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### JACOB D. COHEN OF BLESSED MEMORY

While attending a convention of insurance men, one of our most ardent and devoted members, Jacob D. Cohen, was suddenly stricken last Wednesday night and breathed his last several hours later.

"J.D.", as he was affectionately known, had a long record of service in Kehilath Jeshurun. His association with the congregation extended over 40 years. During that time he held every office, including that of president, in which capacity he served several terms. He was at the head of the congregation during the difficult depression years when leadership of a religious institution involved patience, steadfastness, and sacrifice. At the Diamond Jubilee Meeting of the congregation two years ago, he was honored by being elected an honorary trustee for life.

"J.D." was a God-fearing Jew. Every Sabbath found him in the House of God, and often on weekdays he would come to the morning service. During years of affluence his generosity knew no limits. His jovial disposition won him a host of friends in the synagogue and outside of it. Alas, for a fine son of Kehilath Jeshurun whose presence will be missed and whose name will be remembered

The congregation extends its heartiest sympathies to Mrs. Cohen and to her entire family.

### SELICHOT SERVICES TO BE CONDUCTED SEPTEMBER 25th

On Saturday, September 25th, at midnight, the traditional Selichot services will be conducted in our Main Synagogue. Cantor Hyman Gertler will officiate and a brief sermon will be delivered by the Rabbi.

Come and bring your friends to Selichot. Come in order to usher in the season of prayer and penitence, and in order to attune yourself to the mood of reverence and piety of the High Holy Days.

# FIRST SERVICE HELD IN REMODELED MAIN SYNAGOGUE

After months of waiting the happy day finally came. The Main Synagogue, remodeled and freshly decorated was opened for services. The entire lower floor of the synagogue was filled to capacity with members of the congregation and guests of the Rosen family who were attending the Bar Mitzvah of young David Rosen.

It was interesting and heartening to see the expressions on the faces of those

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SESSIONS RESUME SEPTEMBER 20th

Sessions in the Afternoon Religious School will be resumed for the coming year on Monday, September 20th. Registration of new children as well as those who have already been in attendance has been in progress since the beginning of the week, and indications are that the enrollment this year will exceed that of last year by a large number.

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### MEMBERS URGED TO RESERVE HOLIDAY SEATS

Several members have not as yet responded to our request regarding reservations for the High Holy days. This may be due to their intention to spend the holidays at their summer homes; it may, on the other hand, be due to an oversight on their part.

We have been compelled to refuse numerous requests for seats which have been made by non-members since we feel that members have first choice. However, with the holidays drawing near, it will be impossible to hold seats open for members much longer.

Therefore, if you have not as yet notified us of whether you intend to be with us this year, please do so now. If we do not hear from you by Wednesday, September 22nd, we will open the sale of all seats to the general public.

who entered our place of worship. There was their beloved House of God, just as it was, and yet how different! The character of the synagogue as a traditional place of worship was retained and still it seemed so new and so changed. The color scheme, conceived by the architect, J. M. Berlinger, was executed by the Battisti Studio, which is responsible for the decoration of some of the leading synagogues, temples and cathedrals in the country. Gone were the old brackets and chandeliers, and in their place were new lighting fixtures that bathed the interior with a luscious light. The pews were re-done and upholstered with new cushions. The rubber tile in the aisles and the freshly laid carpets on the front and center platforms blended with the entire color scheme.

In spite of the warmth of the day (it was over 80 degrees) our worshipers felt no discomfort. A new ventilating system had been installed to provide a fresh flow of air at all times.

The remarks and observations at the close of services were full of enthusiasm almost of exultation. "Oh, how beautiful!" "How magnificent!" "It is really majestic!" But there was another surprise in store for the congregants as they made their way to the buffet kiddush in the auditorium of the Synagogue House. They walked through the marbled lobbies. They passed the newly installed elevator that will service both the Synagogue and the Synagogue House. They glanced into the air-conditioned chapel which is in itself a delight to the esthetic eye. They entered the

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### SISTERHOOD NEWS

### First Board Meeting Called —

Mrs. Alexander Kommel, president of the Sisterhood, announced the first meeting of the Executive Board for Monday, September 27th, at the Ramaz High School, 22 East 82nd Street. Luncheon will be served promptly at 1:15 p.m., and all members are urged to be prompt as the meeting will get under way immediately after the luncheon.

### Plan Annual Donor Luncheon —

The Annual Donor Luncheon sponsored by the Sisterhood will again take place in the Wedgewood Room of the Waldorf-Astoria. The chairman of the Luncheon is, as last year, Mrs. Jack Rudd, who will have as co-chairman Mrs. A. Milton Brown. Mrs. Aaron H. Onish will again serve as chairman of the Raffle Committee.

