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CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 17

Mincha services in the Main Synagogue at 6:00 o'clock.

A brief discourse on Purim laws will follow.

Maariv and the reading of the Megillah will begin at 6:50.

The Megillah on Saturday night will be read by the following adults:

Alvin Smilow	Steven Gross
George	Samuel
Baumgarten	Blumenthal
David Kahn	Stuart Schlang
Lionel Etra	Samuel Friedma
Steven Lorch	Steven Texon

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHILDREN

Children should be brought to the Main Synagogue between 6:40 and 6:50 on Saturday night. They will be seated in a special section, supervised by counselors and provided with noisemakers and special holiday sweets. Children of nursery age and younger should be seated with their parents and not in the special section.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY BRUNCH Sunday, April 1

Plans have just been announced for the Annual Kehilath Jeshurun Brunch in honor of Yeshiva University. The Brunch this year will be held on Sunday, April 1, at 10:00 o'clock in the Social Hall of the synagogue. The Chairman for this event is William Lebowitz, an esteemed Trustee of the Congregation and a good friend of Yeshiva and many other worthy institutions. Other distinguished members of the congregation are serving as Associate Chairmen of the event.

We hope that, as in the past, the fellowship of Kehilath Jeshurun will turn out with its usual enthusiasm to demonstrate its loyalty to and support of this most important institution of Jewish learning in the United States. Cordially invites you, your family and friends to our

Twofold Purim Celebration SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 18

Services for the entire family at 9:00 o'clock in the Main Synagogue. The service and the reading of the Megillah will be conducted by the following Ramaz High School students: Binyamin Shudofsky, Douglas Zippel, Barry Meislin, Allan Friedman, George Blumenthal, Craig Barany, Jerald Berkowitz, Steven Berkowitz, Robert Riederman, Kenneth Barany and Andrew Abraham.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHILDREN

Children in Grades, 4, 5, and 6 should come directly to the Main Synagogue at 9:00 o'clock where special sections will be reserved for them. Children from kindergarten through Grade 3 should be brought to the Kamber Auditorium at 9:00 o'clock. Children under kindergarten age may be brought only if they sit with their parents. A collation of hamantashen and coffee (milk for the children) will be served to all following the Sunday morning service.

> All Women Are Invited To The Next Sisterhood Meeting Monday, March 26 at 12:00 noon

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will review

"The Oral Auto-biography of Golda Meir"

SERMONS

Saturday, March 17 Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will speak on: "THE JEWISH HERO AS AN ANTI-HERO – GOLDA, ESTHER AND OTHERS" March 24 – Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR PURIM

When Purim falls on Sunday, as it does this year, some of its special features can be observed with greater meaning and relevance, especially for families blessed with young children. **Mishloach Manot**

On Purim there is a religious practice of giving food gifts to friends and family. Two different types of ready to eat foods should be distributed to each recipient. The reason for this observance is that since the Jewish People as a whole was saved from annihilation in those days, the celebration of Purim ought to have a social character.

Children should be encouraged to accompany their parents in fulfilling this mitzvah of Mishloach Manot. It is a wonderful experience for them, one which they will cherish and enjoy and one which will teach them many valuable communal lessons.

The Festive Meal

Another religious practice for Purim is the eating of the festive meal late in the afternoon on Purim day. The meal customarily begins before sunset and lasts into the night. At the meal, all kinds of special dishes are served, Hamantashen are eaten — yours and those you receive — and the Jew is encouraged to drink a little more wine than he normally can absorb without getting "heady."

This occasion is a wonderful experience for children. They can sing their Purim songs, put on masquerade outfits and cavort about in sheer joy. They might also be encouraged to decorate the home for the occasion.

Purim on a Sunday can and should be a wonderful day, a joy for the whole family.

A very happy Purim to all.

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Abram Abeloff, Joseph Aizer, Mrs. Michael Burak, Charles L. Chrein, Herman Elfenbein, Joseph S. Gruss, Mrs. Harry Heyman, Mrs. Sidney Horwitz, David Pik, Henry M. Rem, Mr. Gabriel J. Robbins, Jack A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Nathan Salzman, Mrs. Howard M. Schimmel, Mrs. Alfred Tanz, Dr. Nathan Wachtel and David Warshavsky.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bartel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Epstein, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Lubin, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lukashok, Mr. and

PASSOVER RELIEF APPEAL LAUNCHED SOVIET JEWRY TO BE AIDED

With Purim upon us, the next matter of religious business which confronts every Jew is contributing to Passover relief. In our Code of Law this is cited as the primary function in connection with Passover preparations.

The Passover Relief Appeal of Kehilath Jeshurun has a special character above and beyond the provision of Passover supplies for the poor. This is, of course, our basic obligation and we discharge it by a generous subvention to the Joint Passover Association which organizes Passover relief in this city. We also provide individual gifts for needy persons who do not come to the attention of the public charities.

