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# NEAR CAPACITY CONGREGATION ATTENDS SELICHOTH SERVICES Beautiful High Holiday Services Planned



The Officers and Officials of the Congregation and its affiliates extend heartiest wishes to the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family for a year of health, hapiness and blessedness. May the year 5716 usher in an era of everlasting peace for all mankind.

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASSES IN SESSION

Theodore Comet, principal of the afternoon Religious School has announced that sessions for the new term are already under way and pupils who have enrolled have begun their year's work. He pointed out that those parents who have boys or girls of Talmud Torah age, should lose no time in registering them in our Religious School in order that they may be able to keep up with the progress of their class.

We cannot help but feel that those residents of our community who have eligible youngsters who are not attending a Talmud Torah, are doing themselves and the children a gross injustice. Especially since there exists in their vicinity a school that has so much to offer their sons and daughters—a school that has been pointed to as a model for others to emulate. This is not an idle boast on our part: ask the

parents of any of our pupils or former pupils, or ask an official educational agency like the Jewish Education Committee.

We are happy to have children come to our school from veritably all parts of the city — from the Upper Bronx to Lower Manhattan. But we cannot help feeling that there are ever so many boys and girls who live in our neighborhood and who belong with us, but who, for some reason or other, are not numbered among our student body.

You may know of one — some boy or girl whose parents may, perhaps, not even know of the existence of our school. You can be instrumental in rendering a great service to that youngster by referring his mother or father to us. The school office will take over from that point.

A fine congregation of members and friends filled the Synagogue to near capacity last Saturday night to usher in the High Holiday season with the traditional Selichoth Service.

The service was beautiful and moving and a fitting introduction to the High Holiday season. The prayers were made clear and understandable through Rabbi Lookstein's explanations and through the responsive readings. Cantor Konigsberg made the prayers musical and inspiring with his beautiful voice and cantorial melodies.

One hour prior to the Service the Men's Club and Sisterhood acted as hosts at a Midnight Snack where members and friends got together for a social hour.

#### Plans For High Holiday Services -

Arrangements are being made to make our Services as impressive and beautiful as possible. This year there will again be special features of interest to our worshippers. Assisting Rabbi Lookstein will be Rabbi Sol Roth, who will preach on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and who will also participate in the officiating. Cantor Konigsberg will again bring a special musical quality to our Service that we are confident will delight our worshippers.

#### Children's Service -

As we announced last week, a special service will be held on the High Holy Days for boys and girls, from 5 to 12 years old. The service will be conducted in the chapel under the guidance of an experienced leader. Congregational singing, readings and sermonette stories will make the Holidays inspiring, while explanations and interpolations will make the prayers meaningful and understandable. The service on Rosh Hashanah will be held from 11 to 1 o'clock.

If your child is between the ages of 5 and 12, be sure that he or she attends these special children's services.

#### SISTERHOOD NEWS

#### Board Meeting October 3rd -

The first Board Meeting of the year will take place on Monday, October 3rd, and we would like to inform our general membership that the first Open-Meeting will take place on Monday, October 17th.

#### Fine Turnout for Midnight Snack -

We were very happy to welcome once again our many members who joined us this past Saturday evening at the Midnight Snack and afterwards for the Selichoth Services. We would like here to thank those of our members who helped set up the lovely table and who acted as such charming hostesses.

#### Happy Day Fund -

We acknowledge with thanks contribution to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Oscar Perlberger and Mrs. Louis J. Singer.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a gift to the Happy Day Fund.

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Births -

We extend our heartiest Mazel Tov to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler, on the birth of a second daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. David Steinberg.

#### Birthdays -

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Alexander Kommel.

#### Anniversaries -

Warmest Anniversary Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lichtman and Dr. and Mrs. David W. Petegorsky.

#### Engagement -

We are happy to extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frank, on the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Mae, to Dr. Bernard B. Wetchler.

#### Speedy Recovery -

We extend best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery to our esteemed member, Mr. Max Messing.

#### In Their New Homes -

We are happy to extend best wishes for good luck, good health and happiness to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kolb, who have moved into their new homes this week.

## TO COLLEGE YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS

This season marks the opening of the academic year. Many of the young people of the Congregation are leaving for college; a large number of them to schools in distant parts of the country. We should like to address this message to the K. J. collegiates:

Many young people who are away at college would welcome an occasional word from their synagogue back home. Some might even like to hear now and then from the Rabbi of their Congregation. They might want to receive the weekly Bulletin regularly. When they return home for the various vacation periods, they might like to receive some honor at a synagogue service—a call to the Torah or a Maftir.

Occasionally, a problem may present itself to them on which they would like the opinion of the Rabbi who knew them from earliest childhood. The Rabbi, in turn, who frequently is invited to address student bodies at out-of-town colleges, would be delighted on those occasions to spend some time with a young congregant of his who might be a student at that college.

We are therefore anxious to have the address of every young college man or woman affiliated with the Congregation. Just drop a card to the Synagogue Office giving us your name and where you can be reached. The rest will be taken care of for you. Parents who may read this item can be helpful by providing the information requested.

#### Welcome Back -

We are happy to welcome back our devoted newly-wed members, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rosen. Arthur and his bride were married in Paris this summer in a ceremony conducted by Rabbi Lookstein and attended by the entire Rosen family. We extend to them a hearty Mazel Tov.

Best wishes are also extended to the proud parents, our esteemed trustee, Samuel Rosen, and Mrs. Rosen, whom we are also happy to have with us.

Similar Baruch Habah wishes go to our devoted members, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman, who spent a delightful summer in Israel.

# SPECIAL CEREMONIES CONNECTED WITH THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Although we usually think of the High Holy Days in terms of the Synagogue Service, there are many beautiful ceremonies that take place outside of the House of Worship.

