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RABBI ADIN STEINSALTZ TO BE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE AT ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON THIS WEEKEND

RABBI ADIN STEINSALTZ, the 42 year old internationally renowned Talmud scholar will be the special guest of Kehilath Jeshurun for our 9th Annual Synagogue Shabbaton and Friday Evening Dinner this Shabbat, March 26 and 27.

His extraordinary gift not only as a scholar, but a teacher, scientist, writer, mystic and social critic have attracted disciples from every faction of Israeli society. Steinsaltz is best known for producing a modern Hebrew translation of the Babylonian Talmud that, together with his lucid commentary, is making that library of Jewish theology and law accessible to the average person.

The State of Israel and the Beginning of Redemption: Some Serious Questions

The establishment of the State of Israel has been referred to as a *atchalta d'geula* —

the beginnings of the redemption of our people.

For many Jews, the renaissance of the Jewish people in its own land suggests that we are in a new era of Jewish history leading ultimately to a Messianic period. Such a possibility places a great burden on the Jewish state and the Israeli people.

In view of Jewish history and destiny, what are some of the problems in such a theological view? What is happening in the State of Israel today that supports this theory on the one hand — and leads to its refutation on the other?

Rabbi Steinsaltz's first lecture will follow Friday evening dinner. No further reservations are available. His second presentation will be from the pulpit on Shabbat morning. Services begin at 9:00 AM.

The Shabbaton is chaired this year by Leslie Crane, Harry Kleinhaus, and Thomas Meltzer.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO RECEIVE NATIONAL RABBINIC LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM ORTHODOX UNION

We are pleased to reprint here, with pride, the press release distributed by the UOJCA which has appeared in numerous newspapers and synagogue bulletins throughout North America.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, one of New York's outstanding Jewish leaders, will be honored at the 84th Anniversary National Dinner of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Sunday, May 2 at the New York Hilton Hotel. The well-known rabbi will be presented with the Union's National Rabbinic Leadership Award.

"We are honored to bestow our highest rabbinic honor on Rabbi Lookstein," said Union President Julius Berman. "In the past 25 years of community service, his dedication to Torah and the Jewish people has touched the lives of thousands of congregants and students."

Rabbi Lookstein is spiritual leader of Manhattan's Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and principal of the Ramaz school, with a total of 865 students. A *musmach* of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, Rabbi Lookstein received his doctorate in Modern Jewish History from Yeshiva's Bernard Revel Graduate School and is now a Professor of Homiletics at the University.

Among many professional and communal activities, Rabbi Lookstein serves as Honorary President of Yeshiva University's Rabbinic Alumni, Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis, Vice Chairman of the National Rabbinic Cabinet of U.J.A. and member of the Board of Trustees of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Long

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SHABBAT HAGADOL DISCOURSE BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ON "WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE"

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will deliver his annual Shabbat Hagadol *Drasha* this year on Shabbat afternoon, April 3, between mincha and ma'ariv services. Mincha will be held at 5:30 in the Main Synagogue.

The subject of the Rabbi's discourse will be the theodicy (why do the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper). The specific reference will be to Rabbi Harold Kushner's new book "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" but the analysis will endeavor to probe Jewish *halakhic* and philosophic

sources on the subject.

Because of the deep concern which the subject raises and which the book has aroused, the discourse will allow for questions and answers and a partial dialogue in order to provide the best opportunity for analyzing a subject which touches every life in one way or another.

The entire community is invited to hear and participate in this unusual Shabbat Hagadol discourse.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

welcomes the children and parents of the

SECOND GRADE OF RAMAZ

who will be our guests at services and luncheon On Shabbat, April 3.

Yom Hashoah

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Service and Program

Monday Evening, April 19 — 7:30 PM

Main Synagogue

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Service, Program and Celebration

Tuesday Evening, April 27 — 7:30 PM

Main Synagogue

IN EACH GENERATION EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD FEEL PERSONALLY REDEEMED FROM MITZRAYIM . . .

[Ed. note: We encourage you to read this essay aloud at your seder.]

It is difficult for one who lives in freedom to imagine being a slave. A person who has always been free to reside and work where he pleases, to think and speak out without fear, to choose his friends, and his beliefs, cannot understand what it means to be denied those basic liberties. And yet, that is exactly what we are commanded to do on Passover. The text of the Haggadah does not allow us to distance ourselves from the experience of bondage: "You shall tell your children on that day, saying 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free out of Mitzrayim.'" It is not enough, according to the Haggadah, for us simply to remember that our ancestors suffered, for if they had not been delivered from servitude, "then we, our children and our children's children would still be enslaved . . ."

Indeed, except for an accident of birth, or slight change of circumstance, we might now be living in oppression in the Soviet Union. If we were Soviet Jews we would be unable to practice Judaism freely, to learn the language and history of our people, to pass on our faith and way of life to a new generation. Then we would know only too well what it means to lack freedom; to have our lives monitored by others; to be punished for our beliefs; for simply wanting to live as Jews. 500,000 Soviet Jews who have begun the emigration process now wait while the latter-day Pharaohs in the Soviet Union choose not to let the Jewish people go. The outpouring of Jews in today's exodus has been reduced to a trickle. Just as our ancestors in Mitzrayim cried out, and their plea was heard, today's crisis compels us to join our Soviet brothers and sisters in their cry for freedom.

