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THE KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Kol Nidre Night has come to be recognized as the holiest night of the year. It ushers in the Day of Atonement—a day given over entirely to penitence, prayer and religious devotion. The Kol Nidre melody is universally known, and gifted artists through the generations have thrilled audiences by its holy strains. Kol Nidre Night has indeed become the supreme occasion for experiencing religion in its most reverent and inspiring form.

How thoroughly inconsistent with the spirit of that occasion is the institution of the Kol Nidre appeal. To solicit and announce contributions for causes, however worthy, at Kol Nidre time is to do violence to the mood and spirit that are historically associated with that holy night. The atmosphere of reverence and solemnity is utterly destroyed to the hurt of the individual worshiper and to the disappointment of the congregation as a whole. What should have provided spiritual uplift, results in a spiritual "let-down."

And yet worshipers as a rule do want to express themselves at Kol Nidre time, not only through prayer and verbal petition, but also through generosity and material offering. There is great satisfaction in the knowledge that one has given of his substance to a worthy cause. Charity is in itself a means of holy communion. It is desirable to offer an opportunity for such holy communion

on the one night of the year when large multitudes assemble in every Jewish house of worship.

This can be done without impairing the sanctity and solemnity of Kol Nidre Night. We proved that to ourselves last Kol Nidre Night. Without announcing contributions, and without resorting to the usual technics of the appeal, but by merely distributing pledge booklets and leaving the rest to our worshipers, the response was most gratifying. We propose to do the same this year.

A sum of seventy thousand dollars must be raised through our Kol Nidre appeal. Fifty thousand of that amount will go to the treasury of the Building Fund and will be used for the renovation and remodeling of our synagogue structure. Twenty thousand will go for the current budgetary needs of the congregation to defray the costs of our religious, educational and communal activities. A very substantial portion of the quota has already been subscribed, over the course of the summer through the splendid response of those who were thus far approached. We have every reason to expect that our entire membership and seatholder body will respond with equal generosity.

A word of explanation might be in place regarding the Building Fund Campaign. Last year as a result of the

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SERMONS BY RABBI LOOKSTEIN

Saturday: "The Revolt Against Tradition"

Kol Nidre Night: "Jewish Fate and Future"

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proceeds from the Kol Nidre Night appeal we purchased the Central Jewish Institute building. That building is now ours and will serve as our Synagogue House and as the home of our afternoon school and of the Ramaz School. Over the course of the summer certain alterations and improvements were made in the building so that it can now accommodate all our educational and recreational activities.

We must proceed to the next step of our expansion program. Our synagogue structure must be improved. An elevator to service the synagogue as well as the Synagogue House must be installed. The main synagogue is badly in need of redecoration, relighting, reheating and recarpeting. The lower floor of the synagogue that contains the chapel, the social hall and other facilities, must also be improved. We are sure that our good and generous friends will want to help us make our magnificent House of God even more beautiful and serviceable than it has been over the years.

No more need be said. Try to let us know in advance of Kol Nidre Night what your contribution for this year will be. If, however, that is impossible, please use your pledge booklet on Kol Nidre Night for that purpose. No announcement of your pledge will be made, nor will any further solicitation be resorted to. Your own spirit of generosity will do the rest. May God bless you for whatever you will do.

PERSONALS

We are happy to welcome back to civilian life our esteemed member, David Lipton. We are proud of his achievements in the service to his country and extend to him our heartiest wishes upon his return to his family and friends . . . It gave us much pleasure to greet several of our servicemen in the synagogue on Rosh Hashanah. We were particularly happy to see Sidney Silberman, Charles Schlang, David Bernard, Elmer Alpert and Herbert S. Holiner.

INSPIRING HOLY DAY SERVICES

Our regular congregants as well as those who worshiped with us for the first time will agree that the Rosh Hashanah services this year were most impressive and inspiring. The beautiful rendition of the prayers by Cantor Gold and Mr. Adler, the Rabbi's edifying sermon and the decorous participation of our worshipers helped to create an atmosphere of solemnity and devotion. The interpolations of the prayers and the rendition of several of them in English made the service more intelligible and more meaningful to all. In no small measure did our efficient ushers contribute to the orderliness and dignity of the service. They admirably fulfilled their duties of greeting the worshipers and directing them to their proper seats.

