



## Disgruntled Soviet Jew an Agent?

One of the seven malcontents who condemned Israel at an officially staged press conference that received front page coverage in the **New York Times** of Saturday, February 7th, has a background that strongly suggests that he was an agent planted by the Soviet Union in Israel.

Borris Bravstein came to Israel in March of 1971. His wife gave birth to a son shortly after their arrival in Israel, the first child to be born at an absorption center. His birth was the occasion for a feast and festivities at the center.

The Bravsteins soon received a flat in Beersheba and Mr. Bravstein's mother received a flat of her own. He also found a good job as an engineer in the Housing Ministry. He seemed quite content with his life in Israel until a Kiev newspaper published an article

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## Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on WOR-TV This Sunday, Feb. 29th, 10:30-11 A.M.

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will be the host on WOR-TV's weekly program, "Point of View", which will appear this Sunday, February 29th, from 10:30 — 11:00 A.M.

The subject of the program will be the significance of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which took place during the spring of 1943. The Rabbi's guests on the program will be Mr. Benjamin Meed, President of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization, and Diane Wyshogrod, the daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wyshogrod, who are survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto and Auschwitz. A small group from the Ramaz Chorale will also be featured on the program.

The program is produced in cooperation with the Radio and Television Commission of the New York Board of Rabbis.

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## KEHILATH JESHURUN ADULT INSTITUTE

### UNDERSTANDING THE HAGGADAH AND THE SIDDUR

A new course designed to give beginners an understanding of the Passover Haggadah and the Sabbath Prayerbook will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock in the Synagogue House. The instructor of this course will be our own member, Mrs. Charles I. Cohen. The first two sessions, which will deal exclusively with the Haggadah, will be held on March 3rd and 10th.

All are invited.

### SUNDAY NIGHT STUDIES

The next session of Dr. Mayer Herzkovics' lecture series on "Latter Day Jewish Luminaries" will be held on Sunday evening, March 14th at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Richard Kolb, 110 East 87th Street, Apt. 8C.

### TUESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Dr. Hayim Tawil will conduct his next class on "The Age of the Patriarchs" on Tuesday evening, March 23rd at 8 o'clock in the Synagogue House.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Irving Angel, George H. Bookbinder, Mrs. Lawrence Bryskin, Dr. Kasriel K. Eilender, Mrs. Harry Etra, Mrs. Al Feiner, Mrs. Harry Goldin, Harry Heyman, Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mrs. Martin Klein, Mrs. Bernard Mandelbaum, Mrs. Aaron G. Meislin, Mrs. George Postel, Henry Reinhold, Dr. Stephen S. Rosenak, Eugene R. Sarezky, Mrs. David Scheinfeild, Mrs. Samuel S. Silverstein, Mrs. Adrian Skydell, Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, Mrs. Albert Wald and Miss Ruth Winkler.

### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ascher, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jadek, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Koblin, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levi, Mr. and Mrs. Steven C. Lorch, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perlberger, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Santocki, Dr. and Mrs. Michael W. Sigall, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Zuckerman.

### Births—

Mazel tov to our member in Israel, Mrs. Charlotte Lebovics, upon the birth of a granddaughter, Avigail, born to her children, Rabbi and Mrs. Michael Gratz.

Congratulations also to our new members Dr. and Mrs. Burt Gelberg on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jamie Beth.

May the children of both families grow up in the best tradition of Torah, chupah and ma'asim tovim.

### Engagements—

Congratulations to Mrs. Estelle Goldman upon the engagement of her daughter Edie to Mr. Morton Hoffman of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman upon the engagement of their daughter Laura to Dennis Barouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barouch of Bayside, Long Island.

We hope both weddings will take place in happiness and blessing.

### Condolence—

We extend our condolences to Mr. Benjamin Perlman on the passing of his beloved sister, Mrs. Jean Adelman in Miami Beach, Florida.

