

Annual Meeting Elects:

**M. J. ETRA, President; H. W. BAUMGARTEN, Vice-president;
A. P. GOLDSMITH, Treasurer; S. A. MARCUS, Secretary**
Over 300 Members Attend; 28 New Members Inducted

Max J. Etra, Harry W. Baumgarten and A. Phillip Goldsmith were re-elected to their offices as President, Vice-president and Treasurer, respectively, at the Eighty-first Annual Membership Meeting held last Thursday evening. Samuel A. Marcus was elected Secretary, succeeding A. Milton Brown, who, after having served devotedly in this post for four years, asked to be relieved.

The meeting, which filled the Auditorium of the Synagogue House to capacity, was attended by the largest number of members — over three hundred — ever to join in an annual meeting. Twenty-eight new families — those who applied since last May — were also present to be formally and officially inducted into membership.

The meeting continued a time-honored tradition in Kehilath Jeshu-

run, where, annually, the members of the Congregation come to hear reports of progress, to welcome the new members; to pay homage to those of our family who passed away during the year; and to cast their votes for the officers and trustees who will administer the affairs of the Congregation for the coming year.

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The proceedings Thursday evening began with the singing of the National Anthem, led by our Cantor, Hyman Gertler. After the Invocation was pronounced by Rabbi Lookstein, Max J. Etra, presiding for the thirteenth consecutive year, called the meeting to order and, as the first item on the agenda, he rendered the President's Annual Report.

Mr. Etra outlined the three-fold function of a synagogue: as a "sanctuary for religious inspiration; as a means for the transmission of Jewish tradition; and as a training school for the performance of the higher duties of Jews in the wider areas of Jewish life." He continued by demonstrating how Kehilath Jeshurun fulfilled this triple obligation, and how its members have shown "how strong is the link between synagogue and community."

Mr. Etra concluded his remarks by thanking the membership at large for their splendid cooperation, and by expressing appreciation to his fellow-officers, trustees, and officers of our affiliated organizations, for their assistance and generosity.

Other Reports Heard —

Reports on our educational activities followed. Abbott S. Bernard

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REMEMBER THEM IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

We should like to take this means of reminding our readers that the Book of Remembrance is again being prepared for the Shevuoth festival. Last week, the Synagogue Office mailed our members and friends an Authorization Card among other literature about the Book of Remembrance, which was to be returned with the names of those to be included in this annual publication.

There is one point we should like to emphasize: no name is included in the Book of Remembrance on the strength of a previous listing. We must have your authorization before we proceed. Every year there are always a few who neglect to inform us of their wishes in this matter, and are then disappointed to find no listing for their dear ones. Do not be among these few! Complete the Authorization Form (it is reproduced

on Page 4 of this Bulletin for your convenience) and return it to the Office by *Monday, May 11th*.

The Book of Remembrance, which is used in the Synagogue on the four occasions of the year when the Memorial Service is held, provides an opportunity to our worshippers to fulfill the solemn pledge made at Yizkor time — and to fulfill it with reverence and dignity. Free of every aspect of commercialism, the Book of Remembrance is designed to be within the reach of all, with the offering limited to the nominal level of from five to ten dollars for each name listed. The offerings, thus, represent purely a token of respect and love for the departed.

Time is of the essence! With the Shevuoth holiday but ten days off, we must give our undivided attention to preparing the Book for press. Accordingly, all names must be received *no later than Monday, May 11th*.

Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 a.m.

"WOMAN'S PLACE IN THE SYNAGOGUE"

Some Blunt Words on a Sharp Issue

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Board to Meet Monday —

An important meeting of the Sisterhood's Executive Board — one at which a complete financial statement will be rendered — will be held this Monday, May 11th, at 12:30 o'clock in the Library. Board members are urged to attend this meeting.

**Closing Meeting
Tuesday, May 26th —**

The Closing Meeting of the Sisterhood for the current season will be held on Tuesday, May 26th, at 12:30 o'clock, in the Social Hall. The change from the usual Monday meeting day was deemed advisable in view of the Luncheon that is being sponsored by the Yeshiva University Women's Organization on the 25th, which a good number of our ladies are attending.

Our meeting will be both interesting and enjoyable. On the agenda are such matters as the election of officers for the coming year; the induction of new members; and complete reports about the activities which were sponsored by the Sisterhood during the year.

