

# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin

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## **SYNAGOGUE WORK TO COST \$100,000**

### **Plans Filed for Modernizing Kehilath Jeshurun Property on East 85th Street**

Plans for altering and modernizing the synagogue edifice of the Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun at 117-25 East 85th Street and its recently acquired social center and school building adjoining, at a cost of approximately \$100,000, were filed yesterday with the Department of Housing and Building by J. M. Berlinger, architect.

The plans call for the combining of the two buildings, with a large common lobby at the street level. This will necessitate the removal of the present exterior stone steps up to the main floor of the synagogue and the present interior stairs leading from the school building entrance to the second floor.

A new chapel to accommodate 150 persons for daily prayer will be one of the main features of the ground floor in the synagogue building. In the rear of this chapel and the new library will be a large dining room to be used primarily at lunch time by the 300 or more children attending the religious and cultural classes.

In the synagogue proper, there will be a new ceiling of orderly arranged recessed panels with indirect cove lighting. The wood-paneled facias of the balcony will be replaced by a marble facie lower in height to increase visibility, and superimposed columns that support the balcony and roof of the synagogue.

## **SHABBAT SHEKALIM**

### **The First of Four Important Sabbaths**

This Sabbath is known as Shabbat Shekalim and is the first of four important Sabbaths that precede the Passover festival. In ancient days it was the practice to announce on the first day of Adar the collection of a poll tax. This consisted of half a shekel which was used for various public services in the Temple.

The other three significant Sabbaths are known as Sabbath Zachor immediately preceding Purim, Shabbat Parah and Shabbat Hachodesh. One each of these Sabbaths special prayers are recited and a special portion of the Torah is read appropriate to the occasion.

On this Shabbat Shekalim, in addition to the special services, Rosh Chodesh prayers for the new month of Adar II will be recited. Rosh Chodesh will be on Sunday and Monday.

Let us all come to the synagogue this Sabbath to usher in the season of joy and festivity.

## **1946 RED CROSS DRIVE**

The annual Red Cross Drive is now on, and all of us will certainly respond to its appeal with that same zeal and generosity as we have done in the past.

We need not tell you about the splendid work of the American Red Cross. Its record of achievement in war and in peace speaks for itself and needs no elaboration.

We have just one request to make. When you give to the Red Cross please make your contribution through the synagogue. Make your check payable to the American Red Cross and mail to our office.

**RABBI LOOKSTEIN WILL TALK THIS SABBATH AT 11:00 A. M.**

on

**"The Recent Conversions to Catholicism—What do they Signify?"**



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### BOARD MEETING MARCH 4TH

The next Board meeting of the Sisterhood will take place Monday, March 4th, at 1:30 P.M. in the library of the synagogue. It is most urgent that all members attend, as matters of vital importance will be discussed.

### A GOOD IDEA

The return of our dear ones from the armed forces to civilian life is certainly an occasion for great rejoicing and fills our hearts with gratitude and exultation. Many of us would like to give expression to these feelings by performing some act of kindness so that others too may share our joy.

What better way can there be of expressing your sentiments than by making a child happy. Your contribution to the Fund in honor of her Fund in honor of a returning veteran will make it possible for needy youngsters to enjoy many happy days in camp this summer.

We are particularly grateful to our esteemed member, Mrs. Archibald Palmer for her substantial contribution to the fund in honor of her son Lloyd who recently returned home from the armed forces. We also thank Mrs. Sadie Wyckoff, a friend of the Sisterhood, for her fine contribution in honor of her returning son, Buddy.

Contributions to the Happy Day Fund should be mailed to our chairman, Mrs. S. I. Silberman, 176 West 87th Street, New York.

## RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO DISCUSS RECENT CONVERSIONS

The recent conversions to Catholicism of such personalities as Claire Booth Luce and Senator Wagner have been widely publicized and have become the subject of much discussion.

Concerned by the effect of this publicity especially on the youth, Rabbi Lookstein will deal with the problem this Sabbath in his sermon entitled: "Recent Conversions to Catholicism—What Do They Signify?"

Has Judaism anything to fear from these conversions? Is it true as observed recently by the head of a Jewish Seminary that the stream of conversion of Jews to other faiths "has become a river?"

Come to the synagogue this Sabbath to hear the Rabbi's discussion of the problem and his answers to these questions.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Heartiest congratulations to our esteemed member Dr. Henry A. Rafsky who has been appointed Clinical Professor of Gastroenterology at New York University Medical College . . . Happy anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gronowitz . . . Birthday greetings and good wishes to Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mrs. Harry Etra, Mr. Maurice Finkelstein, Mr. Leon Gronowitz, Mr. Alex Garfein, and Mr. Eli Garfein.

