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## FREEDOM LIGHTS FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Twenty thousand Jews from the New York area gathered in Madison Square Garden last Monday night for what has to be considered an historic occasion in the annals of this community. The demonstration of support and concern for Soviet Jewry was without precedent or parallel.

Such a great occasion which we hope and pray will help our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union in the weeks and months to come was the result of a combination of efforts on the part of many community organizations, spearheaded by the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Center for Soviet Jewry. We are happy and proud to note that Kehilath Jeshurun played a significant role as well.

Our greatest role was manifested through the exceptional work of Gilbert Kahn in behalf of this project. Gil, who is the co-Chairman of KJSJ, our own Soviet Jewry organization, undertook to sell 500 tickets through the Congregation and Ramaz for the Madison Square Garden rally. He accomplished almost the whole of this goal. He enjoyed the assistance of many Ramaz students and the help of Ephraim Buchwald of the Judaic Studies staff in the Upper School.

Beyond that, Gil was involved in every phase of the wider community effort. It probably could be said that Freedom Lights could not have been accomplished without his work.

We were also proud that the Chanukah Menorah which was lit on the stage at Madison Square Garden was provided by Kehilath Jeshurun for the

You are cordially invited to attend

## YOUNG ADULTS SABBATH

this Saturday

December 18, 1971

**Morning Services at 9:00 o'clock**

### Cantors

Steven Lorch  
Alvin Smilow

### Torah Readers

Sam Blumenthal  
Steven Davenport  
Lionel Etra  
Richard Etra  
Sam Friedman

David Kahn  
Gil Kahn  
Alan Kalischer  
Bruce Linzer  
Gerard Rem  
Buddy Skydell

Lewis Trencher  
Bill Usdan  
Bert Usdan  
Ray Ward  
Sandy Ward

A luncheon for the Young Adults will follow the services.

Carl Gershman, Executive Director of the Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East, will speak on

**"The New Face of Anti-Israel Propaganda."**

Afternoon Program

**Minchah services at 3:45 P.M.**

Seudah Shlishit  
with the traditional fare

Guest Speakers: **STEVEN GROSS and GILBERT N. KAHN**, discussing the forthcoming centenary of the Congregation "After 100 — What?"

Ma'Ariv and Havdalah to follow.

occasion. It was, of course, the magnificent candelabrum which appears in our main lobby during the Chanukah season. Neil Ranells, a regular worshipper in our midst, was responsible — together with Jimmy — for getting the Menorah to and from the Garden.

We note with considerable pride the special financial support rendered by Martin R. Rechlin as a Benefactor, Milton Berkowitz and Samuel M. Eisen-

stat as Patrons, and Albert H. Bernstein and Ed Low as Contributors.

Finally, we would like to thank the many members of the KJ and Ramaz families who attended the Rally and inspired their friends and relatives to join them. This was a great moment in the life of New York Jewry and a significant occasion demonstrating the communal concern and involvement of the congregation.

**Sermon: December 18th, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein**  
**Outside "The Americana" And Inside "The Garden" — Difference and Implications**

**Sermon: December 25th, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein**



## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

**Week of December 18-24**

### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Raymond Schwartz, Mrs. Abram Abeloff, Mrs. Herman Riederer, Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein, Miss Vilma Weiss, Mrs. Jess Ward, Mrs. Jennie Shapiro, Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mrs. Harold Greenberg, Mrs. George Weiss, Mr. Sidney Goldblatt, Israel Jacobs, Mrs. Jules M. Sax,

Dr. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Richard M. Sachar, and Mrs. Mary Schleifer.

### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Dezzo Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gorfinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jaspan, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lippoff, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen.

**Week of December 25-31**

### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Max L. Som, Mrs. Robert Zessman, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, Dr. Norman Orentreich, Nathan Shaffir, Miss Irene Weiss, Leon Spilky, Mrs. Milton Medwin, and Dr. Richard Ascher.

### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goldblatt, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hazan, Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greenberg, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Lipschutz.

### Special Anniversary—

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, upon the forthcoming celebration of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on December 26th. This is a great milestone in their family life. We pray that the Perlmans will enjoy many more years of health and happiness together.

### Professional Advancement—

Our heartiest congratulations to two young members of the Congregation who have just passed the Bar Examination entitling them to practice law in New York: Don Etra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra, and Philip Mandelker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker. We wish both of them success and fulfillment in their chosen profession.

