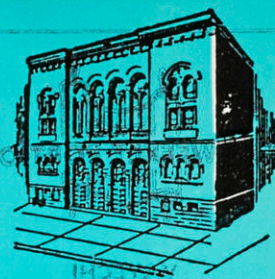


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## ONE THOUSAND SIGNATURES SENT TO UNITED NATIONS IN BEHALF OF RUSSIAN JEWRY

### Have you sent your petition?

Last week, we sent off our first one hundred petitions to the special organization which is collecting them for submission to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

These one hundred petitions reflect one thousand names of people who demonstrated their concern by signing the petition or by getting others to sign them.

We are extremely gratified with this response from our congregational family. Some petitions came to us from as far away as Chicago, Illinois, from one of the students of the congregation.

Have you sent your petition yet? If not, there is still time. Please send it in within the next few days so that we can send it along to the proper authorities.

No Jew dare be silent about "the Jews of Silence."

### THE FAST OF THE TENTH OF TEVET

On Tuesday, December 31st, we observe the Fast of the Tenth of Tevet, known as Asarah b'Tevet.

This fast day which is observed from before sunrise until after sunset, commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonian armies in the year 586 B.C.E.

The siege lasted on and off for about six months until the seventeenth day of Tammuz on which the wall of Jerusalem was breached for the first time. It then took three weeks until the Temple was destroyed and resistance was broken on the ninth day of Av.

The fast of the tenth day of Tevet thus represents the beginning of the end for the first Jewish Commonwealth. In our day, it has additional meaning, because it is customarily the day devoted to remembering the decimation of six million Jews during the reign of Nazi terror in Europe.

At special services on Tuesday morning, December 31st, we will recite special prayers to remember the six million. The service begins at the regular time, 7:30.

## OVER \$400,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS PLEDGED AT SPECIAL SABBATH

### Hon. Pinchas Sapir Addresses Inspired Gathering at Service

One of the most memorable moments in the 97 year history of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun was observed last Saturday morning, December 14th, in our Main Synagogue. The occasion was a full dress, open appeal for Israel Bonds which was held following an informative and frank address by Hon. Pinchas Sapir, Cabinet Minister and Secretary General of the Labor Party in Israel.

In the absence of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, who was ill with the flu, the appeal was made by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. He stressed the deep concern of the government of Israel for the welfare, security and economic health of the Jewish State in the face of the unprecedented budgetary demands being made upon it as a result of the recent six-day war. Israeli leaders consider this crisis to be a more desperate one even than that of eighteen months ago.

At that time, Kehilath Jeshurun held a similar appeal with dramatic results. This time too, the response was most generous and heartwarming. In excess of \$400,000 was pledged by the wor-

shippers. Many gave in a sacrificial way, reflecting their deep concern for Israel's welfare and recognizing that Israel Bonds are more than simply a good investment.

### What Can You Do?

As an aftermath of the appeal in the synagogue, letters have been sent to the entire membership of the congregation requesting the participation of everyone in this appeal.

On page 3 of this Bulletin, you will find an excerpt from an Israeli magazine which depicts in frank style the role of Israelis in this crisis. It is a role of life and limb, of military service and great economic sacrifice.

Our role, on the other hand, is simply to make an investment in Israel's future by buying Bonds. There is no easier way to do a mitzvah. There is also no more important way at this very moment.

Please use the form provided on page three to inform us of your pledge. If you send a check along with the pledge, please make it out to "State of Israel."

**Remember: Let the Kehilath Jeshurun family be represented 100% in this crisis. Let no one be missed from this roster of the supporters of Israel.**

**Send in your pledge today and may God bless you for it!**

**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11:00 A.M.**





## VAYECHI

## "Spirit Over Might"

When Joseph brought his two sons to Jacob to receive the grandfather's blessing, he placed them in the order of seniority, first Menasheh and then Ephraim. When Jacob blessed the boys, however, he "blessed Ephraim before Menasheh, saying: I know my son, I know (that their blessing is reversed); he also (Menasheh) will become a tribe and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he'."

Rashi comments that from the Tribe of Menasheh came the powerful warrior Gedeon; while from the tribe of Ephraim was descended the great spiritual leader Joshua. The difference between them is evident in the description of the Jewish People following the demise of each.