## FIRST ANNUAL DANCE

sponsored by the

### KAY JAY YOUTH LEAGUE

Saturday, March 9th, 1946, 8:00 P. M.

at the Synagogue House

Music by Herbie Marshall and his band

Door Prize

Subscription: Members 60 c—Non-Members 80 c



## **MEN'S CLUB NEWS**

### **OUR MARCH MEETING AND PURIM CELEBRATION**

The Men's Club will dedicate its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19th to a Purim Celebration. That evening, our club will act as host to the congregation and Sisterhood and present a special holiday program.

We have arranged for the showing of the latest March of Time film on Palestine. This will be followed by a timely address on the subject "American Jewry and Post War Settlement" by the eminent historian, author and lecturer Professor Salo Baron of Columbia University.

The usual collation that evening will include appropriate Purim refreshments.

Make no other appointments for March 19th, since we expect you and your family to spend the evening with us, in fellowship and good cheer.

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### **SIXTH ANNUAL DINNER APRIL 30th**

#### **Basil O'Connor, Guest Speaker**

The Sixth Annual Dinner of the Men's Club will be held on April 30 instead of May 21 as previously announced.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Mr. Basil O'Connor, law partner of our late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Chairman of the American Red Cross and National Infantile Paralysis Campaign.

This is the outstanding event of our calendar which all of our members, without exception, will want to attend. The price of a subscription is \$10 which includes dinner, drinks, smokes and entertainment. No other charge will be made.

Reservations are now being accepted. Please make your check payable to the Men's Club and mail it to our office. The chairman of the dinner is Mr. Hy Bucher.

## **OUR FEBRUARY MEETING**

Those who braved the snowstorm to attend our monthly forum on Tuesday, February 19th were amply rewarded for their efforts. They heard a fascinating address delivered by Dr. Carl Herman Voss on the subject: "Palestine, The Middle East and Minorities."

Dr. Voss, who is Chairman of the Christian Committee on Palestine, traced the history of Zionism during the last five decades and paid tribute to its immortal founder, Dr. Theodore Herzl. He pointed out that now, fifty years after the publication of Herzl's "Judenstadt," the world is beginning to appreciate the keen understanding and prophetic vision of this great Zionist leader. His profound historical analysis of the position of the Jew among the nations has been completely vindicated by the cataclysmic events of our day. It is no longer necessary to defend Zionism, since its most ardent opponents have become its faithful followers.

Dr. Voss spoke with great admiration of the achievements of the pioneers in Palestine and expressed the hope that both England and the United States will help to bring about the realization of Herzl's dream — the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

After the meeting, the members partook of the refreshments served in the Social Hall.

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The best indication of the progress of an organization is its growth. The worthiness of our Men's Club is attested by its ever increasing membership. We are indeed happy to welcome into our ranks Messrs. Samuel E. Bretzfield and Martin Klein. We look forward to many years of association with them in friendship and brotherhood.



### 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*  
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 Jacob H. Alpert ..... *Comptroller*  
 Ira F. Weisman .... *President, Men's Club*  
 Mrs. Harry Etra .... *President, Sisterhood*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 2nd  
 7:30—K. J. Athletic Club  
 Sunday, March 3rd—  
 4:00—Kay Jay Youth League  
 Monday, March 4th—  
 1:30—Sisterhood Board Meeting  
 3:30—K. J. Recreation Group  
 8:00—Class in Hebrew I  
 8:00—Class in Hebrew II  
 8:30—Talmud Class  
 9:00—Class in Jewish History  
 Tuesday, March 5th—  
 3:30—Cub Pack 656  
 Wednesday, March 6th—  
 3:30—Brownie Troop 3-273  
 Thursday, March 7th—  
 7:30—Boy Scout Troop 656  
 8:30—Board of Trustees Meeting

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles .....5:25  
 Mincha .....5:30

#### SATURDAY, Shabbat Shekalim

Morning .....9:00  
 Children's Services .....10:00  
 Weekly Portion: Vayakhel  
 Exodus 35:1-38:20;30:11-16  
 Haftarah: II Kings 12:1-17  
 Rosh Chodesh Prayers: Rosh Chodesh II Adar will be on Sunday and Monday, March 3 and 4  
 Mincha .....5:30  
 Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:20

#### DAILY SERVICES

Morning .....7:30  
 Sunday Morning .....8:30  
 Evening .....5:40

### YAHREZITS

#### MARCH

- 2 BARUCH DAVID KAPLAN
- 2 ROSE GLASS
- 3 BELLA R. KURKE
- 3 HERMAN KAHN
- 4 LEA DEBORAH ASTOR
- 6 ENOCH WOLBERG
- 7 NACHMAN FISCHER

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