May the family be comforted together with all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem and may they be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

### MEMBER IN THE NEWS

We congratulate our member, Norman C. Bensley, on his splendid article which appeared in the **New York Law Journal** on February 4th. The article deals with the outstanding work of the New York Legal Coalition for Soviet Jewry, an affiliate organization of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The article dealt with the famous case of Dr. Alexander Tiemkin and his daughter Marina, who wants to accompany him to Israel but who is the unfortunate victim of a custody battle on the part of her mother. Other cases were also outlined in this excellent article.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### JK Co-Ed Volleyball

Why sit at home Tuesday nights? Come on down to the Ramaz gym for fun and games, good talk, and good people. Upcoming dates are February 24 and March 9 at 8:30 P.M.

### Israeli Dance Festival

JK is obtaining a limited number of tickets for the 25th Annual Israeli Dance Festival at Avery Fisher Hall on Sunday, March 21. If you are interested, call Beth (249-4118) or Michael (865-0703) to reserve seats.

### JK One's Shabbat

The next Friday night Oneg will take place at Bernie and Rick's on

March 12 at 8:30 P.M. Watch the March mailing for more details.

### Bikur Cholim

Join us in continuing our weekly Shabbat afternoon program of visiting the sick. It will be a rewarding experience for you, and much appreciated by those you will see. Call Yonah (472-8729) or Beth (249-4118) for more information.

### Junior Congregation Officers for Adar I

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## Forthcoming Events

### COUPLES CLUB

An evening with Professor Ben Nelson, of Fairleigh Dickinson University. Dr. Nelson, a specialist on Jewish novelists, will discuss Chaim Potok's

### IN THE BEGINNING

This Saturday Night, February 28th at 8:30, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Nussbaum, 142 West 88th Street.

## For Ladies Only

### YOGA CLASS

Mrs. Myrna Sneider, well-known instructor, will again give a class in Yoga and Rhythmic Body Movements. The course is one hour in duration and will be offered on eight consecutive Wednesday mornings. The fee of \$40 is payable to the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood which is sponsoring this activity.

The class will be limited in size, so act now! Call the Synagogue office for further information.

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### OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

A newly arrived Russian concert artist is in need of a piano in order to practice and maintain his professional competence. Anyone able to help should contact Mrs. Ruth Schonfeld at the office of NYANA, 674-7400.

### Soviet Agent (Cont'd)

signed by him in which he denounced Israel and its government.

In 1972, Bravstein returned to the Soviet Union, receiving his re-entry visa without any delay, unlike other potential returnees, who are forced to languish in a Vienna ghetto because Soviet authorities refuse to readmit them. Strangely, Bravstein got back his former apartment in the Soviet Union that was apparently saved for him. He was given a new job at Ovir, the Soviet visa office, where he interviews Jews applying for visas to emigrate to Israel.

The story of such a "Jew" was apparently news fit to print on the front page of the **New York Times**.

## Announcing: Mifgash Jerusalem

We are pleased to inform our readers about an 18-day experience in Jerusalem this summer from July 27 through August 13. The experience will be known as "Mifgash Yerushalayim." It will be an attempt to encourage both tourism and immigration to the Holy Land.

Specifically, the Mifgash will feature exhibition pavillions for new olim in arts, crafts, archaeology, dance, music and other fields. Tourists to the Mifgash will be housed at the Hilton, Plaza and Kings Hotels at extremely attractive rates, including at the Hilton no charge to children of any age and at the Plaza and Kings Hotels no charge to children under 12.

Flight to Israel will be by El Al at \$775 for two or three weeks. Hotels will, of course, be extra. The rates are very attractive.

For further information, contact your travel agent or call 758-6795.

## A Contest Worth Entering

A new contest has been announced by the Bartons Candy Corporation in connection with the Corporation's intention to publish two full-page ads in the **N. Y. Times** and other papers during the Passover season. The themes of the ads will be: "What Would Moses Say to the United Nations Today?" and "What would Thomas Jefferson Say . . .?"

It is contemplated that one ad will be illustrated by a drawing of Moses and the burning bush while the second will be illustrated by a reproduction of a famous oil painting of Thomas Jefferson.