After the great victory of Gedeon over the enemies of Israel, we read in the Book of Judges that "the children of Israel returned to their worship of idols." After the demise of Joshua, however, we are told that Israel continued to worship God. This soldier of the spirit won not only the physical battle of the present, but the religious struggle for the future.

Samson Raphael Hirsch in his commentary on Genesis, points out that the preference for Ephraim over Menasheh was but one further example of ultimogeniture in the Bible; that is, the first-born is secondary to his younger sibling. Abel takes precedence over Cain, Abraham over his older brothers, Isaac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau, Joseph over his elders and even David, the youngest, over his older brothers.

The older brother who gets a double inheritance from the father and who holds the reigns of rule in the family, represents might in the family structure. Where, however, the younger brother is more spiritually inclined, the Bible prefers him to the first-born. This is but another indication of the primacy which Judaism gives to right over might, to principles over power and to spirit over strength.

The power of the eldest may be supreme in the present, but the spiritual force of the youngest assures survival in the future.

H. L.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of December 28-January 3

## Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Irwin Shapiro, Leon Spilky, Miss Irene Weiss and Dr. David Weisselberger.

## Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Gedeon Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Lipschutz, Mr. and Mrs. Manfred M. Magnus and Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein.

Week of January 4-10

## Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Myron M. Bogdonoff, Mrs. Albert H. Colin, Mrs. Abraham Ernst, Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, Mrs. Frank Goodman, Mrs. David Joseph, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Jacob A. Klein, Samuel Morris, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Mrs. Irwin B. Robins, Marvin Shulsky, Ralph Spencer, Mrs. Herbert R. Steinmann and Mrs. Wolf Zukerman.

## Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mr. and Mrs. Al Feiner, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Neustadter, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman and Dr. and Mrs. Judah Zizmor.

## Marriages—

A hearty Mazel Tov to our esteemed Trustee, Alexander Gross and to Mrs. Gross upon the recent marriage of their son Steven to the former Georgette Kleinhau. This wedding of two Ramaz graduates was attended by many members of the congregation. We hope that the young couple will be very happy together and that they will bring happiness to their immediate family and to the wider family of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Our hearty congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Givner upon the marriage of their daughter Eileen to Mr. Sanford Goldfless. May the young couple bring happiness to the family and to all Israel.

## Condolence—

Our sincerest expressions of condolence to our devoted member, Mrs. Samuel S. Silverstein, whose beloved mother, Sarah Schenkman, passed away suddenly, about a week ago. We hope that the entire Silverstein family will be spared further sorrow for an extended period to come.

## Birth—

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Holzer upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Holzer. Dr. Holzer is currently practicing medicine in Boston, Massachusetts, after having been abroad for several years. We hope that the new arrival will bring the

## KEHILATH JESHURUN AT THE RECENT SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY U.O.J.C.A. CONVENTION

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun was honored at the Seventieth Anniversary National Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, held over the Thanksgiving Day Weekend in the Washington Hilton Hotel.

At the concluding luncheon session of the convention our congregation was cited as one of the five founding congregations of the U.O.J.C.A. Our devoted members Ira Usdan and Walter Vogel were present to represent the congregation and receive this citation.

At an earlier session on Thursday evening, which corresponded to the Thanksgiving dinner session of the convention, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein delivered the main address on the subject "Then and Now: A Seventieth Anniversary Comment on the Role of the Orthodox Union."

Our esteemed member, Lawrence A. Kobrin, was the Vice-Chairman of this anniversary convention. He has been one of the leading spirits in the U.O.J.C.A. for the past several years and at this convention he was elected a Vice President of the Orthodox Union. We wish him well in this new office.

## MICHAEL BRIGGS

## BAR MITZVAH

We are pleased to congratulate Mrs. Mimi Briggs upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of her son Michael. The Bar Mitzvah will be celebrated at services in our Main Synagogue on Saturday morning, January 4th.

Michael has been a student in our Park East Religious School for the past five years. His sisters attended the school before him and graduated with honors.

Michael presently attends a select junior high school in the Harlem area and has been cited frequently for his excellent academic work. He is in the graduating class of our Park East Religious School and he will complete his studies in the school in June.

Holzer family much happiness and joy in the years to come.

## Bar Mitzvah—

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Lubell upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Steven. The entire Lubell family will celebrate Steven's Bar Mitzvah in Israel over the coming winter vacation period.



