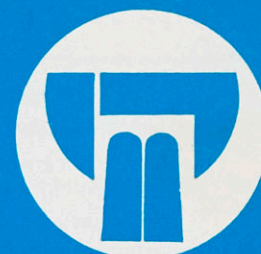


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ISRAEL: THE CLIMATE IN WASHINGTON

Men's Club Sukkah Supper
Monday, September 26, 1983 —
6:30 PM

Women Invited

The KJ Men's Club is proud to welcome Douglas M. Bloomfield, Legislative Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee to be its speaker at its Sukkah Supper on Monday evening, September 26 at 6:30 PM. All men and women of the Congregation are invited. Reservations should be made through the synagogue office (427-1000) by September 20.

The past year has seen several sharp changes in American attitudes toward Israel. The climate in Washington is very much affected by action in the Middle East, initiatives in Washington and the influence and lobbying efforts of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

AIPAC, headquartered in Washington, is the only Jewish organization registered to lobby on issues affecting Israel and world Jewry. AIPAC is in direct contact with congressmen, senators and their staffs briefing them on a daily basis while monitoring all relevant legislation and anticipating legislative issues affecting Israel. It is a positive influence on behalf of Israel in the White House as well as at the State and Defense Departments.

Douglas Bloomfield joined AIPAC after nine years as a senior legislative assistant to Congressman Benjamin S. Rosenthal of New York. Prior to that, he was legislative assistant and speech writer for the late Hubert H. Humphrey. Mr. Bloomfield has played a leading role in major legislative and other congressional initiatives affecting Israel and Soviet Jewry.

Mr. Bloomfield holds BA and MA degrees from Ohio State University. He was recipient of fellowships from the Ford Foundation, the Washington Journalism Center and the American Political Science Association.

We look forward to his presentation to our congregation and urge members to call the synagogue office in order to make reservations while space remains available. There is no charge for the supper. KJ members are the guests of the Men's Club.

All members, their families and friends, and neighbors
and guests of our community

S'lichot Services

This Saturday evening, September 3
10 PM — The Main Synagogue

Social Hour

9:15 PM — the Social Hall

ROSH HASHANAH — 5744

Dear Friend,

B'motza'ay menucha kidamnucha t'fila — at the end of our day of rest we come before you in prayer.

With these words we begin the main prayer at our first *selichot* service which this year falls on the Saturday night of Labor Day weekend. I think of these words as I sit, and rest, on a terrace in Jerusalem and contemplate the beauty of Israel's capital on the one hand and the problems that beset our people on the other.

The sky is blue, crisp and clear, without a cloud anywhere. But every once in a while there is a sonic boom as one of Israel's air force jets breaks the sound barrier over the capital. That is one price of the "peace" with Egypt. No more Sinai for air force maneuvers. The sky above Israel's cities becomes the new training area.

Last week two more young men were killed in Lebanon. The death toll is now 505, with more than two thousand wounded.

On a more prosaic level, inflation is running at 40% annually and the papers tell us that the total American aid grant in 1983 will have to be spent for debt service. The economic problems are serious.

On a social level, the so-called ultra-Orthodox are burning garbage cans in Me'ah She'arim and making a mockery of Torah, Halacha and God as they fight an archeological dig which has been approved by a religious Minister of Education.

One cannot help but remember the Talmud's judgement that Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 CE not because of the Romans without but because of Jewish strife within. "Your destroyers and devastators will come from within your own ranks."

B'motza'ay menucha kidamnucha t'fila. As we end the summer rest period we have much for which to pray and so much for which to repent. *Ashamnu mikol am* — we are more guilty than other nations because we expect more of ourselves. We are more ashamed because our standards are set higher. We are more in need of God's help because our national condition is more precarious.

Join us, then, for *S'lichot* on Saturday night, September 3 at 10:00 PM. Let us pray for our needs and repent for our deeds. And, may God answer our prayers, accept our repentance and grant us all *shana tova* for ourselves, for all Israel and for all mankind.

Haskel Lookstein

The congregation is invited to the
ROSH HASHANAH SHIUR

The laws and significance
of the High Holy Days

Rabbi Jack Bieler

Saturday afternoon September 3
6:20 PM Etra Chapel

**SHABBAT SHUVAH
DISCOURSE**

September 25

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will deliver the annual *Shabbat Shuvah* discourse on the first *Shabbat* of the year, September 10. It will begin following Mincha which will be held in the Main Synagogue at 6:15 PM.

The entire community is invited to attend this *Shiur*.

**SHOFAR TIME
10 O'CLOCK**

We call to the attention of our worshippers that the sounding of the *Shofar* on Thursday and Friday mornings of Rosh Hashanah will take place at approximately 10:00 AM.

Please plan to be in attendance at services by that hour so that you will be present for this important religious observance.

