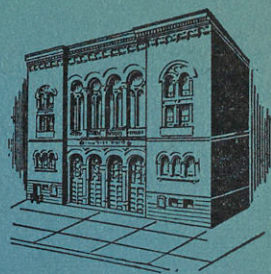


# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin

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## REMEMBER THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

"For that I now solemnly offer charity in their memory."

With these words, Jews the world over recite the Yizkor prayer on four occasions during the year. In this manner, synagogue worshipers whose relatives have departed from this earth, pray that their memories be blessed and perpetuated.

It is a solemn pronouncement made during one of the most solemn services in Jewish liturgy. It is a promise made by the worshiper, in return for which he expects his request to be fulfilled.

Four years ago, Kehilath Jeshurun instituted the Book of Remembrance, published annually at Shevuos time. The purpose of this Book was to provide the opportunity to our worshipers and friends to fulfill the pledge taken on the four occasions when Yizkor is recited, and to do it in dignity and reverence.

The Book of Remembrance was not conceived as a fund-raising venture. Free of every aspect of commercialism, it is consistent with the Yizkor prayer in which a pronouncement of a pledge for charity is made. In order to stress the purely religious character of the offering, it was decided that it be no less than five dollars nor more than ten. Thus, the offering is purged of any material tinge and represents purely a token of reverence for the departed.

Last week, the Synagogue office mailed to its members and friends a printed card, to be returned to the office with the name of the deceased to be included in the Book of Remembrance. Already a large response has been received. Strangely, however, many of the cards that have been returned to us have come from friends who did not participate in the Book last year. If we were to publish the Book of Remembrance today, many names that were in-

## BUILDING ALTERATION ENTERS LAST PHASE Completion Expected About Sept. 1st

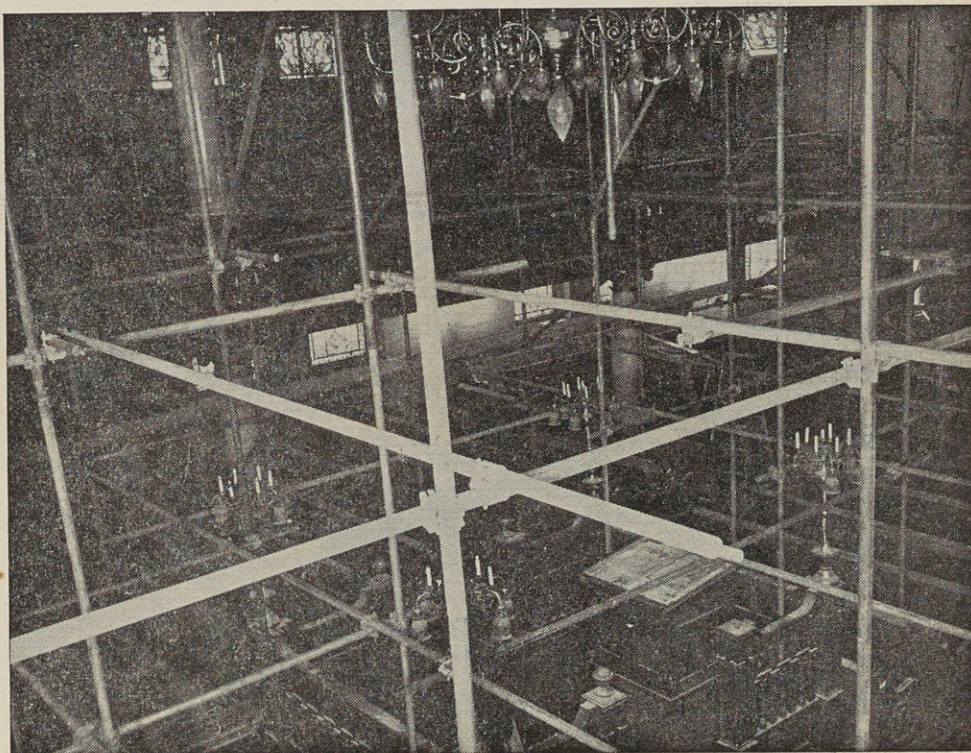
The accompanying picture in this Bulletin shows a web of scaffolding constructed over the entire interior of the Main Synagogue. This, of course, is an indication that the last phase of our alteration project has begun. This last phase will concern itself with improvements in the Main Synagogue.

