

KEHILATH JESHURUN BULLETIN

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INSTITUTE BUILDING OURS

CONGREGATION TAKES TITLE TO COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL EDIFICE

Last Thursday was a red letter day in the history of Kehilath Jeshurun. At eleven o'clock on the morning of that day, the final papers were signed whereby title was transferred from the Central Jewish Institute to Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, making us the legal owners of the magnificent edifice alongside of our synagogue.

Present at that historic title taking were Messrs. Nathan B. Kogan and Albert P. Schoolman for the Central Jewish Institute and Messrs. Max J. Etra, Saul J. Lance and George Jacobs for the Congregation.

The monies that made the purchase possible came from the proceeds of the \$100,000 Building Fund Campaign announced last Kol Nidre night and which is still in progress. Thus far, \$50,000 have been raised; another \$50,000 will have to be collected in order to completely remodel, renovate and redecorate our synagogue premises.

We are now the owners of a modern and up-to-date building which we plan to operate as a community house. In it will also be housed the Ramaz School and an afternoon religious school under our auspices. We have every reason, therefore, to be proud of a glorious



*Our new Community House
and School Building*

achievement. And those, who by their generosity and effort made it possible, have every justification to congratulate themselves for this blessed contribution to Jewish and American life.

Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:30 A.M.

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"CHANUKAH AND CHRISTMAS — A STUDY IN INTERFAITH RELATIONS"

RAMAZ PARENTS CAMPAIGN FOR \$50,000

The Ramaz parents initiated a campaign for \$50,000 with which to improve and equip the newly acquired Institute building. Already, over \$10,000 were raised and the campaign has only begun.

Among the improvements is the installation of an elevator which will serve jointly the school and the synagogue buildings. The other improvements include the provision of additional classroom space, the equipment of arts and crafts rooms, science laboratories, a library, lounges, lunch room facilities and a completely redecorated auditorium. A caged-in outdoor playroom is also planned.

A committee of the parents is in



The Gymnasium of Our Community House

charge of the campaign and is busy at work to raise the necessary funds so that the alterations may begin immediately after the closing of school in June.

His Last Dollar

Into our office last week walked a humble man. He must remain nameless for obvious reasons. He has been a worshipper in our midst for many years. Being all alone in the world, he arranged for admission to an old age home. Before entering that institution, he reserved for himself the necessities for the inevitable day — a casket, a shroud, a grave. Then he came to bid farewell to the House of God in which he had worshipped the greater part of his life. He heard the Rabbi's appeal on Kol Nidre night: it was extremely necessary to remodel and redecorate the synagogue. "It was beautiful enough for him; it must be made more beautiful for the next generation." Of all his worldly possessions, he had only one dollar left. This he brought as his offering to the Altar of the Lord and insisted that it be taken.

Our blessings to you, Mr. K. . . May the Lord give you many years of bliss and serenity. May your humility and generosity serve as a model to inspire others more fortunate than you. Or is there one more fortunate than you?

The Chanukah Supper

We were jammed to the doors — but we had a glorious time at the Chanukah Supper and Dance held last Sunday night in the auditorium of the Central Jewish Institute. Dornstein Caterers provided a sumptuous meal. The music and entertainment were superb. Nathaniel Sprinzen rendered beautiful vocal selections as did Frances Lane of Station WOR and singer with Harold Stern's Band at the Essex House. Jennie Goldstein outdid herself and had to return for encore after encore. Our own Cantor Victor Gold, in addition to lighting the Chanukah candles, gave two selections which revealed his dramatic talent in addition to his vocal ability. Dave Terrace and his orchestra provided the dance music.

We are very grateful to Dr. Elihu Katz, Mr. Fred Margareten and Mr. Jacob Rudd for helping us to assemble the beautiful program of entertainment.

Our apologies to those whose reservations we could not accept because they arrived too late. For the future, let us all remember it is the early congregant who gets the space.

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL SMOKER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th at 8:30 P.M.

In our Social Hall

This is our homiest get-together of the entire year. You eat, you smoke, you drink, you play cards when, as and if the mood suits you.

There will be entertainment in keeping with the spirit of the evening. Everybody welcome, everybody invited.

Men's Club Membership

Mr. Jack Alpert announces and welcomes as a new member Mr. Julius Lipsitz. Our chairman promises a long array of new names to add to our roster in the very near future. Thus far he has never failed to keep a promise, and we know that he won't this time.

Program Committee

The Program Committee will soon publish a brochure containing the program of the entire season, the membership roster and a listing of the various activities in which the Men's Club is at present engaged.

RAMAZ NOTES

The Ramaz School Basketball Team will make its first appearance in a game against the team of the Ramaz Alumnus Society on Thursday, January 4th.

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On Friday, December 22nd, the Ramaz G. O. will sponsor a special movie show for its members. "Abe Lincoln in Illinois", with Raymond Massey, as the main feature. (Note: The Ramaz G. O. boasts 100% membership.)

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Through the efforts of the parents of Stanley Strauss of Grade 8, a \$50,000 bond was bought by a corporation, with credit given to Ramaz, for the purchase of a pursuit plane.

Are You on the Job?

By this time it should be evident to every member of the Sisterhood that on Tuesday, January 16th, our Annual Donor Luncheon will be held at the Hotel Ambassador. Subscriptions are \$15 for members and guest tickets are \$7.50. It is so simple to become a donor. One has only to procure \$30 in ads for the Year Book of our Congregation. And if you find this difficult, you have only to contact our Journal Chairman, Mrs. Cel Silberman, who will be very happy to assist you in planning your ad-getting.

You cannot afford to miss this affair the social event of the season. And it is our duty to ourselves and to our Sisterhood to cooperate in every way with the active committee which is putting forth every effort to make this an outstanding event.

Best Wishes to Mrs. Wiener

The congregation extends sincerest wishes to Mrs. Abraham Wiener for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Wiener was taken to Mt. Sinai Hospital for an emergency operation. May she speedily be back with her family and with us to enjoy enduring good health.

Congratulations

All good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gold on their anniversary. Happy Birthday to Mrs. Henry Rafsky, Mrs. Oscar Gruen, Mrs. Saul J. Lance and Mrs. Fred Margareten.

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Calendar of Events

Monday, December 25, 8:30 P.M. —
Talmud Class.

Tuesday, December 26, 2 P.M. —
Sisterhood Red Cross project.

Thursday, January 4, 8:30 P.M. —
Synagogue Board of Trustees meeting.

Monday, January 8, 2 P.M. — Regu-
lar Sisterhood meeting.

Tuesday, January 16, 12 Noon —
SISTERHOOD DONOR LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 16, 8:30 P.M. —
MEN'S CLUB SMOKER.

Memorial Plaques Reserved

Mr. Elliott W. Siegel has this week
reserved two plaques on our Memorial
Tablet in loving memory of his dear
departed parents, Louis and Sarah Sie-
gel.

A plaque was also reserved by Abbott
Bernard in memory of his late friend
Maurice Bretzfeld.

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 5:15
Mincha Services 5:20

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Weekly Portion — Vayigash: Gen.
44:18-47:27
Haftorah: Ezekiel 37:15-28
Sabbath Circle 4:30
Mincha Services 5:00

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Evening 5:20

YAHREZITS FOR THE WEEK

Samuel Abeloff
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Mendel Gottesman
Harris Mayer
Joel Resnick
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