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## **RABBI LOOKSTEIN GIVEN LIFE CONTRACT AT ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDED BY 300**

**President Truman, Governor Dewey and**

**Mayor O'Dwyer Send Jubilee Greetings**

**Max J. Etra and Fellow-Officers Re-elected**

The 75th Annual Meeting of Kehilath Jeshurun held last Tuesday, May 13, may best be described as the most magnificent and the most impressive event in the entire history of the congregation. The auditorium of the Synagogue House was filled to capacity with close to 300 members who constituted one grand and happy family that came together to re-assert its devotion to the congregation on its Diamond Jubilee Year, to rejoice in its achievements and to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and friendship.

The meeting was officially opened with warm words of greeting by the President, Mr. Max J. Etra, after which Rabbi Lookstein delivered the Invocation. The President read his annual report, in which he gave a detailed account of the growth of Kehilath Jeshurun and its accomplishments in the course of the year.

Then took place a most memorable and touching scene. The Honorable Samuel Levy, senior trustee of the congregation, presented to the membership a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, expressing the admiration and affection of the congregation for Rabbi Lookstein and recommending that in recognition of the Rabbi's splendid service for 23 years he be awarded a life contract. This motion was seconded by Mr. Saul J. Lance and Mr. Ira F. Weisman and unanimously passed by the membership body. The President then appointed a committee to escort Rabbi Lookstein back into the auditorium.

It was a stirring moment when the Rabbi walked in. The entire audience rose to its feet and enthusiastically acclaimed their spiritual leader. The Rabbi was deeply moved by this demonstration of affection and expressed his sincerest gratitude to the officers and the members for the high honor they bestowed upon him.

### **Election of Officers and Trustees**

The meeting continued with the Treasurer's Report read by Mr. Abraham R. Winer in which he showed that the congregation was in excellent financial circumstances. The Chairman of Nominations, Mr. Ira F. Weisman, then presented the slate of officers and trustees for the coming year. Mr. Jacob D. Cohen was elected Honorary Trustee. Dr. Samuel Belkin, Abbott Bernard, Thomas Bornstein,

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## **INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH STUDIES ENDS SEASON**

Last Monday night, May 12, the Kehilath Jeshurun Institute for Jewish Studies held its final session, thus bringing to a close its second successful season. This year, the Institute was in session for seven months and offered a series of unit courses in the following subjects: Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Hebrew, Bible, Religion, Yiddish and Jewish Music. The response to this program was very gratifying. Many men and women attended these courses regularly and benefitted greatly by them.

We can, at this time, evaluate the accomplishments of the students this year. Those who took the beginner's course in Hebrew can now read the prayer book fluently and will thus be able to participate more intelligently in the synagogue services. Those who took the intermediate or conversational course have acquired a substantial vocabulary and are able to express themselves in the language. Fine progress was also made by those who attended the other courses.

For next year, we plan to extend our program of adult education in the hope of reaching many more Jewish men and women who can profit from these courses.

**Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 10:45 A.M. on:**

**"THE SOCIAL GOSPEL OF JUDAISM"**



### THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

cordially invites all members and their friends  
to attend the

### DESSERT LUNCHEON

and Final Membership Meeting

on Monday, May 19th, 12:30 P.M.

at the home of Mrs. Louis W. Yohann, 1070 Park Avenue

Speaker: Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Induction of New Members — Election of Officers

### ANNUAL MEETING

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Samuel M. Kaplan, Dr. Henry A. Rafsky, Sol Lustbader and Louis W. Yohann were elected as Trustees. Mr. Max J. Etra was re-elected to an eighth term as President of the congregation. Those re-elected with him were: Saul J. Lance, Vice-President; Abraham R. Winer, Treasurer; Alexander Kommel, Secretary. As his first act, Mr. Etra then appointed Mr. Jacob H. Alpert, in absentia, as Comptroller of the congregation and extended to him best wishes for a speedy recovery. Sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery were also extended to Messrs. Samuel M. Kaplan and Isidore Schlang, both Trustees of the congregation.

Interesting reports were given by Mrs. Harry Etra, President of the Sisterhood and Mr. Ira F. Weisman, President of the Men's Club on the accomplishments of their respective organizations. Mr. Alexander Kommel read the report on the progress of the Afternoon Religious School.

