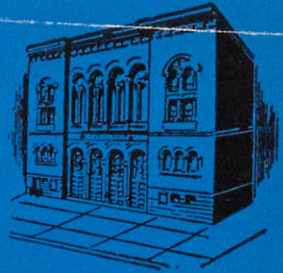


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Annual Meeting Elects:

**MAX J. ETRA, President; A. PHILLIP GOLDSMITH, Vice-President
SAMUEL A. MARCUS, Treasurer and ROMIE SHAPIRO, Secretary**
New Members Inducted and Anniversarians Feted

At the Eighty-Second Annual Membership Meeting held last Thursday evening, Max J. Etra was re-elected president and A. Phillip Goldsmith and Samuel A. Marcus were returned as officers but in the new positions of vice-president and treasurer, respectively. Romie Shapiro was elected secretary.

Mr. Goldsmith, who served as treasurer the past two years, succeeds Harry W. Baumgarten who asked to be relieved after having served devotedly as vice-president for two years. Mr.

Marcus steps up to his new office from the secretaryship while Mr. Shapiro joins the ranks of officers for the first time.

The meeting, which filled the Auditorium of the Synagogue House, continued a time honored tradition in Kehilath Jeshurun, which annually brings the members of the Congregation to hear reports of progress, to welcome the new members; to pay homage to those of our family who have passed away; and to cast their votes for the officers and trustees who

will administer the affairs of the Congregation for the coming year.

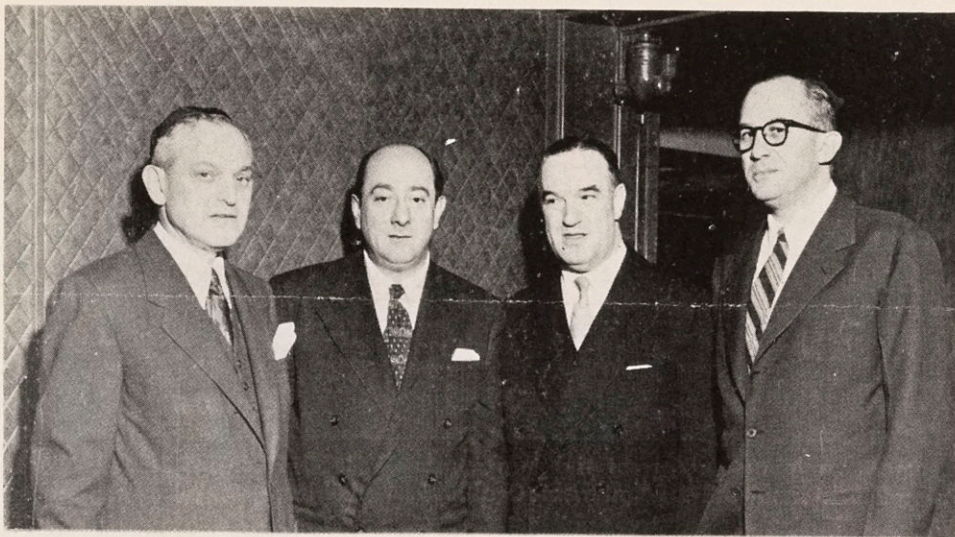
Fourteen new families were on hand to be formally and officially inducted into membership. Also present were the anniversarians who were honored with certificates commemorating their twentieth and twenty-fifth years of association with our synagogue.

The Presidential Report —

The proceedings Thursday evening began with the singing of the National Anthem, led by Cantor Hyman Gertler. Then the invocation was pronounced by our assistant rabbi, Joseph Feder. Then, Max J. Etra, presiding for the fourteenth consecutive year, rendered the President's Annual Report.

Instead of limiting his report to the activities of the past year alone, Mr. Etra presented a sort of "State of the Union" address that reviewed the developments of the congregation over the past ten years. He showed how during that time the Synagogue increased its membership and its activities. During that period the Synagogue House was acquired; a Religious School set-up; Ramaz assisted in its program of expansion; the physical plant improved to provide excellent facilities for educational, social and recreational purposes along with a House of God that is among the most beautiful in the land. Mr. Etra explained how these developments have constantly required larger budgets. For the coming year he pointed out the budget would have to be larger than before because of the installation of the air-conditioning for the chapel and social hall. He hoped that the members would help meet these needs.

