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*We extend our best wishes
for a Happy Shavuoth to
our members and friends.*

SHAVUOTH IN THE SYNAGOGUE

The holiday of Shavuoth will be observed this year on Sunday and Monday, May 21st and 22nd. As always, it will be an inspiring occasion at Kehilath Jeshurun.

The synagogue will be gaily decorated in keeping with the special traditions of this spring holiday. The final priestly benedictions of the year will be pronounced by the Kohanim.

Special Features — First Day

The first day of the holiday will be marked by the reading of that part of the Torah which contains the Ten Commandments. Prior to the reading, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will chant the traditional Akdamuth prayer.

Special Features — Second Day

On Monday, the Book of Ruth will be chanted by four young men of the congregation. They are:

Robert Pik	Lanny Binstock
David Kahn	Stuart Schlang

Those who have heard our young men read in the past, know that a special treat is in store for us. The reading will begin at 10 o'clock. Please try to be in your seats before that time.

Memorial prayers will be recited on Monday for the last time until the Day of Atonement next fall. The 1961-62 Book of Remembrance will be distributed for use during these prayers.

Three Day Weekend

Make May 20, 21 and 22 a special Three Day Weekend for yourself and your family. Come to the Synagogue this Sabbath on the Eve of the Festival and be sure to be with us for the Festival days. This will be a fitting conclusion to our congregational year.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

cordially invites its members and friends

to attend the

22nd ANNUAL MEETING

THIS TUESDAY, MAY 23rd

8:30 P.M.

in the Social Hall



Program

President's Report
Induction of New Members
Election of Officers



ADDRESS BY

DR. HENRY GRAAFF

Professor of American History, Columbia University

— Topic —

"JOHN F. KENNEDY — RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT"



The traditional Men's Club collation will be served

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Ladies Invited

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Will Preach This Saturday At 11:00 o'clock
"STEPPING STONES TO SINAI"

MRS. REUBEN POPKIN ELECTED PRESIDENT AT CLOSING SISTERHOOD MEETING

Twenty Four New Members Inducted

The Sisterhood of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun concluded its 75th Anniversary season with a most impressive luncheon meeting held in the Social Hall of the Synagogue House. The luncheon was arranged by the members of the Hospitality Committee, Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Mrs. Isadore Schlang and Mrs. Samuel Witkin, aided by the efforts of Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman,

New President Elected

There were several highlights of this closing meeting. The most important, was the election of a new slate of officers for the 1961-62 season. Mrs. Meyer Texon, president of the Sisterhood for the past three years, asked to be relieved of her august position. Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the name of Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin for nomination. The popular past Vice President of the Sisterhood was elected enthusiastically to head the organization.

In relinquishing the office of President, Mrs. Texon thanked the group for the loyalty of its members and for the warmth and friendship which pervades the atmosphere of the Sisterhood. She cited this organization of women, as one in which competition ceases and cooperation begins.

Mrs. Popkin, upon taking office, thanked the past President and promised to try to carry on the splendid tradition of leadership which has been characteristic of Sisterhood Presidents. She asserted, that she follows readily in the footsteps of her predecessor for "Ami is a Texon and I am a Texan" (of the geographic variety). On behalf of the Sisterhood, Mrs. Popkin presented Mrs. Texon with a beautiful silver bowl with a heart centerpiece, inscribed as follows: "To Ami, whose leadership has infused the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood with new heart and new spirit."

New Vice President

Mrs. Abrams then presented the name of Mrs. William Lebowitz for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Lebowitz, who distinguished herself as a most successful and energetic Program Chairman for the organization, was elected unanimously. Mrs. Elgin Shulsky, whose minutes are a delight to hear and who has served as Chairman of the Donor Luncheon

for the past two years, was re-elected Secretary. Mrs. Samuel Gross, whose expert handling of the books has kept the Sisterhood in a favorable financial balance, was re-elected Treasurer.

24 New Members Inducted

Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, Chairman of the Membership Committee, introduced 24 new members for their formal induction into the ranks of the Sisterhood. As a token of this induction, each new member was presented with an appropriate corsage. The names of the 24 ladies are: Mrs. Sydney Axelrod, Mrs. Leo Breindel, Mrs. Adolph Citron, Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. Reuben Cohen, Mrs. Abraham Ernst, Mrs. Harry Freundlich, Mrs. Jennie J. Furman, Mrs. Dora Gutman, Mrs. Fred Kahn, Mrs. Sarah Klein, Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, Mrs. Erwin Linden, Mrs. Saul Linzer, Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, Mrs. Simon Newell, Mrs. Jack Perlberger, Mrs. David Pik, Mrs. Charles Reinhold, Mrs. Tobias Shapiro, Mrs. Adrian Skydell, Mrs. Sam Taffet, Mrs. Israel Wachter and Mrs. George Weiss.

In addition to the above mentioned ladies, Mrs. Judah Richman, Mrs. Max Sadinoff and Mrs. Irving I. Schur were present at the meeting and indicated that they would like to be the first new members for next year.

