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THREE HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES TO BE HELD THIS YEAR — A FIRST FOR OUR CONGREGATION

We are pleased to announce that because of the extremely heavy demand for seats on the part of members of the congregation and their families - as well as other residents in our community - we had to make arrangements, literally at the last minute, to conduct three services for this coming Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in our Main Synagogue and the Synagogue House. There will be a service in the Main Synagogue, a Parallel Service in the Kamber Auditorium and a second Parallel Service in the Social Hall.

Our ability to solve the problem of overcrowding in this manner was made possible through a variety of extraordinary acts of helpfulness on the part of people in the community.

1) We are grateful to a group of KJ regulars who, upon the invitation of Rabbi Polakoff, agreed to give up their seats in the Main Synagogue or in the Parallel Service in the auditorium in order to form the new Parallel Service in the Social Hall which will be led by Rabbi Polakoff. We are confident that this group and all those who will be joining them at that new service will find a great deal of spiritual satisfaction from it.

2) One of the reasons they will find that satisfaction is because of a young Ba' al T'fila, Dr. Shelley Senders - the son-in-law to be of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskell Lookstein (and the chatan of Debbie) - who will be joining us for the High Holy Day season and who will daven musaf on Rosh Hashana and Kol Nidre, Musaf and Ne'ila on Yom Kippur in the Social Hall Parallel Service. Dr. Senders, who is chief resident in pediatrics at Brookdale Hospital, is a graduate of Yeshiva College and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and has a wonderful reputation as a ba'al t'fila in some very discriminating congregations. We look forward to his davening with us this year.

3) Of course, none of our plans could have been realized without a third Rabbi. We are fortunate that we found one in our own family in the person of Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg who just received *smicha* last spring from Yeshiva University. He will alternate with our rabbis in leading the services.

If all of this sounds complicated - it is. But, thank God, we had to be very creative in order to try to accommodate the members of the con-

gregation and their families. Our Executive Director, Robert J. Leifert, worked through the summer in order to assign tickets to all of the members. It ultimately became apparent that there were simply not enough seats in our two services to fill the requests of members, not to mention friends from the community. The solution which the synagogue administration and officers worked out promises to be a very happy one for us all. It will however require the cooperation of everyone so that the beauty, inspiration and dignity of our services can be maintained.

We thank the membership of the congregation in advance for their cooperation and support.

Rabbi Polakoff
will deliver a
Rosh Hashanah Shiur
this Shabbat afternoon
September 14
at 5:45
in the
Max J. Etra Chapel

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN'S BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE **WERE WE OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS:** THE PUBLIC RESPONSE OF AMERICAN JEWS TO THE HOLOCAUST 1938-1944

Elie Wiesel Calls It Must Reading for Those Who Love the Jewish People

We are very proud to announce that Hartmore House has just published a book by Rabbi Haskell Lookstein entitled *Were We Our Brothers' Keepers: The Public Response of American Jews to the Holocaust 1938-1944*. Other books have presented the tragic abandonment of European Jews by America and the Allies during World War II. The Rabbi's work, however, is the first systematic analysis of what *American Jews* were doing while Six Million died.

Is it true, as Bernice Tanenbaum (then president of Hadassah) wrote in a 1977 letter to the editor of the New York Times, that "The chief lesson of the Holocaust is that we were silent when we should have shouted?" Is Nahum Goldmann justified in writing that "We must stand as a generation not only condemned to witness the destruction of a third of our number but guilty of having accepted it without any resistance worthy of the name?" Rabbi Lookstein has answered these questions in a study which focuses on the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press during the Holocaust. He shows what was known and when; what Jewish leaders said and did; what public rallies were held and what

they accomplished; and what was avoided, overlooked or ignored. The author succeeds in recreating the mood and temper of American Jews during those years of tragedy and terror, fear and frustration.

Arnold Forster, General Counsel of the Anti-Defamation League calls the work: "honest, deeply disturbing and most moving." "Must reading," he urges.

Kirkus Reviews - an independent agency which reviews books for libraries and book stores, praises the rabbi for "The most delicate and painful of self-examinations," and for his "perspective of compassion." "This book is highly readable and important," the reviewer noted, "indicating a maturity in the American Jewish community, which is now willing, unflinchingly, to look at itself in history's mirror."