**SOUNDING THE SHOFAR
FOR THOSE AT HOME**

Anyone in the community who will be confined to home or hospital and would like to perform the mitzvah of hearing the shofar sounded on Rosh Hashanah can arrange to do so by contacting our Ritual Director, Mr. Israel Rosenberg at the synagogue office.

**YOM KIPPUR
CANDLE LIGHTING**

Provision has been made for the kindling of candles in the Synagogue House on Yom Kippur eve, Friday, September 16, prior to 6:30 PM.

Candles will be set up in the lower lobby near the checkroom.

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SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 7, Rosh Hashanah Eve

S'lichot Service (Z'chor Brit) 6:30 AM
Regular morning services will follow

Evening (An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared) 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 7:02 PM

Thursday, September 8, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 7:00 PM
Candle Lighting after 7:49 PM

Friday, September 9, Rosh Hashanah II

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 6:53 PM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Saturday, September 10

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:15 PM

Shabbat Shuvah Discourse by Rabbi Lookstein

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:40 PM

DAILY SERVICES

*Morning 7:30 AM

Sunday Morning 8:30 AM

Evening 6:00 PM

*Selichot services will be held during the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, one-half hour before the regular morning services.

YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 16, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning 7:15 AM

Mincha 2:30 PM

Candle Lighting 6:36 PM

Kol Nidre 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 17, Yom Kippur

Morning 8:30 AM

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

YOM KIPPUR:

A Day of Self-Denial

The Day of Atonement is, among other things, a day of self-denial. In addition to avoiding food, drink, washing and the use of lotions and oils, Jewish tradition calls for refraining from the wearing of leather shoes.

The reason for this provision is that wearing a proper pair of shoes makes one feel complete and well-groomed. It is precisely the absence of that feeling of completeness which is called for on the Day of Atonement. Through this mood of moderate self-denial, we are moved to prayer, penitence, and wholesome introspection.

May we request of our worshippers to take a step in the direction of Jewish tradition by arranging for a pair of non-leather footwear for Yom Kippur this year. An ample selection is available in any shoe store.

We think you will find that conforming with this practice will help you to derive more from the most meaningful day on the Jewish calendar.

And For the Men ...

Increasingly each year more men worshippers in the congregation don the traditional kittel for Yom Kippur. This garment, reflecting purity and simple piety, very much enhances the experience of repentance on Yom Kippur. Why not reinstitute this practice in your family for this Yom Kippur? Mr. Rosenberg will be happy to arrange for a kittel for you if you will simply call the synagogue office. Or, you might want to go down to the Lower East Side and select a kittel personally.

ROSH HASHANAH:

A Time at Home — A Time in the Community

Although we usually think of the High Holy Days in terms of the Synagogue Service, there are many beautiful ceremonies that take place outside the House of God.

At The Table

The festival is ushered in by the lighting of candles over which the special festival blessing is recited. The special benediction "*Shehecheyanu*" is added.

After the reciting of kiddush and the washing of hands, a "*motzi*" is made over 2 round challahs (symbolizing the cycle of the year) and the bread is dipped into honey before it is eaten. The symbolism concerning a sweet year is readily apparent. The use of a round challah and the dipping of the bread into honey is continued for the entire High Holy Day season, ending with Hoshanah Rabbah.

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah, an apple is dipped into honey. Before tasting the apple, the blessing over fruit is recited. After tasting the apple, a special prayer is recited: "May it be Thy Will to grant us a good and sweet year."

On the second night, it is customary to wear a new garment and to have it in mind

when the blessing "*shehecheyanu*" is recited as part of the kiddush. In addition, a new fruit, not previously enjoyed this season, is eaten. Before eating the fruit, the blessing over fruit is recited and the "*shehecheyanu*" is added.

Tashlich

The Tashlich ceremony occurs on the first day of Yom Tov, Thursday. This ceremony takes place in the afternoon along the banks of a river or some other body of fresh water. Appropriate prayers are recited as part of this mystical custom, indicating our desire to cast off all sins from our persons and correct our ways.

In our community, we customarily gather for Tashlich before Mincha, between 5:30 and 6:00 PM, near the 85th Street entrance to the reservoir path in Central Park.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

On Rosh Hashanah, upon leaving the Synagogue, all extend the High Holy Day greeting: **שנה טובה תכתבו**

"May You Be Inscribed for a Good Year."

RABBI ALLAN FRIEDMAN TO HELP OFFICIATE AT PARALLEL SERVICE

We are delighted to inform our congregation that Rabbi Allan Friedman will be joining Rabbi Meyer Moskowitz in *davening* parts of the service, reading Torah and blowing the Shofar at the Parallel Services in our Kamber Auditorium for the High Holy Days this year. Rabbi Dale Polakoff will, of course, be officiating at these services, alternating with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the second day of Yom Tov.

