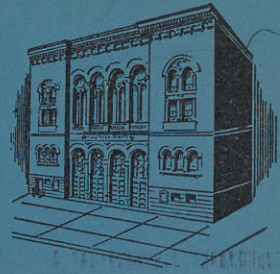


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CHILDREN TO BE SPECIAL GUESTS AT REVISED HAKAFOTH SERVICE

The last few years the Hakafoth Service brought capacity congregations to witness the procession of the Torahs on Simchat Torah eve. Many lovely features to make the service intelligible were introduced by us and as a result our congregants were delighted with a service that was gay and joyous in the traditional manner, yet dignified and aesthetic to suit the modern worshiper.

We are pleased to announce that this year a special Hakafoth Service has been prepared. It will contain several new and delightful features designed to make it even more inspiring than in the past. A newly-printed booklet, comprising the order of service, will be placed in the hands of every worshiper. The central theme of this year's service will be, "Israel Reborn," and it will be dedicated to rejoicing over the establishment of the state of Israel. The children of our Religious School and the students and graduates of Ramaz School who reside in the neighborhood will have important parts in the service. One surprise feature has been provided, the nature of which will not be revealed until Simchat Torah night.

Of course, flags and specially prepared boxes of candy will be distributed to the children who will be in charge of a committee of the Parents' Club of our Religious School headed by Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert. The committee will be assisted by a group of junior ushers.

We have but two requests to make. First, come with your family and by all means, bring the children. Second, we would appreciate it greatly if the men would be dressed in formal evening attire.

The children should be brought at 4:30 in the afternoon to the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. They will be escorted to the Main Synagogue at 5 o'clock before the evening service begins. Please come and please be early because we expect a capacity congregation.

WORSHIPERS THRILLED BY MOST IMPRESSIVE HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

One Thousand Attend. Many Write Letters of Commendation

Our newly remodeled and refurbished synagogue provided an unusual setting for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services this year and made them attain unprecedented high levels of impressiveness and inspiration. From the opening notes of the cantor on the first night of Rosh Hashanah up to the sounding of the shofar at the close of the Ne'ilah Service on Atonement Day, our worshipers participated in a religious experience that they will long remember.

One worshiper wrote: "... we want to thank you for your wonderful and up-lifting service. It is easy to go back to our religion as our parents practiced it under your intelligent guidance..." Another wrote: "The Shool looks beautiful and the service is very moving." A third went into greater detail on the remarkable change in the synagogue. He wrote, "It is almost impossible to believe that such a change could take place. . . . The Members and everyone who participated in this project can well be proud of what they have accomplished." These are but a few of the written comments from those who took time to communicate with us. The oral comments to the officers and religious officials of the congregation were even more numerous and even warmer in their praise.

Throughout the High Holy Days visitors from other synagogues came as curious and welcome pilgrims expressing their complimentary sentiments to all who would listen.

The Rabbi's Sermons

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah the Rabbi spoke on "A New Orientation for Jewish Life." On several occasions during the long history of Israel in exile, he explained, new orientations had to be made. The stress of circumstances and the impact of new conditions compelled the

Jew to make intellectual adjustments, social adjustments, and cultural adjustments in order to survive.

The extermination of six million Jews on the one hand, and the establishment of the state of Israel on the other, the Rabbi continued, now demand a re-thinking of our problem and a re-evaluation of our course of action. "Politically," he said, "the American Jew will remain, as he has always been, an unhyphenated American. Spiritually, however, the newly-born state will serve for him as a reservoir out of which he will draw cultural enrichment, religious guidance and inspiration, and a new pride to sustain his status as a man." A further effect on the life of the Jew "resulting from the establishment of the state of Israel will be a sense of moral and intellectual emancipation. In America or anywhere else in the world he will cease to be a cringing apologist seeking always to justify his existence; he will stand more erect the world over because of the achievements of his brothers in the land of his forefathers."

On Kol Nidre the Rabbi spoke on "The Good Life in an Evil World." How can one remain good in an evil world? "Surely," the Rabbi answered, "not by escaping from it. Most certainly, not by surrendering to it. God forbid that the individual should build the structure of his personal integrity according to the dishonest and distorted blueprint of our contemporary world."

"There are only two ways open to modern man who strives to be good in a world that is evil. The first is to have every individual consider himself a one-man resistance movement to sabotage every corrupting influence and to resist every perverting force. The second is not to lose heart nor to suffer moral courage to falter.

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FRED MARGARETEN APPOINTED CHASAN TORAH

Isidore Grossman Chasan Bereshith and Simon Vogel Chasan Maffir

Mr. Max J. Etra, president of the congregation, announced on behalf of the officers the designations of the Grooms of the Law for this year. For Chasan Torah a former president of the congregation, Fred Margareten, was chosen. Mr. Margareten has been affiliated with the congregation for almost twenty-five years. During that time he was elected to several offices including that of President, which he held for six years. During his tenure of office the Ramaz School was organized, and he gave to that institution its initial impetus. He is also one of the leading spirits of the Yeshivah Ohel Torah on the lower east side and is an honorary trustee of Yeshiva University. It is fitting for one who has demonstrated so much devotion to the cause of Jewish learning to be designated for the honor of Chasan Torah.

