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## SHERMAN D. SIFF APPOINTED RABBINIC ASSISTANT

Max J. Etra, president of the Congregation, announced the appointment of Rabbi Sherman D. Siff as Rabbinic Assistant of our congregation for the coming year. Rabbi Siff will assist Rabbi Lookstein in all phases of synagogue activity.

Hailing originally from Worcester, Massachusetts, Rabbi Siff received his ordination from Yeshiva University just this past week. He was graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1954 from Yeshiva College where he was active as secretary of the Sociological Society and secretary-treasurer of the Students Organization of Yeshiva.

Rabbi Siff has a special interest in youth work and he has had a good deal of experience conducting programs for young people.

We are very pleased to have such a capable and dedicated young man for our Rabbinic Assistant and we extend to him our very best wishes for a successful and rewarding year. Rabbi Siff will begin serving with us on July 1st.

## CHIEF RABBI OF BRITISH EMPIRE TO BE GUEST OF SYNAGOGUE JUNE 30 The Very Rev. Israel Brodie to Occupy Pulpit

Kehilath Jeshurun will play host to a most distinguished visitor on Saturday, June 30th, when we will have as our special guest the Very Rev. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth. Rabbi Brodie has graciously consented to deliver the sermon that Saturday morning at the invitation of Rabbi Lookstein.

When he arrived in New York this past Wednesday Rabbi Brodie stated that he was coming on a good will tour to help strengthen the Orthodox community in the United States. While here he will receive an honorary degree from Yeshiva University, at its June commencement exercises. He will also tour a good part of the country and will deliver major addresses in many important Jewish communities.

Rabbi Brodie is here at the invitation of the Rabbinical Council of America and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, This will be the first official visit to the United States of Rabbi Brodie whose full title is Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth. He became spiritual leader of British Jewry in 1948. During World War II, Rabbi Brodie served as Senior Jewish Chaplain to British forces.

Between the years 1939-48 he was tutor and lecturer in Homiletics at Jew's College in London. He is currently President of this institution. Prior to this, the Chief Rabbi spent fifteen years in Melbourne, Australia, where he was head of the Beth Din and co-founder of the Zionist Federation of Australia.

We extend a cordial invitation to all our members and friends to join us on Saturday morning, June 30, to welcome Chief Rabbi Brodie in an appropriate manner. We are sure he will have an important message for all of us.

#### LAST BULLETIN OF THE SEASON

With this issue of the Bulletin, we discontinue publication until September. Throughout the year, the Bulletin has served our members and friends as a source of religious and communal information. Within its pages were reflected the diversified activities and achievements of the Congregation and its affiliated organizations.

As the season draws to a close, we take this opportunity to thank our readers for their continued interest and cooperation. They responded readily and generously to the many worthy causes that we espoused. Such drives as the Educational Scholarship Fund, Passover Relief Appeal, the Benevolent Fund, and the many others that Kehilath Jeshurun conducts, were warmly received and whole-heartedly supported by Bulletin readers.

We extend our sincerest wishes for a pleasant and restful summer to our members and friends. May we all return refreshed and invigorated when the new year rolls round.

#### URGENT REMINDER TO MEMBERS

Last week letters were sent to all the members of the Congregation regarding reservations of seats in our Synagogue for the coming High Holy Days.

During the year our membership has grown considerably and many new families have moved into the neighborhood who are interested in associating themselves with us. As a result, there are ever increasing demands made upon us for High Holy Day Seats. We are therefore compelled each year to assign seats to our members only upon request. A reply post card was included for this purpose.

We are happy to accommodate our members and their families with the seats of their choice. This can only be done however if the office is so informed.

## GAIETY REIGNS AT SISTERHOOD MONTE CARLO

It was Monaco in setting but K-J in spirit at the Monte Carlo which our Sisterhood held on Thursday evening, June 7th. The Social Hall was a veritable Riviera scene. A fine turnout of members and friends came for an evening of fun. The spirit was warm, gay and friendly, the kind for which K-J has made a reputation, and all those present spent a most enjoyable evening.

The success of this activity was most unusual in view of the fact that the Sisterhood had only a short time to plan and publicize it. As Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, Sisterhood President, announced "when our originally planned play closed down, we turned to the Monte Carlo. I am happy to report that this affair was not only a social success but a financial one as well."

Our thanks go to Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, chairman, whose enthusiasm carried this affair to its successful end. Thanks also go to our artistic and imaginative chairman of the decorations committee, Mrs. Edgar Trautman, and her hard working crew: Mrs. Hyman I. Cohen, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Mrs. Oscar Perlberger and Mrs. Reuben Popkin.

#### SAMUEL BODNER BAR MITZVAH



We extend our heartiest mazel tov wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Bodner on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel, a pupil at Ramaz.

Samuel is entering the eighth grade at Ramaz, where he was active in the chorus and served as monitor. His favorite subjects are history, math and social studies. He sees himself as a future lawyer. His spare time is spent with his favorite hobbies of collecting stamps and fish, and indulging in his favorite sport, swimming.

