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# "ONE GENERATION AFTER" TO BE REVIEWED BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN AT OPENING SISTERHOOD MEETING, NOVEMBER 22

For twenty-five years, Elie Wiesel has been the outspoken witness of the Holocaust, a witness who has described the range, the bestiality, and the totality of the destruction of European Jewry by the Nazis.

In a series of books ranging from **Night** to **A Beggar in Jerusalem**, this witness has recorded his testimony in superb prose, often verging on poetry.

In his most recent book, published less than a year ago, **One Generation After,** Wiesel sums it all up from the perspective of twenty-five years. In a series of separate essays he reviews his own need to speak, the difficulty of communication, the impossibility of giving answers to the frightening questions, the relationship of the Holocaust to the birth of the State of Israel, and the meaning of the plight of Jewry in the Soviet Union.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will discuss some of the ideas in this book at the opening meeting of the Sisterhood of the Congregation which will take place on Monday, November 22nd. Coffee and cake will be served at 12:30. Mrs. Eugene Hollander, President, will chair the meeting.

Members of the Sisterhood and all vomen in the community are invited to attend.

# The Men's Club of the Congregation invites you to an evening with



HON. DAVID RIVLIN, CONSUL GENERAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN NEW YORK

ON: Tuesday, November 16th

AT: 8:30

IN: the Auditorium of the Congregation

Mr. Rivlin's address will be followed by a reception to him and his wife in the Social Hall.

ALL WELCOME!

# You are invited to COUPLES CLUB SABBATH Saturday morning, November 13th

The following will officiate:

Albert H. Bernstein Dr. Lawrence Bryskin Samuel M. Eisenstat Lawrence A. Kobrin Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Jonathan Messeloff

Luncheon for Couples Club Members and their families following services.

For reservations call:

The Michael Buraks

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628-0978

Sermons: Saturday, November 6th — Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Saturday, November 13th — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

# A SUGGESTION FOR CHANUKAH

This year I am giving my children a special Chanukah present. It will be in the form of student tickets (\$4 or \$5) to "Freedom Lights for Soviet Jewry", the dramatic evening at Madison Square Garden on December 13th.

Why? There are several reasons. First I feel that every Jew who can physically be at the Garden that night should be there — children included. They know what Soviet Jewry is. Let them feel part of this expression of solidarity.

Second, Chanukah represents the struggle for religious survival in the face of spiritual oppression. This struggle is being relived on a far larger scale in the Soviet Union today. How can we go through the motions of lighting Chanukah candles on the second night of the festival — December 13th — and fail to live the message of the candles in real life at the Garden that night — I and my family?

Finally, I am not unaware of the preference of my children for alternate presents of a more popular variety. Let them get those gifts from others. But from me let them receive a gift that bespeaks concern, sacrifice, love, involvement and solidarity with our people under oppression. Long after the dolls, the games, and even the books are worn out, that meaning of December 13th will remain alive.

Haskel Lookstein

Tickets for the Dec. 13th

#### Freedom Lights for Soviet Jewry

at Madison Square Garden may be obtained by calling HA 7-1000

# WORLD SYNAGOGUE CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM JAN. 9 - 11, 1972

Members and friends of our congregation are invited to participate as delegates to the World Conference of Synagogues which is scheduled for January 9-11, 1972, in Jerusalem. The U.O.J.C.A. is coordinating the American representation to that conference. Our member Lawrence A. Kobrin, as head of the U.O. Israel Commission is one of the architects of the conference.

Delegates are entitled to special savings on flights and accommodations. Those who are interested are asked to contact Rabbi Haskel Lookstein without delay.

# WITHIN OUR FAMILY

# Week of Nov. 6 - 12 Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Jules Gourary, I. Robert Wassner, Mrs. Herman Elfenbein, Mrs. Julius Charnow, Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, Saul Linzer, Mrs. Gabriel J. Robbins, Mrs. Herman Smilow, and Philip Jadek.

# Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Riederman, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Daffner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Gura and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sigall.

# Week of Nov. 13 - 19 Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Louis Etra, Abraham Keller, Mrs. Israel Cummings, Mrs. Jacob M. Miller, Bernard Podell, Mrs. Joseph S. Gruss, Herman Riederman, Sue Ellen Herman, Mrs. Benjamin Bartel, Frederick Margareten, Alfred Kahn, Victor Binstock, Mrs. Sidney A. Block, Harry Green, and Saul L. Warshaw.

