoke of the need to re-establish the sanctity of Jewish marriage at a time when family life is being threatened. He offered the prayer that under this Chupah many couples would join in happiness to create fruitful and permanent Jewish lives as a source of happiness to themselves and strength to the community.

The Rabbi also spoke about what it meant to him to see his son elected to life tenure. He referred to himself and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein as two "lifers" in the congregation, recalling that on his 20th anniversary at Kehilath Jeshurun he had been similarly honored. He expressed the hope that father and son would be able to work together for many productive and happy years to come.

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Induction of 46 New Members, Election of Officers and Trustees

In addition to these two salient events, the Annual Meeting featured the induction of forty-six new members to the congregation. We are happy to welcome the following people who have joined our ranks during the past year.

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Mrs. Meyer Texon delivering the invocation while the ladies who worked on the Chupah stand nearby.



Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein during his address of dedication as he stood under the Chupah.



President Nathan Salzman addressing the Congregation during the Annual Meeting.



Some of the participants in the Annual Meeting admiring the Chupah before the meeting began.

Rabbi Lookstein (Cont'd)

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Mr. Nathan Salzman was re-elected as President of the congregation for a fifth term. His fellow officers, William Lebowitz, Sandy Eisenstat and Irwin Robins were similarly re-elected.

The following Trustees were also elected at this meeting:

Harry W. Baumgarten, Albert H. Bernstein, Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal, A. Milton Brown, Samuel Eisenstat, Ed Low, Joseph Moss, Henry M. Rem, Joseph Roth, Leon Sigall, Samuel Silverstein.

In addition to the above mentioned, Mr. Salzman announced the appointment of the following members of the congregation as Associate Trustees for the coming year: George Baumgarten, Milton Berkowitz, Benjamin Brown, Charles Censor, James Clark, Nathan Goldsmith, Steven Gross, Dr. William F. Herzig, David H. Levy, Saul Linzer, Hon. Norman C. Ryp, Romie Shapiro, Steven Stern, Mrs. Meyer Texon, Mrs. Jess Ward, Raymond Ward.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation came to a conclusion with an elaborate buffet reception in the Kamber Auditorium. It provided a wonderful opportunity for many congratulations to be offered to the Lookstein family for their historic moment and to the talented and dedicated ladies of the Sisterhood led by Mrs. Baumgarten, for their splendid contribution to congregational life. It was a great day to be remembered and cherished.

A LETTER FROM THE ASHES OF YESTERDAY

"This is my last letter to you. All Jews are being evacuated, as yet we do not know where. It is a nightmare and I have looked forward in vain to rescue. I've done everything possible to rescue my child and have failed completely . . . All men are being dragged off to Poland. I've aged a great deal the last few weeks worrying about my child. He is only nine years old.

"They have expropriated everything. Our lives are the last possession they can deprive us of. And that they are doing right now. I'm facing them proudly, with head raised high, and with unquenchable love for husband, child, and you, my dear brother. I am parting from this world as our proud, long-suffering father would have wished it — unbroken, unafraid, at peace with my fate. I beg of you to give my regards to all our relatives and friends. My last kisses to you and yours."

This letter appeared in The National Jewish Monthly, the magazine of B'nai B'rith, in its January, 1944 issue. It is one further document which tragically illustrates that the NBC television series on the Holocaust was, if anything, an understatement of the magnitude of the crimes of Nazidom against the Jewish people.

We will remember the writer of this letter at a special service on May 3, Holocaust Day, at 7:30 P.M., in the Main Synagogue.

At that service, teenagers from our congregational family will read special passages from documentary material on the Holocaust, the Middle School Chorus of Ramaz will chant appropriate melodies and six survivors will each light a candle for the six million.

From 1938 to 1944, the world ignored the tragic plight of the Jews. It is our task to remember what happened and to resolve that what happened before will never happen again.



PLEASE JOIN US ON

Holocaust Day

MAY 3, 1978

AT 7:30 P.M.

IN THE MAIN SYNAGOGUE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

We are very grateful to the entire community for the extraordinary response to Passover Relief this year. We are pleased to announce that a record sum was received and disbursed before Passover. All those who gave may be gratified in the knowledge that the contributions were well placed and very much appreciated.

We print below a list of contributors whose gifts were received before Passover.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kleinhaus on the birth of their second child, Elissa Jill. Our good wishes also go to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Emil Mandelbaum.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Usdan on the birth of a baby daughter, Alexandra Jayne. The new arrival is the granddaughter of our members Mr. and Mrs. Ira Usdan.