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THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS. Reading from left to right: Samuel A. Marcus, Treasurer; Max J. Etra, President; A. Phillip Goldsmith, Vice-President and Romie Shapiro, Secretary.

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

**"A MILE IN 4 MINUTES AND HALF A MILLION
WORDS IN 12 DAYS"**

Reflections on Varying Conceptions of Time

SISTERHOOD NEWS**Closing Meeting to Be Held
Monday, May 24 —**

Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Sisterhood president, has announced that final plans have been made for the Closing Membership Meeting of the Season, which will be held on Monday afternoon, May 24th, at 12:30 o'clock, in the Social Hall.

The meeting will be both interesting and enjoyable, and will afford our members an opportunity to bid one another Au Revoir before parting for the summer.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. Alexander Gross, Mrs. David Kallman, Mrs. Julius Kohn, Mr. Hermann Merkin, Mr. Jacob P. Shulman, Mrs. Max L. Som, Mrs. Michael E. Sorock and Mrs. Ruth Wax.

Engagement —

Congratulations to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berman on the engagement of their daughter, Joan, to Mr. Samuel Weissman.

Anniversary —

A happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. George Ratner.

Speedy Recoveries —

Our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery are extended to our esteemed member, Mr. Irvin B. Jacobs and to our devoted Men's Club member, Mr. Bernard Berwick.

**RABBI FEDER CONDUCTS CLASS
IN PEREK**

Last Saturday afternoon our rabbinic assistant, Rabbi Joseph Feder, held his first class in Pirke Aboth, Ethics of Our Fathers. There was a fine turnout on hand that greatly enjoyed the session. We invite all our members and friends to join this class which is held Saturday afternoons at one hour before the evening service. This week the class will begin at 6:50 o'clock.

**OFFICERS TO BE INDUCTED
AT SERVICES THIS SATURDAY**

The newly-elected officers of our congregation will be officially inducted into their respective offices as part of the service this Saturday morning.

A cordial invitation is extended to our members and friends to be with us at services.

**REMEMBER THE BOOK OF
REMEMBRANCE**

We want to remind our readers again of the Book of Remembrance which is now in the process of preparation. Last week the synagogue office mailed our members and friends a printed card to be returned with the name of those who are to be included in the Book. A large response has already been received. But we want to remind you of one thing. 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 tell us their wishes in this matter and are then disappointed to find no listing for their dear ones. Do not be among these few. Fill in the form which has been provided therefore and return it to the office today.

The Book of Remembrance, published annually at Shevuoth, provides an opportunity to our worshippers to fulfill the solemn pledge made at Yizkor time and to fulfill it with reverence and with dignity. In keeping with the spirit of the occasion the offerings themselves were kept at the purely nominal level of no less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars for each listing. Thus the offerings represent purely a token of respect and love for the departed.

**FATHER-SON MINYAN FINISHES IN
FINE FASHION**

This past Sunday a surprising number of worshippers attended the Father-and-Son Minyan's closing service. Those who attended were rewarded by an unusually inspiring service led by David Chideckel, Morris Amitay and Franklin Holzer.

Rabbi Lookstein expressed his sentiments concerning the progress which the Minyan has made this year both in the quality and quantity of its worshippers. Mr. Weisman, president of the Men's Club which sponsors the service, pointed out in a few closing remarks that the Minyan is in a sense a miniature of Jewish life in that the participants pray, eat and play together.

We are all looking forward to the fall when, please God, we may begin another year of activity in this most important sphere of Synagogue youth activity.

AARON ETRA BAR MITZVAH

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra, on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron, this Saturday.

Mr. Etra has long been active in our synagogue and as a member of our Board of Trustees. Mrs. Etra has kept pace with her husband's activities and was formerly president of our Sisterhood. So it is with special pleasure that we congratulate them at this time.

