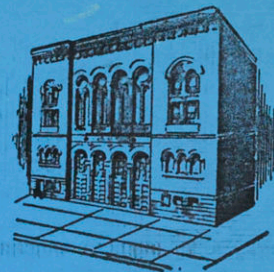


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Annual Meeting Re-Elects:

**MAX J. ETRA, President; A. PHILLIP GOLDSMITH, Vice-President;
SAMUEL A. MARCUS, Treasurer and JOSEPH ROTH, Secretary**

At the 85th Annual Membership Meeting, which was held this past Tuesday evening, May 7th, the congregation re-elected Max J. Etra, President; A. Phillip Goldsmith, Vice-President; Samuel A. Marcus, Treasurer and Joseph Roth, Secretary.

The meeting, which filled the auditorium of the Synagogue House, was considered by many to be the finest of its kind that they had ever 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 85th 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.

The proceedings, which were presided over by Max J. Etra, began with the singing of the National Anthem led by Cantor Sherwood Plitnick. This was followed by the invocation pronounced by Rabbi Sherman Siff.

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 "The Prophets Speak Anew".

Reports on our Youth Activities were introduced by our Executive Director, Theodore Comet. Four young participants of our Youth Programs described their groups' activities.

Marshall Etra, son of our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra, rendered an able account of our Sunday morning Father-and-Son Minyan. Jacky Gorlin, a student of our Ramaz School, gave a full report of our Scouting activities, while Ruth Schreiber, daughter of our newly-inducted members, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schreiber, spoke of the activities of our Saturday afternoon Youth Group. The fourth report, on the Board of Ushers, was given by our young "Balabos", Benjamin Brown, son of our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Brown, who described the duties and responsibilities of the ushers who help maintain order and decorum at our services.

The continued progress of our afternoon Religious School was shown by Elgin Shulsky, chairman of the Religious School Committee. Mr. Shulsky discussed the high standards of the school plus its active participation in the Manhattan Commission of Traditional Talmud Torahs.

Mr. A. Phillip Goldsmith, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz School, in his report, praised the congregation for its voluntary and generous contribution of \$60,000 on the occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of the founding of the Ramaz School. This sum was used to liquidate the

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 to our members and friends a printed card to be returned with the names of those who are to be included in the Book. A large response has already been received. However we would like to inform those who have not yet responded that 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 then are disappointed to find no listing for their dear ones. Do not be among these few. Fill in the form which has been provided and return it to the office today.

In the memorial service there is a

passage in which one pledges an offering to charity in memory of the deceased whom he memorializes. In order that such pronouncement may not be in vain, we give our congregants an opportunity to send in their offerings once a year at Shevuoth time to cover the four occasions of the year when Yizkor is recited. The names of those in whose memory the offerings are made appear in this booklet.

The Book of Remembrance, therefore, provides an opportunity for our worshippers to fulfill the solemn pledge made at Yizkor time with reverence and dignity.

In keeping with the spirit of the occasion the offerings themselves are 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.

Rabbi Siff Will Preach This Sabbath At 11:00 A.M.

"FOR THE LAND IS MINE"

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SISTERHOOD CELEBRATES ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH MOVING CEREMONY

This past Monday afternoon the Sisterhood Open Meeting became a Birthday Party in celebration of the Ninth Anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. After a dessert luncheon and short business meeting an impressive program was presented by Mrs. William Lebowitz, program chairman. The program consisted of a moving and inspiring address, delivered by Mrs. Lebowitz, on the tragedy and glory of Jewish history. In establishing the background of Jewish persecution, Mrs. Lebowitz had all those assembled rise for a moment of silence in memory of the six million Jews who perished during World War II. Then she moved on to describing the creation of the State of Israel as a result of a combination of God's will with Jewish tenacity

and inspiration plus the emergence of a world conscience.

The Ninth Anniversary Year was celebrated with a moving candle lighting ceremony in which Mrs. Romie Shapiro read a blessing for each candle that was lit. Twenty-five children from Ramaz School sang and then the Birthday cake was cut.

A luncheon fee of \$1 was collected from all those present and was used as a special Birthday Gift to the United Jewish Appeal. In addition Mrs. Alexander Gross and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger made a special contribution to the U.J.A. in the name of Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein.

The meeting was a beautiful one and our thanks go to Mrs. Lebowitz for her inspired performance.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Alexander Gross, Isidore Schlang and George Weiss.

