

# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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## 89th ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 27th 1958-60 Yearbook to Be Distributed

On Thursday evening, April 27, at 8:30 o'clock, the 89th Annual Meeting of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will be held in the auditorium of the synagogue house. At this meeting the membership will receive written reports on the congregation's activities and those of its affiliates during 1960-61. At this meeting, also, Officers and Trustees of the Congregation will be elected by the general membership.

Our biennial Yearbook for 1958-60, which is just off the press, will be distributed to the membership at this meeting. The Yearbook is a beautiful volume which contains a comprehensive review of the past two years in Kehilath Jeshurun; a photographic album reflecting the varied activities of this period; two High Holy Day Sermons by our rabbis; a calendar with Yahrzeit schedules, and other interesting features.

### 29 New Members to be Inducted

In accordance with our established practice, members who have joined the Congregation during the past twelve months will be formally inducted into our congregational family. Those who will be welcomed that night are:

Joseph Aizer  
M. H. Berkson  
Dr. Hyman I. Biegeleisen  
Maks L. Birnbach  
David D. Brockman  
Adolph Citron  
James Clark  
Mrs. Jennie J. Furman  
Samuel E. Garfinkel  
Larry Gelbart  
Mrs. Bessie C. H. Goodman  
Dr. Norman B. Javitt  
Emanuel M. Kaufman  
Mrs. Sarah Klein  
Manfred M. Magnus  
Dr. Norman Orentreich  
Harold Pash  
David Pik  
Stanley G. Reiss  
Lawrence Rosenzweig  
Joseph B. Rossant  
Frank Roth  
Irving I. Schnur

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### THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

cordially invites all members, their families, and friends  
to attend its

#### SPECIAL MEETING

in celebration of

#### ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

which will be held on

**Tuesday Evening, April 18, 1961 at 8.30 o'clock**

— GUEST SPEAKER —



**HON. BINYAMIN ELIAV**

Consul General of Israel in New York City

Musical program by Cantor A. Joseph Cohen

Collation will follow meeting

**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 A.M.**

**"THE EICHMANN TRIAL —  
SOME MORAL ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE"**



## WEEKLY PORTION

## Shemini

The portion contains the first clear statement in the Torah on the foods which are permissible and those which are forbidden. It affords us the opportunity of examining the modern problem which has arisen in connection with these dietary laws.

Many thinkers have assumed that the purpose of these restrictions concerning foods is to insure the physical well-being of the Jew. Certain animals are commonly infested with diseases which constitute a threat to human life and welfare. Consequently, the Torah prohibited their consumption. The argument follows, that with the advance of science and with regulations by government, no diseased animal would be used for human consumption. Hence, the dietary laws are rendered obsolete.

This analysis is unfortunately based upon one basic misconception. The Torah never indicated — directly or indirectly — that certain foods were forbidden to us because of any health hazards whatsoever. To discard the Torah laws because of modern hygienic safe-guards, is completely incongruous because the laws themselves were never instituted to preserve man's health.

## Why dietary laws?

If we try to find an accurate reason for these laws we shall surely be disappointed because neither the Torah nor the Talmud clarifies their reason. These laws are in the category of "Chukim" — laws which God legislated and whose reasons are not apparent to us.

There is, however, one clue concerning the central attitude of the Torah toward these rules. The function of these laws is implied in a summary paragraph which concludes our portion and which reads: "And you shall sanctify yourselves and be holy for I am holy".

Holiness has many meanings to the Jew. Among them is the investment of all of life's functions with a spirit of piety and obedience to God's will. In order to make the Jew holy, the Torah provides rules and regulations, not only for prayer, for study, for charity, for Sabbaths and Holidays and for other obviously religious activities; but also for the most essential activity of man's life — the intake of food.

When a man applies the rules of religion to three meals a day; when he avoids certain foods and restricts the

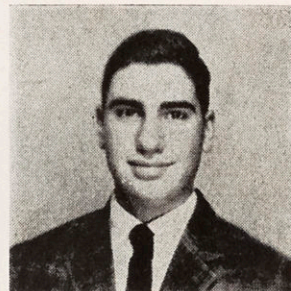
## OVER \$4,200 COLLECTED FOR NEEDY BY PASSOVER RELIEF FUND

Thanks to the generous response of our members and friends, the 1961 Passover Relief Appeal realized over \$4,200. We know our readers will be interested in a summary of the monies received and disbursed. We, therefore, render this brief report.

Receipts:	\$4,280.00
Disbursements:	
Yorkville Passover Relief Committee	1,000.00
Israeli Institutions	2,040.00
Special grants to organizations and deserving individuals	1,530.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>4,570.00</b>

We list here the names of those whose contributions were received since the last issue of the Bulletin:

Eugene Alpert	Benjamin Gottesman	Sidney Mills
Dr. Samuel Belkin	Paul Gourary	Bernard S. Moosnick
Maks L. Birnbach	Neil Recht	Alex Morganstern
Gertrude Breiner	Mrs. Irma Jacoby	Hon. George Postel
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Joseph N. Friedman	Mrs. Rose Kolker	Ralph Spencer
Dr. H. Harold Gelfand	Benjamin Leifert	Herbert H. Strauss
	Louis Lipschutz	

JONATHAN SHOR  
BAR MITZVAH

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Max Shor upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jonathan.

