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EXHIBITS PRAYER BOOK—Rabbi David B. Hollander (center), speaker at Beth Abraham Brotherhood meeting last night, holds one of the first Jewish prayer books published in Soviet Russia since the Revolution. Looking on are Rabbi Norman L. Zdanowitz (left) and Maxim Scolnik, president of Beth Abraham Brotherhood.

Rabbi Hollander told of his experiences in iron curtain countries as head of the first delegation of rabbis to enter Russia last summer. He was the second in a series of speakers at Brotherhood

RABBI HOLLANDER TELLS EXPERIENCES OF RUSSIA VISIT

Rabbi David B. Hollander of New York City, honorary president of the Rabbinical Council of America and head of the first delegation of rabbis in the iron curtain countries, spoke on his experiences in the Communist countries, at a meeting of the Beth Abraham Brotherhood at the Auburn synagog last night.

Rabbi Hollander told the 125 present that during Stalin's last years an anti-Semitic drive against Jews was carried out, which had the effect of purging any communist sympathies any Jews in Russia might have had. The fact that Jews serving the communist cause faithfully were imprisoned had a sobering effect on the rest, he said.

He asserted that the only groups in Russia not overwhelmed by Communist propaganda were religious ones, both Christian and Jewish. While other groups folded easily under the dictatorship, he said, religion had the tenacity to endure.

Rabbi Hollander commented that while traveling in Russia he witnessed no anti-semitic demonstrations by the Russian public. He added, however, that he didn't know whether this was normal or the people had been cautioned by the government to be on their best behavior.

Rabbi Hollander, the second speaker in a series of Brotherhood suppers and meetings, brought with him one of the first Jewish prayer books to be published in Soviet Russia since the 1917 Revolution. The delegation he headed last summer was also the first in 40 years.