Our congregants may look forward to the same spiritual pleasure during the Yom Kippur services.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

The opening meeting of the Sisterhood, as previously announced, will be held on Tuesday afternoon, October 9th at 2 P.M. in the auditorium of the Synagogue House. A fine program has been arranged and plans for the year's activities will be presented. Members are invited to bring their friends to this meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

We take pleasure in welcoming into our congregational family Messrs. Alex Friedman, David Joseph and Adolph Schenker. Our congratulations and good wishes to them and their families.

INVITATION TO SUCCAH

Our worshipers are cordially invited for Kiddush in the synagogue Succah at the close of every service during the Succoth festival. As in the past, the members of the Sisterhood will act as hostesses in the Succah.

THE MEN'S CLUB OF KEHILATH JESHURUN

Acting as host to the Congregation and Sisterhood

is honored to present

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

as the first speaker of the season

at the opening meeting on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 18th AT 8:30 P.M.

in the auditorium of the Synagogue House

SUBJECT:

"JEWS AND JUDAISM IN SOUTH AMERICA"

This occasion will serve as a reception to Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein

on their return from South America

COLLATION

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Classes in Session

Classes in our afternoon Religious School begin on Tuesday, September 18th, at 4 o'clock. Our pupils will be delighted to see the beautifully decorated and soundproof classrooms as well as the new equipment in each room. Proper physical surroundings and suitable facilities are an important factor in a child's education and contribute a great deal to the development of desirable habits and attitudes.

Beginners Class

Registration this year has been

marked by an increasing number of young children enrolled in our beginners class. It is gratifying to note that parents no longer look upon Hebrew education as preparation for Bar Mitzva. They are beginning to realize the importance of a thorough and well-rounded religious training which begins at the age of six and continues through the elementary and high school period.

The beginners class meets on Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6, and Sunday morning from 9:30 to 12:30.

Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein *Rabbi*
Victor Gold *Cantor*
Joseph E. Adler *Ritual Director*
Herman C. Axelrod, *Educational Director*

Officers of the Congregation

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

YAHREZITS

SEPTEMBER

13 WILLIAM BACHRACH
15 JACOB HECHT
15 MARGARET LEVIN
16 SARA HECHT
16 IGNATZ MARGARETEN
16 ROSALIE ISRAEL
16 M. PINCUS LANDAU
17 JACOB SINGER
17 HYMAN SHAPIRO
19 SOLOMON BACHRACH
21 EVELYN LIVINGSTON
22 MICHELE ROSENBERG
23 MILTON H. LUBELL
24 NATHAN BILLIG
25 ROSE KRAM
25 JACOB FELDBERG
27 PAULINE EPSTEIN

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SAT., Sept. 15—SHABBAT SHUBAH

Morning 9:00
Weekly Portion: Haazinu
Deut. 32:1-52
Haftorah: Hosea 14:2-10
Mincha 6:45

SUN., Sept. 16 — YOM KIPPUR EVE

Morning, Selichoth 8:15
Regular morning services will follow.
Mincha 2:30
KOL NIDRE 6:45

MONDAY, Sept. 17 — YOM KIPPUR

Morning 8:00
Memorial Services 11:00

FRIDAY, Sept. 21 — SUCCOTH EVE

Evening 6:30

SAT. Sept. 22 — SUCCOTH I

Morning 9:00
Evening 6:30

SUNDAY, Sept. 23—SUCCOTH II

Morning 9:00
Evening 6:30

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED

Morning 7:15
Evening 6:30

RIVERSIDE

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL

76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue

ENdicott 2-6600

Far Rockaway, L. I.
1250 Central Avenue
Far Rockaway 7-7100
Comply with strictest
orthodox requirements

Miami Beach, Fla.
1236 Washington Ave.
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