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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

At the outset, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all our colleagues for their confidence in my administration by once again entrusting the mantle of leadership to me and to my fellow officers of the Rabbinic Alumni. The responsibilities of leadership in an organization like ours are many and complex. I am prayerfully confident that, with G-d's help, my fellow officers and I will continue to serve the best interests of all our colleagues and endeavor to enhance the status and welfare of our beloved Yeshiva.

At recent meetings of our officers and Executive Committee, a number of plans and programs have been projected which I should like to share with you through this column.

Much thought has been given to arranging a series of seminar work-shops in various areas of professional assistance to our men in the practicing rabbinate to be held in conjunction with our monthly Executive Committee meetings. Some of the following themes have been proposed: Synagogue administration, Hebrew School programming, Youth Activities, Adult Education, Pre-Marital counselling and general counselling, reviews of current Halacha and Drush literature as well as of general literature, and regular Shiurim by various Roshai Yeshiva. Rabbi Max Schreier is the Chairman of the Program Committee and both he and I would appreciate your comments and suggestions as to which of these subjects would be of greatest interest and value.

I have also discussed with our officers the advisability of setting up an enlarged Regions Committee for Field Trips, which would have a dual function: to visit our men in their own communities in order to help them strengthen their positions and evaluate their work, and to organize regional groups of our men in various parts of the country.

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## MID-WINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 7th



**Rabbi Morris Max**



**Rabbi Jacob**

The Mid-Winter Conference, the annual homecoming event of the Rabbinic Alumni, will be held on January 7th and 8th at the Main Center of Yeshiva University. Rabbis Morris Max and Jacob Reiner have been appointed Chairman and Co-Chairman of the conference.

Although final plans for the conference have not been made, the following general outline of that program should serve to whet the intellectual appetites of our colleagues. The conference will begin Sunday evening, January 7th with the Annual Yahrzeit Shiur by our revered Rebbe, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. In keeping with a practice established several years ago, those who make reservations for the conference will have seats reserved for them at the Yahrzeit Shiur.

The proposed theme of the Conference is "Yeshiva University — 75 years of Act-

ing session, chaired by Green, will therefore be a scholarly paper delivered by Dr. Bernard Lander, of the Revel Graduate School, on "The Development of Orthodoxy and Yeshiva University influence." Rabbi Emanuel Engelberg will be

The Luncheon session will be conducted by those who are chaplains and will feature a duty with the Armed Forces. The conference will also feature a session by our beloved Rosh Hasefer, Rabbi Uziel Belkin during the Mid-Winter session.

The Conference will conclude with a banquet on Monday evening. The following alumni will be invited to the occasion of the 35th Annual

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## EDITORIAL

I am doubly delighted to accept Rabbi Schacter's request that I edit "Chavrusa" for the coming year. First, because I succeeded an editor of remarkable craftsmanship, Rabbi Abraham Besdin, who has been the first and only editor of this paper. His style, his planning, his enthusiasm and his facility with words have made my task very much easier. I shall alter, add, and delete here and there — *chacq'un a son gout* — but on the whole, the floor plan I inherited will remain the same. The continued interest of Rabbi Besdin coupled with the enthusiastic cooperation of Rabbi Bernard Walfish will furnish me with the chavrusa required to successfully edit "Chavrusa."

Second, I will be well-situated to more forcefully encourage an activity that is woefully lacking in the traditional Rabbinate — the expression of ideas and opinions in writing. It has long been my conviction that we in the American Rabbinate have overemphasized the spoken word, the *תורה שבעל פה*, to the point almost of ignoring the written word — the *תורה שבכתב*. We are now at the time of having to reverse *לעשות עת לעשות* — of stepping down from the pulpit to sit at the desk, to take to the pen as we have so ably taken to the podium. We are heirs not only of the tradition of prophets, but of scribes.

## IN TRIBUTE



Rabbi Abraham R. Besdin

During the past five years we have witnessed the birth and growth of a publication. It has persistently increased in stature and quality and has become a model which many Rabbinic publications would do well to copy. It is usually an overstatement to attribute the success of any venture to one individual. In the case of Chavrusa, however, one person must be singled out for praise and tribute. Rabbi Abraham Besdin, the first and only editor of Chavrusa during its relatively short five year history, has,

In the past years the rabbis on the left, as in recent years the rabbis on the right, in presidium and press, have produced a plethora of verbiage — sometimes inane, sometimes provoking — while we have meekly suffered from a sterility of words that has betrayed either a bland opinionless neutrality or an unwillingness to "put it down in writing," to get involved in debate.

