



ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE AT MEN'S CLUB MEETING HEARS PINCHAS PELI EVALUATE CURRENT ISRAEL SCENE

A gathering of over 160 men and women heard the celebrated Israeli journalist and literary figure, Pinchas Peli, describe anew the events of the past six months in Israel, and project a number of thoughts for the future. The occasion was the first forum meeting of the Men's Club of the season. Abraham R. Kirshon, President of the Club, presided.

Professor Peli described in his own sensitive fashion some of the moving moments of the past months. He spoke of the tears of joy which flowed from an entire nation when, on Wednesday morning, June 7th, a news broadcast on the Israel radio was interrupted with a statement from the Psalms: "Our feet were standing within thy gates, O' Jerusalem." In this way, the restoration of the old City to Jewish hands for the first time in over 2,000 years was announced to the Israel populace.

He reported on the Simchat Torah celebration in Jerusalem where 100,000 people marched with 2,000 Torahs around the walls of the old City. He quoted a letter from his own father who participated in this celebration and who said: "I do not know what more we can expect when the Messiah will come."

Achievements and Problems —

Noting that Jewish history is replete with victories and consequent problems, Professor Peli called attention to the fact that in Hallel, immediately after reciting the verse, "This is the day the Lord has assigned, let us be glad and joyous on it," we turn to God in an entirely different posture and we say: "Please God save us now."

Many young lives were lost and are still being lost. In a small country like Israel the statement in Exodus is



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Thanksgiving Services

**This Thursday morning,
November 23rd, at 11:00 o'clock
RABBI SHEAR YASHUV COHEN**

Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem
will speak on

**"Jerusalem the Golden —
Today and Tomorrow"**

Music by Stanley Sperber of the Zamir Chorale
with a men's ensemble

prophetically and pathetically appropriate: "There is no household which has not experienced death." The political battles will still have to be fought and the struggle to hold the territory now in our hands will have to be maintained.

Militarily, the country is in its best position since 1948. The Golan Heights in Syria no longer look out threateningly over Israel settlements in the valley. On the contrary, they now look out over Syria itself. No home in Israel is exposed to hostile guns any more.

The problem of how to capitalize on the new spirit of solidarity is a serious one. When a member of Parliament in Great Britain admits to taking sides in the Middle East, "because my people are fighting," we must conclude that the millennium has arrived in part, at least. How to maintain that

part and expand it is another question. How can we maintain the new heightened interest in Israel which was exhibited during the six day war? Must we live from crisis to crisis? Is it possible to avoid in the future two types of Jews; one who fights and the other who sits back passively and watches the fight on T.V.?

Our lecturer indicated that the Israel Armed Forces is always prepared for any conceivable eventuality. Every Arab reaction is planned for and the military commander merely has to open the right drawer and take out the plan of defense.

Unfortunately, in religious, cultural and national problems, no such drawers exist. Our ability to create the necessary plans in these areas will determine the nature of Jewish life in Israel and abroad during the foreseeable future.

**RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A. M.
"THE SALT OF SODOM —
AN ANCIENT SPICE STILL IN USE"**

THE WEEKLY PORTION VAYERA

"The Extent of our 'Chesed' "

Of all the religious implications which might be derived from this week's Portion, one is of special significance. Implicit in the entire Portion is the dimension of *Chesed* (literally, loving kindness, but actually untranslatable into English) which Abraham personifies in our Tradition.

What is *Chesed*? It is a manifestation of love for human beings that surpasses the bounds of reason. It is not only a response to human need — this in itself is a majestic trait. *Chesed*, however, is more than that. It involves *searching* for an opportunity to display goodness.

Thus, the Psalmist tells us that God created the world out of *Chesed*. There was no need for a world but God, as it were had a need to shower love upon something and someone; to give, to bestow, to bless, to grant.

This, on a human level was the distinguishing characteristic of Abraham. At the opening of this week's Portion, we find him sitting in front of his tent, on an oppressively hot day, scanning the horizon in search of weary travelers, while he, himself, the Talmud tells us, was recovering from surgery.

He had every reason to remain indoors nursing his wounds. Instead of that he sits before his tent in a state of depression, his innate drive for *Chesed* frustrated, until he spots three travelers and runs enthusiastically to invite them to accept his hospitality.

His greatest *Chesed*, however, was exhibited in the argument for the saving of Sodom. It is one thing to love and help a stranger. It is quite another to love and help even your enemy.

Sodom represented the very antithesis of Abraham's way of life: crass materialism; doors barred before the stranger; and the furnishing of the houses with Procrustean beds. In the face of this we should have expected Abraham to plead for the total destruction of this Citadel of iniquity and to call for a step-up in military preparedness to fight this creeping giant which would inevitably subvert the surrounding states.

