

OCTOBER 4, 1946

TISHRI 9, 5707

Diamond Jubilee Resolution

WHEREAS, the year 1947 marks the 75th year since the founding of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, and

WHEREAS, Kehilath Jeshurun has during the seventy-five years of its existence maintained itself as a congregation, loyal to the traditions of Israel and faithful to the laws and practices of the Jewish religion as recorded in the Sulchan Aruch, and

WHEREAS, Kehilath Jeshurun has throughout its history encouraged its members and worshippers to live in accordance with the traditions of our faith and to be ever responsive to the needs and problems of the Jewish people everywhere, and

WHEREAS, Kehilath Jeshurun always sought to impart the religion and culture of Israel to succeeding generations by the establishment and maintenance of religious schools for the young, and

WHEREAS, the achievements and traditions of Kehilath Jeshurun over the years have helped to advance the prestige and influence of traditional Judaism in this land,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:—

§ The year 5707 on the Jewish calendar be declared the Diamond Jubilee year of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and that commencing with the High Holy Days of that year, a series of events be planned for the fitting and appropriate celebration of the occasion.

§ That during the course of the year, through lectures and sermons, there be presented an interpretation and evaluation of Traditional Judaism as a valid and abiding way of life for the American Jew.

§ That government regulations permitting, the synagogue structure and the Synagogue House be completely renovated during the course of the year and that a Festival of Rededication be observed upon the completion of the work.

§ That a Diamond Jubilee Fund of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be collected during the course of the year to be used partly for the religious and educational activities of the congregation, partly for the proposed alterations of the synagogue and the Synagogue House, and partly for the liquidation of the mortgage debt of the synagogue.

In making these resolutions, we express in reverence and humility our gratitude to Almighty God for the wisdom and idealism that He gave to the founders of the congregation, and for His bounty and goodness to us over the years. We invoke His benediction upon us and upon our children and upon those who will come after them. May His presence never depart from our midst.

ברוך שהחיינו וקיטנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

Blessed be He who gave us life and preserved us and enabled us to reach this day.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE HISTORY OF KEHILATH JESHURUN

During the Diamond Jubilee Year of our congregation, we expect to publish from time to time historical material touching upon the life and fortunes of our congregation. We propose also to present biographical sketches of the leading personalities who founded, molded and directed the congregation. It is natural that we concern ourselves first with incidents, events and personalities associated with the early beginnings of our congregational history.

The source material for the present installment was obtained in an historical address delivered by the late Simon M. Roeder at the ceremonies marking the laying of the corner stone of our present synagogue structure. These ceremonies took place on Sunday, May 4, 1902. The president of the congregation at that time was the late Moses Davis, of blessed memory.

... In the fall of 1872 at a meeting attended by Abba Baum, Frank Ephraim Goldman, I. Gruhn, Jacob Hecht, M. Levy and Jacob Webster, it was decided to form a "chevra for divine worship." Jacob Hecht was elected president and the name adopted for the new congregation was Anshe Jeshurun of Yorkville.

Apparently, the young "chevra" either could not afford or could not find a meeting place of its own. Religious services, therefore, were conducted at the private home of the founders. An item in the Jewish Messenger of November 27, 1885 speaks of services being held at the home of Frank Ephraim Goldman, and of others. Finally, Parupa Hall, situated then at 86th Street and Third Avenue, was rented and services were conducted there. In 1878, the government authorities decided to turn Parupa Hall into a post office and the young congregation was left with no permanent place of worship. It had to move from one hall to another until the year 1881.

In that year, a house was bought on Second Avenue near 82nd Street which was used by the congregation for about two years. It was sold at a profit of eleven hundred dollars.

A complete reorganization of the "chevra" then took place, at which time the present name of Kehilath Jeshurun was given to it. It was incorporated in Albany and a charter was obtained. A house was purchased at 127 East 82nd Street, was shortly demolished and the erection of the first permanent synagogue was begun. It was completed in 1884.

In 1885, Rabbi M. J. Peikes was elected Rabbi, and two years later the Reverend S. Jacobson was appointed Cantor.

