

# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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## SPIRIT OF YOUTH SABBATH UNDAMPENED BY RAIN STORM

Some two hundred worshippers braved a most untimely rain storm, in order to be present at services in the synagogue last Saturday and to help observe Youth Sabbath in our Congregation. Those who made the heroic effort to attend were well rewarded by a most impressive service.

Stuart Podell began the service by chanting the difficult melody of the opening portion of the service. Steven Gross took over from him and served as the Cantor during Shacharith. He sang with feeling, with clarity, and with a melodic tone which is unusual in an adolescent voice. Stephen Texon served as Cantor during Musaf. The rich baritone quality of Stephen's voice made one think of the many liturgical singers who have grown into fine concert performers.

The readers of the Torah, George Baumgarten, Lanny Binstock, David Kahn, Steven Klein, Robert Pik, Stuart Podell and Stuart Schlang handled a most difficult portion from the Torah with consummate ease and with great precision. Martin Sage, who was unable to walk the long distance in the rain, would certainly have done admirably also.

In the evening, George Baumgarten lead the Mincha service and Frederic Sax served as the Cantor for Maariv. Both acquitted themselves admirably. Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, deserves our hearty thanks and congratulations on the achievements of these boys who he trained so beautifully. We look forward to many more Youth Sabbaths in the future and we earnestly hope that the meteorological conditions on those Sabbaths will match the high standards of the boys' liturgical accomplishments.

אלו דברים שאדם אוכל פרותיהם בעולם הזה והקרן קימת לו לעולם הבא...  
(שבת קבו, א) והשכמת בית המדרש שחרית וערבית

**The following gentlemen, who have served a term of Jewry Duty during the past year, are assured of the gratitude of the Congregation. May they also receive the blessings of the Almighty.**

Hyman Abrams	Harry Heyman	Joseph Roth
Aaron L. Akabas	William Heyman	Norman C. Ryp
Jonas Adler	Eugene Hollander	Nathan Salzman
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William Etra	David Miller	Marco Wachter
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Dr. Eli Goldstein	Henry M. Rem	Louis W. Yohann
Dr. Frank Goodman	Arthur M. Rosen	Albert A. Zuch
David Gordon	Samuel Rosen	Louis Zucker
David Hefter	J. Wm. Rosenbluth	Dr. Morris Zuckerman
Milton Herman		

**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Will Preach This Saturday At 11:00 o'clock  
WHEN THE LORD'S PEOPLE ARE PROPHETS . . .**

## MARTIN MARKSON ELECTED PRESIDENT AT CLOSING MEN'S CLUB MEETING

### Twenty-one New Members Inducted

The Men's Club of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun concluded its Twenty-Second season with a most impressive Annual Meeting held in the Social Hall of the Synagogue House. The meeting was marked by the election of a new slate of officers, the induction of twenty-one new members and a brilliant address by Professor Henry Graff, Chairman of the History Department at Columbia University.

The election of officers was the second item on the agenda, following closely upon a comprehensive presidential report delivered by Elgin Shulsky who served as the President for the past three years. Ira F. Weisman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the name of Martin Markson, for President. Mr. Markson, who has been Vice-President for the past three years and who has served as Chairman of Adult Education during the recent period when our Adult Institute expanded its program, was elected unanimously and enthusiastically.

His fellow officers, elected with him, are: William Lebowitz, Vice President; Hon. George Postel, Secretary; Abraham R. Kirshon, Treasurer; and Dr. Jack Lieberman; Comptroller.

We are sure that this administration will lead the Men's Club to even greater heights in its future programs.

Twenty-one new members were welcomed by Mr. Shulsky into the fold of the Men's Club. They are:

M. H. Berkson  
James Clark  
Cantor A. Joseph Cohen  
Dr. Albert Cornell  
Joseph Eckhaus  
Abraham Ernst  
Oscar Gudis  
David Hefter  
Saul Linzer  
Dr. Raymond S. Megibow  
Harry Morgenstern  
Simon Newell  
Gilbert Portnoy  
Mortimer J. Propp  
Max Sadinoff  
Julius M. Sax  
George Schneider  
Irving I. Schnur  
Ralph Spencer  
Sam Taffet  
Noah Winkler

The highlight of the evening was a learned and fascinating address by

Professor Henry Graff. Dr. Graff showed that many of the values, which Americans cherished in the 1890's and in the era of Theodore Roosevelt, are still retained by us today. Documenting his assertions by historical references, our lecturer showed that in those days we practiced a collective self-righteousness; we whistled in the dark to prove that we were not afraid; we carried a big stick where we were sure that no one would strike back; we acquired island possessions and made a show of bringing reform to their borders, without actually doing so.