Mazel tov also to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Postel on the birth of a son, Joshua. The baby is the grandson of our members, Hon. and Mrs. George Postel.

May the new arrivals all grow up in the best tradition of Torah, *chupah* and *ma'asim tovim*.

Wedding

We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Clark on the marriage of their daughter Susan to Harlan Ellis. We wish the new couple many years of health and happiness.

Kiddush

Mazel tov to Debbie Milstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Milstein, on her election to Phi Beta Kappa. The Milstein family will share their joy over this noteworthy achievement with us by hosting the congregational Kiddush on Shabbat morning, May 20.

Condolence

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Hilda Berger Kaufman on the passing of her dear husband, Abe Kaufman. We pray that she be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Bon Voyage to the Rosenbergs

We wish a pleasant journey and safe return to Mr. and Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg who will leave for a three week trip to Israel, please God, on May 8. May they rejoice for all of us at the celebration of Israel's thirtieth birthday.

Community Service

Congratulations to Rona Woldenberg, daughter of our members, Dr. and Mrs. David Woldenberg, upon her election as President of the G.O. of the Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Elected along with her were Samuel Levy as Vice President, Hal Blumenfeld as Secretary, and Jonathan Davis as Treasurer.

We wish all of the students well in their leadership roles at Ramaz.

Athletic Accomplishment

Not letting a back injury keep him down, our member Mark Brecker ran the 26.2-mile course of the Nassau County Marathon. Mark com-

BAR MITZVAH



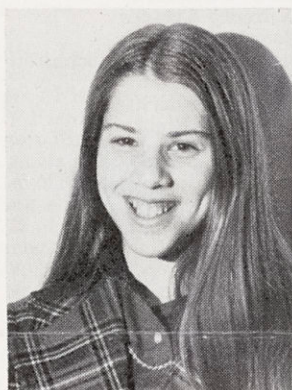
Burt Rosen

We extend a hearty mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. E. David Rosen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Burt, which will take place on Saturday morning, May 6. Mazel tov also to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Ben Gaynes.

Burt, a student in Form I of Ramaz, will read from the Torah in observance of this happy event. His maternal grandfather, Rabbi Leo Jung, will address his grandson from our pulpit, thus lending even greater significance to this joyous milestone in Burt's life.

The entire congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rosen at Kiddush that morning in Burt's honor.

BAT MITZVAH



Amanda Newman

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Newman on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Amanda, which will be held on Shabbat, May 13. Mazel tov also to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman.

Amanda, a student in the Sixth Grade at Ramaz, will mark this milestone in her life by delivering a *D'var Torah* after services on Saturday morning.

We will share the Newman's *simcha* as their guests at Kiddush on May 13.

pleted the run in 3 hours and 17 minutes, finishing 141st in a field of over 1500. He wore his "Free Scharansky Now!" shirt in this marathon, as he has in other races he's run in the past.

In Memoriam

Julius Charnow

He was practically born into this congregation together with his wife, who is a veteran of this community. An extremely active man in his business life, he was a good husband and father and an extremely devoted grandfather.

His last months were difficult for him but he met that difficulty with dignity and courage. He was a warmhearted Jew and a fine member of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Henry K. Chapman

A distinguished member of the bar whose advice was sought by young lawyers and veteran judges, Mr. Chapman's love was his wife, his daughters and his grandchildren.

He was proud of the education which he gave to his family. He gloried in the development of the State of Israel and he found peace and good fellowship in Kehilath Jeshurun.

Bertha Rafsky

She was the daughter of the late Harry Fischel, one of the builders of this congregation and the Jewish community in New York. She was the wife of a former Vice-President of our Congregation, Dr. Henry Rafsky. Bertha Rafsky herself was the first President of the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood.

Sabbath after Sabbath she occupied her seat in the Main Synagogue until illness made it impossible for her to attend. She loved the development of this congregation and the new faces who mingled with the old faces which she recognized.

She was enormously proud of her daughter, Mrs. Norman Jaspan, and her son-in-law and grandchildren, whom she saw occupying positions of responsibility in the congregation. K.J. was very much a part of her life and she in turn was a sterling example of the kind of Jewish woman in whom we take pride.

We extend our condolences to all the bereaved families and we pray that they will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Reminder About Congregational Shabbaton

We would like to remind our readers that this year's Shabbaton will be held on Friday night, May 19 and Saturday, May 20.

