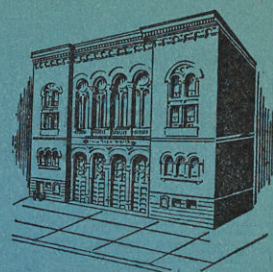


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AUDITORIUM FILLED FOR ANNUAL MEETING Max J. Etra and Fellow-officers Re-elected; Samuel Levy Honored

Last Thursday evening, May 6th, found the Auditorium of the Synagogue House filled to capacity with members and their wives, who came to participate in the Seventy-Sixth Annual Membership Meeting of Kehilath Jeshurun. The scene was the occasion of one of the outstanding meetings, and gave irrefutable evidence of the solidarity of our ever-increasing family in its devotion to the Congregation; in its interest in the achievements of the past year; and in its enthusiasm to help build an even stronger Jewish fortress in the community.

With Cantor Hyman Gertler leading the audience in the singing of the National Anthem, the meeting began under the chairmanship of Mr. Max J. Etra, presiding for the eighth consecutive year. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein pronounced the invocation, after which the programme got under way.

President's Annual Report—

The first report to be heard was that of the President, presenting the Seventy-sixth Annual Message. In it, Mr. Etra touched upon the events of the past year—the Diamond Jubilee year of the Congregation—and spoke of the highlight of that year, the alteration of our buildings. He reported on the progress of the alteration and on the changes and improvements that are being made. "The last generation," said Mr. Etra, "gave us a beautiful structure. Our generation has made it even more beautiful and more useful, and is happy to hand it on to the next generation as its gift."

Mr. Etra continued by thanking the

entire membership for its generosity in making the alteration project possible, and for its ever-present readiness to respond to every call that is worthy and deserving. "Contributions to the Building Fund," Mr. Etra said, "in no way diminished the generosity of the membership to other great causes of Jewish life today. The United Jewish Appeal received from our congregation during the last year the remarkable sum of over \$250,000. Similarly, demands made upon us for our local institutions and for the greatest cause of our day—the rescue of our brethren in Europe and the re-establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine—have and will continue to receive our attention."

A SALUTE TO THE JEWISH STATE

On Sunday, May 16th, the Jewish State will be proclaimed in Palestine. In the evening of that day, under the auspices of the Zionist Emergency Council, a huge rally will be held at Madison Square Garden. We hope that many of our congregants will attend that rally. To assure themselves of a seat, they should be in the Garden by 6:30 that evening.

At services this Saturday official notice of the declaration of the State—the greatest historical event in our lifetime—will be taken by offering special prayers for the success of the State. Let us all be in Synagogue this Saturday, which in a sense is an Erev Yom Tov, the eve of a momentous national holiday, the holiday of Jewish political emancipation.

Treasurer Renders Financial Report—

The Treasurer, Mr. Abraham R. Winer, then reported on the financial status of the congregation. For the fiscal year just ended, Mr. Winer reported, our expenses increased about \$10,000 over those of last year. "This," said Mr. Winer, "was due to the fact that our activities were greatly expanded. When, however, in the face of increased expenditure, we can still show a net profit of considerable proportions, it does reflect on the soundness of our financial situation."

Cantor Gertler Re-elected—

Acting upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, the membership then approved the renewal of the contract of our cantor, Hyman Gertler. By a unanimous vote, the members indicated their complete satisfaction with the Cantor's services as well as their anticipation of hearing Cantor Gertler officiate during his coming years with us.

Samuel Levy Cited—

A heart-warming moment followed when the learned jurist, Bernard L. Shientag rose to present Samuel Levy who was being honored on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his membership in the congregation. Justice Shientag in an address that combined scholarship, brilliant quotations, and subtle wit, spoke of the public career of the celebrant and of his contribution to the Jewish and general community. He then read the official citation, part of which follows:

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*Service of Worship this Saturday, the Eve of the
Proclamation of the Jewish State in Palestine.*

SISTERHOOD CLOSING MEETING SET FOR MAY 24th

The closing membership meeting of the Sisterhood season will take place Monday, May 24th at 1:30 p.m. at the Hotel Pierre (suite three), Fifth Avenue at 61st Street. Invitations to the meeting have already gone out to members and friends, and a large attendance is expected.