### Academic Advancement—

Congratulations to Roger Oppenheimer, a junior at New York University who was just admitted to the Dental School of NYU for next September. Roger is the grandson of Mrs. Hermine Winkler and a graduate of Ramaz.

### Communal Leadership—

We note with pride that young members of Kehilath Jeshurun are occupying a leading role in the Junior Division of the State of Israel Bonds. That organization is sponsoring a Dinner-Dance on Monday, December 20th at the Plaza Hotel. The Chairman of the occasion is Frederic I. Sax, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Sax. His co-Chairman is Burton Usdan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Usdan.

Serving on the Committee are Richard Etra, Helen Sax and William Usdan. Patrons for the event include Fred and George Baumgarten, Richard Etra, Charles Ramat, Frederic I. Sax, Helen Sax, Burton Usdan and Jonathan Zimmor.

It is gratifying to see the extent of involvement of our young people in this most important communal effort.

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## LIGHTING IN THE FACE OF IMMINENT DARKNESS

### An Answer to Noah Scheinfeld

The question was asked by young Noah Scheinfeld at this past Sunday's Father and Son Minyan in the presence of a packed congregation. Noah, a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Scheinfeld and a student in the third grade at Ramaz, asked as follows: "If the cruse of oil had enough to burn for one night and it lasted for eight nights then the miracle was only of seven days duration. Why do we light candles for eight days?"

It is not a new question, although it does not usually arise from one so young. This question has troubled many scholars over the centuries. There are, of course, many answers. Permit me to give one which derives from a Chassidic Rebbe.

The last seven nights of Chanukah reflect the miracle of the cruse of oil enduring an additional seven nights. On the first night we light for another miracle entirely: the miracle of faith demonstrated by the Maccabees of that day who lit the menorah on the first night although they knew the oil supply would not last and the menorah would go dark after one night.

One would have expected the Jews of that day to have waited until they were sure of the proper supply of oil. The fact that they lit in the face of imminent darkness, a darkness which they could not prevent and which they knew would be forthcoming, was a demonstration of their faith that if they kindled a light somehow it would survive.

This miracle of faith is symbolic of the history of the Jewish people. Wherever we went in exile we kindled the light of Judaism in the face of impending darkness.

We knew instinctively that Judaism could not survive in many of the lands of our sojourns. But we did not live in accordance with that instinctual knowledge. Instead we defied nature; we lit with no hope of endurance and, miraculously, the light did endure.

This was true also of the early Zionists who began a movement for the

restoration of a Jewish national homeland in the face of impossible odds. They began it although they knew that failure was inevitable. And, miraculously, they succeeded.

This was also true of the early Orthodox pioneers in the late nineteenth century in this country. They dared to try to implant the tradition of Torah and piety in a land which was inhospitable to the full expression of Jewish tradition. And, miraculously they succeeded.

That same miraculous faith was responsible for the development of Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz. Who would have believed that one hundred steps east of Park Avenue it would be possible to establish an Orthodox synagogue in which the fullest expression of Jewish tradition could be found, in which youngsters could read the Torah flawlessly and enthusiastically, in which American-born Jews could take a tallis over their heads while davening, and in which Chassidic dance and song could find expression on Simchat Torah and at other times? Who would have believed it?

In fact, when my father first wanted to found Ramaz most observers considered the task to be unwise and unproductive, an exercise in futility. It was felt that this neighborhood could never be hospitable to a yeshiva. It was said that the members of this synagogue would contribute to yeshiva education but that they would never send their children to derive its benefits. Thank God that a candle was lit in the face of inevitable, impending darkness. And, miraculously, the light endured, the flame grew and the menorah that is KJ and Ramaz came into being.

It is for that reason, Noah, that we light a candle on the first night of Chanukah. In a sense, the fact that in 1971 you could ask such a question is indicative of the miracle of Jewish faith and optimism, a faith and an optimism that history has happily validated.

A Happy Chanukah to you and to us all!

H. L.



## A Year End Thought

The United States is one of the few countries in the world that encourages the giving of private charity by allowing the donor to take a tax deduction for his gifts.

It is good to keep this thought in mind, particularly at this season of the calendar year. There are many who may realize that they are still in a position to make gifts to worthy causes.

