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# SECOND FAMILY NIGHT AT THE SYNAGOGUE Friday, April 6

The Men's Club of the congregation will sponsor its second Family Night at the synagogue on Friday evening, April 6. This follows the extremely successful and enjoyable evening held last November.

Families are invited to join us at Friday evening services at 6:00 o'clock in the main synagogue. Young men of the congregation will officiate at the service.

Following the davening, a Friday night dinner will be served in the Kamber Auditorium replete with all of the culinary and spiritual trimmings. The regular Friday night fare will be served and the traditional Sabbath songs preceding, following and during the meal will be chanted.

The cost, this time too, is being kept moderate in order to encourage all to participate in this unique program. The charge per plate will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children, accompanied by their parents.

Please use the registration form on back page to indicate your participation. We look forward to hearing from you and to having you enjoy this Shabbat program.

# Rabbi Herskovics To Discuss The Role of Women In Jewish Law

The next session in our Sunday evening study group will be held on Sunday evening, April 8th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen, 5 West 86th Street. The session will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Rabbi Mayer Herskovics will discuss at this session the role of women in Jewish Law under the general heading "Nashim Da'atan Kalot." The study group began with a very fine attendance at its last session, but we will accommodate new students for the forthcoming April 8th meeting.

If you would like to come, please call Naomi Cohen at TR 4-5905.

# A LETTER FROM A YOUNG CONGREGANT CONCERNING PASSOVER RELIEF

Dear Rabbi,

Although I would not want my attendance record to be exemplary for all Junior Members, I do nevertheless keep abreast of synagogue affairs by assiduously reading the Bulletin. It is both informative and interesting. Allow me to applaud your editorial ability.

After reading the current issue of the Bulletin I was made aware of the launching of a Passover Relief Appeal. Enclosed is a check from myself and my wife which I trust will be sufficient to cover the cost, duty, postage and handling of one package to a fellow Jew in Soviet Russia.

Although we were freed from slavery over 3,000 years ago, the redemption has not yet materialized for all our brothers and sisters. Throughout ages of suffering we alone have survived as a family intact due largely to our belief in K'lal Yisrael, in a world family of Jews. Every Jew living today had his soul inscribed with words of freedom at Sinai. If we do not help our less fortunate brothers realize their inscription, the unleavened bread, symbol of freedom, must surely turn bitter in our mouths on the Seder eve.

Excuse me for writing a sermonette to a professional sermonizer, but it is my way of wishing you success in so noble an appeal. If everyone helps only a little, I'm certain Passover will be a true celebration for our entire family of Jews.

Sincerely,

(The above letter came with a \$150.00 contribution. We are grateful for the contribution, but even more proud of the spirit which motivated it.

Have you contributed to Passover Relief yet? Will you please give today when it will do the most good.

Thank you.)

All Women Are Invited

To The Next Sisterhood Meeting

Monday, March 26 at 12:00 noon

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will review

"The Oral Autobiography of Golda Meir"

## SERMONS

Saturday, March 24 Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will speak on: "THE JEWISH HERO AS AN ANTI-HERO"

March 31 — Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Week of March 30th

#### Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Jacob J. Avner, Milton Berkowitz, Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein, Leon Daniel, Mrs. William Fuirst, Harold Goldman, Joseph Grossman, Benjamin Kaufman, Mrs. Saul Linzer, Aaron H. Onish, Dr. John J. Rothschild and Mrs. Jacques Schwalbe.

#### Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Low, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Newborn and Dr. and Mrs. Merritt Roher.

#### Engagement-

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Emory Klein upon the engagement of their son, Ronald, to wed Mariette Krausz, daughter of Dr. Leslie Krausz and Dr. Adrienne Krausz of New Jersey. We hope the wedding will take place in a happy and blessed season.

#### Condolences-

We extend our expressions of sympathy to our devoted member, Mrs. Norman Orentreich, upon the passing of her brother, Abraham Seidner. We pray that the family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Similar condolences to Mrs. Bernard Kabakow upon the passing of her dear brother, Jerald Dores. We hope that the Kabakow family will experience no further sorrow for many years to come.

## GEORGE BAUMGARTEN AUFRUF THIS SHABBAT

Congratulations to our young member, George Baumgarten, who will be called to the Torah for his Aufruf this Saturday morning on the eve of his forthcoming marriage to Maya Charlupski. George will read the entire Torah portion in honor of this occasion. Our warmest good wishes and blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten on this significant milestone in the life of their family.

## A DOUBLE-BARRELED PURIM HELD AT K. J.

We had a weekend to remember during Purim 5733 on March 17 and 18. Both night and day were great occasions, made more beautiful and inspiring by the active participation of more than two score of men who read the Megillah and officiated as cantors at the services.

On Saturday night, the entire Main Synagogue, including the balcony, was filled with children and adults. The attendance made us think of the Chassidic association of Yom Kippur with Yom Purim.

Stuart Podell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Podell, came in for the occasion and was hastily pressed into service as Cantor. The Megillah readers were:

George Baumgarten, Samuel Blumenthal, Lionel Etra, Samuel Friedman, Steven Gross, David Kahn, Steven Lorch, Steven Schachter, Stuart Schlang and Alvin Smilow.

