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Ninetieth Anniversary Resolution

WHEREAS, the year 1962 marks the 90th year since the founding of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, and

WHEREAS, Kehilath Jeshurun has during the ninety years of its existence maintained itself as a Congregation, loyal to the traditions of Israel and faithful to the laws and practices of the Jewish religion as recorded in the Shulchan Aruch, and

WHEREAS, Kehilath Jeshurun has throughout its history encouraged its members and worshippers to live in accordance with the traditions of our faith and to be ever responsive to the needs and problems of the Jewish people everywhere, and

WHEREAS, Kehilath Jeshurun always sought to impart the religion and culture of Israel to succeeding generations by the establishment and maintenance of religious schools for the young, and

WHEREAS, the achievements and traditions of Kehilath Jeshurun over the years have helped to advance the prestige and influence of traditional Judaism in this land,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:—

¶ The year 5722-23 in the Jewish calendar be declared the Ninetieth Anniversary year of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and that commencing with the High Holy Days of that year, a series of events be planned for the appropriate celebration of the occasion.

¶ That in view of the progressive growth of the Congregation, the Sanctuary and the Synagogue House be suitably renovated and improved, in order to provide the expanded facilities that are required for the furtherance of the religious, educational, and communal activities of the Congregation.

¶ That the Ramaz School, founded under the sponsorship of the Congregation twenty-five years ago and which has achieved universal renown as one of the foremost educational institutions of its kind, be provided with greatly needed facilities to accommodate the increasing number of students seeking admission to the school.

¶ That for all these purposes, a Ninetieth Anniversary Fund of five hundred thousand dollars be collected to be used partly for the regular religious and educational activities of the Congregation, partly for the proposed renovations and alterations of the Sanctuary and the Synagogue House, and partly for the erection of a new building for Ramaz School.

In making these resolutions, we express in reverence and humility our gratitude to Almighty God for the wisdom and idealism that He gave to the founders of the Congregation, and for His bounty and goodness to us over the years. We invoke His benediction upon us and upon our children and upon those who will come after them. May His presence never depart from our midst.

ברוך שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

Blessed be He who gave us life and preserved us and enabled us to reach this day.

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

"THE PRIESTLY CODE — WHAT MAY A LAYMAN LEARN FROM IT?"

HALF MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN VOTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

90th ANNIVERSARY OF CONGREGATION TO BE CELEBRATED

Etra, Roth, Gershman Re-elected; Shulsky New Treasurer

The auditorium of the Synagogue House was filled to overflowing on Thursday evening, April 27, for the 89th Annual Meeting of the Congregation. This meeting was an historic one for our Congregation. It marked the presentation and unanimous approval of a resolution establishing the year 1962 as the 90th Anniversary year of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

The resolution provided for a 90th Anniversary Fund of \$500,000 to be used for the religious and educational activities of the Congregation, for the renovation and alteration of the sanctuary and Synagogue House and for the erection of a new building for Ramaz school.

The membership responded to this resolution with enthusiasm and granted it unanimous approval. Implicit in the approval was an expression of gratitude to God for his blessings upon us in the past, a prayer for his continued graciousness in the future and a fervent hope that this Congregation will be equal to its holy responsibility of providing religious leadership for the members of the community.

Thirty-six New Members Inducted

Hyman I. Bucher on behalf of the Membership Committee presented thirty six new members for formal induction into the ranks of Kehilath Jeshurun. These members had been previously approved by the Board of Trustees and were officially elected to membership by a unanimous vote. The

names of the inductees are: Joseph Aizer, M. H. Berkson, Dr. Hyman I. Biegeleisen, David D. Brockman, Maks L. Birnach, Henry K. Chapman, Adolph Citron, James Clark, Mrs. Jennie J. Furman, Samuel Garfinkel, Larry Gelbart, Mrs. Bessie C. H. Goodman, Dr. Norman B. Javitt, Emanuel M. Kaufman, Mrs. Sarah Klein, Samuel Lukashok, Mrs. Dinah Luloff, Manfred M. Magnus, Dr. Norman Orentreich, Harold Pash, David Pik, Mrs. Anne S. Pomex, Seymour Propp, Stanley G. Reiss, Lawrence Rosenzweig, Joseph B. Rossant, Frank Roth, Frank Sadinoff, Seymour Sadinoff, Irving I. Schnur, Irwin Shapiro, Tobias Shapiro, Adrian Skydell, Herbert Steinman, Dr. Miriam E. Trachman and Dr. Sadie Edith Trachman.

New Treasurer Elected

Ira F. Weisman, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented the new slate of officers for approval. Max J. Etra was unanimously elected for his twenty-second term as President of the Congregation. Joseph Roth was similarly re-elected for a second term as Vice President. Joseph S. Gershman received similar approval for a second term as Secretary.

Mr. Weisman surprised the membership by announcing that Samuel A. Marcus, our Treasurer for the past seven years, asked to be relieved of his office. The Chairman described Mr. Marcus as "a gentle person, esteemed and admired by all." He asserted: "We are anxious that Sam Marcus should know that he retires with honor and with affection and with the warmest wishes and blessings of the entire Congregation."

