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## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, JANUARY 19th



**Rabbi Louis Tuchman**



**Rabbi Nissan Shulman**

The Mid-Winter Conference, the annual homecoming event of the Rabbinic Alumni, will be held at our Alma Mater's main center on January 19, 1961, it was announced by Rabbis Louis Tuchman and Nissan Shulman, chairman and co-chairman of the Conference.

Once again the Conference will fulfill the three fold purpose of providing intellectual enlightenment, practical information and honor to colleagues. The conference will officially be opened at 9:30 A.M. in Klein Hall by the Conference co-chairman, Rabbi Nissan Shulman. The morning session, chaired by Rabbi Nehemiah Katz will be devoted to a scholarly paper on "The Concepts of Shinui V'Chidush In Halacha" delivered by Rabbi Leon Katz.

At the Luncheon session, Rabbi Abraham Avrech will be honored for his many years of dedicated and devoted service to the Rabbinic Alumni and Yeshiva University. Rabbi Emanuel Rackman will chair this session and Rabbi Bernard Berzon will make a presentation to Rabbi Avrech.

The afternoon will be devoted to a practical session on "Replies to Basic Questions" posed to Rabbis by the teenager, college student and the adult. Rabbi Morris Besdin will discuss the teenager and college student and Rabbi Charles Spirn the adult. In the second half of the session, Rabbi Howard Levine will speak on "Teaching Them To Ask." The chairman for the afternoon will be Rabbi Jerome Fishman.

During Dinner, we will have the privilege of hearing greetings from our beloved Rosh Hayeshiva, Dr. Samuel Belkin, Rabbi Israel Miller, Honorary President of the Rabbinic Alumni will be honored and a presentation will be made to him by Rabbi Herschel Shacter, President of

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### CHEVRA SHAS FLOURISHING

One of the most significant projects undertaken by the Rabbinic Alumni in recent years is the *Chevra Shas*. The following address delivered by the chairman of the Chevra Shas, Rabbi Leonard Rosenfeld, at the first shiur, expresses most eloquently the importance of this project:

"Even as there is a *Kiyum of Tefilah B'tzibur* so, too, is there a *Kiyum of Talmud Torah B'Tzibur*. The latter probably enjoys historical seniority for it may well be considered the very first mitzvah experienced by our people at Sinai. It was consummated when Moses delivered the first public shiur and transmitted the commandments to the children of Israel. Similarly it derives from *Keriath Hatorah* which was instituted by Moshe.

"It was our desire to fulfill this *Talmud Torah B'Tzibur* that impelled us to arrange these monthly shiurim. We are deeply grateful to Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik for having helped us make Talmud Torah the prime activity of our alumni.

"But, fundamentally, *Talmud Torah* belongs to that class of mitzvot which cannot be discharged vicariously. Not only its intellectual experience of cognition and assimilation of knowledge, but also its moment of "*Kabalah ol Malchuth Shamayim*" are "*mitzvot shebeguf*" which require fulfillment on the individual plane.

"It is for this reason that the prime objective of our Chevra Shas is to secure the personal commitment of regular study of a common masechta. It obligates us to a constancy of study and a regularity of pace because the siyum date for masechet Berachoth is only ten months away — at our next annual alumni convention."

During the previous year more than fifty members of the Rabbinic Alumni completed *Masechet Megilah*. This year we already have 160 registrants. Our aim is to achieve one hundred per cent participation by our Rabbinic Alumni.

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## PROGRAMMATIC PEARLS

*Editor's Note: In future issues, colleagues who are creative and proficient in programming, will be invited to author this column. The debut presentation below was prepared by the editor.*

A. R. B.

### GOLDEN BOOK FUNDRAISING —

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# Our Roshe Hayeshiva

by Rabbi Jacob Goldberg



Rabbi Yerucham Gorelick

It is a pleasure to salute this month one of the vigorous Torah personalities of our Yeshiva roster of great Talmidai Chachamim — Ha-Rav Yerucham Gorelick שליט"א. The record of his 15 years in the Yeshiva is a proud chapter in the epic transplanted of Torah learning to the shores of modern America.