Remarks by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

The meeting was brought to a close by the traditional remarks of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. The Rabbi was introduced by Mrs. Romie Shapiro, Program Chairman.

The Rabbi devoted himself to the subject of friendship, commenting upon it from a variety of viewpoints.

A partial summary of his talk follows: Friendship is not a bright "how do you do?" It is not a perfunctory "peck on the cheek." It is not reflected in the outworn appellation, "darling", a word which, applied indiscriminately, assumes a synthetic and superficial character.

Life without a friend is like a home without a mirror. Through our friends, we get a picture of ourselves, and these friends are an accurate measure of the people themselves.

Friends should be enjoyed, but never possessed. Often, parents have a possessive attitude towards children. Husband and wife frequently try to possess each other, rather than to love each other. The possession of a friend turns him into an object and makes a human relationship impossible.

Friends Ought Not to be Abused

H. G. Wells once wrote: "The path of social advancement is and must be strewn with broken friendship." When friends are used as stepping stones on the social ladder and are discarded as soon as one feels that he has advanced a number of rungs, this is a distressing abuse of friendship. Friendship should exist, according to the Talmud, for friendship's sake and should not be predicated upon anything else. Friendship should allow people to grow together and to increase their understanding of life simultaneously. When two people, be they friends or lovers, do not grow together, they tend to grow apart.

These are some of the variations on the theme of friendship which the Rabbi presented to the members of the Sisterhood. He closed with the appropriate suggestion that "if you want to have a friend, be a friend."

SCHEDULE OF SHAVUOTH SERVICES

Saturday, May 20, Shavuoth Eve	
Evening	8:00
Sunday, May 21, Shavuoth I	
Morning	9:00
Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach at 11:00 o'clock	
Evening	6:15
Monday, May 22, Shavuoth II	
Morning	9:00
Memorial Prayers are recited as part of this Service	
Evening	8:00

THE WEEKLY PORTION

NASO

(This Portion will be read on
Saturday, May 27)

The Holy Sinner

The Portion of Naso contains a detailed description of the laws concerning the Nazarite. The Nazarite was a man who made a vow to abstain from certain joys of life, among which are the drinking of wine and the grooming of one's hair. The Bible, speaking of him, says: "during all of his days as a Nazarite, he is holy unto the Lord".

At the conclusion of his period of abstention from these joys, the Nazarite is required to bring an offering to the Temple, "to atone for his sin against the soul". Our Sages ask appropriately: "against what soul did he sin which warrants atonement?" Their answer is that he sinned against his own soul for he denied himself wine.

The Nazarite is, thus, a holy sinner — holy because he is abstaining from the joys of life out of a desire to be unusually pious; a sinner because he denies himself those blessings which are the inalienable rights of man. Our Sages further assert that, "if this man, who denied himself wine only, is termed a sinner, how much more so is he who denies himself the enjoyment of everything in life."

Excessive righteousness in the form of self-denial is abhorrent to Judaism. The religious ascetic, who refrains from eating meat or drinking wine or marrying or living in a pleasant dwelling place or wearing an attractive garment, is considered to be a sinner, according to Maimonides in his Code of Law. Concerning this type of conduct, Solomon declared in the Book of Proverbs: "be not excessively righteous nor inordinately wise — why should you destroy yourself?"

A Truly righteous person enjoys all the treasures of life, physical and spiritual. His piety and holiness are indicated by the blessing that he makes before enjoying these treasures. By so doing, he indicates that God is the source of all life's treasures and that joy and happiness are themselves a form of divine worship. As it is written "serve the Lord in happiness, come before him in gladness."

H. L.

You, your family, and your friends are cordially invited to attend

YOUTH SABBATH

next Saturday, May 27

Morning Services 9:00

Cantors

P'Sukai DeZimrah	Stuart Podell
Shacharith	Steven Gross
Musaf	Stephen Texon

Readers

George Baumgarten	Steven Klein
Lanny Binstock	Robert Pik
David Herman	Stuart Podell
David Kahn	Martin Sage

Evening Services 8:10

Cantor	George Baumgarten
Reader	Richard Etra
Ma'ariv	Frederic Sax

A HEARTY THANK YOU

As our congregational year draws to a close it is most fitting that we express publicly our gratitude to the Senior and Junior Boards of Ushers who have served throughout the year.

The ushers of the congregation contribute nobly to the dignity and the decorum of our services. They also help to make worshippers more comfortable by presenting them with a Talith and a prayer book and they welcome newcomers to the congregation by ushering them to their seats.

This voluntary service is deeply appreciated by the membership. We pray that the ushers of the synagogue will be blessed and rewarded by Him who rewards "all those who serve the needs of the public faithfully."

The Senior Board of Ushers is composed of the following gentlemen: Eugene Alpert, Nico deGraaff, Milton Eletz, Maurice N. Jaffe, Dr. Harry Kaplan, Gerald S. Kaufman, Abraham R. Kirshon, Martin Klein, Lawrence A. Kobrin, Edward Lebowitz, William Lebowitz, Benjamin L. Leifert, Martin Markson, Louis Moskowitz, Ira W. Nadler, Jack Perlberger, Ralph Perlberger, Gilbert Portnoy, Arthur M.