Initial plans for this year's affair will be laid at the Board Meeting of the 27th. We are sure, therefore, that all Board members will be on hand.

### Happy Day Fund -

Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, Chairman of the Happy Day Fund, acknowledges the kind contributions of the following members: Mrs. Jerry Herman on the occasion of her birthday; Mrs. Vera Icikovic on the occasion of her birthday; Mrs. George Jacobs; Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein; Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman on the occasion of the marriage of her son, Charles; and Mrs. Abraham Wiener.

Many thanks.

### THE BULLETIN OPENS ITS SEASON

With this issue the Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin begins another year of publication. During the High Holiday Season, the Bulletin will appear weekly. Thereafter, it will be published biweekly. We are very anxious to include in the Bulletin not only congregational news but personal news that may be of interest to the congregational family. Please inform us of any events that you would like to bring to the attention of your fellow members.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAS NEW PRINCIPAL

Mr. Myer Appleman has been appointed principal of our Afternoon Religious School. He is succeeding Mr. Jerome H. Rosenblum who was compelled to relinquish the position in order to give full time to his duties as Executive Director of the congregation.

The new principal was born in Palestine and received his Hebrew education there. As a very young man he came to this country and engaged in secular studies at Harvard University. He is also a graduate of Boston University and the holder of several graduate degrees.

Mr. Appleman is one of the outstanding educational personalities in our community. For ten years he was head of the Crown Heights Yeshivah in Brooklyn. He has had years of experience as principal of leading Talmud Torahs. For the last five years he has been associated with the Ramaz High School as an instructor of Hebrew language and literature and has been teaching Pedagogy in the evenings at the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls. He is the author of several school texts and is currently preparing for publication a comprehensive workbook for the advanced study of Bible.

We are happy to welcome Mr. Appleman into our midst and we want to assure all parents in the community that the administration of our Religious School is now in the hands of an outstanding educator.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENS

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The program of studies, it was announced by the newly-appointed principal, Mr. Myer B. Appleman, includes Prayers, Bible, Hebrew, Jewish History, Laws and Customs, Current Iewish Events and activities in related fields including holiday celebrations, music, dramatics, regular assemblies, and the like. The Junior Congregation, which meets every Saturday and is conducted by the children of the school, will again continue services in the newly built Chapel of the synagogue. In addition, Mr. Appleman continued, the club program will be intensified to allow for more extra-curricular activities.

### Kindergarten Class Organized —

A Kindergarten class, supervised by a qualified Kindergarten teacher, has been organized for children of the ages of four-and-a-half to six. The class will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 12:30, and a full preschool program is in effect.

### For Further Information —

Information about the hours, fees and related matters may be had by contacting the synagogue office. Mr. Appleman will be glad to confer with parents regarding the Hebrew education of their children, and may be contacted at the school building daily from 3 to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 9 to 12.

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new and spacious Social Hall, capable of accommodating 250 people. And when they were through they did not realize that they still had not seen all. Indeed, our new and refurbished House of God took 14 months to be made ready but it was worthwhile waiting for!

It is interesting to note that at this opening service both the architect, J. M. Berlinger, as well as the builder,

Sol Lustbader of the Lustbader Company, were there. A booklet describing the various features of the remodeled synagogue and explaining the structural as well as the artistic work done is in the process of preparation. It will shortly be available for our membership.

We are tempted to pronounce a blessing on this great achievement. We shall, however, postpone it until the day, soon to come, when a ceremony of re-dedication will take place.

#### MEN'S CLUB NEWS

### Re-elect Officers -

At the Annual membership meeting of the Men's Club, the incumbent officers were re-elected for the coming year. We list them below, and extend our congratulations and best wishes for a successful administration: Ira F. Weisman, President; Louis J. Singer, First Vice-president; Abbott Bernard, Second Vice-president; Hyman I. Bucher, Treasurer; and Benjamin Leifert, Secretary. Alexander Garfein was again appointed Comptroller.

### New Executive Board Members Appointed —

Mr. Weisman announced the appointment of Maurice N. Jaffe, Elliott W. Siegel and Dr. Ned Wachtel to the Executive Board of the Men's Club. We are confident that their addition to the Board will prove invaluable and that the Men's Club will function with greater success than before.

### First Forum Meeting to be Held September 21 —

The first Forum Meeting of the Men's Club will take place Tuesday evening, September 21st, at 8:30, in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Max Kirschblum, Executive Vice-President of the Mizrachi Organization of America and member of the Zionist Actions Committee, who will speak on "Religion and the State of Israel."