It takes only a few moments in his presence to sense the completeness of dedication and the pure selflessness that animate our Rebbe. His earnest speech, his careful search for the precise phrase, his penetrating eyes and wholehearted gestures add up to an influential and magnetic personality. As he speaks of his work in our Yeshiva, as he describes his efforts in building the Yeshivas Zichron Moshe and Beth Jacob-Miriam Schools, which have been successful beyond imagination, one is struck by the boundless energy and evident dedication of the man. One cannot escape the feeling that if all of us who are laboring in the American vineyard of the Lord were capable of a similar energetic altruism, what a greater influence we would have and what larger achievements we would reach.

We mourn the loss of our beloved Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Aaron D. Burack שליט"א who was called to his eternal reward 16 Tishre - October 7, 1960. Our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

תנצב"ה

Ha-Rav Gorelick has had a distinguished career as student, scholar and teacher. A youthful masmid at the Kolel of the Brisker Rav שליט"א, he endured the usual adventures during the war and arrived in this country shortly before Pearl Harbor. He spent a few years in the Mesivta Tifereth Yerushalayim and then was invited by Dr. Belkin to help fill the growing needs of the Yeshiva. He considers the Yeshiva students as potentially outstanding in intellectual capabilities, but seeks at all times to develop the total personality of his students. "The Torah must become a part of the personality," he insists. He is fond of quoting the Midrashic elaboration of פור'ה בכה as כל אחד לפי כחו which can be understood as the commandment to stretch one's mind to its full potential. This is his constant aim with his students and his reiterated reminder to colleagues.

Our Rebbe never rests, our Rebbe never relaxes. In addition to his labors at the Yeshiva and to his faithful supervision of the afore-mentioned schools in the Bronx, he is the Rabbi of Cong. B'nai Israel in the Bronx, and is active in the Agudas Ha-Rabonim. To all his efforts, to the exposition of Torah as to the raising of money, he brings the same quality of sacred joy and service to an ideal. "We live in an atmosphere of 'M'litzah' " — which he euphemistically interprets as an air of inearnestness, and it is the task of the Rabbi to stand for what is serious and important and abiding in the Jewish past. The American Rabbi will succeed and will be a Baal Mashpia to the extent that he is completely moral and consistently sincere.

The future of our Yeshiva and its students is well served by the vigorous, refreshing and deep personality of Ha-Rav Yerucham Gorelick. May the Almighty bless him and his dear family with many years of strength, health and the ability to be of service.

### CONFERENCE (Continued)

the Rabbinic Alumni. Rabbi Louis Tuchman, conference chairman, will preside at the Dinner session.

The highlight of the conference will be the Yahrzeit Shiur delivered by our revered Rebbe, Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Those of the Rabbinic Alumni who make reservations for Dinner will be given reserved seats at the Yahrzeit Shiur.

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Rabbi Herschel Schacter

With genuine humility and yet, with pardonable pride, I am grateful for this opportunity to write my first column as President of our Rabbinic Alumni. Chavrusa has emerged as a very articulate medium of communication and information and I am truly pleased to chat with you via this medium.

Just about two months have elapsed since I accepted the mantle of leadership so graciously bestowed upon me by our colleagues at our wonderful convention in Lakewood. I appreciate the honor and trust given to me and I am fully cognizant of the grave responsibilities which I share with my fellow officers and members of our executive committee.

At the outset I wish to express our collective gratitude to all my distinguished predecessors and, particularly, to Rabbi Israel Miller, who built the Rabbinic Alumni into a formidable and dynamic organization which, thank G-d, is playing an increasingly greater role and exerting a more positive influence in the American Jewish community.

All the various programs of the existing standing committees have already been

activated and several new projects are under study for implementation. The executive committee meetings have been well attended and our first major function was truly an inspiration. The first Rabbinic Alumni shiur in Masechet Brachot, given by our illustrious teacher, Rabbi Soloveitchik, in tribute to the cherished memory of the late Rabbi Aaron D. Burack, was a most memorable event. Our Chevra Shas, under the capable and devoted leadership of Rabbi Leonard Rosenfeld, invites your active participation by learning with us throughout the year.

As I write these lines we are anticipating a large gathering of colleagues for Dr. Belkin's reception to our new administration on December 22nd.

All plans have been concluded for what we hope will be an outstanding program for our Midwinter Conference on January 19th. You will be informed of all the details and I earnestly hope that you will make every effort to spend that day with us.