75th Birthday —

We extend our warmest congratulations to our esteemed honorary trustee, Isidore Schlang, who celebrates next week his 75th birthday. With our congratulations go our best wishes for many more years of active life.

Speedy Recovery —

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to our esteemed trustee, Eugene Hollander.

HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel and Mrs. Robert Wallach.

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major part of the school deficit. The congregation's concern and devotion to Ramaz, Mr. Goldsmith pointed out, long preceded the current general concern for institutions of learning.

The thanks of the entire Board of Trustees was extended to the membership for its unusual response.

A report on the 1956/57 Year Book was then given by the Year Book Editor, Theodore Comet.

Presidential Report —

At this point Max J. Etra rendered his president's Annual Report. Calling the synagogue "a sanctuary in miniature", Mr. Etra compared various aspects of our Synagogue life to that of the Temple of old. Referring to the Temple Menorah, he showed how this symbol of learning is maintained in our own day by the great emphasis that Kehilath Jeshurun places upon education as evidenced by our Ramaz School, Afternoon Religious School and Adult Education program.

The second Temple symbol called forth was the "Show-Bread Table", symbolic of the help one Jew extends to the other, which to us is signified by the generous response on the part of the congregation to all charitable appeals. Yeshiva University, United Jewish Appeal, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and hundreds of other institutions and individuals are the recipients of our concern. The

third temple object of comparison was the "Altar" upon which sacrifices were brought. Mr. Etra expressed the need of the synagogue for financial offerings from its membership to help meet an ever increasing budget which is required to maintain our expanding activities and programs.

In concluding his report Mr. Etra thanked his fellow officers, the members of the board of trustees, the synagogue officials and the entire membership for their support, cooperation and understanding.

Our Affiliates —

Our Affiliates were then heard from. Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, in her first report as Sisterhood President, spoke of her groups' successful social, cultural, and philanthropic program. Dr. Robert Wallach, in his first report as Men's Club President, then presented a resume of the many activities conducted by his organization. Mrs. Theodore R. Fink, a member of the Young Marrieds Group, gave an able account of the activities of this newest congregational affiliate.

Anniversarians Cited —

A touching moment was reached when Joseph Roth, Secretary of the Congregation, presented citations to those members who were being honored for long years of association with Kehilath Jeshurun. Thomas Bornstein, celebrated his fortieth anniversary

while Mrs. Osias Garfein, David Kahn, and Dr. Morris Zuckerman received citations for their thirty years of membership. With each of the beautifully engraved citations went best wishes for 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 twenty-one 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 be speedily integrated into the Kehilath Jeshurun family. Those who were inducted at that time were: Dr. and Mrs. Morris Bien, Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mr. Joseph P. Cahn, Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. DeGraaff, Dr. and Mrs. Armin W. Docter, Mr. Daniel Fein, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Flax, Dr. and Mrs. H. Harold Gelfand, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gourary, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Kalischer, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Lipton, Dr. and Mrs. Israel Malbin, Mrs. Sara Plessner, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Podell, Mrs. Anne H. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs.

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ANNUAL MEETING

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Eugene R. Sarezky, Mr. and Mrs. Murray J. Schlussel, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schreiber, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Sussman, and Mr. Bertold Weinsberg.

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 were elected as trustees for terms of three years: Harry W. Baumgarten, A. Milton Brown, Israel Cummings, Aaron H. Onish, Oscar Perlberger, Elliott W. Siegel and Aaron J. Simon.

In Memoriam —

A solemn moment was the memorialization of eight members who passed away during the year. Brief eulogies were given for David B. Baum, Nathan Berkowitz, Abbott S. Bernard, Maurice Finkelstein, Lydia V. Heyman, Leo B. Kagan, Sadie Morgenstern and David W. Petegorsky. Following the Rabbi, Cantor Sherwood Plitnick, chanted the traditional memorial prayer with the entire assembly standing in deep reverence for the departed.

Personals —

Before introducing the Rabbi, Mr. Etra expressed the thanks of the congregation to our esteemed member, Joseph E. Adler, for the service that he rendered in the absence of a permanent cantor. Thanks were also extended to Haskel Lookstein for pitching in when needed.

Best wishes for a Bon Voyage were extended to Secretary and Mrs. Joseph Roth, who were leaving for Europe on the following day. In conclusion, Mr. Etra voiced the prayer of all those present that Mrs. Lookstein would soon be completely well and back to her active role in K. J. affairs.

