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## INSPIRING SELICOTH SERVICE HELD

Last Saturday night, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun inaugurated the Penitential Season with a most memorable Selichoth Service. It was memorable on several counts.

The largest attendance ever of teenagers at such a service was further evidence of the interest younger folks are finding in Kehilath Jeshurun.

The ages of the worshippers ranged from under thirteen to over seventy-five. Husbands and wives came together. Mothers and fathers brought sons and daughters. Young people even brought their escorts to the service.

### A Formula For Homogeneity

On the surface this would seem to be a heterogeneous group. There was one common element, however, which united all the diverse groups — the desire to begin the High Holy Day Season in prayer.

From the first tone sounded by the Cantor opening the service, until the last word of the benediction uttered by the Rabbi in concluding the service, the mood and spirit of prayer were manifest.

Cantor Cohen sang certain special prayers in a thrilling manner. The Congregation sounded like a trained choir as it sang the traditional melodies and joined in the responsive readings. For those who found it difficult to follow the Hebrew, a number of prayers were read in unison in English.

### The Social Interlude

Prior to the service, a midnight snack was held in the social hall under the joint sponsorship of the Sisterhood and Men's Club. This social prelude served two purposes. It enabled friends to greet each other and it provided sufficient time for reminiscing and social reporting, so that, when the service started, all could devote their undivided attention to the prayers.

The Selichoth Service, thus, provided a warm, dignified, and inspiring beginning for our Congregational year.

### לשנה טובה תכתבו

The Officers and Officials of the congregation and its affiliates extend heartiest wishes to the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family for a year of health, happiness and blessedness.

May the year 5723 usher in an era of everlasting peace for all mankind.

### SPECIAL NOTE FOR ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

The Rosh Hashanah services at Kehilath Jeshurun are conducted in accordance with a carefully planned schedule. The service will begin at eight in the morning and will be concluded about one o'clock.

Every portion of the service is timed to receive the emphasis and concentration that it deserves. Prayer, to be effective and inspiring, must never be hasty and rushed.

A practice found to be appropriate in past years will be continued this year as well. The sermon will be delivered towards the close of the service rather than in the middle of it. Experience has shown that the congregation prefers this arrangement and that the worshippers are most receptive to a religious message at this time.

### Sounding of Shofar

We would like to remind our worshippers, that since the first day of Rosh Hashanah occurs on the Sabbath this year, the Shofar will be sounded only on the second day. In order not to miss this most salient ritual of the day, please be in your seats by 10 o'clock.

### SPECIAL CEREMONIES CONNECTED WITH ROSH HASHANAH

Although we usually think of the High Holy Days in terms of Synagogue Service, there are many beautiful ceremonies that take place outside the House of Worship.

#### At the Table

As is customary at every Holiday, the mother initiates the Holiday by lighting the Festival candles. The usual benedictions for the Sabbath and Holiday candles are, of course recited.

Following the Kiddush, the meal is begun by dipping the bread into honey. This symbolizes the desire for a sweet year. It is customary to dip an apple into honey and recite the following prayer. "Blessed Art Thou O Lord Our God, King of the Universe who createst the fruit of the tree."

It is also customary on the second night to make the Shehechyanu blessing over a new fruit.

#### Tashlich

Inasmuch as the first day of Rosh Hashanah occurs this year on the Sabbath, the Tashlich ceremony is performed on the second day. This ceremony takes place in the afternoon along the banks of a river or some other body of fresh water. Appropriate prayers are recited as part of this mystical custom, indicating our desire to cast off all sins from our persons and correct our ways.

In our community, we customarily gather for Tashlich about one hour before Mincha near the 85th Street entrance to the reservoir path in Central Park.

#### Rosh Hashanah Greetings

On Rosh Hashanah, upon leaving the Synagogue, all extend the High Holy Day greeting 'לשנה טובה תכתבו' 'May You Be Inscribed for a Good Year'.



### PLAN NOW FOR THE SUKKOTH FESTIVAL

Although it may seem somewhat premature to mention Sukkoth in a Rosh Hashanah bulletin, the joyous harvest festival of Sukkoth is but two weeks away.

The Holiday of Sukkoth, which begins this year on Friday evening, October 12, is marked by two special features which must be prepared in advance if the holiday is to be ushered in with a traditional gay and happy spirit.

#### Lulav and Ethrog

The first of these features is the Lulav and Ethrog. The blessing over the Lulav and Ethrog is pronounced every day of the festival except on the Sabbath. These religious fruits are held during the recitation of Hallel and during the procession around the Synagogue.

Year after year, the procession becomes more impressive as more and more worshippers march with Lulav and Ethrog around the House of God. Many congregants obtain an extra set for their children and for making the blessing at home. Of course, the purchase of these fruits not only satisfies the requirements of Jewish law, but also contributes substantially to the growth of one of the largest export items of the State of Israel.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg will be happy to arrange for you to obtain a Lulav and Ethrog. Please call him at the synagogue office.