Let us take you behind the scaffolding and tell you in advance what the architect's plans call for. To begin with, a special plenum chamber will be built on the roof of the synagogue and will be supplied with powerful exhaust fans. A network of ducts, concealed within the syna-

gogue structure itself, will be provided. All this will form part of the new ventilating system and will assure our worshipers of a well-regulated flow of clean filtered fresh air at all times while services are in progress.

New rubber tiled flooring is called for on the main floor as well as in the Ladies' Balcony. The balustrade around the balcony will be remodeled to improve the line of vision so that our lady worshipers will at all times have a full view of everything that transpires in the synagogue.

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## SISTERHOOD CLOSES SEASON OF ACTIVITY WITH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday afternoon, the Hotel Pierre was the scene of the Closing Membership Meeting of the Sisterhood. A well-attended meeting witnessed the writing of "finis" to a year of unparalleled activity, not only in the successful continuation of projects already begun, but also in the initiation of projects never before undertaken by this or any other sisterhood.

### President's Report —

Mrs. Alexander Kommel rendered the first report of the afternoon, reviewing, in a brief but beautiful statement, the activities of the past year. She extended the thanks of the entire membership to the chairmen of the various committees and to those who worked so tirelessly and gave so unstintingly of their time and effort to the success of each and every venture. Mrs. Kommel touched upon every phase of Sisterhood work—the Open Meetings, the Neediest Cases project, the Annual Luncheon, the Chanukah and Purim parties, participation in the Federation drive and in the United Jewish Appeal campaign, S. O. S., the Happy Day Fund, and the generous assistance rendered in providing four scholarships to Ramaz School.

In a word, said Mrs. Kommel, "with an ever increasing membership, we are about to conclude a year of unprecedented activity."

### Treasurer Renders Financial Report —

The gathering then heard Mrs. David Joseph, Treasurer of the Sisterhood, deliver a most interesting financial report. The membership was happy to learn that in spite of the increased program of activity, and notwithstanding the numerous gifts presented to worthy causes, the Sisterhood financial situation was still unquestionably sound.

### Committee Chairmen Report on Activities —

Mrs. Kommel then introduced the chairmen of the different committees, who reported in greater detail on the achievements of the past year. Mrs. Abraham Wiener, chairman of the Program Committee, reviewed the

series of open meetings which were conducted by the Sisterhood and at which some of the most outstanding and interesting speakers were heard.

The chairman of the Neediest Cases Committee, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, gave a beautiful report on the accomplishments of the committee working on the most recent addition to the Sisterhood program of activity. She outlined several of the cases which came to the attention of the committee, and reported on the assistance which was rendered in each case. (Ed. note: We are happy to inform you that through the kindness of Mrs. Israel Cummings and Mrs. Harry Etra, two radios were provided for the Edenwald School for Boys, whose request came to the Neediest Cases Committee. Similarly, a Bulletin reader responded to the request of a war veteran by offering her baby carriage. To all, many thanks.)

Mrs. Harry Etra, chairman of the Sisterhood U. J. A. committee, then gave her report, in which she urged all members to pledge the greatest possible amount. The need this year is so great that the response to it must be met by each and every good-hearted Jew.

The Happy Day Fund, reported Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, its chairman, met with singular success this year. From the funds contributed by members commemorating some occasion, many deserving causes have been helped.

The final report of the afternoon was rendered by Mrs. Edgar Trautman, who reported on the S.O.S. project. A number of members cooperated beautifully, and a large quantity of knitted goods was sent to Europe, to clothe the desperate remnant of our people still there.

### New Members Inducted —

Mrs. Jacob H. Alpert, chairman of the Membership Committee, then introduced the new members for formal induction. They are: Mmes. A. Milton Brown, Myron M. Bogdonoff, Max Cooper, Hyman Gertler, Abraham Kaminer, Julius Schwartz and Louis Sweet.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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cluded last year and the year before would be missing.

It appears as if our members and friends are taking certain things for granted. It seems that they assume that the names of their dear departed ones will be included this year, by virtue of their having been included in previous Books.