Former Supreme Court Justice, Arthur J. Goldberg, and Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and Vice-Chairman of the United States Civil Rights Commission, both praised the book for its

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BLESSING THE CHILDREN ON YOM KIPPUR EVE

There is a beautiful custom that a father — or mother — bless his or her child on the eve of Yom Kippur after the meal before the fast. The blessing is much more detailed than the simple Biblical priestly blessing which is given to the children on Friday evening before *kiddush*. We would recommend to you that you bless your children every Friday evening but that, in particular, you bless them on Yom Kippur eve. The text of the blessing and a translation appear below.

(for boys)

"May the Lord make you as Ephraim and as Menasheh"

(for girls)

"May the Lord make you as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah"

May it be the will of our Father in Heaven to place within your heart love and reverence for Him. May you revere God all the days of your life so that you will not sin. May He bless you with the desire to study Torah and observe His commandments. May your eyes look straight ahead, your mouth speak wisdom and may your heart be filled with reverence. May your hands always be involved in the accomplishment of Mitzvot and may your feet run to do God's bidding.

May the Almighty grant you righteous sons and daughters who will also occupy themselves with Torah and Mitzvot all the days of their lives. May He grant you moral substance and livelihood — morally, graciously and abundantly — and may you never have to depend on human help. May your profession always allow time for service to God.

May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Good and Long Life together with all the righteous of Israel.

Amen

YOM KIPPUR CANDLE LIGHTING

Provision has been made for the kindling of candles in the Synagogue House on Yom Kippur eve, Tuesday, September 24, prior to 6:32 PM.

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

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.

Tashlich

The Tashlich ceremony occurs on the first day of Yom Tov, Monday. 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, at 5:30, near the 85th Street entrance to the reservoir path in Central Park, or at 86th Street in Carl Shurz Park.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

On Rosh Hashanah, upon leaving the Synagogue, all extend the High Holy Day greeting:

לשנה טובה תכתבו

"May You Be Inscribed for a Good Year".

AUGUST 1, 1975

Our thoughts this Rosh Hashanah are with the Baumbli Family of Odessa who have been waiting to emigrate from the Soviet Union since the Helsinki Accords were signed on August 1, 1975.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO DELIVER SHABBAT SHUVA DISCOURSE ON KAVOD HA-BRIYOT (RESPECT FOR PEOPLE)

The Shabbat Shuva discourse will be delivered by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on Shabbat afternoon September 21 following Mincha services in the Main Synagogue. Mincha will begin at 6:00.

The rabbi will discuss the general requirement of Kavod Ha-briyot — respect for people — which constitutes a fundamental mitzvah for all Jews. The mitzvah touches upon just about every aspect of our lives. The rabbi will explore the precept in halakha and aggada and relate it to specific life situations of a personal nature as well as of national and political significance for the Jewish community here and in Israel.

The discourse will deal with such questions as: Do other Torah precepts override kavod ha-briyot or is it the other way around? Under what circumstances may one suspend kavod ha-briyot? How does this subject affect our relationship with Jews who believe and practice differently from us? What is the relevance of this question to issues of religion and state in Israel?

An invitation is extended to the entire congregational family and the general community to hear what promises to be a very important analysis of a vital subject.

THE FAST OF GEDALIAH

On the day after Rosh Hashana, Wednesday, September 18, we observe the fast of Gedaliah, in memory of the assassination of Gedaliah ben Achikam, the governor of Jerusalem following the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE. The death of Gedaliah marked the final hammer blow, as it were, to the first Jewish Commonwealth.

The fast day is observed from before dawn until nightfall which is at 7:36 PM.

SHOFAR TIME 10 O'CLOCK

We call to the attention of our worshippers that the sounding of the *Shofar* on Monday and Tuesday 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.

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 15, Rosh Hashanah Eve

S'lichot Service (Z'chor Brit) 8:00 AM
Regular morning services will follow

Evening 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting 6:46 PM

Monday, September 16, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 6:50 PM
Candle Lighting after 7:40

Tuesday, September 17, Rosh Hashanah II

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 6:50 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:38 PM

DAILY SERVICES (between the Festivals)

Mornings 7:00 AM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Evenings 6:45 PM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 20

Evening 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting 6:38 PM

Saturday, September 21

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:00 PM

Shabbat Shuvah Discourse by Rabbi Lookstein

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:31 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 24, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning 7:15 AM
Mincha 2:30 PM
Candle Lighting 6:32 PM
Kol Nidre 6:40 PM

Wednesday, September 25, Yom Kippur

Morning 8:30 AM
Yizkor is recited as part of this service.