Allan, who literally grew up in our congregation, is the son of Mrs. Eleanor Friedman and the late Joseph N. Friedman. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University last June. He also received his Masters Degree in Social Work from the Wurzeiller School of Social Work at Yeshiva.

As usual, we look forward to a most pleasant and inspiring service in both the Main Synagogue where Cantor Avrum Davis and Mr. Israel Rosenberg will take their traditional roles, leading the *davening* with Rabbi Lookstein.

PROPER DRESS FOR PRAYER

As the new year approaches, it is instructive to review the requirements regarding suitable dress for prayer in a synagogue.

For men, dress for synagogue prayer should be no less dignified than that for any special occasion. Since we would not appear at a wedding, or at a banquet, or even at a fine restaurant without a tie and jacket, synagogue prayer should be treated with the same dignity. If we were to make a request of a high government official — a congressman, a governor, a senator, the President, or if we were to make a courtroom appearance before a judge, we would similarly concern ourselves with how we are dressed. Is God, the judge of whom we make endless requests, to be treated with less deference?

For married woman, a head covering in Shul is always in order. For all women, sleeveless attire and pants are not in keeping with the good taste required in worship. Nor is it appropriate for women (or men) to carry a purse or pocketbook to shul on Shabbat or Yom Tov.

What we wear and how we dress is a reflection of what we think of the event we are attending, of the significance we attach to it. The synagogue is a house of God. Behavior and dress in such a place requires special thought in every season of the year.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCHEDULE

One of the greatest delights in our High Holy Day experience is the continuing increase in the number of children who worship with us on these important days. In keeping with the KJ tradition of maintaining a beautiful and meaningful religious experience for both children and adults, the following arrangements have been made:

All children over the age of twelve (sev-

enth grade and up) should have seats reserved for them in either the Main Synagogue or the Parallel Service.

Children in sixth grade and younger should participate in one of the several children's services listed below. In this way, all children and their parents, are able to participate in the synagogue aspects of the High Holy Days.

ROSH HASHANAH I & II

Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grade)	Etra Chapel
Nursery - First Grade	3rd Floor
Toddlers (one to three years old)	4th Floor

All Services
Meet
11 AM - 1 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre Night

Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grade)	Etra Chapel
First Grade Service	3rd Floor

7:00 PM
7:00 PM

Yom Kippur Day

Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grade)	Etra Chapel
Nursery - First Grade	3rd Floor
Toddlers (one to three years old)	4th Floor

All Services
Meet
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

SUKKAH MEALS

Six catered meals will be served in the Synagogue Sukkah this year. The meals offered will be:

Wednesday, September 21
SUKKOT EVE: DINNER

Thursday, September 22
SUKKOT I: LUNCH
DINNER

Friday, September 23
SUKKOT II: LUNCH:
SHABBAT DINNER

Saturday, September 24
SHABBAT: LUNCH

Due to the overwhelming demand for Sukkah meals, we must restrict initial reservations to KJ members and their immediate families. The fee for adults is \$13 per meal and for children through high school age \$7 each.

A reservation form has been sent to you under separate cover. We recommend immediate response because requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis.

The deadline is Sunday, September 11, when the synagogue office will be open.

RESERVING A LULAV AND ETROG

We remind our worshippers to arrange for the purchase of a Lulav and Etrog early. These fruits are used during the Hallel service and highlight our procession around the synagogue.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, will be pleased to arrange for you to meet the requirement of purchasing a Lulav and Etrog. In doing so, you will also be supporting the Israeli economy.

Reservation forms for the Lulav and Etrog have been sent to your home. Please make your reservation without delay.

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SINGLES SUKKAH SUPPER

Ages 21-39

Tuesday, September 27, 1983

6:30 PM

KJ SUKKAH

\$7.50 per person

Deadline for reservations
is September 20

ADULT EDUCATION EARLY SEASON COURSES BEGIN

1. September 3	Saturday	Rosh Hashanah Shiur	6:20 PM
2. September 5	Monday	Chumash and Commentaries	8:30 PM
3. September 10	Saturday	Shabbat Shuvah Drasha	6:15 PM
4. September 29	Thursday	Simchat Torah Shiur	Evening
5. October 1	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Beginners Service	10:30 AM
6. October 2	Sunday	Talmud	9:15 AM
7. October 3	Monday	Parshat Hashavuah	9:15 AM
8. October 3	Monday	Advanced Talmud Shiur	8:00 PM

SCHEDULE OF SUKKOT SERVICES

SUKKOT

Wednesday, September 21, Sukkot Eve

Evening (An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared)	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting	6:29 PM

Thursday, September 22, Sukkot I

Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	6:45 PM
Candle Lighting	after 7:19 PM

