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Annual Meeting Elects:

MAX J. ETRA, President; A. PHILLIP GOLDSMITH, Vice-President; SAMUEL A. MARCUS, Treasurer and JOSEPH ROTH, Secretary 18 New Members Inducted and 4 Anniversarians Feted

At the 84th Annual Membership Meeting, which was held on Thursday evening, April 26th, the congregation reelected Max J. Etra, President, A. Phillip Goldsmith, Vice-President and Samuel A. Marcus, Treasurer. Joseph Roth was elected to the position of Secretary.

Mr. Roth, an associate trustee of the congregation, succeeds Romie Shapiro, who served as secretary for two years.

The meeting, which filled the auditorium of the Synagogue House, was considered by many to be the finest of its kind that they had participated in. For the newcomers, it was certainly a revelation — they never thought that an Annual Meeting could be so enjoyable and attract such a large turnout.

This 84th Annual Meeting continued a time honored tradition in Kehilath Jeshurun, 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 have 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.

Eighteen new families were on hand to be officially inducted into membership as were the four anniversarians who were honored with certificates commemorating the twenty-fifth, fortieth and fiftieth years of their association with Kehilath Jeshurun.

The proceedings, which were presided over by Max J. Etra, began with the singing of the National Anthem led by Cantor Konigsberg. This was followed by the invocation pronounced by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

Educational Activities -

Reports were then rendered on our Educational Activities. Martin Markson, chairman of the Adult Education Institute Committee, evaluated the Institute's active program which was highlighted by a popular lecture series on "Modern Scientific Thought and the Jewish Spirit".

Reports on our Youth Activities were introduced by our Executive Director, Theodore Comet. For the first time at an Annual Meeting the young people themselves described their groups' activities.

Jonathan Wouk, son of our newly inducted members, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wouk, gave an enjoyable talk on the Father-and-Son Minyan. David Weisberg, a student of our Ramaz School, gave an able account of our Scouting Activities; and James Winer, son of our devoted members Mr. and Mrs. Abraham R. Winer, gave a full report of the activities of our Teen Age Club.

It was a source of great pride to all those present to hear and see these young men present their reports with such poise and warmth.

The progress of our afternoon Religious School was shown by Elgin Shulsky, chairman of the Religious School Committee. Mr. Shulsky shared with the group the experiences he had in his first year as chairman. He spoke of the increased enrollment and the fine educational standard maintained by the Religious School.

A. Phillip Goldsmith, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz School, showed the dramatic growth that Ramaz has made in the nineteen years of its existence. Starting with but a few students and just two teachers the

Rabbi Lookstein addresses Annual Meeting and congratulates elected officers. Seated are (I. to r.) Cantor Jacob Konigsberg, Max J. Etra, A. Phillip Goldsmith and Joseph Roth.

"WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR LEISURE?"

Lessons from the Sabbatical Year

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MAY 7th FINAL DATE FOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE NAMES

In order to have our Book of Remembrance ready for use during the festival of Shevuoth we have had to set the deadline for this Monday, May 7th, as the latest date on which names will be accepted for listing in this year's edition.

We have found in the past that a number of our members and friends have felt disappointed when the name of a departed one did not appear. Particularly is this so when the books are distributed during Yizkor and the memorial prayer is recited for those whose names are therein recorded. All the names that appear must be submitted to the office. No name is recorded on the strength of a previous listing.

All those who have not as yet taken care of this matter are asked to call the office without delay. Bear in mind that the Book of Remembrance is consistent with the Yizkor prayer in which a pledge for charity is made.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS TO PASSOVER RELIEF

Since the last listing in the Bulletin of Contributors to our Passover Relief Appeal, donations have been received from Ralph Hyman, Arthur A. Lookstein and Nathan Warshaw.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO ADDRESS JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF N. Y. BOARD OF RABBIS, MAY 9th

On Wednesday evening, May 9th, Rabbi Lookstein will address the 75th Diamond Jubilee celebration of the New York Board of Rabbis. The public is invited to this celebration which will take place at 8 o'clock at Town Hall. Tickets for this affair are available, free of charge, at the Synagogue Office.