Rosen, Norman C. Ryp, Elgin Shulsky and Lewis D. Siegel.

The Junior Board of Ushers is composed of the following: George Baumgarten, Lanny Binstock, Joel Eichler, Marshall Etra, Steven Gross, Steven Klein, Stanley Kurzweil, Robert Leifert, Jon Mills, Sandy Perlman, Stuart Podell, Stuart Schlang, Michael Sigall, Stephen Texon and Mark Wallach.

Usherettes: Clara Davis, Harriet Garfinkel, Deborah Kaplan, Carol Kaufman, Naomi Lebowitz, Frana Mills and Vivian Salzman.

PLEASE NOTE

This bulletin contains the schedule of services for the forthcoming two weeks. Please retain this issue for your information. The next issue of the bulletin will appear on Friday, June 2nd.

KIDDUSH HOSTS

The Kiddush, this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hollander in honor of the yahrzeit of their parents.

THE JEWRY BOX

LAST WEEK

ABBOTT SIMON
HERBERT H. STRAUSS
SAM TAFFET
HARRY TENENBAUM

THIS WEEK

MILTON ELETZ
JACK LEFKOWITZ
ALBERT WALD

NEXT WEEK

LEO BRIENDEL
DR. ROBERT WALLACH

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

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*FRIDAY, MAY 19

Evening 6:15

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Bemidbar

Numbers 1:1-4:20

Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22

Evening 8:00

Conclusion of Sabbath 8:40

(The Schedule of Services for Shavuoth can be found on page two of this bulletin)

*FRIDAY, MAY 26

Evening 6:15

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Naso

Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

Evening 8:10

Conclusion of Sabbath 8:50

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.

CONDOLENCE

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member, Louis Schneider, dear husband of Essie, and beloved brother of our devoted member, George Schneider.

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

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays —

Many happy returns to Ernest Adler, Justin J. Bayer, Mrs. Samson Eichler, Milton Eletz, Mrs. Caroline Goldstein, Alexander Kommel, Hon. George Postel, Jacob P. Shulman, Elgin Shulsky, Abris Silberman, Mrs. Max L. Som, Mrs. Michael E. Sorock, Mrs. Louis Stokar, Mrs. Ruth Wax, Mrs. Reuben Westerman, Herman Wouk, Mrs. Albert A. Zuch.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adler, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bachrach, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Karlin, Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell, and Mr and Mrs. Albert Wald.

Yahrzeits

May

20—MELICHAR HOLLANDER
20—BERTHA HOLLANDER
20—GITEL HOSTYK
21—MORRIS WEISS
21—IDA JERSKEY
21—DAVID WALD
22—JAY J. WEISMAN
22—MARY GOODMAN
22—LINA JAFFE
22—ADOLPH HIRSCH
23—JENNIE RESNICK
23—HENRY SCHARF
24—DORA HARRIS
24—ROSE MANDEL
25—MARY J. SILBERMAN
25—MOSES WARSHAVSKY
26—JACOB H. ALPERT
26—JACOB WEISS
26—SAMUEL SHAPIRO
27—HYMAN HYAMS
28—DAVID S. TRACHMAN
29—REBECCA E. ABELOFF
29—IRVING BACHRACH
29—REBECCA GREENBERG
29—SAMUEL B. COOPERMAN
29—MARS COHN
30—TANCHUM SILBERMAN
30—MEYER VESELL
31—CELIA BREITBART

June

1—MENUCHAH GREEN
1—ARTHUR DAVID BOXER
1—NELLIE LENT
1—ROSE S. SMITH
2—DORA ROSENBERG
2—SAM LEFKOWITZ
2—KALMAN CHARNOW

K. J. CALENDAR

SATURDAY — 7:00 P.M.
Sabbath Afternoon Class
Ethics of the Fathers

TUESDAY — 8:30 P.M.

Men's Club Meeting

**SATURDAY — MAY 27,
7:10 P.M.**

Sabbath Afternoon Class
Ethics of the Fathers

SUNDAY — MAY 28

Junior Congregation Outing

SUNDAY — JUNE 11,

Young Marrieds Meeting
at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Lewittes
10 East End Avenue

REMINDER NO. 1

The next issue of the Bulletin will feature academic news concerning all the young people in our congregational family. This is the period of the year when many of them are celebrating educational milestones.

We are most anxious to record all the pertinent news of an academic nature. Will you cooperate with us by sending information of this nature to the synagogue office without delay. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

REMINDER NO. 2

In our last issue of the Bulletin we called to your attention the forthcoming Torah Leadership Seminar which will be conducted by the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University at Camp Monroe from August 25th through September 4th. The immediate response to this notice has been most gratifying. Several of our young people have already made applications for acceptance in this Seminar. Those who are interested in this activity and who have not as yet communicated with us, are asked to do so without delay. Further information may be obtained by speaking to Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.