Formal invitations will shortly be in the mail. In the meantime, reserve **TUESDAY, MAY 26th**, and arrange to attend.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births —

Heartiest Mazel Tov wishes to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Odell, on the birth of a baby boy; and to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Simon, who became the happy parents of a baby girl this week. Our Mazel Tov, too, to the proud uncles.

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Abraham Geffen and Mr. Isadore Schlang.

Bar Mitzvah —

Congratulations to Bernard Heilweil and Richard Schwartz, pupils of Ramaz, on the occasion of their Bar Mitzvah.

Anniversary —

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Odell who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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spoke of the progress of the afternoon Religious School; William Lebowitz summarized the work of the Kehilath Jeshurun Institute for adult studies; and Milton H. Mandel reviewed the past year of Ramaz School. Mrs. Hyman Abrams spoke of the accomplishments of the Sisterhood; and Ira F. Weisman presented a resume of the year's activities of the Men's Club. The final report of the evening was that of the 1953 Year Book, rendered by Jerome H. Rosenblum.

**Twenty-Eight New
Members Inducted —**

One of the features of the meeting then followed. It consisted of the formal induction into membership of twenty-eight new families. Saul J. Lance, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the inductees. As each was called, he rose to be introduced, and when the entire roster had been presented, the membership unanimously elected them into our Congregation, and Mr. Etra welcomed them officially, expressing the hope that they will take an active part in the affairs of the Congregation.

Inducted Thursday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Birnbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Max Etra, Mr. and Mrs. Al Feiner, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frankel, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Friedman, Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Geffen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldberg, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. David Kallman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Laval, Dr. Philip A. Lief, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Mr. Abraham Mandel, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice S. Sage, Mr. and Mrs. Romie Shapiro, Mr. Lewis D. Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. David Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stokar, Mr. Michael J. Stoller, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Trier, Mr. and Mrs. William Unger and Dr. and Mrs. Judah Zizmor.

Officers and Trustees Elected —

The slate of officers and trustees was then presented by Ira F. Weisman, chairman of the Nominations Committee. In addition to the aforementioned officers, the following trustees were elected: Dr. Samuel

Belkin, Abbott S. Bernard, Thomas Bornstein, A. Milton Brown, Harry Etra, Alexander Kommel, Dr. Henry A. Rafsky, Ira F. Weisman and Louis W. Yohann. Our best wishes for a successful administration are extended to each and all.

Deceased Members Eulogized —

A solemn and impressive note was struck when Rabbi Lookstein was called upon to memorialize seven members who passed away during the year. Brief eulogies were given for Julia Adler, Louis Kanarek, Dr. Paul Lehman, Esther Levy, Samuel Levy, Susie A. Selz and Bernard L. Shientag. Following the Rabbi our Ritual Director, Joseph E. Adler, chanted the traditional Memorial Prayer, and it was with deep reverence and affection that the entire assemblage arose in memory of the departed.

Closing Remarks by the Rabbi —

Following a practice of long standing, Mr. Etra turned the chair over to Rabbi Lookstein for his highly-anticipated "closing remarks." Speaking very informally of what transpired during the meeting, the Rabbi injected an astonishing note when, reading from minutes of annual meetings held twenty and thirty years ago, he drew comparisons between the attendance then and now, the number of new members inducted, and similar items. Notwithstanding the tremendous growth of our institution, however, said the Rabbi, the Congregation then, as now, was deeply concerned with Jewish affairs the world over, as evidenced by the assistance given to Jewish victims of the Kishenev pogroms.

The brief comments of the Rabbi—sometimes humorous, at times touching more serious notes—rounded out a meeting that gave unquestionable evidence of a strong and continuously-growing institution that is exerting a vital influence, not alone on the local community but on the general Jewish scene as well.

An elaborate reception, which followed in the Social Hall, afforded our guests an opportunity to meet the new members, to congratulate the newly-elected officers and trustees, and to spend a few pleasant moments of sociability after another notable chapter—the 81st—in Kehilath Jeshurun history.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

New Members —

A hearty welcome is extended to the following new members of the Men's Club: Samuel Frank, Harry Frankel, Dr. Maximillian W. Goldstein, David Kallman, William Lebowitz, Abraham Mandel, Ben Meyers, Moses Schonfeld, Jacob P. Shulman, Herbert H. Strauss, Jess Ward and Albert A. Zuch.