The theme of this Jubilee will be "Religion and American Democracy." Sharing the platform with the Rabbi will be the Mayor of the City of New York, plus leaders of other Jewish Groups in the United States.

As a special feature, Cantor Moshe Koussevitsky will present a program of Jewish music.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Parents are reminded that regular sessions will no longer be held on Sunday mornings. Beginning with Friday, May 11th, Sunday classes will meet from four to six o'clock on Fridays.

Lag B'Omer Celebration -

Last Sunday morning the children of the school celebrated Lag B'Omer with a special game session in Central Park. The major activity consisted of a baseball game between the fathers and students of the school. All had a grand time in spite of the fact that some parents are still nursing charley horses.

Birthdays — Happy re

and Mrs. Morris Galler.

Birth -

Happy returns of the day to Mrs. Erich Buechler, Mrs. Joseph J. Einhorn, Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Arthur M. Rosen and Maurice Wegier.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs.

David Galler, on the birth of their sec-

ond child, a son. Mazel tov wishes

also go to the proud grandparents, Mr.

We extend a hearty mazel tov to

Engagement -

A hearty mazel tov is extended to our devoted members, Dr. and Mrs. Morris Zuckerman, on the engagement of their son, Frederick, to Rosemiriam Green.

Weddding -

Our third mazel tov of the week goes to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baruch, on the marriage in our Synagogue this past Sunday of their son, Claude, to the former Susan Kaufman.

Anniversary -

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Max Scheidt.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION NEWS

Over the past weeks more and more of our youngsters have participated in the Junior Congregation service while the whole group has developed into fine "daveners" who thoroughly enjoy the service. Those who acted as chazanim are: Jerry Gotel, David Kahn, Bobby Leifert, Alan Shapiro and Mark Wallach.

In addition to acting as Chazanim the youngsters are called up for Torah honors and also to deliver sermonettes. During the past weeks Lanny Bienstock, Harriet Garfinkle, Jerry Gotel, Adrian Himmelbrand, Alan Shapiro and Mark Wallach have given talks.

The smooth functioning service is presided over by a democratically elected executive board. Mark Wallach is president; Alan Shapiro, vice-prodent; while Bobby Leifert acts as Gobai.

Prizes are awarded for attendance and kiddush is served each week. The Junior Congregation continues under the able direction of Franklin Holzer.

All boys and girls between the ages of five and thirteen are invited to join the services during the month of May.

KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

cordially invites its members and friends to attend its

CLOSING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THIS Monday afternoon, May 7th

in the Social Hall

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock

ATTENTION: THEATRE TICKET PURCHASERS

All those who purchased tickets for our Theatre Party Play 'Goodbye Again' are asked to return them to the Synagogue office without delay. Arrangements for another play are now being made.

ANNUAL MEETING

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school has grown to be the foremost day school of its kind in the country and represents an outstanding achievement on the part of the congregation.

A report on the 1955/56 Year Book was then given by the Year Book editor, Theodore Comet.

The Presidential Report -

At this point Max J. Etra rendered his President's Annual Report. Instead of limiting this report to activities of the past year, Mr. Etra reviewed some of the accomplishments that the congregation has made during its eightyfour years. He showed that during this time the Synagogue had increased its membership and activities. He stated that "in the area of Jewish education we have come to be recognized for achievements that are unparalleled. In the field of philanthropy we have taught our people a sense of communal responsibility that is reflected in the warmest kind of generosity. In the field of synagogue service we have blazed new trails so that public worship at Kehilath Jeshurun is both beautiful and inspiring."

Mr. Etra concluded his report by thanking the membership at large for their splendid cooperation and by expressing his appreciation to his fellow officers for their assistance and generosity. He also expressed his appreciation to Rabbi Lookstein for his devoted and inspiring guidance.

Our affiliates were then heard from. Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Sisterhood President, spoke of her group's dynamic program and of the rewards that one received from participating in such a program. Hyman I. Bucher, president



New members rise to be officially inducted into Kehilath Jeshurun at Annual Membership Meeting.

of the Men's Club, then presented a resume of the many activities conducted by his organization. Mrs. Martin Markson, a member of the Young Marrieds Group, gave a delightful report on the program and make up of this newest congregational affiliate.

