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RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

"ויהי ה' את יוסף, ויהי איש מצליח..." (בראשית ל"ט, ב')

*And God was with Joseph
And he was a successful man...
[Genesis, 39:2]*

Orthodox Judaism on the American scene had the greatest fortune to have had Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein as one of the of its outstanding pioneers. He showed the American Jew that it is possible to have a synagogue totally conform to the *Halacha* and yet be decorous, attractive and appealing to our generation.

The Talmud says that "one need not construct monuments for the righteous; their words and deeds are their most fitting tribute." The words and deeds expressed and performed through seventy-six years of creative and inspired life are the greatest monument to this man-husband, father, rabbi, teacher, preacher, communal leader, fund raiser, counselor and friend.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN DIES AT AGE 76

WAS RABBI AT CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN FOR ALMOST 56 YEARS

On Friday afternoon, the 18th of Tammuz, 5739, corresponding to July 13, 1979, at 4:45, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein died peacefully in Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. The Rabbi, who would have been 77 years old next Chanukah, had served in the rabbinate of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun for almost 56 years. He came to the Congregation on Sukkot 1923.

Rabbi Lookstein had taken ill on June 28 and he remained in the hospital for a period of fifteen days, until his passing. Mrs. Lookstein, his daughter, Dr. Nathalie Friedman, and his son, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, and son-in-law, Israel Friedman, were at his bedside when the end came.

When the Rabbi's coffin was brought to New York on Saturday night, there was a very large group from his extended family of Kehilath Jeshurun which came to the airport to meet the plane, to offer comfort and solace to the family and to escort the coffin back to the Riverside Memorial Chapel. The officers of the Congregation, many members of Kehilath Jeshurun, parents and officials of Ramaz and the entire Chevra Kaddisha met the plane at Kennedy Airport.

Throughout the night the members of the Chevra Kaddisha, augmented by several *minyanim* of men from the community recited *T'hilim* while staying with the coffin.

On Sunday, at 12 noon, more than 1300 mourners filled the main synagogue to overflowing to participate in a final tribute to the Rabbi, which was at the same time one of the saddest and greatest events in the recent history of New York Jewry. The congregation was composed of young and old. It included close friends who came in wheelchairs and little children whose parents wanted them to be part of this historic tribute to a man whose life had made such a major impact not alone on the Congregation and Ramaz, but upon all of New York Jewry and, for that matter, the Jewish people around the world.

The funeral service was conducted by Rabbi Sol Roth, spiritual leader of the Atlantic Beach Jewish Center, who was the first rabbinic assistant to Rabbi Lookstein almost thirty years ago and who returned to the Congregation for a term as Assistant Rabbi after his tour of duty in the chaplaincy of the U.S. Armed Forces. Steven Schacter, the oldest grandchild of the Rabbi read a Psalm as an expression of respect from all of the grandchildren. Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, who also served a term as a rabbinic assistant at Kehilath Jeshurun, delivered the eulogy in behalf of the Jewish community. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, who came to the Congregation twenty-one years ago as his father's assistant, then offered words of tribute as a son and also as a student of his father.

The moving service was brought to its conclusion with the Memorial Prayer chanted by Cantor Avrum Davis.

The Chevra Kaddisha then carried the coffin from the synagogue and a procession of almost one hundred cars formed to follow the hearse to the cemetery grounds of the Congregation on Mt. Carmel in Queens. Hundreds of men, women and children of all ages participated in the burial at the cemetery out of a beautiful desire to perform the last possible act of kindness for their friend, teacher and Rabbi.

The Week of Shiva

The period of *shiva* was observed at the residence of Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein. Throughout the week thousands of people came through the Lookstein home in an expression of love and respect. The *minyanim* were filled to overflowing. At *Mincha* and *Ma'ariv* services throughout the week there were as many people who had to remain downstairs in the lobby of the apartment house as there were who crowded into the apartment itself. People waited patiently to express their condolences in person to all the members of the bereaved family, including the Rabbi's brother, Arthur Lookstein, and his sister, Mrs. Sylvia Schatzman. It was a beautiful outpouring of friendship and family solidarity. One sensed that untold numbers of people were deeply moved personally by the loss which the Lookstein family had experienced.

The highlights during the week of *shiva* were provided by the grandchildren of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein who took turns teaching *Mishnayot* in memory of their grandfather. All of them are either graduates or students of Ramaz and they not only taught the *Mishnayot* but they also related each *Mishna* to the life and principles of their grandfather.

The Reaction in the Community

Beginning on Friday night when, we are told, the Rabbi's picture appeared on the evening news through the New York area, the public media reacted profoundly and extensively to the Rabbi's passing. Detailed and comprehensive articles appeared not alone in the New York papers, but throughout the country, overseas and in Israel, in the general, Yiddish, Hebrew and Anglo-Jewish press. Columns of obituaries appeared in the *New York Times* throughout the week of *shiva*. Individuals, organizations and institutions wanted to record for public knowledge their gratitude to the Rabbi for having affected them deeply. It was a great outpouring of warmth, respect, love, concern and grief.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin we have reprinted only a very small sampling of the obituaries and the press notices which appeared.

Two Books That Tell a Story

Two books, one by the Rabbi and the other a memorial to him, are currently about to be made available to the community at large. One of them is the Rabbi's second volume of homiletical essays entitled: "Yesterday's Faith For Tomorrow." It contains a beautiful collection of sermons and essays on many of the problems and concerns that we all face as a people and as individuals. This volume will be sent to the K.J.-Ramaz family very shortly. We are sure that it will have added meaning now as the last expression of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein's mind and pen.

A volume of scholarly essays is almost ready for publication. It was intended to be a Jubilee Volume in the Rabbi's honor. It will now be published as a Memorial Volume. It contains essays from some of the most important scholars and authors in the Jewish and general world, including, among others, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Dr. Norman Lamm, Dr. Haym Solovietchik, Elie Wiesel, Dr. Harold Fisch, Dr. Zorach Wahrhaftig and Herman Wouk. The volume also contains several scholarly essays by graduates of Ramaz. It should be ready for publication this winter and it too will be sent to the K.J.-Ramaz family.

"God Owes Me Nothing"

For the past two years the Rabbi had been at work on his autobiography. It is about two-thirds complete and his son and daughter have indicated that they are going to try to finish the volume. The book provides a picture of a man who lived a great life, who affected many people and many institutions, who made an impact upon Jewish history, not alone in New York City but throughout the world, and who played an important role in many of the events that took place in the crisis filled years between 1902 and 1979.

What Shall Be Done Now.

As we look ahead we realize that the members of the Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz community have a challenge to carry on the extraordinary life's work of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. Whatever else he was interested in, his primary concerns were the congregation in which he ministered for almost 56 years and the school which he founded 42 years ago.

It will be our task to maintain the standards of religious sensitivity, dignity, decorum and warmth which he implanted in this synagogue. Whenever we worship together we will recognize that in addition to carrying out the *mitzvah* of public prayer we will be granting a measure of immortality to a man who gave his life and soul to the service of Kehilath Jeshurun.

The same is true for Ramaz School. It is in a very real sense the embodiment of the Rabbi's philosophy of Judaism and his passion to make traditional Judaism an inspiring way of life for modern American Jewish children. As we continue to maintain the high standards of educational excellence and Jewish commitment which he set for Ramaz we will recognize that we are furthering his life's work and carrying on a noble tradition.

The New Building For Ramaz

Of course, the new building which Ramaz is constructing on East 78th Street between Park and Madison Avenues now has greater meaning than ever. The building will house the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz and it thus will be a living memorial to the man who conceived the idea of Ramaz, who established the school and who brought it to its present eminent status in the leadership of the Day School world.

In The Months Ahead

A number of specific plans are now being made which will help our community respond to the Rabbi's passing in a constructive and meaningful way. It is hoped that we will be able to give proper expression to our grief and to our resolve that the great work of this spiritual father of our community shall be continued.

At services in Kehilath Jeshurun every morning Psalm 121 will be recited responsively until the completion of one year and the observance of the *yahrzeit*.

There was a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Congregation during the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at which each Trustee had an opportunity to record for posterity his or her feelings about the Rabbi and how the Rabbi affected the life of this community both personally and generally.

Beginning in late Fall, a *Sefer Torah* will be written by the Congregation and the School in memory of the Rabbi. Each member of the community, young and old, will have an opportunity to participate in the writing of this *Sefer Torah*. Upon its completion, that Torah will become the one from which we will read every Shabbat.

At the Ramaz dinner on Sunday, January 20, 1980 the Journal will constitute a memorial tribute to the Founder and first Principal of the School.

As a further symbolic expression, throughout the year, every meeting of the Congregation and the School, their Officers, Trustees and general lay bodies, will begin with the recitation of Psalm 121.

In short, we would like to remember throughout the year that the head of our family has been called to his eternal reward. At the same time, we do not want to mourn excessively. On the contrary, we want to celebrate his life and express gratitude for what he meant to each one of us personally and to the total community in general.

The Rabbi's unfinished autobiography is called "God Owes Me Nothing." We feel, as Rabbi Haskel Lookstein expressed it in his eulogy, that this title is an accurate statement about the Rabbi's life. In truth, God owed Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein very little. But this community, the Congregation, the School and the wider Jewish world owe the Rabbi and God a great debt. We shall strive to discharge that debt through our own personal and communal lives.

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WORDS OF EULOGY

by Dr. Norman Lamm

I feel woefully inadequate to the task of speaking the eulogy for my teacher, my colleague, and my friend, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. In truth, there is only one person who could do justice to this occasion in honor of Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, and that is — Rabbi Joseph Lookstein. Who else but that master orator could compose the proper farewell for so distinguished a man?

Yet, I feel that I must try, both because I want to and because it was his wish that I do so.

My own relationship with Rabbi Lookstein began thirty-two years ago, when I took his course in Jewish Sociology at Yeshiva College. I remember how impressed I was by this vital, jovial, articulate, and knowledgeable man. He read my papers carefully, commented upon them incisively with his beautiful penmanship, and encouraged me to further work. A few years later, I was his student in the Homiletics and Practical Rabbinics courses that he gave for many decades at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. What a gifted teacher he was, what a scintillating lecturer! I felt enormously flattered when, towards the end of these courses, he invited me to be his rabbinic assistant at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and, during the course of that year, to teach at Ramaz School as well. This was an apprenticeship in which he taught me the fundamentals of the art of the rabbinate and that profoundly influenced my following twenty-four years in that profession.

During this period, I had the opportunity to spend time in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein. There I experienced the dignity, the warmth, the mutual respect, the love and care and concern of Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein, of their two children Nathalie and Haskel, and their two young grandchildren.

Subsequently, I became Rabbi Lookstein's colleague in the Manhattan Rabbinic and on the Yeshiva University faculty. During this time, our relationship continued to develop and, if some times our relations were a bit complex, they were always for me a source of enlightenment and learning. Hence, it was for me a special pleasure when, shortly after I assumed the presidency of Yeshiva University, I appointed him as University Professor of Homiletics.

For me — as for so many others like me, both older and younger — he was genuinely unforgettable. He was a giant in stature, and tall in our esteem. He was probably the greatest rabbinic orator of his generation of rabbis, certain of the Orthodox rabbinate. He was a master of rhetoric, and blessed with a sense of the dramatic, with epigrammatic brilliance, with an intuitive gift for timing, and with a marvelous and redeeming sense of humor. He was a *darshan be'hesed elyon* — a creative homiletician of the first rank. As a raconteur, he captivated his audiences. To be in his company was to become alive. In the infinite variety of situations in which he found himself, there was always a twinkle in his eyes — sometimes funny, often delightfully mischievous, always benevolent. His undulating, arched eyebrows asked provocative questions, and his twinkling eyes punctured any pretense in a disingenuous or foolish answer.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein was acclaimed by thousands, esteemed by colleagues and disciples, adored by his congregants, loved by his family. But it would be incorrect to portray him as a consensus-seeker who played to the galleries in a quest for popularity and unanimous approbation. He was tough-minded, controversial, often combative in pursuing what he perceived as principle.

The tributes to Rabbi Lookstein will continue to pour in. Yet, I believe that the Jewish world owes him more than it will acknowledge, precisely because his communal philosophy and policy were complex, subtle, sophisticated, and devoid of over-simplification.

He was born in an era when worlds were in collision. An immigrant Jewish generation had come to these shores, all too ready to cast overboard its sacred traditions, its *tallit* and *tefillin*, along with its painful memories of poverty and persecution in Europe. Others, aghast at this mindless cultural-religious vandalism, advocated an equal and opposite reaction: isolation, ghettoization, pulling out of the broader streams of history and society.

Rabbi Lookstein accepted neither counsel, but opted instead for living in two cultures. In the course of this integration, the tensions and controversies and polemics were unnerving. But they engaged him fully, for he accepted them as a challenge. He never shirked his duty. He never fled from before a *mahloket le'shem shamayim*.

Rabbi Lookstein was fully heir to the complete rabbinic tradition. It seemed that he was all but born in the pulpit, the modern rabbinic analogue of the prophet Jeremiah who was told, "before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee" (Jeremiah 1:5). Yet, it is instructive to compare him with the generation of his revered predecessor and grandfather-in-law, Ramaz Margolies. They were saintly men, wise, great scholars all, steeped in Talmud and the sacred tradition. Between them and Rabbi Lookstein there was an identity of fundamental values and of ultimate principles, but a most significant divergence in personal style and communal policy. Such a shift in strategy was necessary in order to implement and preserve those self-same principles and sacred goals in a new generation which was American, more affluent, socially mobile, and often arrogantly obsessed with its new-found modernity. It was easier to appreciate those less complicated Orthodox rabbis of Ramaz's generation, than it was to understand sympathetically the complex and sometimes arcane policies devised by a Joseph H. Lookstein.

When the Patriarch Jacob died, we read that, "the Egyptians wept for him three score and ten days" (Gen. 50:3), "and there they wailed with a very great and sore wailing; and he made a mourning for his father seven days" (Gen. 50:10). Yet, a few verses later when we read of the death of Joseph, the Torah is surprisingly sparse. It is the last verse of the book of Genesis: "so Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old. And they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt." Even later, in the Book of Joshua, when we read of his burial in Canaan, there is no mention made of any mourning period.