The Chasan Bereshith, Mr. Isidore Grossman, has only recently joined our congregational family. Before coming to us, however, he had already established a splendid record as a faithful worker and leader in the Congregation Ohab Zedek on the west side. For years he was chairman of the Beth Hillel, the religious school of that congregation. He is active in the support of the institutions of the old Yishuv in Palestine and is a leader in his industry for the United Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

The Chasan Maffir is Mr. Simon Vogel, a native of Frankfort, Germany, who came to these shores by way of France. During the occupation of that country by the Nazis, he spent many months in a Concentration Camp and miraculously found his way with his family to America. A student and disciple of Rabbiner Dr. Nobel of Frankfort, he is a fine Jewish student who still delights in poring over the pages of the Talmud in the edition presented to him by his sainted teacher.

We congratulate these Grooms of the Law and we compliment the officers for their fine selection. We wish the recipients of the honors and their families the blessings that come to those who are identified with the Torah.

A buffet-kiddush in honor of the Grooms of the Law will be tendered on Simchat Torah, Tuesday, October 26th, at the close of services in the Social Hall of the synagogue. In the past this function used to be held on the Sabbath following Simchat Torah.

We feel, however, that it is more appropriate to hold it on that very day on which the Torah is completed and begun. We hope that our members and worshippers will be with us on that occasion.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

New Member —

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. J. William Rosenbluth into membership, and we extend our wishes for a long and happy association with us.

Birthdays —

Many Happy Returns of the Day to the following members who will celebrate birthdays shortly: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Casner, Mrs. Jacob D. Cohen, Mrs. George Jacobs, David Joseph, David Kahn, Samuel Rosen, Max Scheidt, Mrs. Abris Silberman and Bernard Weiss.

Anniversary —

Heartiest Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kommel. May you have many more happy anniversaries together.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 17, 11:00 a.m.—Meeting of the Men's Club Executive Board

Thursday, Oct. 21, 8:30 p.m.—Men's Club Forum Meeting; Marvin Lowenthal will speak on "The Gamble of Jewish Life"

Monday, Nov. 1, 1:15 p.m.—Meeting of the Sisterhood Executive Board

Thursday, Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m.—Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, Nov. 8, 1:15 p.m.—Sisterhood Open Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 8:30 p.m.—Open Meeting of the Parents' Club

SISTERHOOD NEWS

First Meeting

Hears Rabbi Lookstein —

The first Open Meeting of the current season was indeed a most auspicious introduction to the Sisterhood year of activity. As the guest speaker of the afternoon, the gathering heard Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein speak on the general current scene—political and international—with particular emphasis on its implications to the State of Israel. As usual, the Rabbi's remarks were enlightening and inspiring, and were enjoyed by all who attended.

The hostess at the luncheon which was served was Mrs. Ray Dornstein, who thrilled Sisterhood guests with beautifully prepared tables which, blended with the decor of the Social Hall, was truly a sight to behold. The delicious luncheon rounded out a grand afternoon, and our thanks are extended to Mrs. Dornstein for her graciousness.

Happy Day Fund —

"I received a bit of good news today concerning someone dear to me. It made me feel very happy and I would like to share that happiness. Enclosed is a check for the Happy Day Fund."

The foregoing is an excerpt of a letter received by Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, chairman of the Fund, and we are happy to publish it so that all may know of the reason for the Fund's existence. In a word, it provides the means for a member to share happy occasions, and, through contributions, to spread cheer among some unfortunate and needy ones.

We acknowledge with thanks the kind contributions of the following members, and we wish them many happy occasions: Mrs. Samuel Fine; Mrs. Abraham A. Jacobs, in honor of the birth of her great-grandchild; Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Abraham Kirshon and Mrs. Edgar Trautman.

THE K. J. MEN'S CLUB

cordially invites its members, their wives and friends
to attend its next

FORUM MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21st, AT 8:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker

MARVIN LOWENTHAL

will speak on

"THE GAMBLE OF JEWISH LIFE"

Collation

WORSHIPERS THRILLED

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Time and again in human history has evil been defeated. It will be defeated again."

On Atonement Day before Yiskor, the rabbi reported on his observations in the course of two successive visits to the Displaced Persons Camps in Europe. Many eyes were wet with tears as he described the plight of our unfortunate brethren. He ended with a stirring appeal for the UJA, which resulted in a most generous response to that cause.