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 (seventh grade and up) should have tickets for them in either the Main Synagogue or one of the Parallel Services.

Children in the 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) .3rd Floor Dining Hall	All Services
Primary Congregation (Nursery - First Grade)402	meet
Toddler Congregation (one to three years old)406	11 am - 1 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre Night

Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grade) Dining Hall	7:00 PM
First Grade Service402	7:00 PM

Yom Kippur Day

Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grade) Dining Hall	All Services
Primary Congregation (Nursery - First Grade)402	Meet
Toddler Congregation (one to three years old)406	11:30 - 1:30 PM

SUKKAH MEALS

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

Sunday, September 29
SUKKOT EVE: DINNER

Monday, September 30
SUKKOT I: LUNCH
DINNER

Tuesday, October 1
SUKKOT II: LUNCH

Friday, October 4
SHABBAT DINNER

Saturday, October 5
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 \$15 per meal and for children through high school age \$10 each.

A reservation form will be 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 22 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 will be sent to your home. Please make your reservation without delay.

SCHEDULE OF SUKKOT SERVICES

SUKKOT

Sunday, September 29, Sukkot Eve

Evening 6:40 PM
Candle Lighting 6:24 PM

Monday, September 30, Sukkot I

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting after 7:15 PM

Tuesday, October 1, Sukkot II

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:30 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:13 PM

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:15 AM
Evening 6:30 PM

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

Friday, October 4

Evening 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting 6:17 PM

Saturday, October 5

Morning 8:45 AM

Reading of Kohelet

Evening 6:20 PM
Conclusion of Sabbath 7:06 PM

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Sunday, October 6, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting 6:15 PM

Monday, October 7, Sh'mini Atzeret

Morning 9:00 AM

Yizkor is recited as part of this service

Mincha 6:20 PM

Ma'ariv and Hakafoth will follow

Candle Lighting after 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 8, Simchat Torah

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:20 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:01 PM

SPECIAL SUKKA PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY

October 2
MEN'S CLUB
(Women Invited)

Sukka Supper
6:30 P.M.
(No charge)

THURSDAY

October 3
SINGLES
21-45

Sukka Supper
6:30 P.M.
(\$10.00 per person)

SATURDAY

October 5
COUPLES CLUB

Sukka Dessert Party
8:30 P.M.
(No charge)

For Reservations: Call the Synagogue Office at 427-1000.

WELCOME TO RABBI AND MRS. ASHER BERKOWITZ AND BEST WISHES TO THE NEW LEADER OF OUR BEGINNERS SERVICE

We are pleased to welcome to our community Rabbi and Mrs. Asher Berkowitz (Mrs. Berkowitz is the former Shoshana Bulow) and their daughter Rivka. Rabbi Berkowitz will be teaching in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

As an added service to our community Rabbi Berkowitz will conduct the Beginners' Service every Shabbat morning at 10:30. As in the past the beginner's service will be held in the 6th Floor Library.

Rabbi Berkowitz is a close younger associate of David Bernstein who created the Beginners' Service in our community. We are confident that he will add immeasurably to the quality and mood of the Beginners' Service in order to continue it as a great boon to those who have limited background in davening and who would like to feel comfortable in a service of prayer.

ISAAC POLLAK NEW PRESIDENT OF COUPLES CLUB

We are very happy to announce that the Couples Club has selected new officers for 1985-86. Isaac Pollak succeeds Alice Usdan as President of the Club. Martine Fox will be Vice President while Dr. Robert Lipner will serve as Treasurer.

The Board members will include Dr. George Blumenthal, Claire Deutsch, Evelyn Katz, Howard Katz, Joshua Kestenbaum, Phyllis Kukin, Robert Kurzweil, Dr. Deborah Lipner and Meira Tugedhaft.

We wish the new slate much success in its efforts in behalf of the Couples Club and the congregation. We look forward to a vibrant season of activities for the young couples of the congregation.

A TIME FOR FREEDOM

On Rosh Hashanah, while each of us prays in synagogue, Anatoly Shcharansky will pray in his prison cell, where he has been for the last seven years. On Rosh Hashanah, when the gates of prayer are open, the gates of Anatoly's cell remain shut.

Anatoly is not alone. There are over 20,000 Soviet Jewish refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience who are barred from joining their family and friends in freedom. There are over two and a half million Soviet Jews who are trapped in the USSR.

On Rosh Hashanah, our voices will be heard. The voices of Soviet Jews will be muffled, their presence denied.