How strange! No mourning, no wailing, no eulogy? No grief and no bereavement for Joseph who saved his father and brothers from famine, who reacted to his brothers' treachery with grace and love?

The answer is that of course he must have been mourned, but it was not on the same scale as the mourning for his father. The grief could not come as easy or be as open as it was with Jacob the Patriarch, the old *Rav*, the *Rosh Yeshiva*, who carried over intact into Egypt the wisdom which he had acquired in the "tents of Shem and Eber," and who refused to confront the new social and psychological and cultural threats that loomed in the Egyptian environment. He had had enough problems and vicissitudes and turmoil in his life, and he simply was not ready for the difficult challenges of the Egyptian experience. So, despite the fact that Jacob even had difficulty recognizing his Egyptian-born grandchildren, he was universally loved, venerated, and mourned. The very fact of his cultural distance and social detachment made it possible for him to become an easily perceived and cherished symbol for all that was beautiful, sacred, deathless, and enduring in the Abrahamic tradition. But Joseph had thrust upon him a historic task infinitely more difficult, demanding, complex — and thankless. He had to be simultaneously two personalities — the *Yosef Ha-tzaddik* of his Hebrew tradition and the *Tzaphenat-paneiah*, the name Pharaoh gave to him. He had to learn an alien language and culture, and master it until he became second to Pharaoh alone. He had to impress upon his own mind, as the Rabbis put it, the *demut deyokno shel abba*, the appearance or gestalt of his father, and yet travel in the highest political and economic and social circles of ancient Egypt. He was much too complicated and many-faceted, and too close to his contemporaries in style and social involvement, to serve as a widely popular symbol, despite his total commitment to all that his father Jacob has stood for. But — he saved the House of Israel!

Joseph H. Lookstein had before him a task reminiscent of the biblical Joseph. Like his ancient namesake, he was an *ish matzliach*, a successful man. And like him too, his true value was not, or is not yet, fully appreciated.

He was one of the pioneers in creating the modern Orthodox synagogue here at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun which, while totally conforming with the Halakhah, was yet decorous and attractive and appealing to men and women of our generation. It was not an easy and not a simple task, and one which required constant vigilance.

He was an education trail-blazer in establishing the Ramaz School, famed the world over.

Rabbi Lookstein was a staunch member of Mizrahi, when Zionism was often berated and bitterly attached by fellow Orthodox rabbis and leaders.

He had to overcome opposition of both the left and the right in Israel as he joined the late Dr. Pinchas Churgin and others in founding Bar-Ilan University, where he remained Chancellor until his death.

He joined the earliest group of pioneers who directed the affairs of Yeshiva University in the days of my two sainted and revered predecessors, Dr. Bernard Revel and Dr. Samuel Belkin, and in the tense and difficult interregnum that separated their administrations.

He was involved with Yeshiva University for over half a century as student, faculty member, trustee, and confidant of its three presidents. As a "rabbi's rabbi," he trained over a thousand American rabbis at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He was to me, in these first years of my presidency, a source of encouragement, inspiration, and valued assistance.

The biblical Joseph was placed in the coffin, and no official mourning was announced. But no less a personage than Moses carried the remains of Joseph through the forty years of Israel's sojourn in the vast desert. While the rest of the people were occupied in the *bizat mitzrayim*, with business-as-usual, Moses understood full well the unique value and enduring significance of the cherished Joseph. And so he carried, as the Sages tell us, the *aron* or coffin of Joseph side by side with the *aron* or Ark of the Covenant. Only occasionally did people recognize the marvelous congruity and appropriateness of these two boxes, these two *aronot*, the coffin and the Ark, and they exclaimed, as the Talmud teaches, *kiyyem zeh mah she'katuv ba-zeh*, "this one [Joseph] observed — and made it possible for others to observe — what is written in this one [the Ark of the Covenant]."

He taught us — his disciples, colleagues, congregants, contemporaries — the value of *hinnukh*, of Jewish education, on all levels from pre-kindergarten to post-doctoral graduate work; the centrality of the State of Israel to Jewish life; the possibilities of living both as fully Jewish and as creative members of society at large; the imperatives of *ahavat Israel* (the love of Israel) and *ahavat ha-beriyot* (the love of humankind).

To Mrs. Lookstein, to Nathalie and Israel and their children, to Rabbi Haskel and Audrey and their children, to his brother and his sister — to all of you go our deepest sympathy. While no one can miss him as much as you do, we know what you have lost, because we share your grief.

Rabbi Haskel, your father introduced you into Jewish rabbinic leadership, for he was both your father and your master. He had the privilege of seeing you flourish in this, his own pulpit. He placed upon your shoulders the mantle of spiritual leadership which was his, and his pride was enhanced by his and our confidence that you will grow and develop in ways yet unperceived and unforeseen. It was a special blessing from heaven that he was present at the commencement exercises at Yeshiva University but a month ago to see you receive your Doctor of Philosophy degree.

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Rabbi Lookstein, how would you have concluded this eulogy?

I think you would have wanted me to follow your style: so shall I do.

Farewell, revered teacher, worthy colleague, dear friend and, above all, esteemed rabbi! Where you are going, before the celestial court, the *bet din shel maalah*, they will ask you many questions.

Do not just answer them. Rise to the occasion — as you always did here on earth.

Deliver your greatest *derashah*, preach your most magnificent sermon!

Let them know, up Above, of our worries and cares and concerns. Remind them that all is not well with the Jewish people here below. Inspire them, as only you can, to pay more loving attention to those Jews the world over whom you led and loved; to the State of Israel caught in a web of tension and perplexity and jeopardy; to a humanity struggling to retain a modicum of dignity and security; to your beloved congregation whom you nurtured and raised for over half a century, ministering to three and sometimes four generations; and, above all, to your wonderful, loving, and grieving family.

Lekh be'shalom — go in peace.

WORDS OF EULOGY

by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Fifteen years ago, following a terrible tragedy in our family, my father told me, for the first time, something which he repeated several times since both orally and in writing. He said to me, "I want you to deliver the eulogy for me when the time comes." This explains my position today, which is a very difficult one for me. I am trying to practice honor toward my father as he expected it of me, in the same way as I recall his delivering the eulogy for my grandfather, of blessed memory, 36 years ago on the 15th day of *Tammuz*.

Many of you have heard my father read the *Ne'ilah* service which concludes Yom Kippur and you have been stirred by his interpretation of the prayers. His final *Ne'ilah* came late last Friday afternoon as the shadows of the 18th day of *Tammuz* lengthened and Shabbat Pinchas approached. We had the responsibility of reading the concluding verses of *Ne'ilah*: *Shema*, *Baruch Shem*, and *Ha-Shem Hu Ha-Elokim*, at his bedside, at the moment of *y'tzi'at n'shama*, as a beautiful soul departed this world peacefully and flew to an eternal life.

This final *Ne'ilah* came on the eve of the Shabbat when we read Moshe's description of the ideal Jewish leader.

יפקד ה' א-לוהי הרוחות לכל בשר איש על
העדה, אשר יצא לפנייהם ואשר יבא לפנייהם,
ואשר יוציאם ואשר יביאם, ולא תהיה עדת
ה' כצאן אשר אין להם רועה (במדבר, כ"ז,
ט"ז-י"ח).

Let the Lord, God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a person over the community who will go before them and come before them and who will lead them forth and bring them back. And let not God's people be like sheep deprived of their shepherd.

My father was a leader in that image. He was, first and foremost, an "*ish*." The Kotzker Rebbe comments that a Rav has to be a *mensch* and not a *mal'ach*, a human being and not an angel. Whatever else my father was to Kehilath Jeshurun, Ramaz and the entire Jewish world, he was primarily and fundamentally a warm, feeling, vibrant man, who lived for his family first even though we all knew we had to share him with the community.

He was a magnificent husband to my mother. They led a beautiful life together for, thank God, more than 53 years. They were great for each other and, except for the rarest of occasions, they were never apart. Wherever he went, she was with him as a constant source of love, support, guidance and encouragement. They rejoiced together, planned together and worried together. Most of all, they really loved each other very much. They were a stirring example to us — and to all of the rabbinic world — of how a marriage should be lived.

My father was deeply attached to my sister. "My little redhead" he called her, an appellation that he also reserved for one of her daughters. They shared many intellectual endeavors in common, both of them being students of sociology. Even in his most recent illness they talked sociology and my sister was astonished to realize that his memory of classic sociology was even better than hers. She

was a great source of comfort, pleasure and *nachas* for him in all of the things that she did, but especially in her beautiful family life and particularly through the grandchildren whom she gave him. He loved each of them individually in their own right and for their own qualities. He rejoiced in their happiness and he worried over their problems. Of course, the greatest pleasure of all was his two great-granddaughters. "My little Erica" he would say and his eyes would light up whenever she was spoken of, but then he would add: "I'm afraid that Elizabeth is going to outdo her." Maybe so, but not in the heart of their loving great-grandfather.

What can I say about his relationship with me? We were not only son and father; we were co-workers, associates and partners in the service of the Jewish community. It is never easy for a father and son to work together in close association. I must say that my father was extremely gracious in giving me every opportunity to grow and develop. We had our differences in style but never in content or in fundamentals. I believe in, and respect, his whole philosophy of Jewish life as it is expressed in Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz. And he knew clearly of the depth of that belief. I am very grateful to God that my father lived to celebrate with me my 20th anniversary in the rabbinate in this community and that last month we both participated in the graduation exercises of Yeshiva University where I received my Ph.D., a milestone which was as much a tribute to his encouragement and urging as it was to my modest scholarship.

I guess, also, the most precious thing that Audrey and I gave my father was our four children whom he also loved greatly. He had a different Yiddish term of endearment for each of them: *Chuchikel*, *Schmendrik*, *Ketzele*, or whatever. It must be a source of satisfaction to his soul that Mindy and Debbie flew in from Israel to be here for this final farewell. It is a source of pain and sorrow to all of us that my father will not be present to officiate at the weddings of four granddaughters and at the Bar Mitzvah of his youngest grandson, but I have a feeling that whenever those blessed events take place his soul will be a full participant in the rejoicing and somehow the grandchildren will know it and all of us in the family and the community will feel it. As a matter of fact, he promised us that participation. In a letter he wrote to me two-and-a-half-years-ago in which he indicated how we should accept and react to his ultimate passing, he said:

Whatever occasions you will celebrate together be sure that my spirit will be there.

My father was also blessed with a sister and brothers who loved him deeply and admired him greatly. He was the head of a very large family which included his own as well as my mother's family and my brother-in-law's family and my mother-in-law and

להבדיל בין החיים ובין וכו'.

my father-in-law. The relationships among all of the members of the family were exquisitely reciprocal and mutually supportive. The presence of sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law from thousands of miles away attest to the depth of that relationship.

Again, let me read from that letter, this time a message for the entire family:

My brother and sister and all of my in-laws are flesh of my flesh and spirit of my spirit. Remain close to them and maintain our traditional family solidarity.

So, dear friends, don't forget that the great Jewish leader to whom we all bid farewell today was first and foremost an "Ish." He had all of the grand, beautiful and outstanding attributes of an *Ish* and even a few of the failings of a human being. He was never afraid to acknowledge those failings in himself just as in his sermons he sometimes pointed them out in Biblical personalities.

This special kind of man, however, was also a unique kind of Rabbi. Rashi, noting that Moses addressed God as

א-להי הרוחות לכל בשר.

God of all the different kinds of spirits, comments that Moses urged God

מנה עליהם מנהיג שיהא סובל כל אחד ואחד לפי דעתו.

"appoint a leader who will tolerate each person in accordance with his outlook." My father's rabbinate was built on that principle. He loved every Jew, no matter what his state of religiosity, piety or observance. He was prepared to meet every Jew where he was, and, through warmth and genuine affection, he tried to bring him closer to tradition. Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz were built on this foundation of love and acceptance. They are not *and they never will be* "hard-sell" institutions. Rather, their philosophy is and *will be* one of gradualism and tolerance, understanding and respect for differences — not an easy philosophy to maintain in an age of "holier than thou" piety.

It was not surprising that the news of my father's illness elicited prayers from the great sage and tzadik, the Rebbe of Lubavitch, even while it brought forth beautifully expressed words of encouragement from Reform rabbis and Jews in the philanthropic community who would classify themselves as secular. My father never classified any Jew as secular. Every Jew was religious; it was just a matter of time before he or she would become observant; but the religion was there, certainly if the Jew was involved in philanthropy.

It was no accident that when the Synagogue Council of America looked for an Orthodox leader to serve as President during the bi-centennial celebration in 1976, my father was the most widely accepted candidate by all of the religious groups. This pattern was already in evidence in 1943 when the late Stephen S. Wise looked for a rabbi who was a Zionist to oppose an American Council for Judaism candidate for the presidency of what was then called The New York Board of Jewish Ministers. He chose a young Orthodox rabbi by the name of Joseph H. Lookstein

שיהא סובל כל אחד ואחד לפי דעתו.

He had the capacity to accept each and every Jew with his own outlook.

This aspect of my father's philosophy of Judaism is summed up by something which he repeated often from the pulpit of this synagogue. He used to say: "I love every Jew. The only Jew I don't love is one who doesn't love other Jews." It followed naturally that he in turn was loved, admired, respected and cherished by the total Jewish community.

He had a third quality of leadership, after his *menschlichkeit* and his sense of tolerance and love for all Jews. That quality too was mentioned by Moses in his prescription for a leader. אשר יצא לפניהם ואשר יבא לפניהם.

"one who would go before them and come before them, who would lead them forth and bring them back."

My father was constantly on the go, doing for people and serving his fellow Jews. He used to tell his students at Yeshiva: "Don't try *zu zittsen auf the rabbonus*. The only thing that happens when you sit on the *rabbonus* is that you wear out the seat of your trousers. If you want to be a rabbi you have to be a *יוצא ובא*. And he was. Nothing in *shul* escaped his concern. No hour was too early or too late to serve the community. No member was too insignificant for his affection and service. He was the most fervent *davener* I have ever seen and yet he watched the faces of the worshippers in *shul* while he was *davening* and he would detect on their faces concern, anxiety, depression or happiness and joy and he would react immediately to what he saw. That's one of the reasons he never took his *tallis* over his head in *shul*. He was *יוצא ובא*, on the go, even when sitting in his seat. By the way, unbeknownst to any but my mother, when he *davened* at home he frequently did take the *tallis* over his head.