The Bar Mitzvah, who is a student at Ramaz School will read the Torah Portion as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The Congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shor at the Kiddush following the Services.

mixture of milk and meat in accordance with Jewish law; when he blesses God before he eats and thanks Him after his meal, he has made the consumption of the "staff of life" a religious act. In this way his entire life may be invested with the spirit of holiness.

It is in this latter light that we must decide whether the dietary laws have meaning for our day. One suspects that, viewed in this prospective, the answer of the Jew must be an affirmative one.

H. L.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Birth—

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our esteemed members Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perlberger upon the birth of a grandson. The proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Perlberger reside in Beverly Hills, California.

## Birthday—

Many happy returns to Mrs. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Dr. Herbert Cooperman, Mrs. Elmer Engel, Alexander Feifer, Dr. Jack Lieberman, Morris Morgenstern, Ira W. Nadler, Jules Podell, Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann.

## Marriage—

We extend heartiest Mazel Tov wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Davidowitz, upon the marriage of their son, our member, Jacob Davidowitz to Miss Sara Berman. We wish the couple many years of happiness.

## Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Myron M. Bogdonoff, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth.

## New Home—

We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman upon her moving into a new home.

## Junior Member in the News—

We have just learned that Stuart Schlang has been chosen to chant a prophetic portion as part of the Israel Independence Day Program, on the Estelle Sternberger Hour on Sunday afternoon, April 16, at 4:30 o'clock over station WLIB.



## MEN'S CLUB TO COMMEMORATE ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE SPECIAL PROGRAM ON TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 18

The Men's Club of the Congregation will sponsor a special meeting on Tuesday evening, April 18, at 8:30 in the auditorium of the Synagogue House in commemoration of the thirteenth anniversary of Israel's independence.

The program will be featured by an address by the Honorable Binyamin Eliav, Consul General of Israel in New York. Mr. Eliav, born in Latvia, was widely known as a journalist and editor of the evening paper, "Hador", before he entered Israel's foreign service. He also won acclaim as a political commentator on Israel's radio network "Kol Israel".

He has served as First Secretary of Israel's Embassy in Buenos Aires, as an officer in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and has been at his present post since May of last year. He is recognized

as a distinguished diplomat and an exceptional orator.

### Varied program to be featured—

The program at the meeting will include a medley of Israeli songs, rendered by Cantor Cohen and designed to give a musical portrait of the diverse features of life in the Jewish State. Teenagers from the Congregation will render portions from the Prophets and from modern Hebrew literature which attest to the importance of Israel's independence. Finally, the assembled will offer a prayer for the safety and security of Israel in a world at peace.

This meeting will be one at which our entire congregational family will want to be present. The occasion is significant and the program will be memorable. Plan to be with us on Tuesday evening, April 18th.

## 89th ANNUAL MEETING

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Irwin Shapiro  
Tobias Shapiro  
Adrian Skydell  
Herbert Steinman  
Dr. Miriam E. Trachman  
Dr. Sadie Edith Trachman

### Anniversarians to be Honored

At the Annual Meeting, special tribute will be paid to those who are celebrating important anniversaries of their affiliation with Kehilath Jeshurun. Dr. Eli Goldstein, Dr. Maximilian W. Goldstein and Abraham R. Winer will be honored on their twenty-fifth anniversaries; Dr. Louis H. Berk, Bernard D. Fischman, Alfred Kahn and Louis W. Yohann will be similarly honored on their twentieth anniversaries.

The Congregation will honor the memory of those of its members who passed away during the past year. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will offer brief eulogies in their memory and Cantor Cohen will chant the memorial prayer.

### Certificates to Adult Institute Students

Yeshiva University through its department of Adult Education, grants academic credit to those who attend the various educational institutes conducted by Orthodox Synagogues throughout the country.

Kehilath Jeshurun conducts an outstanding Adult Institute of this nature. As part of our Annual Meeting, over one hundred students will be presented with certificates for their regular attendance at classes during the year.

As always, the meeting will be concluded with appropriate remarks by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and will be followed by an elaborate collation in the social hall. Those who have attended these Annual Meetings in the past need no urging to come again this year. Those who have not done so, may look forward with all of us to a glorious evening which they will long remember.

### K.J.s IN ISRAEL

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra have left for Israel where they will find Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Morgenstern and Mr. Abraham Mandel waiting for them. With the arrival of this contingent from Kehilath Jeshurun, the celebration of the 13th anniversary of Israel Independence can proceed according to schedule.

## KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB

invite you to attend

**The Final Supper Lecture of the Season**

**This Sunday evening, 6:30 o'clock**

—Lecturer—

**RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN**

—Topic—

**"THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH TO THE JEWISH FAITH —  
JUDAISM AND HALACHAH"**

Subscription — \$3.00

by reservation only

## 100 TEEN-AGERS ATTEND POST PASSOVER DANCE

The Kehilath Jeshurun Teen-Age Group conducted the first open function in its brief history in the form of a dance last Saturday night, April 8. Over one hundred teen-agers attended the affair. All who participated in it considered the dance to be a resounding success.

