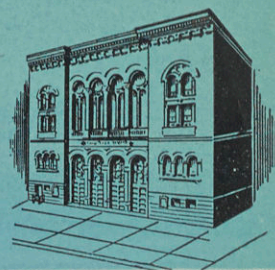


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## HISTORY MADE AT KEHILATH JESHURUN

### Rabbi Lookstein Acclaimed at Impressive Ceremonies



Mr. Levy and Mr. Etra drape the hood of the Doctor of Divinity about the Rabbi's shoulders. Dr. Churgin and Dr. Belkin stand, respectively, at left and right.

To the Kehilath Jeshurun Family:

My heart is full of gratitude for all that transpired at the Religious Convocation last Sunday. If it were at all possible I would have preferred to express my thanks individually to every member of our religious fellowship. Because that is not possible I am using this medium for that purpose.

Thank you heartily, dear congregants! Please consider that in that sentence are crystalized all the affection and every grateful sentiment that I feel for you and for which words, however well-intended, are too inadequate.

Thank you for your homage, for your kindness and for your most generous gift. My sincerest prayers that the Almighty may continue to bless our fellowship in the years to come.

With gratitude ever-lasting and affection unending,

JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

With a crowded congregation on hand—many standing in the rear of the synagogue—the Religious Convocation marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rabbi Lookstein's ministry at Kehilath Jeshurun was conducted Sunday afternoon. The occasion was also the scene of a colorful and stirring ceremony in which Yeshiva University conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rabbi.

The dignity, smoothness and atmosphere which prevailed, as well as the spirit which permeated the entire synagogue, cannot be accurately depicted. Yet certain of the features of the program were so generally acclaimed that an attempt at their delineation, however insufficient, must be made.

Precisely at four o'clock, the Choir under the direction of Seymour Silbermintz began the music for the Procession. Led by Cantor Hyman Gertler and Joseph E. Adler, our Ritual Director, the procession made its entrance as the congregation rose to its feet. It included members of the Board of Trustees and Committee on Arrangements, with the president of the congregation, Max J. Etra, and the guest of honor, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, bringing the synagogue procession to its climax.

Then, headed by their Marshal, Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, members of the Yeshiva University professorial faculty and Board of Trustees, robed in academic garb, made their way down the aisle to the reserved pews at the front of the synagogue.

#### Hon. Samuel Levy Presides —

After the Invocation was pronounced by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, representing the Rabbinical Council of America, the Hon. Samuel Levy entered the pulpit to welcome those who came to do honor to our Rabbi and to acknowledge the numerous testimonials received from literally every

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Rabbi Lookstein receives the engraved resolution of a life contract from Mr. Etra.

### RABBI ACCLAIMED

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great organization and renowned personalities the world over. Of the Rabbi, Mr. Levy said, "Truly in the last 25 years, the young rabbi has blossomed into one of the finest exponents of traditional Judaism and one of the most respected leaders in every phase of Jewish endeavor."

### Many Organizations Represented —

The first of the guest speakers, Mr. Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, recalled with pleasure the nine years of close association with the Rabbi. Speaking of the Rabbi's visit to Europe in 1939, Mr. Weil said, "Not only did he bring solace and comfort to the Jewish chaplains and military personnel, but his work and discussions with Gen. Clark and Gen. McNarney aided greatly in the solution of the Displaced Persons problem."

Following Mr. Weil, Mr. Leon Gellman, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, spoke eloquently in Yiddish of the Rabbi's great interest in religious Zionism. He called attention to the difficulties inherent in the position of

a young Orthodox rabbi in America, but hastened to emphasize the glorious manner in which Rabbi Lookstein not only overcame these obstacles but accepted the challenge and made good—as exemplified by the founding of Ramaz School.

The Dean of Yeshiva College, Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, spoke next of his relations with the Rabbi who is a Professor of Jewish Sociology at the University. Dr. Isaacs stressed the erudition and personality of the Rabbi which endeared him to administration, faculty and student body alike. Dr. Isaacs brought smiles to the faces of those present when he referred to the Rabbi's unusual sense of humor—a well-known facet of Rabbi Lookstein's character.

The last to extend organizational greetings was Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. As a close co-worker with the Rabbi, Mr. Warburg recounted that he has always found him "not only a wise and sound counselor but a cheerful soldier, willing to take the good with the bad, and consciously doing his utmost to see to it that in doing good he helped those alongside him keep up their courage and to continue with renewed strength."

### THE K. J. SISTERHOOD

invites you to its next

### OPEN MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 17th

in the Social Hall

### MR. LAWENCE LADER

will be our

Guest Speaker

Buffet Luncheon will be served  
at one o'clock

### Etra Presents Life Contract —

Finally, Mr. Max J. Etra addressed the audience in the name of the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family. He pointed out the tremendous strides which the congregation made under the guidance of the Rabbi, and the resulting enhancement of Orthodox Judaism. Mr. Etra closed by handing to the Rabbi an engraved resolution of the life contract which the membership voted to award him.

### Yeshiva University Confers Degree —

At this point, the pulpit was turned over to Yeshiva University. Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Dean of the Teachers Institute of the University presented Rabbi Lookstein to Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University, for the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In his presentation, Dr. Churgin said in part, "To Professor Lookstein was given by the Almighty the keys to the Jewish soul and human heart, and the intelligence, strength and courage to employ them for the greatest causes in Jewish life, for Torah, for Israel, for the great work of relief for our brethren in Europe and for daring action in the field of Jewish education here."

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**AN EVENING OF SURPRISES**

For Men Only

Tuesday evening

January 18th

at 8:30 o'clock

in the Social Hall

What's cooking?