I am extremely pleased to inform you that I have already held several meaningful and productive conferences with Dr. Belkin and other key members of the administration and staff and I am

prayerfully confident that with their full and complete cooperation we can look forward to a banner year of service to our Alma Mater, to the current students at Yeshiva and to our colleagues in the active rabbinate. Dr. Belkin discussed with us various specific plans and projects in which our musmachim can be of real assistance toward attracting and training more capable men for religious service to the community in the rabbinate and Jewish education. Details of this program are now being studied and, we hope, will soon be implemented.

I earnestly ask your cooperation upon which will depend, in the final analysis, the success of our administration. You are all cordially invited to attend the executive committee meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month. Each of these meetings will be followed by a practical session on specific areas of immediate concern to us on Sh'aylos halacha l'maaseh. I will, of course, be pleased to hear from you regarding any suggestions or requests that can enhance the effectiveness of our efforts. All of us, the officers of our alumni as well as the staff of C.S.D., stand ready to be of every possible assistance to each and every one of you. Shalom Uvracha.

## PERUSING PERIODICALS

by Rabbi Maurice Lamm

### CONSISTENCY AND CONTRADICTION

When Emerson said that consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds he did not thereby imply the reverse generality — that contradiction is the heartblood of the great. The periodicals of the last few months contain several colorful articles which form a checkered pattern of consistency and contradiction.

TRADITION, vol. III no. 1, contains a review article by Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger on "The Oral Law and the Conservative Dilemma," which is a penetrating analysis of the Conservative attitude to the Halacha as presented by Boaz Cohen, Chairman of the Committee on Jewish Law. It points to the undeniable contradiction between the Theological foundations of the "Historical-Traditional" movement and the constant formal urging of its pulpit-less leaders to observe the tenets of the law. "Intellectually, they whole-heartedly embrace

the 'scientific' 'positive-historical' approach. Emotionally, they cannot cut the umbilical cord which ties them to the practice of Orthodox Judaism."

The spirit of contradiction lumbers jauntily through the lead article in JUDAISM, vol. IX, no. 4, by Zvi E. Kurzweil on "Three Views On Revelation and Law." The first view, that of Martin Buber, is precisely described in a quotation by Ernest Simon, with whom the author humbly disagrees, to the effect that, "He (man) has to fulfill all the laws without exception, if his observance is to be regarded as legitimate from the religious point of view." Despite the protestations of Buber's embrace of the "Divine origin of the Law," and the "teaching of Judaism from Sinai," it is an understatement to note that the cloistered philosophy has no extension in active observance.

A closing of the gap is demonstrated in the second view, that of Franz Rosenzweig, who asserted his desire to observe as many of the mitzvot of which he was capable. In fact, he entered in his diary the date when he began "laying Tefil-

lin." But the gap remained. The third view, of Samson Rapheal Hirsch, finally represents consistency, the loyal translation from Theology to observance.

The gaping disparity between thought and action is innocently portrayed in the second number of JEWISH INFORMATION, in which the renowned Reform scholar, Jakob J. Petuchowski, establishes a rationale for the Dietary Laws. The rationale of personal discipline identified with Maimonides is presented in convincing form, and most, though not all, of this article could well be reproduced for the Traditional Community of America. "Visualize the occasion when a Jew is offered a ham sandwich, and he has to refuse politely, — because, at that very moment, he is reminded of being a Jew, and the obligations which his Judaism entails." This brings to mind a keen, but not valid, observation of another Reform Rabbi who drew a fine distinction when he said that while Reconstructionism thinks Trefah and eats kosher, Reform thinks kosher and eats Trefah.

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## CAPSULE REVIEWS

by Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig

**JUDAISM AS A PHILOSOPHY**  
**Dr. Leon D. Stitskin***Bloch Publishing Company, New York*

"Judaism As A Philosophy" containing an exposition of the work of Abraham Bar Hiyya, an eleventh century Spanish Jewish philosopher and astronomer, becomes, in the conceptual formulation of Dr. Stitskin's thought, the prototype of a philosophy of personalism. Such a philosophy, according to Dr. Stitskin, is timeless in scope, pertinent to meeting the metaphysical challenges of every age and represents an authentic Hebraic world scheme. Reality is rooted in human personality: "Indeed a study of the nature and destiny of man leads to the unfolding of the ultimate reality of existence; and what is more, the cultivation of the spirit has an indispensable role in the fulfillment of cosmic purposes." (P. 3)