The Friday evening program will feature Hon. Yosef Lamdan, Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, as our special guest. He and our members, Dr. Albert Hornblasse and Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn, will discuss the dilemma Israel is facing in response to the Sadat initiative and new developments in America's Mideast policy. This dialogue will follow services and Shabbat dinner.

On Saturday morning, following services, there will be a session on "What Judaism Means To Me," in which all guests are encouraged to participate in a personal way. That session will be followed by a community luncheon, which will be conducted in the true Shabbat spirit.

We urge all who are interested in this program to respond to the invitation which has been sent out. Residents of the community who are not members of the congregation and who would like to attend are invited to call the synagogue office.

MAZEL TOV TO CANTOR AND MRS. AVRUM DAVIS

We extend our congratulations to Cantor and Mrs. Avrum Davis on the engagement of their daughter, Ruthie, to Daniel Kalb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kalb, of the West Side.

We hope that the wedding will take place in good fortune and blessing and that the new couple will be a source of pride and happiness for their parents and the people of Israel.

Sisterhood Annual Meeting

Monday, June 5 at 12:30

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED.

Youth Activities

J.K. "Ask the Rabbi" Oneg

J.K.'s last Oneg Shabbat of the year will be held on Friday evening, May 12. By popular request, it will be an "Ask the Rabbi" evening, similar in format to last year's. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will be open to "questions you've always wanted to ask a rabbi, but, for one reason or another, didn't." The Oneg will begin at 9:00 P.M. at the Looksteins' home, 993 Park Avenue (corner 84th Street).

Junior Congregation News

As the Junior Congregation season approaches its conclusion, the annual trip to a baseball game is almost upon us. All those who are regular members are invited to attend, including our new members from the first grade. If you are interested, speak to Eugene at 879-4783.

Shabbat Afternoon Groups

The afternoon groups will finish their regular meetings on May 20, but before they do, special activities are planned. Even if you've never come before, join us from 3:00-4:30 P.M., every Saturday.

ISRAEL'S 30th ANNIVERSARY

will be observed at CKJ

Thursday morning, May 11

at 7:30

with a special service

in the Etra Chapel.

followed by breakfast in

the Social Hall.

All Are Welcome!!!

YOUTH SALUTE TO

ISRAEL PARADE

Sunday, May 7 at 11:00

Come out and see Ramaz march.

ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

In our next issue of the Bulletin, we plan to publish news about all members of the congregation and their children who will be observing academic milestones or receiving honors during this season. Please send in all such items of news within the next few days, thereby allowing us to give recognition in an appropriate manner. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**Friday, May 5**

Evening 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 6

Morning 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ahare

Rosh Chodesh Prayers

Rosh Chodesh Iyar will be on Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8.

Evening 7:45 P.M.

Conclusion of Sabbath..... 8:36 P.M.

Friday, May 12

Evening 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 13

Morning 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Kedoshim

Evening 7:50 P.M.

Conclusion of Sabbath..... 8:44 P.M.

Friday, May 19

Evening 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 20

Morning 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Emor

Evening 8:00 P.M.

Conclusion of Sabbath..... 8:51 P.M.

Friday, May 26

Evening 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 27

Morning 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Behar

Evening 8:00 P.M.

Conclusion of Sabbath..... 8:59 P.M.

Weekday Services

Morning 7:30 A.M.

Sunday Morning 8:30 A.M.

Evening 6:00 P.M.

Junior Congregation..... 10:15 A.M.

Pre-School Service 11:00 A.M.

Candles are lit on Friday evening, twenty minutes before sunset. Those who begin the Shabbat earlier, following our schedule, should light candles at an earlier hour.

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1978-79 Book of Remembrance Now in Preparation

Once again during this season of the year, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will publish a Book of Remembrance in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite Yizkor for them four times a year. At the Yizkor service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom Yizkor was recited.

Members of the congregation and the community-at-large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of \$10 for each name which is to be memorialized. Please use the form below if you wish us to record names for you.

The book will go to press on May 23 so that it will be ready in time for Shavuot.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN**Book of Remembrance**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my Yizkor offerings* for the entire year in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the Book of Remembrance published by the congregation.

Full Name in English

Offering

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Name

Address

*This offering is a token of reverence and is designed to be within the reach of all. We suggest a contribution of \$10 for each name.

(Please return to our office by May 23.)

"All Israel Are Responsible for Each Other"

Please join the Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz family
as we march for Soviet Jewry
on

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY**May 21st**

We will assemble at 11:00 A.M.
in front of 125 East 85th St.

From there we will go directly by subway to our position in the line of march near City Hall. The march will culminate in a rally at Battery Park.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL!
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