Friday, September 23, Sukkot II

Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting	6:25 PM

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

Saturday, September 24

Morning	9:00 AM
Reading of Kohelet	
Evening	6:40 PM
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:17 PM

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:15 AM
Sunday Morning	8:30 AM
Evening	6:00 PM

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Wednesday, September 28, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning	6:45 AM
Evening (An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared)	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting	6:16 PM

Thursday, September 29, Shmini Atzeret

Morning	9:00 AM
Yizkor (Memorial Prayers) are recited as part of this service	
Mincha	6:00 PM
Ma'ariv and Simchat Torah Hakafot will follow	
Candle Lighting	after 7:08 PM

Friday, September 30, Simchat Torah

Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting	6:12 PM

Saturday, October 1, Shabbat Bereishit

Morning	9:00 AM
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ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Heshvan will be on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8	
Evening	6:20 PM
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:09 PM

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	7:30 AM
Sunday morning	8:30 AM
Evening	6:00 PM

COMMUNITY STUDY AT Y TO INCLUDE RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12th

During the past two years, one of the 92nd Street Y's programs which has attracted the broadest attention and has been one of the most exciting intellectual evenings has been COMMUNITY STUDY. On that evening, three rabbis come to the Y to teach each other a central text selected because of its relevance for the High Holidays.

We are particularly pleased to note that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein has accepted the Y's invitation to participate in this September's Community Study evening which will focus on the Book of Jonah. Joining Rabbi Lookstein will be Rabbi Gunter Hirschberg of Congregation Rodolph Sholom (Reform) and Rabbi Judah Nadich of Park Avenue Synagogue (Conservative). Each teacher brings his individual insights and perspectives

to bear on the text. The result is a fascinating evening of study and sharing. The Book of Jonah is, of course, recited in synagogue at Mincha services on Yom Kippur.

Community Study will take place Monday evening, September 12 at 8:00 PM at the 92nd Street Y on Lexington Avenue. Traditionally, members of the congregations of the participating rabbis have demonstrated significant interest in the evening. In past years, we have learned, many have been disappointed because they either were not aware of this early fall program or were unable to obtain tickets.

Tickets are \$6 each and may be obtained from the 92nd Street Y Box Office, 1395 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10128, 427-4210. For further information, call 427-6000, Ext. 162.

ROBERT J. LEIFERT APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF FEDERATION TASK FORCE ON SINGLES

We are proud to announce the appointment of our Executive Director, Robert J. Leifert, to the Chairmanship of the Task Force on Jewish Singles of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. The Task Force is part of the Commission on Synagogue Relations directed by our esteemed member, Rabbi Isaac Trainin.

The topic of singles was recently the cover story of an issue in the *Jewish Week* in which Mr. Leifert was quoted extensively. He indicated he was particularly disturbed by the fact that more than one-half of all Jewish households in Manhattan are headed by a single. He expressed that this is of grave concern to the Jewish community.

The Task Force was created several years ago by Rabbi Trainin to alert the community and raise Jewish consciousness to the plight of the Jewish single. They are growing in number and the Jewish community must do more to reach out and effectively work with the single population. Singles have a reservoir of talent which is not being tapped properly.

Bob has served on the Task Force for the past four years and previously chaired its Sub-committee on Consciousness Raising. We wish him well in this important area of concern to the Jewish community.

Sisterhood Opening Meeting

Monday, October 17, 1983

12:00 NOON

"The Begin Whom Very Few Know"

3 Book Reviews by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

The Books: *Revolt*
White Knight

THE KJ MEN'S CLUB

Cordially Invites Both
MEN AND WOMEN

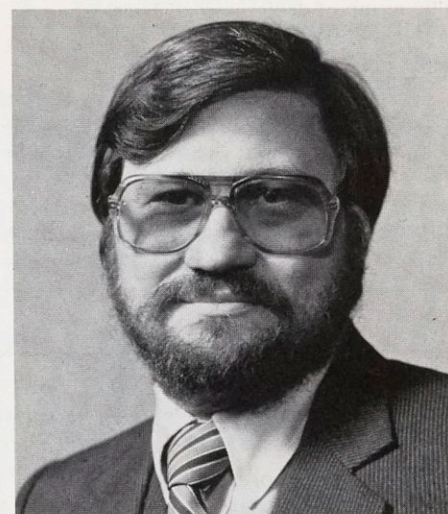
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ANNUAL SUKKAH SUPPER

Date: September 26 — Monday
Time: 6:30 PM
Topic: ISRAEL: THE CLIMATE IN WASHINGTON
Speaker: Douglas Bloomfield, Legislative Director,
American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)
Place: The KJ Sukkah

The KJ Men's Club is proud to include, again, the women of the Congregation, at its annual Sukkah Supper and look forward to their presence and participation.