Tied up with this personalistic notion is Stitskin's assertion that the fulfillment of one's divine potential depends upon a life of commitment and mitzvah observance. Hence, the absolute in Judaism is not a gift conferred upon man initially by grace but truths projected as ideal ends and hammered out in the crucible of spiritual commitments and consecrated deeds. Of special interest

is the correlation of the place of a philosophy of personalism vis a vis contemporary philosophic currents, especially existentialism. Dr. Stitskin maintains that while both philosophic versions are predicated upon an existential experience, there is a difference in motivation. *Existentialism* is motivated to an ethically oriented cosmos by the tragic dimensions of life, while *personalism* stresses the infinite possibilities and limited potentialities of man's moral fibre and intellectual excellence. The latter constitutes an optimism of possibility of learning and ultimate control of the environment and the fulfillment of one's immortal search. Its lucid writing and moving thoughts recommend the book superbly to the intelligent layman seeking to understand the depths of Judaism.

**LATE SUMMER FRUIT****Essays****Isaac Lewin***Bloch Publishing, New York*

Besides his scholarly pursuits as expert in the History of Polish Jewry, Dr. I. Lewin is known as the Protagonist before the United Nations for the Rights of the Jew. Protection of Shehitah, Free Access to the Wailing Wall, the Rights of the Child, Religious Discrimination

and Right of Asylum are among the many matters he has argued before the Economic and Social Council of the UN. The present volume contains these briefs as well as a survey on Religious Judaism in the last years of Poland. "Late Summer Fruit" (a phrase from the prophet Micah) depicts how the Nazis have deprived us of our "Most godly men and robbed us of the most upright". The biography of his sainted father, the Rabbi of Reisha, murdered by the Germans, is written with filial tears and unforgettable pain. Likewise the analysis of the Yeshivot in Poland and the problem of Judaism in a non-Jewish world make interesting studies. Every Rabbi who is deeply concerned with the perpetuation of the glory of the immediate past and who aims to inspire American Judaism with the spirit of that noble Jewry must not only possess a copy of this volume but also ardently read it for his own edification as well as for the guidance of his community.

**Mazel Tov**

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our revered Rebbe and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Soloveitchik on the birth of a grandchild, a son, to Dr. and Mrs. Twersky.

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In each of our communities we frequently find boys of High School age who evince a craving for Jewish knowledge and a desire and inclination for *Shemiras Hamitzvos*. Beyond our own sporadic attempts to guide these boys, there is little else we can do in terms of systematic education. Are we then to accept with resignation the loss of this precious potential?

The Jewish Studies Program at Yeshiva College is designed primarily for such students who would not otherwise qualify to enter the Yeshiva or the Teachers Institute, because of their fragmentary Jewish knowledge. As these boys reach their Junior and Senior High School years, they avidly begin to prepare for their college careers usually in out-of-town areas. At this point, the rabbi can exercise a decisive influence upon both the boy and the parents to apply to Yeshiva College.

The Jewish Studies Program (JSP) is designed primarily for such students. Students attend the Yeshiva College while also engaging in an intensive JSP program which is designed to overcome their lack of previous schooling. In a special department, headed by Rabbi Morris J. Besdin and a distinguished faculty of dedicated teachers the student studies Chumash, Rashi, Ivris, *Yesodos* of Judaism, History, Dinim, Tefilah, *Mishna* and Gemarah.

This program is equally suitable for such boys who had attended a *Yeshiva Ketana* in their youth but had subsequently strayed from any further Jewish schooling. Personal counselling is provided on a systematic basis to help transform these boys into *Bnai Yeshiva*. There are advanced classes for those who enter with more substantial background in Hebrew studies. This group progresses in the Freshman year to the study of Gemarah.

The objective of JSP is to achieve the practical *taclis* of *Shomre Mitzvos* and *Lomday Torah*. All applicants are given a full and searching interview to determine their religious sincerity, their true motivation, and their learning potential. Scholarship Grant opportunities are available for them on the same basis as for other departments.

For further information, kindly refer to the Director of Admissions at Yeshiva University.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

by Rabbi Mark Brenner



**Rabbi Shepard Z. Baum**

Rabbi Shepard Z. Baum was ordained in 1924 and has the unique distinction of being the only Y.U. alumnus to be installed by the Meychiter ILLUI.

During his 37 years as an ordained rabbi, Shepard spent ten in the active rabbinate as spiritual leader of Anshei Ashkenaz, Cambridge, Mass., New Beth

Israel, Syracuse, N. Y., and Sons of Abraham, Albany, N. Y.