Add your voice to hundreds of thousands of others on Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry this May 2 at 12:00 noon. The march and rally will proceed down 5th Avenue to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Our synagogue will have an assigned assembly point on 55th Street. Contact Robert Leifert at the Synagogue office, 427-1000.

THIS YEAR THEY, AND THEREFORE WE, ARE OPPRESSED. NEXT YEAR MAY WE ALL BE FREE!

MARCH FOR SOVIET JEWRY SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

May 2nd, 1982

March begins 12 noon,

56th & 6th Ave. to the United Nations

(Contact synagogue office for our specific assembly area.)

Sponsored by

The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry
(212) 354-1316

KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

Tuesday
May 11

12:00 Noon
Lag B'Omer

A beautiful and exciting afternoon honoring

BERTHA WITKIN

A Fashion Show by
Boutique La Difference
(Madison Ave. at 88th St.)

To be held at:

THE NEW RAMAZ UPPER SCHOOL'S KAUFMAN AUDITORIUM
60 East 78th Street (Between Park and Madison Aves.)

Door Prizes

Couvert — \$40

Make reservations by sending your check to the Synagogue Office. There will be gifts for the first 50 that make reservations.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN 110th ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday Evening, May 4, 1982
8:00 P.M.

BIKKUR CHOLIM SOCIETY TO PROVIDE MATZAH TO PATIENTS AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THROUGH HOROWITZ-MARGARETEN GIFT

The KJ Bikkur Cholim Society will once again this year help to make the experience of Passover more meaningful and supportive to patients at Memorial Hospital. Through the courtesy of Horowitz Bros. and Margareten, a box of matzah will be provided to every Jewish patient in Memorial Hospital.

We feel that this service to the patients will help them through the difficult *yom tov* period when they are separated from home and, frequently, from families. This is but another way in which the Bikkur Cholim Society is trying to do its service for the community. We thank Jerome Margareten for his support in enabling us to carry out this *mitzvah*.

REMINDER . . .

SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING

This Monday, March 29
12:30 PM

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will review

THE TESTAMENT

by Elie Wiesel

Lunch will be served.

KOSHER BUTCHERS UNDER SUPERVISION OF MIDTOWN BOARD OF KASHRUTH

A. Kosher butcher on the East Side

* Park East Kosher Butchers
1163 Madison Avenue
Phone: TR 4-3045

B. Kosher butchers on the West Side

* Jonas Stern and Sons
229 West 100 Street
Phone: 662-7081

* Perl Kosher Meat Market
2251 Broadway
Phone: TR 7-0266

* Meal Mart Take Out Foods and
Catering
2189 Broadway
Phone: 787-4720

C. Kosher Fish

* Belnord Fish Co., Inc.
544 Amsterdam Avenue (corner 86 St.)
Phone: 724-4214

A KASHRUT NOTE

Please be advised that Fischer Bros. and Leslie, a West Side butcher which was formerly under the supervision of the Midtown Board of Kashruth, is no longer under our supervision. We are not in a position to certify the kashruth of any products in that store at the present time.

MEN'S CLUB APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD

Motivated by the successful rejuvenation of the KJ Men's Club over the past year and a half, President Norman Bulow appointed 21 new members to the Board.

"We have introduced new programs and undertaken new projects which have enhanced the life of our community. With so many things happening, it is now necessary to broaden the base of leadership and responsibility so that we may further expand our role as a supportive arm of Kehilath Jeshurun," said Mr. Bulow. The new members of the Board are:

Harvey Arfa	Armand Lindenbaum
George Baumgarten	Dr. Joseph Markenson
Jerald Berkowitz	Milton Medwin
Mark Brecker	Mark Mittler
Dr. Daniel Crane	Jerry Rindner
Dr. Sasha Englard	Thomas Rosenthal
Aaron Etra	Frank Roth
Sidney Friedman	Hon. Norman Ryp
Stephen J. Kule	Dr. Yaakov Schechter
Dr. Barry Libin	Louis Smigel

Other members of the current Board continuing in service are: Norman Bulow, President, Dr. Norman Javitt and David Levy, Vice Presidents, Harvey Geisler, Treasurer and Stanley Gurewitsch, Benjamin Brown and Martin Rochlin.

K.J. TRUSTEES TO PHONE CONGREGATION IN SPECIAL UJA PHONATHON, SUNDAY, APRIL 4

We are proud to announce that the Trustees of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will call members of the Congregation on Sunday, April 4, following a regular Board of Trustees meeting, in order to solicit their pledges and contributions for the 1982 UJA Appeal.

KJ is one of just a few congregations throughout the country that has a policy of 100 percent participation in UJA. This means that we expect every member of the Congregation to contribute each year to this overall appeal for Jewish needs throughout the world and for our local needs here in New York through the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

We hope that every member who is called will respond generously and promptly to this appeal and we ask those who are not called to send in their pledges to the synagogue office so that we will have a record of a contribution for each and every member of KJ.

IT WAS A REAL SIMCHAT PURIM

What a great Purim! From the evening of Monday, March 8, when a thousand people of all ages packed the Main Synagogue to the early morning service at 7:00 o'clock with the Chapel filled to capacity and then to the special reading for children and adults at 10:30 in the morning in the Social Hall, again filled to capacity, the readings and the services were beautiful, inspiring and very much in the spirit of Purim.

