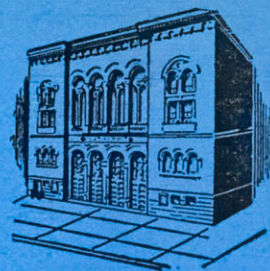


# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin

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## Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Advanced To Rank Of Associate Rabbi

The Kehilath Jeshurun family

is bowed in grief at the passing of the immortal

President of the United States

JOHN F. KENNEDY

### KEHILATH JESHURUN MOURNS A TRAGIC EVENT

The assassination of John F. Kennedy last Friday led to a series of memorial events which were quickly arranged for by our congregation.

At the conclusion of the Friday evening service, while the deed was so fresh in our minds as to be unreal, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein spoke briefly about the meaning of the tragedy and pronounced a special benediction.

On Saturday morning, the Rabbi set aside his announced sermon topic and devoted the sermon period to a religious analysis of the event and of its significance for America. Much of what he said is summarized elsewhere in this bulletin. At the conclusion of the sermon, the congregation, which numbered over 500 worshippers, stood with bowed heads in reverent silence in memory of the late President.

On Monday morning, the day of the funeral, before the return of the Torah to the Ark, special psalms were recited responsively by the worshippers and, before the open ark, the traditional memorial prayer was read.

As this bulletin goes to press, plans

### RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN ON NATIONWIDE T.V. PROGRAM

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein participated in a one hour panel discussion on the Columbia television network last Sunday morning. His fellow panelists were outstanding representatives of the three major faiths in America. The discussion centered around the assassination of President Kennedy. Rabbi Lookstein's remarks, some of which can be found elsewhere in this bulletin, were devoted primarily to the moral climate which exists in this country.

We are proud that our Rabbi was singled out as one of the participants in the program. We understand from the reactions to his appearance which came from all parts of the country, that the program was viewed by millions throughout the United States.

have been formulated for a memorial service as part of our regular Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday, November 28th. Appropriate memorial prayers are to be said and the traditional "E-L Moleh Rachamim" will be recited in Hebrew and in translation.

Five years ago, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was elected Assistant Rabbi of Kehilath Jeshurun. Last week, the Board of Trustees of the congregation voted to promote him to the status of Associate Rabbi of our congregation.



Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Mr. Max J. Etra, on behalf of the officers, proposed the promotion to the trustees of the congregation. He spoke about Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's work at Kehilath Jeshurun and of the contribution that he made to various areas of congregational life. He said that the young Rabbi won the respect and the affection of the congregational family and that he has grown in rabbinic stature.

The proposal of Mr. Etra was warmly received by the trustees, and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was thus declared the Associate Rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

The Kehilath Jeshurun family greets and congratulates Rabbi Haskel Lookstein upon his elevation of status and wishes him continued growth and recognition in his sacred calling. Similar greetings are extended to Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will Preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.**

**"MAN AT HIS BEST . . . AND AT HIS WORST"**

**A Religious Commentary on Current Events**



**THE WEEKLY PORTION****VAYISHLACH****"The Essentials for the Road Ahead"**

In this week's portion, Jacob, about to face his brother Esau for the first time in over a score of years, contemplates the prospect with terror. He knows of Esau's hate and resentment; he is aware of Esau's uncompromising animosity; and he fears the rendezvous greatly.

Rashi describes his preparation for the future as threefold. He uses three tactics: gifts — which he sent to Esau, prayers — which he offered to God and battle — which he planned realistically.

In view of the unsettling events of the past week, and in the knowledge that these events were made possible by an atmosphere of hate and resentment which troubles our country, we might use these three tactics of Jacob for the road which we face in the future.

**Gifts**

If we desire to dispel the clouds of hatred and injustice which darken the horizon — to the north as well as to the south — we must be prepared to offer the most personal gift — ourselves. We must contribute our own energies to the struggle for freedom, justice and human dignity. We must search our own souls for any blemishes of discrimination and arbitrary racism which may form blots upon our personalities. Our late President will be perhaps best remembered for this message of giving of ourselves in behalf of the ideals for which America stands.