The Soviet Anti-Zionist Committee claims that Jewish emigration from the USSR has come to an end, that all those wishing to leave have already left. But we know that there are at least 20,000 Soviet Jews whose emigration requests

have been refused and over 400,000 who have begun the difficult and uncertain emigration process.

On Rosh Hashanah, when our voices are raised, let us not forget about Soviet Jews. Join the coalition to free Soviet Jews in saying the following as you dip your apple into honey and pray for a sweet year:

*May it be your will to grant us
a good and sweet year.*

*May it be your will
to bless Soviet Jews
with the sweetness of freedom.*

AUGUST 1, 1975

Our thoughts this Rosh Hashanah are with Zinovy and Liudmila Bedrin of Kiev who have been waiting to emigrate from the Soviet Union since the Helsinki Accords were signed on August 1, 1975.

IF, IN AN EMERGENCY

You must reach a Synagogue Official at home, please note the following telephone numbers:

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein 628-0340
Rabbi Dale Polakoff 628-5553
Cantor Avrum Davis 534-3733
Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg 831-3684
Mr. Robert J. Leifert . . . (201) 837-1018

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

A Beautiful and traditional way of observing a yearzeit, anniversary, birthday or special simcha is to celebrate with the community by sponsoring a Shabbat morning kiddush. Since August, there has been a sponsor each week, and others wishing to be sponsors have been unable to do so.

There are a number of dates available in the Fall and Winter months. We urge you to reserve one of these Saturdays now.

Call our Executive Director, Robert Leifert, at 427-1000 to make arrangements.

BEST WISHES TO THE BIELERS IN JERUSALEM

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi and Mrs. Jack Bieler and their children left late in the summer for Jerusalem where they will spend a year on Sabbatical. Rabbi Bieler has been elected to the Jerusalem Fellows Program. This will give him an opportunity to study, to learn and to participate in interchanges with other young educators and scholars from around the world.

We wish the Bieler family well during their year in Jerusalem and we look forward to their return for the 1986/87 congregational and school year.

LOVE AND JEWISH TRADITION: THEIR IMPACT

ON INTERMARRIAGE Dr. Egon Mayer To Address Men's Club Sukkah Supper Women Invited

Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 P.M.

The entire membership of the congregation, men and women, are invited to be the guests of the KJ Men's Club at its Annual Sukkah Supper on Wednesday evening, October 2, at 6:30 P.M. in the congregation's sukkah.

Dr. Egon Mayer, Professor of Sociology at the City University of New York's Brooklyn College and President of the Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry will be the guest speaker on the topic: LOVE AND JEWISH TRADITION: THEIR IMPACT ON INTERMARRIAGE.

Dr. Mayer's thesis is that American Jewry has not been able to cope with intermarriage because it has not understood the relationship between love and tradition. His presentation will try to explain who intermarries, why, and with what consequences.

Dr. Mayer will further discuss how it seems that almost everyone knows of some person in their family who has intermarried and how many people ponder the question: "Will your grandchildren be Jewish?" He will further explore dimensions in the relationship between husbands and wives.

Dr. Mayer's particular area of interest is the study of religious and ethnic values in social behavior. He is the author of numerous articles and serves as consultant to several national and local Jewish organizations including our own Federation of Jewish Philanthropies here in New York. He has directed several major studies on Jewish intermarriage on behalf of the American Jewish Committee which were published under the titles: *Intermarriage and the Jewish Future*, and *Children of Intermarriage*.

The Annual Sukkah Supper is a delightful social evening for the entire community. The Men's Club of the congregation is pleased to welcome members of the congregation. While there is no charge for the evening, people wishing to attend are asked to please make reservations with the synagogue office no later than 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, September 29, so that we may order the proper amount of food for the evening.

Rabbi Lookstein's Book

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understanding of the past and also for its implications for current policy. Prof. Henry F. Graff of Columbia University, under whom Rabbi Lookstein studied American history in 1951, speaks of the book as having been written with "diligence and unique sensitivity." "His conclusions," Prof. Graff adds, "are compelling and commanding."

But, perhaps the most beautiful tribute to the book is to be found in the foreword which was written by Elie Wiesel. After speaking about the way in which the rabbi treats the entire subject with compassion and with a broken heart, Prof. Wiesel adds: "It is for the sake of *ahavat Yisrael* that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein has written this volume. It is for the sake of *ahavat Yisrael* that you must read it."