There are, of course, many causes that deserve our generosity. To begin with, at home, there is the congregation itself. There may be some who have not as yet made their contribution to the 1971 Annual Synagogue Appeal. Such contributions would be most welcome and appreciated. Ramaz School is also deserving of the kindness and generosity of the congregational family. Now is the time for that too.

Readers may wish to make contributions to wider communal causes. The UJA should come first on any list. Yeshiva University should also be borne in mind. Bar Ilan University in Israel is a similarly worthy institution for our concern.

Whichever cause one chooses, the opportunity for communal support is immediate. For your contributions the institutions will thank you, the government will assist you and God will reward you.

### REMINDER RAMAZ DINNER

January 23, 1972

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Dinner-Dance of the Ramaz School Parents Council will be held on Sunday evening, January 23, 1972. As we announced in our last issue, the guest of honor that evening will be our devoted member, Mrs. Lillian Jacobs, who is marking her Thirtieth Anniversary of service to the school.

The best way to demonstrate one's appreciation of Mrs. Jacobs would be to attend the dinner itself. Reservations made be made through the Ramaz office at \$200 per couple. Alternatively, or in addition, ads may be placed in the Dinner-Dance Journal expressing tribute to Mrs. Jacobs and her work. For further information please call Mr. Shudofsky at the Ramaz office, HA 7-1000.

## RABBI AND MRS. JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN HONORED BY MIZRACHI WOMEN

### Women of Congregation Elected to National Office

We are proud to announce that Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein were the guests of honor at the Annual Scholarship Dinner of the Mizrachi Women's Organization of America in the Hilton Hotel. They were presented on Tuesday evening, December 7th, with the Rambam Award. The President of the organization cited our Rabbi and Rebetzin for their contributions to Jewish life and particularly to Jewish education. The Rabbi responded with a stirring address which will long be remembered by the capacity audience. Many members of the Congregation were present to see the honor bestowed upon Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein.

It is worthy of note that several women from the Congregation were elected recently to national office at the convention of Mizrachi Women. Mrs. David Goldberg was elected National Treasurer; Mrs. Jess Ward was elected National Vice-President; Mrs. Samuel Silverstein was elected to the National Board — she served as a co-Chairman of the convention. Mrs. Richard Kolb and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein were appointed Associate Members of the National Board.

We are proud of the role which is being played by the women of our Congregation in this important Zionist organization.

## RABBI AND MRS. HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO VISIT ISRAEL

Our Associate Rabbi and Rebetzin are planning to leave for Israel this week for a three week stay. The Rabbi is going as a participant in the forthcoming World Conference of Synagogues which will be held in Jerusalem and the World Rabbinic Conference, scheduled also for January in that city. Our member, Lawrence A. Kobrin is Chairman of the Synagogue Conference.

While in Israel, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein has been invited to participate in a symposium on "The Religious Court

System Today" which will be held under the auspices of the Forum for Jewish Religious Thought in Tel Aviv. Other participants in the symposium include Louis Pincus, Chairman of the Jewish Agency and Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neriah, Member of the Knesset. He will also confer with officials in the ministry of education on matters related to Ramaz.

We wish the Rabbi and his family a fruitful and joyous journey and a safe return.

## THANKS FOR A GREAT AFFAIR

The pre-Chanukah party, sponsored jointly by the Sisterhood, Men's Club and Couples Club of the congregation, was a great success from every point of view. A capacity attendance participated enthusiastically in the concert, in the dancing and in the delicious dinner. The Kamber Auditorium was decorated in tent-like fashion providing a spirit of gaiety and warmth.

It was most interesting to see the complete range of the congregation present at this affair from the oldest to the youngest members and from the veterans to the newest in the community with their families and friends.

There were many people whose work was responsible for the success of this affair. In particular, we would like to thank Barbara and Milton Berkowitz, Brenda and Albert Bernstein, Naomi and Charles Cohen, Irma Clark, Monica Hollander, Yvonne and Walter Koppel, Evelyn and Martin Rochlin and Irene Silver.

We would also like to thank, as a group, the many women who helped to set up the auditorium and served as hostesses during the evening. They were rewarded with the enthusiasm and joy of the gathering.