We are very grateful to the young men of Ramaz who read so beautifully in the evening and in the morning. Here was the lineup for both occasions.

<i>Evening</i>	<i>Morning</i>
Moshe Scheinfeld	Steven Gurewitsch
Steven Gurewitsch	Steven Major
Jeffrey Shoulson	Marc Saroff
Eli Kavon	Ariel Blum
Joshua Rochlin	Steven Tanz
Steven Brown	Joshua Newman
Leonard Silverman	Matthew Cohen
Matthew Cohen	Guri Roshwalb
Joshua Henkin	Peter Miller
Peter Miller	

Mr. Rosenberg started the preparation of the young men but, because of his illness, the final responsibility fell to his talented and devoted son Moshe who, as usual,

came through in his superb fashion. Everything was exactly as one would have wanted it to be.

Our thanks also to Joseph Lorch, Vice President of the Congregation, for hosting the breakfast on Purim morning. Our compliments to all of the teenagers who helped out on Purim evening in the Main Synagogue and to those who arranged for the sale of food in the Ramaz dining room. We are also happy to recognize the members of Boy Scout Troop 613 who sold Pesach candy as a fund raising venture for their Troop.

The evening program was capped by "The Israel Experience" which was a delight for all who came to see it.

In the tradition of the Jewish folk song, it really is too bad that such a Purim can't come twice a week but we will look forward to next year for another *simchat* Purim. Now on to Pesach!

A Modern Mikvah

is located in Our Community at
232-4 West 78th Street
(east of Broadway)
Telephone number
799-1520

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Friday & Saturday, March 26 & 27
ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON & FRIDAY EVENING DINNER

RABBI ADIN STEINSALTZ
"The State of Israel And The Beginning of Redemption: Some Serious Questions"

Saturday Afternoon, March 27 5:00 PM
PRE-PESACH SHIUR
RABBI JACK BIELER

Saturday Afternoon, April 3 5:30 PM
SHABBAT HAGADOL D'RASHA
RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN
"When Bad Things Happen to Good People: A Discussion of the Theodicy In Its Current Expression"

Sunday Morning, April 4 9:30 AM
PASSOVER KASHER-IN

Monday Evening, April 19 7:30 PM
YOM HASHOAH SERVICE AND PROGRAM
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tuesday Evening, April 27 7:30 PM
YOM HA'ATZMAUT SERVICE AND PROGRAM
ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday Morning, May 2
SOLIDARITY SUNDAY FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Sunday Evening, May 2
UOJCA DINNER HONORING RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

Tuesday Evening, May 4 8:00 PM
110th ANNUAL MEETING
CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

Tuesday Afternoon, May 11 12:00 PM
SISTERHOOD ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Sunday Evening, May 16 8:00 PM
AM HASEFER BOOK READING CLUB
THE ROAD BACK
BY MAYER SCHILLER

Sunday Morning, May 23
SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

Thursday Evening, May 27 11:00 PM
TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT
ALL NIGHT STUDY

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I. WHAT AND WHY IS CHAMETZ?

When the Israelites emerged from Egyptian slavery, they left in great haste. Consequently, they could not bake their bread in the usual manner. There was not sufficient time for the dough to rise and for the bread to become leavened. The product of such a leavening process is called *chametz*. It consists of grain (or flour) mixed with water and allowed to stand for more than a brief period without being baked completely.

In order to relive the experience of our ancestors, we avoid *chametz* throughout the entire Passover festival. We neither eat it nor own it during the holiday. We try to use up whatever products we have before the festival. What we cannot use, we store away in one place and sell to a non-Jew through the Rabbi of the synagogue (a form for this purpose is found on page 6 of this Bulletin.)

Before the festival, we conduct a symbolic search of the house (*Bedikat Chametz*) to ensure that all *chametz* has been removed from our premises. On the morrow following the search we symbolically burn what we have found (*Bi'ur Chametz*).

During the eight days of the festival we use only products that are free of *chametz* and we eat matzah (unleavened bread) in order to experience the haste of our forefathers when they went forth from slavery to freedom.

II. PREPARING THE HOME FOR PASSOVER

In addition to not using *chametz* products during the festival, we also avoid the use of dishes and utensils which have been used with *chametz* all year round. For that reason it is necessary to have two additional sets of dishes for Passover use. These are stored away in a closet throughout the year and brought out for use only on Passover. At the same time, the year-round dishes and utensils are stored away, out of sight, during the Passover festival.

There are certain types of utensils that can be ritually cleansed — or kashered — for Passover use. These are discussed below.

1. Silver and Metal Utensils

Silverware, small pots and metal utensils with no wooden handles may be kashered for Passover use. They must first be cleansed thoroughly and then allowed to stand unused for at least twenty-four hours. They are then completely immersed in a kettle or vat of boiling water.

Larger pots and kettles may be kashered by first cleansing them as above and then filling them with water to the very top, allowing the water to boil and then placing a hot iron or stone inside the pot so that the boiling water runs over down the sides of the pot.

We might add that china, pottery and utensils that have different parts glued



together and items that cannot be cleansed thoroughly (such as a sieve) cannot be kashered for Passover use.