Four Anniversarians Cited -

A touching moment was reached when Saul J. Lance presented four of our members who were honored for their long years of association with Kehilath Jeshurun. Harry Bachrach celebrated his fiftieth anniversary while Dr. Ira I. Kaplan celebrated his fortieth anniversary. Harry Etra and Max J. Etra were cited for their twenty-five years of membership. Each of the anniversarians was presented with a beautifully engraved citation, plus the hope of the congregation that they would enjoy many more years of good health and continued affiliation.

Induction of New Members -

One of the main features of the

evening was the formal induction into the membership of eighteen new families. Saul J. Lance, chairman of the membership committee, presented the inductees. Each new member rose when introduced and when the entire roster had been presented the membership unanimously elected them into our congregation. Max J. Etra then officially welcomed them and expressed the hope that they would speedily be integrated into the Kehilath Jeshurun family. Those who were inducted at that time were: Dr. Herbert D. Cooperman, Mr. and Mrs. Usher Doppelt, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Epstein, Mr. and Mrs. George Fisch, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Gershman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Karlin, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Levy, Dr. Joseph Litwins, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Luloff, Martin S. Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Olshan, Dr. Gizella Perl, Mrs. Sarah Rosentover, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schoenfeld, Miss Elly Stignitz, Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Trautman and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wouk.

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 elected for terms of three years: Dr. Samuel Belkin, Abbott S. Bernard, Alexander Gross, Harry Etra, Alexander Kommel, Isaac E. Okun, Ira F. Weisman and Louis W. Yohann. Best wishes for a successful administration were extended to them.

In Memoriam -

A solemn moment was the memorialization of four members who passed away during the year. Brief eulogies

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Members enjoy Reception in Social Hall following Annual Meeting.

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Theodore Comet

Synagogue Officials

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				Cantor
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Officers of the Congregation

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Samuel A. Marcus	Treasurer
Joseph Roth	Secretary
Hyman I. Bucher	Pres., Men's Club
Mrs. Hyman Abrams	s Pres., Sisterhood

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY*			
Evening 6:00			
SATURDAY			
Morning 9:00			
Junior Congregation			
Weekly Portion: Behar Behukotai,			
Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34			
Haftorah: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14			
Rosh Chodesh Prayers:			
Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be or			
Friday, May 11th			
Evening 7:45			

Cond	lusion	of	Sabbath	
DAILY	SERVI	CES	5	

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	8:30
Evening	6:00

8:35

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

YAHRZEITS

May

- 5-DINAH WEISS
- 5-MEYER COAN
- 5-SIDNEY P. C. EPSTEIN
- 6-AARON GARFUNKEL
- 7-SAMUEL KERNER
- 9-ABRAHAM A BAUM
- 9-OSIAS GARFEIN
- 9-SYLVIA GOLD
- 10-DAVID LEVY
- 10-BERNARD L. SHIENTAG
- 10-SARAH HERSHKOVITZ

ANNUAL MEETING

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were given for Samuel B. Cooperman, Naomi Finkelstein, Alexander Garfein and Dr. Nathan Rosenthal. Following the Rabbi, our Cantor, Jacob Konigsberg, chanted the traditional memorial prayer with the entire assembly standing in deep reverence for the departed.

Dedication of Auditorium -

In recognition of the services rendered to our congregation by our devoted trustee, Abbott S. Bernard, the Board of Trustees had previously decided to dedicate the Auditorium of the Synagogue House in memory of his parents, Bernhard and Mary Phillips Bernard. Rabbi Lookstein at this point performed this dedication with a very impressive ceremony. He spoke of the Jewishly dedicated lives of Abbott S.

Bernard and his parents and had all those assembled rise as he offered his prayer of dedication.

Closing Remarks by the Rabbi-

In keeping with the practice of many years standing Rabbi Lookstein was called upon for "closing remarks." The Rabbi's warm talk was a fitting climax to a meeting that once again proved that Kehilath Jeshurun may be eightyfour years old but it remains youthful and vigorous in spirit.

An elaborate reception followed in the social hall which afforded the guests an opportunity to meet the new members, congratulate the newly elected officers and trustees and to spend a pleasant hour in good fellowship.

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