Shepard is probably the most "kosher" rabbi, for he has been with the New York State Chief Supervision Kosher Law Enforcement Agency since 1934.

While rabbinating in the above mentioned communities, Shepard also managed to attend school and further his educational horizons. He is the recipient of an LL.B. degree from Albany Law School and was admitted to the Bar in 1931. Twenty years later he was satiating his thirst for knowledge at Y.U. Graduate Schools.

As a champion for Yiddishkeit he helped organize Vaadei Kashruth throughout New York State as well as the Free Hebrew School in Albany. He fulfilled his civic duties as president of the Jewish Community Center in Albany, N. Y. and as president of the U.O.J.C. New York Region (1927-32).

As an ardent Zionist he labored on behalf of the State of Israel and served as president of the Albany Mizrahi (1928-32) and the Hudson Valley Zionist Region (1934-36).

Shepard is married to the former Esther Nussenbaum and is the father of Judith, 33, a graduate of N.Y.U. and Reuben, 29, a businessman.

## OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

It is a pleasure to introduce this new column devoted to news from our musmachim in the Armed Forces.

The musmachim of Yeshiva University have always been and still are in the vanguard of Orthodox Rabbanim who volunteer to enter the Chaplaincy. Since the inception of the Chaplaincy program, Yeshiva University has supplied over 98% of the Orthodox Chaplains to the Armed Forces. This record is one of which we are justly proud and it is our hope that this column will accord our Chaplains a well deserved measure of recognition and respect.

The following is a list of Chaplains and where they are serving. In future issues of Chavrusa we will print newsworthy items from our Chaplains.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Elliot Aberbach  
Office of the Chaplain  
Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Herbert Berger  
814 Combat Supp. Sq. SAC  
Westover Air Force Base, Mass.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Irwin S. Borvick  
910-3 Whiteside  
Ft. Riley, Kansas

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Seymour Essrog  
Office of the Chaplain  
Ft. Eustis, Va.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Albert H. Dimont  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Hq. 4th Logistical Command  
APO 122, N. Y.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Earl Fishhaut  
USAF Chaplains Course  
POB 1544, Lackland AFB  
San Antonio, Texas

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Paul Laderman  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Lowry AFB., Colorado

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Norman Liss  
Office of the Chaplain  
Stuttgart Post  
APO 154, N. Y.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Julius Mandel  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Chanute AFB., Illinois

Chaplain (Capt.) Seymour Moskowitz  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Hq. U. S. Army Com Z BASEC  
APO 44, N. Y.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Harold Neustadter  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Samuel B. Press  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Loring AFB, Maine

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## ALUMNI NEWS

## MAZEL TOV

## Births

Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Berenson, New York City, on the birth of a son, Moshe Yisacher.

Rabbi and Mrs. Louis Bernstein, Bay side, L. I., N. Y. on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Marvin Bienenfeld, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. Daniel Bonchek, New York City, on the birth of a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron Borow, Montgomery, Alabama, on the birth of a son, Efram Moshe.

Rabbi and Mrs. Melvin Burnstein, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a daughter, Shira.

Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron Chomsky, Arverne, New York, on the birth of a son, Zvi Hirsh.

Rabbi and Mrs. Matthew Clark, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a son, Yisroel Nissan.

Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel Forman, Brookline, Mass., on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel J. Fox, Lynn, Mass., on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron S. Gelman, New Haven, Conn., on the birth of a daughter, Debra Faye.

Rabbi and Mrs. Bernard Greenbaum, Trenton, New Jersey, on the birth of a son, Mordecai Dan.

Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob Greenberg, Wallingford, Conn., on the birth of a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel Greenwald, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Leon Kestenbaum, Oceanside, N. Y. on the birth of a daughter, Shira.

Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob Liebowitz, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a grandson.

Rabbi and Mrs. Yale I. Port, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the Birth of a daughter, Chaya Rivka.

Rabbi and Mrs. Irving Rosner, Montreal, Canada, on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. R. Herbert Scheinfeld, Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y. on the birth of a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel Seidman, New York City, on the birth of a daughter, Naomi Lee.

Rabbi and Mrs. David Stavsky, Columbus, Ohio, on the birth of a son, Avraham Yechiel.

Rabbi and Mrs. Norman Tokayer, Staten Island, N. Y. on the birth of a son, Aaron Zev.