2. Glassware

Glasses or glass plates which have *not* been used for hot liquids or solids during the year may be kashered for Passover by immersing them in cold water for a period of three days prior to Passover. The water need not be changed during that three day period.

May we stress that glass utensils (such as Pyrex) which are used with heat must be treated as china and cannot be kashered. The best procedure for glassware is to have separate glassware for Passover use.

3. The Stove and Oven

Every part of the oven and stove must be thoroughly cleansed with a chemical cleanser and then allowed to stand for twenty-four hours or more without being used. The top range and the oven must then be heated at the highest setting and allowed to stand for a period of about two hours at that setting.

In addition, during Passover, a special metal sheet is placed over the top of the range to prevent contact with the Passover utensils.

III. PASSOVER FOODS

Most foods that are used on Passover require rabbinic supervision. This is especially true of all processed foods. It is important to realize that a label indicating that the product is "Kosher for Passover" does not assure us of the adequacy of the supervision. Wherever possible, congregants should use products which have a special Passover supervision. If not, it is important to check on the reliability of the particular Rabbi who is giving the endorsement. Please feel free to ask Rabbi Lookstein in the event of any doubt on this matter.

1. Grain Products

All grain products require strict rabbinic supervision for Passover use.

2. Milk and Dairy Products

These, too, require supervision. Milk, however, may be purchased before Passover without supervision. If one has to purchase it during the festival, however, it requires supervision. Powdered milk, such as Alba, may be used on Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

All of these may be used (except for legumes — peas, beans, rice and corn which are all treated like *chametz*). If these fruits

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and vegetables are sold in a general grocery store, they should be washed very carefully before being used on Passover.

4. Dried Fruits

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

5. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

With the exception of the legumes that were mentioned above, frozen fruits and vegetables, if they are not mixed with anything else, should be usable for Passover without a rabbinic endorsement. Pure fruit juices may be purchased before Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

6. Cosmetics

All cosmetics can be used for Passover inasmuch as they are not foods. This includes toothpaste.

7. Baby Foods

If you have a baby who must be fed formula or baby food which contains *chametz*, the baby's utensils and foods should be kept absolutely separate from everything else in the house. It should also be understood that when you are selling *chametz* you are selling this food also and that you will make up to the buyer whatever has been used during the course of the festival.

8. Coffee

Some questions have arisen in the past about the adulteration of coffee with grain products. In the absence of specification, therefore, it would be preferable to purchase coffee with proper supervision for Passover.

9. All other foods

Those processed foods not mentioned in this listing require special supervision for Passover use.

10. Chametz after Passover

According to Jewish law *chametz* which was owned by a Jew during the holiday may never again be used by any other Jew. Therefore, after the holiday is over, one should make sure to buy *chametz* products from a Jew who has sold his *chametz* and not from a Jewish establishment which might have had the particular *chametz* product on the shelf during Passover. In order to avoid confusion, it is best to purchase such products from non-Jewish storekeepers until such time as the Passover stock has been completely used up and replenished with new foods.

FOR PASSOVER

1982

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ



One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is "Bedikat Chametz"—the search for chametz. The ceremony is composed of three parts.

1. Reciting a special blessing over the *mitzvah* of the removal of *chametz*.
2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of *chametz*.
3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.

The ceremony this year will be observed on Tuesday night, April 6th. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

The children should be asked to place the pieces of *chametz* in the various rooms—a practice which ensures that the search will not be in vain. They can hold the candle and the feather; they should examine their own possessions, dressers and desks, for long forgotten relics of *chametz*.

Passover is a beautiful festival. It is a serious one, too. Both these aspects can be captured in advance of the festival by a careful observance of the ritual of *bedikat chametz*.

Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on Wednesday

morning, April 7 after 9:30 A.M. All *chametz* must be completely disposed of by 10:30 A.M.

Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Wednesday morning, April 7. There are those who prefer to perform this ritual in person. Rabbi Lookstein and Mr. Rosenberg are available for this purpose. For those who cannot attend to this matter in person, there is a form provided on page 6 which authorizes Rabbi Lookstein to sell your *chametz*. This form should be returned to the synagogue by Wednesday morning, April 7, not later than 8:30.

Services for First Born

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born males. It is obligatory upon every first born man who cannot observe the fast on Wednesday to attend the special service on that day, to join Rabbi Lookstein in completing a tractate from Talmud, and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (*Siyum Bechorim*) will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, April 7, as part of the regular morning service which begins at 7:30.

PASSOVER RELIEF
WE NEED YOUR GIFT NOW

The first order of priorities in preparing for Passover is *Maot Chitim* — Passover Relief. It is our way of saying that our personal joy on the festival is incomplete if we do not share what we have with others who are less fortunate.

Who gives to Passover Relief? According to the *Shulchan Arukh* (The Code of Jewish Law) there are only two types of people as far as Passover Relief is concerned: Donors and recipients. If you are not a recipient you must be a donor. It's as simple as that.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Passover Relief Appeal serves first and foremost this communal *mitzvah*. A large part of our funds go to the Joint Passover Appeal which is the agency through which are dispersed tens of thousands of dollars to poor people at Passover time. There are additional causes which are helped generously by our Appeal. They include, among others:

Gifts to needy individuals in our community.

The New York Board of Rabbis Passover Fund for Jewish patients in hospitals and inmates in prisons.

