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A LETTER TO THE WORLD FROM JERUSALEM

(The letter reprinted here first appeared in Public Press in Israel. It has been widely circulated and was quoted in part by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein in his Yom Kippur U.J.A. Appeal. We felt our readers might want to read the full text. It has added significance in view of recent news from the Middle East and from the State Department in Washington, D.C. —Ed. note.)

I am not a creature from another planet, as you seem to believe. I am a Jerusalemite — like yourselves, a man of flesh and blood. I am a citizen of my city, an integral part of my people.

I have a few things to get off my chest. Because I am not a diplomat, I do not have to mince words. I do not have to please you, or even persuade you. I owe you nothing. You did not build this city; you do not live in it; you did not defend it when they came to destroy it. And we will be damned if we will let you take it away.

There was a Jerusalem before there was a New York. When Berlin, Moscow, London and Paris were miasmal forest and swamp, there was a thriving Jewish community here. It gave something to the world which you nations have rejected ever since you established yourselves — a humane moral code.

Here the prophets walked, their words flashing like forked lighting. Here a people who wanted nothing more than to be left alone, fought off waves of heathen would-be conquerors, bled and died on the battlements, hurled themselves into the flames of their burning Temple rather than surrender; and when finally overwhelmed by sheer numbers and led away into captivity, swore that before they forgot Jerusalem, they would see their tongues cleave to their palates, their right arm wither.

For two pain filled millenia, while we were your unwelcome guests, we prayed daily to return to this city. Three times a day we petitioned the Almighty: "Gather us from the four corners of the world, bring us upright

to our land; return in mercy to Jerusalem, Thy city, and dwell in it as Thou promised."

On every Yom Kippur and Passover we fervently voiced the hope that next year would find us in Jerusalem. Your inquisitions, pogroms, expulsions, the ghettos into which you jammed us, your forced baptisms, your quota systems, your genteel anti-semitism, and the final unspeakable horror, the holocaust (and worse, your terrifying disinterest in it) — all these have not broken us. They may have sapped what little moral strength you still possessed, but they forged us into steel. Do you think that you can break us now, after all we have been through? Do you really believe that after Dachau and Auschwitz we are frightened by your threats of blockades and sanctions? We have been to Hell and back — a Hell of your making. What more could you possibly have in your arsenal that could scare us?

I have watched this city bombarded twice by nations calling themselves civilized. In 1948, while you looked on apathetically, I saw women and children blown to smithereens, this after we had agreed to your request to internationalize the city. It was a deadly combination that did the job: British officers, Arab gunners and American-made cannon.

And then the savage sacking of the Old City: the wilful slaughter, the wanton destruction of every synagogue and religious school; the desecration of Jewish cemeteries; the sale by a ghoulish government of tomb stones for building materials, for poul-

try runs, army camps — even latrines.

And you never said a word.

You never breathed the slightest protest when the Jordanians shut off the holiest of our holy places, the Western Wall in violation of the pledges they had made after the war — a war they waged, incidentally, against a decision of the UN. Not a murmur came from you whenever the legionnaires in their spiked helmets casually opened fire upon our citizens from behind the walls.

Your hearts bled when Berlin came under siege. You rushed your airlift "to save the gallant Berliners." But you did not send one ounce of food when Jews starved in besieged Jerusalem. You thundered against the wall which the East Germans run through the middle of the German capital — but not one peep out of you about that other wall, the one that tore through the heart of Jerusalem.

And when the same thing happened 20 years later, and the Arabs unleashed a savage, unprovoked bombardment of the Holy City again, did any of you do anything? The only time you came to life was when the city was at last re-united. Then you wrung your hands and spoke loftily of "justice" and the need for "Christian" quality of turning the other cheek.

The truth is — and you know it deep inside your gut — you would prefer the city to be destroyed rather than have it governed by Jews. No matter how diplomatically you phrase it, the age old prejudices seep out of every word.

If our return to the city has tied

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31st ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MEN'S CLUB

Tuesday, January 13th at 6:15 P.M.

