

KEHILATH JESHURUN BULLETIN

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IMPORTANT COMMITTEES APPOINTED

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the congregation, Mr. Max J. Etra explained that work must be started at once on the plans for the utilization to the fullest of the building acquired by the congregation for its educational and recreational purposes. The Board agreed with that and further agreed that action ought to be started without delay on the alteration and remodeling of our synagogue premises. The following three committees were therefore appointed that night:

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE:
Prof. Maurice Finkelstein, Chairman;
Messrs. Abbott Bernard, Harry Etra,
Bernard D. Fischman, Dr. Isidore
Givner, Samuel Marcus and Abraham
Wiener.

COMMUNITY HOUSE COMMITTEE:
Mr. Israel Cummings, Chairman;
Messrs. Morris A. Goldstein, Irvin B.
Jacobs, Mortimer J. Propp, Samuel
Rosen and Louis W. Yohann.

SYNAGOGUE ALTERATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Samuel Levy, Chairman;
Messrs. Morris S. Galler, Samuel
M. Kaplan and Sol Lustbader.

The Religious School Committee will shortly meet to plan the afternoon school which will be conducted under the auspices of our congregation in the new building, beginning with the next school year.

The Community House Committee will study the possibilities of the new building as a real community center.

The Synagogue Alteration Committee will consult with architects on the perfection of the necessary plans of remodeling.

SABBATH CIRCLE

Beginning with this Saturday, a new institution will be established in our synagogue—the Sabbath Circle. This will be a religious, social and cultural institution and will be conducted as follows:

At five o'clock, tea will be served in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. At five-thirty, Mincha services will follow in the chapel. After Mincha, the rabbi will deliver a series of lectures on the general theme, Foundations of Jewish Law." A ten-minute question and answer period will follow. And then Mahriv and Havdulah.

This is something new, promising and worth while. The Sabbath Circle is open to men and women, to young and old. Come with your families to join the larger congregational family.

YOUR KOL NIDRE PLEDGE

We are happy to announce that new pledges of appreciable size have been announced during the course of the week. We are grateful to those who have made them and we are confident that others will follow.

Elsewhere in this bulletin, the reader will find that action is beginning on the projects for which the pledges were intended. We therefore hope that our contributors will send us their contributions without delay, in order that the funds may be available when ready for use.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

BOARD MEETING

A special Board meeting of the Sisterhood is called for Monday, October 30, at one P.M. It is most urgent that all members attend, as matters of vital importance must be discussed and decided upon.

OUR NEXT MEETING

The Sisterhood extends to its members and their friends a cordial invitation to attend its next slated meeting to be held on Monday, November 6th, at two P.M. in the Social Hall of the synagogue. After a short but important business meeting, we shall be privileged to listen to Mrs. Juliette T. Aschner who will analyze and discuss for us the widely read novel "Earth and High Heaven" by Gwethalyn Graham. She will also review a book of non-fiction "The Yankee from Olympus" by Catherine D. Bowen. Those of us who have read these books surely will enjoy Miss Aschner's point of view, since her keen mind and her inveterate readers surely qualify her as a lecturer whose opinion and viewpoint command respect. However, if you are not familiar with either of these books, you have a special treat in store for you.

Tea will be served after Miss Aschner's talk.

WAR FUND DRIVE

Many of our women are already working for the War Fund Drive, but we can use still more help. If you care to assist in this worthy drive, get in touch with your President.

THE SINGER BAR-MITZVAH

Young Max Singer, son of our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Summer Singer, will become Bar-mitzvah this Saturday in our synagogue. Our greetings and congratulations to the entire family.

MONDAY AFTERNOONS

The first afternoon set aside for bandage-rolling had fine results. A goodly number of ladies worked all afternoon. It was indeed fascinating to watch the piles of white bandages grow. However, our energetic chairman and her able assistants were not at all satisfied. They expect many more workers to participate in this good work. Surely it is not too much to ask or expect of any woman to give a few hours a week to do her bit for the Defenders of Democracy, for it is to help heal their wounds that we are making these hospital supplies. If you can possibly make time, join our group every Monday afternoon.