As the nominee for Treasurer, Mr. Weisman presented the name of Elgin Shulsky. Mr. Shulsky, a Trustee of the Congregation and of Ramaz School and the President for the past three years of the Men's Club, was elected to office enthusiastically.

Anniversarians Presented

In accordance with our accepted practice, several members, who were observing important anniversaries of their affiliation with the Congregation, were honored. Dr. Eli Goldstein, Celebrating his 25th Anniversary and Dr. Louis H. Berk, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Yoh-

ann celebrating their 20th Anniversaries, were presented impressively by Joseph Roth, and were greeted enthusiastically by the members. They were given an appropriate certificate by the President to commemorate the event.

Trustees Elected

The following Trustees were re-elected for a term of three years: Max J. Etra, A. Phillip Goldsmith, Samuel A. Marcus, Samuel Rosen, Nathan Salzman and Elgin Shulsky.

Memorial to the Departed

In keeping with our custom over the years, a brief Memorial Service was held for those of the Congregation who were taken from us during the past year. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein delivered touching eulogies for Rozella Brenner, Nathan Flax, D. Harry Kleinfeld, Dora Kopit, Samuel Ratner, Stella Schoenfeld, Seppy I. Silberman, Aaron J. Simon and Stella Sommers. Cantor A. Joseph Cohen chanted the Memorial Prayer while the entire assemblage rose in reverence and tribute to their memory.

Adult Institute Ceremony

One of the most impressive features of the Annual Meeting was the presentation of 108 members of our congregational family who attended regularly at least one course in our Adult Institute this year. The presentation was made by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, who cited these students for their pursuit

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SAMUEL A. MARCUS
Retiring Treasurer



ELGIN SHULSKY
Treasurer Elect

ANNUAL MEETING

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of Jewish learning and for their efforts to broaden their intellectual horizons. The students rose during the presentation and were given the acclaim which they so richly deserve.

Our Assistant Rabbi also called upon Mrs. Charles Cohen, Mr. Joseph Fuchs, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein and Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz, the teachers of our four Hebrew classes this year, to take a bow. These teachers, besides their having earned the admiration, esteem and affection of their students, have also been awarded a gift membership in the Jewish Publication Society of America as a token of our gratitude for their efforts.

Ramaz Membership Meeting

The Ramaz Membership Corporation held a brief meeting which was presided over by Mr. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ramaz School. Nominations for Trustees and for Associate Trustees were presented and approved

by the membership. The Trustees elected were: A. Phillip Goldsmith, Benjamin Kaufman, Saul J. Lance and Henry M. Rem. The Associate Trustees who were approved were: Jacob P. Shulman and Abbott Simon.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein concluded the meeting with his closing remarks, which have become one of the delightful and welcome features of our Annual Meetings. This year, however, these remarks had a note of special urgency about them. The Rabbi spoke of a ninety year old congregation, almost the only congregation, to reach such a milestone and still to maintain its original character. He spoke of a congregation which cherishes the old without being afraid of the new, which still uses the traditional prayer book but which has brought dignity to the service, which is guided by all the precepts of Jewish Law but which lives in a modern age and which appeals to the modern Jew.

Commenting on a passage in the Ethics of the Fathers, the Rabbi said that ninety years may find the human

organism bowed and bent, or striding confidently ahead. He expressed the hope and the conviction that for Kehilath Jeshurun the 90th Anniversary will reflect progress and fulfillment.

The Challenge Ahead

In this spirit, the President in his Annual Report said that: "This milestone should serve not as a station for rest, but as a point from which to advance. It should become a cause of celebration, but also a stimulus for greater challenge.

We must be prepared to attract many others into the fold of Traditional Judaism. We must provide improved facilities for our ever expanding program of activities. Above all, we must provide for Ramaz School the buildings and the educational opportunities that are essential for an institution of her prominence and prestige.

What a challenge is before us! What an adventure lies ahead! What a blessing may be ours!"

— ANNIVERSARIANS HONORED —

Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Yohann accepting congratulations on their 20th Anniversary as members of the Congregation.



Dr. Eli Goldstein receiving certificate from Max J. Etra, in honor of the 25th Anniversary of his membership in the Congregation.



Dr. Louis H. Berk being congratulated by the President on his 20th Anniversary as a member.



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn receiving their certificate on their 20th Anniversary of membership.

FINAL NOTICE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance goes to press on Wednesday, May 10th. All names must be in our custody no later than Wednesday morning, May 10th in order to be included in the Book.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns to Mrs. Erich Buechler, Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Arthur M. Rosen, Isadore Schlang, Jules M. Sax and Maurice Wegier.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Max Scheidt.

Get Well —

We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Milton Herman who underwent surgery recently and is recuperating at home.

Bon Voyage —

We wish a pleasant trip and safe return to the following, who are leaving shortly for Israel: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Block, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Margareten, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth.

Welcome Home —

We extend a hearty welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baumgarten and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Etra who have just returned from their trips to Israel.