No matter how far my father traveled or how high he went in the Jewish community, Kehilath Jeshurun was his home base and Ramaz was his home sanctuary. This Congregation and this School were his real family. He loved everyone here and he loved everything about this place. He spent his life here and he gave his life here. He cherished most of all the hours that he spent in the *shul*, the leaders, past and present, who helped him to build the *shul* and all of his associates among the synagogue officials, yes, and especially his co-workers in the office who were very much a part of his extended family.

In behalf of his congregation and Ramaz and Bar-Ilan and JDC and UJA and Federation and so many other important causes and projects he was a *יוצא ובא*, a vigorous goer and doer before God and man for almost 56 years. He was, in the best sense, the image of what he urged his students to be: *עבד לעבדי ה'*, a servant to the servants of the Lord. And when he could no longer perform that function actively, vigorously and effectively, when he could no longer be a *יוצא ובא*, he breathed his last and the *Ne'ilah* was final.

There is an added word of Moses to God:

ולא תהיה עדת ה' כצאן אשר אין להם רועה

"Let not God's people be like sheep deprived of its shepherd." That, too, my father took care of. He has trained two generations of rabbis at Yeshiva University to serve as "servants to the servants of the Lord." He has left hundreds of heirs to a glorious rabbinic tradition. He not only affected vitally the past and the present of traditional Judaism in this country and around the world; he planted seeds which will yet bring forth fruit in the future for a vital Jewish community here and throughout the world.

Dad: You made many demands of me. This last one was among the hardest. I violated a cardinal rule of yours. You always taught your students to give brief eulogies. Mine was

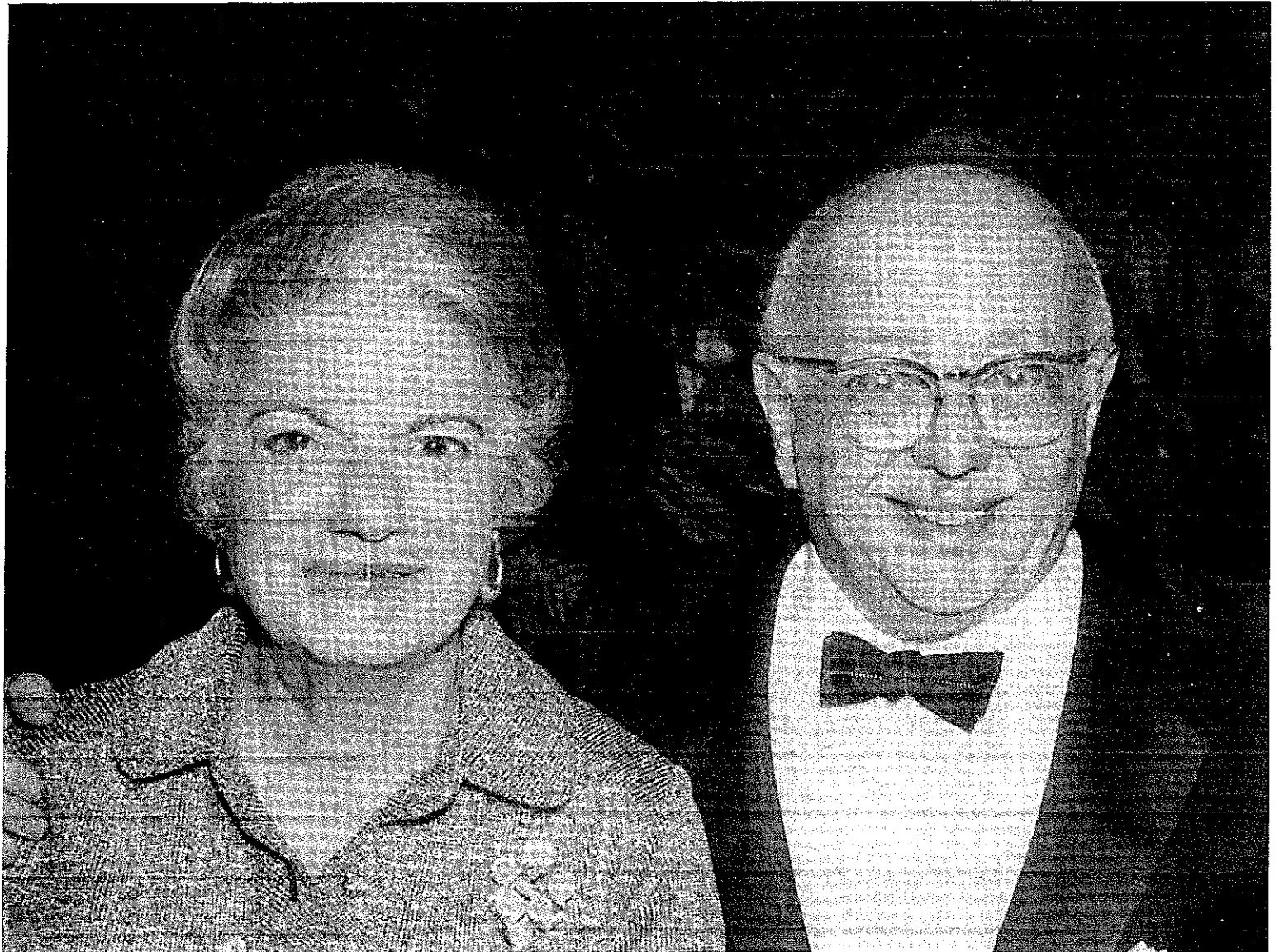
lengthy. But I only touched the surface and I'm afraid I didn't begin to do you justice.

On Wednesday night, a little over two weeks ago, the night before you took ill, you began another chapter in your autobiography. You entitled it

” עת לחבוק ועת לרחוק מחבק ”

A Time To Embrace And A Time To Let Go.” I think you were trying to tell us something with that unfinished chapter. We embraced you as you embraced us throughout a long, productive and extremely valuable life. Even as God said to you that it was time to let go we have to accept His judgement and let go ourselves. We will try to do that in dignity, just as you did.

The title of your unfinished autobiography says volumes about your own view of life. You called it “God Owes Me Nothing.” On balance, with sad hearts and with grieving souls, we agree. God does owe you nothing. But we owe you and God more than we can ever properly acknowledge. We will try in a small way to discharge our debt to both you and God by carrying on your tradition in the family, in Kehilath Jeshurun, in Ramaz and in the community and in that way to express our gratitude to you and to God for all that you have done to make our lives more noble and more beautiful. May your soul rest in peace and may it be a blessing for all of us whom you loved so much. Amen.



Gertrude and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

They were true partners in life.

The New York Times

Joseph H. Lookstein Dead at 76; A Rabbi and Orthodox Educator

By WOLFGANG SAXON

Rabbi Joseph Hyman Lookstein, a Jewish educator long prominent in Orthodox Judaism and rabbi at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun on the Upper East Side for half of its more than 100 years, died Friday in Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach. He was 76 years old.

Rabbi Lookstein was president of the Synagogue Council of America and professor of homiletics and practical rabbinics at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

At the time of his death, he was senior rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun at 125 East 85th Street and divided his time between his home nearby and a residence in Florida. He also made occasional trips to Israel, where he had been associated with the American-sponsored Bar-Ilan University since shortly after it was founded in the mid-1950's.

His synagogue is the spiritual home of 540 families and one of the largest and most influential synagogues in New York City. He arrived first to serve as assistant rabbi under his grandfather, Moses S. Margolies, longtime rabbi of the congregation, and then to succeed him when Rabbi Margolies died in 1936.

Responsibilities Increased

Rabbi Margolies was the dean of the Orthodox rabbinate in this country. He had been in failing health for a number of years, during which Rabbi Lookstein began to take over more responsibilities as associate rabbi of the congregation.

Rabbi Lookstein was born in Russia on Dec. 25, 1902, and received his education in New York at City College and Columbia University, where he did graduate work in sociology. He acquired his Jewish learning at the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University, where he was ordained as a rabbi in 1926.

By that time, he had already served as an assistant to his grandfather for three years, and he began his long rabbinate at the synagogue upon his ordination.

Rabbi Lookstein was a past president of the Rabbinical Council of America and the New York Board of Rabbis. He held leading posts at one time in such organizations as the Mizrahi Zionist Organization of America, the Rabbinical Council of the Union of Jewish Orthodox Congregations of America, the American Zionist Council, the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Gustav Wurzweller Foundation and the World Council on Jewish Education, which furthered Jewish education around the world from its New York headquarters.

He was elected head of the Synagogue Council in 1975.



The New York Times

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Rabbi Lookstein played a leading role in the Zionist movement in the United States in the 1940's. After Bar-Ilan University was established at Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv, Rabbi Lookstein took an active interest in it and served as acting president for nine years until becoming its chancellor in 1966.

During his association with Bar-Ilan, the institution grew from its beginnings with one building and 40 students to its present status as a recognized force in Israeli higher education, its student body numbering in the thousands.

Rabbi Lookstein's interest in education previously had led him to found the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls in 1930. For 10 years he was the principal of the school, which now is part of Yeshiva University.

He also founded, in 1937, the Ramaz School, a Jewish day school on the Upper East Side that today has a student body of 800.

Rabbi Lookstein is survived by his wife, the former Gertrude Schlang; a son, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of the same congregation, Kehilath Jeshurun; a daughter, Nathalie Friedman; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Arthur, and a sister, Sylvia Schatzman.

A funeral service was scheduled for noon today at Kehilath Jeshurun.

Stroke fatal to Lookstein at 77; was an outstanding Jewish education builder

Rabbi Joseph Hyman Lookstein spent all but one year of his rabbinical career at one synagogue, Kehilath Jeshurun on East 85th street in Manhattan, and some fifty years later he was to remark, with a characteristic twinkle, that "I must have done something right."

That he had indeed done so was shown last Sunday when Rabbi Lookstein's sanctuary was filled to the last seat and people crowded around the doors, craning to hear what was being said about him as his body reposed in its plain pine coffin in front of the *bima*.

They came to hear, and to shed a tear, and each could have added story after story of his own about his scholarship, his erudition, his oratorical gifts and, above all, his humanity and ever-present humor.

On the pulpit were Rabbi Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University where Rabbi Lookstein was ordained and where he was, for years, University Professor of Homiletics and Practical Rabbinics; Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, his son and now rabbi of Kehilath Jeshurun; Steven Schacter, a grandson, and Rabbi Sol Roth, a former student and now a rabbi of the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach. All delivered moving eulogies.

Died in Florida

Rabbi Lookstein died in Mt. Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach last Friday, following a stroke. He was 77 years old.

He was one of the few, if not the only man, to have held all these positions during a crowded lifetime: president of the Rabbinical Council of America, of the Mizrahi Zionist organization, of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the Jewish National Welfare Board, of the Synagogue Council of America and of the New York Board of Rabbis. In addition he was chancellor, and former president, of Bar-Illan University in Israel.

Rabbi Lookstein was both a champion and product of a blending of Jewish learning and secular education. The former he acquired at the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School and later at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. The latter he acquired at City College and Columbia University where he did his graduate work in sociology and in other social sciences. His doctoral dissertation was on *The Primogeniture in Jewish Law and Society*.

Started as a student rabbi

He came to Kehilath Jeshurun as a student rabbi to be the assistant to Rabbi M.Z. Margolies who in his day was known as the



dean of the American rabbinate. After his ordination, in 1926, he married Rabbi Margulies' granddaughter, Gertrude Schlang, and they had two children, Mrs. Nathalie Friedman, who holds a doctorate in sociology and has taught at Barnard and Stern College; and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan seminary and with a doctorate from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University.

This was a unique case in the rabbinate — grandfather, grandson and great grandson becoming the spiritual leaders of the same congregation.

During the war years, Rabbi Lookstein, as head of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, helped in the recruitment of Jewish chaplains and their training, and supervised the hundreds of American rabbis who served in this country's armed service.

In this role, with the rank of general, he visited most of the military installations in this country and, after the war, he was sent by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the European and Mediterranean theatres. While overseas, he was commissioned to visit the DP camps where he met literally hundreds

of thousands of refugees from the Hitler Holocaust. Those who were present when he reported on what he had seen to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs said that he had moved General McNarney to tears.

Rabbi Lookstein's primary interest was Jewish education, and he was chairman of the World Council on Jewish Education for five years. In this role, he exerted an influence on the progress of Jewish education in the leading Jewish communities of the world.

He was the founder of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls and served for almost ten years as its principal.

Founded Ramaz School

His greatest achievement, however, was the founding of the Ramaz School in 1937, which he named for Rabbi Margulies, whose initials spell RAMAZ.

This was the first progressive Jewish day school in the country, and the mold from which hundreds of day schools have been cast. Some 1,000 boys and girls have graduated from Ramaz since it was founded 42 years ago, and all of them pursued higher education in the leading colleges and universities of the land, to become not only skilled professionals but to remain dedicated Jews.

Some 17 years ago he became the Chancellor of Bar-Ilan, and commuted regularly between New York and Ramat Gan. During his incumbency, the university grew from several hundred to several thousand students, and because of his efforts, it now has a faculty of law, schools of education and social work, and a full complement of undergraduate and graduate courses leading to all academic degrees.

Rabbi Lookstein was as good a teacher as he was an orator, and filled both classroom and auditorium when he mounted the rostrum. He was from earliest youth affiliated with the Zionist cause, and succeeded the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver as chairman of the Palestine Commission of the American Jewish Conference. As such, he served as consultant to the U.S. delegation at the founding conference of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945.