All of these conscious and unconscious policies were not necessarily detrimental to our survival as a nation at the turn of this century. The problem is, however, that many of these attitudes and policies are still being held in the sixth decade of the twentieth century. Professor Graff inferred that the battle for survival against totalitarian governments will not be made easier by the utilization of the above policies. Moreover, in order to survive, it might be necessary for us to make basic changes in the character of our government and the lives of our citizenry. Our lecturer's words left a profound — if not comforting — impression upon the listeners. There was considerable talk afterwards about the implications of Dr. Graff's thesis for our own lives.

The twenty-second Annual Meeting closed with a few brief remarks by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. The Rabbi tried to take a more optimistic view of the future as a theologian would look at it, over and above the analysis of the historian. He asserted, among other things, that America can survive best if it's self-righteous policies would be translated into righteous actions.

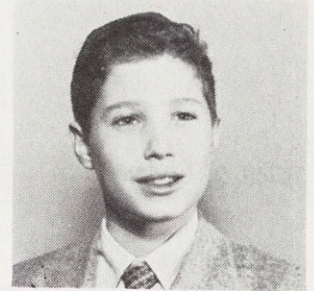
The traditional Men's Club collation brought this twenty-second year to a conclusion. We look forward to next season with keen anticipation.

#### — REMINDER —

#### YOUNG MARRIEDS MEETING

Sunday, June 11, — 7:30 P.M.  
at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Lewittes  
10 East End Avenue

#### RICHARD H. ETRA BAR MITZVAH



We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Richard.

The Bar Mitzvah, who is fondly known to the members of our congregational family as Dicky, is in the eighth grade of Ramaz School. He will read the Torah portion as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The Congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra at the kiddush following the services.

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

##### Birthdays —

Many happy returns to Mrs. Nathan Andrews, Dr. Hyman I. Biegeleisen, Mrs. Benjamin Deutsch, Miss Mildred Feinberg, Gerald M. Goldstein, Mrs. Abraham Jerskey, Abraham Mandel, Mrs. Benjamin Perlman, Charles T. Rosen, and Adolph Schenker.

##### Marriage —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Westerman upon the marriage of their daughter, Ida Esther to Dr. Theobald Reich of Riverdale, New York.

##### Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Ernst, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heyman, Dr. and Mrs. Norman B. Javitt, Mr. and Mrs. I. Jerome Riker, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlang.

##### Bon Voyage —

We wish a pleasant trip and safe return to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross, who are leaving for Europe and Israel. Dr. Gross will attend the International Congress of Dietetics in London.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lebowitz left last week for a trip to Israel and Europe. We wish them a very pleasant stay and a safe return.

##### New Residence —

We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Simon upon their moving into a new home.

## THE WEEKLY PORTION

## BEHAALOTEKHA

## "Chronic Complainers"

Our portion for this week presents a portrait of a personality type which is well known to the human race — the chronic complainer. The Children of Israel are described by the Torah as they near the Promised Land. Instead of being imbued with hope and confidence, they engage themselves in bewailing their fate. "And they said; 'Who will provide us with meat? We remember the fish which we ate in Egypt without charge; the cucumbers, the melons, the leek, the onions and the garlic; but now our soul is dried out; we have nothing but the manna to look forward to'".

There are two errors of fact in this complaint. First, the children of Israel were not on a varied and enriched diet in Egypt. They were slaves who probably lived on a semi-starvation diet. Second, the manna was not exactly the prototype of frugal living. According to the Talmud it had whatever taste the consumer wanted it to have.

We have here a portrait of the compulsive grumbler. He is the man who recalls fondly the good old days, which may not have been so good, and debunks furiously the present which might be a veritable Garden of Eden by comparison with the past. According to Professor Agus of Yeshiva University, much of medieval Jewish History was written incorrectly because the writers based themselves upon the evaluations of life in the Middle Ages, rendered by people who lived at that time. These evaluations were necessarily colored by the chronic complaints to which all human beings are prone.

Thus, the Medieval Jew, by comparison with his earlier ancestors, lived in a paradise, but he never could admit that to himself. Non-Jewish sources of that period indicate the strong and secure position which the Jewish population held in comparison with that maintained by the gentiles. The Jewish sources, however, bewail the fate of the Jew in a manner far from the proper proportions of reality.