The agenda includes the President's and Treasurer's reports; reports of the various Committee Chairmen; presentation and induction of new members; election of officers for the coming year; and the induction of the new officers by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

A reception and tea will follow the business meeting, at which Mmes. Louis Etra, Saul J. Lance and Louis J. Singer will serve as Hostesses.

UJA Campaign Continues —

There are two sides to the Sisterhood UJA Campaign. On the one hand, the amount realized last year has already been exceeded; on the other hand, the amount that has been pledged and received is inadequate, to put it mildly, if the efforts of our Sisterhood are to be considered substantial. Realize how inadequate is the \$9,000 we have raised, in the face of the gigantic campaign UJA is now conducting. And not unless each and every member of the Sisterhood gives her largest possible contribution, can the Sisterhood UJA Committee, headed by Mrs. Harry Etra, feel that it has done its share.

Mrs. Etra acknowledges with thanks the invaluable assistance of the members of the Committee, but asks of each member of the Sisterhood that she give but a little thought to the plight of our co-religionists in the D.P. Camps; to the Pioneers in Palestine; to the Jews reaching American soil and to every Jew whose very existence, in so many cases, depends upon UJA support.

Let's give—yes, even until after it hurts.

Happy Day Fund —

The Happy Day Fund acknowledges with thanks the generous contributions of Mmes. Samuel Fine, Herman Rosenthal, Jacob Rudd, Elliott W. Siegel and Louis W. Yohann.

KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

cordially invites its members and friends to the

Closing Membership Meeting of the Season

Monday, May 24th at 1:30 p.m.

Hotel Pierre

(suite 3)

FIFTH AVENUE AT 61st STREET

New York City

PARENTS CLUB CONDUCTS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mrs. Benjamin Leifert Elected President

The first meeting of the newly-organized Parents Club took place Thursday evening, May 12th, in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. With many parents of children in the Religious School in attendance, the Club took final shape and prepared to begin its active work with the beginning of the new school term in September.

The idea for the Parents Club originated with a number of parents who found Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Jerome H. Rosenblum, the Principal of the Religious School, greatly interested and most enthusiastic. The need for the group, to bring the home and the school, the parent and the teacher, into closer relationship, was keenly felt. This meeting, therefore, was the outgrowth of a series of gatherings with interested parents, who constituted themselves into a Steering Committee, until the permanent organization could be set up.

At Thursday's meeting, at which the Religious School teachers were present to discuss individual prob-

lems with parents, plans were laid for the functioning of the Club for next year. Officers were elected and an Executive Board of eight was named to lead the affairs of the group. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Benjamin Leifert; Vice-president, Mr. Martin Klein; Secretary, Mrs. Benjamin D. Gold; Treasurer, Dr. Robert Wallach.

A highlight of the program of the evening was a short talk by Rabbi Lookstein in which he stressed the necessity for developing the Religious School to the maximum by an enlarged enrollment. Impressed by the words of the Rabbi, all who attended, we know, will give their utmost

The spirit of the group—abetted, no doubt, by the community singing led by Miss Eleanor Wexler, Music Teacher of the school—led all to believe that the Parents Club is headed for an active and successful career. For the sake of the Religious School, and for the sake of the pupils therein, present and future, we hope so.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB DINNER ARRANGED FOR MAY 26

Hyman I. Bucher, Chairman of the affair, announced that all arrangements have been completed for the Eighth Annual Dinner of the Men's Club, to be held Wednesday evening, May 26th at 6:30 in the Synagogue House.

Invitations and tickets have been mailed, and the response has been most heartening. Already a large number of reservations has been received; not many more can be taken.

As guest speaker, the Men's Club has invited Dr. David W. Petegorsky, Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress, who has achieved a splendid record for himself in the short time he has been connected with the Congress. During the war, Dr. Petegorsky was the head of the Canadian Office of War Information, and assumed his duties with the American Jewish Congress only after he had served with distinction.