We are very proud of this moment in the history of the congregation and the KJ-Ramaz community in general. We congratulate the rabbi and his family on the wonderful way in which the book has been received. We hope that the community will respond to the book with interest and enthusiasm.

The list price of the book is \$18.95. It is available now, however, to members of the KJ-Ramaz community at the pre-publication price of \$14.95, plus \$1.23 tax and a charge of \$1.50 per order for postage and handling if you want the book mailed. It may be ordered directly through the Rabbi's office at the congregation, or it may be picked up for the pre-publication price at the KJR Judaica Shop. Please use the order form in this Bulletin if you would like to order by mail.

ORDER FORM

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KIRKUS REVIEWS

Lookstein, Haskel
WERE WE OUR
BROTHERS'
KEEPERS? *The Public
Response of American
Jews to the Holocaust,
1938-1944*
Hartmore House \$18.95

This emerges as a reaction to a series of revisionist views of the Holocaust, views that focus on those who, by their silence or indifference, were morally guilty of complicity. Such charges have been made about, among others, the Pope, the Roosevelt Administration, and, increasingly, even American Jews.

To conduct this most delicate and painful self-examination, Rabbi Lookstein has produced a careful and ultimately profoundly sad study. He examines six crucial events between the years 1938 and 1944; however, rather than consider individual initiatives, he is after communal reactions. He examines the American Jewish press to determine how much knowledge the Jews had and what their public reactions were to the rise and expansion of Nazism. The bulk of the book is a chapter-by-chapter consideration of such events as *Kristallnacht* and the denial of entry to the doomed ship *St. Louis*.

Lookstein's conclusions drawn from his analysis of these events are not pleasant. Time and again, he suggests, American Jewry seemed paralyzed, unwilling to confront or even criticize Roosevelt, divided into uncooperative factions, and concerned about possible anti-Semitic reactions in America. The book provides additional confirmation of the argument that American Jews were unable or reluctant to act at a time of their greatest need to do so.

What is unique in this book is its perspective of compassion. Instead of blaming American Jews for their failures, Lookstein considers in detail the causes of their silence. Finally, we are left with the feeling that American Jews, too, were victims. The same anti-Semitism that led to death for their European cousins bred their fear, incomprehension and ultimate silence.

This book is highly readable and important, indicating a maturity in the American Jewish community, which is now willing, unflinchingly, to look at itself in history's mirror.

AUGUST 1, 1975

Our thoughts this Rosh Hashanah are with Semion and Tsilia Basman of Bendery who have been waiting to emigrate from the Soviet Union since the Helsinki Accords were signed on August 1, 1975.

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Our thoughts this Rosh Hashanah are with Iosif Begun of the Perm Labor Camp who has been waiting to emigrate from the Soviet Union since the Helsinki Accords were signed on August 1, 1975.

LAYA ROSENBERG MARRIED

We are happy to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg upon the marriage of their daughter Chana Laya to Rabbi Shneur Zalman Kalman Zirkind. The wedding took place in front of the Lubavitch headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway. It was followed by a reception in the KJ Synagogue House.

Chana Leah has grown up in our community. We are happy for her and for the entire Rosenberg family on this blessed milestone in her life and theirs. We pray that the young couple will have happiness, joy and blessing throughout a long wedded life.

ELIE WIESEL TO RECEIVE COVENANT OF PEACE AWARD FROM SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

We are proud to announce that our esteemed member Elie Wiesel will be honored by the Synagogue Council of America with its Covenant of Peace Award at a dinner sponsored by the SCA on Monday evening, November 11, at the Hilton.

The Synagogue Council of America is the symbol of Jewish religious unity in the United States. We at Kehilath Jeshurun are particularly anxious to demonstrate our support for that unity. We are delighted that the SCA has chosen Elie Wiesel for this award because he represents in his own person the unity of all Jews and the love of every Jew for every other.

We urge our membership to reserve the date and to plan to be at that dinner on November 11. Reservations can be made through the Synagogue Council of America at 327 Lexington Avenue, New York 10016.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Zew Braun upon the birth of their son, Aryeh Dov. Similar good wishes to the proud great grandmother, Mrs. Rita Kaufman.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Colvin upon the birth of their son, Jeremiah Paul. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colvin and Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Eppler.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Merkin upon the birth of their grandson, Aryeh Lev, born to their children Ezra and Lauren Merkin.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. George Rohr upon the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Malka. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nash and to the *nachas schepping* great grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Nash.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schulman upon the birth of their son, Maxwell Richard.

