

# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin

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## GREETINGS

With this issue of the Bulletin, we resume publication of our weekly organ, in which we hope to bring to our readers — members and friends in the community alike — congregational news and announcements.

This issue is the first of Volume 22, representing our twenty-second year of bringing to our readers such reading matter of congregational activities as we know will interest them. We note with pride that our "reading public" is increasing steadily, and that the response to the items carried in the columns of the Bulletin is, similarly, becoming increasingly warmer.

You can help make the Bulletin even more attractive by furnishing us

## RESERVATIONS FOR HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Our Synagogue Office is now prepared to accommodate the residents of our community who are interested in observing the holidays with us. Members of the congregation have, for the most part, indicated their preferences to us with regard to their seats; we are now in a position to attend to the needs of our neighborhood friends who wish to usher in the new year at Kehilath Jeshurun.

with bits of information that you feel will be of interest to our readers. Your comments on the Bulletin, in general, have always been most welcome, and will continue to be greatly appreciated.

We hope you have enjoyed a pleasant and restful summer, and we look forward to having you participate in our activities during the coming year.

Just a word to some of our members: when the office communicated with you during the summer in connection with holiday seats, we asked you to return the card that was enclosed, so that we might know whether you will require additional seats for members of your family. We note that a number of our members have not returned this card to the office, and while we realize that the matter may have been overlooked completely in the "rush" of vacation plans, we hope our members realize the importance of notifying the office of their plans and needs. Prompt attention to this matter will enable us to serve our members better and to accommodate our seat-holders as well.

The services this year will, as always, be impressive and beautiful. Steps are being taken to assure the maximum comfort for our worshippers, so that from both the spiritual and the physical standpoints the services will be enjoyed to the fullest possible extent. Special attention is called to the fact that we anticipate a capacity congregation at the services, and we expect every seat in the synagogue to be occupied. We therefore urge our worshippers not to bring their children or other guests unless a seat reservation has been made for them.

## JACOB KONIGSBERG APPOINTED CANTOR Will Begin Officiating This Saturday

Mr. Max J. Etra, President of the Congregation, announced on behalf of the Board of Trustees that Mr. Jacob Konigsberg has been appointed cantor to succeed Mr. Hyman Gertler.

Mr. Konigsberg will officiate at services beginning this Saturday and we extend a cordial invitation to all our members and friends to join us at services Saturday to welcome our new cantor.

Although a young man, Cantor Konigsberg comes to us with an established reputation as one of the outstanding young cantors of the country and as the possessor of a remarkable tenor voice. Previously he has held positions at synagogues in New York City and Rochester, and for the past several years has officiated at the Concord Hotel.



Jacob Konigsberg

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**Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 a.m.**  
**"THE REBELLIOUS SONS OF OUR GENERATION"**  
**An Analysis of Lawlessness**

## WELCOME BACK, RABBI

We extend a hearty welcome to Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein who returned last week from a well-earned vacation in Europe.



**SISTERHOOD NEWS****Board Meeting Sept. 20 —**

The first Board meeting of the season will be held on Monday, September 20th, at 12:30 P.M. in our Social Hall. All Board Members are urged to attend.

**Happy Day Fund —**

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Alvin Austin, Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Mrs. Alexander Gross, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Abraham Kirshon, Mrs. Louis Stokar and Mrs. Robert Wallach.

Members are invited to share their joyous occasions with others by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund. Contributions are to be sent to the Happy Day Fund Chairman, Mrs. Samuel Gross, 311 East 72nd Street.

**NEW CANTOR APPOINTED**

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As a student of the Eastman and Julliard Schools of Music, Mr. Konigsberg is well known, not only as a fine traditional cantor, but as a concert artist as well. His ability to integrate cantorial, operatic and secular music has appealed to a wide variety of audiences. He has performed in many concert halls throughout the country including Town Hall and Carnegie Hall.

Our new cantor is not only a fine musician, but also an educated Jew. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he studied at the Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore and at Yeshiva University. His wife comes from a fine Rabbinic family and their two children are receiving a Yeshiva education.

Being exceptionally well versed in Hebrew liturgical music and one of its leading interpreters, Cantor Konigsberg will make a fine contribution to the beauty and dignity of the services at Kehilath Jeshurun.

We extend a hearty greeting to him and to Mrs. Konigsberg and we wish for them a happy and pleasant association with us.

In welcoming our new cantor, we would like to bid farewell to our outgoing cantor, Mr. Hyman Gertler, and to extend to him our best wishes for success in his career.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SESSIONS RESUME SEPTEMBER 13th AND 14th****Sunday Class for 6-7 Year-Olds Again Being Formed**

Sessions in the afternoon Religious School for the coming year will be resumed this coming week, it was announced by Theodore Comet, Principal. Classes meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday will hold their first session this Monday, September 13th, while classes meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday will resume on Tuesday, September 14th.