... It is apparent from the record that a religious school was established soon after the founding of the congregation. In a newspaper item on November 12, 1886 there is a report of one hundred children "mostly girls" on the rolls of religious school which "meets Sunday morning and is under the superintendence of Reverend Koppel Newman and other volunteer teachers."

... The women shared with the men the trials and fortunes of those early days. By 1886, there was a well organized Sisterhood connected with the congregation. Its official name was the Ladies Auxiliary Society. On June 6th of that year, the ladies presented a Torah to the congregation, and on June 3rd of the succeeding year, a Strawberry Festival was conducted by the organization at Parupa Hall. The officers during that year were: Mrs. Rutsky, President; Mrs. Keirsky, Vice-President; Mrs. Newman, Secretary; and Mrs. Webster, Treasurer.

... By 1898, the congregation had grown to such an extent that the need was felt for a new building with increased facilities for the expanding activities. Up to that year, the leadership of the congregation was vested in the hands of the following who served as presidents in the order named: H. Schnitzer, Abba Baum, Jacob Hecht and Theodore Crohn. Moses Davis was then elected to the presidency, and under his administration, a committee was appointed to select a suitable site for the erection of a more spacious synagogue. His fellow officers were David Berg, Vice-President; Moses Phillips, Treasurer; and Joseph Stampfer, Secretary.

... After much study and searching, the lots 117, 119 and 121 East 85th Street were purchased for the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, and on February 3, 1901, a building committee was appointed consisting of Solomon Bachrach, Isaac Cohen, Frank Ephraim Goldman, Jacob Hecht, Samuel I. Hyman, Isaac Lieberman and Samuel J. Silberman.

... Thus began and grew the congregation of which we are a part. Thus did our forebears plan, dream and build. In the issues of the Bulletin that will follow, more of the glorious record of their labors will be told. As we open Diamond Jubilee Year, we cannot help but feel gratitude and reverence for those early religious pioneers. May we prove worthy as their descendants.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

First Meeting of Executive Board

The first meeting of the Sisterhood Executive Board will take place Monday afternoon, October 7th at 1:00 o'clock in the auditorium of the Synagogue House.

At this meeting our program of activities for the year will be presented for discussion and adoption. Plans will also be made for the first membership meeting of the season which will take place at the end of the month. We urge all members of the board to be present at this meeting.

Happy Day Fund

There are many joyous family occasions during the year that fill our hearts with gratitude and exultation. At these times, many of us might like to give expression to our feelings by performing some act of kindness so that others too may share our joy. The Happy Day Fund is an excellent medium for this purpose.

At this time we wish to acknowledge the receipt of generous contributions to the fund by Mrs. Sigmund Klein, Mrs. A. Kirshon, and Mrs. I. Schlang. We extend to them our blessings and good wishes. Contributions to the Happy Day Fund should be mailed to our chairman, Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, 650 West End Avenue, New York 25.

DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR TO BE PROCLAIMED AT KOL NIDRE

Biblical tradition provides that the Jubilee Year be proclaimed at Yom Kippur time. In keeping with that tradition, the Diamond Jubilee Year of our congregation will be officially opened this Friday evening at Kol Nidre services.

A short, appropriate and impressive ceremony has been arranged for the occasion. The trustees and associate trustees of the congregation will participate in this ceremony. We assure our congregants that the occasion will provide for them an experience long to be remembered.

The Diamond Jubilee ceremony and the Kol Nidre service are scheduled to begin at five o'clock promptly. We ask all our worshippers to please be in their seats at that hour as no seating will be done when once the ceremony is begun.

Inspiring Rosh Hashanah Services

Our regular congregants as well as those who worshipped 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 our new Cantor Hyman Gertler and by Mr. Joseph Adler together with the decorous participation of our worshippers helped to create an atmosphere of solemnity and devotion. The edifying sermons of Rabbi Lookstein and his interpolations of the prayers made the service more intelligible and 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, for which they deserve our appreciation and gratitude.

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

MEN'S CLUB OPENING MEETING

No more auspicious way could have been found to open the current season of the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club than by having as the guest speaker for that occasion the illustrious Ralph Ingersoll.