KIDDUSH HOST

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein in celebration of the birth of their daughter, Mindy.

ACTIVITIES REPORT AVAILABLE

Copies of the 1961 Report on Activities of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, which were distributed at the Annual Meeting, are available upon request. If you desire a copy, please contact the synagogue office.



Part of the 300 members of our congregational family who attended the Annual Meeting as they stood for the singing of our National Anthem.

YOUNG MARRIEDS

A regular meeting of the Young Marrieds Group of the Congregation was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman last Saturday night. A fine group of young couples was in attendance.

The meeting was highlighted by a discussion introduced by Joel Lewittes on the subject of dual loyalties. The extent to which Israel exercises a political influence on Jews in this country was explored. The group discussed the individual Jew's relationship to Israel as it affects one's loyalty to the United States.

The discussion produced several interesting questions. What constitutes loyalty to one's country? Is it patriotic for an American to assert "my country, right or wrong?" Is criticism of Ameri-

can foreign policy in relation to Israel to be considered differently from criticism with respect to Cuba or Spain? Can one be patriotic and still believe in a higher morality which transcends national policies?

These and other questions were discussed frankly with a view toward clarifying the members' personal position in these matters. The discussion was one of the most interesting and useful ones which the group has ever conducted.

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds will take place on Sunday evening, June 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Lewittes, 10 East End Avenue. All members are urged to reserve that date.



A partial view of the special section for new members of the Congregation who were inducted at the Annual Meeting.

THE WEEKLY PORTION**EMOR****A Controversial Verse**

In this week's portion, there appears a verse which provided a rich source of conflict in the Jewish community more than a thousand years ago. The conflict was between the traditional stream of Jewish life and the Karaite Reform movement. The verse concerns the period of the counting of the Omer.

The verse reads as follows: "And you shall count for yourselves from the morrow of the Sabbath, from the day on which you bring the Omer offering, seven full weeks. Until the morrow of the Seventh Sabbath you shall count fifty days, whereupon you shall bring a new offering unto the Lord."

The Karaites interpreted this verse literally, as they did every other verse in the Bible. They began counting the Omer on the day following the first Sabbath after the beginning of Passover. They then counted for fifty days and observed Shavuoth on the fiftieth day. Thus, for the Karaites, Shavuoth always fell on Sunday.

The traditional interpretation of our verse was not a literal one, but was rather an interpretation based upon the context in which the verse is found. The word "Sabbath" does not only refer to the seventh day of the week but is also used in the Bible interchangeably with Yom Tov (where the rules of the Sabbath also apply) and frequently connotes not a day but a week of seven days or a cycle of seven years.

With this as a background, we can understand the Talmudic readings of the above verse. "And you shall count for yourselves from the morrow of the Yom Tov (first day of Passover) . . . until the morrow of the seventh week you shall count fifty days . . .

The main body of Jewry has always begun the counting of the Omer on the second day of Passover and observed Shavuoth seven weeks from that day. This year, for example, Passover began on Saturday and Shavuoth will begin on Sunday. The Karaite interpretation was not only theoretically at odds with the tradition; it also resulted in creating a separate calendar for some Jews. It is perhaps this divisive interpretation which set the Karites apart from the rest of the community to a degree which made their survival an ultimate impossibility.

H. L.

SISTERHOOD CLOSING MEETING

on Monday, May 15

at 12:30 o'clock

in the Social Hall

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The Guest Speaker will be

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

Luncheon will be served

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

will be held on

Tuesday evening, May 23

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The Guest Speaker will be

PROFESSOR HENRY GRAAFF

of Columbia University

— Topic —

"John F. Kennedy — Retrospect and Prospect"

Ladies Invited



A view of the membership enjoying the collation and the socializing which followed the Annual Meeting.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY*

Evening 6:15

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Weekly Portion: Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Haftorah: Ezekiel 44:15-31
Evening 7:45
Conclusion of Sabbath 8:30

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.

Yahrzeits

May

6—HARRIS GREEN
7—EDWARD BERNARD
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CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere condolence to our devoted member, Joseph L. Breslow, upon the loss of his beloved brother, Arthur.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and pray that the Almighty may spare them further grief for many years to come.

THE JEWRY BOX

LAST WEEK

HENRY M. REM
ELGIN SHULSKY

K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY — 6:45 P.M.

Sabbath Afternoon Class
Ethics of the Fathers

WEDNESDAY — 8:00 P.M.

Talmud Class

MONDAY, MAY 15

12:30 P.M.
Sisterhood Closing Meeting

8:00 P.M.

Am HaSefer Group II

At the Home of
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Akabas
160 East 89th Street

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Men's Club Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Junior Congregation Outing

KOSHER BUTCHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the information of residents of Yorkville we list below the neighborhood butcher shops that are under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

Max Backer — 202 E. 87th Street — AT 9-7234

L. Berger — 1224 Lexington Avenue — TR 7-9888.

Eugent Czeisler — 1520 York Avenue — RH 4-6488.

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Fishman and Falkowitz — 1229 Madison Avenue — SU 7-3545

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