#### Anniversaries-

Warmest greeting to Mrs. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rheinhold, Mr. and Mrs. Max Backer, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Citron, Mrs. and Mrs. Saul L. Rosenbluth, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Salzman, and Mr. and Mrs. Jules M. Sax.

# Special Birthday

Warmest congratulations to our esteemed new member, Mr. Abraham Kamber, upon the celebration of his

eightieth birthday which will take place, please God, next week. May God grant Mr. Kamber and his wife many more years of personal healt and happiness and many more opportunities to render support to Jewish communal life.

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#### Bar Mitzvah

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sigall who will be in Israel to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their first grandson, David W. Shipper, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert K. Shipper of Lawrence, Long Island, and a student of the Hillel School in that town. Congratulations also to Dr. Michael Sigall, the proud uncle of the Bar Mitzvah, who is in a sense re-living his own Bar Mitzvah experience, which was also held in Israel.

# Of Community Interest

We are proud to announce that Yeshiva University has inaugurated a series of Gottesman Lectures established by the family of Benjamin Gottesman on the occasion of his seventieth birthday and in recognition of his service as a trustee of Yeshiva since 1927.

The first two lectures will be delivered by Dr. Philip Handler, President of the National Academy of Sciences on November 8th at 8:00 on the main campus of Yeshiva and on November 9th at 4:00 at the Stern College for Women, Lexington Avenue and 35th Street. The lectures are open to the public.

# A REPORT FROM A CONGRESSMAN

I received a report recently from Congressman Edward I. Koch, who represents our district in the House of Representatives. Congressman Koch is the sponsor of HR 5606, a bill in the House to provide 30,000 special refugee visas for Soviet Jews in the event that they are allowed to leave the Soviet Union. Among other things, he reports that on September 30th, Attorney General John Mitchell announced that he would use his special authorities to allow the entrance of Soviet Jews into the United States without any quota restrictions whatsoever. Thus, the Attorney General has done administratively, what the House Bill would have done legislatively with one important additionthat there is no limitation on the number of Soviet Jews who will be allowed to come to America should the Soviet Union allow them to leave.

He makes the obvious point that the American community must press the Soviet Union even harder than before to allow Jews to leave and to be re-united with their families in Israel or any place else in the world.

The Congressman reports on his visit to Israel at his own expense from August 20th to September 5th. He discusses some of his conversations with leaders of the government of Israel and other leading Israeli figures. One comment of his is of special interest to our readers:

"Those with whom I spoke made an interesting point about Israel's current state of affairs. Prior to the Six Day War, Israel's relations with the Arab states rested on an armistice agreement signed in 1956. But the Israelis were subject to daily attacks across the borders. Furthermore there was no commerce or travel between Israel and its Arab neighbors—and of course the old City was barred to all Israelis.

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# THERE IS A LIMIT TO HAGBAH AND G'LILAH

The Talmud states - contrary to popular opinion — that the greatest brah honors are Hagbah and G'lilah -not Shlishi or Shishi.

At Kehilath Jeshurun the officers are consciously assigning these choicest of honors to trustees - with very few exceptions.

So, if you receive a Hagbah or G'lilah, consider yourselves honored by the congregation and by Talmudic

And, if by chance you are called to the Torah only for Shlishi or Shishi, please recognize that there is a statutory limit to the number of Hagbahs and G'lilahs each week. Sorry, we just don't have enough to go around.

# MEN'S CLUB THEATRE PARTY MONDAY, JANUARY 17th

"The Prisoner of Second Avenue" brings together again the brilliant creative talents of playwright Neil Simon and director Mike Nichols for the first time since "Plaza Suite." Mr. Nichols also has staged "The Odd Couple" and "Barefoot in the Park." Such extraordinary motion pictures as "Catch-22" and "The Graduate" bear the Nichols imprimatur.

The Messrs. Simon and Nichols and producer Saint-Subber have assembled a stellar cast for "The Prisoner of Second Avenue." The new comedy is a contemporary piece that takes place in a highrise apartment on Manhattan's Second Avenue. No flowery claims have to be made in behalf of a Nichols-directed Simon comedy. Order your tickets today. Call HA 7-1000.