A package campaign for Soviet Jews and many organizations and institutions who seek our help and depend on our assistance in this season and throughout the year.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun does not conduct appeals for all of these causes. Your one gift at Passover time represents your gift to a variety of worthy recipients. Please be as generous as possible and please send in your contributions now when they will do the most good. We look forward to thanking you individually in the May issue of the *K.J. Bulletin*.

Our best wishes to you for a happy and kosher Passover.

Please make out your checks to KJ Benevolent Fund.

OU Directory

There is a special Directory published by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America which contains a complete listing of their kosher for Passover products. It is available from our office.

THIS IS THE MATZAH

At the Seder table one should have *ones* and an additional *Matzah*, which symbolizes the plight of our brethren in the unable to obtain *Matzah* for Passover.

Just prior to the reciting of the four should lift this extra *Matzah* and read the



On Passover, all Jews celebrate freedom. The Union must still observe this holy time in which the exodus is not yet a reality.

The *Matzah* of Hope represents those Jews who have been refused exit visas and are Prisoners of Conscience who endure the consequences of their "crime": the desire to live as Jews.

We pause for a moment during this Seder with Soviet Jewry. We pledge ourselves to their freedom. We vow that, once they are free, we will not rest until the task is complete. No Jew is free.

REMEMBER SOLIDARITY

SOME SEDER SUGGESTIONS

The Passover Seder is probably the most meaningful of all home observances in the Jewish calendar year. It has been designed as a masterpiece of pedagogic method to interest the young, to maintain their enthusiasm and to teach important lessons. In order to get the most out of the Seder, there are a number of things that should be kept in mind.

1. Be sure that there is a Haggadah for each member of the Seder.
2. The leader of the Seder should study the Haggadah in advance and decide upon questions and stories which he might want to use at various points in order to awaken interest.
3. The reading of the Haggadah should be rotated among the different people around the Seder table. Passages can be

KASHER

Sunday Morning

Kehilath Jeshurun will sponsor its *Kasher-In* this year on Sunday morning, April 4, from 9:30 AM until 12 noon.

Large containers of boiling water will be available in the second floor kitchen of the Kamber Auditorium so that people can bring their silver and metal utensils and prepare them for

MATZAH OF HOPE

I have four Matzot, the three traditional which will not be eaten and which symbolize the Soviet Union, most of whom are over.

I have four questions, the reader of the Seder read the following proclamation:



freedom. Yet our brothers in the Soviet Union live in secret. These are the Jews for whom we pray.

Remember those who are not with us tonight — the victims of the Nazis and who suffer daily harassment and endure the hardships of cruel imprisonment. Remember the Jews, among Jews, in a free land.

Through this Seder to reaffirm our solidarity with ourselves to continue to work for their freedom. If we are free, we will help them rebuild their lives. It is complete, for until all Jews are free,

LIBERTY SUNDAY, MAY 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS

to be read in Hebrew and/or in English.

4. Recite all blessings in unison so that everyone feels a part of the ceremony.

5. Do not be afraid to interrupt in the middle of a reading to ask a question, to make a point or to launch a discussion. Wherever possible, try to relate the historical passages to modern events.

6. Children should perhaps be asked to prepare in advance a dramatization of certain portions of the Haggadah which lend themselves to such an exercise. Examples are the Four Sons and also the Pesach, Matzah and Maror.

7. Do not let the hunt for the Afikoman transcend the importance of the Seder itself. Let that be done during the meal. The determined "thief" should be rewarded with a prize of Jewish significance.

KASHERING

Morning April 4

Passover use.

A Word of Caution

Remember that in order to kasher something for Passover the item to be kashered must first be cleaned thoroughly with a chemical cleanser and allowed to stand unused for at least 24 hours before the actual kashering procedure.

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES**Wednesday, April 7, Passover Eve**

Morning 7:30 AM

A special service for the first born (Siyum) will be conducted following the regular services.

Candle Lighting 6:07 PM

Evening 6:15 PM

An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared.

Thursday, April 8, Passover I

Morning 9:00 AM

Evening 6:15 PM

Candle Lighting After 7:04 PM

Friday, April 9, Passover II

Morning 9:00 AM

Candle Lighting 6:09 PM

Evening 6:15 PM

Saturday, April 10, Shabbat Chol Hamoed

Morning 9:00 AM

Reading of the Song of Songs

Evening 6:20 PM

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:07 PM

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED

Morning 7:15 AM

Sunday Morning 8:30 AM

Evening 6:20 PM

Tuesday, April 13

Candle Lighting 6:13 PM

Evening 6:20 PM

Wednesday, April 14, Passover VII

Morning 9:00 AM

Evening 6:20 PM

Candle Lighting After 7:12 PM

Thursday, April 15, Passover VIII

Morning 9:00 AM

Memorial (Yizkor) Prayers are recited as part of this service.

Evening 6:20 PM

Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:13 PM

10 PLAGUES UPON SOVIET JEWS

1. Imprisonment.
2. Internal exile.
3. Detention in forced labor camps.
4. Denial of the right to emigrate.
5. Separation of families.
6. Dismissal from employment upon application for a visa.
7. Police harassment of refusenik children.
8. Closing down of all but 50 synagogues in the entire Soviet Union.
9. Forced closing of all Jewish Studies classes in the country.
10. Confiscation of Jewish cultural material during police raids of private homes.

FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, _____

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to **Judge and Mrs. George Postel** upon the birth of their granddaughter, Caroline, born to their children, Elizabeth and Sanford Postel.

Mazel tov to **Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum** upon the birth of his granddaughter, Denyah Judith, born to his children Elana and David Mandelbaum. The new arrival was named after her grandmother, Judith Mandelbaum, who was a devoted member of our Synagogue.

May these children grow up in the finest tradition of *Torah, chupah* and *Ma'asim Tovim*.

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazel tov to **Mr. and Mrs. Max Sadinoff** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Kenneth Sadinoff in the Great Neck Synagogue. Best wishes to Joan and Henry Katz on this great occasion in the life of their family.

Mazel tov to our devoted members, **Mr. and Mrs. Marco Wachter**, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacobo in Florence, Italy. Jacobo bears the name of his sainted grandfather (Yisroel Yaakov) and he is, of course, the grandson of the late Malvina Wachter, our cherished member.

We hope that Jacobo and his sister Frederica will continue to grow up in the tradition of Judaism and that they will be a source of ever increasing happiness and nachas to Mr. and Mrs. Wachter and the entire family.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to **Mr. and Mrs. Herman Riederman** on the engagement of their son Robert to Helene Rosenblum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenblum of Brooklyn.

Mazel tov to the **Wachtel** family upon the engagement of Jeffrey to Gwyn Felt of Memphis Tennessee. Jeff is, of course, the son of Dr. Ned and Edith Wachtel, both of blessed memory.

Mazel tov to **Professor and Mrs. Michael Wyschogrod** upon the engagement of their son, Daniel to Abigail Judith Jacobs, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. David Jacobs of Quincy, Massachusetts. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents of the groom, **Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shurer**.

May each of these weddings take place in joy and blessing.

WEDDING

Mazel tov to our new member, **Alan Goldberg** upon his marriage to the former Miriam Peyser. May this wonderful couple enjoy a long and happy life as they begin a new Jewish home.

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COMMUNAL HONORS

Mazel tov to our Trustee, **Mrs. Lillian Brown**, upon her being the guest of honor of the Rabbinical Council Organization at a special dinner for its new campus organization Kiruv. The dinner will be held at the home of our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fink, on Sunday, March 28.

Congratulations to our esteemed member, **Samuel Feder**, who was a guest of honor at the Annual Dinner of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. Mr. Feder's family has a long history with Yeshiva both in terms of study and support. We are happy that he received this much deserved tribute. May he continue to merit recognition by the Jewish community for his many good deeds for many happy and healthy years to come.

We are very pleased to note that **Mrs. John Steindecker** was a guest of honor at the Yeshiva University Womens' Organization's 54th Annual Luncheon on Tuesday, March 23, at the Waldorf Astoria. At that time a Master Builders presentation was also made to **Mrs. Gertrude Linzer**. The luncheon was chaired by our member **Mrs. Alice Usdan**.

Our congratulations to these women on the honor accorded them for their devotion to Yeshiva University.

COMMUNAL SERVICE

Congratulations to **Stephen Kule** upon his appointment to the Board of Directors of the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York as an Intern. In that capacity Mr. Kule will be assuming increasing responsibilities on the Board and contributing to its deliberations.

RAMAZ STUDENT NEEDS HOME

An out-of-town teenager who will be attending Ramaz next year is in need of housing accommodations with a family of our community. He is a freshman from Minneapolis.

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In Memoriam

E. David Rosen

The entire KJ Ramaz family was stunned and saddened by the sudden, tragic passing of an esteemed Trustee of both the Congregation and the School, the beloved E. David Rosen. Together with his dear wife Mickey and his wonderful children, Burt and Lisa, they were and are a beautiful example of a what a Jewish family ought to be.

David was kind and generous, good and considerate, and extremely helpful and devoted to our community and to many worthy causes that touched the Jewish people. If someone needed help a call to David brought the necessary response, privately and without question.

Born and bred in Kehilath Jeshurun, he occupied the place in shul on which he and his brothers sat with their late father, Samuel Rosen. He was a source of great happiness and pride to his mother, our devoted member, Mrs. Eleanor Gaynes.

We grieve along with the entire family and we pray that they and we will be comforted among all those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem and be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to **Mrs. Martin Zuger** upon the passing of her beloved mother, Nellie Robinson, in Scotland.

Our sincere condolences to **Mr. Alfred M. Frankel** upon the passing of his dear father, Mr. Leon Abraham.

May these families be spared further sorrow for many, many years to come.

ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

At this season of the year we are already beginning to think of the milestones and honors which the members of the Congregation and their families will be experiencing during the coming months. We would like to record all of those honors in the final bulletin of the year. If you or anyone you know is observing such a milestone or receiving a particular honor in academic or professional life, we ask you to please send us the information without delay. It is one more way of creating the kind of family spirit which we like to foster at KJ and Ramaz.

We hope to hear from you soon.