Some ten years ago, Rabbi Lookstein took on the title of Senior Rabbi of Kehilath Jeshurun and son Haskel became Rabbi. He is survived also by a brother, Arthur; a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Schatzman; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

הדואר

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לדיוקנו של מנהיג ומחנך גדול

(ליום השלושים לפטירתו של הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין)

מאת אליעזר זלמן ברנשטיין

ישנם רק יחיד סגולה, הזוכים לראות את עולמם בחייהם, הזוכים להקים ולקיים עולמות. יחיד ומיוחד היה הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין ז"ל. תרומותיו הגדולות בשדה הרבנות והחינוך היוו גורם חשוב לשינוי תדמיתה של יהדות אמריקה. הוא טבע את חותמו המיוחד על הרבנות האורתודוקסית. הוא היה בין היחידים שהצליחו לגשר גשר בין הרבנות בנוסח אירופה לרבנות בנוסח אמריקה. הוא היה דוגמא מזהירה למאות רבנים שלמדו בכיתותיו בישיבת ר' יצחק אלחנן. אך הוא היה גם מתנך בחסד עליון, וישיבת רמ"ז היא היהלום המזהיר בפעולותיו הברוכות לחינוך היהודי בארצות הברית ובמדינת ישראל.

בתולדות חייו אתה מוצא את הצלחתו של המהגר היהודי המחוסרי כל שבא כפליט מאירופה בראשית המאה העשרים. הרב לוקשטיין נולד בעיירה שומגטיטש שברוסיה הלבנה. אביו יצא לאמריקה, כשיוסף הצעיר היה רק בן שלוש שנים, בפרוע הקוואקים פרעות בישראל. לאחר שהאב עמל ואסף פרוטה לפרוטת באמריקה לכרטיסי נסיעה, שלח למשפחתו כרטיסי נסיעה. אמו של הרב לוקשטיין היתה מגוע בעל ה"תניא", וזה מסביר את יחסו האוהד של הרב לתנועת חב"ד. כשהגיע לניו יורק עבדה ביחד עם האב כרוכלת ברחוב הסטר, במורד העיר, והיא שהשפיעה על יוסף בנה הצעיר להמשיך במסורת המשפחה של רבנות, שהיא מסורת של שלושה עשר דורות רצופים. הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין ובנו, הרב יחזקאל יבל"ח, הוסיפו שתי חוליות נוספות לשלשלת.

ב-1910 נכנס לישיבת "עקב יוסף" וסיימה אחרי שבע שנים בראש כיתתו. ארבע שנים אחרי זה סיים (שוב בראש כיתתו) את

חוק לימודיו ב"אקדמיה התלמודית", היא התיכון החדש של ישיבת ר' יצחק אלחנן. הוא הוסיף ללמוד בישיבה ושקד על לימודי חול בקולג' של עיריית ניו יורק. הרכבת התחתית, שבה נסע שעות רבות, היתה "הדר לימודי". הוא התעניין בסוציולוגיה, וקיבל בתחום זה תואר שני וגם דוקטוראט מקולומביה. עבודת הסיום שלו היתה "זכות הבכורה בחברה ובמשפט היהודי".

בתיאור אבטוביוגרפי שכתב הרב י. ח. לוקשטיין ב-1974, כשהגג את יובלו החמישים כרב ב"התנ"ס" "קהילת ישרון" שבראשו עמד כתב: "האדם שהשפיע עלי ביותר בחינוך וברבנות היה ד"ר דב רבל, ראש הישיבה ומייסד ישיבת קולג'. הוא טיפל בי כבן, הודריך אותי בלימודי, ונתן לי כל הזדמנות אפשרית להתקדם. היה זה ד"ר רבל שהמליץ עלי לקהילת ישרון".

הרב י. ח. לוקשטיין בא לקהילת ישרון כצורבא דרבנן שנאם באנגלית. הוא נתקבל כסגן לרב מ. ז. מרגולית, שהיה מראשי הרבנות האורתודוקסית באותה התקופה. הוא נשא לאשה את נכדת רמ"ז ב-1926. בשנה שבה קיבל את הסמיכה בישיבת רב יצחק אלחנן, טקס הסמיכה היה ב"קהילת ישרון". הרב לוקשטיין נאם בשם הרבנים הצעירים, ועל אירוסיו הודיעו באותו לילה — כאילו תיכנן את הכל. כל השנים שמר אמונים לרמ"ז ובצוואתו ביקש להיקבר על-ידיו.

לרב לוקשטיין היה פה מפיק מרגליות באנגלית, בעברית ובידיש. תלמידים לרבנות בישיבת רבנו יצחק אלחנן למדו אצלו במשך תקופה של עשרות שנים את תורת הדרוש וסידורי בית הכנסת. רק שבועיים לפני פטירתו יצא לאור ספר הדרשות האחרון שלו. במשך שנים רבות, היה מציג את המועמדים לתארי כבוד בטקסי ישיבה אוניברסיטה כנאומים קצרים, מעשה אמן.

התעניינותו בשדה החינוך התחילה בתקופה הראשונה של כהונתו כרב. ב-1928 יסד את בית המדרש למורות שנעשה אחרי שנים לסניף של ישיבה אוניברסיטה. הוא היה הרוח החיה, המנהל והמבצע, אבל את אהבתו הגדולה שמר לישיבת רמ"ז, שתיארה לא פעם כ"ילד רוחני" שלו ואשר יסדה ב-1937. הישיבה, אשר אחרי כך הוסיפה תיכון, היתה בית-הספר היומי הקהילתי הראשון אשר שימש דוגמא ומופת לאלה שבאו אחריו. הוא היה המנהל בפועל של המוסד עד 1967, ועד ימיו האחרונים היתה עינו פקוחה על בית-הספר.

1941 היתה שנה גורלית לרב לוקשטיין. בתקופה זו נפטר ד"ר רבל והתנהל מאבק מר על הירושה. היו חוגים, בייחוד מאגדות הרבנים, אשר רצו להשתלט על המוסד ולשנות את כיוונו. הרב י. ח. לוקשטיין היה בקבוצה הפנימית, שהדפה כל נסיון של השתלטות והצליח להגדיל ולהרחיב את יעודה ההיסטורי. כשראייתו לפני חמש שנים, גילה לי רק טפח והבטיח שבבוא היום יגלה עוד יותר. בשנה זו נבחר לנשיא ועד הרבנים דניוירוק. יריבו היה רב רפורמי קיצוני, שהודחה עם "המועצה האמריקנית למען ג'ודאיזם". מיד אחרי זה נבחר כנשיא השלישי של הסתדרות הרבנים אשר היתה אז צעירה לימים. בתקופה זו של מלחמת העולם השנייה, נוסד "הוועד לפעולות צבא וצי", שהיה אח"כ להוועדה של הרבנות הצבאית של מועצת הצדקה היהודית. הרב י. ח. לוקשטיין לקח חלק פעיל בפעולות הוועדה עד אחרי מלחמת קוריאה. במסגרת זו, ערך ביקור היסטורי במחנות שרידי השואה באירופה, מיד לאחר מלחמת העולם השנייה.

הרב י. ח. לוקשטיין המשיך בפעילותו בהסתדרות הרבנים ובישיבה אחת, וביטל את המאמץ להוציא את הסתדרות הרבנים מה-Synagogue Council. צעד שהיה עלול לשנות את פני האוויר תודוכסית של היום, והיה משפיע לרעה על כל החיים הציבוריים. הרב י. ח. לוקשטיין בעצמו נבחר לנשיא ה-Synagogue Council ב-1977 והיה נשיא הכבוד של מוסד זה עד יום פטירתו.

הוא אהב את מדינת ישראל בלב ונפש. הוא היה מסור לתנועת "המזרחי" ותמך במפעליה בארץ. הרב לוקשטיין השתתף בקונגרס האחרון כציר "המזרחי" לפני מלחמת העולם השנייה והגיע לחופי מיבשתים בשווייץ לארצות הברית אחרי נסיעה קשה ומסוכנת. ידו לא משה מידו של ד"ר פנחס תורג'ין אף כאשר ד"ר פנחס תורג'ין עלה ארצה ויסד את אוניברסיטת בריאילון. עם מותו של ד"ר פנחס תורג'ין ב-1958, נעשה נשיא האוניברסיטה ואחרי-כך היה לנגיד האוניברסיטה ופעל גדולות למען התפתחותה והרחבתה.

עם כל פעילותו הציבורית הענפה, מצא הרב לוקשטיין פנאי להיות איש משפחה מסור. מנתג ידוע ב"קהילת ישרון" כשהרב עמד לדרוש. היה מסתכל ימינה ולמעלה לעזרת הנשים למקום בו ישבה אשתו, ולפניה אמו וחמותו. בימי האבל, למדו נכדו ושני משניות בציבור לעילוי שמו — צעד אופייני לאיש ולירושתו הרוחנית. תנצב"ה.

EXCERPTS FROM JULY 20 AND 27 ISSUES

הרב דר. יוסף חיים לוקשטיין —

אן אויסערגעוויינלעכע פערזענלעכקייט אין דער רבישער וועלט

רוסן פעמלי.

הרב לוקשטיין שלעגט שטענדיק באמערקן מיט גיט קיין באהאלטענע שטאלן, און זיין שוהל, די קהילת ישראל, ווערט אלץ געפירט על טהרת הקודש, מיט א באלאזן פאר דער „עזרת נשים“, און די רוחניות פון דער שוהל, האט דאזיגן נעם און די באגאנצן רעליגיעזע פיר רעדשאפט (דעקאדור) אין ווי פון א היימיש שטיבל... און קיינע שינויים זיינען גיט געמאכט געווארן אין קיין שוהל זינט די צייטן פון הרב מרגלית, און אויף דעם איז ער טאקע געווען שטאלץ.

דאס איז געווען זיין אויסזען — די פארמירונג פון א מאהעל-שוהל פאר מאדערנעם אידישן שוהל-לעבן.

הרב לוקשטיין האט מיר ביי פארשידענע געלעגנהייטן געזאגט אז ער האט אלע יארן גאטראכט ווי א גרויסן געוויינט און כבוד פאר זיך וואס ער האט געזאגט די געלעגנהייט צו לערנען רבישע פיר רעדשאפט פון וואס פראמינענטער רבישער פערזענלעכקייט ווייס'אין געווען הרב מרגלית.

עס איז צו פארשטיין, גלויבצייט טיף, אז הרב מרגלית האט אויך געזען אין דעם יונגן טאלאנטפולן הרב לוקשטיין זיין צוקונפטיקן ממלא מקום אין דער רבנות פון דער קהילת ישראל שוהל, ווארייט, עס האט לאנג גיט געוועזען אז הרב לוקשטיין האט געהייראט דאס אייניקל פון הרב מרגלית (יוני 6, 1926), און מיט דעם איז ער גיט נאר געווארן דער בכבודיקער משה-מייטגליד, נאר אויך דער אנערקענטער פארזעצער פון דער בכבודיקער קהילה, אלס דער רב און גייס-טיקער פירער ביזן לעצטן טאג פון זיין לעבן.

הרב לוקשטיין שלעגט שטענדיק זאגן: „א פארענדע פארשטאנדענישע שוהל דארף זיין איינערלעך, אין גייסט, ווי א שטיבל, און אויסערלעך שיינן און עלער גאנט, אזוי ווי דאס וואס איז



הרב דר. יוסף חיים לוקשטיין

ער האט געלערנט פריער אין דער יעקב יוסף ישיבה און שפעטער אין ישיבת רבי יצחק אלחנן, וואו ער האט אויך געקראגן סמיכה אויף רבנות אין יאר 1926, זיין אקאדעמישע בילדונג האט ער באקומען אין סיטי קאלעדזש און שפעטער אין קאלאמביע יוניווערסיטי, וואו ער האט אויך געקראגן זיין „מאס“ טערס דיגרי און דעם דאקטאר דיגרי אין סאציאלאגיע.

אין יאר 1923, ווען ער איז אלט געווען קוים 21 יאר, איז ער אנגעקומען אין דער וועלטער קהילת ישראל שוהל אלס סטודענט-רב, צו זיין דער געהילפס-רב פון הרב משה זבולון מרגלית, ווען דער יונגער לוקשטיין איז נאך געווען א ישיבה-בחור אין ישיבת רבי יצחק אלחנן

ער איז די טעג נאכדעם געווארן אין עלמער פון 76 יאר. — זיין 56 יאריקע רבנות קא-ריערע אין „קהילת ישראל“ און אין אמעריקע בכלל. — שפרייט פון זיין שיינער פערזענלעכקייט.

פון הרב אהרן בן ציון שורין

הרב לוקשטיין, וועמען מ'האט

מיט גרויס ליבשאפט און כבוד באצייכנט, איז די לעצטע יאר, אלס דעם „סיניאר ראבאי“ און דער „דיקטור“ פון דעם מאדערנעם ארטאדאקסישן ראבינאט אין אמעריקע, האט אין זיינע וועקס-אוי-פופציק יאר פון רבנות געזאגט א סך פאר-דינסטן אויף זיין רבישן און פער-זענלעכן העקאדור.

אין די מערסטע יארן פון זיין רבישער קאריערע איז אמעריקע אין הרב לוקשטיין שטענדיק גערשטאנען אין צענטער פון רבישן און געוועלשאפטלעכן לעבן, ער האט איבעראל געשפילט א הויפט-ראלע מיט זיין באטירלעכער חכמה, געדעוואמקייט און מיט זיינע שיינע מידות טובות, און איבעראל האט ער באשיינט מיט זיין גלענצענדן אהאטארישן שיינעם רעדן

הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין איז געבארן געווארן אין דעם שטעטל סעמיאטיטש, אין ווייס-רוסלאנד, דעם ערשטן טאג חנוכה פון יאר תרס"ג (דעם 25סטן דעצעמבער, 1902) און איז געבראכט געווארן קיין אמעריקע פון זיינע עלטערן אין יאר 1910, ווען ער איז אלט געווען 8 יאר.

אין קורצן: הרב לוקשטיין איז געווען אן אדם השלם, אן איש האשכולות, ווי די „חז"ל טייטשן עס: „איש שהכל בו“. ער איז געווען אן אדם גדול, אן אמת'ער גרויסער מענטש, א בכבודיקער מענטש און א פיינער מענטש, און דאס זיינע מעלות וואס זיינען זייער גרויס טיף פאר א פירער, און הרב לוקשטיין קאן דערפאר דינען אויך ווי א מאדעל, א סימבאל פאר אנדערע זיך אפצולערנען פון אים.