Samuel's Bar Mitzvah will be held in our Synagogue on Saturday, June 30th.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TO HOLD CLOSING EXERCISES FRIDAY

Our afternoon Religious School will conclude its academic year this Friday, June 15th. A special program will take place in the classrooms as well as in the Auditorium. Prizes and awards will be presented to deserving students.

#### Registration in Progress

We would again like to announce that registration of children for the new school year is now in progres. Parents of prospective students, as well as of those now attending, are urged to take care of the enrollment of their sons and daughters before they leave for their summer vacations.

The new school year will begin on Monday, September 10th, when classes will meet for full instruction. Our special Primary Class for 6 year olds will again be held on Sunday mornings.

We are interested in making our facilities available to as many children as possible. If any of our readers know of eligible children, please contact the Synagogue Office.

#### HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger. Contributions should be sent to our Happy Day Fund Chairman, Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, 12 W. 72nd Street, N. Y.

## BOY SCOUTS HOLD CLOSING MEETING JUNE 19

This coming Tuesday evening, June 19th, our Boy Scout Troop No. 640 will hold its final meeting in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. During colorful ceremonies outstanding members of the troop will receive attendance pins, tenderfoot, second and first class awards. In addition, the winner of a two-week stay at Scout Camp, which is awarded annually by the Men's Club for scouting service, will be announced.

This last season has been the most successful one our troop has had. An ambitious program was planned and carried out, and almost all of the scouts advanced at least one rank on their way to the top rank of Eagle. The outstanding event of the year was the two-day overnight camping trip our boys took to participate in the Regional Camporee.

This year the troop was under the able leadership of Mel Menowitz while the cubs were led by John Goodman. Both of these leaders had good Scouting backgrounds and did excellent jobs. We would like to commend them for their dedication and their service.

Our scout troops are sponsored by our Men's Club and as we close this season's activities we would like to urge the young men from the neighborhood between the ages of seven and twelve to join our scouts in the Fall.

### CONGREGATION HONORS SCHOOL AT PARENTS DAY SABBATH

A large congregation attended services this past Saturday morning and paid tribute to the students and parents of our afternoon Religious School.

At the conclusion of the service a special program was held in the auditorium that included a symposium on the theme "What a Jewish Education Means to Me." The mother's viewpoint was ably presented by Mrs. William B. Silberblatt, while Harvey Leifert made some perceptive comments from the vantage point of a graduate. Alan Shapiro provided a most effective picture of the impact of the school upon a member of the student body. Students who had done honor role work were then cited by Dr. Robert Wallach, president of the Men's Club, Mrs. Oscar Perlberger,

president of the Sisterhood, and Sidney Wolitzky, a member of the senior class.

The program was opened with greetings delivered by Theodore Comet, principal of the school and the closing remarks were rendered by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. A moving benediction was given by two members of the senior class, Peter Politzer and Katherine Silberblatt.

The congregation was most impressed with the Religious School presentation and the program served to strengthen ties between the school and the congregation. The Sisterhood and Men's Club served as co-sponsors of Parents Day Sabbath and acted as hosts at an elaborate buffet kiddush which was served in honor of the students and their parents.

#### ACADEMIC NOTES

We take great pleasure in listing the names of our younger folk who are celebrating educational milestones this June. In so doing, we extend to them our heartiest congratulations and our best wishes for success in their future careers:

Norman B. Ackerman, son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross, received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Dr. Ackerman won his school's "Research Award," the oldest undergraduate honor, and this June he will deliver a paper before the Chicago Annual Meeting of the Endocrinological Society.

Ralph Perlberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, has just been graduated from Harvard Law School.

Another new lawyer is Walter Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth. He is a C.P.A. who completed his studies at Brooklyn Law School. The Roth family celebrates another academic simcha with the graduation of their son, Robert, from New York University.

Mrs. Robert L. Karlin, the former Mimi Etra, received her Bachelor's Degree from Sarah Lawrence College.

Cecile Lichtman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lichtman, was graduated from Hunter College High School and will enter Barnard this fall.

Neil Brenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Brenner, is graduating from our Ramaz School. Neil is a winner of a State Regents Scholarship.

Barry Eichler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samson Eicher, is also graduating from our Rarnaz School. He is one of the top ranking students in his class and is also the author of the lyrics of the school song.

Herbert Abrams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Abrams, has made the Dean's List at Columbia Grammar School where he is assistant editor of the school newspaper as well as manager of the swimming team.

Julius Novick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Novick, is graduating second in his class from the Bronx High School of Science and will attend Harvard University. He is a winner of the National Merit Scholarship, General Motors Scholarship, State Regents Scholarship and an Honorary Harvard Scholarship.

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays -

Many happy returns of the day to Louis Katz, Mrs. Alexander Gross, Benjamin E. Levy, Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin and Mrs. Joseph Roth.