The Men's Club Annual Smoker

**NEED WE SAY MORE?**

Dr. Belkin presents Rabbi Lookstein with the Doctoral diploma.

Hailing the Rabbi as "teacher, educator, communal leader and founder of schools," Dr. Belkin referred to him in his citation as "a man of courage, lofty ideals and broad sympathies; as the prominent exponent of the attitude of traditional Judaism to the religious, social and humane problems agitating the world today, and as the inspiration by his personality and scholarship of a generation of students now serving throughout the United States." It was then that the hood, symbolic of the degree, was placed on the Rabbi's shoulders, and the Doctoral diploma was presented to him.

**Rabbi's Response —**

It was a heart-warming sight to behold 1500 people rise as the Rabbi entered his familiar pulpit to offer his response, and tremendous indeed was the ovation he received. But it was his simple yet eloquent words spoken from the heart, that brought tears to the eyes of many.

Speaking as only he can, the Rabbi expressed his desire that he be permitted to feel that the degree conferred upon him was symbolic—that he be considered "representative of the graduates of Yeshiva helping to advance the Torah and the traditional way of life; representative of those loyal spiritual leaders who forsook pulpits

to join in the religious ministry of our men and women in the armed services." Said the Rabbi, "Let this tribute indicate the diversity of groups and organizations here represented; let it be a symbol of the solidarity of the American Jewish community, indicating that this solidarity will grow for the aid and assistance of our brothers everywhere, especially to our heroes, valiant and Maccabean in the land of our forefathers, Medinat Israel."

The program which was interspersed with liturgical selections rendered by the Cantor and choir, drew to a close with a moving prayer offered by Rabbi David de Sola Pool, representing the New York Board of Rabbis. After the Recessional, all were invited to a reception, beautifully arranged by our Caterers, in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein, in both the Social Hall and the Auditorium.

As the curtain falls on this most historic event in Kehilath Jeshurun history—indeed, in the history of American Jewry—we can only pray for the fulfillment of the good wishes expressed by the guest speakers and in the hundreds of telegrams, letters and telephone calls received.

**A HEARTY THANKS**

The Committee on Arrangements for the Religious Convocation of last Sunday extends its heartiest "Thank You" to the following who did such an outstanding job as ushers: Alvin Austin, Benjamin Gold, Irwin B. Jacobs, Maurice Jaffe, Martin Klein, Nathan Kogan, Hyman Messeloff, Julius Silver, Dr. Robert Wallach and Alan Yohann.

Thanks, too, to the four young men, who were invaluable as "junior ushers": B. Warren Brown, Ari Ickovic, Elliott Messing and Fred Zuckerman.

All, of course, served under the splendid chairmanship of George Jacobs, head of the Board of Ushers.

**VACATIONING**

Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein off for a few days' stay in Atlantic City. The Rabbi will participate there in the U.J.A. conference now in progress.

Our president, Max J. Etra, left earlier this week for Miami with his mother, Mrs. Aaron Etra. We wish them both a pleasant stay and a safe return to us in the best of health.



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### Synagogue Officials

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Hyman Gertler.....*Cantor*  
Joseph E. Adler.....*Ritual Director*  
Jerome H. Rosenblum.....*Executive Director*

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Alexander Kommel.....*Secretary*  
Ira F. Weisman...*President, Men's Club*  
Mrs. Alexander Kommel...*Pres. Sisterhood*

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### Friday

Lighting of Candles..... 4:33  
Evening..... 4:40

#### Saturday

Morning..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation.....10:00  
Weekly Portion: Vayechi, Genesis  
47:28-50:26  
Haftorah: I Kings 2:1-12  
Evening..... 4:40  
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:30

#### Daily

Morning..... 7:30  
Sunday Morning..... 8:30  
Evening..... 4:45

### YAHREZITS

#### January

16—RACHEL LIBERMAN  
17—TOBY KAILES  
18—KATTIE ULLMAN  
19—LOUIS GIVNER  
19—SAMUEL MINTZ  
19—NATHAN BRODY  
19—HARRY FISCHER  
20—MARTHA HECKSCHER

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MONument 2-0300

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BEGINNERS' CLASS TO OPEN IN FEBRUARY

Mr. Myer B. Appleman, Principal of the afternoon Religious School, has announced that plans have been made for the opening of a beginners' class in February.

The group, open to boys and girls between the ages of six and nine, is so organized as to allow the new registrants to receive a full year's work within the next few months.

Mr. Appleman added that the decision to open this class during the regular school year came about at the request of many parents who wanted their children to start their Hebrew training without further loss of time, and he hopes that our members and friends will take advantage of this opportunity.

Registration for the group will close Sunday, January 30th. For further information, contact Mr. Appleman at the school office.

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays —

Happy Birthday, Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, Jerome Margaretten and Abraham Topkis!

#### Engagement —

Our best wishes to Joseph Backer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Backer, on his engagement to the charming Miss Sarah Eidinger.

#### Anniversary —

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Etra.

### The K. J. PARENTS' CLUB

#### OPEN MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th  
in the Social Hall

#### MR. ALFRED KAHN

will speak on

#### "PSYCHIATRY AND THE JEWISH CHILD"

All Welcome

Collation

### THE U.J.A. REQUESTS

These are the words of Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, in a recent letter from Paris.

"The JDC representatives are here in Paris from every part of Europe and they give a tremendously exciting picture of what is going on—men and women leaving the DP camps at the rate of more than 15,000 a month—trains and ships transporting them to Israel and to the United States.

"This work can continue, however, only if we are assured a steady supply of cash from America. The generous UJA pledges made in the 1948 campaign must be redeemed at once."

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