WE RESPOND TO THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

The unfortunate decision of the Metropolitan Museum of Art which was announced in February by its President, Mr. William Macomber, provoked an outcry from the Jewish community in New York which resulted in a public apology from the Chairman of the Board of the Metropolitan, Douglas Dillon. The matter concerned the cancellation of an exhibit of artifacts from Israel, some of which were to come from the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, in territory formerly occupied by Jordan from 1948 to 1967 and liberated by the Israelis during the Six Day War. Among

the letters and calls to the Museum was one sent by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein which he circulated to the membership of the Congregation. It is reprinted here for the interest of readers of the *Bulletin*. The Rabbi also asked the Congregation to make their opinions known to the Museum. We are pleased to print on this page two of the many letters written by members of the Congregation, copies of which were sent to our office.

This issue is important not alone because of what the exhibit may mean but because of its wider implications for anti-Israel

pressure throughout the country and, particularly, in New York. The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York was extremely active in making the views of the Jewish community known to the officers of the Museum and in bringing a great deal of pressure to bear upon that institution. It is important that the New York community know that Arab pressure will not work here and will not be tolerated by us.

It is not too late to write to the museum expressing your own views.

Mr. William Macomber
President, Metropolitan Museum of Art
82nd Street and Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10028

Dear Mr. Macomber:

My wife and I have had a family membership for ourselves and our children in the Metropolitan Museum of Art for more than a decade. In my case, my relationship with the Met goes back virtually half a century, during all of which time I have been living in this neighborhood. All of us were under the impression that we were part of an organization which was concerned solely with education, culture and art.

Recent reports in the *New York Times* have convinced us that the Museum is now a political organization which makes its decisions on other bases entirely, including security, sensitivities of other countries and delicate issues that divide nations.

We resent the change in direction and we are saddened by the political nature of a decision not to mount an exhibit from Israel. Personally, for ourselves, the antiquities from the Rockefeller Museum are already available and have been seen by us on regular trips to Israel since 1967, where they are freely available in an open and undivided Jerusalem. Had you chosen to present this exhibit before 1967, when the city of Jerusalem was closed to me by King Hussein, my own personal, cultural stake in seeing those objects might have been greater.

I am dreadfully sorry, however, that for other New Yorkers your decision in 1982 has made those antiquities as unavailable to many of us in New York as they were in Jerusalem before that Holy City was reunited by Israel in 1967. Such, unfortunately, is the result when an educational institution chooses politics over art and expediency over culture.

I do hope that you will review your decision in the matter and restore the Museum to its former basis as an important instrument for the enhancement of cultural life in New York City. Such a review will, in fact, encourage us to continue our membership when it expires next month. Yours truly,

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Mr. William Macomber
Metropolitan Museum of Art
Fifth Avenue and 82nd Street
New York, NY 10028

Dear Mr. Macomber:

I have been a member of the Museum for approximately twenty years. I was in Europe when I first saw, in the *International Herald Tribune*, an article about the deplorable actions taken by the Museum with respect to the planned show from Israel. Immediately upon my return, I contacted the public relations office of the Museum in the hope of getting the "official" version of the Museum's position. Although it is almost two weeks since I made my request, I have heard nothing more. Accordingly, I must rely upon the newspaper articles, all of which make it perfectly clear that the position taken by the Museum initially was completely untenable.

Although the Museum has now apparently reversed itself as a result of the enormous public outcry, the initial decision creates substantial questions in my mind about your conduct of the affairs of the Museum.

As I understand it, you and certain unnamed trustees decided that the showing of artifacts from the Rockefeller Museum would somehow constitute de facto recognition by the Museum of the unification of Jerusalem by Israel, something which you felt would be inappropriate.

In the first place, I would like you to tell me of any other instance in the Museum's history in which the Museum has taken a similar political stand. Would you consider, for example, that a show of Russian art constitutes de facto approval of the violations by the Russians of human rights in general and the Helsinki Accords in particular? If not, why not?

When you showed the bronze horses from Venice, did you consider that this was de facto recognition of the theft of horses by the Venetians from Turkey many years before? If not, why not?

If there was any such consideration given to these issues, it certainly did not find its way into the press nor into any bulletin which I received from the Museum.

It would seem, in all candor, that what prompted you to act is simply the fact that the show comes from Israel. I note that you were Ambassador to Jordan before becoming affiliated with the Museum. As a member, I think I am entitled to know whether you acted on your own in initially rejecting the Israel show or whether you received any pressures from outsiders, and in particular from Arab groups or front organizations. I would also like to know the names of the "few" trustees with whom you consulted, since apparently this was not a matter brought before the entire Board or any executive committee. Were any of those trustees Jewish?

Finally, I would like to know whether, in any public or private statement which you made while Ambassador to Jordan, you ever remonstrated with the Jordanians over their desecration of Jewish synagogues, cemeteries, holy sites and homes during their occupation of Jerusalem between 1948 and 1967. If not, why not?

I never had the privilege of visiting Israel before 1967, but I have been there on eight occasions since then. On each occasion, I was free to go anywhere in Jerusalem and Christians and Moslems likewise had that freedom. You know very well that, between 1948 and 1967, Jews were denied access to the Western Wall as well as any and all other sites (including the Rockefeller Museum) under Jordanian rule. Did you consider this in reaching your original decision not to show the artifacts from the Rockefeller Museum?

