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SHEVUOTH BULLETIN

WELCOME HOME RABBI LOOKSTEIN

"Blessed Shalt Thou Be At Thy Coming In"

As this Bulletin goes to press our Rabbi is on his way home from the San Francisco Conference where he spent the last two weeks. Rabbi Lookstein will arrive in New York on Thursday, May 17th, Shevuoth Eve. The entire congregation joins us in extending a hearty welcome to our Rabbi.

THE SHEVUOTH SERMONS

The congregation will have the opportunity to hear first hand, news on the goings on in San Francisco. We learned that Rabbi Lookstein has had the opportunity to meet with Jewish and non-Jewish leaders of national and international fame to discuss with them the question concerning the Jews remaining in Europe and also the vital problem of the future of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. His principal assignment was to the Latin-American delegation. The Rabbi also addressed several audiences and spoke on the radio.

On Shevuoth Rabbi Lookstein in his sermons will share with us his experiences of the past two weeks. He will speak on Friday on the subject "San Francisco and Sinai—An Eye-Witness Report of the United Nations Conference." On Saturday, the second day of Shevuoth he will speak on "First Fruits from San Francisco." We know that from our Rabbi we may expect a lucid and learned report. The highlights and shadows of the Conference will be revealed with the characteristic forthrightness for which our pulpit is noted.

Be in our synagogue this Shevuoth and listen to Rabbi Lookstein. Your holiday will be more meaningful and significant as a result.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

San Francisco, May 14, 1945

Dear Congregants:

I am speaking to you from the Golden Gate. That metaphor is significant. Out of San Francisco may emerge the pattern of a new world, and humanity may as a result pass through a golden gate leading to great promise and rich fulfillment. Behind us will be left a wilderness of chaos and barbarism, a jungle of cruelty and savagery. Ahead of us may lie brotherhood, freedom, justice and everlasting peace.

Do not however, dear friends, assume that the Utopian State and ideal society are immediately at hand. Here the groundwork only is being laid; the foundations are being sunk. The structure is yet to be built. We can only hope and pray that the efforts expended here may be blessed so that richer blessings may come tomorrow. The blood and tears that have been shed justify this hope and make reverent the prayer.

For our people, San Francisco must not prove yet another illusion. We are too sore and weary to suffer any additional frustration or disappointment. Our price—five million dead—is much too costly to end in further perplexity and bewilderment. Surely we may expect some compensation for all our pain, some reward for our unparalleled suffering.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL

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Shevuoth is the festival of first-fruits. May San Francisco bring to Israel and humanity the first-fruits of a rich harvest of abundant good.

I look forward eagerly to greet you all in the synagogue this holiday. I shall welcome the honor of sharing with you my experiences during this historic fortnight. Till then, my blessings to you all.

Joseph H. Lookstein.

SISTERHOOD NEWS Final Membership Meeting

The final Sisterhood meeting of the year will take place on Monday, May 21st at the home of Mrs. Max Singer, 1070 Park Avenue. The feature will be the induction of the following new members: Mrs. R. Breitel, Mrs. Louis Alpert, Mrs. Nathan Ball, Mrs. George Blake, Mrs. Jacob D. Cohen, Mrs. Morris S. Galler, Mrs. Victor Gold, Mrs. Bessie Hellman, Mrs. David Isacovic, Mrs. Harry Kleinfeld, Mrs. Mortimer Propp, Mrs. Jack Sommers, Mrs. Edgar Troutman, Mrs. Samuel Witty, Mrs. Abraham Weinberg, Mrs. Manuel Weinstein, Mrs. Maurice A. Bergman, Mrs. Theodore R. Herman, and Mrs. Robert Zessman.

An election of officers for the coming year and committee appointments will also take place, in addition to outlining of plans for the future. We look forward to a banner attendance to welcome Rabbi Lookstein after his trip to San Francisco. Sisterhood members and their friends are urged to be present.

Rabbi Lookstein will speak on
both days of the holidays at
10:45.

I "San Francisco and Sinai"

II "First Fruits from
San Francisco"

SHEVUOTH NOTES

The Synagogue

Our synagogue, as usual, will be fittingly and beautifully decorated in honor of the holiday. This festival always brings record attendance to the synagogue. This year an even bigger congregation is expected in view of the fact that Rabbi Lookstein will be returning from his visit to the west coast.

Saying of Tikkun

On Thursday night after dinner, the old custom of saying Tikkun will be observed in the vestry rooms of the synagogue. There too, we hope to have with us our Rabbi. We will have a chance to listen to his informal chat which is always delightful and interesting and which will even be more so at this time. There will, of course, be the usual smokes and holiday refreshments. All are cordially invited.