Quite the contrary is the case: Abraham does not want to see people destroyed. He desires the elimination of Sodomism, but the survival of Sodomites.

To be able to have this kind of benevolent attitude toward people who personify all that we disagree with is to be capable of the highest expression of *Chesed*. Such an expression may exceed the boundaries of reason. But such was God's *Chesed* when he created our world. H. L.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN HONORED BY STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

We extend our hearty congratulations to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein on the honor bestowed upon him by the State of Israel Bonds. The event was held at the Essex House last week.

The Chairman of the dinner was our President, Max J. Etra. Among those present, were a host of leading members of the congregation who were on hand to pay tribute to our Rabbi upon the honor which was accorded him.

RAMAZ SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT DINNER-DANCE SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1968

The Ramaz Dinner, an annual event which is always one of the most beautiful functions of the year, will be held this year on Sunday evening, January 28th.

There is always a fine representation of members of the Kehilath Jeshurun family at the dinner. Please make note of the date and reserve the evening for what promises to be a stirring and long-to-be remembered thirtieth anniversary celebration.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Sidney A. Block, Mrs. Julius Charnow, Dr. Maximillian W. Goldstein, Harry Green, Mrs. Ira I. Kaplan, Mrs. Lawrence Rosenzweig, Mrs. Max Sadinoff, and Mrs. Joseph Schlang.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Max Dattner, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott H. Eisman, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Salzman, and Mr. and Mrs. Jules M. Sax.

Birth—

We extend our hearty congratulations to our esteemed Trustee, Joseph E. Adler and Mrs. Adler, upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Dr. and Mrs. David Steinberg.

May the new addition to the family be a source of pride and joy at all times.

Condolence—

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our esteemed Trustee, A. Milton Brown, and our esteemed members, Arthur Brown and Nathan D. Brown, upon the passing of their beloved brother, Louis Brown.

We hope that the family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

You and your family are cordially invited to attend

The Annual Collegiate Oneg Shabbat

sponsored by the

The Sisterhood and Men's Club

on

Friday night, November 24, at 8:30 o'clock

in the auditorium

featuring

A Panel Discussion Program: "Ask the Collegiates"

The Subject

"CURRENT UNREST ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS"

Questioners: Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Panelists: Steven Gross, Columbia College
Stuart Podell, Queens College
Barbara Trainin, Barnard College

NOTICE TO ADULT INSTITUTE STUDENTS

There are no Wednesday evening classes scheduled for our Adult Institute for Wednesday evening, November 22nd, Thanksgiving Eve.

Regular Wednesday evening classes will resume their sessions on Wednesday evening, November 29th.

All other classes continue according to the regular schedule.

RECEIVED IN THE MAIL

The following letter was received from the National Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. It was addressed to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein:

"During the Yom Tov season I read your newest book, 'Faith and Destiny of Man' and enjoyed it and profited from it so much, that I want to write you and thank you for having written it.

As expected, the Midrashic content is wonderfully rich and rewarding, as are the basic ideas which the essays project. By an interchange of the senses, I was not only reading the text, but hearing you deliver it as sermons, without even having to go to your shul!"

We reproduce this letter not for the purpose of suggesting that the book is a good substitute for attending synagogue services, but rather as a suggestion to those who may not as yet have obtained a copy of the book, that they inform the synagogue office of their interest before our supply is exhausted.

<p>SIISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES</p> <p>Saturday, November 18th</p> <p>Mrs. Joseph Greenberg Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert Mrs. David Pik Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin</p>
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OUR ASSOCIATE RABBI IN THE NEWS

We note with pride the election of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein as Treasurer of the Yeshiva University Rabbinic Alumni, at the recent convention of that organization in Lakewood.

Our Associate Rabbi was one of the participants in that convention, speaking on the subject: "Is the Rabbinate Conducive to Self-Fulfillment as a Jew?" This subject might strike the reader as a strange one; but, in fact, there are many who refrain from going into the rabbinate as a profession because they answer the above question in the negative.

In passing, it might be noted that our Rabbi answered the question in the affirmative. Apparently his explanation was sufficiently convincing and inspiring to one of the gentlemen of the press who covered the convention, for in last Thursday's Newark Evening News, the Rabbi's talk was the featured subject of an article with the banner heading: "Rabbi's life dedicated, difficult, rewarding."

LAST CALL FOR AM-HASEFER PROGRAM

We are happy to report that, as part of the exceptionally fine registration in our Adult Institute this year, our Am ha-Sefer program has almost reached its quota of participants.