Other guest artists have also been invited, and their presence will render this Dinner one of the finest ever conducted. As we mentioned previously, only a few more reservations can be accepted. Reservations (and this is one of the rare Men's Club functions that is restricted to men only) can be placed by calling the Synagogue office at Sacramento 2-2272.

Executive Board Meets May 18th —

An extremely important meeting of the Executive Board will take place this Tuesday, May 18th at 8:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Synagogue House. A number of urgent matters will be discussed, and all members are asked to put all else aside, and be with us.

New Members —

The Men's Club is happy to welcome the following, who became members within the past few weeks: Ernest Adler, Nathan Brown, Theodore Brown, Conrad Lipton, Hyman J. Messeloff, Dr. Murray Sherwin and Dr. Nahum Winer. To each go our best wishes for a long and happy stay with the Men's Club.

THE MEN'S CLUB

Cordially invites its members and friends to its

Eighth Annual Dinner

Wednesday, May 26th, at 6:30 p.m.

in the Synagogue House.

DR. DAVID W. PETEGORSKY

Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress

will be our Guest Speaker

Make your reservations now!

\$10.00 per plate

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE TO BE PUBLISHED

For the past several years our congregation has published a Book of Remembrance in connection with its annual Yiskor Appeal. This book contains an appropriate prayer together with the names of the departed ones to be memorialized on the four occasions of the year when Yiskor is recited.

We should like to emphasize that this is by no means a fund-raising project. It is free of every aspect of commercialism. It is consistent with the Yiskor prayer in which a pronouncement of a pledge for charity is made. In order that such a pledge may be properly fulfilled, we give our congregants an opportunity to make a Yiskor offering prior to the Shavuoth festival. The names in whose memory

the offering is made are included in the Book of Remembrance which is placed in the hands of our worshippers during the memorial service.

In order to stress the purely religious character of the offering, it was decided that it be no less than five dollars and no more than ten dollars. Thus, the offering is purged of any material tinge and represents purely a token of reverence for the departed.

We are about to publish the 1948 Book of Remembrance and we know that all of our worshippers will want to have the names of their departed ones memorialized in that book. A special form for that purpose is now being prepared and will shortly be mailed to all our congregants and friends.

ANNUAL MEETING

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"We recall with pride your splendid record of public service. To the City of New York you gave of your rich qualities of heart and mind. To your people you contributed your talents, your leadership, and your substance. Many a great institution stands as a living testimony of your efforts and vision. For almost a generation you have been a master builder in American Israel."

The response of Mr. Levy was most touching. He recalled that during the twenty-five years of his membership, save for illness, he rarely absented himself from Sabbath services at the synagogue. "For me the synagogue was a spiritual rest resort. When I entered it I shut the door upon the outside world. The problems, the anxieties, the fears and the worries all vanished. Invariably, I felt transformed. When I went back into the world after leaving the synagogue, I hope that I was a better man. I certainly was a stronger man."

There were tears in the eyes of the celebrant as well as in those of many of the listeners when Mr. Levy gratefully acknowledged the blessings pronounced over him and prayed that they may also descend upon every member of the congregation and every family of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Affiliates Report on Year's Activities —

Mrs. Alexander Kommel, President of the Sisterhood, then gave a beautiful and comprehensive report on the activities of her organization. Mrs. Kommel presented a digest of the activities of the Sisterhood, including its Open Meetings, its Annual Donor Luncheon, its participation in the Chanukah and Purim parties, and its various philanthropies. Of especial interest was her report on the Neediest Cases project which the Sisterhood undertook at the beginning of this year. Mrs. Kommel closed her remarks with expressions of thanks to the members of the Sisterhood and to the Chairmen of committees for their splendid cooperation in making this year a memorable one in Sisterhood history.

Ira F. Weisman, president of the Men's Club, then reported on the work of that important affiliate. Now entering the ninth year of its existence, the Men's Club, too, has en-

joyed a year of singular success in its varied program of activity. Mr. Weisman's account included a resume of the Men's Club season of Forum meetings; its social functions and educational activities; its services to the congregation; and its many benevolences. Mr. Weisman expressed the pride of the group in their achievements, and their hope that next year will prove even more eventful.