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 eighty-five years old but it remains youthful and vigorous in spirit.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

cordially invites its members and friends
to attend its

ANNUAL MEETING

this Wednesday evening, May 15th at 8:30 o'clock
in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House

Our Guest Speaker

**DR. NASROLLAH S. FATEMI**

former Iranian Delegate to the United States

will speak on

"A MOSLEM VIEWS ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST"

Women invited

Refreshments will be served

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.

Photographic Story Next Week —

Many photographs were taken at this meeting. However, there was not sufficient time to include them in this issue of the Bulletin. Next week we will present a photographic report.

SYNAGOGUE HOST TO YORKVILLE ZIONIST PROGRAM MAY 13th

This coming Monday evening, May 13th, the Yorkville Zionist District will hold a special program in celebration of the Ninth Anniversary of the Founding of the State of Israel. Outstanding speakers, entertainment and refreshments will be featured at this celebration, which is scheduled to begin at 8:30 o'clock in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. An open invitation is extended to all residents of the community to come down and participate in the festivities.

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Mrs. Oscar Perlberger Pres., Sisterhood

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY ***

Evening 6:15

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Weekly Portion: Behar, Leviticus
25:1-26:2
Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6-27
Evening 7:50
Conclusion of Sabbath 8:45

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday morning 8:30
Evening 6:15

*Sabbath candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:15 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

YAHREZEITS**May**

11—CHEIKE WARSHAVSKY
12—JACOB CUMMINGS
13—MAX ROSENBERG
13—SALOMON PENZNER
14—ESTHER LEFKOWITZ
14—CIRL HOLZER
14—THEODORE BORCHARD
15—ELIEZER POFCHER
15—ROZA ROTH
16—ROSALIE LEVY
16—JEANETTE GIVNER
16—SONIA SCHUCHMAN
16—JENNIE ROEDER
16—MAX PIERMONT
17—ISAAC D. POPKIN

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS**Youth Forum a Splendid Success —**

This past Sunday morning the two highest classes of our Religious School played host to over seventy children representing traditional synagogues in Manhattan at a special Youth Forum. This Forum, which was devoted to a discussion of the topic "How our Youth Can Help strengthen Jewish life in the Synagogue and in the Home", turned out to be even better than anticipated.

The young boys and girls participated in the conference with serious maturity and the comments they made during the discussions were intelligent and constructive.

The Forum began with an assembly in the auditorium presided over by our principal, Theodore Comet, who was chairman of the affair. The group then divided into three discussion groups and then reconvened for luncheon in the Social Hall. Our trustee, Nathan Salzman, a member of the Religious School committee, extended greetings on behalf of Kehilath Jeshurun. Afterwards reports were heard from each panel and the program came to a close on a lighter note with the entertaining antics of a magician.

Israel Celebration this Friday —

This Friday, May 10th, the children of the Religious School will celebrate the ninth anniversary of Israel's Independence at a special assembly which will be held in the auditorium of the Synagogue House at 4 o'clock. A fine program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

No more Sunday Sessions —

Beginning this week Religious School classes will no longer be held on Sunday mornings but will be moved to Friday afternoons from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Lag B'Omer Outing —

On Friday afternoon, May 17th, our Religious School students will go to Central Park for an afternoon of games and contests in the spirit of Lag B'Omer.

Parents Program May 20th —

On Monday evening, May 20th, a special program will be held for the parents of our Religious School children at 8:00 o'clock in the Social Hall. The meeting will be devoted to a program encouraging interest in bringing Jewish books into the home and to taking trips to places of Jewish interest.

K-J CALENDAR

Saturday afternoon at 6:50—Talmud Class—Library.

Monday evenings at 7:15—Boy Scouts—Gym and Auditorium.

Monday evenings at 8:30—Talmud Class—Library.

Wednesday evenings at 8:00—Adult Hebrew Class—Room 401.

Wednesday, May 15th at 8:30—Men's Club Annual Meeting—Social Hall.

CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing of Irving Debrovner, beloved brother of our esteemed member, Mrs. Herman Greenberg.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the members of the bereaved family. We pray that the Almighty spare them further sorrow for many years to come.

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Parents are urged to jot down this date and plan to attend.

Newspaper published by Class II —

The members of the Second Grade have just published the second issue of their Class Newspaper which has been mailed out to all Religious School parents. Class II, under the direction of Mrs. Hemda Amir, is to be commended on its fine achievement.