Mr. Ingersoll needs no introduction to any American audience. As editor of PM, he is one of the foremost journalists speaking in the liberal tradition and molding public opinion. As the author of numerous books and especially of the best seller, "Top Secret," he has been read literally by millions. A rare intellectual treat is therefore in store for the members and friends of the Men's Club.

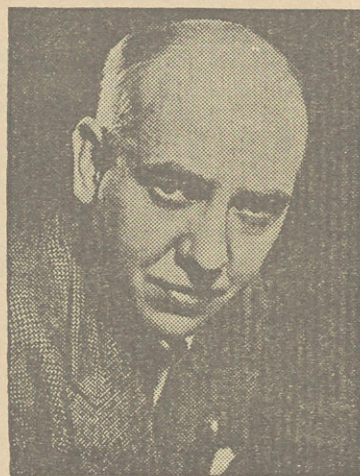
We Cordially Invite You and Your Men Friends to Attend
The Season's First Forum Meeting of The Men's Club

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 1946 at 8:30 P.M.

in the

Auditorium of the Synagogue House

to hear



RALPH INGERSOLL

Editor of PM

speaking on

"THE WORLD TODAY"

Mr. Ingersoll, a fighting editor and a brilliant journalist, is the author of the best seller "Top Secret". He is a keen observer of the contemporary scene and an eloquent speaker.

A collation will be served.

ENROLL YOUR CHILDREN IN OUR AFTERNOON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASSES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 6 THROUGH 16

COURSE OF STUDY

Prayers, Bible
Hebrew Language
Jewish History
Laws and Customs

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Junior Congregation
Assemblies
Music, Dramatics
Arts and Crafts
Club Program

Sessions: Sunday morning 9:30 to 12:30

and two afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00

A prospectus of the school will be sent upon request.

The office is open daily for the enrollment of pupils.

Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein.....*Rabbi*
 Hyman Gertler*Cantor*
 Joseph E. Adler.....*Ritual Director*
 Herman C. Axelrod.....*Educational Director*

Officers of the Congregation

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**YOM KIPPUR****FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, YOM KIPPUR EVE:**

Morning 7:15
 Mincha 2:00
 KOL NIDRE 5:00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, YOM KIPPUR:

Morning 8:00
 Yizkor 11:00

SUCCOTH**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, SUCCOTH EVE:**

Mincha 5:15

Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, SUCCOTH I:

Morning 9:00
 Evening 5:15

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, SUCCOTH II:

Morning 9:00
 Lighting of Candles..... 5:05
 Mincha 5:10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED:

Morning 9:00
 Mincha 5:00

On Sunday, Chol Hamoed, morning services will be at 8:30; on Monday and Tuesday at 7:15. Evening services at 5:10.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, HOSHANAH RABBAH

Morning 7:00
 Evening 5:00

Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared

Within Our Family

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. David Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kommel, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Leifert. May they enjoy many years of continued happiness. . . . Hearty birthday greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Casner, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Samuel I. Hyman, Dr. Ira I. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosen, Mr. Max Scheidt, Mr. William Schwartz and Mrs. Edward Bernard.

SUCCOTH CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR CHILDREN

Succoth, the festival of rejoicing will be celebrated by the children at our Religious School on Sunday morning, October 13 in the synagogue Succah. They will participate in the holiday program of songs, recitations, and stories, and partake of the delicious refreshments provided for them by the Sisterhood.

On Simchat Torah eve, Thursday, October 17, all the children of the Religious School and their friends will be the guests of the congregation at the Simchat Torah service in the main synagogue. Holiday flags and delicacies will be provided for them.

**YAHREZITS
IN OCTOBER**

4—ROSALIE ISRAEL
 5—JACOB SINGER
 5—HYMAN SHAPIRO
 7—SOLOMON BACHRACH
 10—MICHELE ROSENBERG
 11—MILTON H. LUBELL
 12—NATHAN BILLIG
 13—JACOB FELDBERG
 13—ROSE KRAM
 15—PAULINE EPSTEIN
 15—ISRAEL ONISH
 17—BERNARD ELKON
 19—ISAAC BINDER
 21—LOUIS H. ALPERT
 23—NAFTALI DANIEL
 23—MORRIS S. JACOBS
 23—ROSE FISCHMAN
 23—REUBEN SIMON