The final report of the evening was given by Abbott Bernard, Chairman of the Religious School Committee. Mr. Bernard's remarks covered the school program, its faculty and its budget. He expressed the satisfaction of the Committee on the instruction which the pupils of the Religious School are receiving. Said Mr. Bernard, "We must, if we are to maintain an outstanding Religious School, set our sights on an increase in enrollment—an eventuality which we are prepared to handle with little or no increase in budget, and with no depreciation in the quality of instruction."

Officers Re-elected for Coming Year —

Ira F. Weisman, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, then presented the slate of officers and trustees which his committee had agreed upon. The membership unanimously elected those whom he nominated, and, in announcing their names below, we wish to take the opportunity of extending to them our grateful appreciation for the outstanding service they have rendered in the past, and our heartiest wishes for a most successful administration in the year to come.

President, Max J. Etra; Vice-president, Saul J. Lance; Secretary, Alexander Kommel; Treasurer, Abraham R. Winer.

Trustees: Israel Cummings, Samuel Levy, Sol Lustbader, Aaron H. Onish, Elliott W. Siegel, Aaron J. Simon and Louis J. Singer. With the exception of Mr. Onish, the aforementioned were re-elected. Mr. Onish has been on the Associate Board of the Congregation, and was elected at this meeting to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Twenty-five New Members Inducted —

Amidst appropriate ceremony, twenty-five new members who joined

the congregation during the past year, were formally inducted into membership. They were presented by Harry Etra for the Membership Committee, and, as each was called, he rose to be introduced to the entire membership. After the entire roster of new members had been called, the President formally inducted them into Kehilath Jeshurun, and expressed the hope of all present that they remain with us for many years to come, and that they take an active part in the affairs of the congregation.

Deceased Members Eulogized —

Most impressive was the In Memoriam period during which those of the congregational family who passed away during the year were memorialized. Rabbi Lookstein delivered brief eulogies for Jacob H. Alpert, Sidney P. C. Epstein, Harry Fischel, Samuel Friedman, and Max Manischewitz. To Mr. Harry Fischel, lover and benefactor of Torah and outstanding philanthropist, who passed away in Palestine and was interred on Mount Scopus with governmental honors, special tribute was paid.

When, in reverence to the departed the entire audience rose, one had the feeling that it was not a congregation but a family that was expressing undying affection to those who passed on.

Ramaz Elects Trustees —

The meeting of the Congregation was then adjourned and Saul J. Lance, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz, opened the meeting of Ramaz School. Mr. Lance reported briefly on the school year, taking particular note of the two outstanding events: the award of an Absolute Charter by the Board of Regents, and the acquisition of a new building for the High School department. The following were elected trustees of Ramaz: Mrs. Harry Etra, Irving Kobrin and Ira F. Weisman.

After brief comment by Rabbi Lookstein, the Seventy-sixth Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned, and those present retired to the Gymnasium where a reception in honor of the newly inducted members awaited them. The all-too-short period of sociability spelled finis to another year in the star-studded history of Kehilath Jeshurun.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

New Members —

We welcome into membership Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Mendels and Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Messeloff who joined our family this past week. We hope you will be with us for many years to come and that your association will prove mutually beneficial.

Birth —

A hearty Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Givner upon the birth of a baby girl. May she be a never-ending source of great joy to the entire family.

Birthdays —

Many Happy Returns of the Day to the following members on their birthdays: Sol Feifer, Alexander Gross, Mrs. Julius Kahn, Jacob A. Kaplan, Mrs. Albert Levey, Milton B. Rosenthal, Mrs. Isidore Schlang, Abri Silberman and Mrs. Max L. Som.

Engagement —

Heartiest felicitations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman upon the engagement of their son, Charles, to Miss Arlene Propper. Young Silberman, himself a member of Kehilath Jeshurun, teaches economics at City College and had a fine war record as a Lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy. His fiancée, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Propper, is a student at the Connecticut College for Women.