# TO FATHERS AND SONS . . . AND DAUGHTERS

Don't miss the Harlem Wizards at K. J.

on Sunday morning, November 14th

Minyan at 9:00 (in the main synagogue) Breakfast to follow (in the social hall)

and then . . . THE HARLEM WIZARDS VS.

THE MINYANAIRES

until 1:00 P.M. (includes basketball clinic for the boys)

Donation: \$1.00

# YOUNG ADULTS PLAN SHABBAT PROGRAM

The Thanksgiving weekend will provide the background for a Shabbat program for young adults from college age to 30, single and married.

On Friday evening, the group will have dinner in our synagogue house, followed by a program at 8:30 to which the entire congregation is invited. Steven Gross and Gil Kahn will discuss the forthcoming centennial celebration of Kehilath Jeshurun and its significance for the community. Their topic will be: "After 100 -What?" Comments and discussion from the audience will be encouraged. Steve Lorch will moderate.

On Shabbat morning the young adults will conduct the service in the synagogue. Following the Kiddush they will have a luncheon and program with Carl Gershman as their guest. Carl is the Director of the Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East.

Young adults who would like to participate in this Shabbat activity are invited to call the synagogue office for reservations.

# **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Our Guest Speaker at the Thanksgiving Day Service

Thursday, November 25th at 11:00 A.M.



HON. FRED HARRIS U. S. Senator from Oklahoma

# ANTI-JEWISH BIAS SEEN IN "J.C. SUPERSTAR"

["J.C. Superstar," the rock opera passion play, has been the subject of wide discussion since its opening on October 12th. As a play dealing with Jews and Judaism, among other matters, it was the subject of analysis by Marc Tanenbaum of the American Jewish Committee (and WINS) and Gerald Strober, a leading Christian authority on intergroup relations. We think you will find Strober's analysis useful. Ed.]

"J. C. Superstar," despite all its advance acclaim, is potentially harmful as an instrument of anti-Jewish preju-

The play unambiguously lays the primary responsibility for Jesus' suffering and crucifixion to the Jewish priesthood, while minimizing the role of Pontius Pilate who is portrayed as the acme of reasonableness, sympathy, and patience. The priests are caricatured as hideously inhuman, satanically evil, and blood-thirsty.

Beyond that, the Roman soldiers are made to play a strangely nonviolent role in the events of Jesus' death, while the Jewish crowd is represented as vulture-like in their callousness and blood-lust. And, almost perversely, Judas, the betrayer of Jesus, is acted by a black man, who is made the victim of Jewish perfidy

. . as if to suggest that now it is the blacks and the Jews who are the Christ-killers.

As anyone familiar with New Testament studies knows, this entire reconstruction of the Passion account is wildly unscriptural and unhistorical, a striking example of the counterculture's indifference to historical reality. There is simply no basis in the New Testament either for the assignment of primary guilt for the crucifixion to the priests, or for their sinister-looking caricatures. There is no shred of evidence that Jesus was ever subjected to a purposeful, savage beating by any of the priests, or their agents, as invented in this play. And the sympathetic portrayal of Pilate is pure fabrication, since it is a matter of historic fact that Pilate was notorious for his arbitrary oppression and executions. The New Testament plainly records in Matthew 27 that the Roman soldiers acting under orders from Pilate crucified Jesus, and that Jesus constantly predicted that he would die at Roman hands.

Taken together, "J.C. Superstar," whatever the theatrical merits, remains factually erroneous, potentially harmful, and possibly a backward step on the road toward improved Jewish-Christian relations.

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, November	5th
Lighting of Candl	20

ATURDAY		
Evening		4:40
Ligiting	Or Carraros	

1.30

Weekly Portion: VAYERA	
Pre-School Service11:0	0
Junior Congregation10:1	5
Morning 9:0	00

# Genesis 18:1 - 22-24 Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 - 37

Evening	4:40
Conclusion of Sabbath	

# WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	
Father and Son Minyan	
Evening	
FRIDAY, November 12th	
Lighting of Candles	1.25

ATUDDAY			
Evening		4:40	
Lighting	or Candles	4:25	

# SATURDAY

Morning		9:00
Junior Cor	ngregation	10:15
		11:00

# Weekly Portion: HAYE SARAH, Genesis 23:1-25 Haftorah: I Kings 1:1 - 31

# **ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS**

Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on Thursday, November 18 and Friday, November 19.