Please notify the synagogue office of your attendance — 427-1000



Douglas Bloomfield
Legislative Director
AIPAC

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Opinion

MYOPIC VISION

By HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

LEON HADAR's article "A Divided Vision" (*The Jerusalem Post*, July 4), presents two rabbinic views on American Jewry's relationship with Israel that are as myopic as they are divided. Rabbis Balfour Brickner and Shlomo Riskin, both colleagues and friends of mine, present two extreme positions on the American Diaspora that are inaccurate in their assessments of reality, impractical as bases for social policy and of questionable morality in their judgements about fellow Jews.

Rabbi Brickner's view is the easier to deal with. He represents a relatively small (gratefully) group of denigrators of Israel who oppose the views of both major political parties, who deprecate freely the quality of Israeli life (e.g. "There is more Jewish life in the West Side of New York than there is in Dizengoff Street") and who believe that a new "Babylon" is emerging in America which can stand apart from Israel and which can even survive the disappearance of Israel.

The short-sightedness of this view is exceeded only by its arrogance. It is nothing less than a resurrection of the platform of the American Council for Judaism which bitterly opposed all Zionist activity in America, starting in 1941-42, until it lost adherents, steam and relevance in the wake of the Six Day War.

The disappearance of the council and the rejection of its anti-Zionist attitudes were the result of a clearer perception of reality on the part of Reform Jews in the United States. America, they realized, could not be our Palestine any more than Germany could.

New York could not be our Jerusalem any more than could Berlin. The myopia of German Jews ended in sealed borders and ultimate extermination. It took American Jews about 20 years longer to correct their political lenses, but correct them they did.

TODAY, Rabbi Brickner proclaims a new "Babylon" in America. He may have in mind the prophetic punishment — not promise — that "they shall come to Babylon and remain there."

He may envision a new, thriving cultural centre in America comparable to the talmudic golden age in ancient Babylonia. But his vision is clouded by a failure to note a critical historical difference. Jewish Babylon rose on the ashes of a destroyed and debilitated Jewish life in ancient Palestine. The growth and enhancement of Jewish life in America today, however, runs parallel to the renaissance of Jewish national life and spiritual renewal in Israel.

Indeed, American Jews are sustained and nourished by the Tora of Israel, their pride in Israel, the beauty of the land, the need to support the Jewish state and the faith in God that has been stimulated by Israel's rebirth following the Holocaust.

To say that "all this talk about *aliya* to Israel is nonsense" and that the subject "should be dropped entirely from the agenda of the American Jewish community," does in fact sound like the "babbling" of Babylon; it is rather more like the confused rhetoric of the generation of the Tower of Babel.

That generation, too, thought it had

reached heavenly heights of power, growth and judgment. Its builders, however, ended up throwing stones at each other.

One wonders whether the Brickner style of free criticism of Israel by American Jews is nothing more than a replica of this confusion and stone-throwing of Babel, an action that led to dispersion and weakness rather than unity and strength.

FINALLY, there is an element of *hubris* — or moral obscenity — in the confident assumption that "if Israel will not exist, we American Jews could [still] survive and flourish." Thank God very few American Jews — Reform, Conservative, Orthodox or none of the above — would be able to let such a statement come from their lips.

Firstly, the hypothesis itself presupposes a calamity of such proportions that no one ought to be able to bear the thought, let alone express it. To borrow one of Rabbi Brickner's favorite themes, it is like planning for survival after all-out nuclear war.

Our task is to be committed totally to the survival of Israel and its three-and-a-half million Jews — may they increase. American Jewish life — or any Jewish life for that matter — is unthinkable without Israel and its Jews; for their sake, for our sake, and, yes, for God's sake, too.

AT THE OTHER extreme stands Rabbi Riskin, who, proud to report, has just made *aliya*, moving from his community of Lincoln Square to the nascent town of Efrat. But why did Rabbi Riskin have to bury all of us who are left behind?" "We are witnessing

FREEDOM FOR THE NEW YEAR

As the shofar resounds, it calls out to the Jewish people, stirring them to repentance, arousing them to renewed commitments. This Rosh Hashana let us renew our commitment to Soviet Jewry. The Soviet Union has trapped 3,000,000 Jews in a country in which they are not free to leave, in a country in which they are not free to live. On this Rosh Hashana, the blast of the shofar will alarm as well as arouse, demanding that we accept responsibility for our people as well as for ourselves.

The gates of emigration have been slammed shut. Just three years ago, over 51,000 Soviet Jews emigrated to freedom; this year, less than 2,000 may be permitted to leave. The Soviet authorities have turned their backs on the Helsinki accords, ignoring the human rights clauses in their own constitution. The Anti-Zionist Committee, which recently has become a part of Andropov's official Jewish policy, claims that all those Jews who want to leave the Soviet

Union have already done so. The number of denied emigration requests does not substantiate this claim.