Students have been notified as to which days they will attend. The usual opening general assembly was dispensed with so that the children could directly meet with their teachers to get the classes under way.

Registration will continue for only a limited time in order that class room study may start on a firm basis for all children, with a minimum of lost time.

A special class for 6-7 year olds will again be organized to meet Sunday mornings under expert guidance.

Our school is, by design, a small

one. Total pupil enrollment is limited so that we can retain the close personal relationship between teacher and student, and the intimate contact between school and home. Classes are small in size, so that each pupil may have the benefit of the maximum personal attention on the part of his teacher. Thus, what it lacks in quantity the Religious School more than makes up in quality. We are truly proud that our school is pointed to by the Jewish Education Committee and other educational agencies as a model for other city schools to follow.

We say this in order to impress upon our readers the importance of immediate action. If you have a youngster — or know of a boy and girl — of Talmud Torah age, do not delay enrolling him or her in our school. Our teaching staff is well known and well loved by our children. The hours of instruction remain at from 4:00 to 6:00 two afternoons a week, and Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30.

**ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES FOR COMING YEAR APPOINTED**

Mr. Max J. Etra, President of the Congregation, has announced the appointment of Associate Trustees to serve for the synagogue year 1954-55.

Messrs. Justin J. Bayer, Norman Jaspan, Romie Shapiro and Elgin Shulsky were named to join thirteen other members who were re-appointed for another one-year term. These include: Messrs. Hyman Abrams, Ernest Adler, Hyman I. Bucher, Jerry Coan, Hyman I. Cohen, Eugene Hollander, Leo B. Kagan, Martin Klein, William Lebowitz, Hermann Merkin, Oscar Perlberger, Joseph Roth and Jack A. Rothenstein.

To the new appointees we extend our congratulations and best wishes. We are confident that their addition will prove a valuable asset to the Board, and that their active participation in the conduct of the Congregation will be found advantageous in every respect.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SETS YEAR'S MEETING DATES**

Mr. Max J. Etra, President of the Congregation, has announced that the meeting dates of the Board of Trustees for the year have been set. In keeping with established custom, the dates are all on Thursday evenings and we list them below so that members of the Board may arrange their calendars accordingly:

October 28th  
January 6th  
February 3rd  
March 3rd

Trustees are urged to jot these dates down and plan to attend as many meetings as they possibly can.

We extend similar felicitations to those Associate Trustees who were re-appointed, with the assurance that their continued presence on the Board will help immeasurably in the future welfare of the Synagogue.



### RABBI'S SERMON RECEIVES WARM RESPONSE

We are happy to inform our readers that the sermon preached by Rabbi Lookstein last Father's Day, was widely reported in the press and received much favorable comment.

Several publications quoted excerpts from the Rabbi's talk as major feature articles. Letters were received by these publications, as well as by the Rabbi, lauding the sermon.

Following is the excerpt that was published:

"Parents today are obsessed by a determination to provide for their children the things they themselves have been denied. However laudable an ambition that may be, it is hardly adequate as a motivation for parental goodness.

Ought we not to begin by offering our children those things that we did have? In our childhood we received maximum religious instruction. In our childhood we beheld examples of perseverance, frugality, hard work and the spirit of pioneering on every frontier of life. Things were not just handed to us. We had to go out and get them . . .

We now have to re-enrich our bread. We now have to restore vitamins and nutrients that were destroyed in the process of modern manufacture. By the same token, we have to re-instill ideals, principles, a sense of appreciation, a mood of gratitude, manners and all the other attributes of character that have been permitted to evaporate because of easy living and surface thinking.

Children are spoiled almost in the same way as food is spoiled. Too much warmth can damage food and overindulgence can smother character. Let us not be overimpressed by the prattle of frustration. For frustration can result from indulgence no less than from unfulfillment."

## KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

cordially invites its members and friends to its

### ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday evening, September 21st, at 6:30

in our air-conditioned Social Hall

A Fine Supper Will Be Served

A Fine Program Will Be Presented

Election of Officers Will Be Held

### MEN'S CLUB OPENS SEASON WITH ANNUAL MEETING Election of Officers to Take Place at Supper Meeting

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP RESUMES THURSDAY MEETINGS

The 1954-55 season of scouting at Kehilath Jeshurun opened this past Thursday evening, September 9th, when the scouts held their first meeting of the year in the Gymnasium.