Mazel tov to Alan Singer and Diana Bletter upon the birth of their son, Solomon Bletter Singer.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Waldman upon the birth of their fourth son, Joseph Jeremiah. Similar good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Waldman upon the birth of their grandson, who is named for Israel Waldman's father who only recently passed away.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. John Wolff upon the birth of their daughter, Sarah Eppler Wolff. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Eppler.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Mrs. Harry Etra upon the engagement of her son, Donald, to Paula Weiner of Los Angeles.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koppel upon the engagement of their son, Steven to Lynette Perlman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Perlman of Mobile, Alabama.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Scharfstein upon the engagement of their son, David, to Sara Feldman, daughter of Naomi Goldstein Feldman and Franklin Feldman. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of the late Dr. Eli Goldstein who was a member of our congregation for many years.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Esther Wachtel upon the engagement of her daughter, Vicki Schanker, to Howard Robbins of Long Beach.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. David Woldenberg upon the engagement of their daughter, Rona to Dr. Bert Greenberg of Woodbury, L.I.

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

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to our Treasurer and Trustee, Norman and Tova Bulow, upon the marriage of their son, Ephraim to Alisa Beach of Portland, Oregon.

Mazel tov to Dr. Warren Hammerschlag upon his marriage to Deborah Shapiro. Similar good wishes to the bride's parents, our Trustee, Irwin and Ruth Shapiro and to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Feder.

Mazel tov to Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum upon his marriage to the former Marcelle Rettnner of Mt. Vernon.

COMMUNAL RECOGNITION

We are pleased to note that Mrs. Rachel Oppenheim was elected to serve on the Presidium of the Executive Board of the Stern College Alumnae Association for the year 1985-86.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. Alexander Gross upon the passing of her brother, Steven Mandell.

Our condolences to Mrs. Martin Klein upon the passing of her sister, Muriel Litke.

Our condolences to Dr. Norman Orentreich upon the passing of his brother, Seymour Orentreich.

Our condolences to Dr. Yaakov Shechter upon the passing of his mother, Sonia Shechter.

Our condolences to our devoted bookkeeper, Hattie Murphy, upon the passing of her mother, Blanche Murphy.

We hope that all of the families will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Congratulations to Mrs. Leila Zuckerman upon her appointment as Principal of P.S. 124 in Queens. Mrs. Zuckerman is a wonderful educator. May she contribute to the enhancement of the academic opportunities of all of the children in her school.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Rachel Chesner, daughter of Nechi and Noam Shudofsky, upon her graduation from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University with a Doctorate of Nursing degree. Rachel was elected to Sigma Theta Tau, the national honor society for nurses.

Congratulations to Mrs. Roberta Shechter upon her graduation as a certified psychoanalyst from the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health in New York City. Mrs. Shechter received the Postgraduate Center Achievement Award for the best case presentation submitted to the Center in 1985.

We are happy to announce that Dr. Yaakov Shechter's book *BIOLOGY*, a high school textbook, (co-authored with H.D. Goodman), was recently published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.

BAR MITZVAH



DAVID EDWARD GITTLEMAN

Mazel tov to our new member Mrs. Corinne Gittleman and to the entire Gittleman family on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, David Edward Gittleman, which took place on Saturday, September 7. David read from the weekly portion of Ki Tavo as well as the Prophetic portion.

David is a student in the eighth grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

In Memoriam

JONAS ADLER

We lost a veteran member of the congregation during the summer. Suddenly, without any warning, Jonas Adler was taken from his family and from us.

He loved Kehilath Jeshurun. Occupying a seat in the front of the synagogue, the smile on his face reflected a happiness at being part of our prayer community and a joy in association with many of our religious fellowship whom he had known for decades. He was a man of generosity, refinement and deep concern for the Jewish people and for humanity in general. Together with his son and family we mourn his passing.

BENJAMIN MANDELKER

We mourn the passing of the former Vice President of our congregation who had moved into our community nineteen years ago together with his family and who, since that time, was a source of strength, encouragement and counsel to our congregational family.

Ben Mandelker was a unique personality who combined knowledge, wisdom and *menschlichkeit* with a love of people which in turn inspired love from others. A brilliant lawyer, he was also a committed servant of the Jewish community. He served as Vice President of the UOJCA, a founder of the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, an innovator in kashrut in Long Island Jewish Hospital and in a variety of other important capacities.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his beloved wife Evelyn who was a great source of strength to him, to his loving and devoted children Ronne and Phil and to all the members of the bereaved family.

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