I therefore intend to actively encourage all of our Rabbinic Alumni, both young and already established to write their ideas and opinions, their complaints and their compliments, their professional frustrations and accomplishments. Naturally, I may not succeed — the fear of writing and the awe with which some of us regard written words may be too deeply implanted to be moved, but "neither am I free to desist" from trying.

more so than anyone connected with the publication, been responsible for its success.

Rabbi Besdin pioneered the format, the contents and the literary style of Chavrusa. From his own prolific pen he produced articles that were lucid and provocative. He always searched for means to make Chavrusa more effective and interesting and at the same time took care that the publication should not become sensational or polemical in its presentations. One could continue ad infinitum in praising the many contributions that Rabbi Besdin has made to the success of our Rabbinic Alumni publication. But accolades become unnecessary when we have the publication itself as proof of his many talents. The greatest compliment we can pay him is to continue to maintain the high standards which he set and to continue to publish Chavrusa as a quality periodical.

In announcing Rabbi Besdin's resignation, Rabbi Herschel Schacter, President of the Rabbinic Alumni stated, "I accept Rabbi Besdin's resignation with a great deal of reluctance and regret. Rare is the person, who, in spite of his manifold duties as a successful spiritual leader, is prepared to give so unstintingly of his talents to further the cause of his colleagues and his Alma Mater."

Chavrusa will miss Rabbi Besdin, however, we may feel certain that his influence will be felt in future issues. *Yeyasher Koach* and many thanks Abe for a job well done.

Among the goals I have set for Chavrusa, three are uppermost:

ONE, to continue the high level of its writing so as to insure its future as a paper of quality and dignity.

TWO, to combine scholarly articles with information that is directly pertinent to every Rabbi in his professional capacity.

THREE, to serve as the megaphone for our colleagues' thoughts and ideas that so frequently die, still-born in the whispers of a noisy civilization.

I extend my appreciation to the leadership of the Rabbinic Alumni and to the staff of CSD for seeing fit to honor me with this position. I hope that I shall be worthy of their choice and that my efforts shall serve in the advancement of our cause.

RABBI MAURICE LAMM

## FROM OUR RABBIS' STUDIES

The following appeared in the *Beth Jacob Voice*, *The Synagogue Bulletin of Rabbi Simon Dolgin's Congregation in Beverly Hills, California*. In each issue of *Chavrusa* we will publish the best bulletin article of the past months. Rabbi Mark Brener, 100-05 Seaview Ave., Brooklyn N. Y. is editor of this column. Please put him on your Bulletin mailing list.

Dear Friends:

Recently I noted the strange fact that non-Jews were quite interested in Jewish souls and ready to pay a high price for each, while we are unprepared to pay the cost (financial and otherwise) to spare for Jewry our own kindred souls and while we pay vast sums to "educate" the non-Jew to our ideals.

Let me now share with you another paradoxical phenomenon. When I arrived in Los Angeles over a score of years ago, I had people ask me *Shaalos* — Questions of religious law — almost daily. The people were elderly people, from intense Jewish backgrounds, who doubtlessly had a goodly Jewish education. Yet they frequently had questions that they referred to the Rabbi, questions about *Kasbrus*, Sabbath, honest dealings, charity.

Now, when I dare suspect that our people do not stem from such deeply-rooted backgrounds, when our education is much more meager than theirs and when teachings of our faith are more foreign to us, I find a dirth of *Shaalos*. Except for laws relating to the tragedy of death, which is a moment that evokes the spiritual response of most of us, there does not appear to be an anxiety for questions and answers.

In other words, when Jews knew more they inquired more; now that they know less they ask less. Logically, the contrary should be true.

I fear that the reason we do not ask more questions is because we don't even know enough to recognize the existence of a question. Our predecessors knew enough to behold a problem and asked for a solution. Our literacy is so fallen that we don't even behold the problem. Is this not sad?

Let us be intelligent Jews, no less intelligent than were those of a generation ago. Let us learn more about our heritage, at least enough to recognize questions and seek answers. It may be that, with the Guidance of our Rabbi or someone else who is competent, we will be able to solve not only "religious" questions but many other issues that disrupt our lives. It may be that we will find life a richer and more blessed experience.