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY, December 17th**

Lighting of Candles .....4:10  
Evening .....4:30

**SAT. Shabbat Hanukah — Rosh Hodesh**

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

**Weekly Portion: MIKETZ****GENESIS 41:1 - 44:17****Numbers 28:9 - 15; 7:42 - 47****Haftorah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7**

Evening .....3:45  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....5:11

**FRIDAY, December 24, 1971**

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

**SATURDAY**

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

**Weekly Portion: VAYIGASH****GENESIS 44:18 - 47:27****Haftorah: Ezekiel 37:15 - 28**

Evening .....4:30  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....5:13

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning .....8:30  
Father and Son Minyan .....9:30  
Evening .....4:30

The Fast of 10th of Tevet is on  
Tuesday, December 28th.

**KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

The kiddush on Shabbat, December 11th, was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heyman, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jonathan. The Congregation will be the guests of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman on Shabbat, December 25th, in honor of the celebration of the Perlmans' Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.



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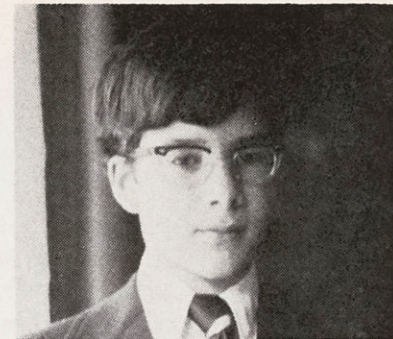
**YAHARZEITS****December**

19—Samuel Friedman  
19—Joseph Levin  
19—Lillian Mandelbaum  
19—Ronald Jay Ferber  
20—Julius Bayer  
20—Sarah Freedman  
21—Etta Golderich  
21—Majer Kaufman  
21—S. Herbert Golden  
21—Joseph Jame  
21—Ruth Roher  
22—Samuel H. Golde  
22—Ray Schultz  
22—Rhoda C. Diamond  
23—Celia Rubin  
23—Julie Faerber  
24—Annie Roth  
24—Moses Goodside  
24—Annie Simon  
24—Moses Pesach Sonenberg  
24—Rebecca Kotimsky  
24—Rose Goldsmith  
24—Joseph Schwab  
25—Dorothy Blum  
25—Oscar Schneider  
25—Dr. K. Himmelbrand  
26—Hyman I. Arbeit  
26—Mendel Gottesman  
26—Jacob E. Fischel  
26—Louis Block  
26—Jennie Goldstein  
26—Morris Ward  
26—Helen Skydell  
26—Lillian Goodman  
27—Pauline W. Lurie  
27—Joel Resnick  
27—Marcus Baruch  
27—Rebecca Ivry  
27—Israel Willis  
27—Sophie Forman  
27—Rosalie Fink  
27—Dr. Irving Lieberman  
27—Joachim Fink  
28—Harris Mayer  
28—Herman Heller  
28—Menucha Domber  
28—Sadie Morgenstern  
28—Leon Langsam  
28—Hyman Wiseman  
28—Max Warshaw  
29—Ferdinand H. Alexander  
29—Dinah Luloff  
29—Hy Pomerance  
30—Samuel Abeloff  
30—Sarah Gottesman  
30—Rose Rosengard  
31—Alexander Schlang  
31—Sarah Garfunkel  
31—Bella Jacobs  
31—Leon Braunstein  
31—Solomon Pfeffer

**Within Our Family (Cont'd)****Communal Honors—**

We are proud to announce that Jack Lefkowitz was just elected a Vice President of the Jewish National Fund. Mr. Lefkowitz has had a long and distinguished record of service in the Zionist Organization of America. We are happy to see his contributions recognized in this latest election.

Congratulations also to S. David Leibowitt who was honored by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai Brith, as the recipient of its first Dan Trotzky Award.

**BAR MITZVAH****Jonathan Shalit Birnbach**

Congratulations and all good wishes to young Jonathan Birnbach upon the forthcoming celebration of his Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem. Best wishes to the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maks Birnbach and to Jonathan's grandmother, Mrs. Norman Salit, upon this delightful milestone in the life of their family.

Jonathan is a student in the Riverdale Country School after having completed most of his elementary education in Ramaz. His Bar Mitzvah celebration will take place at the Yeshurun Synagogue and at the King David Hotel.

May the Birnbachs' visit to Israel be a safe and joyous one.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will not meet his adult classes from December 21st through January 11th. The Shabbat afternoon Talmud class this week, December 18th, will be at 3:00, because of the early Mincha.

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