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מיינער טרויערן אויף פטירה פון הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין

צווישען דעם עולם האט מען געזען א סך חסידישע און ליט-ווישע רבנים און רביים. הרב לוקשטיין איז געווען א מחותן פון כ"ק אדמו"ר מבאבא. זיין טאכטער, נחמה נעכע האט געהייראט מיט דעם זון פון באבאער רבין הרב ר' ישראל פרידמאן. אויסער דעם זון און די טאכטער האט הרב לוקשטיין איבער-געלאזט די אלמנה, רביצין גוטע (גורטל) ווי אויך זיבען איי-ניקלעך, צוויי אר-אייניקלעך, א נאנדער ארטור און א שוועסטער סילוויא שאצמאן.

הרב יוסף לוקשטיין האט גע-שטאמט פון דורות רבנים. ער איז געווען א געבוירענער פון רוסלאנד וואו ער האט געהייסען לאקשין. ער פלעגט ליב האבן צו הערציילען, אז ער שטאמט פון ליובאוויטשער יחוס און האט זיך געהאלטען נאענט צו דעם פריערדיגען און איצטיגען לוי-באוויטשער רבין.

אין 1937 האט ער געגרינדעט די רמ"א ישיבה, אויף דעם נאמען פון זיין ווידען, איצט לערנען אין רמ"א איבער 800 תלמידים און תלמידות.

הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין איז געקומען צו קבורה אויף דעם מאונט כרמל בית החיים, וואו עס ליגט אויך הרב נרגילות.

לאנטראפעס, פאראייניגטער אי-דישער אפיל, ישיבות, הישאונט, "וואגרא" קאנפערענץ פאר סא-וועטישע אידען און האט זייער צייט געדינט אלס פרעזידענט פון סינאגאג קאנסיל און פון ניו יארק בארד און ראבאניס. ניו יארק דוואיש קאמיטעי קאונ-סיל, הסתדרות הרבנים, און יו-ניאן און ארטאדאקס דוואיש קאנגרעגיישאנס, אידישען, נא-ציאנאל פאנא און פילע אנדערע גרופעס.

דעם נפטר מספיד געווען הרב ישאל ראטה, ערשטער וויס-פרעז. פון הסתדרות הרבנים, דער איינציגער זון פון דעם נפ-טר, הרב יחזקאל לוקשטיין, וועל-כער האט פארנומען זיין פאטערס ארט אלס דער מנהיג רוחני פון קהילת ישורון און אגפירער פון דער רמ"א ישיבה און הרב דר. נחום לאם, פרעזידענט פון ישי-בת רבנו יצחק אלחנן, וואו הרב לוקשטיין האט געלערנט און באקומען סמיכה, אין זיין צוואה האט הרב לוקשטיין געבעטען, אז צווישען זיינע מספידים זאל זיין דער פרעזידענט פון ישיבה אחי-ווערזיטעט.

די מספידים האבען געשיל-דערט די קאליספולע פערזענליכ-קייט פון דעם נפטר, זיין רבנישען יחוס און זיין איבערגעבענקייט צו בויען און צעמענטירען אי-דישע אהדות און אידישע חינוך מוסדות סיי אין אמעריקע און סיי אין ארץ ישראל.



הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין

גרויס טרויער האט די וואך ארויסגערופען צווישן אלע שיב-טען פון אמעריקאנער אידענטום די פטירה פון דעם פראמינענטען רב און עסקן הרב דר. יוסף חיים לוקשטיין, מרא דאתרא פון דער קהילת ישורון, שוהל אין מאנ-העטען, גרינדער פון דער רמ"א ישיבה און קאנצלער פון בר אילן אוניווערזיטעט.

הרב לוקשטיין איז נפטר גע-ווארען אין עלטער פון 76 יאר, ער איז געווען איינער פון די סאמע פאפולערסטע און דינא-מישטע רבנים אין אמעריקע, א גרויסער רעדנער און טוער און איז געווען אקטיוו אין צענדליגע אידישע ארגאניזאציעס, ווי מור-חי, פערעראציע פון אידישע פי-

וועגן מענטשן, זאכן און געשעענישן

א גרונט יעקסטען

„פובליסיטי“. ער האט מיר אים געקלערט, אז ער מיכט מיט אן אמת צו ווירקען הינטער די קרן ליסען אז עס זאל קומען אן

אויסגלייך אין מען זאל געפינען א גינסטיגע ליוונג אז דעם „מיי-הו יודי“ פראבלעם. עס איז פשוט א גרויסע בארישקייט, וואס טויג אונז דער באצער קאפ-ווייטאג, וואס טויג א מנהל, ווער דארף אז מען זאל אנערקענען פיקטיווע גירותן אין

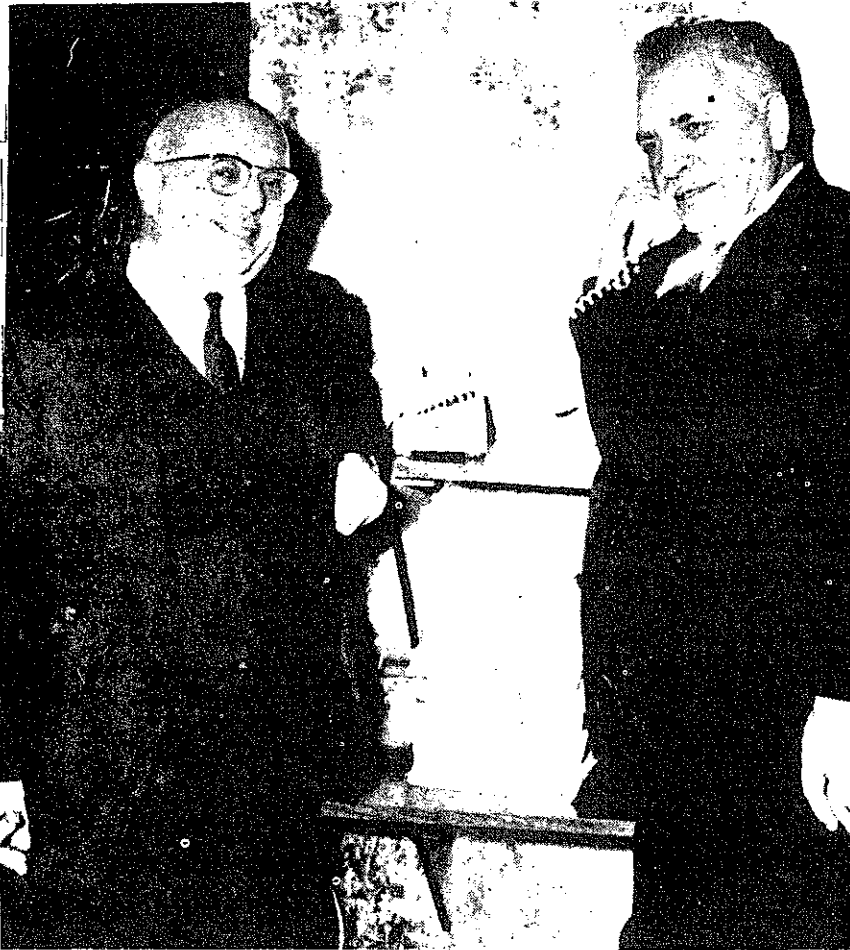
ישראל? — האט הרב לוקשטיין געטענהט.

איצט, אז ער איז שוין ארויפן אויפן עולם האמת, גלויב איך אז מען דארף דערציילען וועגען זיינע באמייאונגען, ביי אידען ווערט דאך א מחשבה נאכה טאג-רעכענען אלס א גוטער טאט. הרב לוקשטיין איז געווען א

קלוגער איד. ער האט פארשטאנען צו שטעלן אן אלס „פאליטישער מורחיסט“ און ארטאדאקסישער מנהיג רוחני קען ער ניט בלייבען גלייכצייטיג צו אים פראגע ווי „מנהיג יודי“, ער האט דאן זיך אויסגעדרוקט אזוי:

„דער ענין איז פאר מיט בא-צילען, וואס קענען צעפלאקערן און פארגיסטען די באציע אט-מאספערע אויף אונזער אידישער גאס. ליגט אויף מיר א פליכט צו באזייטיגען די באצילען איר דער זיי צעשטערן דעם גאנצען פראגנאזיס.“

דער עצם פאקט, וואס א רב האט געהאט אים באציאונג פון אחריות פארייניגט מען זאל עס ווערמאנען איצט, ווען אויפיל איזען טרויערן אויף זיין פטירה און באזייטיגען דעם פארייניגט פון אזא מיגור ווי הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין ז"ל.



דער פארשטאנדענער אינערן מיניסטער פון ישראל, משה שאפירא, און הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין ז"ל

א געהיימע שליוות

געשען איז דאס מיה ניין יאר צוריק. איז א זונטאג נאכמיטאג האט מיר טעלעפאנירט הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין און געבעטען אז איך זאל צו אים קומען. ער וויל מיט מיר רעדן וועגען א דריי-גענדער טאג.

מיט עטליכע טעג שפעטער האבען מיר זיך באגעגענט און הרב לוקשטיין האט מיר אנגא-טרויט א סתם. ער האט דער-ציילט, אז ער פארט קיין ישראל מיט א געהיימער מיסיע. ער וויל אויף א „דיפלאמאטישען יוסף“ ווירקען אז דער דאמאלסדיגער אינערן מיניסטער פון ישראל, משה שאפירא, זאל זיך באמער-ענדערן דעם „חוק השבות“ און אריינשטעלן אין דעם „מיהו יודי“ געזעץ די ווערטער „גיר מולדת“, אז נאך גרים וואס האבן זיך מגייר געווען לויט די דינים פון דער תורה זאלען קענען פאנערקענען ווערן אלס אידען אין ישראל.

הרב לוקשטיין, וועלכער איז גמטר געווארן לעצטן פרייטאג, האט מיר דאן אנגעקאנט, אז איך זאל וועגען דעם קינעם ניט דערציילען און זיכער ניט שרייבען אין די צייטונגען. ער האט געזאגט, אז ער האלט אז די „מיי-הו יודי“ פראגע איז ווער אז אנגעווייטאגטער פראבלעם וואס קען ברענגען פיל שאדען נישט נאר דער מורחיי-פארטיי, נאר קען בכלל שעדיגען דעם גאנצן רעליגיעזן אידענטום, און ספע-ציעל קען עס אונטערגראבען די אידישע מדינה.

— פארוואס ווילט איר עס האלטען בסוד? — האב איך גע-פרעגט ביי הרב לוקשטיין.

ער האט געענטפערט, אז אויב זיין שליוות וועט אריינגיין אין דער עפענטליכקייט וועט מען זאגען אז ער טוט עס צוליב



דער טאטע און דער זון: הרב יוסף חיים לוקשטיין ז"ל און הרב יחזקאל לוקשטיין

הצפה

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מנהטן, מראשי המזרחי והציונות הי
עולמית.
באופן מיוחד זוהי אבידה שאין
לה תמורה לאוניברסיטה הדתית בר
אילן. עם פטירתו של פרופ' פנחס
חורגין מייסדו של בראילן, בשנים
הראשונות להתפתחותה, היתה סכנה
של ירידה, של התפוררות. הרי"ח
לוקשטיין העמיד עליו את העול ה
כבד לדאוג למוסד הרך ועשה גדור
לות ונצורות לביסוסו, ביצורו ו
קידומו לממדיו המרשימים הנוכחיים.
כאות תוקרה על פועליו הגדולים
נבחר הרי"ח לוקשטיין כנגיד תאוד
גיברסיטה לכל ימי חייו. זכרו לא
ימוש מדברי ימג אוניברסיטת ברא
אילן.

לפני שנה קיבל את התואר ד"ר
כבוד מטעם אוניברסיטה בר אילן.
כתב מאמרים וספרים רבים, ביניה
הם: "יהדות להלכה ולמעשה", "ה
אמונה וגורל האדם".

ד"ר ורהפמיג: אברה גדולה
ליהדות ארה"ב

ולאוניברסיטת בראילן

פטירתו של הרב ד"ר יוסף חיים
לוקשטיין ז"ל היא אבידה גדולה.
הלך מיהדות ארה"ב אחד ממנהיגיה
הדגולים, רב נכבד שקיים כחמישים
שנה קהילה ובית כנסת מהתשובים
שבניו יורק, אמן הנאום והדרשה ב
אנגלית, יסד והחזיק בית ספר יומי
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הרב פרופ' יוסף חיים לוקשטיין
נגיד אוניברסיטת בראילן. ואחר
מראשי הקהילה היהודית והחינוך
היהודי בארה"ב, נפטר ביום ה
בניו יורק, בגיל 77.



הרב פרופ' לוקשטיין היה מעורה
בחיי אוניברסיטת בראילן מאז יסד
דה. בשנת 1958 לאחר מותו של
פרופ' פנחס חורגין, מייסד האוני
ברסיטה נבחר הרב לוקשטיין כנשיא
בפועל ולאחר מכן כנגיד אוניבר
סיטת בר אילן. בימי כהונתו גדלה
האוניברסיטה ממוסד של 200 סטוד
נטים לאוניברסיטה של 800 סטוד
נטים.

המנות נולד ברוסיה בשנת 1902
והגיע לארה"ב כילד. קיבל סמיכות
לרבנות ופעל הרבה בתחום החינוך
היהודי. היה ממייסדי המוסד להכ
שרת מורים (לבנות), וכיהן במשך
10 שנים כמנהלו. כמו כן היה אחד
ממייסדי בית הספר היהודי ישיבת
רמ"ן וכיהן כמנהלו במשך 30 שנה.
שימש כפרופ' בישיבה אוניברסיטה
בסוציולוגיה למרשנות ולרבנות. ב
משך 50 שנה היה רבה של קהילת
"שורון" בניו יורק.

היה פעיל בעניינים רבים בקהילה
היהודית וזכה להכרה ולהוקרה רבה.