We wish, therefore, to call your attention to the fact that we must receive your permission—in the form of the card we sent which is reproduced on page 3—in order to include the names of those whom you would like memorialized.

Give meaning to the Yizkor service. Fill out the form on page 3 for inclusion in the Book of Remembrance. We go to press June 7th. All names **MUST** be in the office by that date, or we will be unable to publish them in this year's Book.

Remember your departed ones.

### Officers Re-elected —

Mrs. Jacob Rudd, chairman of the Nominations Committee, then presented the slate of officers and Executive Board members which her committee had agreed upon. The membership unanimously re-elected the incumbent officers and elected Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mrs. A. Milton Brown and Mrs. Nathan Kogan members of the Executive Board. To all, our best wishes!

### Brief Remarks by Rabbi Lookstein —

Rabbi Lookstein was then introduced by the President, and he commented briefly on the re-election of the officers, inducting them formally into their respective offices. The Rabbi then spoke of the establishment of Israel and of the importance of our support of the state through the United Jewish Appeal. Only by the generous support of each and every individual, can the U J A attain its goal—an accomplishment that **MUST** be attained.

Following the Rabbi's remarks, a reception in honor of the new members was given, at which Mrs. Louis Etra, Mrs. Saul J. Lance and Mrs. Louis J. Singer acted as hostesses. The Sisterhood is grateful to them for their graciousness.



## MEN'S CLUB DINNER ENJOYED BY LARGE ASSEMBLAGE

With the auditorium of the Synagogue House transformed into a banquet hall, the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club brought its social season to a climactic close at its 8th Annual Dinner. The hall, gaily decorated with banquet tables bedecked with colorful dishes, candles, and ferns, was filled to near-capacity with Men's Club members and well-wishers who came to participate in an evening of sociability. Add to that scene a large assortment of portraits, done in oil by the celebrated artist, David Immerman, and you have a setting of unusual gaiety and color in keeping with the spirit of the affair.

The festivities began with the guests gathering in the gymnasium for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in an atmosphere of good fellowship and cheer. After a short time, the guests ascended to the auditorium, where, following the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" led by Cantor Hyman Gertler and the invocation pronounced by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, they partook of a full course catered banquet dinner par excellence. Then, with after-dinner cigars burning, the assemblage settled down to more serious matters, as Ira F. Weisman, President of the Men's Club, took the floor to make a number of important presentations.

He first presented several checks constituting Men's Club contributions, to the Camp Fund, the Scholarship Funds of Ramaz and the Religious School, and to the Congregation Building Fund. In each case, the amount was considerable, and gave evidence of the generosity and genuine interest of Men's Club members.

The second presentation was that of the guest speaker of the evening, Dr. David W. Petegorsky, Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress. Dr. Petegorsky, speaking on "The Jewish State in World Politics," delivered an inspiring address on the most momentous event of our day—the establishment of Israel—and its implications the world over, particularly among American Jewry. "Of one thing we may be certain," said Dr. Petegorsky, "the Jewish State is supremely prepared to discharge the

moral obligations of Statehood. The persecution and hardship endured by our people, render us prepared for such purpose." It is, paradoxical, that "in return for the Torquemadas, the Hitlers and the Hamans we will give the world justice an morality." On the other hand, continued the speaker, perhaps our compensation for having endured suffering will be the privilege of performing such a mission.

Dr. Petegorsky cautioned against two possible eventualities arising from the establishment of Israel — two challenges which American Jews in particular will have to face. The first is indifference and complacency on the part of Jews. Now that a Jewish State is a reality, we can "settle down and relax." The second danger, of equal or greater imminence, is the tendency on the part of some Jews to "bend over backwards" in an effort to disassociate themselves from the Jewish State. Any positive identification with the State, they contend, would be "subversive."

To meet these challenges, said the speaker in concluding his remarks, "if we assimilate that militancy, that sense of responsibility and determination, that Jewish dignity as the Yishuv in Israel did, then, no matter how unpopular and threatened our

## SAMUEL MARCUS NAMED FATHER OF THE YEAR

As the Eighth Annual Men's Club Dinner drew to a close, Ira F. Weisman announced the selection of Samuel A. Marcus as the Father of the Year.