## NEW EDITOR APPOINTED



**Rabbi Maurice Lamm**

Rabbi Herschel Schacter, President of the Rabbinic Alumni has announced the appointment of Rabbi Maurice Lamm as the new editor of *Chavrusa*. Rabbi Lamm is no stranger to *Chavrusa*. He initiated the "Opinion" column with his forthright and lucid article "*Orthodox Is Not Traditional*" and he has served as the editor of our "*Perusing Periodicals*" column.

He brings to his new post as editor a unique writing talent. His caustic wit and penetrating observations coupled with an ability to think and write clearly are well known to his readers. His book *I shall Glorify Him*, a study guide to Herman Wouk's *This is My God* is being used extensively by many Adult Education classes and is considered one of the finest works in this field of writing. He has authored many articles for national periodicals and magazines.

Besides being editor of *Chavrusa*, author, and director of the Jewish Welfare Board Leadership Development Program, Rabbi Lamm finds time to be an active pulpit Rabbi. His newly constructed synagogue, the Floral Park Jewish Center, was recently destroyed by fire and he is in the throes of an intensive building fund campaign. In spite of the disaster, Rabbi Lamm, with great perseverance and determination, has maintained a full program of synagogue activities. As the saying goes, "If you want a job well done, get a busy man to do it."

Rabbi Schacter, in announcing the appointment, stated that he has every confidence in Rabbi Lamm's ability to maintain the high standards of *Chavrusa* established by his competent predecessor, Rabbi Abraham Besdin. We are certain that future issues of *Chavrusa* will substantiate this confidence.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Rabbi Abraham Avrech  
Sec'y, Chaplaincy Committee of Rabbinic Alumni

Welcome to new chaplains entering the service:

*Chaplain Naftali Friedman*  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Ft. Benning, Ga.

*Chaplain Joseph Rothberger*  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
Ft. Eustis, Va.

*Chaplain Solomon Poupko*  
Office of the Jewish Chaplain  
U. S. Naval Air Station  
Jacksonville, Fla.

This brings our total to 16 now in active service. In going over the past records of Rabbinic Alumni chaplains since World War II, we now have 102 of our colleagues who served in the military.

Congratulations to Bob Weiler who was just promoted to captain.

Mazel Tov to Alan Greenspan who is being married this December and entering the chaplaincy some time in January.

With many reserve units being called up, the chaplaincy program is now being accelerated. This means, of course, that more orthodox chaplains will be required to meet the needs of our Jewish personnel. In fact, a concerted effort is being made by the Chaplaincy Committee of Yeshiva University and the Rabbinical Council of America to convince Yeshivos other than RIETS, to help meet this increased quota.

It would be nice if you could drop a note to some of your friends in the armed forces. It is always pleasant to receive mail from an old classmate and friends. Space does not permit the listing of the names and addresses of our chaplains. You can obtain this information by contacting CSD.

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## Annual Convention Highlights

### 75th Anniversary of Yeshiva University

The recent Annual Convention was perhaps the most interesting and thought-provoking convocation ever held by our Rabbinic Alumni.

Colleagues from congregations throughout the United States and Canada, from small congregations and large ones, older musmachim and recent ones came to grips with the problems facing the American rabbi in our day and age. More significantly, papers were delivered on the role our Alma Mater must play in solving these problems in order to assure the future of Orthodox Judaism in America.

The Convention was opened by the Co-Chairman Rabbi Azriel Weissman who reviewed the many accomplishments of Yeshiva during its 75 years of existence. Rabbi Abraham Besdin, Convention Chairman, extended greetings and delivered an impassioned plea for guidance and help from our Alma Mater. He stated that the Orthodox American Rabbi finds himself embattled on many fronts and that the survival of our ideologies depends on the interest and concern that our Alma Mater will show in the Orthodox rabbi's plight.

Dr. Belkin, our beloved Rosh Hayeshiva, assured those present that Yeshiva University was cognizant of the problems they face and that he, personally, and Yeshiva University stand ready

at all times to help the Rabbinic Alumni solve these problems. Dr. Belkin was optimistic about the future of Orthodoxy in America and he pointed out that Yeshiva University had made and is still making great contributions to the Jewish community. These contributions, Dr. Belkin stated, would not only perpetuate Orthodoxy in America but would also stimulate a growth of Orthodoxy that would surpass our fondest expectations.