A Giant of the Spirit

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

A personal tribute by Robert Gordis

The passing of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein has deprived American and world Jewry of one of its truly eminent figures. The columns of obituaries in the newspapers and the extensive eulogies published throughout the world have high-lighted his extraordinary achievements as the rabbi of Congregation Kehilat Jeshurun, the architect of the Ramaz School, the Chancellor of Bar-Ilan University, and a leader in virtually every movement and cause dedicated to the welfare of Klal Yisrael, in America, in Israel and throughout the world.

I believe that as important as his achievements is his role as a model, a symbol of a type of Jewish leadership and loyalty that has grown all too rare in our generation.

Our friendship began before my Bar Mitzvah, when he was only a few years past his. It is from the vantage point of this life-long relationship that I should like to pay a personal tribute to him. His life demonstrated that profound devotion to one's own convictions can go hand in hand with genuine respect for the convictions of others. His commitment to Orthodox Judaism did not lead him to denigrate those who adhered to other philosophies, whether they differed much or little from his own.

Two factors, I believe, made it possible for him to unite loyalty to his own views with tolerance for other opinions. The first was his total adherence to what, with apologies to the Latin poet Terence, I regard as the ideal credo of a Jew. *Judaus sum et nihil humani atque judaici alienum me esse puto*, "I am a Jew and nothing human or Jewish is alien to me." The second factor that made for the character of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein was his sense of humor. By this I do not merely mean his superb gifts as a raconteur, for he was fully at home in the rich treasure-trove of Jewish folklore and traditional wisdom. It goes far beyond the knack of telling funny stories. His gift of humor gave him a sense of balance and proportion, so that he

never confused himself with God or assumed that his ideas were Divine pronouncements. His sense of humor served as the foundation for his boundless love of humanity and his genuine humility.

"He was my friend, faithful and just to me." In the last analysis, whenever we mourn a loss, it is what *we* have lost that we mourn. During the early years, when he was rabbi of a fashionable congregation and I was a principal and teacher in Hebrew schools in the Bronx, he was a welcome and cherished visitor in our home. When he organized the Hebrew Teachers' Training School for Girls, which later was the nucleus for Stern College, he encountered indifference and even opposition. Nevertheless, he persisted in creating the school, on the faculty of which I served during its first, formative years.

Years later, when I became Rabbi of Temple Beth-El of Rockaway Park, I determined to establish what is now the oldest day school in the Conservative movement. I was able to turn for counsel and aid to two dissimilar but dedicated leaders in the field of Jewish day-school education. One was the late Joel Braverman, principal of the Yeshiva of Flatbush; the other was Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, founder and principal of the Ramaz School. Both generously placed their experience and expertise at my disposal, so that we could avoid many an error and pitfall in launching the school. Years later, I was instrumental in having the Jewish Theological Seminary confer an honorary degree upon Joel Braverman. Joseph Lookstein, fortunately, did not lack for recognition.

Both educators knew that the study of Torah, as the Sages of old understood it, unites Jews meaningfully instead of dividing them needlessly. In the rich legacy of achievement that Joseph H. Lookstein has left behind him, not the least is the man himself. *Yehi zikaro baruch!*

די לעבנס פילאזאפיע פון הרב דר. יוסף חיים לוקשטיין

מער טוען אין זייערע גהילות. פונקט פארקערט: מיר באקעמפן שטענדיק אין דער הסתדרות הרבנים די אלע רעפארמיסטישע און קאנ-סערוואטיבע טענדענצן.

אח טאקע א דאנק דער דאזיקער לעבנס-פילאזאפיע פון הרב לוקשטיין, און זיינס גלייכן, האט די ארטאדאקסיע אין אמעריקע פאר-צייכנט גרויסע געווינסן פאר איר דישע אינטערעסן און פאר אידיש-קייט בכלל אין אמעריקע.

הרב לוקשטיין, ווי דר. פינחס חורגין, נ"ע, האבן געענליכט אין דער דרינגענדער נויטיקייט פון א רעליגיעזער אינטעלי-גענץ פאר דער אידישער מדינה, באזירט אויף תורה לערנען און יראת שמים. און הרב לוקשטיין האט צו מיר, ביי פארשיידענע צע-לעגנהייטן, געזאגט, אז דער דא-זיקער גלויבן האט זיך ארויסגעוויזן צו זיין א ריכטיקער, די פירות פון די אפגעלאפענע 24 יאר, פון בר-אילו, האבן עס באשטעטיקט. געווע-זענע סטודענטן פון בראילא צע-פינט, מען היינט אלס פארטיידיקער פון רעליגיעזע אינטערעסן אין אלע קרייזן און שיכטן פון דער מדינה.

און גאר באוונדערט שטאלץ אין הרב לוקשטיין געווען מיט דעם גלענצענדן יוראקא דעפארטמענט און דער עיקר — מיט דעם „כולל" פון בר-אילו, וואס הרב לוקשטיין האט באטראכט ווי זיין בעסטע שא-פונג. א „כולל" — אין עכטן ישיבה גייסט, וואו עס האבן דעם לעצטן יאר געלערנט 135 כוללניקעס — אין צוגאב צו די 8 טויזנט סטו-דענטן פון בראילא.

און אט די אלע גייסטיקע שא-פונגען פון הרב לוקשטיין, ווי אויך זיינע געבענטשטע געזעלשאפטלעכע טעטיקייטן אויף דער ברייטער אידישער וועלט פאנאראמע, זיינען די ליכטיקע שטראלן וואס האבן ארויסגעשיינט פון דער ליכטיקער, לעבנס-פילאזאפיע פון דער שיינער, פערזענלעכקייט, וואס אין אזוי פראמינענט באקאנט געווען אין אמעריקע און אין ישראל מיט'ן נאמען — הרב דר. יוסף חיים לוקשטיין!

ער האט געהאט א שיינעם נאמען ביי זיין לעבן, און ער האט דעם שיינעם נאמען אויך איבערגעלאזן פאר די שפעטערע דורות.

מיר האבן דא אויסגעזעכנט די אלע דערמאנטע קערפערשאפטן ארגאניזאציעס און רעזיאנאנציעס סטיטועס, וואו הרב לוקשטיין האט אקטיוו געוויקלט מיט זיין גע-לערנאמקייט, חכמה און פאקטיקייט, נישט נאר צו זען פון דעם ווי פאר-נאמען ער איז געווען, נאר הויפט-זעכלעך צו דרייטען פון דעם אויף זיין לעבנס-פילאזאפיע פון אריינ-ברענגען אהדות און שלום צווישן די פארשיידענע אידישע קרייזן פון אמעריקע לטובת בשותפות'דיקע אידישע אינטערעסן פאר די מדינה פון אמעריקע און אויך פאר דעם אויסבוי פון מדינת ישראל.

ווען ס'איז גוגע די אינטערעסן פון כלל ישראל, האט הרב לוקשטיין געענליכט, אין וויכטיק צו שאפן א געמיינזאמען, געווענ-שאפטלעכן הארץ איבער אלע פאר-שיידענע געטילטע אידישעלאגישע קערפערשאפטן, צו ווירקן פאר דער טובה פון אידן, אידישע אינטערעסן און גויטן, און דעפאר האט הרב לוקשטיין געהאלטן, פון אויך אן ארטאדאקסישער רב טאר זיך נישט איינלירן פון כלל ישראל און זאגן „אני את נפשי הצלתי" און איבער-לאזן די כלל ישראל אינטערעסן פאר אנדערע.

אויף דער טראגע האט הרב לוקשטיין מיר אמאל זאגן געזאגט: „מיר האבן אויך א שיטה! מיר גייען אין די וועגן פון רבנו של עולם, ווי עס שטייט אין דער תפילה וואס איר זאגן יום כיפור צו „נעילה": „אתה נותן יד לפושעים..." אז דער רבנו של עולם איז דער וואס שטרעקט אויס דער ערשטער זיין האנט אפילו צו

די זינדיקע... צו די אפגעפרעמד-סטע אידן, און הרב לוקשטיין האט מוסר געווען:

„אהדות ישראל, פאר כלל אינ-טערעסן, צו פארטיידיקן כלפי חוץ די אידישע לעבנס-נויטיקע אינטער-רעסן מיינט נישט, אז מיר זיינען מסכים מיט דעם וואס די רעפאר-

„פאלעסטינער קאמיטעט פון דער אמעריקע דזשואיש קאנסערגענץ" (פאר דער גרינדונג פון מדינת יש-ראל), און אלס דער טשערמאן פון דער דערמאנטער קאמיטעט האט הרב לוקשטיין זיך אויך באטייליקט אין די גרינדונגס-סעסיעס פון דער יר-באטיטער געזאגט אין סאן פראנ-ציסקא.

הרב לוקשטיין איז אויך געווען דער איינציקער רבנישער באאד-מעמבער אין „דזשאנט", אין די מלחמה-יאָרן איז ער אויך געווען א מיטגליד פון דער „געשאנאל דזש-איש וועלפער באאד", און צייטונג וויין אויך איר טשערמאן.

אין די מלחמה-יאָרן, ווי א מיט-גליד און טשערמאן פון „געשאנאל דזשואיש וועלפער באאד", וועל-כע האט אנגעפירט מיט די אידי-שע טשאפליינס און מיט די נויטן פון אידישע סאלדאטן, האט הרב לוקשטיין דאן באזוכט פארשיידענע אמעריקאנער מיליטערישע קאנסט-לאציעס פון „קאסט טו קאסט", אין די אינטערעסן פון דעם אידישן סאלדאט, און צו דעם אלעם איז נאך הרב לוקשטיין געווען אויך אן טייל אין מזרחי און ביי אלע אנ-דערע ציוניסטישע אקטיוויטעטן, ווי קאנסערגענץ און קאנגרעסן פאר ציוניזם און מדינת ישראל.

אח טאמער איז דאס נאך אלץ ווייניק געווען, און ער איז יאר 1957 איינגעלאזן געווארן איבער-צונעמען דעם יאָר און די אקארד-מישע פירערשאפט פון דעם נאך-דאן גייגעריגערעטן בראילא אוני-ווערזיטעט אין רמת גן, ישראל. דאס איז געווען נאך דער פלוז-לונגדיקער פטירה פון דר. פינחס חורגין, גרינדער און בויער פון בר-אילו.

ביז דעם יאר 1966 איז הרב דר. לוקשטיין געווען דער פרעזידענט פון בראילא, און זינט 1966 איז ער אויסדערוויילט געווארן צו זיין קאנצלער פון אוניווערזיטעט (גליד האוניברסיטה), ער האט געדינט

אין דעם סאט ביז דעם לעצטן טאג פון זיין לעבן.

געוועזענער פרעזידענט און קאנצלער פון בראילא אוני-ווערזיטעט אין ישראל. — זיי-נע רייכע געזעלשאפטלעכע טעטיקייטן און אפיציעלע אמתן אין דער אידישער אמעריקע. — ער איז אויך געווען אן איבערגעגעבענער פריינט פון „פארוערסט". — נאך שטריכן פון זיין שיינער פערזענלעכקייט.

פון הרב אהרן בן ציון שורין

הרב דר. יוסף חיים לוקשטיין, נ"ע, וועלכער איז נפטר געווארן י"ח תמוז, תשל"ט, איז געווען איי-נער פון די קאליפארנישע רבנישע פערזענלעכקייטן, מיט אן אייגנאר-טיקער לעבנס-פילאזאפיע, אין ברוי-זענדן אידישן לעבן, סאי דא איז אמעריקע און סאי אין מדינת יש-ראל, און אט די אייגנארטיקע לע-בענס-פילאזאפיע האט געפירט הרב לוקשטיין צו זיין אקטיוו באטייליקט אין כמעט אלע נאציאנאלע וויכטיקסטע ארגאניזאציעס און קערפערשאפטן פון אמעריקע, ווי אויך אין די אינסטיטוציעס פון תורה-לערנען און וועלטלעכער ביל-דונג.

לאמיר הא פרוכירן אויסרעכענען א צאל פון זיינע אפיציעלע אמתן וואס ער האט געהאלטן אין דאזי-פון יארן, אויף וויפל עס דינט מיר מיין אינפארמאציע:

א חוץ זיין הויפט רבנישן אמת אין דער קהילת ישורון אלס איר גייסטיקער פירער פאר איבער 50 יאר, האט הרב לוקשטיין געדינט ווי דער פרעזידענט פון דער אר-טאדאקסישער הסתדרות הרבנים; ווי דער פרעזידענט פון דעם ניר-יאָרשע באאד; און ראבאנים; ווי דער פרעזידענט פון דעם סינאגא-קאנסיל; ווי דער טשערמאן פון „קארשא", אן אינטערנאציאנאלע ארגאניזאציע פאר אידישע דער-ציאונג; ווי דער טשערמאן פון דער

JULY 16, 1979

גפטר נגיד אוניברסיטת בראילן הרב פרופ' יוסף חיים לוקשטיין

פרשנות ולרבנות. חמישים שנה הוא היה רבה של "קהילת ישורון" ב"גני-יוק". הרב המלומד היה פעיל בעניינים רבים בקהילה היהודית וזכה להכרה ולהוקרה. לפני שנה קיבל תואר דוקטור.



יוסף חיים לוקשטיין

קטור לשם כבוד מטעם אוניברסיטת בראילן. כתב מאמרים וספרים רבים, ביניהם: "יהדות להלכה ולמעשה" ו"האמונה וצורל האדם".

הרב פרופ' יוסף חיים לוקשטיין, נגיד אוניברסיטת בראילן ואחד מראשי הקהילה היהודית ומראשי ת"ח חינוך היהודי בארצות הברית, נפטר ביום ו'.

היה מעורה בחיי אוניברסיטת בראילן מאז ייסודה. בשנת 1958, לאחר פטירתו של פרופ' פנחס חורגין, מייסד האוניברסיטה, נבחר נשיא בפועל, ולאחר מכן נגיד אוניברסיטת בראילן. בימי כהונתו גדלה האוניברסיטה ממוסד של 200 סטודנטים לאוניברסיטה של 8 אלף סטודנטים, נולד ברוסיה בשנת 1902 והגיע לארצה"ב כילד. קיבל סמיכות לרבנות ופעל הרבה בשטח החינוך היהודי: הוא היה ממייסדי המוסד להכשרת כוהנים (לבנות), וכיהן במשך 10 שנים כמנהל.