Appropriate ceremonies will be conducted on Father's Day Sabbath, June 19th, in the Synagogue.

stand may be, we know that the prayers that went into the Jewish State have been answered in abundance."

The closing hours of the Dinner were devoted to the evening's entertainment, highlighted by Messrs. Fisher and White, impressionists, who evoked a good number of "belly laughs" from their audience. Throughout the entire evening's proceedings, music was provided by Jeno Bartal and his Musicleers, who played to the enjoyment of all present.

The members of the Dinner Committee are: Hyman I. Bucher, Chairman; Joseph E. Adler, Abbott Bernard, Max J. Etra, Alexander Garfein, George Jacobs, Saul J. Lance, Benjamin Leifert, Jerome H. Rosenblum, Dr. Robert Wallach, Ira F. Weisman and Louis W. Yohann. They have earned our heartiest thanks for a job well done.

## CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

### Book of Remembrance

5708 — 1948

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my Yizkor offerings\* for the entire year, in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the Book of Remembrance published by the congregation.

Name	Offering
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Name _____	
Address _____	

\* This offering is a token of reverence and is designed to be within the reach of all. It should not exceed \$10 nor be less than \$5 for each name.



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Hyman Gertler.....*Cantor*  
Joseph E. Adler.....*Ritual Director*  
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Alexander Kommel.....*Secretary*  
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Mrs. Alexander Kommel...*Pres. Sisterhood*

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### FRIDAY

Mincha ..... 6:30

#### SATURDAY

Morning ..... 9:00

Weekly Portion: Behar, Leviticus  
25:1-26:2

Haftorah: Jeremiah 32:6-27

Mincha ..... 8:00

Conclusion of Sabbath..... 8:50

#### DAILY SERVICES

Morning ..... 7:30

Sunday Morning ..... 8:30

Evening ..... 6:30

### YAHARZEITS

#### May

30—EDWARD BERNARD  
30—MARY ROSENBLUM  
30—ETHEL METZGER

#### June

1—HELEN REINHOLD  
2—DINAH WEISS  
3—AARON GARFUNKEL  
3—SIDNEY P. C. EPSTEIN  
6—ABRAHAM D. BAUM  
6—OSIAS GARFEIN  
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9—BENZION COOPERMAN  
10—ISADOR GROSSMAN  
10—JACOB H. RUBIN  
11—BERNHARD BERNARD  
11—FRANK MORGANSTERN

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birth —

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ratnoff on the birth of a grandson. May the new arrival be a source of joy and happiness to the entire family.

#### Birthdays —

Many Happy Returns of the Day to the following members on their forthcoming birthdays: Mrs. Jacob Baruch, Dr. Erich Buechler, Adolph J. Elkeles, Joseph Friedman, Dr. Eli Goldstein, Alexander Kommel, Mrs. Reuben Westerman and Abraham Wiener.

#### Engagement —

Our heartiest felicitations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gronowitz on the recent engagement of their daughter, Doris Evelyn, to Mr. Alfred Siegel. To the future Mr. and Mrs. Siegel go our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

#### Anniversaries —

Anniversary Greetings to the following members, and may they celebrate many more happy occasions together: Mr. and Mrs. Irving Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coan, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman, Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. I. Jerome Riker, Mr. and Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Singer and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sokolski.

#### Congratulations —

We wish the very best of luck to

### BUILDING ALTERATIONS

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The beautiful stained glass windows, many of which have been reserved as memorial windows, will be remodeled and improved. New and modern lighting will be installed providing the latest design in indirect lighting available. The pews will be altered, modernized and properly cushioned. They will naturally be made to blend in with the new decorative scheme of the synagogue.

Other important improvements, too technical in nature to be detailed, are also contemplated. When completed our main place of worship will be most beautiful and inspiring. The beauty will be enhanced by the fact that in spite of the alteration the ancient and traditional character of the structure will be retained.

We are assured by the architect that all this work will be fully completed on or about September 1st. Let us be gratified in anticipation of the fact that during the coming High Holy Days we will be worshipping in our renovated synagogue.

Louis W. Yohann who opened a branch of his business in mid-town New York.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Mendels on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel, this Sabbath.

Similar greetings to the families of Ramaz students Simeon Berman, Edward Klagsbrun and Joel Lewittes.

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read so often because we serve so well.

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