Evening ..... Conclusion of Sabbath ...... 5:18

# WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning		 7:00
Sunday	Morning	 8:30
Evening		 4:30

# KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Kiddush this Sabbath will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Shulsky in celebration of the birth of their first grandchild, born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shulsky.

### **YAHRZEITS**

# November

- 6-William Etra
- 6—Simon Lavine
- 7-Max Silverstein
- 8-Lazar Wohl
- 8—Feiga Rachel Sorin
- 9—Lillian Rothstein
- 9-Simon Gross
- 10-William Kirshon
- 10-Israel J. Kay
- 10—Sarah Silverman
- 11—Samuel Feiner
- 11—Osher Litwins
- 11—Isidor Etra
- 11-Mayer Grossman
- 11—Sylvia Lustingman
- 11—Marcus Schuman
- 11-Kreine Fishel
- 11-Irma Jacoby
- 11-Albert Warner
- 12—Morris D. Eichler
- 12—Albert Levey
- 13—Sarah H. Jaspan
- 13—Minnie Bartel
- 13-Meyer Rothstein
- 13-Anna Kasse
- 14—Frank Mandelbaum
- 15-Yetta Usdan
- 15—Charles Kasse
- 16—Harry H. Holzman
- 16-Max Theamon
- 16—Charles E. Davis
- 16-Bathsheba Fischel
- 16-Rose Scheier
- 17—Abraham I. Fine
- 17—Joseph Lax
- 17—Celia Shanman
- 17—Irving Anshel
- 18—Theodore Simon
- 18—Samuel Weiss
- 19-Morris Kite
- 19-Simcha Kurtz
- 19—Frieda Kahn
- 19-Julius Klein
- 19—Morris Lewittes

# A Report (Cont'd)

This former state of 'armistice' contrasts with the current state of war. The City of Jerusalem is united and open to Jews, Christians, and Moslems alike. People from all countries, including the Arab states, come freely to Jerusalem to pray at their holy places. Arab students living in Israel are able to go to the University in Cairo and 30,000 Arabs come from the West Bank and Gaza Strip to work in Israel. But most important for the people, the acts of terrorism for the most part have stopped. Paradoxically, the former state of armistice was in fact a state of war and the current state of war is an armistice."

# **RABBI & MRS. LOOKSTEIN** RETURN FROM VENEZUELA

Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein returned this week from a brief Venezuelan trip for Bar Ilan. The Rabbi will no doubt report on the trip this coming Sabbath morning in his Sermon.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Saturday, Nov. 13th-Couples Club Sabbath

# Sunday morning, Nov. 14th-

The Harlem Wizards visit the Father and Son Minyan.

# Tuesday evening, Nov. 16th at 8:30

Consul General David Rivlin at the Men's Club.

# Saturday night, Nov. 20th-

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# Monday, Nov. 22nd, 12:30 P.M.

First Sisterhood Meeting

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will review Elie Wiesel's latest book, "One Generation After."

# Thursday, Nov. 25th -Thanksgiving Service.

Guest speaker: Senator Fred Harris from Oklahoma.

# Friday and Saturday, November 26 and 27

Young Adults Sabbath

# Saturday night, Dec. 11th

Chanukah Chassidic Folk Rock Festival and Dance.

# Monday, Dec. 13th

"Festival of Lights" at Madison Square Garden.

# Monday, Dec. 20th

Sisterhood Theatre Party. "Fiddler on the Roof."

### THE K. J. ADULT INSTITUTE

Have you joined a class? You are still welcome! The Weekly Schedule

Saturday 3:45 P.M. Talmud I

Monday 9:15 - 10:50 A.M. **ULPAN** 

11 - 12 Noon

The Weekly Portion 8 - 9:30 P.M.

Hebrew To Read Siddur By 8:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Talmud II 8:00 P.M.

# GOING, GOING GONE . .

THE RAMAZ AUCTION Saturday night, Nov. 20th 8:00 o'clock

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