וכן הוא היה אחד ממייסדי בית הספר היהודי רמ"ז וכיהן כמנהל משך 30 שנה. הוא שימש כפרופסור בקשיבה יוניברסיטי לסוציולוגיה, ל

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OBITUARY

Rabbi Dr Joseph Lookstein

Rabbi Dr Joseph Lookstein, life chancellor of Bar-Ilan University, who has died, at the age of 77, was one of Jewry's foremost educationists and an eminent scholar rabbi who for 55 years had been minister of New York's Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

He was born in Russia of a family of 13 generations of rabbis and emigrated to the United States in 1910. He was ordained at the Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and received his secular education at the College of the City of New York and at Columbia University.

As a leader in the Zionist movement Rabbi Lookstein served as vice-president of the Mizrahi Organisation of America and represented that body at World Zionist Congresses.

In a lifetime devoted to Jewish education, one of his most notable achievements was to found, in 1937, the Ramaz School in New York City, of which he became the head. This distinctive Jewish day school has served as a prototype for many schools throughout the USA.

In 1931 he became professor of homiletics and Jewish sociology at the Yeshiva University. He was



appointed Chancellor at Bar-Ilan in 1966, having been for eight years previously acting president of the university.

Under his guidance, Bar-Ilan grew, over a period of 25 years, from 200 students to over 8,000. The graduation, in the last week of his life, of no fewer than 1,400 students, provided eloquent testimony to his dynamic leadership.

In 1976 he was appointed president of the Synagogue Council of America, the overall religious representative body of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism in the USA.

מורכני ראש ועטופי יגון
מבכים אנו את הסתלקותו של
האי גברא רבא איש דרעיון והמעש

מרא דאתרא
של
קהילת ישורון
ומייסד
ישיבת רמ"ז

מורנו ורבנו

הרה"נ ר' יוסף חיים לוקשטיין ז"ל

שהאציל מרוחו הנעלה על צאן מרעיתו חברי בית הכנסת קהילת ישורון,
מורי ותלמידי ישיבת רמ"ז, וכל האגודות הקשורות להן:

חבר הנאמנים, אגוד הנשים,
אגוד ההורים, אגוד הגברים,
ואגוד הזוגות הצעירים.



בהמשכת והעמקת רעיונותיו הדגולים לטובת החנוך התורני, ואהבת
ישראל בכל אתר ואתר, תתנחם משפחתו המיידית, והמשפחה המורחבת
של רמ"ז, וקהילת ישורון, ועם ישראל כולו.

Deaths

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun mourns with profoundest grief the passing of its illustrious Rabbi and teacher, Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, who served the Congregation with extraordinary devotion and love for more than fifty years. He was indeed a giant of American Judaism in this century. His service to the greater Jewish community of New York, to world Jewry and, not the least, to Israel—all of which he performed with the same unflinching zeal up to the very end—made him well-known and highly-respected throughout the world. His vision in creating and administering Ramaz School was unique and set the pattern for much of what is good and pertinent in modern Jewish education. But however much he may have devoted himself to other worthwhile institutions and causes, he cared most for our Congregation, the members of which he regarded as much a part of his family as his wife and children. Therefore, just as his passing will leave an unfillable void in the lives of his beloved wife, Gertrude, his daughter, Nathalie Friedman, his son, our esteemed Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his brother, Arthur, his sister, Sylvia Schatzman, and all other members of his family, so will there be an unfillable void in our Congregation. Just as his family will mourn, so, too, shall we all mourn the passing of this great, pious and genuinely good man. May his memory be a blessing for all who mourn him. May his family be comforted among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun
LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Ramaz School is grieved over the loss of its Founder. Our School and every student will always bear the mark of his educational genius and personality. His devotion to the idea of Jewish scholarship and knowledge thoroughly integrated with American tradition marked his own life and the School which he created and led as Principal for over 40 years. It was the success of the School in continuing to nurture thousands of children in their heritage which gave him most pleasure and for which he will always be remembered by us.

RAMAZ SCHOOL
Lawrence A. Kobrin,
Chairman of the Board
A. Phillip Goldsmith,
Joseph Lorch,
Honorary Chairmen
Judy Tanz,
President, Parents' Council
Albert Goetz,
Chairman, Faculty Council
Dr. Noam Shudofsky,
Administrator

LOOKSTEIN—RABBI JOSEPH H. The Sisterhood of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun mourns the passing of our beloved Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. He and his entire family—his dear son, our Rabbi Haskel

Lookstein, his adoring wife, Gertrude, and his beloved daughter-in-law, Audrey, who are both former presidents of the Sisterhood, and his cherished daughter, Nathalie Friedman, herself a member of the Sisterhood—devoted themselves tirelessly to the well-being of our entire Congregation. He shared our joys and we shared his. He shared our sorrows and now it is our unhappy task to try to console his family as he and they have always tried to console us in times of tragedy. May they be comforted among all those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Sisterhood
Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun
LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Officers of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign are profoundly saddened at the passing of one of the great Jewish leaders of our time. Throughout his life, he expressed a deep concern for the plight of oppressed Jews everywhere and was an eloquent spokesman, leader and supporter of our cause. We extend heartfelt condolences to his wife Gertrude and children Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Mrs. Nathalie Friedman.

Laurence A. Tisch, President
Ernest W. Michel and
Sanford Solender, Exec Vice Presidents

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Adored husband of Gertrude. Beloved father of Nathalie Friedman and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. Dearest brother of Arthur Lookstein and Sylvia Schatzman. Devoted father-in-law of Audrey Lookstein and Israel Friedman. Cherished grandfather of Steven and Sheira Schacter. Jessica and Allen Gribetz, Judy and Mark Tykocinski, Naomi Schacter, Mindy Lookstein, Debbie Lookstein, Shira Lookstein and Joshua Lookstein. Precious great-grandfather of Erica Schacter and Elizabeth Schacter. Funeral services today, Sunday, at 12 noon at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, 125 East 85th Street.

LOOKSTEIN—RABBI JOSEPH H. The Couples' Club of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun expresses its profound sorrow at the passing of our great Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. For more than fifty years, he and his beloved wife Gertrude were, indeed, the first and foremost couple in our Congregation. He was close to all of us as a friend, counselor, rabbi, and teacher. Words are really inadequate to express our grief at this moment. May his memory be a blessing to all of his family, friends, students and congregants who mourn him.

Couples' Club
Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee deeply mourns the death of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, an honored member of our executive committee, a devoted friend and admired colleague. His association with the JDC began almost 35 years ago when he undertook a mission to South America. He continued to serve the JDC as he served his people and his country in many ways through the years, giving eloquent expression to his learning, his compassion and his dedication to humanity. He reached a high station and gained wide renown and remained a modest and gentle man, possessed of a ready smile and a grand sense of humor. In behalf of the officers, board of directors, and staff, we join with fellow Jews in the U.S. and overseas in mourning his passing. To his bereaved family we offer deepest sympathy.

Donald M. Robinson, Pres.
Jack D. Weller, Chmn Brd of Dir.
Ralph I. Goldman, Exec V.P.

LOOKSTEIN—DR. JOSEPH H. We mourn the loss of the Chancellor of Bar-Ilan University. His devoted support and brilliant leadership started with the formative years of the University. Under his guidance, the University was brought to its position as an educational leader in Israel and in the Jewish world. His care of the welfare of all parts of the University reflected his remarkable personality, his concern for education, his love of the Jewish people, and his commitment to the State of Israel. His friendship, his guidance, and his wisdom will be sorely missed.

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY
Dr. Emanuel Rackman,
President
Phillip Stollman,
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Jane Stern,
President, Board of Overseers
Rabbi Karpol Bender,
Executive Vice Chairman

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H., we mourn the passing of our dear friend, rabbi and teacher. We have suffered a severe loss.
Brown Family

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Massad family mourns the loss of a great and inspired leader in Jewish education. We join with his son, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, our Board member, and all the family in their sorrow over this loss to the entire Jewish Community.

MASSAD CAMPS, INC.
Jerome Lefkowitz,
President
Shlomo Shulsinger,
Founder

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph. The members of the James Striar family express condolences to the family of Rabbi Joseph Lookstein. He was a very close friend and will be remembered for the many wonderful deeds performed throughout the world. He was a very active leader and educator of Jewish life. Our entire family will miss him very much.
The James Striar Family

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. We are terribly and deeply saddened at the passing of our dear Rabbi who besides being our beloved leader, was also, through so many years, our personal friend. We convey our sincerest condolences to his dear wife, Gertrude, to his children and to all the members of his family.
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Salzman

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Men's Club of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun expresses its great grief and sorrow at the passing of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, who was the guiding spirit behind the formation of the Men's Club, in which he took such a strong interest for so many years. We shall miss his wisdom, his wit and his piety more than it is possible for us to express. May his family be comforted among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.
Men's Club
Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H. The Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization (WAGRO) is deeply grieved at the passing of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, a great friend and spiritual leader. We, the survivors of the Holocaust, pay tribute to his efforts on our behalf and offer deepest sympathy to his bereaved family and congregation.
Benjamin Meed,
President, WAGRO
Hirsch Altusky,
Executive Secretary

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LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H., the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach is deeply distressed by the passing of a great Rabbinic personality, an eloquent orator, a trailblazing educator, a superb teacher, a dynamic leader who gave shape to Jewish life in the United States and Israel. He was, at the same time, an irresistible personality who inspired lasting friendship and aroused many to magnificent acts of sacrifice and commitment. The Jewish community is impoverished by his passing. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Dr. Sol Roth, Rabbi
Samuel Borenstein, President
Hermann Merkin, Chairman,
Board of Trustees

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H., Congregation B'nai Jehuda, the Yorkville Synagogue, joins with the entire Jewish community in mourning the loss of Joseph H. Lookstein, Rabbi, teacher and leader in K'lal Yisrael. May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

J. David Bleich, Rabbi
Edwin J. Blick, Chairman

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. We deeply mourn the loss of our friend and teacher. His towering presence graced every significant occasion of our lives. His wit, warmth and concern enlarged our joys and eased our sorrows. Our most sincere condolences to his wife, Gertrude, to his children, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Natalie Friedman and to all Bnai Yisrael.
Carol & Mel Newman and Family

Deaths

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The New York Board of Rabbis grievously mourns the passing of its distinguished Past President whose 50th anniversary as a member of our Board was to be celebrated this year. His dedication to the rabbinic community was demonstrated through his active involvement in our most important programs. His wise counsel and dynamic leadership guided the Board to greater service to the Jewish community, inspired his colleagues with zeal for their sacred calling and enhanced the image of the American Rabbinate. A trailblazing educator and eloquent preacher, he matched creed with deed, words with work. His love for K'lal Yisroel was translated into service and respect for colleagues and laymen of every positive Jewish religious ideology. A most valued of his many legacies to our Board is his beloved son, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Officer of the New York Board of Rabbis. Heartfelt condolences to Gertrude, Haskel, Natalie and the entire family. Rabbi Joseph Lookstein was a blessing to us in life. His memory will surely inspire us to continued service to the Jewish community and humanity.

RABBI BARUCH SILVERSTEIN,
President
RABBI JUDAH CAHN, Chairman
of the Board
RABBI PAUL L. HAIT, Executive
Director

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. American Mizrahi Women are deeply saddened by the passing of a devoted friend and great spiritual leader. A dedicated champion of his people and Medinat Israel, he gave unique leadership to the causes that enhance and furthered religious life in all its aspects. Heartfelt condolences to his wife Gertrude, son Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, daughter Nathalie, daughter-in-law Audrey, son-in-law Israel, and their families, all devoted supporters of our cause.

Mrs. Sarah Shane,
National President
Mrs. Charlotte Kline,
National Board Chairwoman
Marvin Leff, Executive Director

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. We mourn the passing of our friend and mentor, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. His devotion to the Jewish people, to education and to young people was untiring, and his advocacy for the rights of Soviet Jews was unceasing. Jews throughout the world have suffered a great loss. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his wife, his son Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, a former member of our Executive Committee, and his entire family. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

Burton D. Levinson, Chairman
Jerry Goodman, Executive Director
National Conference on Soviet Jewry

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph. The officers and directors of The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America mourn the passing of the distinguished spiritual leader of one of our foremost Orthodox synagogues and a pioneer of Jewish education. Rabbi Lookstein made a lasting contribution to the Orthodox community and Israel in over 50 years of distinguished service and leadership. May his many friends and family be comforted among the mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.

Julius Berman, President
Harold M. Jacobs, Chairman,
Board of Directors
Rabbi Pinchas Stolper,
Executive Vice President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. We mourn the loss of a great friend and we extend our sympathy to beloved Gertrude, his wife, and Rabbi Haskel and Natalie.
K'lal Israel lost a great lover.
Margie and J. Harry Frankel

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H. Emunah Women of America note with profound sorrow the passing of an arduous and benevolent worker for Torah and Eretz Israel.
Shirley Billet, National President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph. The Jewish Community Relation Council of NY and its 27 member agencies deeply mourn the passing of this distinguished leader of NY and World Jewry. His unique combination of strength & gentleness, leadership & service, of Torah and Secular knowledge had earned him the respect & admiration of all he encountered. His guidance and assistance will be sorely missed. We pray that his son, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, who carries on in the tradition of his father, and the entire Lookstein family will know of no further sorrow and will be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Richard Ravitch, Pres
Malcolm Hoenlein, Exec Dir

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph. The United Synagogue of America mourns the loss of a great leader and educator in the Jewish Community. A luminous soul and eloquent preacher, Rabbi Lookstein always emphasized the over-arching importance of K'lal Yisroel. We share in the burden of his loss and we pray that his family and his disciples will be comforted by the magnificent heritage that he has left for us all.