CANTILLATIONS

To many of our readers, the word "cantillations" will be somewhat of a mystery. Actually, it means the melody that is used for the reading of the Torah, the prophetic portion, and the different scrolls read on holidays.

Mr. Joseph E. Adler, our Ritual Director, and an expert in the art of cantillations, will conduct a study group in that subject. After a short course, the students who will attend it will be able to follow the Torah reading expertly and will be able themselves to read any Maftir assigned to the. The course will also include a discussion of the divisions of the scripture reading according to portions, and the significance, historical and religious, of these divisions.

Those who are interested in this course should please inform Mr. Adler so that a suitable day and hour may be arranged.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership Chairman, Jack Alpert, reports and welcomes as new members Murray Beckenstein, Emil Fischer, Cantor Victor Gold, Dr. Milton Rosner and Robert H. Zessman

Slowly and consistently our membership increases. With each increase comes greater ability to function and to accomplish those purposes which we espouse. The finest tribute any organization can receive is to constantly find new faces in its midst. Such a state of affairs spells growth and recognition — an unmistakable stamp of approval for work well done. We now modestly admit a total of over two hundred and fifty active members.

CHANUKAH GIFT FUND

We herewith acknowledge with thanks the generous donations of Messrs. Herman Goldman, Alex Kommel, Henry Reichlin and Dr. Jerome Trier to the Chanukah Gift Box Fund. These gifts are sent wherever Jewish boys are in uniform and to all parts of the globe. This is one certain way to remind those lads far away from home that we haven't forgotten them. What finer way can we help them celebrate the ancient festival of Chanukah? The cost of one of these boxes is approximately one dollar (\$1.00).

A HERO REWARDED

Sgt. Herbert Ratnoff, son of our Morris Ratnoff, who died in the Battle of Saipan, was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for bravery in action. We regret his death but we are proud of his heroism.

NATIONAL WAR FUND

In a few days, we will start a house-to-house canvas of the area assigned to us. Volunteers are needed for this necessary work. Last year, the Men's Club in cooperation with the Sisterhood led all other religious and civic groups in the entire upper East Side. This is one way to participate in the great conflict that now rages. Funds are needed for our Allies and for the comforts of our own fighting men. Some thirty-one agencies benefit from and distribute the funds collected. They include the USO, British War Relief, Russian War Relief, Aid to China, Prisoners of War relief, etc., etc. Please write or call the Synagogue office and join our merciful band.

THE NOVEMBER 21st MEETING

The renowned Dr. Paul Phelps Morand will speak on "France and the Future of Europe." This man knows General deGaulle and many of those in whose hands lies the destiny of the French nation. Remember: we always meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

THE CHORAL GROUP

The Jewish Education Committee has formed a Choral Group under the leadership of the famous Jewish music director, Harry Coopersmith. This group devotes itself to the study and performance of the best Hebrew and Jewish choral music and performs from time to time at outstanding public affairs. Those who may be interested, call our office for details.

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THE TALMUD CLASS

The members of the Talmud class met last Monday night and discussed the program of study for this year. The Tractate of Ketuboth will be studied. Important selections of that Tractate will be ready to be given with the commentaries and the discussions will include also the opinions and decisions of the later interpreters and codifiers.

No previous knowledge of the Talmud is necessary to join the class. All those who seek an introduction to the richest compendium of Jewish law are cordially invited.

Rabbi Lookstein will preach
this Sabbath at 10:30 A. M. on
"LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF
THE FIRST JEW."

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 5:40 P.M.
Mincha Services 5:45 P.M.

SATURDAY

Morning Services 9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Lech Lecha Gene-
sis 12:1—17:27
Haftorah: Isaiah 40:27—41:16
Mincha Services 5:30 P.M.

Daily Services

Morning 7:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning 8:30 A.M.
Evening 5:45 P.M.

YAHREZITS FOR THE WEEK

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