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COUPLES CLUB LAUNCHES SEASON

The first meeting of the year for the Kehilath Jeshurun Couples Club was held in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein on Saturday evening, November 29th. A fine gathering of couples filled the Rabbi's home for an interesting program and a delightful social hour.

The highlight of the evening was a symposium on the problem of habituation and addiction in our day. The speakers on the subject were Dr. Robert M. Richter as moderator, Dr. David H. Woldenberg representing the medical point of view, Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal speaking about the psychiatric implications of our subject and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein presenting a religious perspective on the problem of drugs among teen agers, young adults and the general population.

New Officers Elected

Prior to the program, the group elected new officers for the coming year. The officers are:

Dr. Robert M. Richter - President
Milton Berkowitz - Vice President
Samuel M. Eisenstat - Treasurer
Mrs. Benjamin Brown - Secretary

Young couples in our neighborhood who would like to be affiliated with the group are urged to call the synagogue office and they will be put on the list.

A Letter to the World (Cont'd)

your theology in knots, perhaps you had better re-examine your catechisms. After what we have been through, we are not passively going to accommodate ourselves to the twisted idea that we are to suffer eternal homelessness until we accept your Saviour.

For the first time since the year 70 there is now complete religious freedom for all in Jerusalem. For the first time since the Romans put the torch to the Temple everyone has equal rights. (You preferred to have some more equal than others.) We loathe the sword — but it was you who forced us to take it up. We crave peace — but we are not going back to the peace of 1948 as you would like us to.

We are home. It has a lovely sound for a nation you have willed to wander over the face of the globe. We are not leaving. We have redeemed the pledge made by our forefathers: Jerusalem is being rebuilt. "Next year" — and the year after, and after, and after, until the end of time — "in Jerusalem!"

— Eliezer Ben Yisrael

KEHILATH JESHURUN IS PART OF U.O.J.C.A. TALMUD PROGRAM

We are happy to announce that the Kehilath Jeshurun Talmud Class is part of the Chalukat Ha Shas Program of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

This program provides that each congregation studies a particular part of a tractate in the Talmud. When all the congregations are taken together in concert, they are thus studying the entire Talmud.

Our Talmud Class is studying the middle part of the tractate of Pesachim and is registered in this significant program of the U.O.J.C.A. The representative of our congregation to the Chalukat Ha Shas committee of the U.O.J.C.A. is a regular member of the class, Jacob J. Avner.

**RAMAZ DINNER DANCE
JANUARY 25th AT
THE WALDORF ASTORIA**

We are happy to announce to the Kehilath Jeshurun family that the annual dinner dance of the Ramaz School will be held on January 25th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

As in the past, the proceeds from this dinner dance will enable close to 50% of the student body in Ramaz to attend the school on some form of scholarship. The occasion is always an enjoyable and memorable one, besides affording generous patrons the opportunity of supporting a particularly worthy endeavor.

A cordial invitation is extended to all of our readers to attend the dinner dance. The cost is \$200 per couple. Reservations may be secured by calling the synagogue office.

In Memoriam**Joseph S. Gershman**

We record with profound sorrow the passing of the esteemed Treasurer of our congregation, Joseph S. Gershman. For many years he served Kehilath Jeshurun as an Officer and Trustee and he contributed significantly to the development of Ramaz School as the Vice Chairman of its Board of Trustees.

Joe Gershman was beloved and respected wherever significant Jewish interests were at stake. Whether it was as an officer of the Jewish Education Committee, a major supporter of Yeshiva Torah Vadaath, a leading figure in the Educational Alliance or in his other major roles, he helped to structure the Jewish present and to vouchsafe the Jewish future in this land.

Kehilath Jeshurun will honor his memory by fostering the spirit of love, concern and dedication which he manifested throughout his life. We are sure that his dear wife and stalwart sons will lead the way in this effort.

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Fred Kahn

Taken from us suddenly and tragically was a beloved and highly regarded member of the priestly family of Kehilath Jeshurun, Fred Kahn, of blessed memory.

For many years he was a regular, impassioned worshipper in our congregation together with his wife, his two splendid sons and his revered brother, Alfred Kahn. He was a splendid example of piety in action and

word, of sanctity in his relationship to God and kindness and benevolence in his relationship to man.