Simon Schwartz, President
Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman,
Executive Vice President

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H. Congregation Bnai Jeshurun joins the entire world Jewish community in deeply mourning the passing of our distinguished neighbor and respected colleague, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. Most especially, at this grievous hour, we link hand and heart with our neighboring congregation, Kehillath Jeshurun. For while we have shared in part the same name and in full the same values, now we must share their pain and anguish upon the loss of a great and mighty spiritual leader. Like Joseph of old, Rabbi Lookstein wove many radiant colors into his coat of communal activities, leaving in turn the fabric of Jewish life stronger and richer than before. Whether the cause was a Torah education for every age or Zionism or Ecumenicism or Jewish unity or the revitalized synagogue, Joseph H. Lookstein, for more than half a century, lent them all his original blend of wit, wisdom, energy and enthusiasm. He was among the last of an era that was singular for its giants, men of vision and deed, men who were never echoes in the chorus of Jewish life but vigorous resounding voices calling us to do and to act, to build and be rebuilt. Indeed through his subtle embrace of tradition and modernity both, or religious and not-yet-religious alike, this Joseph served as a stirring model and mentor to all his brothers in the Household of Jacob. Sadly, a Rabbi has departed from this earth and we are the poorer for it. For we know that his kind of figure may be succeeded but never replaced. And now if we should seek Joseph our brother, we shall have to discover him in memory and good deeds and in a legacy which will continue to guide and inspire us all. To the congregation and most particularly to my esteemed colleague, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, and the entire family go our deepest sympathy and profoundest prayer that in the days ahead God may wipe the tears from all grieving faces with His merciful lovingkindness.

William Berkowitz, Rabbi
Charles H. Silver, Pres

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Fifth Avenue Synagogue offers its profound sympathy to the family of a brilliant visionary leader of American and Israeli Jewry, and pioneer in Jewish education for all ages. We share the bereavement with his family and our sister congregation, Kehillath Jeshurun, and pray that the Almighty console them in this great loss. **Nisson E. Shulman,** Rabbi
Adolph A. Kreitman, President
Henry Hirsch, Chairman

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. JWB mourns the passing of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, a founder and former Chairman of JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. He received the Frank L. Weil Award of JWB in 1957 for his "distinguished contribution to the welfare of Jewish Personnel in the US Armed Forces." JWB's condolences are extended to members of his bereaved family.

Robert L. Adler, President
Arthur Rofman, Executive Vice President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Upper East Side Jewish Community Council mourns the loss of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, revered spiritual and communal leader, and beloved father of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, a distinguished member of our Executive Committee. We extend heartfelt condolences to all members of the Lookstein Family.

Elihu Rose, Chairman, Upper East Side Jewish Community Council
LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Trustees of the Gustav Wurzelweiser Foundation mourn the passing of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. From the inception of the Foundation, he took a leading part in its work and guided his fellow trustees in their deliberations and decisions. His illuminating personality and his counsel will be sorely missed.

Max Gruenewald, Vice President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy mourns the passing of its illustrious past chairman a founder of the commission and one of its leading members since World War II. Our heartfelt condolences go to his bereaved family.

Rabbi Judah Nadich, Chairman
Rabbi Gilbert Kollin, Director

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. We record with deep sorrow the passing of a revered member of our board of trustees. May the family be comforted together with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

"Emet"—Rabbi Herzog World

Academy
Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman,

Chairman
Lookstein—Rabbi Joseph H. Park East Synagogue Congregation Zichron Ephraim mourns the loss of a great educator and Rabbi, and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the members of his family signed.

Rabbi Arthur Schneier
Jules M. Sax, President
Harry Bardin, Vice President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. All the Members of the Rabbinic Alumni of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary an Affiliate of Yeshiva University, grievously mourn the tragic loss of our distinguished former president, revered mentor, dedicated teacher and exemplary spokesman. His profound impact upon the lives of his countless students in the Rabbinate today is a living tribute to his lasting contributions to American Jewry. Our warmest sympathies to his illustrious son, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, the current president of our Rabbinic Alumni, and all his dear family.

Rabbi Abraham Avrech, Director.

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. We mourn the loss of a beloved friend and past president. A great educator, he was teacher to generations. A pioneer in Torah education, he built Torah institutions here and in Israel. His silver tongue, inspired ever greater effort to Orthodox Judaism. We extend our deepest sympathies to his son, our member, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, and to the grieving family. May they be comforted with all who mourn in Zion.

Rabbinical Council of America

Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig, Pres.

Rabbi Sol Roth, First V.P.

Rabbi Milton H. Polin, Secy.

Rabbi Israel Klavan, Exec. V.P.

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H. We mourn the passing of our beloved and esteemed friend. His devotion to the memory of the six million martyrs and his true friendship for the survivors of the Holocaust reflected his noble and great personality. His memory will always be with us. Our deepest sympathy to the entire Lookstein family.

World Federation of

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Hadassah Rosensaff

Sam E. Bloch

Norbert Wollheim

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Park Avenue Synagogue Family extends a hand of friendship and sympathy to its neighboring congregation, Kehillath Jeshurun, at a time of sorrow and bereavement. They have lost their teacher and guide, but are the fortunate beneficiaries of his wisdom, wit and learning, which will continue to inspire them in the future as in the past.

DR. JUDAH NADICH, Rabbi
GEORGE M. SHAPIRO, Chairman
of the Board
ABRAHAM I. SHERR, President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Lincoln Square Synagogue mourns the passing of a great rabbi and teacher in Israel, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Shlomo Riskin, Rabbi
Stanley Getzler, President

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LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H. Rabbi. The members of Temple Shaaray Tefila extend heartfelt sympathy to our brothers and sisters of Kehillath Jeshurun and to the Lookstein family. May God comfort you and all the mourners of Zion.

Rabbi Harvey M. Tattelman
Bernard J. Bamberger, Rabbi
Emeritus
H. Roger Spiegel, President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph. Congregation Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue mourns the loss of a great leader in Jewry. We extend our sympathy to his family and congregation who can be comforted in the knowledge that his life's labors will live on through generations to come.

Edgar J. Nathan, III, President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. We mourn the passing of a great Rabbi and teacher in Israel. May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

West Side Institutional Synagogue
Dr. O. Asher Reichel, Rabbi
William Foont, President

Deaths

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The officers, board members and staff of Jewish Education of Greater New York deeply mourn the passing of esteemed honorary board member, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. His illustrious career as educator and Rabbi was highlighted by his pioneering efforts for the Jewish Day School, teacher training and higher Jewish education. We will remember his lifelong concern for all Jewish youth and his brilliant leadership to Klal Yisrael. Our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife Gertrude and to his children Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Mrs. Natalie Friedman and their families. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Alvin K. Hellerstein, President
Dr. Alvin I. Schiff, Exec. Vice Pres
Arthur Barcan, Chairman of the Bd

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H., Rabbi. The Officers, Plenum, and Constituent Organizations of the Synagogue Council of America, feel the profound grief of the loss of the leadership, dedication, and inspiration of its former President, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. His strengthening of the Synagogue, of Torah, and the Jewish people in this land and in Israel, reflected his personal piety, scholarship, and love for his people and all people. Master teacher and orator, his many talents gave new direction and purpose to the total American Jewish religious community as represented by the Synagogue Council. All who were privileged to be touched by the blessings of his example and influence experience a most personal sense of sorrow. We extend our deepest sympathy to his precious wife, to his son, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, our Associate and colleague, and to his loving family.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, President
Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, Executive Vice-President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee deeply mourns the death of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, an honored member of our executive committee, a devoted friend and admired colleague. His association with the JDC began almost 35 years ago when he undertook a mission to South America. He continued to serve the JDC as he served his people and his country in many ways through the years, giving eloquent expression to his learning, his compassion and his dedication to humanity. He reached a high station and gained wide renown and remained a modest and gentle man, possessed of a ready smile and a grand sense of humor. In behalf of the officers, board of directors, and staff, we join with fellow Jews in the U.S. and overseas in mourning his passing. To his bereaved family we offer deepest sympathy.

Donald M. Robinson, Pres.
Jack D. Weiler, Chrmn Bd of Dir.
Ralph I. Goldman, Exec V.P.

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Religious Zionists of America deeply mourn the passing of a prominent leader of our movement, member of its Executive Board, great educator, Chancellor of Bar-Ilan University, and express condolences to the bereaved family.

Rabbi Dr. Louis Bernstein, President
Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, Chairman, Executive Board
Shragal Cohen, Treasurer
Israel Friedman, Executive Vice Pres.

Greater New York Council
Rabbi Ezra Gellman, President
George Bomzer, Chairman, Board
Rabbi David Winter, Exec. Director

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Yeshiva Torah Vodaath and Mesivta faculty and student body records with deep sorrow the passing of a great friend and spiritual leader Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, a generous benefactor of our Yeshiva. We extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to his wife Gertrude and his son Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and to the entire bereaved family. May the Almighty send them solace and spare them from further sorrow.

Henry Hirsch, President
Fred F. Weiss, Chairman of the Board

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Officers and Staff of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry mourn the loss of Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, a great teacher of the Jewish People, and the beloved father of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, our Associate Chairman. A pioneering leader has been taken from us. May the Lookstein family be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

Mervin Riseman, Chairman
Margy Ruth Davis, Exec. Director

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Midtown Chapter, American Mizrahi Women, records with sorrow the death of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, beloved illustrious husband of our Past President, Gertrude Lookstein. We extend our deep sympathy to her and to the family.

Mrs. Joseph J. Green, President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. In grateful and loving tribute to our Rabbi, teacher and friend. A man of vision and humor, he enriched our lives and through Ramaz will continue to enrich the lives of future generations.

Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum and children

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon and family mourn the loss of their Rabbi, teacher, and friend. Heartfelt sympathy to the Lookstein family.

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H. Rabbi, Scholar, Teacher and Builder. It judged but by a single act he earned his due share in this world by creating The Ramaz School. At the precise moment that life was fast leaving him past Friday Erev Shabos, the massive main four steel girders were being swung into place at the new High School site on 78th Street that is to bear his revered name. It was as if his last strength and spirit was directing this very major operation so that he might be certain that the firm and solid foundation was being properly readied for the Grand Structure that is to follow. This now was the man—like Joseph of old—a dreamer who pushed his dreams to realization ignoring all obstacles. Our hearts are full of sympathy for Gertrude, Rabbi Haskel, Natalie, and all members of the Lookstein family.

A. Phillip Goldsmith Family

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Officers and Staff of the National United Jewish Appeal express their profound sympathy at the untimely death of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. A deeply compassionate individual he always gave generously of his time and knowledge to help others. Constantly demonstrating his concern with the needs of the Jewish people, he devoted his entire life to helping them around the corner and around the world. As Chairman of the UJA Rabbinical Advisory Board he set a standard of service that will be remembered for generations to come. Our sincerest condolences to the bereaved family.

Irwin S. Field, National Chairman
Frank R. Lautenberg, President
Irving Bernstein, Executive Vice Chairman

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds notes with profound sorrow the passing of one of America's most illustrious and revered religious leaders and Jewish educators. He leaves an extraordinary legacy of devotion and service to Israel, world Jewry and Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. A dynamic force in the spiritual life of this city, he played a vital role in the Israel Bond Rabbinic Cabinet. His wise counsel and dedicated leadership will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt condolences to his wife Gertrude and the family.

HOWARD SAMUELS
General Campaign Chairman
DAVID H. ZYSMAN
Executive Director

LOOKSTEIN—Joseph H., Rabbi. The Board of Trustees and the entire Yeshiva University Family mourn the passing of its distinguished alumnus and esteemed colleague. For half a century he was an integral part of our institution as a student, professor, and Trustee. A pioneer of the Torah U'Nadav concept, he became its prototype and planted its seeds all over the world. His total involvement in Yeshiva University, Jewish education, communal endeavors, and Israel, epitomized the highest traditions of our people. Our heartfelt condolences to the survivors and may they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Dr. Norman Lamm, President,
Yeshiva University
Hon. Herbert Tenzer, Chairm
Board of Trustees
Stanley Stern, Vice-Chairman
Board of Trustees
Eli Rousso, Chairman
Board of Overseers

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York expresses deepest sorrow at the passing of a Life Trustee of our Board, as well as a member of the Boards of our affiliated agencies, the New York Board of Rabbis and the Board of Jewish Education. A scholar, a spiritual and communal leader of pre-eminent stature in the Jewish life of the city, he gave selflessly of his superb knowledge and insight to guide our deliberations. With utmost compassion and dedication, he served the human needs of Jewry worldwide and was universally revered and emulated for his impassioned commitment to the cause of Jewish freedom and progress. To his son, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, also a distinguished member of our Board and of major Federation committees concerned with the religious and humanitarian needs of our Jewish brethren, to his wife and daughter, and to all the members of the bereaved family, we offer our most heartfelt and profound sympathy.

Harry R. Mancher, President
Sanford Solender, Exec Vice Pres
Ernst Englander, Secretary

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LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. The Rabbi Jacob Joseph School and the Alumni Association records with deepest sorrow the passing of our revered alumnus Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. He received his basic foundation of Torah knowledge and Yiddishkeit in the Mother Yeshiva. He was a proud and vibrant spiritual leader who always remembered his Alma Mater. May all the members of his illustrious family be comforted with all mourners of Zion. May his memory be for a blessing.

Doctor Marvin Schick, Pres RJJ
Harry Pilchick, Pres RJJ Alumni
Louis Rodin, Hon. Pres. RJJ Alumni

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. Congregation Shaare Torah mourns the passing of Rabbi J. Lookstein, distinguished Rabbi, educator, and leader in the Jewish Community and extends deepest sympathy to our esteemed officer, Arthur Lookstein, on the loss of his beloved brother. May the Almighty console the Lookstein family in their bereavement.

Arye D. Gordon, Rabbi
David Kamerman, President

LOOKSTEIN—Rabbi Joseph H. American Women Bar-Ilan University mourns the passing of their leader, guide and friend, beloved husband of their esteemed Board Member, Gertrude Lookstein. Our sincere condolences to the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Henrietta Shapiro, President

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

1902 - 1979

Rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

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In commemoration of the twentieth *Yahrzeit* of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, which was observed on Tammuz 18, 5759 - July 2, 1999, we are republishing the special memorial issue of the KJ Bulletin which first appeared six weeks after his passing. Many of those who are part of our community today never knew the Rabbi or were too young to have appreciated him fully. He was one of the great personalities of the twentieth century. This special Bulletin conveys a great deal about him as a person and about his meaning to our community and to the entire Jewish world.

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