My membership is up for renewal now. Whether I renew it will depend in large part upon your answer to this letter. Incidentally a form letter from one of your public relations people will be taken by me as an acknowledgement that you do not care about our continuing membership and will be treated accordingly by me. Furthermore, I will also feel free under the circumstances to make copies of this letter and such form response available to the appropriate people.

Very truly yours,
Signed

The Board of Trustees
Metropolitan Museum of Art
82nd St. and 5th Ave.
NY NY

Dear Mesdames and Sirs:

My family has decided with great sadness that we will not renew our membership in the Metropolitan Museum of Art despite the many hours of pleasure and learning that it has provided us and our children. After years of visiting the Museum two or three times weekly, I will never again be able to walk through your doors and feel a sense of serenity and belonging. You have destroyed something very precious in your hurry to appease the forces of bigotry and hatred.

Your specious reasoning with regard to your decision to exclude the collection from the Israel and Rockefeller Museums says only one thing clearly to us and to all two million Jewish New Yorkers — Israel is no more than a hypothetical state and is to be treated as a pariah — Jewish feelings be damned! Your craven behavior belies any belief in freedom of expression or in the fundamental importance of art as a source of knowledge.

How could you, the guardians of beauty and culture be so destructive? You have betrayed your trust and have made yourselves participants in the spreading evil of institutionalized anti-Semitism. You decided to exclude not simply an exhibit from Israel, but an exhibit of the Jewish past — my past. Your decision is not only anti-Israel but anti-Jewish.

Now alongside your elegant banners proclaiming "The Eighteenth Century Woman," and the Rockefeller Collection you can hang another, *Juden Verboten!*

Because of your shameful decision, I will be sending copies of this letter to members of the Museum and to every major Jewish organization and Congregation in New York City, with the aim of drying up funding.

With Regret,
Signed

PESACH AND REDEMPTION

A Note From the Rabbi

The month of Nisan is traditionally the month when, just as redemption took place in the past, so will it take place again in the future. In Nisan we were redeemed, says the Talmud; and in Nisan we will be redeemed once again.

There is at present a controversy raging in Israel on this very subject of redemption. There are many wonderful Jews, committed to Torah, to Zionism and to Eretz Yisrael who are ready to put their lives on the line to preserve the wholeness of the Land and the totality of our commitment to *Eretz Yisrael ha-sh'leimah*. Part of their commitment derives from their feeling that we are living in messianic times, when great sacrifices are expected if we are to realize the dream of 2000 years. This is aside from issues of security and safety for the citizens of Israel which many feel are linked to holding on to Judea and Samaria and, according to some, to refusing to withdraw from Sinai, despite previous agreements.

I have refrained from speaking frankly about these issues in the past because of my fundamental feeling that only those who are living in Israel have the essential right to express publicly their opinions on what Israel should do about holding on to territory or giving up, fighting or making peace, and other related subjects.

I have not changed my mind in regard to this position. Nevertheless, the lines are being drawn rather sharply now and I feel it an obligation to discuss the issue of territory, military activity and peace from the perspective of Jewish history and Jewish values as I understand them.

I plan, please God, to discuss these issues in my sermon for the first day of Pesach, under the general title: "The State of Israel and Jewish Messianism: Challenges and Dangers."

My best wishes to you all for a happy and kosher Pesach.

Haskel Lookstein

RABBI JACK BIELER TO CONDUCT PASSOVER SHIUR

Rabbi Jack Bieler will give the fourth discourse in his Pre-Yom Tov series on Saturday, March 27.

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A Request

We would, therefore, like to organize a home Seder program in our community with the help of everyone. We ask that all those planning to have a Seder in their homes let us know that they are ready to accommodate a specific number of members of the community who would like to enjoy a home Seder. At the same time, we invite single individuals and small families who will be home for Pesach to let us know that they would appreciate an invitation.

Please call us to make our role easier and let us know of your availability to either attend a Seder or to make one in which you would like others to join.

UOJCA Honors Rabbi Lookstein (continued from page 1)

dedicated to the cause of Soviet Jewry, Rabbi Lookstein is Vice Chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and will be chairman of its annual Solidarity Day march and rally in Manhattan this spring. During Sukkot of 1972 and 1975, Rabbi Lookstein served as a rabbi in the Soviet Union, officiating at Sukkot services in Leningrad and Simchat Torah celebrations in the Moscow synagogue.

The rabbinic honoree and his wife, Audrey, are the proud parents of four children, Mindy, Debbie, Shira and Joshua.

According to Orthodox Union National Dinner Chairman, Philip Fuchs, the Anniversary Dinner annually gathers over 1000

lay and rabbinic leaders from congregations across North America to honor the Orthodox community's most distinguished leaders. Proceeds of the gala event and its ad journal will be dedicated to the NCSY Youth Appeal, which supports the work of the Orthodox Union's youth movement, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth.

For further information and dinner reservations, contact Robert Leifert at the Synagogue office, 427-1000.

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April 176:20 PM
April 246:30 PM

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March 28 - April 66:00 PM
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Father and Son Minyan9:30 AM

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Friday, April 23 and
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Friday Morning Services7:15 AM

Weekly Portion

March 27
Weekly Portion: Vayikra
Haftorah: Isaiah 40

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Weekly Portion: Tzav
Haftorah: Malachi 3

April 17
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Haftorah: II Samuel 6

April 24
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Haftorah: Isaiah 66