Cultural expression for Jews in the USSR has been systematically repressed, in the Soviet effort to eliminate Jewish life. Teaching Hebrew is considered a "crime" and is punished by difficult prison sentences and long exiles. Former Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Begun was tried and convicted to two years in exile because he earned his living as a private Hebrew teacher. He is currently awaiting his third trial, and this time may be sentenced to 12 years.

According to our tradition, the sounding of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of freedom for our people. This Rosh Hashana let it awaken us to renewed action on behalf of Soviet Jews so that they may soon have the chance to celebrate the new year as free men and free women. We must continue to write to Soviet Jews, assuring them that they are not forgotten.

We must write to President Reagan, to Yuri Andropov, to our representatives in Congress. This Rosh Hashana as we accept our responsibility to take action on behalf of Soviet Jews, we should encourage our friends and neighbors to do the same. In the year 5744, our strength replenished, we will continue to raise our voices, we will continue to be heard. For information about the Soviet Jewry movement and how you can help, please contact the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry at (212) 354-1316, or write to the office at 8 West 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10018.

DIAL

Soviet Jewry Action Line
391-0954
 weekly recorded message

MYOPIC VISION *(continued)*

today," the article says in his name, "the funeral of American Jewry; a funeral coupled with festivities and roast beef dinners."

While one can understand that a new immigrant must deny the Diaspora to some extent as a means of additional fuel to sustain his *aliya*, the burial of American Jewry is unfair and at the very least, premature.

It is unfair because many of the festivals and roast beef dinners are sustaining the institutions in America and in Israel which make *aliya* possible. One ought not cancel those dinners too readily. A lot more roast beef still needs to be eaten in America in order to sustain Jewish life there and in Israel.

BUT BEYOND the culinary, there are important values in Jewish America. One need not worship the Diaspora in order to appreciate it. One need not reject Israel in order to understand that a thriving American Jewish community is both a reality and a *desideratum*.

The reality can be seen in the spectacular growth in yeshiva-day school education, synagogue affiliation, Jewish philanthropy — both local and for Israel, commitment to Soviet Jewry, and a clearly rising trend toward greater Jewish consciousness and identity.

That all of this is balanced by increasing assimilation and intermarriage is sadly true, but this has always been a *sine qua non* of the Diaspora. Indeed the price of Diaspora

life has historically been assimilation, unless it was thwarted by virulent anti-Semitism. Without assimilation and pogroms through the last 2,000 years, the Jewish population in the world would probably number more than one hundred million.

This is not to say that American Jews should be complacent about the frightening rate of loss. But neither should they prepare for collective burial, or for Rabbi Riskin's consignment of us to nothing but "a footnote in Jewish history." There is something unfair, unkind, and surely premature in that description.

BUT ASIDE from the inaccurate portrayal of the reality in Jewish America, what is overlooked is the *desirability* of a strong American Jewry. Most Israelis understand this, despite their longing for what we hope will become an increasingly strong flow of new immigrants from the U.S. American Jews must be built, not buried. Their Jewish institutions must be strengthened, not disparaged as "built upon sand." Jewish religious, cultural, social and philanthropic life in America must be enhanced in order to maintain another strong centre of Judaism in the world for five-and-a-half-million Jews.

There is no single solution to the Jewish problem today. Perhaps there never was. Israel is surely the centre of the Jewish world for most of us; but the rest of the Jewish world needs fortifying, not funeralizing.

Finally, a strong American Jewry, sup-

ported from within and encouraged from without by Israel, will be a great source of strength for Israel itself — politically, militarily, spiritually and, perhaps most importantly, through *aliya*.

Aliya from American Jewry should not come out of fear, despair or depression. Rather, it should come out of love of Zion, the kind of love that is nourished in the synagogues, the schools, the youth groups, the community action organizations, the philanthropic community and the entire fabric of a vibrant and vital American Jewry.

That kind of *aliya* will bring qualities that will at least partially redeem the debt which American Jews will owe Israel for its support.

We American Jews will not reject Israel nor will we worship the American Diaspora. We will not bury American Jewry nor will we worship Israel.

Rather, we will build on the traditional principle of *areivut* — mutual responsibility. We will serve the Jewish people in Israel and in America. We will support a stronger and more secure Israel while building and enhancing American Jewish life. We will look to Israel as the centre of our being, but we will make sure that there are millions of proud and practising American Jews who are doing the looking.