#### Presentation of Celebrants

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of Citations to those members who were observing important anniversaries of their affiliation with the congregation. The citations were read by Mr. Hyman I. Bucher. The celebrants were: Morris Asinof—Fiftieth Anniversary; Thomas Bornstein — Thirtieth Anniversary; Jacob H. Alpert, Samuel Bucher, Hon. Samuel H. Hofstadter, Charles B. Ja-

cobs, David Kahn, Samuel Rubinsky and Dr. Morris Zuckerman—Twentieth Anniversary.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. David de Sola Pool, distinguished rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel. In an inspiring address, Dr. Pool brought greetings from the oldest congregation in America to Kehilath Jeshurun on its Diamond Jubilee. He spoke in superlative praise of the congregation and extolled its loyalty and devotion to traditional Judaism.

Mr. Etra then read the greetings received from President Truman, Governor Dewey and Mayor O'Dwyer congratulating the congregation and its rabbi on its Jubilee celebration.

#### Induction of New Members

Mr. Louis J. Singer, Chairman of the Membership Committee introduced the thirty-three new members who joined the congregation in the course of the year. They were officially welcomed and enthusiastically greeted by the entire membership.

A sad and reverent moment in the evening's proceedings was observed during the memorial prayers for those of the congregational family who passed away during the year. Those eulogized and memorialized were: Miss Frances Bernhardt, William S. Borgenicht, Dr. George Kurke and Joseph Zeig.

The meeting of the congregation was then adjourned and Mr. Saul J. Lance, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz opened the meeting of the Ramaz School. A brief report of

### SISTERHOOD NEWS

#### 17 New Members to be Inducted At Final Meeting

The outstanding feature of the final meeting of the Sisterhood which will take place next Monday afternoon, May 19, will be the induction of 17 new members who joined the Sisterhood in the course of the year.

The inductees are: Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mrs. Ernest Adler, Mrs. Eric Aschkenasy, Mrs. Murray Beckenstein, Mrs. Samuel Belkin, Miss Mildred Feinberg, Mrs. Henry Hirsch, Mrs. Ruth Hirschfield, Mrs. Emanuel B. Jacobs, Mrs. Max Kirsch, Mrs. Paul Lehman, Mrs. Lucien Kelin, Mrs. H. Kapell, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Mrs. Abraham Poust, Mrs. Isidore Silver and Mrs. Frank Yanofsky. An election of officers for the coming year and committee appointments will also take place. This meeting will bring to a close a very fruitful and successful season. It is an occasion for rejoicing and we expect every member to join us in our celebration.

#### Happy Day Fund

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of generous contributions to the fund from Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein and Mrs. Louis J. Singer in honor of Mother's Day, and from Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody in memory of the late Anna Lowenthal. Through their kindness, several needy youngsters will spend many happy days in camp this summer.

#### A SPEEDY RECOVERY

We extend our heartiest wishes for a speedy recovery to our Comptroller Mr. Jacob H. Alpert. We pray that he may soon be restored to health and be back in our midst.

the year's activities was read and the following trustees were elected to the Ramaz Board: Max J. Etra, George Jacobs, Sol Lustbader and Mrs. Alexander Kommel.

At the close of the meeting, the entire congregation proceeded to the gymnasium, which was converted into a garden of palms. There, a catered buffet and reception was held in honor of the new members and the celebrants, and all spent a happy hour of sociability.

Thus passed into the rich history of Kehilath Jeshurun the 75th Annual Meeting, marking an important milestone in the development of the Jewish community in the United States.



## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

### Annual Meeting, June 3

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Men's Club will take place June 3rd in the auditorium of the Synagogue House.

The business part of the meeting will be devoted to reports by the President and the chairman of the standing committees. These will be followed by the election of officers for the coming year. Further details about this meeting will follow in a later edition of the Bulletin.

### New Members

We welcome into the fellowship of our group Messrs. Edward Kaye and Daniel Crohn and extend to them our heartiest congratulations.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Marriage

A hearty "Mazel Tov" to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gronowitz on the marriage of their daughter Ethel to David B. Solove. To the happy couple go our best wishes.

### Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody, Mr. and Mrs. David Lipton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bachrach and Mr. and Mrs. George Ratner.

### Births

Sincerest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody on the birth of a grand daughter.

"Mazel Tov" to Dr. and Mrs. Morris Bien on the birth of their son Ralph Daniel.

### Bar Mitzvah

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spark on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Roger, which will be celebrated in our synagogue this Saturday. Roger is a pupil in our Afternoon Religious School.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday greetings to Mrs. Isidore Schlang, Mr. Sol Feifer, Mr. Jacob A. Kaplan, Mrs. Julius Kohn and Mr. Abris Silberman.

