



Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein To Leave for Israel

Before the next issue of the Bulletin will appear Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein should be in Israel for their annual winter visit. The Rabbi will be occupied mainly with the affairs of Bar Ilan University while in the Holy Land.

Rabbi Lookstein hopes to stop at Vienna on his way to Israel where he will see first-hand the arrival of Soviet Jews by train and plane at their first stop in the free world. This experience has been described by others as loaded with emotion. We look forward to the return of the Looksteins and to a report on their visit.

In the meantime, Rabbi Lookstein will continue the sermon begun last Saturday. The topic: "Religious Storm Clouds Over Israel."

Couples Club To Hold Symposium On Taharat Ha-Mishpacha

The Couples Club of the congregation will hold a symposium on the laws of Jewish family purity (Taharat ha-Mishpacha) on Saturday night, February 10. The subject will be covered from the medical, psychiatric and religious points of view.

In past years, this kind of presentation of relevant subject matter has proven exceptionally interesting and valuable on the program of the Couples Club. The symposium this time will be led by Dr. Lawrence Bryskin and Dr. William Major, who will treat some of the psychological and medical implications of this institution in Jewish life. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will discuss the religious issues and try to answer what questions there may be.

We feel that this program will present important information on a basic aspect of Judaism. We invite all mem-

A K.J.S.J. REPORT TO ITS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Quietly and without fanfare K.J.S.J. (Kehilath Jeshurun for Soviet Jewry) has been rendering vital services toward the effort to relieve the plight of Soviet Jews. This organization, supported exclusively through voluntary contributions from the K.J. community, works closely with the national and local Soviet Jewry agencies on the following projects:

1. **Telephone Contact** — Regular calls are made to such cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Novosibirsk by a number of selected callers. Through these calls we learn of activists imprisoned or released, Jews given or denied exit visas, and people in need of certain supplies.

2. **Public Information** — On one of our calls a lengthy statement was dictated from Russia which we were able to have published the following week as a two-column Letter to the Editor in the New York Times.

3. **Sending Supplies** — Aside from the package effort which K.J.S.J. has

supported with occasional grants, the organization has sent with tourists an expensive inhalator for an asthma victim, coats, typewriters, tape recorders, cameras and other items needed by activists in their underground work.

4. **Ransom** — On one occasion K.J.S.J. served as the vehicle for raising several thousand dollars for the ransoming of a Russian Jew.

These are only a few of the channels of our activity. The costs are quite high but the cause is even higher.

Several hundred people in this community are part of this effort by means of a voluntary contribution. Would you like to join? Please use the form in this Bulletin to join K.S.J.S. in its work.

(Please note: We are not soliciting from those who joined in May or October, 1972, unless one has an irresistible urge. Our primary interest is in involving everyone in some way in this effort.)

NEW CLASS IN MAIMONIDES' CODE OFFERED ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

We are happy to announce that a new class has been organized by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein for the study of the Code of Maimonides. The class will meet on Wednesday mornings immediately after the daily service, from 8:05 until 8:45, with a breakfast option at the end. Everyone will be on his way to the office by 9:00.

This new feature of our religious

members of the Couples Club to inform us of their attendance at the meeting. Couples who receive this Bulletin and who are not on the mailing list of the Club are cordially invited to contact the Synagogue Office. We will be happy to add them to our list.

and educational program offers a splendid opportunity to men who are otherwise preoccupied with their business and professional life to set aside a specific period each week for serious Jewish study. At the same time they are encouraged to attend the morning service and participate at least once a week in daily public worship.

The subject matter of the course will be most interesting. The class will begin with Maimonides' **Book of Knowledge**, covering such subjects as the foundations of Torah and Judaism, ethics, idolatry and repentance. Texts will be available in Hebrew and in English so that all will be able to follow.

"THE SYNAGOGUE AS AN INSTITUTION AND AS AN IDEA"

(A continuation of the resume of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik's Centennial Lecture)

While other peoples who experience exile from their native lands lose their sense of alienation in two or three generations, the Jewish People lives eternally in exile. Nineteen hundred years have not dimmed the image of our home or the commitment to it.

The reestablishment of Israel in our day is living proof of the intensity of our contemporary exilic experience. This development would not have been possible without a feeling that wherever we are — except in Israel — we are really not at home.

The exilic experience is reinforced by six out of the nineteen blessings recited in the daily Shmoneh Esreh. It is emphasized by the formula of comfort to a mourner: "May you be comforted among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem." It is accentuated by the breaking of a glass at a wedding when we "place Jerusalem above our chiefest joy." Our fast days and our feast days are all related to our sense of homelessness.

Universal Man's Homelessness

But Judaism tells us that while historically the Jew is unique in his exilic experience, all men in a metaphysical sense are in exile. As a matter of fact, to the contemporary philosophical question: "What is Man?" Judaism answers: "Man is in Exile." The exile began with Adam upon his expulsion from Paradise. It continues with restless and homeless man today. "I am a stranger in the land, a sojourner like all of my forefathers", says the Psalmist.