The writer is rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and principal of Yeshivat Ramaz in New York.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

HOME SHARING PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

The Home Sharing Program sponsored by the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens matches compatible persons, sixty years of age and older, in shared-living arrangements in dwellings rented or owned by one of the participants. The program seeks to match persons for whom sharing of living arrangements would enhance their financial and/or social well-being, promote companionship and relieve feelings of isolation.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants for the Home-Sharing Program must be sixty years of age and over, independent, without major health problems or a history of mental illness, drugs, or alcoholism. Prospective hosts are older persons who own or rent apartments or homes in Manhattan between 14th and 90th Streets, Fifth Avenue and the East River, and wish to share part of their dwelling with another compatible elderly person. Hosts must be willing to make reasonable financial and social arrangements and have homes which are suitable and safe for the placement of guests.

Prospective guests are older persons who currently live anywhere in New York and wish to share part of a dwelling with a compatible elderly host. Guests too must be willing to make reasonable financial and social arrangements. The New York Foundation for Senior Citizens' professional social work staff will provide:

- * comprehensive, confidential screening and matching services
- * help with negotiating shared living arrangements and/or leases
- * follow up counselling to insure successful adjustments
- * referral for appropriate program related government entitlement and/or social service programs.

What Is The Cost?

This program is made possible by a grant from the New York State Office of the Aging. Thus, there is no charge for the Foundations' services.

For further information contact Ms. Elizabeth Ottaway at the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens, 962-7559.

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RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

The New York Foundation for Senior Citizens has inaugurated a Respite Care Program to provide affordable, relief home attendance for elderly persons, whose care is dependent on relatives. It is also to help others who require short term relief from these responsibilities.

Trained home attendants can provide temporary care for elderly persons in need of services when their regular caregiver is away on a business trip or vacation or when he or she becomes ill. Services provided include personal care, housekeeping, shopping, cooking and laundry. Respite care can also assist elderly persons who require temporary help following hospitalization. They are supervised by social workers and nursing staff.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants must be sixty years of age and over, medically eligible, and living between 14th and 90th streets, Fifth Avenue and the East River.

What is the Cost?

The administrative services of the Respite Care Program are paid for by a grant from the New York State Office for the Aging. Costs for care are determined on an hourly basis and the rates can be as low as \$3.35 an hour, increasing slightly depending on the type of care required.

For further information or to request Respite Care Services call Ms. Elizabeth Ottaway at the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens, 962-7559. If further help is needed, please contact Robert Leifert at the Synagogue Office.

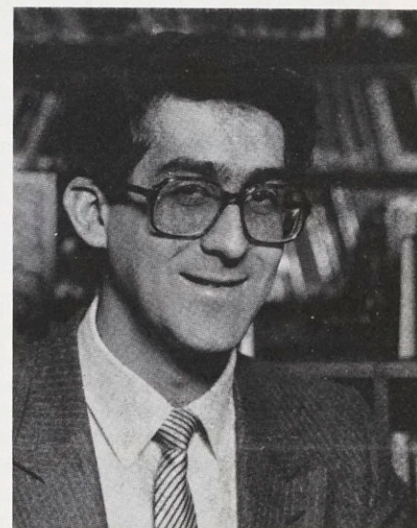
MR. AND MRS. BERNARD MEZEY CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mezey on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary.

The Mezeys were married on June 25, 1933 which was Rosh Chodesh, Tammuz at Congregation Adath Israel of the Grand Concourse. They have been members of Kehilath Jeshurun for the past eight years.

We wish them many happy and healthy years together and express our hope that they will continue to share much joy with one another.

RABBI GARY HOFFMAN APPOINTED NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES



We are most pleased to welcome Rabbi Gary Hoffman as the new Director of Youth Activities at KJ. Rabbi Hoffman is familiar to many of our children as a member of the faculty of the Ramaz Lower School.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Rabbi Hoffman was a leader in a national youth movement at his home congregation. He has taught teenagers and younger children, has been a camp counselor and a college swimming instructor and has developed some ambitious goals for the full program in our congregation.

Rabbi Hoffman was ordained at Yeshiva University where he also received his Bachelor's Degree. He also holds a Master's Degree from Columbia University.

We are also happy to note that Rabbi Hoffman, a member of our congregation, was recently married in our Main Synagogue to another member of our congregation, the former Ellen Pinsker. Ellen serves on the office staff of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

We welcome the Hoffmans to this new position and look forward to many years of successful leadership in working with our youth.

FAREWELL TO RABBI GERSHON SONNENSCHIN

We are pleased to wish a warm and hearty farewell to our devoted Youth Director for the past two years Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein. He has left our community to take up residence in Ottawa, in his native country, Canada.

We are delighted to congratulate Gersh on his appointment as Associate Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom West in that city. We send to him our best wishes for success in his new pulpit position and are certain that the Ottawa community will enjoy the warmth and commitment that Gersh will bring to that congregation.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel Tov to Carol and Craig Barany upon the birth of their daughter, Marna Joy. Similar wishes to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Marcia Chonchol.