Writers are invited to submit essays on one of these two subjects. The essays should not exceed 300 words. They should be sent in to the Synagogue Office. A special committee will review the essays and send the best one to the Barton's Corporation.

Two prize-winning essays will be chosen. Each will earn the writer \$2500 for himself or herself and \$2500 for the sponsoring congregation.

In addition, the **K. J. Bulletin** will print the best essay we receive in our own Passover edition.

We invite your serious participation in this essay effort. The deadline for all entries from our congregation and from Ramaz is March 10th.

## ONE GENERATION AFTER

It is 31 years since the liberation of Auschwitz in January, 1945. During these 31 years, the world has discovered the horrors of man's inhumanity to man, the extent of man's potential bestiality and the reality of hell on earth.

31 years of discovery and memory. But now, one generation after Auschwitz, we wonder: has the world forgotten? Have the Jews themselves forgotten? Has our memory been dimmed by the years, our hearts desensitized, our perception dulled? Have we forgotten what a modern Amelek did to 6,000,000 who died and to hundreds of thousands of others who miraculously survived the concentration camps?

We rather think that people are forgetting. Perhaps such loss of memory is natural. But an unparalleled horror calls for an unparalleled memory. In order to nurture that memory, we will print periodically in this **Bulletin** a personal chronicle from the recollections of a survivor of the death camps. We invite those survivors to write such chronicles which we will publish anonymously in the hope and prayer that "lo tishkach" — we may not forget.

### AN ANONYMOUS CHRONICLE

"My own personal experience began during the Passover holidays of 1944, when 5,000 of us were crowded together in a Hungarian ghetto which was fit for only 50 families. On April 27th, following two weeks of such 'living', every one of us had to be in the ghetto streets on one hour's notice. We were herded like cattle to the railroad station.

"It was market day and all of our Christian 'friends' were in the streets, watching how the Jews were driven through the town. I do not remember any onlookers who were not happy about what they saw.

"Arriving at the railroad station, we were jammed into cattle wagons — 70 to 80 people to a wagon. There was one pail of water for us all, no food and no sanitary facilities. Our destination was unknown.

"After several days of traveling under subhuman conditions, we arrived in Birkenau. Some of us arrived dead. Birkenau was a receiving station for Auschwitz. We were ordered to descend from the cattle cars and to form a line of march toward a medical doctor, Mengele. This 'doctor' selected the arrivals to the left or the right. Families were divided forever. Older people and young people with children were sent to the left, which meant that within an hour they would be burn-

ed in the crematorium. Those to the right were marched to a large camp, bewildered, pushed, shoved and beaten by the capos and guards.

"The first order to us was to undress. All of our clothing and possessions were taken from us. Men were separated from women. Everyone walked totally in the nude. We were shaven from head to toe, and only after several days were we given striped pajamas, which were in reality simple rags.

"At night we were housed in large barracks, packed in like sardines. There was no way for sleep or rest. We soon reached the point of total exhaustion.

"I remember my first night in the barracks. Lying on my bunk, I found myself wet from tears which came down from an upper bunk. People cried their hearts out as they started to realize what was happening to them.

"Not many knew the story. I learned from a Jewish capo very shortly after my arrival in the camp the following: 'You see that big chimney with the huge fire? That is where the people are burned. Those going to the left will be gassed and then cremated. Try to get out to a working camp as soon as possible because this is the biggest hell on earth.' "

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Friday, February 27**

Lighting of Candles .....5:25  
Evening .....5:30

**Saturday, Shabbat Shekalim**

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

**Weekly Portion: VAYAKHEL**

**Haftarah: II KINGS 12**

**ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS**

Rosh Chodesh Adar II will be on Tuesday March 2 and Wednesday March 3

Evening .....5:40  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:21

**Friday, March 5**

Lighting of Candles .....5:33  
Evening .....5:40

**Saturday, March 6**

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

**Weekly Portion: PEKUDE**

**Haftarah: I KINGS 7**

Father and Son Minyan .....9:30  
Evening .....5:40  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:29

**Weekday Services**

Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning .....8:30  
Father and Son Minyan .....9:30  
Evening .....5:40

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