Papers were delivered by Rabbis Joseph H. Lookstein, Norman Lamm and Nathan Bulman on the problem of Yeshiva University becoming a movement and the challenges and problems of "syntheses" and secular learning in a Yeshiva institution. The practical workshops were devoted to problems of Bar and Bas Mitzvah programming. An excellent paper on the Halachic aspects of Bar and Bas Mitzvah was delivered by Rabbi Leon Katz. It is hoped that these papers will be published in a proposed "Convention Proceedings" publication. The convention concluded with a shiur by our revered Rebbe, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik.

There was unanimous agreement that this convention was truly a memorable event. Many thanks to Rabbis Abraham Besdin and Azriel Weissman, for the wonderful job they did.

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Another important project, suggested by Rabbi Leonard Rosenfeld, the chairman of our Chevra Shas, is the establishment of an intensive Torah study program for several weeks during the summer, patterned after the *Yarchai Kallah*. Details have yet to be worked out but we would appreciate your reactions to this and the other suggestions.

I am happy to report that the Proceedings of our conventions in 1960 and 1961 are now being prepared for publication and distribution to our members.

The formal triennial *Chag-Hasnicha*, which will take place in March of this historic Diamond Jubilee Year, will certainly be a most memorable event. The Rabbinic Alumni, together with the administration and CSD, are already formulating elaborate plans for this occasion which will highlight the great role of Yeshiva and the Yeshiva Rabbi in the perpetuation of Torah in America.

We are thus hard at work exploring every avenue wherein we can be of greater service to our colleagues, Yeshiva and the American Jewish community. B'ezras Hashem and with your cooperation I know we will succeed.

RABBI HERSCHEL SCHACTER

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One always marvels at the prolific activity of J. D. Eisenstein, the Baal ha Otzar, who died at the age of 101. This posthumous work is a collection of his latest notes refuting the critics of the Bible, and serves as a valuable addition to Jewish apologetics. In 1952 J. D. E. wrote (p XVIII) "A careful search and analysis of all works germane to the Hebrew Bible, and in particular to the Torah clearly indicates that almost every argument against its authenticity and its authorship by Moses is based on false conceptions." The chapters in the book review the notions of the higher critics, elements of language structure, designation of God's names and particularly attempted refutation of the critics. Unfortunately Eisenstein did not make much use of the latest archaeological discoveries, though he states (p 9) "all discoveries made up to the present time confirm the statements of the Bible." He is right in asserting that 'some Jewish critics in order to show that they are not behind the times follow in the footsteps of the Gentile critics. They do not realize that they are playing with the fire of anti-semitic prejudice against themselves by deprecating their most precious inheritance—the Bible' (p 11). Eisenstein also lists many faulty translations of JPS but in general presents the Talmudic notions on scriptures. He does not neglect to note Dr. Yahuda's views on foreign influences in the Bible. The Appendix contains the hermeneutic rules, and the traditional Jewish chronology.

Unfortunately, there is nothing new or startling in the volume, i.e., no new "David Hoffman" approach or startling refutation of the "modern teachers" of the Bible. It is written in the spirit of *Ozar*, "compilation." Perhaps Father Time did not permit perfection and completion. Nevertheless, we are thankful for the appearance of this little volume which will help bolster for the growing student the traditional approach in the understanding of the Bible.

### RELIGION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Robert H. Pfeiffer

Published by Harper Bros., New York

Pfeiffer describes the long journey in history of 'pushing back the idols' and establishing the Hebrew concept of deity. Analyzing this background as found in the 24 books of the Bible, the author elucidates the fixation of the canon, the establishment of the Synagogue as the center of Jewish religious life, and demonstrates how the history of the O. T. religion is the 'history of a spiritual triumph.'

Probing the emergence of religion from taboo he shows the growth from the religion of Israel (national) to Judaism (universal). 621 BCE is set as the turning point for the occurrence. He discusses gods of nomads, ancestor worship, purifications, moral ideas, and defines Kohen, Nabi, Roeh, Hozeh, nature of man, and the concepts of the ancient world.

Aware of the limits of historic knowledge, Pfeiffer endeavors to discover objectively the main lines and stages whereby this unique "religion of a nation" became the "religion for all men," a feature depicting the advance of Western civilization. Here he especially elucidates upon the prophetic movement concluding that "ethical good is the will of God" (p 152).