Mazel Tov to Nancy and Dr. Richard Gallin upon the birth of their son, William Nathaniel, whose bris took place in our synagogue.

Mazel Tov to Drs. Brenda and Walter Molofsky upon the birth of their daughter, Nicole Rachel, who was named at Shabbat morning services in our Main Synagogue.

Mazel Tov to Hannah and Neil Ranells upon the birth of their grandson, Max Lewis, born to their children, Rena and Paul Citrin.

Mazel Tov to Rachel and David Sarna upon the arrival of their daughter, Leora Leah.

Mazel Tov to Ruth and Moe Septee upon the birth of their granddaughter, Jenny Septee Goldstein, born to their children, Rena and Mark Goldstein.

Mazel tov to our new members, Merrill and Saul Mishaan upon the birth of their daughter, Joyce Helen.

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

BAR MITZVAH

Mazel tov to Mrs. Benjamin Perlman on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Harris Raleigh, son of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Perlman. The ceremony took place on Saturday morning, June 25, at the Skokie Valley Traditional Synagogue, just outside of Chicago.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our congratulations to Irma Clark who has been appointed campaign chairwoman of the Manhattan Organizations Division of the Greater New York Women's Campaign for UJA-Federation. She will head the 1984 campaign which last year raised more than two million dollars.

We wish her well in this important endeavor and encourage the women of our congregation to energetically support this effort.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to Sandy Seplov who was honored by the UJA for his service as Manhattan Chairman of Mobilization '82. Sandy is co-chairman of our congregation's UJA Committee.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Mazel tov to Douglas Propp, son of Eve Propp and Seymour Propp, upon his graduation from Boston University's School of Communications, Magna Cum Laude.

COMMUNAL RECOGNITION

We are proud to note that our esteemed member of more than 50 years, Blanche Etra was highlighted in a special Yeshiva University supplement in the July 1 issue of the *Jewish Week*. She was recognized particularly for her philanthropic work on behalf of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and her leadership in women's organizations throughout the country on behalf of the university.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

Dr. Nathalie Friedman Recognized for Major Study

We are pleased to note that our esteemed member, Dr. Nathalie Friedman, a sociologist on the faculty of Columbia University, is responsible for a major study entitled, "The Jewish Community and Children of Divorce." The study is sponsored by the American Jewish Committee's William Pettschek National Jewish Family Center. A report of the pilot study was featured during July in every major Jewish newspaper in the United States. In brief, the findings indicate that Jewish children's formal ties to Judaism may be somewhat weakened by divorce and Jewish religious and educational institutions have few organized structures to counteract this trend.

While current data are too sparse to indicate clearly whether divorce brings any great change to children's Jewish identity, it is noted that the emotional and logistical problems faced by single-parent families may affect children's active participation in Jewish life.

We congratulate Dr. Friedman on her work leading to these findings and look forward to their impact on Jewish institutions in their effort to help single-parent families.

ESTHER FRIEDMAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER MARRIED

WEDDING

Mazel Tov to our Synagogue bookkeeper and her husband, Rev. Abraham and Esther Friedman on the marriage of their granddaughter Suri Moss to Rabbi

In Memoriam

Thomas Meltzer

We mourn the passing of our beloved member, Thomas Meltzer, who was suddenly taken away in the prime of his life. His wife, Marilyn, and his two children, Sara and Michael, both young Ramaz students, were the focus of his dreams and aspirations. The epitome of dedication and devotion to his family, Tom was a source of advice and leadership to those who met him. The respect of the professional community for his scholarship and the admiration by all of his warmth and sensitivity added to the meaning of his short life. We will cherish the memories of Tom with his family as we pray that God will grant strength and consolation to those that mourn his passing.

CONDOLENCES:

Our sincere condolences to Brenda Bernstein and Giselle Green on the passing of their mother, Barbara W. Green.

We note with sorrow the passing of Nandor Zag, beloved brother of Frieda Nack.

Our condolences to Gideon Lewin on the passing of his father, Dr. Herbert Lewin in Jerusalem.

Our sincere condolences to Isaac Meilach on the passing of his sister, Bella Orkin.

Sincere condolences to Howard Rubenstein on the loss of his beloved father, Samuel Rubenstein.

May all of the mourners be comforted among all those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Menachem Mendel Greenberg.

Suri is the daughter of the Friedman's children, Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Moss of Long Branch, New Jersey. Her *Chatan* is the son of Rabbi and Mrs. Meyer Greenberg of Paterson.

May the young couple have a life of fulfilling happiness and may their families enjoy much *nachas*.

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We have had similar successful situations such as this in the past and we encourage any family in our community capable of providing such housing to call the family collect at 518-785-7516.

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