The roof of man's homelessness is in his helplessness. Man is vulnerable, exposed to disease and death. The beast is similarly vulnerable; but he is not homeless because he is unaware of his existential situation.

"The more wisdom the more pain", said Ecclesiastes. The most frightened man in the world was the wisest of men, King Solomon. Enlightened man has a greater sense of anticipation and hence a greater insecurity. He knows the dangers that lurk in the darkness of life.

"Behold the bed of Solomon, sixty warriors surround it. All of them with swords drawn, experts in war. Each holds his sword by his thigh to con-

front the fright of night" (Song of Songs, 3:7-8). Solomon, the great, the wise, the powerful, the fortified, is terrified at night, despite all of his protection. Scientific man can face the challenge of the moon, but not the threat of one malignant cell. Philosophical man can probe the mysteries of life and thought, but he cannot face the turmoil and terror of an emotionally torn brain.

We are helpless and in our helplessness, we are homeless — particularly in the face of the fright of night.

The Morning Blessings

When we awaken in the morning and recite the blessings that deal with our daily lives, there is an element of surprise in their formulation. Last night when we went to sleep we were not sure that we would wake. Now morn-

ing has come and we find to our delight that everything works, that things are all right again. The exilic experience is real but bearable. We learn to live with our vulnerability, with our homelessness. As we grow older, the feeling becomes more intense as we become more fragile. But homelessness is an accepted fact of life.

Even the great man — the man who is "just a little beneath the angels," in the words of the Psalmist — is homeless. But his homelessness does not derive from fear. It is an outgrowth of restlessness and boredom. Ecclesiastes, who had achieved everything one could desire in life, was restless. He was bored; he searched without finding; he yearned without achieving; he sought without being satisfied. He, too, experienced homelessness and exile.

To Be Continued

PHOTO FROM MOSCOW



The above picture was taken for public relations purposes by the officials of the Moscow Synagogue on Hoshanah Rabbah during the ceremony of the taking out of the Torah. Rabbi Yakov Fishman is holding the Torah, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein is shown in the middle, followed by the President of the Synagogue, Ephraim Kaplun.

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Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, January 19

Lighting of Candles4:40
Evening4:50

SATURDAY, Shabbat Shirah

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: Beshalah

Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Evening4:45
Conclusion of Sabbath5:38

FRIDAY, January 26

Lighting of Candles4:45
Evening5:00

SATURDAY,

Morning9:00
Junior Congregation10:15
Pre-School Service11:00

Weekly Portion: Yitro

Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh I Adar will be on
Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3
Evening5:00
Conclusion of Sabbath5:46

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
Sunday Morning.....8:30
Father and Son Minyan9:30
Evening5:00

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The synagogue communities of the East and West Sides are organizing a blood bank to serve members of the community in times of emergency and need. In the event that blood is required quickly we will have all of the necessary information which will enable us to call upon known donors with the requisite blood types. This service will be available to all who join the Bank.

In order to join, simply fill in the form that appears below and send it to Mrs. Barry Eisenberg, 25 West 81st St., New York City 10024. We hope you will understand the importance of this project and respond accordingly.

Of Community Interest

We are pleased to announce that a Sephardic Cultural Festival on the theme "Cultural Contributions of Sephardic Jewry to the State of Israel" will be held this Sunday, January 21 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Main Center of Yeshiva University in the Nathan Lampport Auditorium on Amsterdam Avenue between 186th and 187th streets. The invitation to this festival is an open one. There will be no solicitation of funds. Further information can be obtained in the Synagogue Office.

APARTMENT NEEDED

A young couple would like to move into our neighborhood. They are looking for an apartment with four rooms at a reasonable rent. If anyone hears of such an apartment, let him please get in touch with Irving Stern at the Synagogue Office.

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- 20—Bernard Zigelstein
- 21—David Goldstein
- 21—Sarah Wroblewski
- 22—Minnie Katz
- 23—Emma Schlinger
- 23—Fannie Shientag
- 23—Rose Gelfand
- 23—Philipp Citron
- 24—Julius Hebald
- 24—Hanna Fischel
- 25—Toby Theresa Goldman
- 25—Rebecca Jacobs
- 25—Tillie Cohen
- 26—Isaac Claman
- 26—Jacob Levy
- 26—Aaron Hyman
- 26—Sari Joseph
- 26—Moses Aaron Alpert
- 27—Joseph Weinstein
- 27—Miriam Golden
- 27—Benjamin Brown
- 27—Leonard Breslow
- 27—Yetta B. Levey
- 27—Isaac Lieberman
- 28—Charles I. Leff
- 28—Yechiel Michel Yakov Etra
- 29—Morris Propp
- 29—Harold Freedman
- 29—Abraham D. Elinowitz
- 29—Lucille Levine
- 30—Charles Bogdonoff
- 30—Joseph M. Zook
- 30—Sarah Wecker
- 30—Jacob Fertig
- 31—Minna Trautman
- 31—Betty Klein
- 31—Rebecca Ethel Dunaetz

February

- 1—Elias Gottfried
- 1—Dr. Jacob L. Rothstein
- 2—Herman Kahn
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