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IN PREPARATION FOR TISHAH B'AV

Every major Holy Day on the Jewish calendar has a period of preparation which precedes it. Rosh Hashanah is preceded by a month of penitential prayers; Yom Kippur is the climax of nine days of preparation; Passover follows a group of special Sabbaths and several weeks of preparation; Shavuoth is the culmination of forty-nine days of counting in anticipation of it.

In this tradition, Tishah b'Av is also the climax of a three week preparatory period. In the case of this fast day, the introductory period is even more important because the summer vacation season is not ideally suited for a day of national mourning. Clearly a day like Tishah b'Av needs to be preceded by a period during which the proper mood is slowly generated.

The preparatory period begins this year on Sunday, June 28th. That day is Shivah Asar b'Tammuz, a fast day which commemorates several tragedies which have befallen the Jewish People during its long sojourn through history. According to tradition, on that day Moses destroyed the first Tablets upon seeing the idolatrous worship of the golden calf; the sacrificial ritual was discontinued shortly before the destruction of the first Temple; the wall of Jerusalem was breached prior to the destruction of the second Temple; the Torah was burned by the Romans and a heathen statue was placed in the Temple.

This day marks the beginning of a

three week period of semi-mourning during which we refrain from conducting weddings and from participating in any public festive occasions. With the advent of Rosh Chodesh Av, the spirit of mourning is somewhat intensified as we prepare for the day of Tishah b'Av itself. It is customary not to eat meat from Rosh Chodesh Av until the conclusion of Tishah b'Av with the exception of the Sabbath day when, of course, no mourning is permitted.

Following these days of preparation, we observe the fast of Tishah b'Av with greater meaning and with a greater sense of its importance. The day has been set aside to commemorate all of the great calamities which have marked the existence of the Jewish People, from the destruction of the first Temple to the razing of the second; from the brutal treatment received by our People at the hands of the medieval crusaders to the inhuman horrors of the Nazi era.

The religious calendar for the next few weeks is as follows:

Sunday, June 28th — Shivah Asar b'Tammuz.

Friday, July 10th — Rosh Chodesh Av

Saturday, July 18th — Shabbat Chazon

Saturday evening, July 18th and Sunday, July 19th — Tishah b'Av

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.

THE WEEKLY PORTION

BALAK

"Strange Bed Fellows"

"And Balak the son of Tzippor saw all that Israel did to the Emorites. And Moab greatly feared the people which was numerous . . . and Moab spoke to the elders of Midian . . .

Rashi inquires as to why the leaders of Moab should have consorted with their counterparts — the people of Midian. The two nations were forever at each other's throats. They were mortal enemies, how could they consult successfully over the problem of Israel.

The answer that Rashi gives is that they made an alliance because of the common enemy. Here we may have the earliest example in history of an unholy alliance — the union of two warring peoples because of their fear of a third party.

It is not without significance that these two nations are the ancestors of the present Arab nations of the world. The Arabs have a justification for this type of alliance. They say "the enemy of your enemy is your friend." It is the hatred of Israel which forms the only lasting link which unites the Arab Nations.

Of course, such a unity for hate rather than for good can never be successful. United Arab Republics will be formed and dissolved just as quickly. Arab Leagues will meet at the summit level but their conversation will be at the quagmire level and their effective action will always be limited by the internal conflicts which can never be resolved merely by a nation which they consider to be a common enemy.

Moab and Midian cannot emerge triumphant as long as Israel will conduct itself in a manner which will inspire the judgment of "How good are thy tents O Jacob, thy tabernacles O Israel.

H. L.

DON ETRA RECEIVES
LEADERSHIP AWARD

Our own Don Etra was honored recently at Yeshiva University "for the greatest aptitude shown for leadership in Jewish life." For the past two years, Don has served as Chairman of the Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester region of A.C.T.I.O.N. During this time, he also served as President of the Kehilath Jeshurun Youth Group. We wish him continued success in all of his collegiate endeavors.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births —

We extend our hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, upon the birth of a daughter.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Rashbaum upon the birth of a son to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Selby.

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Abrams on the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. George Berger.

May the families derive much joy from the new arrivals.

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. A. Milton Brown, Hyman I. Bucher, Albert H. Colin, Joseph J. Einhorn, Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman, Herman Goldman, Dr. Harry Kaplan, Mrs. Joel Lewittes, Mrs. Jack Lieberman, Samuel A. Marcus, David Miller, Louis Orwasher, Max Sadinoff, Mrs. Sidney Scheinberg, Mrs. Edgar Trautman, and Louis Zucker.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. William Bassar, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Gershman, Dr. and Mrs. Maximillian W. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Neil S. Hecht, Dr. and Mrs. William F. Herzig, Dr. and Mrs. Emory Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Podell, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Silver, and Dr. and Mrs. Ned Wachtel.