Fred Kahn was a retiring personality who left an indelible impression upon his children, his dear ones and his wider family in the congregation. We mourn his passing, even as we resolve to cherish his memory.

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Michael L. Schloss

After a long and difficult illness, our dear member Michael L. Schloss was called to his eternal reward. A gentleman in the grand manner, a man of kindness and consideration, of thoughtfulness and gentle disposition, he was appreciated most by those who knew him best.

Michael Schloss gave generously of his time, substance and interest to many worthy causes in the community. He was particularly solicitous of the needs of our House of God in which he loved to pray and in whose environs he found peace and inspiration.

We pray that his wife and family may be given strength to bear their sorrow and may be spared further grief in the years to come.

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May God comfort all of the bereaved families among all of our people who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem and may the coming weeks bring us news only of happy occasions and joyous milestones in the family of Kehilath Jeshurun.

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN
ON THE ROAD**

During the forthcoming two weeks, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will make two appearances out-of-town. On Saturday night, December 20th, he will deliver the address at the annual dinner of the Hebrew Academy of the Captial District in Albany, New York.

From December 24th through December 29th, he will participate in a retreat and conclave sponsored by the Yavneh Students Association in Los Angeles, California. He will deliver several addresses there and serve as the resource personality for that conclave.

YAHRTZEIT PLAQUES

The last issue of the Bulletin carried the announcement of an increase in the cost of Yahrzeit plaques from \$250.00 to \$300.00 beginning April 1, 1970.

Serious thought, therefore, should be given at this time to memorialize dear ones by the installation of a plaque on the Yahrzeit tablets in our synagogue.

Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg, our Ritual Director, will be happy to extend every assistance possible in making the necessary arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE

This Bulletin contains information for the next three weeks. The next issue will appear on Friday, January 9, 1970.

HELP AVAILABLE

We are in receipt of a notice from the Placement Office of Stern College for Women which advises us that students from the college are available as tutors for all high school subjects, babysitters, and part time office workers. Inquiries should be directed to 255-5600 ext. 517 weekdays, 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of December 20-26

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Irving Angel, Mrs. Samuel W. Bloom, Dr. Samuel Gross, Israel Jacobs, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Dr. Norman Orentreich, Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Richard M. Sachar, Mrs. Eugene R. Sarezky, Jules M. Sax, Mrs. Mary Schleifer, Dr. Max L. Som, Mrs. Jess Ward, Miss Vilma Weiss and Mrs. Robert H. Zessman.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goldblatt, Mr. and Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jaspan, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lippoff and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moss.

Week of December 27-January 2

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to David Goldberg, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Milton Medwin, 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, Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein and Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Shapiro.

Week of January 3-9

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Albert H. Colin, Mrs. Abraham

Ernst, Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, Mrs. David Joseph, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Jacob A. Klein, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Ralph Spencer, Mrs. Herbert R. Steinmann and Mrs. Wolf Zuckerman.

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.

Engagement—

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Mills upon the announcement of the engagement of their son Jon to Miss Karen Hacker.

Marriage—

Congratulations to our esteemed members, Dr. and Mrs. Leon A. Feldman upon the marriage of their son Howard to Miss Susan Srolovits. May the young couple bring happiness to the family and all Israel.

Condolence—

We extend our sympathy to our esteemed members, Aaron and Henry Reinhold, upon the sudden passing of their father, Chiel Reinhold, in Israel.

Similar expressions of condolence are extended to our member, Nathan Goldsmith, upon the passing of his sister, Rae White.

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

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, December 20th

Mrs. Nathan Kalischer
Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert

Saturday, December 27th

Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith
Mrs. Saul Linzer
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
Mrs. Isidor Wassner

Saturday, January 3rd

Mrs. Erwin Linden
Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein
Mrs. Joseph Lorch
Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker

ISRAEL CUMMINGS AWARD

At the twelfth Annual Conference of the Federation on the Relationship of the Rabbi to the Jewish Social Worker, which took place on Tuesday, December 2nd, the 1969 Israel Cummings Award were presented.