### Greetings

We were very happy to hear that our esteemed member, Dr. Isadore Givner, has been appointed Attending Ophthalmologist in charge of the Eye Service of the New York City Hospital. Our good wishes to him.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER

of the

## KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

This Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 P.M.

in the

## SYNAGOGUE HOUSE

Guest of Honor: Mr. Max J. Etra

Subscription: \$10

## RAMAZ TO BE DEMONSTRATION CENTER FOR STATE EDUCATORS

The New York State Conference on Supervision, sponsored by the State Education Department, the Board of Education of New York City, and by the School of Education of New York University, is scheduled to take place in New York City on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 22, 23 and 24. The theme of the conference is "New Design in Elementary Education."

As part of the conference program, a number of demonstration centers have been set up which educators will be invited to visit, and where they will have an opportunity to observe that which is of special interest to them. We are very pleased to report that Ramaz School has been set up as one of the demonstration centers and that on Friday, May 23, from 9:30 to

3:00 o'clock we will be host to a group of educators who will visit us that day. During the morning hours, the visitors will have the opportunity to observe the school program and particularly the newer teaching techniques. They will also attend the Shavuoth assembly, the theme of which will be "The Integration of Judaism and Americanism." In the afternoon, there will be continued observation in the classrooms and a conference will be held on the philosophy of the Ramaz School and the character of its work.

The interest in Ramaz, manifested by the state educators, is a tribute to the unique nature of the school as well as to the high calibre of its achievements. There is good reason to be proud of the unusual distinction bestowed upon it.



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### Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein.....*Rabbi*  
Hyman Gertler.....*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*  
Jacob H. Alpert.....*Comptroller*  
Alexander Kommel.....*Secretary*  
Ira F. Weisman.....*President, Men's Club*  
Mrs. Harry Etra....*President, Sisterhood*

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### FRIDAY

Mincha ..... 6:15

#### SATURDAY

Morning ..... 9:00  
Children's Services ..... 10:00  
Weekly Portion: Behar-Behukotai,  
Leviticus 25:1-27:34  
Haftorah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14  
Rosh Chodesh Prayers. Rosh Chodesh  
Sivan will be on Tuesday,  
May 20th

Mincha ..... 7:50  
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 8:45

#### DAILY SERVICES

Morning ..... 7:30  
Sunday Morning ..... 8:30  
Evening ..... 6:30

### YAHREZITS

#### May

17—JACOB J. KAPLAN  
18—ABRAHAM D. BAUM  
18—OSIAS GARFEIN  
19—DAVID LEVY  
21—BENZION COOPERMAN  
22—ISADOR GROSSMAN  
23—BERNHARD BERNARD  
23—BERNARD BERNHARD  
23—FRANK MORGANSTERN

### RAMAZ ROUNDUP

The children of Ramaz had their annual Lag B'Omer Outing on Thursday May 8th, at Alley Pond Park in Queens. A fleet of large buses brought the youngsters and their parents — a total of 370 persons — to the beautiful grounds where a full program of organized games, contests and activities was carried out.

The highlights of the day were the two baseball games arranged for this occasion. The Ramaz parents (with Rabbi Lookstein pitching) beat the varsity team by a score of six to one. The Ramaz High School team beat the Faculty by a score of six to four. It was the opinion of all present that this was the most enjoyable outing in the school's history.

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The creative work that Ramaz children have done in connection with their general and religious studies was exhibited on May 13 and 14 in the Social Hall of the synagogue. Many parents and visitors attended the exhibit and admired the work of the children. This exhibit was under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Miller, teacher of Arts and Crafts at Ramaz.

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On Wednesday, May 14, Ramaz sent part of its chorus to participate in the "I Am An American Day" exercises held on the steps of City Hall. The program was broadcast over Station WNYC.

### WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT

The Palestine problem is now on the agenda of the United Nations Assembly and will again be dealt with in September. In order to arouse public opinion and to present our demands in an effective manner, we urge our readers to send the enclosed letter to President Truman.

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY HEBREW TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

cordially invite you and your  
friends to a

### MUSICALE

Of Classical Music

Wednesday evening, May 21st  
at 8 o'clock

at The Jewish Center  
131 West 86th Street, New York

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### CONDOLENCE

The congregation records with deep sorrow the passing of its devoted member and long-time worshipper Miss Frances Bernhardt. May her memory be a blessing.

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