MORE THAN 100 MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN JEWRY DUTY

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

We extend our congratulations to our esteemed member, Henry M. Rem upon his receiving the Chief Rabbi Herzog Gold Medal Torah Fellowship Award.

This award was presented by the Religious Zionists of America in marking Mr. Rem's outstanding leadership in the community.

Mr. Rem is serving as Chairman of this Sponsors Committee and the Reception Committee for the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Iser Yehuda Unterman on his current visit to the United States.

We congratulate heartily our esteemed member, Samuel Rosen upon the honor he received from the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Rosen who serves as a member of the Executive Board of that organization received the William J. German Human Relations Award.

We note with pride that Mr. Rosen has the distinction of being the first recipient of this Award. It was presented in recognition of the dedicated efforts of Mr. Rosen in all aspects of activity in the American Jewish Community.

GET WELL

We wish a speedy recovery to Sam Taffet who underwent surgery on Wednesday. We look forward to his return to our midst.

It is now some ten years since Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun first pioneered in the program which we know as "Jewry Duty." During that period, more and more members of the congregation have joined the ranks of those who support the Daily Minyan by their personal participation.

During the past year, 105 members of our congregational family obligated themselves to attend, at least, one full week of morning services. This is the highest figure in the history of this program and it indicates the increasing awareness on the part of our membership of the importance of the institution of daily worship.

As a result of this volunteer service, we are happy to say that our Daily Minyan continues to function on a sound basis. In addition, many members of our congregation have been introduced to the practice of regular daily worship as a result of their participation in this program.

We might add, that Orthodox synagogues throughout the country have taken this model program and have introduced it into their religious services with outstanding success. The Kehilath Jeshurun Jews, therefore, are performing a service for themselves, for our congregation and for the wider Traditional Jewish community in this land.

We hope that next year every member will feel it a personal obligation to join us in the support of this great "Mitzvah."

THE JEWRY BOX

WEEK OF JUNE 7

OSCAR PERLBERGER
DR. SAMUEL BLOOM

WEEK OF JUNE 14

RICHARD ETRA
NEIL RANELLS

WEEK OF JUNE 21

GEORGE WEISS
REUBEN WESTERMAN
LEO RITTER
JACOB J. ROSENBLUM
DR. MEYER TEXON
MARCO WACHTER
ABRAHAM R. KIRSHON

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to maintain the Daily Minyan.

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Joseph H. Lookstein	Rabbi
Haskel Lookstein	Assoc. Rabbi
A. Joseph Cohen	Cantor
Israel D. Rosenberg	Ritual Director
Noam Shudofsky	Youth Director
Joseph Glatt	Exec. Director

Officers of the Congregation

Max J. Etra	President
Joseph Roth	Vice-President
Irwin Shapiro	Secretary
Elgin Shulsky	Treasurer
Mrs. William Lebowitz	Pres., Sist.
William Lebowitz	Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY, JUNE 26th**

*Evening 6:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Balak

Numbers 22:2-25:9

Haftarah: Micha 5:6-6:8

Evening 8:20

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd

*Evening 6:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Pinchas

Numbers 25:10-30:1

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:2-3

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Av will be on

Friday, July 10th.

Evening 8:20

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30

Sunday Morning 8:30

Evening 6:30

*Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the sabbath at 6:30 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing of Anna Orwasher, the beloved mother of our devoted member, Louis Orwasher.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray that they may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

YAHRZEITS**June**

27-IDA OKUN
27-MINA BREINER
27-GISELA KLEIN
28-GIZA SCHWARTZ
29-SIMON A. WEISMAN
29-LOUIS ROSENBLATT
30-HARRIS PERLMAN
30-BERNARD ETRA
30-ROSE F. SCHLOSS

July

2-SAMUEL I. HYMAN
2-DOROTHY KLEIN
2-ANNA KOSLOVSKY
3-CELIA MARGARETEN
4-CAESER HECKSCHER
4-SARAH FINE
4-LOUIS KRAM
4-MORRIS TRACHMAN
4-ABRAHAM ORWASHER
5-JACOB SIEGEL
5-JACOB I. BAUMGARTEN
6-ABRAHAM KAGAN
6-NORMAN SALIT
7-JULIA DRIBBEN
7-ANNA RAFSKY
7-OSKAR TRAUTMAN
8-MAX M. GOODMAN
9-MAX FREEDMAN
10-ZENEIDA BRANDSTEIN
10-HENRY A. RAFSKY
10-MAX KAUFMAN

PLEASE NOTE

This issue of the Bulletin includes information for the forthcoming two weeks. The next issue will appear on July 10th.