This posthumous volume is a good handbook, collating many cognate ideas on the Bible, coordinating thereby the multifarious topics pertaining to ancient institutions of worship, holiness, public religious life and private service. Though influenced greatly by critical direction, the volume may be acceptable as a valuable adjunct to and summary of modern biblical approaches, as expertly coming from the pen of a noted non-Jewish biblical scholar.



### THE PULPIT AND THE PEN

*This column features quotations from books that deal with purely professional aspects of the Rabbinate. It will deal with the arts of preaching and writing, with counseling, education and administration.*

"Nine-tenths of the material that has been written on gestures has been a waste of good white paper and good black ink. Any gesture that is gotten out of a book is very likely to look like it. The place to get it is out of yourself, out of your heart, out of your mind, out of your own interest in the subject, out of your own desires to make someone else see as you see, out of your own impulses . . .

"Here are, however, a few limited suggestions that may prove useful. Do not repeat one gesture until it becomes monotonous. Do not make short, jerky movements from the elbow. The movements from the shoulder look better on the platform. Do not end your gestures too quickly. If you are using the index finger to drive home your thought, do not be afraid to hold that gesture through an entire sentence. The failure to do this is a very common error and a serious one. It distorts your emphasis, making small things important, and truly important points seem trivial by comparison.

"When you are doing real speaking before a real audience, make only the gestures that come naturally, but while you are practicing, force yourself, if necessary to use gestures. Force yourself to do it, and the doing of it will so awaken and stimulate you that your gestures will soon become part of your manner of speaking . . .

"If you forget all else we have said about gesture and delivery, remember this: If a man is so wrapped up in what he has to say, if he is so eager to get his message across that he forgets himself and talks and acts spontaneously, then his gestures and his delivery, unstudied through they may be, are very likely to be almost above criticism. If you doubt this, walk up to a man and knock him down. You will probably discover that, when he regains his feet, the talk he delivers will be well nigh flawless and a gem of eloquence."

**Reserve Jan. 7 & 8 For Our Mid-Winter Conference**



## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Rabbi Ahron Batt, Brooklyn, N. Y. received his M.S. in Chemistry from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Rabbi Karpol Bender, Kingston, Ontario will appear on a regular program, The Voice of the Synagogue, over CKLC radio in Kingston.

Rabbi Lewis Berenson, Far Rockaway, N. Y. received his Ph.D. from Columbia University.

Rabbi Mark I. Brener, Brooklyn, N. Y. was awarded a grant by the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation of New York City for the purpose of doing research on the History and Development of the Jewish Community in Lima, Peru.

Rabbi Seymour Brickman, Florida, N. Y. was appointed Chaplain to the West Point U. S. Military Academy.

Rabbi William Cohen, West Hartford, Conn. was awarded a life contract by his congregation, Beth David.

Rabbi Walter Feder, Chicago, Ill., Ass't Professor of Medicine of Chicago University invented "flowmeter" which measures velocity and volume of blood flow within a 5% range of accuracy.

Rabbi Reuben E. Gross New York N. Y. recently completed his third year as resident in psychoanalytic psychotherapy at the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry and has been appointed staff member at the Brooklyn Center for Psychotherapy.

Rabbi Leon Katz was installed as President of Rabbinical Council of New Jersey at the Adas Israel Synagogue Center, Passaic.

Rabbi Morris Landes, Pittsburgh, Pa. was honored with a testimonial dinner on behalf of Israel Bonds.

Rabbi Bertram Mond, Cincinnati, Ohio has been appointed to the University of Cincinnati's Evening College faculty to teach advanced mathematics.

Rabbi Abraham R. Rappaport, New York, N. Y. officiated at the mortgage burning ceremony of his synagogue, Beth Hamedrash Hagodol of Washington Heights.

Rabbi Herschel Schacter New York, N. Y., President of YU Rabbinic Alumni was guest of honor at a reception tendered by his congregation, the Moshulu Jewish Center on the occasion of YU's 75th Anniversary.

Rabbi Elihu Schatz, Washington, D. C. was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, Flushing, N. Y. was named "Man of the Year" by the Intercollegiate Council of Young Israel at their recent Labor Day weekend convocation.