On Purim morning, we again had an extremely fine gathering of close to 500 children and adults who braved a freak snowstorm to celebrate Purim day. The following students from

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Ramaz High School led the service in their customarily beautiful fashion:

Andrew Abraham, Craig Barany, Kenneth Barany, Jerald Berkowitz, Steven Berkowitz, George Blumenthal, Ron Cohen, Alan Friedman, Barry Meislin, Binyamin Shudofsky, Ted Widlanski and Douglas Zippel.

Our special thanks to Marilyn Smilow and Alvin Smilow for coordinating the supervision of the children on both occasions. They were ably helped by a squad of teen-age girls who rendered devoted service for the welfare of the children and the smooth running of these religious observances.

Special thanks also to Elliot Chodoff and Elliot Newhouse, students at Ramaz, who helped to design the electronic noisemaking signal which was used on Sunday morning. It added another measure of delight to the service.

We are left only with the lament that is expressed in the children's Purim song: "Too bad Purim doesn't come twice a week."

## SALE OF CHAMETZ

In advance of the Passover Festival, every Jew who owns Chametz is required to dispose of it. Most of us cannot dispose of all the Chametz in our possession except by selling it. Jewish law provides that an agent may be authorized to sell one's Chametz. The agent may be appointed in person by speaking to either of the rabbis or to Mr. Rosenberg. The form which is found in this Bulletin can also be used for this purpose. Please fill it out and return it to the synagogue office without delay.

# FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I,, do hereby authorize
RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN, of 125 East 85th Street, City, State and
County of New York, to sell, transfer and assign all CHAMETZ of whatever
kind and nature, of which I am possessed and seized, or in which I may
have an interest, wheresoever situated, in my residence at

place, without reservation and limitation.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

and seal this ..... day of .....

Signature

# AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ON AN IMPORTANT ISSUE

Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

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I came across an item in your Bulletin that happens to be inaccurate. I assume this to be an inadvertent error and I am confident that in the interest of truth you will welcome the correction.

In "Headlines of Jewish Interest", reference is made to "clear statements of support for Rabbi Goren's ruling in the Langer case . . . issued by Rabbi Yosef Henkin and Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik."

Unfortunately Rabbi Henkin has been misquoted on the matter. This misquote has been widely publicized and the editor of the Bulletin was probably unaware of Rabbi Henkin's subsequent official denial of any support for Rabbi Goren's Langer ruling. I have enclosed a copy of a press clipping to the effect.

Similarly, Rabbi Soloveitchik has most pointedly abstained from issuing any official comment on Rabbi Goren's ruling in the Langer case. Both rabbis are committed to protecting the office of the Chief Rabbinate in general, and they have limited their statements of support exclusively to the office and its attendant institutions.

I trust that you will use the medium of your fine Bulletin to correct any misconceptions prompted by the earlier piece.

Sincerely, Rabbi Nisson Wolpin

Editor, The Jewish Observer

(From the American Examiner–Jewish Week 2/15/73.)

"The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada (Agudath Horabonim) issued a statement this week denying that Rabbi Joseph E. Henkin, described as the doyen of the American -Orthodox - rabbinate, had come out in support of Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren in the controversy over the Langer case.

Rabbi Henkin's dignity is very dear to us. The Agudath Horabonim stated. He is well known by his piety and learning and it is therefore inadmissible that party leaders should utilize his deep old age and to convey in his name false opinions which will serve the interests of their party.

In a discussion between Rabbi Henkin and two outstanding elderly rabbis on Monday, Feb. 5, Rabbi Henkin expressed himself thus: 'I am deeply disturbed by those who are publicizing in my name that I endorse Rabbi Goren's ruling, an issue with which I am not familiar. I do not express an opinion nor can I express an opinion and nor am I allowed to express an opinion'." March 13, 1973

Rabbi Nisson Wolpin Editor The Jewish Observer

5 Beekman Street New York, N.Y. 10038

Dear Rabbi Wolpin:

Thank you for your letter of March 7 in which you try to clarify the position of Rabbi Henkin and Rabbi Soloveitchik with respect to their support of Rabbi Goren's ruling in the Langer case and their position with regard to Rabbi Goren generally. I also appreciate your having enclosed the article from the AMERICAN EXAMINER—JEW-ISH WEEK of February 15.

Regrettably, the article and your letter, rather than shedding a different light on Rabbi Henkin's position, confirm that position for me. It is very clear from the article that the Agudath Horabonim has constituted itself as the spokesman for Rabbi Henkin, rather than the Rabbi himself. It is the Agudath Horabonim that has put pressure on Rabbi Henkin to elicit a change in his original statement. By the way, you might be interested to know that a tape of his original statement exists privately and is at considerable variance with the article. The closest person to Rabbi Henkin confirms his warm support for Rabbi Goren and for the authority of the Chief Rabbinate as presently constituted.