The Scout Program again continues under the sponsorship of the Men's Club and under the leadership of Dr. Ned Wachtel and Mr. Henry Jacoby.

#### FAREWELL TO RABBI KUPCHIK

We would like to bid farewell to Rabbi Abraham Kupchik who officiated at our services during the summer months. Rabbi Kupchik made many friends during the time he was with us, and strongly impressed our congregants who attended the Sabbath and daily services, with his sincerity, ability and pleasing personality.

Rabbi Kupchik will soon enter the Chaplaincy, and we extend to him our very best wishes in his tour of duty in the armed forces.

Ira F. Weisman, president of the Men's Club, has announced that the season of activities will be launched with a Supper Meeting on Tuesday evening, September 21st.

The Program Committee has planned an evening that will be complete from every angle and will be one that will contain elements of constructive work for the organization as well as pleasant fraternalization to which our members look forward at each of our get-togethers.

At the conclusion of the supper — which will be served at 6:30 — an important business session will be held during which the election of officers will take place. Following the formal part of the evening we will hear from our beloved Rabbi Lookstein.

We are looking forward to a full participation in this program and to getting our year's activities underway.



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**Synagogue Officials**

Joseph H. Lookstein ..... Rabbi  
Jacob Konigsberg ..... Cantor  
Israel D. Rosenberg ..... Ritual Director  
Theodore Comet ..... Exec. Director

**Officers of the Congregation**

Max J. Etra ..... President  
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 ..... 6:15

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00

Weekly Portion: "Ki Teze"

Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

Haftorah: Isaiah 54:1 - 10

Evening ..... 7:00

Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 7:50

**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 6:15 should also light candles at that hour.

**YAHREZEITS****September**

12—DAVID MATUSOW  
13—AIDLE GROSS  
13—ANNIE FRIEDMAN  
13—IDA CUMMINGS  
13—GRETE COLEMAN  
13—RACHEL GOTTFRIED  
14—MARIE DANIEL  
15—SAMUEL KOLKER  
15—MAX BREINER  
15—ALBERT SOKOLSKI  
15—ALBERT A. KAPLAN  
16—JACOB M. HOLZER  
17—RACHEL BACHRACH

## REGISTER YOUR BOY AND GIRL IN OUR AFTERNOON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Give them the advantages of a full enriched curriculum, under the guidance of qualified instructors.

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****New Members —**

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members, and we wish them many years of happy association with us: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Amitay, Mr. Harry Fine, Mr. Arthur M. Rosen, Mr. Charles T. Rosen and Dr. Kona Simon.

**Births —**

We extend our heartiest felicitations to our esteemed trustee, Mr. Louis W. Yohann and to Mrs. Yohann on the birth of their fourth grandchild, Lorin Beth, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fausty.

Best wishes also go to our Executive Director, Mr. Theodore Comet, and to Mrs. Comet on the birth of their first child, Diane Rishona.

**Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mr. Albert Amitay, Mr. Hyman I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frank, Mrs. Alexander Kommel, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish and Mr. Joseph Roth.

**Bar Mitzvah —**

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ward on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Sandy, this Saturday. Sandy is a pupil at our Ramaz School.

**Anniversaries —**

A happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman and Mr. and Mrs. Saul J. Lance

**Welcome Back —**

We extend a hearty welcome to Ida E. Westerman, daughter of our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Westerman, who has just returned from a two-month trip in Israel.

**And Since the Last Bulletin —**

The following Ramaz students commemorated their Bar Mitzvah: Elliot Lebowitz, Leonard Lifshen, Samuel Ruderman, Daniel Benor.

Marcella J. Kohn, daughter of our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kohn, became Mrs. Judah L. Schwartz.

Julius I. Silver, son of our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Silver, was married to the former Linda Sylvia Rutman.

Marvin Stokar, son of our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stokar, was wed to the former Frances Miller.

Dr. Matthew M. Zuckerman, son of our esteemed members, Dr. and Mrs. Morris Zuckerman, was married to the former Margot J. Trynin.

To all our heartiest felicitations.

**CONDOLENCES**

During the summer our Congregation lost two members in the passing of Abraham Billig and Dr. Henry A. Rafsky. Dr. Rafsky, an Honorary Trustee, was one of our most stalwart sons. He was formerly a Vice-President and for many years was active on the Board of Trustees. He was also an early and enthusiastic supporter of the Ramaz School. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the members of the bereaved families.

Sincere condolences are also extended to Mr. Abraham Poust on the loss of his dear brother; to Mrs. Louis Stokar on the passing of her beloved mother; and to Mrs. Reuben Westerman on the loss of her dear brother.

May the Almighty spare them further sorrow for many years to come.