Their son Aaron, who is best known to us as Ronnie, is a product of our Ramaz School where he will enter High School in the Fall. Ronnie is not only a good student but an active one as well. He is Secretary of his class and a member of the Service Squad and the Chorus.

Ronnie is a mainstay of our Saturday morning Junior Congregation of which he is president and where he has frequently officiated as cantor. His major hobby is photography and as for a career, well, right now he cannot quite decide between becoming a lawyer or a doctor.

At services which will be held in our Synagogue, Ronnie will read the portion of the Week and chant the Haftorah.

FROM AN AFIKOMON "SNATCHER"

(The following letter was received from a member of the "Afikomon Snatching Gang" that operated during our Congregational Sedorim—Ed.)

Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

I am very grateful to you for sending me my \$3.50 reward for returning the Afikomon I stole. For once crime paid.

I think the services were wonderful. On the second night the wine was so good that I had four glasses.

I was very proud to be chosen to say the four questions.

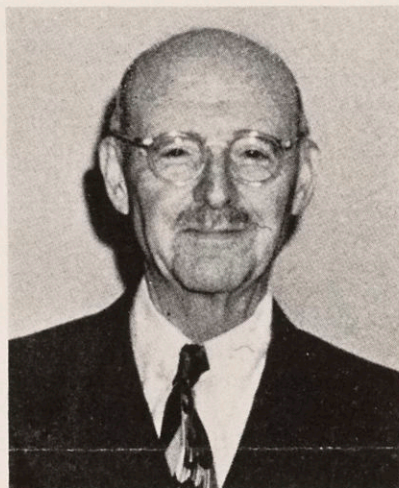
Sincerely,

HELEN JANE ROSENBLUM

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Isidore Schlang

REPORT OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mr. Etra concluded his report 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. Mr. Etra also thanked Harry W. Baumgarten for his splendid service as vice-president and expressed regret at his retirement together with confidence that Mr. Baumgarten would continue his active support of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Other Reports Heard —

Reports on our educational activities followed. Abbott S. Bernard spoke of the progress and changes in the Religious School and Isaac E. Okun 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 1954 Year Book, rendered by Theodore Comet.

Six Anniversarians Cited —

A touching moment was reached when A. Phillip Goldsmith rose to present six of our members who were honored for their years of membership. Three celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary. They were Adolph Levy, Louis Lipschutz and Benjamin Siegel. The three who celebrated their twentieth anniversaries were Abbott S. Bernard, George Jacobs and Morris Krauss. Mr. Etra presented to each of them a beautifully engraved citation,

and expressed the hope of the congregation that they would enjoy many more years of good health and continued affiliation with Kehilath Jeshurun.

Fourteen New Members Inducted —

One of the main features of the evening was the formal induction into membership of fourteen new families. Saul J. Lance, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the inductees. As each new member was called, he rose to be introduced, and when the entire roster had been presented, the membership unanimously elected them into our Congregation. Mr. Etra welcomed them officially expressing the hope that they will speedily be integrated into the Kehilath Jeshurun family.

Inducted Thursday evening were: Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Appelbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Billig, Mr. and Mrs. Elias M. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cogan, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspán, Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Jerskey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Reinhard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Shulsky, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Wachtel, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Warshaw.

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 officers, the following trustees were re-elected, for

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terms of three years: Harry W. Baumgarten, A. Milton Brown, Israel Cummings, Aaron H. Onish, Elliot W. Siegel and Aaron J. Simon. To fill two vacancies on the Board, Alexander Gross and Isaac E. Okun were elected for terms of two years. Best wishes for a successful administration were extended to them.

Three Honorary Trustees Elected —

A special honor was conferred upon three outstanding members of our congregation who for many years demonstrated their loyalty and devotion to Kehilath Jeshurun. Thomas Bornstein, Dr. Henry A. Rafsky and Isidore Schlang were elected as Honorary Trustees for life.