Tribute Paid to Martin Klein —

A well-deserved tribute was paid Tuesday evening to the secretary of the Men's Club, Martin Klein, for the time and energies he expended in the formation and leadership of our Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack, now in its fifth year. An appropriately engraved gift was presented to Mr. Klein by Ira F. Weisman, Men's Club president, who expressed the sentiments of the entire organization in thanking Mr. Klein for the initiative shown and the success achieved through his efforts.

Hear Talk on Jews in Germany —

An interesting talk on the conditions that exist behind the Iron Curtain, particularly as they affect the Jewish community there, was heard Tuesday evening, when the Forum Meeting had as its guest speaker Rabbi N. Peter Levinson, who only recently returned from Berlin after having served in both the East and West Sectors.

Speaking before an audience which, in spite of the threatening weather, filled the Auditorium to near-capacity, Rabbi Levinson described the situation of the Jews who are still in Germany — their economic, social and religious status, and the attitude of the general populace toward them.

From personal experience — and Rabbi Levinson had his share of it during the three years he spent there — our guest reported that in eastern Germany, under Communist control, the lot of the Jew is no brighter than it was under fascism. The criterion that is used in that sector — as in every satellite country — is "Does it conform with Party policy, and does it advance the cause of Communism." Obviously, the Jew will fare no better under Malenkov's regime than he did under Stalin's.

Rabbi Levinson's remarks were elaborated upon by Rabbi Lookstein who, too, is familiar with what is

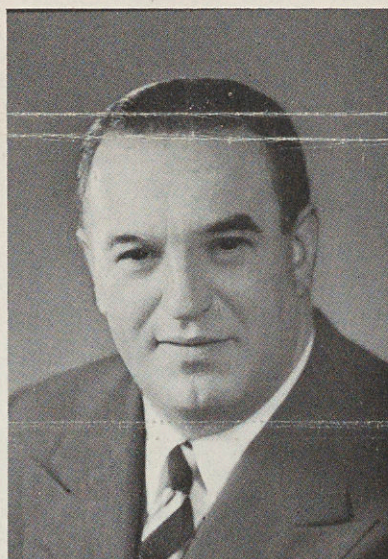
THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR



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Samuel A. Marcus
Secretary

happening in Europe today, not alone from his recent trips there, but also through his close association with the administration of JDC.

The interesting meeting — the final Forum Meeting of the year — was brought to a close with the usual enjoyable collation with which the Men's Club is popularly identified.

Welfare Fund —

We acknowledge with many thanks the kind contributions of the following members, in sponsoring breakfasts of the Father-and-Son Minyan: Emanuel B. Jacobs, Maurice N. Jaffe, Morris Jaret, Abraham R. Kirshon and Ira F. Weisman.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY*

Evening..... 6:00

SATURDAY

Morning..... 9:00

Junior Congregation.....10:30

Weekly Portion:

Behar-Behukotai,
Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Haftorah:

Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Rosh Chodesh Prayers:

Rosh Chodesh Sivan will
be on Friday, May 15

Evening..... 7:50

Conclusion of Sabbath..... 8:30

DAILY SERVICES

Morning..... 7:30

Sunday Morning..... 8:30

Evening..... 6:00

*Sabbath candles should be kindled 20 minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:00 should also light candles at that hour.

YAHREZITS

May

9—DINAH WEISS
9—MEYER COAN
10—AARON GARFUNKEL
11—SAMUEL KERNER
13—ABRAHAM A. BAUM
13—OSIAS GARFEIN
14—DAVID LEVY
14—BERNARD L. SHIENTAG

Book of Remembrance

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.

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THE K. J. CALENDAR

Thursday evenings at 7:00 — Boy
Scout Troop and Cub Pack — Gym-
nasium

Monday, May 11, 12:30 p.m. — Meet-
ing of Sisterhood Executive Board
— Library

Tuesday, May 26, 12:30 p.m. — Clos-
ing Meeting of the Sisterhood —
Social Hall

CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing of Meyer Weiss, the beloved father of our devoted member, Mrs. Albert A. Zuch, and extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family. May the Almighty spare them further sorrow for many years to come.

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