Cantor Gertler Excels

The rendition of the services by our cantor was a delight to the ear. His beautiful voice chanted the traditional prayers as they were rarely heard before. The familiar congregational melodies were sung lustily and most effectively.

Mr. Adler at His Best

Mr. Joseph E. Adler, our Ritual Director, officiated at the Shacharith Services according to his usual high standards. His melodic reading of the Torah and his expert sounding of the shofar contributed greatly to the impressiveness of the Holy Days.

New Method of Distributing Honors

In the past all those who were called to the Torah were notified by letter in advance. This year even those who were designated for the opening of the Ark for special prayers were notified of their honor by letter. One after the other these designees came to the front to perform their mitzvah in a manner that not only did not disturb the decorum but actually added to the dignity of the service.

Ushers Play Important Part

Under the extremely able guidance of Mr. George Jacobs, the Committee of Ushers, consisting of Hyman I. Bucher, Benjamin D. Gold, Martin Klein, Lawrence Onish and Alan Yohann, served faithfully, energetically and devotedly. They used tact and courtesy in caring for the comforts of the one thousand worshipers who filled every seat of our synagogue. On Kol Nidre night, in formal evening attire, they really were a resplendent group. We cannot thank them enough for the part that they played.

To Our Worshippers

We are most grateful to all our members and seatholders for the manner in which they participated in our service and for the patience and cooperation that they displayed. We are extremely pleased by the fine representation of young people who

MEN'S CLUB NEWS**Marvin Lowenthal
to Speak October 21 —**

As the guest speaker for the next Forum Meeting, to be held Thursday evening, October 21st, the Men's Club has invited Marvin Lowenthal, noted author, lecturer and historian. Mr. Lowenthal will talk on "The Gamble of Jewish Life."

Best known for his book, "The Jews of Germany: A Story of Sixteen Centuries," Mr. Lowenthal is the author of a number of other widely-read books, ranging in scope from a biography of Henrietta Szold to a comprehensive work on Jewish antiquities in Europe and North Africa; from a translation of "The Autobiography of Montaigne" to a history of the New York of 1789.

In his career as publicist and writer, Mr. Lowenthal has been the director of the Zionist Bureau for the Pacific Coast; a representative of Jewish minority interests at the League of Nations; the Paris secretary of the World Conference for International Peace through Religion; and an editor of the New International Year Book.

Members and friends will recall that Mr. Lowenthal addressed a Men's Club Forum Meeting during the series of 1945-46. He was exceptionally well received at that time, and we are certain they are anticipating hearing Mr. Lowenthal again. We invite all members and friends—with their wives—to hear Marvin Lowenthal speak on the intriguing subject, "The Gamble of Jewish Life." A collation will follow the talk.

New Member —

The Men's Club is happy to welcome Dr. Irving M. Zindler, as a member and wishes him many years of fruitful activity with the group.

Welfare Fund —

Many thanks to Max Heiman and Louis W. Yohann for their generous contributions to the Men's Club Welfare Fund.

were in the synagogue. Their presence augurs well for the future. Now, that the New Year has been ushered in so gratifyingly, we hope that our entire congregational family will stay with us throughout the year, participating in all of our activities, sharing in all of our accomplishments, and rejoicing in the unending progress of Kehilath Jeshurun as part of the Jewish community of America.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles 4:57
 Evening 5:10

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
 Weekly Portion: Haazinu, Deuteronomy 32:1-52
 Haftorah: II Samuel 22:1-51
 Evening 5:00
 Conclusion of Sabbath 5:50

YAHREZITS

October

- 18—MICHELE ROSENBERG
- 19—MILTON H. LUBELL
- 20—NATHAN BILLIG
- 21—ROSE KRAM
- 21—JACOB FELDBERG
- 23—ISRAEL ONISH
- 23—PAULINE EPSTEIN
- 24—MORRIS GOLDERICH
- 25—BERNARD ELKON
- 27—ISAAC BINDER
- 28—NATHAN ROGGEN
- 29—LOUIS H. ALPERT

SCHEDULE OF SUCCOTH SERVICES

Sunday, October 17, Succoth Eve

Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv) 5:00

Monday, October 18, Succoth I

Morning 9:00
 Sermon 10:45
 Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv) 5:00

Tuesday, October 19, Succoth II

Morning 9:00
 Evening 5:00

Friday, October 22

Lighting of Candles 4:47
 Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv) 4:50

Saturday, October 23, Shabbat Chol Hamoed

Morning 9:00
 Sermon 10:45
 Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv) 4:50

Sunday, October 24, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning 8:30
 Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv) 4:50

Monday, October 25, Shemini Azeret

Morning 9:00
 Memorial Service (Yizkor) 10:45
 Mincha 4:45
 Ma'ariv and Hakafoth will follow

Tuesday, October 26, Simchat Torah

Morning 9:00
 Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv) 4:45

Services During the Week of Chol Hamoed

Morning 7:15
 Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv) 4:50

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