

# KEHILATH JESHURUN BULLETIN

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## NEW FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR DRIVE ON NEEDED FOR REMODELING OF SYNAGOGUE AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The Building Fund Campaign Committee met last Monday night under the chairmanship of Israel Cummings and decided to proceed at once with a campaign for \$50,000. The intention is to raise this amount within the next six to eight weeks and thus complete the \$100,000 campaign that was approved by the membership of the congregation early in the Fall.

The first \$50,000 of this quota was pledged on Kol Nidre night and has already been almost entirely collected. It was used for the purchase of the Institute building, which is now ours. The new amount to be raised will be used exclusively for the complete remodeling, renovation and redecoration of our synagogue structure.

A number of those who attended the meeting immediately announced that they would double their previous contributions. As a result, over \$10,000 was forthwith collected. The entire committee than pledged itself to work unceasingly until the full quota is reached. The plan of campaign will be direct and

personal. Every member of the congregation will be approached individually and will be asked to contribute. There will be no public appeal of any sort.

Once again we are turning to our membership. Their generosity has made possible a most historic event—the acquisition of a school building and community house. We are confident that they will rise again to an equally great and historic opportunity—the transformation of our present synagogue premises into a temple of beauty and a sanctuary of aesthetic holiness.

When you are visited by a member of the Building Fund Committee, please receive him kindly and considerately. Please respond to him cooperatively and generously. The one who will visit you will probably already have made his own contribution. He may also be a busy business man or professional man. Besides his means, he is also giving his time and effort to the congregational needs. Please treat him accordingly.

We are off on the second leg of our march towards a great goal. Help us reach it speedily.

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

on

"THE SONG OF MOSES — CAN IT BECOME THE SONG OF HUMANITY"



You are cordially invited to attend the  
**MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
of  
**CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN**  
on  
**Thursday, February First**  
at 8:30 P.M.

**HARRY GENDEL**  
Monologist

**CANTOR VICTOR GOLD**  
in a musical program

**Refreshments**

**SISTERHOOD NEWS**

**What Price Glamour**

In keeping with the plans of the Sisterhood to bring to its members programs of diverse interest, we have thus far this season arranged cultural meetings including a book review play analyses, a review of the Russian theatre and a noted radio commentator.

For our next meeting on Monday, February 5th, in the Social Hall, we make a strict departure and bring you a program in a lighter vein. It is our pleasure to announce that Miss Eleanor A. Nash, clothes advisor of Bonwit Teller styles will be with us to help us with our problems. Are you troubled with what styles to choose to bring out your personality? Do you know what your best colors are? Or does your hair-do worry you? Your troubles are over, friends, for Miss Nash will help one or all of us. You have only to be present February 5th. If you are on the timid side, then come and profit by the analyses of the more daring ones. But at any rate, do come.

**Good News Bears Repetition**

Here are some of the highlights of our Donor Luncheon:

The courage of K. J. women who braved the terrific storm to be present—the discovery of the oratorical talent of our once timid chairman, Helen Brody—the welcome address of President Blanche Etra, at once subtly humorous, yet brilliantly serious—and of course, our Rabbi's message while having to pinch-hit for Jerry Lester, comedian, and Larry

Brooks, tenor. He came through with flying colors, taking all assignments in his stride; yet bringing tears to every eye with his description of what our boys in the service are doing.

We are indeed justly proud for having given all who came a grand afternoon. Incidentally, the luncheon yielded the richest financial return of all luncheons previously held.

**Mid-Year Membership Meeting**

On Thursday evening, February 1st, the membership of the congregation will gather for the regular mid-year meeting in the Social Hall of the synagogue.

At this meeting, the semi-annual financial report will be read and reports will also be rendered by the Rabbi, the President, the Chairmen of standing committees and the head of the Men's Club and Sisterhood.

Of great and special interest should be the report of the Religious School Committee, which will set forth the plan and program of our afternoon Religious School, which will begin its sessions under synagogue auspices next September.

The outstanding feature of the meeting will be the celebration of the acquisition of the new school building and community house. A program of music and entertainment has been arranged. Cantor Victor Gold will render musical selections and the entertainment will be furnished by the well known artist and monologist, Harry Gendel, formerly of the Artef Players. An elaborate collation will follow at the close of the meeting.



*You and your men friends are cordially invited to attend our*

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1945, at 8:30 P.M.**

**IN THE SOCIAL HALL**

*to hear*

**DR. E. M. BERNSTEIN**

**Assistant Director Monetary Research**

*speak on*

**"A PRACTICAL INTERNATIONAL POLICY"**

**A COLLATION WILL BE SERVED**

**A Special Treat**

The special meeting of the Men's Club on Tuesday evening, January 30th, will afford our membership a special treat. The guest speaker Dr. E. M. Bernstein, is an outstanding economist and an authority on monetary affairs. He was Executive Director of the U.S. delegation at the International Monetary Conference at Bretton Woods last July.