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#### At the Table -

The Mother of the home officially ushers in Rosh Hashana by pronouncing the blessings over the festival candles and adding the benediction, Sheheheyanu. During the evening meal, after the Kiddush, bread is dipped in honey before it is eaten. This symbolizes the desire for a sweet year. It is customary then to dip an apple in honey and recite the following prayer: "Blessed art Thou O Lord our God, King of the Universe who createst the fruit of the Tree". After partaking of the Honey and Apple say "May it be Thy will, O Lord our God and God of our fathers to renew unto us a happy and pleasant year".

It is also customary on the second night to make the Sheheheyanu blessing over a new fruit.

#### Tashlich -

This year since the first day of Rosh Hashanah occurs on the Sabbath the Tashlich ceremony should be performed on the second day. This ceremony takes place after the Mincha Service at a bank of a river or some other body of fresh water where appropriate prayers are recited. A corner of one's garments is shaken to indicate that it is in man's power to shake himself free of sins and correct his ways.

#### Rosh Hashanah Greetings -

On Rosh Hashanah, upon returning from the Synagogue, all extend the High Holy Day greeting: "Le-sho-no To-vo Tee-ko-say-voo (May you be inscribed for a good year)."

#### RABBI AND CANTOR ON RADIO

On Wednesday evening, September 21, at 9:00 P.M. Rabbi Lookstein and Cantor Konigsberg will conduct a special High Holy Day program over Station WABC. This program is sponsored by the New York Board of Rabbis.

This past week there was some unusual activity in the Synagogue. The Fox Movietone News made a television film of Rabbi Lookstein extending greetings to the members of the Armed Forces in his capacity as Chairman of the Armed Forces Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board.

#### MEN'S CLUB SELECTS "DESK SET"

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The Men's Club has selected "Desk Set", a delightful comedy about a Television Executive, as its Theatre Party play this year. "Desk Set" stars the great Shirley Booth and Glenda Farrell, and the date we have selected to view it is Monday evening, November 14th.

Be sure to set aside November 14th for the Theatre Party and also be sure not to make any other arrangements for this play.

#### Board Meeting September 20th -

Me would like to remind our Board Members that the first meeting of the season will take place on Tuesday evening, September 20th.

#### Midnight Snack Well Attended -

The Midnight Snack which the Men's Club sponsored with the Sisterhood last Saturday night drew a fine response, and we were happy to welcome so many of our members and friends.

#### Rabbi Lookstein to address October 25th Meeting —

The first Open Meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, October 25th, at which time Rabbi Lookstein will be our Guest Speaker. This will be a Supper meeting.

#### SPECIAL NOTE ON ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

The Rosh Hashanah services are conducted in accordance with a well considered schedule. The service will begin at eight in the morning and will be concluded no later than by one o'clock.

Every part and section of the service is carefully timed in order that it may receive the emphasis and concentration that it deserves. Prayer to be effective and inspiring must never be hasty and rushed.

A practice begun last year and found to be effective will be continued this year. The sermon will be delivered towards the close of the service rather than in the middle of it. Experience has shown that the congregation prefers and is therefore most receptive to a religious message at that time.

SCHEDULE OF ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE	CES			
Friday, September 16th, Rosh Hashanah Eve				
Selichoth Services	6:30	a.m.		
Regular morning services will follow		1 1-1		
Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv)	6:15	p.m.		
Saturday, September 17th, Rosh Hashanah I				
Morning	8:00	a.m.		
Rabbi Lookstein will preach on "A SENSE OF SECURITY"				
Religion's Prescription Against Fear				
Evening (Mincha and Ma'ariv)		p.m.		
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:35	p.m.		
Sunday, September 18th, Rosh Hashanah II		LEFT!		
Morning	8:00	a.m.		
Rabbi Roth will preach on "THE PURSUIT OF POWER" Where it May be Found		93391301		
Evening	6:30	p.m.		
DAILY SERVICES				
Morning	7:30	a.m.		
Selichoth Services one-half hour before the regular morning service.				
Evening	6:00	p.m.		

#### SYNAGOGUE ORDINANCES

Many worshippers will be with us for the first time these High Holidays. For their benefit, as well as for the benefit of our regular worshippers, we make known the following ordinances:

- ADMISSION TO THE SERVICES DURING THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WILL BE BY CARD ONLY. This rule will be strictly enforced except on Saturday, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, when carrying is forbidden.
- THERE WILL BE NO VACANT SEATS DURING THE HOLIDAYS. We therefore ask our worshippers not to bring children to the Synagogue unless seats have been reserved for them. To do otherwise will crowd and inconvenience those who have a right to their seats.
- 3. Have your youngsters attend Children's Services provided for them in the Chapel. Services will be held on Rosh Hashanah from 11 to 1 o'clock and on Yom Kippur from 10:30 to 12:30 in the morning and from 4 to 5:30 in the afternoon.
- Worshippers who find their seats occupied will please call the attention of the ushers to this tact.
- 5. The doors will be closed during

- the sermon. Please be in your seat before the sermon begins.
- 6. Please join in the congregational singing.
- Conversation of any kind is forbidden during the services. Proper decorum is essential for dignified worship.
- Please do not remove the Talith, or leave your seat until after the benediction is pronounced at the close of the services.
- 9. Our worshippers are requested to take advantage of the checking facilities on the main floor for the checking of hats and coats. White skull caps are available for the use of male worshippers. They may be obtained at the checking counters.
- 10. Uniform Prayer Books are available to all. At the close of services please leave the Prayer Book on your seat.
- all times command the respect of every Jew, particularly during the days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Worshippers' attire should be conservative and subdued in keeping with the sanctity of the House of God and the solemnity of the season.

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#### September

- 19-SIMON BERKOWITZ
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