We will continue to hold registration open for this program until Monday, November 20th. For the convenience of interested readers we reprint below the list of the books to be read and discussed during the forthcoming year:

"End of the Jewish People?" — George Friedman

"The Gates of the Forest" — Elie Wiesel

Treasury of "Tradition"

"The Promised City"—Moses Rischin and "Orthodoxy in American Jewish Life"—Charles S. Liebman

If you are interested in becoming part of this stimulating and rewarding program, please notify the synagogue office without further delay. Registration will close this coming Monday.

SISTERHOOD APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Mrs. Leon A. Feldman, President of the Sisterhood, has informed us of the appointment of committee chairmen for this year's Sisterhood activities.

A list of the chairmen appears below:

- Membership — Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein
- Succah — Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein
- Federation — Mrs. Oscar Perlberger
- U.J.A. — Mrs. Joseph Gershman
- Neediest Cases — Mrs. Joseph Roth
- Happy Day Fund — Mrs. Leon Spilky and Mrs. Harry Heyman
- Program — Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
- Gift Shop — Mrs. Edgar Trautman
- Hospitality — Mrs. Samuel Witkin
- Meeting Hostess — Mrs. Abraham Silver
- Oneg Shabbat — Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon
- Donor Luncheon — Mrs. Elgin Shulsky
- Get Well Committee — Mrs. Richard Kolb
- Kiddush Hostess Committee — Mrs. Samuel Witkin

We extend our hearty congratulations to the appointees. We are confident that their efforts will bring even greater success than ever before for our Sisterhood.

—FOR YOUR INFORMATION—

Reunion with Families from Russia

Positive steps may NOW be taken to further the reunion of Soviet Jewish families with their relatives in the United States and other countries.

While false hopes must not be raised, a significant number of Jews continue to leave the Soviet Union. United Hias Service, the worldwide Jewish migration agency, through its professional services, is prepared to advise on the specialized procedures to facilitate reunion of families.

Jews in this country must take the initiative in extending an invitation to their relatives in the Soviet Union to join them. Unless such an invitation is extended, their relatives cannot request exit documents from the Soviet Government.

In many instances American Jews may have lost contact with their relatives in the USSR. United Hias Service is in a position to assist families in locating their relatives in the Soviet Union.

Further details may be obtained from United Hias Service, 200 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10003 — Telephone: 674-6800.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles4:15
Evening4:30

SATURDAY

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service
Dining Hall11:00

Weekly Portion: Vayera

Genesis 18:1 - 22:44

Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

Evening4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath5:05

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Father and Son Minyan9:30
Evening4:20

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT . . .

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN'S
SLIDE LECTURE**

entitled

**"ISRAEL FROM A NEW
PERSPECTIVE"**

will be presented on

**Thursday Evening, November 30th,
8:30 o'clock**

in the auditorium of the Synagogue
House under the auspices of

**THE PARK EAST CHAPTER
OF THE
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A cordial invitation is
extended to all

FATHER AND SON MINYAN DOING WELL

We are pleased to report that the Men's Club Father and Son Minyan is getting along splendidly both from the point of view of attendance and program. A host of young men and younger men make it a point to set aside Sunday morning for a morning of prayer, inspiration, a communal breakfast and an invigorating gymnasium session.

The breakfast last week was sponsored by Ira F. Weisman. In last week's Bulletin, the name of the sponsor was erroneously listed. We apologize for

the error. The sponsor of this week's breakfast will be William Lebowitz, in honor of the marriage of his son, Elliott.

Those who will participate as cantors in the service are as follows:

Joseph Klausner, Binyamin Shudofsky, David Hostyk and Joseph Low.

We wish to remind our readers that there are dates available for the sponsorship of a breakfast for the Father and Son Minyan. Please call the Synagogue Office for further information.

YAHARZEITS

November

- 18—MOSES EINHORN
- 18—LOUIS KANERK
- 19—JACOB POUST
- 19—MEYER SOM
- 19—ROSE HIRSCH
- 19—RAE HEFTER
- 19—JULES GOURARY
- 20—ESTHER NATELSON
- 20—ROSE WOLBERG
- 20—CHARLES BUTTERMAN
- 21—WILLIAM ETRA
- 21—MILDRED GORDON
- 22—JULIUS ZESSMAN
- 23—LAZAR WOHL
- 23—MAX SCHNEIDER
- 23—FEIGA RACHEL SORIN
- 24—LILLIAN ROTHSTEIN
- 24—SIMON GROSS
- 24—MARGUERITE POPKIN

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, November 18th

Cantors

David Orwasher
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