**Prayer**

Success in our endeavors will require the assistance of Providence. If our cause is human dignity, equality and brotherhood, we can do no better than to call upon the Author of these ideals. All of them are rooted in God's Torah. All of them represent the efforts to render man closer to man and, thus, nearer to God. In order to realize this goal, we must pray for the wisdom to understand it and the courage to pursue it.

**Battle**

Finally, we must be prepared to fight for ideals which we know to be inalienable. This is not the time for understanding. We have tried this peaceful method for almost a century and all we have produced is a seething unrest among racial minorities and a

**WINTER TORAH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

We wish to remind the members of our Teenage Group that the winter session of Yeshiva University's Torah Leadership Seminar will be held at the Monsey Park Hotel in Spring Valley from Thursday, December 26th through Tuesday, January 1st. This program, which features educational, social and recreational activities is not new to our community. We would like to have as large a delegation attending as possible from our Teenage Group.

Those interested in participating in the Seminar, may gain further details and an application form from our Youth Director, Mr. Noam Shudofsky. Inasmuch as time is short, inquiries ought to be directed to Mr. Shudofsky without delay.

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****Birthday —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Joseph Aizer, Sidney A. Block, Max Dattner, Mrs. Theodore R. Fink, A. Phillip Goldsmith, Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, Benjamin Gottesman, Mrs. Joseph Grossman, Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Mrs. Bernard Podell, Mrs. Anne S. Pomex, Mrs. Max Scheidt and Dr. Judah Zizmor.

**Anniversaries —**

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systematic disrespect for law and decency among frightened majorities.

We have found that such a peace is worse than war. Perhaps the time has come to stand behind the fundamental Biblical ideals of man in society in determined action even as we do in pious pledges.

H.L.

**CONDOLENCE**

We record with sorrow the passing of Morris Garfinkel, beloved father of our devoted member Samuel Garfinkel.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.



## "We Weep for Kennedy, But We Should Mourn for Ourselves", Says Rabbi Lookstein in Saturday Sermon.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, who was scheduled to preach last Saturday on the religious struggle in Israel, cancelled that sermon in order to speak on the sudden and tragic death of President Kennedy.

Before an unusually large congregation, the Rabbi said: "Many of us are here this morning because we were seeking spiritual refuge. Somehow we intuitively felt that the House of God was the place for us on this Black Saturday."

### The Mood of Violence that Prevails

The Rabbi said that tragic and calamitous as the death of President Kennedy was, it was important to examine the mood and the moral climate of our day which can produce the violence that can result in the assassination of a President of the United States.

The Rabbi said in part: "To be sure, a brilliant young champion of freedom and progress was taken from us. A young woman is left widowed. Two small children have lost their father. All of that is part of the personal tragedy that we dare not overlook. Our hearts and prayers are with the widow and her children.

"Our thoughts, however, must be on our generation — a generation in which bitterness, suspicion, fear and hate have invaded the hearts and minds of men.

"The bullet which took the life of our President, will be examined by experts in ballistics. It requires, however, scrutiny by moralists. It is the same agent of death as was the bomb hurled at a church in Alabama, that took the lives of negro children. It is part of the pattern of moral corruption, of bigotry, of intolerance, from which our country and the world suffer today.

"Several weeks ago, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations was attacked and spat upon in the city of Dallas. The saliva that spattered over Adlai Stevenson, came from the same cesspool of hate which resulted in the assassination of President Kennedy.

For the moment it matters not how prominent was the victim or how brutal was the assassin. What is important is to try to understand, how

such things happen, in days of supposed enlightenment, in a democratic country and in a nation 'conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.'

"Where have we failed? What has happened to the influence of Church and Synagogue? Where is the authority of the home and the instruction of the school?"