The results of that conference will be of vital importance to everyone in every country and in every phase of our daily lives. These results will determine whether or not people will have jobs and how much they will find in their pay envelopes. They should concern also the returning soldier, the taxpayer and the consumer.

Come and hear a famous authority discuss a most vital question.

**The Annual Smoker**

It has been our fixed policy to report with restraint on any meeting of our Men's Club. However it is with great difficulty that we do so in the present instance. Despite the heavy storm, a capacity crowd attended. It was indeed a mighty testimonial to the esteem and respect which our group enjoys. Further it was a conclusive demonstration of the strength and maturity of our organization. No great stars were advertised, no so-called headliners to attract an audience — our members came because they wanted to come and be "with the boys." Through sheer persistency and

effectual effort, we have established a living, dynamic fraternal association. We have indeed built on a solid foundation.

We can't let this opportunity go by without mentioning and thanking Alex Garfein. Through his generosity and physical effort, the collation was made possible. The spirit that he displayed assures the continued existence of the K. J. Men's Club.

**The "Ad" Committee**

"Our "Ad" Chairman, Abe Kirshon, again reminds us to cooperate more fully that we have in the procuring of "ads" for the Year Book. We have much to gain and everything to lose if we fail to capitalize this opportunity of contributing to the Building Fund. The Men's Club looks forward to a permanent "home" in the building next door — our very own quarters. Let us do something to help make this dream come true.

**Ramaz Notes**

The children of Ramaz will enjoy our Inter-Session Recess on Thursday, February 1, and Friday, February 2, when teachers will be on hand for parent-teacher conferences.

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Shirley Adler of Grade 8 and Matilda Naiditch of Grade 7 were recently elected President and Secretary, respectively, of the Ramaz Chorus under the direction of Mr. Shalom Altman. The chorus is composed of more than forty voices.



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## Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein .....	<i>Rabbi</i>
Victor Gold .....	<i>Cantor</i>
Joseph E. Adler .....	<i>Ritual Director</i>

## Officers of the Congregation

Max J. Etra .....	<i>President</i>
Saul J. Lance .....	<i>Vice-President</i>
Abraham R. Winer .....	<i>Treasurer</i>
Alexander Kommel .....	<i>Secretary</i>
Jacob H. Alpert .....	<i>Comptroller</i>
Ira F. Weisman ....	<i>President, Men's Club</i>
Mrs. Harry Etra ..	<i>President, Sisterhood</i>

## Calendar of Events

- Monday, January 29, 2:00 P.M.—Sisterhood Red Cross project.  
 Monday, January 29, 8:00 P.M. — Talmud Class.  
 Tuesday, January 30, 3:30 P.M. — Ramaz Chess and Checker Club.  
 Tuesday, January 30, 7:15 P.M. — Girl Scout meeting.  
 Tuesday, January 30 8:30 P.M. — Men's Club special meeting.  
 Tuesday, January 30, 8:30 P.M. — Ramaz Parents Council.  
 Wednesday, January 31, 3:30 P.M. — Boy Scout Cub Pack meeting.  
 Thursday, February 1, 7:15 P.M. — Boy Scout 606 meeting.  
 Thursday, February 1, 7:30 P.M. — Board of Trustees.  
 Thursday, February 1, 8:30 P.M. — **Semi-Annual Membership Meeting.**  
 Monday, February 5, 2:00 P.M. — Sisterhood regular meeting.

## Israel at the Religious Crossroads

On Saturday, February 3rd, Rabbi Lookstein will begin a series of sermons under the general heading of "Israel at the Religious Crossroads." In that series, he will discuss the current versions of Judaism—Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist Judaism. The first address of the series will be "Reform Judaism: Has It Succeeded."

This series promises to be one of the most informative and stimulating ever to be heard from our pulpit.

## Schedule of Services

### FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles .....	5:50
Mincha Services .....	5:50

### SATURDAY—SHABBAT SHIRAH

Morning .....	9:00
Weekly Portion: Beshalach Exodus 13:17—17:16	
Haftorah: Judges 4:4—5:31	
Sabbath Circle .....	5:10
Mincha Services .....	5:40

### DAILY SERVICES

Morning .....	7:30
Sunday morning .....	8:30
Evening .....	5:50

## Yahrzeits for the Week

SAMUEL GALLER  
 ELIEZER GROSS  
 MAX KESSLER

MALKAH BAUM  
 MIRIAM KOMMEL  
 DORA MILLER

## Talmud Transcript

Several weeks ago, Rabbi Lookstein participated in the "Invitation to Learning" radio program, together with Professor William F. Albright of Johns Hopkins and Professor Eugene O'Neill Jr. of Yale University. The subject was "The Talmud." A transcript of that program is now available to those who will ask for it. Just drop a card to the synagogue office and it will gladly be sent to you.

## Personals

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Alexander Lichtman, our newly acquired member . . . Similar wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Oscar Gruen . . . Birthday greetings to Mrs. William Rosenbluth and to Mr. Louis W. Yohann . . . And happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sokolski.