## THAT NIGHT!

*(The account below is excerpted and translated from a recent issue of Panim El Panim, an Israeli weekly magazine. It illustrates the role of the Israeli in the current crisis. On balance, it would seem that the role of the American Jew — to buy bonds — is a far easier one)*

It could happen any minute and it might not happen for a week. That night at twelve o'clock midnight in Kibbutz Tirat Zvi in the Southern part of the Bet She'an valley, it happened!

The sound of shells bursting throughout the valley awakened those whose ears were attuned to it. Others were roused from sleep by the shrill siren sounding the alarm. El Fatah marauders were in the neighborhood with mortars and bazookas.

The central power switch was shut off and the Kibbutz was enshrouded in darkness. Parents who were on duty that night roused the children and hastened them to the shelters. Some, half asleep, groping their way through the darkness, dragged their blankets with them — for warmth? for security? who really knows!

In the shelters for the little tots the parents placed the babies in three tiered steel bunks while the older children sat on wooden stools, playing quietly, coloring, jabbering away; some just nodding sleepily.

An hour and a half passed that way. The sound of guns became more distant and faint. And then — silence. Everything was quiet.

The phone rang in the central shelter. It was the advanced guard reporting that the marauders were dispersed. The siren sounded the all clear and the stream of Kibbutzniks, young and old, reversed from shelter to home.

The lights went on again; children were put back to bed and the adults who had lost two hours of sleep lay down again, to arise two hours later — this time for work.

## THANKS

We express our thanks to Mrs. A. Milton Brown, who sponsored the kiddush after services last Sabbath at the synagogue. The kiddush was in honor of the recovery of her husband from an accident suffered during the summer months.

## A LOOK AT OUR YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Now that just about four months of our program year have been completed, it is worthwhile to survey one area of congregational activity that receives the least amount of publicity, but that contains the greatest amount of activity. We refer to the youth activities department of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Under the capable leadership of Mr. Noam Shudofsky, our Director of Youth Activities, this department has continued to grow over the past few years and to change in accordance with the changing needs of the children.

Currently, the following activities are being conducted regularly:

**Shachar** — This is our teenage group, composed of boys and girls in high school. The membership now totals 94 teenagers.

This group has held one Sabbath luncheon. Another is planned for the first Sabbath in January. Shortly, Shachar will sponsor a Saturday evening social event.

The newest activity of the teenage group is the sponsorship of a dramatics club which plans to stage a full version of Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado later in the spring.

**Boy Scouts** — Currently there are 41 scouts in Troop 613. They are organized into two groups, the eleven year olds and the thirteen year olds. The scoutmasters are Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal and Mr. Irving Heisler, two parents of boys in the troop.

**Cub Scouts** — These are also organized in age groups. The older age group contains twelve members in two dens. Mr. Norman Mosesson, a member of the congregation and a parent, serves as the cubmaster for that group.

The third and fourth graders are arranged in another group numbering twenty-four members and four dens. Their activities are coordinated by Mrs. Doris Deutsch and Mrs. Michael Barany.

**Junior Congregation** — Currently holding a membership of fifty-three youngsters between the ages of seven and twelve, this group meets some fifty times during the program season under the leadership of Aaron Holzer. The children lead the service, host the kiddush and deliver sermonettes, besides serving in various official capacities.

Recently, the children themselves have been doing their own Torah reading, thus displacing the teenagers who used to perform that service for them.

**Pre-School Services** — Under the leadership of Marilyn Smilow and Naomi Markson this group now has an average of ten children, ages four through six. Because of the disparity of age, we have divided the groups into a younger group and an older group. They meet every Saturday and holiday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

**The Father and Son Minyan** — Not to be left out, this traditional activity of our congregation continues on a regular basis on Sunday mornings.