### Let Us Look to Ourselves

The Rabbi said that morals should begin at home, even as charity should begin abroad. Each one of us must examine his own heart, because it is individual hatred, multiplied many times that results in collective hostility; and hostility results in violence. "I wonder," said the Rabbi, "if we can lay our hands upon the bier of President Kennedy and, with a clear conscience, say, in the language of the Bible, 'our hands did not shed this blood'.

"Let us look to society. If we can rectify the wrong of ages; if we can within weeks pass a satisfactory Civil Rights Bill that will guarantee justice and equality to all, then we will at least prove that President Kennedy did not die in vain. Above all, we will demonstrate to our children, to the young generation that is growing up, that we, the elders, are earnest and sincere; that when we read in scripture that man was made in God's image, we believe it; and when we pray for the Kingdom of God on earth, we genuinely mean it and desire it."

At the close of the sermon, the Rabbi explained that mourning and memorial prayers are not permitted on the Sabbath, but silent tribute may be observed. The congregation rose and stood in reverent silence as the Rabbi prayed, "May the Lord bring comfort and healing to us all."

### FATHER AND SON MINYAN

Sunday, December 1, 1963

#### Cantors

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Alan Kalischer  
Steven Gross  
David Wyskowski

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## YOUTH CORNER

### Cultural Luncheon Held

Our Teenage Group held its first sabbath cultural luncheon last Saturday in the social hall. Close to 50 teenagers gathered for this new program.

As part of the program, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein installed the new officers of the group, Don Etra, Marvin Wolf, Pearl Moskowitz, and David Popkin. The Rabbi spoke about the role of youth in establishing a more wholesome moral climate in our land, a climate which has been prominently absent in the past months which led up to the traumatic events of last week.

The highlight of the afternoon was a debate on the relative merits of a Yeshiva education as opposed to a non-Yeshiva training. Participating in the debate were: Harriet Garfinkel, Elaine Hyams, Don Etra and Stuart Podell. Steven Gross was moderator. The discussion was a lively and heated one in which most of those present participated.

The youngsters spoke from their own personal experiences in trying to evaluate the merits of their own education. Although emotions frequently ran high and generated considerable heat, there was also a good deal of light shed on a subject concerning which our teenagers feel rather strongly. It is to be hoped that this subject can be discussed further at a future meeting of the group.

Our thanks to a parents committee which helped in the arrangements and enjoyed supervising the whole affair. The members of the committee were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra, Mrs. Samuel Garfinkel, Mrs. Greta Pik and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin.

### Action Conclave Thanksgiving Weekend

Bruce Dratler, Aaron Holzer and Marvin Wolf will represent the Kehilath Jeshurun Teenage Group at the Action Metropolitan New York Conclave taking place November 29-December 1 at the Queens Jewish Center.

The event, under the sponsorship of the Yeshiva University Synagogue Council Youth will see teenagers from more than fifty communities getting together for a weekend of "living Judaism".

The conclave is one of many projects directed by the Yeshiva University Youth Bureau which seeks to establish units of informed, educated and observant Jewish youth in the traditional congregations of the country.



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles	4:10
Evening	4:20

**SATURDAY**

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15

**Weekly Portion:****Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43****Haftorah: Obadiah 1:1-21**

Evening	4:15
Conclusion of Sabbath	5:00

**SUNDAY**

Morning	8:30
Father-and-Son Minyan	9:30

**DAILY SERVICES**

Morning	7:30
Evening	4:20

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(Class for women)

**12:30 P.M.**

Sisterhood Board Meeting  
Social Hall

**8:00 P.M.**

Talmud Class  
Advanced Hebrew  
Elementary Hebrew

**TUESDAY**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Teenage Gym Session

**WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00 P.M.**

Elementary Hebrew  
Sabbath Prayers  
Maimonides' Code of Law  
Cantillation

**9:00**

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