Mrs. Cummings, in her usual graceful manner, made these presentations, awarded annually to a group worker, a social worker and a Rabbi.

JEWRY BOX

Served

Milton Berkowitz
Jerry Bruss
Otto J. Helprin
Albert H. Bernstein
Roy E. Abraham
Sidney Flatow

Will Serve During Week of
December 21-26

Dr. Samuel W. Bloom
James Clark

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

Will Serve During Week of
December 28 - January 2

Gedeon Heller
Harry Heyman
Edward Low

Will Serve During Week of
January 4 - 9

Raymond Gura
Joseph Hostyk
Maurice N. Jaffe
Joshua S. Deutsch

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, December 19th

Lighting of Candles4:10
Evening4:20

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Vayigash

Genesis 44:11 - 47:27

Haftorah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Evening4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath5:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Evening4:20

FRIDAY, December 26th

Lighting of Candles4:10
Evening4:20

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Vayehi

Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

Haftorah: I Kings 2:1 - 12

Evening4:20
Conclusion of Sabbath5:05

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Evening4:30

YAHARZEITS

December

20—Ferdinand H. Alexander
20—Dinah Luloff
20—Hy Pomerance
21—Samuel Abeloff
21—Sarah Gottesman
21—Rose Rosengard
22—Alexander Schlang
22—Sarah Garfunkel
22—Leon Braunstein
22—Bella Jacobs
22—Solomon Pfeffer
23—Feiga Broz
23—Lena Bloch
23—Pearl Brenner
23—Rose Westerman
24—Rachel Liberman
24—Bertha Perlberger
24—Henry Basser
25—Toby Kailles
25—Rachel Goodman
25—Abraham Silverstein
26—Nathan Silver
26—Jane Prince
27—Louis Givner
27—Sophie Goodside
27—Joseph Kottler
27—Irving Okun
27—Samson Gordon
27—Maxwell A. Heckler
27—Helene Trainin
27—Harry Lehr
27—Philip Bachrach
28—Martha Heckscher
28—Harry Fischel
28—Sol Seidner
28—Alexander Herbst
28—Ethel R. Meyers
28—Anna Reba Kaufman
28—Martha Ehrlich
29—Annie Mandelbaum
29—Cecelia Feldberg
29—Mollie Goldberg
30—Walter H. Stiner
30—Samuel Kingson
30—Harry Goldstein
30—Jeanne Ruddy Rubin
30—Sarah Seidenberg
30—Sarah Earl
30—Etta Rubinsky

30—Esther Schlang
30—Joseph Edelman
31—William Goldman
31—Toiba Sonenberg
31—Isaac Silverman
31—Dora Herman

January

1—Minnie Shapiro
1—Sam Bucher
1—Minnie Lipschutz
1—Ida Zuckerman
1—Sarah Gimbel
1—Harry Abramson
1—Frances Susskind
2—Jacob Landau
2—S. Lawrence Brody
2—Abraham Poust
2—Yetta Weinbaum
2—Musia Mendelowitz
2—Herman Goldman
3—Julia Adler
3—Albert Hershkovitz
3—Bessie Snyder
3—William Klein
4—Harry Westerman
4—Dora Perlman
4—Louis Goldenheim
4—Bernard Rashbaum
5—Isidor Fischman
5—Dora Rhodes
5—Judah Low
6—Jane Fischel
6—Clara Lewis
6—Elias I. Gordon
6—Louis J. Lebowitz
6—Amelia Siegel
6—Maxwell Klein
7—Wolf Sigall
8—Hannah Foldman
8—Fannie Zessman
8—Henrietta Hirsch
8—Louis Heyman
8—Frederik Sax
8—Nathan Lipman
9—Morris H. Gelfand
9—Ettel Klein
9—Dr. Henry Raphael Gold
9—Max A. Rosengard
9—Rebecca W. Wolf

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Evening4:30

SATURDAY

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

Weekly Portion: Shemot

Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

Haftorah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on
Thursday, January 8.

Evening4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath5:15

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning8:30
Evening4:30

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