#### Wedding -

A hearty mazel tov goes to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Max Messing on the forthcoming marriage this Saturday evening of their son, Elliott, to Miss Lorna Turon.

#### Anniversaries -

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Leo Edelman, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kohn, Mr. and Mrs Frederick Margareten, Mr and Mrs. Eugene R Sarezky and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Vogel.

#### Twenty-fifth Anniversary -

We extend our best wishes for many more years of happily wedded life together to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Brown, who are celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary this coming Saturday.

#### Speedy Recovery

We extend best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery to our esteemed members, Mrs. Myron M. Bogdonoff, Mrs. Ralph Hyman and Mrs. William Heyman.

#### **BON VOYAGE**

Best wishes for a pleasant trip and safe return are extended to all of our members who will be taking trips during the summer. The travel notices that have come to our attention include:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Brown and Theodore Brown, whose European trip will include a meeting with their children Pfc. and Mrs. B. Warren Brown; the Feinberg Twins; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gross and daughter Alice; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger; Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schenker and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wallach.

Keeping an eye on this group will be Rabbi and Mrs Joseph H. Lookstein, who are leaving the beginning of July.

#### CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing of Isadore Rosenzweig, beloved father of our esteemed member, Mrs. Michael Hyams, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family. We pray that the Almighty spare them further sorrow for many years to come.

#### OUR SERVICES DURING THE SUMMER

While all major congregational activities and functions are suspended for the summer months, daily and Sabbath services are held according to a year-round uninterrupted schedule. The attendance at services during the past year has increased consistently — a fact of which we are genuinely gratified and proud.

With the coming of the summer months, however, when so many of our worshippers leave the city for seashore or mountain resorts, the attendance naturally decreases. Sabbath services, of course, still attract a goodly number of congregants. The daily services, on the other hand, present a bit of a problem.

The community which our congregation serves is, unfortunately, not heavily populated with Jewish residents. We cannot, therefore, expect a casual passer-by to drop in for services. We must rely upon our regular worshippers to provide our daily morning and evening minyan.

Daily services are held in the Chapel, where cool comfort accompanies a short but dignified service, at 7:30 in the morning and 6:00 in the evening. Services Friday evening are scheduled at 6:15 and Sunday morning at 8:30. On the Sabbath, the services are conducted in the main Synagogue, where we will continue to provide our worshippers with a decorous and spiritually-uplifting service.

We appeal to our readers to help us maintain the fundamental institution of daily services by attending as frequently as possible.

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#### NOTE TO SUMMER CELEBRANTS

As we write this concluding issue of the BULLETIN it comes to mind that all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during the summer months do not have a chance to be listed and congratulated in the BULLETIN. To provide a total list in this final issue would be impractical, however, we would like to tell these celebrants that they are not forgotten and we herewith officially extend them our very best wishes.

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY*	
Evening	6:00
SATURDAY	
Morning	9:00
Weekly Portion: Hukat, Numbers 19:1-22:1	
Haftorah: Judges 11:1 - 33	
Evening	8:20
Conclusion of Sabbath	9:05
DAILY SERVICES	
Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	8:30

\*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

#### June

Evening

16-ABRAHAM GLASER

17-IDA SOM

19—JENNIE ZUCH

20-SAMUEL M FREEDMAN

21-MARCUS FEDERMAN

22-DEBORA LITWINS

22-HENNE KRAUSS

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#### SOMETHING FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

We would like you to consider a matter that is often called "touchy". For various reasons many people shy away from it. And yet it is one of the necessities of life that are best taken care of before tragedy strikes. We are referring, of course, to the arranging for one's cemetery needs.

#### Why a Family Plot?

-It is in keeping with the Jewish tradition, a tradition that originated with our first Patriarch, Abraham, to provide a common burial ground for one's family. The first purchase of property of which there is a Biblical record is associated with a family plot.

-There is gratification in meeting with one's kin in life; there is consolation to be found at the ancestral resting place where one may visit and perform his devotions in reverence to all who passed on before him.

-The acquisition of a family plot is economically more practical than the purchase of individual graves.

Why on Kehilath Jeshurun Grounds? -The final resting place is a religious sanctuary. When located on the

grounds of an old and established congregation such as Kehilath Jeshurun it will be maintained with dignity and cared for with tenderness.

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#### Our New Cemetery -

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For further information contact our Ritual Director, Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg, at the Synagogue office (SAcramento 2-0800).

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#### SUMMER CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 26 - Fast of Tammuz. Saturday, July 7 - Rosh Chodesh Prayers; Rosh Chodesh Ab will be on Monday, July 9.

Tuesday, July 17 - Tisha b'Ab.

Saturday, August 4 - Rosh Chodesh Prayers; Rosh Chodesh Elul will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 7 and 8.

Thursday, September 6 - First Day Rosh Hashonah.

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