## Our Roshe Hayeshiva

by Rabbi Jacob Goldberg



Rabbi Meyer S. Feldblum

It is a mark of both the actual achievements and the potential contribution of our beloved Yeshiva that it numbers among its distinguished faculty a young man of such outstanding scholarship and brilliance: הרב מאיר שמחה הכהן פעלדבלום, named after the אור שמח ז"ל. Survivor of the Nazi butchery in and around Vilna during the war, product of our own Yeshiva learning since coming to the free shores of the United States, Ho-Rav Feldblum has established himself as a young scholar of promise and prominence.

Within his warm personality are united the twin streams of logical prowess and mystical perception. The river of his soul flows from the fountainhead of the authentic Jewish past; yet it is nurtured by the streams of modern scholarship. Foremost among his mentors have been our

Rabbi of blessed memory, Ho-Rav Moshe Shotzkes ז"ל and Professor Abraham Weiss יברל לויים of the Bernard Revel Graduate School. Ho-Rav Feldblum is that special breed of "lamdan" who uses scholarly technique and research methodology in understanding a "blat gemarah."

He was granted the first Ph.D. of the Bernard Revel Graduate School for a thesis on מחקרים במסכת גיטין, an exposition of the relationship of the mishna, tosefta, bavli and yerushalmi. He is continuing his work as a Research Fellow, and is presently working דקדוקי סופרים a classic on textual variants and versions of Tractate Gittin. HoRav Feldblum, in addition to his Shiur in Gemarrah in the Yeshiva, teaches a course in the college on the history of talmudic literature.

Busily engaged as he is in the world of halacha and modern scholarship, he yet retains the warmth and spiritual concern for his students, and his fellow alumni serving in the American rabbinate. Hearty in speech and manner, precise and careful in words and expression, he is truly a man of influence amongst students and faculty alike. He has never forgotten the miracle of his survival during three years in the forest of Vilna, and this memory undoubtedly serves to spur him on to the dedicated and wholehearted efforts which characterize both his teaching and his learning.

Himself a symbol of the growth of Yeshiva, of its going forth into old-new realms of Torah scholarship, his constant message to students and to colleagues alike is to move toward the greater fulfillment of their goals. We must grow in learning and in reverence, we must move toward the ever-beckoning aim of perfection for the Yeshiva and for Orthodoxy.

Rabbi Max N. Schreir, Fairfield, Conn. was elected President of the Bridgeport Board of Rabbis. He has also been appointed chairman of the Orthodox Rabbinic Advisory Committee on Kashruth for the State of Connecticut.

Rabbi Ephraim Shimoff, Astoria, N. Y. was awarded life tenure and tendered a testimonial dinner on the occasion of his 10th anniversary with his congregation, Beth El.

Rabbi Joseph Singer, Brooklyn, N. Y. celebrated the redemption and burning of the mortgage of his congregation, B'nai Isaac.

Rabbi Charles Spirn, Yonkers, N. Y. was honored at a testimonial in recognition of his ten years of service to his congregation, People of Righteousness.

Rabbi Louis Tuchman, Freehold, N. J. received the Shofar Award from the Bronx Jewish Comm. on Scouting at a special Breakfast at Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Isadore Tennenberg, Cote St. Luc, Quebec received an Honorary membership award from the western branch of the YM-YWHA for devoted service to the congregation and his interest in the youth of Cote St. Luc.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### MAZEL TOV

#### Births

Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Atkin, Paterson, N. J. on the birth of a boy, Ben Zion Boruch.

Rabbi and Mrs. Bernard Betgman, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a grandchild.

Rabbi and Mrs. Benjamin Blech, Ocean-side, L. I. on the birth of a girl, Tamar Dever.

Rabbi and Mrs. Seymour Brickman, Florida, N. Y. on the birth of a girl, Rena Ethel.

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert Dobrinsky, Halifax, N. S. on the birth of a girl, Tova.

Rabbi and Mrs. Joshua Epstein, Schenectady, N. Y. on the birth of a girl, Aliza Ruth.

Rabbi and Mrs. Ludovico Fleischmann, Niagara Falls, Ont. on the birth of a girl, Ayalah.

Rabbi and Mrs. Morton L. Gordon, Norwich, Conn. on the addition to their family of a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. Morton R. Green, Hamilton, Ont. on the birth of a boy.

Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Homnick, Oak Park, Michigan on the birth of a boy, Akiva Chaim.

Rabbi and Mrs. Simeon Kobrinetz, Broomall, Pa. on the birth of a girl, Nina Loren.