Rabbi and Mrs. Erwin Weiss, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Eric Willner, White Plains, N. Y. on the birth of a daughter, Yocheved Faige.

## Bar Mitzvahs

Rabbi and Mrs. Isaiah Rackovsky, New Haven, Conn., on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Shalom Reuven.

## Engagements

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Earl J. Fishhaut, San Antonio, Texas, on his engagement to Miss Roberta Daina, daughter of Chaplain (Major) and Mrs. Max Daina, Fort Dix, N. J.

Chaplain (Captain) Ernest D. Lapp, Munich, Germany, on his engagement to Miss Ruth Strauss, Acre, Israel.

Rabbi Sherman Siff, New York City, on his engagement to Miss Rita Markowitz, McKeesport, Pa.

## Marriages

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Elliot Aberbach, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, on his marriage to Miss Arlene Coleman.

Rabbi Sidney Berger, Brooklyn, New York, on his marriage to Miss Raylie Stern.

Rabbi Louis Cooper, Brooklyn, New York, on his marriage to Miss Shirley Silverman.

Rabbi Seymour Essrog, Fort Eustis, Virginia, on his marriage to Miss Toby Elster.

Rabbi Samuel Feder, Forest Hills, N. Y. on his marriage to Miss Ruth Miller.

Rabbi Gerald Friedlander, Brooklyn N. Y. on his marriage to Miss Rebecca Hurwitz.

Rabbi Morris Ganz, Brooklyn, N. Y. on his marriage to Miss Shirley Klughaupt.

Rabbi William Kotkes, Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y. on his marriage to Miss Martha Kornmehl.

Rabbi Judah Rosenberg, New York City, on his marriage to Miss Phyllis D. Katz.

Rabbi Joel Smilchensky, Red Bank, New Jersey, on his marriage to Miss Minnie Breslow.

Rabbi and Mrs. Maurice Stiskin, West New York, New Jersey, on the marriage of their son, Mayer to Miss Nanette Kushner.

Rabbi and Mrs. Irving N. Weinberg, New York City, on the marriage of their son, Raphael Samuel to Miss Marsha Rachel Berman.

## Personals

Rabbi Bernard Auerbach, San Diego, California, was appointed Assistant Professor of Law at the California Western University Law School.

Rabbi Bernard Bergman, New York City, was re-elected President of the Religious Zionists of America.

Rabbi Leonard Buchen officiated at the dedication of the new Synagogue Center of his congregation, Shaarey Tzedec, Calgary, Alberta Canada.

Rabbi Jonah E. Caplan, Miami Beach, Florida has been appointed Director of the Hebrew Academy of Greater Miami.

Rabbi Joshua Epstein, Schenectady, N. Y., was elected President of the Capital District Board of Rabbis.

Rabbi Stanley Greenberg, Brooklyn, N. Y., undertook a pilot study of the suburban Jewish community of Teaneck, N. J.

Rabbi David S. Halpern was elected President of the Rabbinical Board of Flatbush. Elected with him were Rabbis Herbert Bomzer and Mandel Fisch, Vice Presidents; Rabbi Meyer Ostrinsky, Treasurer; Rabbi Mark I. Brener, Secretary; Rabbi Sidney Applbaum, Hon. President.

Rabbi I. Fred Hollander, New York City delivered a lecture on "Recent Trends in Religion & Mental Health" at Fort Riley, Kansas, under the auspices of the Chaplain's Branch and Medical Corps. Chaplain (1st Lt.) Irwin Borvick made the arrangements. Rabbi Hollander also spoke on "The Problem of 'Role Identity' in Prison Chaplaincy" at the recent Annual Conference of the National Council of Jewish Prison Chaplains.

Rabbi Irwin Isaacson, Bayside, N. Y. was tendered a Testimonial Dinner by his congregation, the Oakland Jewish Center at which time he was presented with a trip to Israel.

Rabbi Jason Jacobowitz, Liberty, N. Y. delivered the invocation at the Annual Hudson Delaware County Boy Scout Dinner.

Rabbi Leon Katz, Passaic, N. J. was honored by his Congregation, Adas Israel, of Passaic, N. J. on the occasion of the publication of his book, "The Chatam Sofer — His Life, Times and His Works" — a study of social problems of the Jews of Eastern Europe in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Rabbi Israel Miller, Bronx, N. Y. has been appointed chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of N.J.W.B. Rabbi Miller was also commissioned by the Dept. of

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## ALUMNI NEWS (Continued)

Defense to conduct a retreat for Jewish Chaplains in Tokyo, Japan.