This is not the first time that the Agudath Horabonim has brought pressure on Rabbi Henkin to force a retraction of a statement which he had made freely, willingly, and with his best instincts. It happened twice before in connection with the Manhattan Eruv which Rabbi Henkin and Rabbi Feinstein endorsed twice — once in writing — only to be forced by the Agudath Horabonim to retract their endorsements. Fortunately, their third endorsement was given privately and the Eruv now exists for the betterment and enjoyment of Sabbath observing Jews in Manhattan and for the prevention of chilul Shabbat for many unwitting violators.

As far as Rabbi Soloveitchik is concerned, neither of us has solicited directly his opinion on the matter, nor has the Agudath Horabonim. As a student of the Rav for four years in rabbinical school and for all of the intervening years since, I am quite certain that Rabbi Soloveitchik's feelings about Rabbi Goren are as quoted in the article in our Bulletin. Rabbi Soloveitchik speaks "officially" about very little. It is not surprising at all that he chose the President of Israel as the personality through whom to communicate his opinion on the matter.

May I add in closing, that the attacks upon Rabbi Goren from certain quarters are a source of great concern and distress to many of us. We do not recall expressions of support from these circles for Rabbi Unterman, the former incumbent in that position. One must assume, therefore, that it is the Chief Rabbinate which is under siege and which is the object of assault. The force is only greater because the new Chief Rabbi appears as more of an activist.

I hope and pray that all of us who love Torah and Israel can close ranks in support of the Chief Rabbinate and the Chief Rabbis in order to enhance the prestige and influence of Torah and tradition in the Jewish State and among the Jewish people.

> Very cordially yours, Haskel Lookstein

P.S. In line with your suggestion and in the interest of fairness, I am publishing in our Bulletin copies of your letter, the newspaper article, and my response.

Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, during their private meeting with President Zalman Shazar in Israel last month. Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun 125 East 85th Street New York 10028, N.Y. HA 7-1000

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## Schedule of Services

# FRIDAY, March 23

Lighting of Candles	5:50
Evening	6:00
SATURDAY, Shabbat Parah	
Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15
Pre-school Service	11:00
Weekly Portion: Tzav	
Leviticus 6:1-8:36; Numbers 19	:1-22
Haftorah: Ezekiel 36:16-38	
Evening	6:00
Evening Conclusion of Sabbath	6:48
FRIDAY, March 30	
Lighting of Candles	6:00
Evening	6:00
SATURDAY, Shabbat Hachodesh	
Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:15
Pre-school Service	11:00
Weekly Portion: Shemini	
Leviticus 9:1-11:47; Exodus 12	:1-20
Haftorah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:	18
ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS	
Rosh Chodesh Nisan will be	e on
Tuesday, April 3.	
Evening	6:10
Conclusion of Sabbath	6:55
WEEKDAY SERVICES	

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

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## March

31—Pauline Wagner 31—Joseph Ritter

#### April

April	
1-Franziska Gottshalk	
1—Samuel Levy	
1-Jacob Kopit	
2-Samuel Fine	
2-Isaac David Lascoff	
2—Shrage Fischel	
2-Rozella Brenner	
2—Adrienne L. Propp	
2-Baruch David Kaplan	
2—Rose Kanarek	
3-Esther Farbridge	
3-Benjamin Siegel	
3—Morris Kramer	
3—Jaakov Meir Zippel	
3—Dr. Samuel Abraham	
3—Dr. Jack Lieberman	
4—Jennie Theaman	
4—Bessie Lavine	
5—Benjamin Golden	
5—Anna Scharf	
5-Gussie Zizmor	
5-Miriam Charney	
6-Joseph Bernhardt	
6—Anna Roggen	
6-Mary Morganstern	
6-Morris Rosentover	
6—Freidel Schwalbe	
6—Milton B. Freund	

## Yeshiva University Brunch Sunday, April 1st, 10 A.M.

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# Kehilath Jeshurun To be Honored at UJA Dinner March 31

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will be honored as one of three Manhattan congregations whose membership has achieved one hundred percent participation in the UJA's 1972 Drive. The award will be presented to the congregation at the Manhattan UJA Dinner on Saturday night, March 31 at the New York Hilton Hotel.

The announcement of the award was made by none other than Mr. Jack B. Weiler, a distinguished member of the congregation, who is the Chairman of this Dinner. It will be a privilege for KJ to be honored at the hands of one of its finest members.

We hope that in the 1973 campaign we will once again warrant a one hundred percent participation award.

#### HAPPY DAY FUND

Many thanks to Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Eugene Hollander and Mrs. Helen Farbridge Dayton for their contributions to the Happy Day Fund. All contributions may be sent to Mrs. Samuel Silverstein, 1025 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C., or to the Synagogue Office c/o Happy Day Fund.

## NEEDIEST CASES FUND

Our thanks to Mesdames: Samuel Gross, Max Sadinoff, Jules Sax, Nathan Goldsmith, Alexander Gross, Minna Andrews, Mildred Feinberg, Samuel Zuckerman, Harry Heyman and Joseph Lorch for their contributions to the Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue.

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