Packages for Soviet Jewry

In the past few years, we have combined this appeal with a generous effort to aid our brethren in the Soviet Union through sending them supplies and packages which they can use and through which they support themselves. The importance of this effort cannot be stressed enough. It is the most direct way of helping Soviet Jews who are putting their lives on the line for their Jewish identity and for the right to emigrate to Israel.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mordechai Chovers on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Efraim, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue on Shabbat morning, March 17th.

Efraim, a student in Form I in the Ramaz Upper School, will chant the prophetic portion as part of our regular services. The Congregation will be the guests of the Bar Mitzvah family at a kiddush following services.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

H.L.

Mrs. Isaac E. Okun, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rubinstein, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sarnoff, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sub, Rabbi and Mrs. Isaac N. Trainin and Mr. and Mrs. George Weiss.

Rose Alpert - Of Blessed Memory

With profound sorrow we record the passing recently of Rose Alpert, a former Sisterhood President, who was living in retirement in Florida. She and her husband, the late and beloved Jack Alpert, were among the builders of the modern era of Kehilath Jeshurun. We recall her interest in the synagogue, her ardent work in its behalf and her gracious participation in all of pur significant efforts. May God reward her for her good deeds. In addition, the proceeds from our Passover Relief Appeal will enable us to provide subsidies for deserving Jewish institutions in America and in Israel who depend upon the community for the marginal support that makes their programs possible. The requests at this season of the year are many and most of them are very deserving.

To serve all of the needs outlined above, we will need this year in excess of \$8,000. Please, therefore, be as generous as you can. You might keep in mind that a package for a Soviet Jew costs \$75.00 with a similar sum necessary for duty, postage and handling.

All contributions should be made payable to the Kehilath Jeshurun Benevolent Fund. Please send in your contributions now so that it can be put to the best possible use. In our next issue of the Bulletin we hope to publish our first list of Passover Relief contributors.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and helpfulness. May your own Passover holiday be all the more joyous for the joy and happiness which you will be bringing to others.

Bar Mitzvah



EFRAIM CHOVERS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Schloss on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Richard, which will be celebrated in our Synagogue on Shabbat morning, March 24th.

Richard is the grandson of Mrs. Michael L. Schloss. He is a 7th grade student at St. Bernard's School. He will chant the prophetic portion as part of our regular services. The Congregation will be the guests of the Bar Mitzvah family at a kiddush following services.

AN AFTERNOON WITH GOLDA

(On Sunday, March 4, I was part of a small group of communal representatives who gathered in a suite at the Waldorf Astoria under the auspices of the Council of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations for a question and answer session with the Prime Minister of Israel. She delivered no statement but rather for an hour and a half, at the conclusion of an exhausting day, Golda Meir answered questions posed to her by the assemblage. I was so moved by her manner and her words that I wanted to share some of her thoughts of that afternoon with you. H.L.)

Why I came

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When nations have good relations, it is desirable from time to time to renew friendships and reclarify positions. That was the first purpose for my trip.

The second was to request economic and military aid from the President of the United States, a request which was met fairly and generously.

My third purpose was to discuss possible peace moves. Unlike the first two purposes, this one went unfulfilled because in reality there are few moves which can be made. The Arabs still insist upon preconditions to any negotiations. They demand our agreement to withdraw from all of the occupied territories as a prerequisite for any talks with them. From the demands that they make, one would think that their army was stationed in Petach Tikva rather than ours at the Suez. In fact, of course, it is we who are in a position to make the demands and yet we have no preconditions whatsoever. We merely require negotiation.

On Terrorism

Unfortunately, terrorism will be with us until the world is ready to face the problem honestly and courageously. For the first time in a long time, such a position was taken in the Sudan with significant results, although accompanied by a tragic loss of three lives.

On the other hand, Europe has been very weak in its handling of terrorism. There is currently only one Arab terrorist in prison out of all those who were captured in previous actions. The countries do not want these terrorists in their prisons for fear of blackmail on a future occasion. If any Arab country — Syria, Lybia or Lebanon — will take them, the European country is only too happy to dispose of them in that manner. This means the terrorist is free to try again in the knowledge that the worst that can happen is that he will be held for a short while and then released.

The opinion in Israel is very clear: no surrender to blackmail. Even in the recent Thailand episode which ended happily, the public opinion in Israel stood fast. Two of the hostages in Thailand were a couple who were married only a month before the episode. Their parents in Israel called the Prime Minister's office insisting, that Israel not submit to the terrorists' demand. This is heroism.

Problems with Soviet Immigrants

There are problems with any Aliyah, including my own. This time there are more problems because here the emigration is not only from one country to another, but literally from one world to another.

For example: A Russian child sits in an Israeli school and hears the teacher say "And God said to Moses." She returns home and tells her mother that the teacher is either a fool or a liar. She cannot conceive of the existence of God as being a believable fact.