Scripture Readings

This holiday is also called "The Season of the Giving of the Law" and can best be appreciated by coming to the synagogue early enough to listen to the special readings from the Scriptures. On the first day of Shevuoth we read the Ten Commandments preceded by the beautiful and melodious poem of Akdomuth which is chanted by the Rabbi and the congregation. On the second day of Shevuoth the memorial prayers are recited following the Rabbi's sermon. May we ask our worshipers to be in their seats before the sermon begins, since no one is permitted to enter the synagogue during the sermon.

Cantor Gold has prepared special melodies and recitatives for this holiday which we know will delight you. Thanks to the generosity of our Men's Club there will be enough uniform prayer books for all worshipers.

On this holiday of reaffirmation of and rededication to our Commandments, let us also rededicate ourselves to our synagogue and to the worship of God.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Membership

This week we welcome Martin Jacobs to our mounting numbers. Our membership chairman, Jack Alpert, reports that our numbers are increasing at a rate that is most encouraging and unusual for this time of the year. The meritorious work of our organization can receive no greater acclaim or endorsement than this. We can in all modesty state that our membership at this moment is at its peak. Soon we hope to announce a roster of three hundred.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

We go to press too early to report the story of the Fifth Annual Dinner. But what can now be reported is that we were hard put to it to take care of all reservations. Dinner chairman, Hy I. Bucher, says we broke all records for attendance. Several late comers were taken care of with great difficulty. What has made all this possible is an outstanding record of achievement. Men will inevitably recognize sincerity of purpose and effectiveness of performance.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 8:30 P. M.

Our Annual Membership Meeting will take place Tuesday, June 5th in the Social Hall of the synagogue at 8:30 P. M. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers to be elected. The chairmen of various committees will make their annual reports and matters of importance to our organization will be discussed. We hope to have a report from one who attended the San Francisco Conference. A collation will follow.

FATHER'S DAY SERVICES

The Men's Club, who was the first group of its kind to inaugurate Father's Day Services in a House of Worship will sponsor such services this year on Saturday, June 16th. As has been our custom, a member of our group will occupy the pulpit. A special program is planned, details of which will be announced in a later bulletin.

SCOUT INVESTITURE

Eli Garfein, chairman of the Boy Scout Committee, reminds us that the Scout Investiture ceremonies will take place Tuesday, May 29th at 7 P. M. in the Synagogue House. Everyone is invited to attend this interesting ceremony.

RAMAZ NOTES

Parents Council Dinner Meeting

On Tuesday, June 12th, at 6:30 P. M. the Parents Council will hold its final meeting of the year in the form of a dinner. Because this event will occur on meatless Tuesday, we will have the opportunity to sample the culinary achievements of the chefs of the Ramaz School. The subscription is \$1 per cover. Please let us hear from you not later than Monday, May 21st.

There are several surprises in store for you to make this an enjoyable evening. The fact that this meeting will take place within the week of the Ramaz graduation will add to the spirit of joviality of this event.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

The Varsity Softball Team of Ramaz played its first game of the season against the Franklin School. The score was 9 to 3 in favor of the Franklin School. The next game is scheduled for May 25th with the Little Red School House's Junior High School.

WAR LOAN DRIVE

The Ramaz School quota for the Seventh War Loan Drive is \$10,000 worth of hospital equipment. During this school year Ramaz has purchased a jeep, an ambulance, and two pursuit planes for our country.

SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

All members of the synagogue and its affiliates are requested to credit their bond purchases to our Sisterhood. Help us reach our goal of \$110,000 for the purchase of a hospital plane.

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Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein *Rabbi*
 Victor Gold *Cantor*
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Max J. Etra *President*
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 Ira F. Weisman *President, Men's Club*
 Mrs. Harry Etra .. *President, Sisterhood*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 21, 1 P.M. — Sisterhood Annual Meeting
 Monday, May 21, 8:30 P.M. — Talmud Class
 Tuesday, May 22, 3:30 P.M. — Chess and Checker Club
 Tuesday, May 22, 3:30 P.M. — Brownie Troop 3-273
 Tuesday, May 22, 7:15 P.M. — Cub Pack 656
 Thursday, May 24, 7:15 P.M. — Boy Scout Troop 656
 Tuesday, May 29, 7 P.M. — Scout Investiture Ceremonies
 Tuesday, June 5, 8 P.M. — Men's Club Executive Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, June 5, 8:30 P.M. — Men's Club Annual Meeting

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

THURSDAY, May 17th, Shevuoth Eve.
 Mincha Services 7:50
 Maariv Services will follow.

FRIDAY, May 18th, Shevuoth I
 Morning Services 9:00
 Mincha 6:30

SATURDAY, May 19th, Shevuoth II
 Morning Services 9:00
 Memorial Services 10:30
 Mincha 7:50

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
 Sunday Morning 8:30
 Mincha 6:30

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