Rabbi Sidney Nissenbaum, officiated at the dedication of the new Synagogue-Center of his congregation, Beth El of North Bergen, New Jersey.

Rabbi Menachem Raab, Rochester, N. Y. was elected President of the Rochester Region of the Mizrahi Organization of America.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, Far Rockaway, N. Y. was given the National Rabbinic Leadership Award by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Rabbi Bernard Rothman officiated at the dedication of the new Synagogue-Center of his Congregation, Beth Jacob, Houston, Texas.

Rabbi Gershon Sadowsky was appointed a Revenue Officer with the U. S. Treasury Dept.

Rabbi Joseph Schimelman, Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y. was elected President of the L. I. Commission of Rabbis.

Rabbi Zvi Tabory was elected to the pulpit of the First Congregation Anshe Sfard of Borough Park, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## PERUSING PERIODICALS (Continued)

A surprising bit of consistency flows in "Old Wine in New Vats" in Congress Bi-Weekly of Dec. 5, by Trude Weiss-Rosemarin. The author is distraught to the point of vehemence that the new RCA Siddur is a "specimen of the most modern techniques of book-making," "has a dust-jacket in four colors, bearing a blurb which extols Jewish Universalism," that it is an "authorized" version, transliterates many prayers for Congregants who cannot read Hebrew, and does other things equally damnable.

Congratulations, Dr. Pool.

Rabbi Louis M. Tuchman, Freehold, New Jersey, Scouting Chairman for the Rabbinical Council of America accompanied 400 scouts to the Scout Jamboree in Colorado, Springs. Rabbi Tuchman served as chaplain and mashgiach both en route and at the jamboree. Through Rabbi Tuchman's efforts Shabbos and Kashrut were observed by more than 250 scouts throughout the four week trip.

## Condolences

Rabbi Gershon Appel, Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y. on the loss of his father.

Rabbi Simon Konovitch, Bronx, N. Y. on the loss of his mother.

Rabbi Milton Kramer, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the loss of his father.

Rabbi Sidney Nissenbaum, North Bergen, N. J., on the loss of his mother.

Rabbi Stanley Wexler, Baltimore, Maryland, on the loss of his father.

## ARMED FORCES (Continued)

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Herbert Richtman  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
10th Air Div.

AAC-APO 942, Seattle, Washington  
Chaplain (1st Lt.) Benjamin A. Samson  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Sheppard AFB, Texas

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Gerald Turk  
16B-B1 Myron Manor  
Columbia, So. Carolina

Chaplain (Capt.) Ernest D. Lapp  
Hq. SA Com'd Munich Post  
APO 407, New York

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Robert Weiler  
PO Box 17, Lackland AFB  
San Antonio, Texas

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Joel Balsam  
Office of the Chaplain  
U. S. Naval Air Station  
Memphis 15, Tenn.

## PROGRAMMATIC PEARLS

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## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY SABBATH

— The last Sabbath of the month is designated as Birthday Sabbath to celebrate Hebrew birthdays of children attending Religious School. Administration as follows: (1) Printed birthday cards mailed to children inviting them to join ceremony at 10:45 A.M. on particular Sabbath. (2) Sisterhood sponsors project, administering and subsidizing all aspects. (3) On Sabbath, children assemble in adjoining room and are briefed in procedure to follow. (4) Before Sermon, Rabbi formally invites Birthday children to enter and ascend altar. (5) Escorted by adults, children file in, onto altar. (6) Responsive reading between Rabbi and children follows, from prepared sheet — available from author on request. Essentially, children publicly reaffirm faith in God and Torah. (7) Names of celebrants called and each is presented with token gift, an ornamental item which can be affixed to clothing, obviating need to carry on Sabbath. (8) Group retires in recessional to adjoining room for Birthday Kiddush, with large Birthday cake, singing, etc. (9) Original invitation card also impressed upon celebrants that they give Zdakah during week following this Sabbath. Pushkah in office was available for this purpose. (10) Separate letter to parents invites family to be present on occasion. (11) List of celebrants printed in Center bulletin prior to Sabbath. (12) Entire synagogue ceremony consumes no more than seven minutes.

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