This year we have found a resurgence in attendance and interest in this particular activity, both in terms of better davening and better basketball.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th  
SHACHAR'S SECOND CULTURAL  
LUNCHEON**

Guest Speaker  
**DAVID SCHEINFELD**  
Chairman of Hatzaad Harishon,

Topic  
**"THE DILEMMA OF THE BLACK JEW"**

(Please Cut out and mail to Synagogue Office)

I hereby subscribe for State of Israel Fourth Development Bonds in the amount checked below:

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Noam Shudofsky ..... Youth Director

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Joseph Roth ..... Vice-President  
Elgin Shulsky ..... Treasurer  
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Mrs. Leon A. Feldman ..... Pres. Sist.  
Martin R. Rochlin ..... Pres. Men's Club

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Lighting of Candles ..... 4:15  
Evening ..... 4:30

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Pre-School Service  
Dining Hall ..... 11:00

**Weekly Portion: Vayigash****Genesis 44:18 - 47:27****Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 - 28**

Evening ..... 4:30  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:10

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

Lighting of Candles ..... 4:20  
Evening ..... 4:30

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Pre-School Service  
Dining Hall ..... 11:00

**Weekly Portion: Vayechi****Genesis 47:28 - 50:26****Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 - 12**

Evening ..... 4:30  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:15

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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

**PLEASE NOTE**

This Bulletin contains information covering the next two weeks. The next issue of the Bulletin will appear on Friday, January 10, 1969.

GERTZ BROS., N.Y.C.

**Yahrzeits****December**

28-DOROTHY BLUM  
28-OSCAR SCHNEIDER  
28-LOUIS BLOCK  
29-HYMAN I. ARBEIT  
29-MENDEL GOTTESMAN  
29-JACOB E. FISCHEL  
29-JENNIE GOLDSTEIN  
29-MORRIS WARD  
29-HELEN SKYDELL  
30-PAULINE W. LURIE  
30-JOEL RESNICK  
30-SARAH ROSENBLUTH  
30-MARCUS BARUCH  
30-REBECCA IVRY  
30-ISRAEL WILLIS  
30-SOPHIE FORMAN  
31-HARRIS MAYER  
31-ANNE RUBINSKY  
31-HERMAN HELLER  
31-MENUCHA DOMBER  
31-SADIE B. MORGENSTERN  
31-LEON LANGSAM  
31-HYMAN WISEMAN

**January**

1-FERDINAND H. ALEXANDER  
1-DINAH LULOFF  
2-SAMUEL ABELOFF  
2-SARAH GOTTESMAN  
2-ROSE ROSENGARD  
3-ALEXANDER SCHLANG

3-SARAH GARFUNKEL  
3-LEON BRAUNSTEIN  
3-BELLA JACOBS  
3-SOLOMON PFEFFER  
4-FEIGA BROZ  
4-LENA BLOCH  
4-PEARL BRENNER  
4-ROSE WESTERMAN  
5-RACHEL LIBERMAN  
5-BERTHA PERLBERGER  
5-HENRY BASSER  
6-TOBY KAILES  
6-RACHEL GOODMAN  
6-ABRAHAM SILVERSTEIN  
7-NATHAN SILVER  
8-LOUIS GIVNER  
8-SOPHIE GOODSIDE  
8-JOSEPH KOTTLER  
8-IRVING OKUN  
8-PHILIP BACHRACH  
8-MAXWELL A. HECKLER  
8-SAMSON GORDON  
8-HELENE TRAININ  
8-HARRY LEHR  
9-MARTHA HECKSCHER  
9-HARRY FISCHEL  
9-SOL SEIDNER  
9-ALEXANDER HERBST  
9-ETHEL R. MEYERS  
9-ANNA REBA KAUFMAN  
10-ANNIE MANDELBAUM  
10-CECELIA FELDBERG  
10-MOLLIE GOLDBERG

**SEVEN K. J. TEENAGERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL TORAH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

We are happy to list below the seven young people from our congregational family, six members of Shachar and one collegiate, who will be participating in the winter session of Yehiva University's Torah Leadership Seminar.

Samuel Friedman  
Gilead Freund  
Aaron Hostyk  
David Hostyk  
Judith Levine  
Gail Linden  
Charles Sub

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein and Mr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky will be present at that Seminar together with their families. Our Associate Rabbi and our Director of Youth activities will both serve as members of the Seminar staff for this session.

We know that the young people are in for a highly inspiring period. We hope that they will bring back some of that inspiration to our congregation upon their return.

**THE JEWRY BOX**

**Will Serve**  
**During Week of Dec. 29-Jan. 3**

Martin Markson  
Samuel B. Goodman  
Leo Breindel  
Philip A. Brenner

**Will Serve**  
**Jan. 5 - 10**

James Clark  
Max J. Etra  
Lionel Etra  
Dr. Samuel Gross  
Dr. Samuel Bloom  
Leon Gronowitz

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