Thomas Bornstein has long been an active congregant and Board member. He was treasurer of Kehilath Jeshurun from 1930-1938 and chairman of its Steering Committee in 1933. Mr. Bornstein worked hard and long, especially during the dark, depression days when such efforts were greatly needed.

Dr. Henry A. Rafsky has been a member of the Board of Trustees for over 35 years. Many years ago he and Rabbi Lookstein conducted the first large-scale membership drive. Dr. Rafsky also served as Vice-President in 1940-41. Professionally, Dr. Rafsky is one of the outstanding Gastroenterologists in the country.

Isidore Schlang has long been known as the "granddad of K. J." An

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Hyman Gertler Cantor
Israel D. Rosenberg Ritual Director
Theodore Comet Executive Director

Officers of the Congregation

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A. Phillip Goldsmith Vice-President
Samuel A. Marcus Treasurer
Romie Shapiro Secretary
Ira F. Weisman Pres. Men's Club
Mrs. Hyman Abrams Pres., Sisterhood

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY***

Evening 6:00

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:30
Weekly Portion: Behar,
Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2
Haftorah: Jeremiah 32:6-27
Evening 7:50
Conclusion of Sabbath 8:40

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.

Yahrzeits**May**

15—MAX ROSENBERG
16—ESTHER LEFKOWITZ
16—CIRL HOLZER
16—AARON SHUSTERMAN
16—MORRIS FRIEDMAN
17—ELIEZER POFCHER
17—JACOB EPSTEIN
17—ROZA ROTH
18—JEANETTE GIVNER
18—ABRAHAM N. KOMMEL
18—SONIA SCHUCHMAN
18—JENNIE ROEDER
18—MAX PIERMONT
18—REBECCA LUBELL
19—ISAAC D. POPKIN
20—MARCUS ROTHENSTEIN
21—GOLDIE BAUM
21—JACOB STUCKER

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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extremely pious man, he never misses attending our morning Minyan and lately he even attends the afternoon and evening service. Mr. Schlang is devoted heart and soul to Kehilath Jeshurun and the synagogue is his veritable home.

Deceased Members Eulogized —

A solemn and impressive moment was the memorialization by Rabbi Lookstein of nine members who passed away during the year. Brief eulogies were given for Adolf J. Elkeles, Sol Feifer, Hattie Fine, Samuel Fine, Benjamin Jacoby, Dr. Murray A. Last-Samuel Lewis Jr., Jacob J. Lubell and Gustav Wurzeiler. Following the Rabbi, our cantor, Hyman Gertler, chanted the traditional Memorial Prayer, with the entire assemblage standing in deep reverence for the departed.

Tribute to Joseph E. Adler —

A fine tribute was then paid to Joseph E. Adler upon his retirement as Ritual Director after a period of over 20 years of loyal service to the congregation. Lauding Mr. Adler's abilities and devotion, Mr. Etra presented

to him and to his dear wife, Chana, a complete sterling silver service as a token of the appreciation and esteem in which he is held by the congregation. In a touching response, Mr. Adler expressed his gratitude to Kehilath Jeshurun, not alone for this tribute but for many wonderful years he spent with the congregation and expressed his desire to remain for all time a part of the Kehilath Jeshurun family.

Closing Remarks By The Rabbi —

In keeping with a delightful practice of many years' standing, Rabbi Lookstein was again called upon for "Closing Remarks." The Rabbi's talk at times humorous, at times of serious nature, but ever warm, was a fitting climax to a meeting that once again proved that Kehilath Jeshurun may be 82 years old but that it remains youthful and vigorous in spirit.

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 pleasant hour of sociability and good fellowship.

CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing of Sholom Goldberg, beloved father of our devoted member, Mrs. Israel Cummings. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family, and we pray that the Almighty spare them further sorrow.

K. J. CALENDAR

Monday Afternoon, May 24th at 12:30
— Final Sisterhood Open Meeting
— Social Hall.

Tuesday Evenings, at 6:30 — Meeting of K. J. Boys and Girls, group for 12 — 14 year olds — Ramaz Library.

Thursday evenings at 7:30—Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack—Gymnasium.

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