This social event was the result of many weeks of effort on the part of the hard core of teen-agers who have made this season a fruitful one for the group. Special thanks are due to the president, Vivian Salzman, and to June Breiner who did so much to assure the successful character of the affair.

## THE JEWRY BOX

### LAST WEEK

JOSEPH JAME  
DR. JACK LIEBERMAN  
SAMUEL MORRIS

### THIS WEEK

JOSEPH KAGAN  
GILBERT PORTNOY  
JOSEPH SCHLANG

**Thank you for your cooperation in helping to maintain the Daily Minyan.**



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Mrs. Meyer Texon ..... Pres., Sisterhood

**FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles ..... 6:15  
Evening ..... 5:45

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junion Congregation ..... 10:15  
Weekly Portion: Shemini  
Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Haftorah: I Samuel 20:18-42

**Rosh Chodesh Prayers:** Rosh Chodesh  
Iyar will be on Sunday, April 16, and  
Monday, April 17.

Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 7:05

**DAILY SERVICES**

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

**YAHREZITS****April**

15—ARTHUR ROTHSTEIN  
15—LEAH LEDER  
15—SARAH ROSENTOVER  
16—CHAYE D. KAPLAN  
16—BARNET G. LEDER  
16—DORA SHAPIRO  
17—ISRAEL H. SHAPIRO  
17—RACHEL DAVIS  
17—ROSE LUSTBADER  
17—BERTHOLD BREINER  
17—MAY ATLAS  
18—MINA CITRON  
19—ISAAC ZUCKERMAN  
19—SAMUEL FEIFER  
20—GIZELA LANDAU  
20—SAMUEL WILNER  
20—HAROLD RUBIN  
20—REGINE BIRNBACH  
21—EVA B. JACOBS  
21—HYMAN ROSENBLUM  
21—ESTHER SCHWARTZ

**HEADLINES OF  
JEWISH INTEREST****TV coverage of Israel Independence—**

For the benefit of our readers, we list below two programs which will be shown during the next week in conjunction with Israel Independence Day.

**The Thirteenth Step—**

On Saturday night, April 22, at 8 P.M., WOR (Channel 9) will televise a special one hour broadcast entitled "The Thirteenth Step". Featured on this show will be a film and a live review with Theodore Bikel, Shoshana Damari, and others.

**Wonderama—**

On Sunday, April 16, at 10 A.M. WNEW (Channel 5) will feature a four hour program entitled "A Trip to Israel". The moderator, Sonny Fox, will discuss his recent trip to Israel and present movies of the places which he visited. As part of the live show, Yaffa Yarkoni will sing, several dance groups — including a Yemenite Troupe — will perform and an Israeli composer will teach Israel songs.

**ETHICS OF THE FATHERS CLASS  
TO BEGIN THIS SATURDAY**

This Saturday afternoon, at 5:30, the Ethics of the Fathers class will begin its session in the library of the synagogue. These sessions are scheduled to continue throughout the summer and will be held regularly about one hour before Mincha service.

Summer Sabbath afternoons are characteristically long and warm. The opportunity to come to the air-conditioned synagogue library and participate in this class should be an enticing one if only from the point of view of physical comfort. When you add the extra ingredient of the stimulating study of a basic book of Judaism opportunity becomes almost irresistible.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will begin with the 5th Chapter of the Ethics of the Fathers, a work which offers many fundamental concepts in the area of Jewish ethics. The work is studied with the commentaries of medieval and modern scholars and an opportunity is offered for group discussion and evaluation of the ideas presented.

Why not begin this Saturday to attend the class in Ethics of the Fathers regularly. The time is 5:30.

**K. J. CALENDAR****SATURDAY — 5:30 P.M.**

Class in Ethics of the Fathers

**SUNDAY — 6:30 P.M.**

Supper Lecture

**TUESDAY — 8:30 P.M.**

Men's Club Forum Meeting

— Celebrating —

Israel Independence Day

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

Young Adults Meeting

Social Hall

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

Annual Membership Meeting

**SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 29**

Young Marrieds Meeting

at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman

**YOUNG ADULTS TO SEE  
ISRAEL SLIDES ON APRIL 23rd**

The Young Adults League of the Congregation will hold its next regular meeting on Sunday evening, April 23 at 8:00 o'clock in the social hall. At that meeting Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will show his set of slides on Israel and will comment on life in Israel as reflected in these slides.

The program is being conducted in conjunction with Israel Independence Day. All young adults are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND**

We acknowledge with thanks, contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund by Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Harry Heyman, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, and Mrs. Isaac E. Okun.

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

**CONDOLENCE**

We extend our sincere condolences to our devoted member, Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, upon the loss of her beloved father. Similar condolences are extended to our devoted member I. Jerome Riker upon the loss of his brother.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families. We pray that the Almighty may spare them further grief for many years to come.