Rabbi Kirshblum, who is an outstanding speaker, has a message of great importance and interest to impart. We know you will want to hear his view on this subject, and that you will thank us for having made the evening possible.

Reserve the date and plan to attend. As usual, refreshments will be served.

### CONDOLENCES

We record with deep sorrow the loss of two of our members who passed away during the summer months, Emanuel Kaplan and Sol Hecht. To the Kaplan and Hecht families, we extend our heartfelt sympathies and our prayer that the Almighty spare them from further grief for many years to come.

You are Cordially Invited to Attend the

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sponsored by the Men's Club

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Ladies Invited

Collation



View of the new Chapel in the Main Synagogue, showing the Altar and Holy Ark

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun 117-25 East 85th Street SAcramento 2-2272

### Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein
Hyman Gertler
Joseph E. Adler Ritual Director
Jerome H. Rosenblum. Executive Director

### Officers of the Congregation

Max J. Etra
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Alexander KommelSecretary
Ira F. Weisman President, Men's Club
Mrs. Alexander Kommel Pres. Sisterhood

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### FRIDAY

Mincha

1VIIIICII
SATURDAY
Morning9:00
Weekly Portion: Ki Teze, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftorah: Isaiah 54:1-10
Mincha6:45
Conclusion of Sabbath7:35
DAILY SERVICES

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Sunday	Morning8:	30
Evening	6:	30

### **YAHRZEITS**

### September

- 18—DAVID MATUSOW
- 19—AIDLE GROSS
- 19—ANNIE FRIEDMAN
- 19—RACHEL GOTTFRIED
- 19—IDA CUMMINGS
- 19—GRETE COLEMAN
- 20—MARIE DANIEL
- 20—JASPER C. SILBERGLEIT
- 21-ALBERT A. KAPLAN
- 23—RACHEL BACHRACH
- 24—CHARLES SCHLANG

### A MODERN RITUALARIUM

is located in our community at 148 West 97th Street MOnument 2-0300

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birth \_

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Rosenblum on the birth of their second child, a boy. May they have much nachas from the new arrival.

### Birthdays -

Many Happy Returns of the Day to Mrs. Jacob H. Alpert, Isidore Grossman, Mrs. Alexander Kommel and Robert I. Yudell. We hope to celebrate many more joyous occasions with you.

### Bar Mitzvahs -

David Rosen, son of our very esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosen, was an extremely happy and lucky boy last Saturday. It was his Bar Mitzvah Sabbath and the service was held for the first time in a year in the newly decorated and remodeled Main Synagogue. A capacity congregation was in attendance and the young Bar Mitzvah read the weekly portion as well as the prophetic portion with impressive excellence. Our heartiest wishes to him and to his proud parents and happy family.

Similar good wishes are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenberg whose son, Martin, a pupil in our Religious School, will become a Bar Mitzvah this Saturday in our Synagogue.

#### Engagement —

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler on the betrothal of their daughter, Gozela, to Mr. Berle Bonner. We wish the young couple a happy and long life together.

### Marriages -

Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Max Messing on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Elaine, to Dr. Jerome Simson. May we celebrate many future anniversaries with the young couple.

Charles Silberman, son of our dear members Mr. and Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, was married last Sunday afternoon to Miss Arlene Propper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving A.

### HAPPY EVENTS DURING THE SUMMER

Since the appearance of the last Bulletin in June, a number of joyous events have taken place in the families of Kehilath Jeshurun members. We are happy to record them below, and in so doing, we wish to extend our heartiest wishes for good luck and much happiness:

... To Dr. and Mrs. Raphael Kurzrok on the engagement of their daughter, Sheila, to Mr. Samuel H. Hellenbrandt.

... To Mr. and Mrs. Murray Beckenstein on the marriage of their daughter, Selma, to Mr. Herbert Blumstein.

... To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kaplan on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Joan, to Mr. Edwin Weinstein.

... To Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Singer, whose daughter, Rita, was married to Mr. Davis S. Philipson.

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into our congregational family the following new members whose applications were received during the summer: Harry Glemby, Maurice N. Jaffe and Gustav Wurzweiler.

We are also happy to add to the roster of Junior Members the names of Burrill Crohn, David N. Rosen, Eric Rudd, Annette Silver and Matthew Zuckerman.

To all, a hearty welcome and may you be with us for a long long time.

Propper of Park Avenue. The ceremony took place on the lawn of the bride's parents' country home at Deal, New Jersey. Mazel Tov!

### Anniversaries -

Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Abris Silberman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Yudell, who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week. Many more of them!