There are many problems with the Soviet olim. All I can say is that I hope and pray for one million such problems in the very near future.

The Energy Crisis

Kaddafi and Faisal are now offering one hundred million dollars to African countries to throw out Israelis. This is the beginning of an economic war to try to achieve what cannot be achieved militarily. It represents the Arab's calculated use of the immense wealth that is theirs through their monopoly on oil.

This form of bribery is symbolic of a much larger issue and it touches not only Israel. I wonder what has happened to the Western World? Are they prepared simply to give up Africa and its 200,000,000 people to a few rich Arab sheiks?

The Visit with the Pope

I was very well received by the Pope. When I drove into the Vatican with my car with its Israel flag flying I felt that something "not usual" was happening.

His cordial reception was somewhat mitigated by his question about our fierce handling of the Arabs and of terrorists. I answered: when Jews did not react because they had nothing to react with, the results was the leading of millions of them to gas chambers. We in Israel decided that this would never happen again.

"We thank God that in Israel today we can react to terror in the way any normal people does."

On Intermarriage and the Problem of Religion in Israel

I have said before that the problem of intermarriage is of desperate significance to the Jewish people. "We can lose numbers in two ways: through hate or through love."

As far as religious leadership in Israel is concerned, I have great respect for the rabbinate. But my concept of a rabbi requires that he have two qualities: deep and broad knowledge of halachah and a big, broad heart. I am not too sure that we have an abundance of people with both of those qualities in Israel today.

Isn't it surprising that in Eastern Europe one hardly ever heard of a mamzer (illegitimate child)? Surely there were illicit relationships then and religious problems like the ones we have today. But the rabbis of those days solved the problems and did not allow a Jewish child to be declared a mamzer.

As far as civil marriage is concerned, there was a law introduced into the Knesset by Gideon Hausner which provides that any marriage which the rabbinate refuses to consummate should be able to be contracted civilly. I fought that law with all of my strength, although I was seriously opposed within my party. I knew that law was bad, not only for Israel, but for world Jewry.

I knew that I would lose the fight, but I fought because the chief rabbinate elections were coming. Since the new elections and the confidence expressed in the new chief rabbinate, there is a feeling in Israel that religious problems will be dealt with and the Hausner law has been dropped from any consideration.

Israel and World Jewry

The State of Israel was organized and is being defended and blood is being shed not only by those who are in Israel at a certain time in our history. Its organization, its defense, and its spilling of blood is shared by all of world Jewry.

Whatever we do in Israel affects not only ourselves but all of you in America and throughout the world. We never forget that. May you never forget it either!

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Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, March 16

Lighting	of	Candles	5:45
Evening			5:50

SATURDAY, Shabbat Zakhor

Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	
Pre-School Service	
Weekly Portion: Va	yikra

Leviticus 1:1-5:26; Deuteronomy 25:17-19 Haftorah: ! Samuel 15:2-34

Evening		6:00
	on of Sabbath	

FRIDAY, March 23

Lighting	5:50
	6:00

SATURDAY, Shabbat Parah

Morning		
Junior Con	gregatio	n10:15
		11:00

Weekly Portion: Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36; Num. 19:1-22 Haftorah: Ezekiel 36:18-38

Evening	 	6:00
		6:48

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	
Father and Son Minyan	
Evening	5:45

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22-Leon Alpert

YAHRZEITS

23-Jacob Freedman 23—Esther Kerew 24—Dr. Ira I. Kaplan 24. -Abraham Ernst -Adolph Eisenberg -Rabbi Aaron R. Charney -Samuel C. Gold 24 24_ 25-25-Anna Shapiro 25-Toby Holzer 26-Harry Feingold 26—Abraham Simon 26—Jacob M. Waltuch 26—David Icikovic 26-Lester Udell 27--Annie Edelman Moses Davis 27. 27 -Nachum Weisselberger 28—Else Levy 28—Ethel Weisselberger 29___ -Benjamin Ryp Joseph B. Gimbel 29_ 29-Michael Green Hyman Babich 29 -29—Malka Zippel 30-Gitel Backer 30—Etta Schlang 30—David Frank Philips 30-Mary Lipschutz

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In Memoriam

Emanuel Simon

We mourn the passing of a distinguished member of the congregation who for many decades worshipped with his family in the main sanctuary of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Emanuel Simon loved this synagogue and the ideals for which it stands. He was generous to us and to all worthwhile causes in the community. He was a good son, a good husband, a very good brother and an exceptionally good man, beloved by many friends.

We extend our condolences to his dear wife, to his brother, Abbott Simon, and to all the members of the bereaved family. May they know of no further sorrow for many years to come. Reserve TUESDAY, MAY 8 Annual Sisterhood Donor Luncheon CELEBRATING Israel's 25th Anniversary

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