Rabbi and Mrs. Julius Kreitman, Danville, Va. on the birth of a boy, Yisroel Meir.

Rabbi and Mrs. Norman Lamm, New York, N. Y. on the birth of a girl, Sara Rebecca.

Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel Landa Ozone Park, N. Y. on the birth of a boy, Seth Efreml.

Rabbi and Mrs. Murray H. Lustig, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a boy, Jacob.

Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Marcus, Washington, D. C. on the birth of a girl, Bathsheva.

Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel Marcus, New York, N. Y. on the birth of a grandchild, Bathsheva.

Rabbi and Mrs. Irving Rosner, St. Laurent, P. Q. on the birth of a girl.

Rabbi and Mrs. Zelo Schussheim, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the birth of a girl.

Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron Seidman, Washington, D. C. on the birth of a boy, Judah Pinchas.

Rabbi and Mrs. Bernard Shoter, Sarasota, Fla. on the birth of a boy.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL ALUMNI

Dear Alumnus:

You're missing plenty if you're not a member of our Chevrah Shas.

You're missing the thrill of joining more than 200 other colleagues in an ongoing fellowship of study.

You're missing the satisfaction of having completed "Megillah" and "Berachoth" during the past two years.

You're missing the pleasure and excitement of the monthly shiurim by our Rabbi, Harav Soloveitchik.

Despite your heavy schedule and innumerable commitments, join the Chevrah Shas as we start our new season with a new "masechta." It's an old friend, an old favorite and one which was the turning point in your life—"Masecheth HULIN."

If you have not yet done so, please write us at once and indicate that you will join with us for the next two years in the joint study of this tractate.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

LEONARD ROSENFELD  
Chairman, Chevrah Shas

*Note: In our next issue we will publish the honor roll of our members who completed Masecheth Berachoth during the past year, and also those who joined the Chevrah Shas for the coming year.*

Rabbi and Mrs. Joel Smilchensky, Red Bank, N. J. on the birth of a girl.

Rabbi and Mrs. Jerome Herzog, Minneapolis, Minn. on the birth of a boy.

### Engagements

Rabbi Abraham Kupchik on his engagement to Evelyn Yudin of Crown Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.

### Marriages

Rabbi and Mrs. Meir Felman, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the marriage of their daughter, Naomi to Norman Bloom.

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, Flushing, L. I. on his recent marriage.

Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Washer, Teaneck, N. J. on the marriage of their daughter, Dassah to Dr. Howard Wang.

Rabbi and Mrs. Israel H. Weisfeld, New Orleans, La. on the marriage of their daughter, Naomi Ruth to Mr. Kenneth Paul Eislely.

### MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

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having received Semicha: Rabbis Benjamin Axelman, Abraham Bloch, Meyer Cohen, Philip Greenstein, Nisan Heifetz, Joseph H. Lookstein, Irving Miller, Emanuel Marcus, Samuel Mykoff, I. Molotin, Abraham Rosenfeld, Hyman Scheinfeld, Nissan Waxman, Sol Weinreb.

The guest speaker at the banquet will be Dr. Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Roumania who recently arrived in this country for an extended visit.

The Mid-Winter Conference has always been an event permeated with the warmth and camaraderie of a return visit to our Alma Mater. Make your plans to attend, to revisit the Yeshiva where you spent so many fruitful years, to renew old friendships and to once again drink from the fountain of Torah.

RABBI CHAIM GOLDIN

of

Brookline, Mass.

was called to his eternal reward

22 Elul 5721

September 3, 1961

*Our Heartfelt Sympathies to the  
bereaved family*

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### Condolences

Rabbi Robert Blau, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the loss of his father.

Rabbis Harold, Meyer and Seymour Hirschman on the loss of their father.

Rabbi Harold B. Liebowitz, Brooklyn, N. Y. on the loss of his mother.

Rabbi Harold B. Perlman, New York, N. Y. on the loss of his mother.

Rabbis Bernard and Solomon Poupko on the loss of their father.

Dr. Samuel Sar, New York, N. Y. on the loss of his wife.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, New York, N. Y. on the loss of his mother.

Rabbi Joshua Shapiro, Atlantic City, N. J. on the loss of his mother.

Rabbi Louis Tuchman, Freehold, N. J. on the loss of his father.

Rabbi David Weinbach, Kew Gardens, N. Y. on the loss of his father.