The Torah, by inference, teaches that the only healthy attitude for a person, is to view one's situation realistically. Such an attitude will normally discourage discontent, grumbling, and chronic complaining, and will breed, on the other hand, a spirit of confidence and security.

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THE FIRST STEP  
IN THE REALIZATION OF  
OUR NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION



The building shown above adjoins the Synagogue House. The sign thereon announces plans for the erection of a new building for the Congregation and for Ramaz.

## SISTERHOOD BOARD TO MEET

The Executive Board of the Sisterhood will meet this coming Monday at 12:30 o'clock, at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten.

At this meeting plans will be formulated for Sisterhood activities for the coming year.

## THANK YOU

We express our sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Maurice S. Sage for the beautiful gift of two silver kiddush goblets, which they presented to the Congregation. The goblets are already in use at our Sabbath services and have contributed handsomely to the beauty of the Kiddush and Havdallah ceremonies in our synagogue.

## THE JEWRY BOX

## LAST WEEK

MILTON ELETZ  
JACK LEFKOWITZ  
J. WM. ROSENBLUTH  
ALBERT WALD  
AARON WELISH

## THIS WEEK

HON. GEORGE POSTEL  
NORMAN SHUTMAN  
REUBEN WESTERMAN  
LOUIS W. YOHANN

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

**CONGREGATION  
KEHILATH JESHURUN**

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Joseph Glatt

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A. Joseph Cohen ..... Cantor  
Israel D. Rosenberg ..... Ritual Director  
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Martin Markson ..... Pres., Men's Club  
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin ..... Pres., Sist.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**FRIDAY**

\*Evening ..... 6:15

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00

Weekly Portion: Behaalotekha  
Numbers 8:1-12:16

Haftorah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Evening ..... 8:10

Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 8:55

**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**

**June**

3—HARRY KATZ  
3—ANNA LEBOWITZ  
3—JAMES LEVY  
3—ROSE S. LIEBERMAN  
3—DORA KATZ  
3—LOUIS LEIFERT  
4—PHILIP SCHUCHMAN  
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6—AARON KURTZ  
8—GUIDO FREUND  
9—MAX RAFSKY  
9—LOUIS SIEGEL

**CAN YOU CLASSIFY PEOPLE?**

There are five personality types enumerated by our sages in the fifth chapter of the Ethics of the Fathers. They refer to the different dimensions of human achievement in the ethical and the intellectual realms. They are: "Bur", "Am HaAretz", "Golem", "Chacham", and "Chasid".

Do you know the difference between these types? Do you know the criteria used in classifying these different human personalities? If you are interested in understanding these definitions of personality as contained in the Talmud, come to the Ethics of the Fathers class this Saturday afternoon. The class will be held in the Synagogue library and will begin at 7:10.

**HAPPY DAY FUND**

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Happy Day fund from Mrs. Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Ida Golub Kitay, Mrs. Abraham L. Marcus, Mrs. Oscar Perlberger, Mrs. Joseph Roth, Mrs. Irving I. Schnur, Mrs. Elliott W. Siegel, Mrs. George Weiss, and Mrs. Reuben Westerman.

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

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman, 115 East 82nd Street, the new Chairman of the Happy Day Fund.

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Sabbath Afternoon Class

Ethics of the Fathers

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**MONDAY — 12:30 P.M.**

Sisterhood Board Meeting

at the summer home of

Mr. and Mrs.

Harry W. Baumgarten

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

**10:30 A.M.**

Meeting of Board of Trustees

Social Hall

**7:30 P.M.**

Young Marrieds Meeting

at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Lewittes

10 East End Avenue

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION  
REGULARS SEE YANKEES BOW**

Last Sunday, the prayers of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun succeeded in turning away the predicted rain clouds and replacing them with a beautiful day of sunshine. This made the day perfect for the outing of the regular worshippers of our Junior Congregation to the Yankee Stadium. More than a score of children attended this event.

Unfortunately, the prayers of our congregation were of no help to the New York Yankees. Much to our children's disappointment, the Yankees lost a thrilling slugfest to the Chicago White Sox in the first game of a double-header. The second game produced a Yankee victory; but the approaching darkness made it impossible for our youngsters to remain to see the results.

Mr. Erwin Linden and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dolgin and their daughter Tina accompanied the children to the ballpark and reported that they took the disappointing results like good sports. Next year, we hope that these children will again earn the right to attend such an event, and we promise to do everything possible to insure the success of the home team on that occasion.