Anniversaries —

Anniversary greetings are extended to the following members—and may they have many more happy ones: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bachrach, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence Brody and Mr. and Mrs. George Ratner.

Speedy Recovery —

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs. Morris Friedman, sister of Ira F. Weisman, who, we are sorry to learn, is confined to bed by illness. We pray that she soon be up and around, completely recovered.

We are happy to learn that our esteemed member, Hyman Cohen, is fully recovered from his illness and will soon be back in our midst.

The United Jewish Appeal asks -- Can You Answer Properly?

1. *Are you one of the Pioneers of the Jewish State?*
2. *Are you helping to rescue your displaced brothers in Europe?*
3. *Have you contributed through your industry or profession to the United Jewish Appeal?*
4. *Have you made just a contribution --or have you given the maximum or even more?*

*Let Your Conscience
Answer These Questions*

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Hyman Gertler.....*Cantor*
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Ira F. Weisman...*President, Men's Club*
Mrs. Alexander Kommel...*Pres. Sisterhood*

CONDOLENCE

We learn with deep regret of the passing of the beloved father of Rabbi Abraham Atkin, a member of the Ramaz and Religious School faculties. We extend to Rabbi Atkin and the family our heartfelt sympathies and our prayer that the Almighty spare them from further sorrow for many years to come.

YAHREZITS

May

15—HARRY SCHLANG
15—LOUIS LICHTMAN
15—HYMAN WEISBERG
17—GERALD ALPERT
17—SARAH R. FREEDMAN
17—MABEL HEBALD STEIN
17—ANNA BOGDONOFF
17—ESTHER REIKER
18—SIMON NACHTIGALL
20—JACOB CUMMINGS
22—ESTHER G. LEFKOWITZ
22—SOLOMON PENZNER
23—ELIEZER POFCHER
23—JACOB EPSTEIN
24—REBECCA LUBELL
24—JENNIE ROEDER
24—ROSALIE LEVY
24—JEANETTE GIVNER
24—ABRAHAM N. KOMMEL
24—SONIA SCHUCHMAN
26—CHAYIM PERLMAN
26—JACOB SREBNICK
27—GOLDIE BAUM
28—MINNIE POFCHER

TWIXTEENERS CONDUCT SUCCESSFUL DANCE

Saturday night was the date of the first Membership Dance and Entertainment sponsored by our Twixteeners, and it was a delighted group of teen-agers who left at midnight.

The evening was perfect — from every point of view. It was extremely well attended; the music, which was provided by Charles Morey and his Orchestra, was divine; vocal selections rendered by the Williamsburg Youth Choral held the audience, enthralled; the refreshments enjoyable — everything just to the tastes of our young people.

The season is soon to close. But we can be assured of one thing: if next year will find the Twixteeners continuing along the pattern of activities which they have been following these few short weeks since the inception of the group, we can look forward to another strong and active affiliate.

Rabbi Lookstein to speak at Closing Meeting —

The closing meeting of the Twixteeners will be held on Sunday, May 23rd at 4:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Synagogue House. At this meeting, which is the closing meeting of the year, the Twixteeners will hear Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein speak on a topic of major current interest. We have it on good authority that the Rabbi will say something about the Jewish State, which will then be celebrating one week of existence. We know that what he will say will be both highly

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Mincha 6:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Weekly Portion: Kedoshim,

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Haftorah: Amos 9:7-15

Mincha 7:50

Conclusion of Sabbath..... 8:40

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30

Sunday Morning 8:30

Evening 6:30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 18, 8:30 p.m.—Men's Club Executive Board Meeting — Room 202

Sunday, May 23, 4:30 p.m.—Meeting of the Twixteeners; Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Guest Speaker — Room 301

Monday, May 24, 1:30 p.m.—Sisterhood Closing Membership Meeting —Hotel Pierre (suite three), Fifth Avenue and 61st Street

Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m. — Men's Club Eighth Annual Dinner —Synagogue House.

interesting and highly informative. We know, further, that a 100% attendance will be at hand to hear the Rabbi and to bring the year to a successful close.

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