#### The Synagogue Sukkah

The second major feature of Sukkoth is the Sukkah itself. Every year our congregational Sukkah is rendered more beautiful thanks to the efforts of a devoted committee of women of the Sisterhood. This year under the leadership of Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten and Mrs. Edgar Trautman, arrangements have already been made for the decoration of the Sukkah. Kiddush will, of course, be served there for the entire congregation at the conclusion of every service.

In addition, special catered meals will be available according to the following schedule:

Friday night, October 12th  
Saturday noon, October 13th  
Sunday noon, October 14th

Plan to be with us in the Sukkah for as many meals as possible. Make it a family affair by bringing the children. The spirit and warmth which pervade the Sukkah will render the experience an unforgettable one.

### SYNAGOGUE ORDINANCES

- 1) There are no vacant seats in our synagogue on the High Holy Days. All seats are reserved. We, therefore, ask our worshippers not to bring children or guests to the synagogue unless seats have been reserved for them. This will save embarrassment to all concerned.
- 2) Tickets for the High Holy Days are not transferable. A seat may be used only by the one for whom it was reserved.
- 3) Children of ages seven through twelve are invited to attend the special Children's Service provided for them in the Chapel. Services for children will be held from 11 to 1 o'clock on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- 4) Children under the age of seven will not be admitted to the Children's Services. Similarly, adults are requested not to enter the Children's Service, to observe the service or the children, while the service is in progress.
- 5) Worshippers who find their seats occupied are asked to call this fact to the attention of an usher on the floor.
- 6) The ushers serving during the High Holy Days do so voluntarily in order to maintain the proper decorum during the service. Your full cooperation with them will be greatly appreciated.
- 7) Worshippers are urged to join in the congregational singing and in the responsive readings.
- 8) Conversation of any kind is forbidden during the services. Proper decorum is essential for dignified worship.
- 9) In spite of the fact that smoking is permitted on a holiday, when it does not occur on the Sabbath, we respectfully request our worshippers to refrain from smoking on synagogue premises during the entire holiday.
- 10) Please do not remove the Talith, or leave your seat until after the benediction is pronounced at the close of the services.
- 11) Our worshippers are urged to take advantage of the checking facilities which have been provided. White skull caps are available for the use of the male worshippers. These may be obtained at the checking counters.
- 12) Uniform Prayer Books are available to all. At the close of services please leave the Prayer Book at your seat.
- 13) Worshippers' attire should be conservative and subdued in keeping with the sanctity of the House of God and the solemnity of the season.

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, special services will be held for the Junior Congregation from 11:00 until 1:00. While the normal age range for the Junior Congregation is eight through eleven, for the High Holy Days only, the children's services will be arranged for those between the ages of seven and twelve.

The main synagogue on the High Holy Days is filled to capacity. Children for whom a seat has not been reserved cannot, therefore, be accommodated. Moreover, the length of the service is not suited to the needs and interest span of the youngsters. We have, therefore, arranged for a special service to be conducted in the synagogue chapel for the children.

The Junior Congregation will be conducted by the children themselves

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birth —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zuch on the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fried. May the parents and grandparents derive much joy from the new addition to the family.

#### Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert, Dr. Joseph Litwins, Isaac E. Okun, Benjamin Perlman, I. Jerome Riker, Mrs. Herman I. Schacter, Sidney Scheinberg, Mrs. Isidore Silver, and Mrs. Robert Wallach.

under the supervision and guidance of our regular leader, Alan Shapiro. Arrange to have your children in the synagogue chapel at 11:00, so that they may participate in a fitting junior counterpart to our beautiful service in the Main Synagogue.



**"THE DAYS BETWEEN"**

According to tradition, our fate for the year is determined during this season. It is not widely known, however, that on Rosh Hashanah itself only the fate of the completely righteous and the totally wicked is decided. The intermediate person's fate remains pending during the Ten Days of Penitence until Yom Kippur.

It is proper for each individual to consider himself as such an intermediate person. He therefore, tries during the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to conduct himself in a thoroughly ethical manner. He is more scrupulous than usual in his attention to religious details.

During "The Days Between" we observe the Fast of Gedaliah on the day after Rosh Hashanah. This fast commemorates the assassination of the Governor of Judea, marking the final disintegration of the First Jewish Commonwealth.

Special Selichoth prayers continue to be recited at 7:00, one half hour before the regular morning service. Any charitable obligations which may have been overlooked during the past year are fulfilled during this period.

None of us can be considered to be completely righteous. On the other hand, Jewish tradition does not allow us to view ourselves as totally wicked. We must, therefore, be classified as "intermediates" for whom "The Days Between" present an opportunity for the improvement of ourselves and of our moral standing. This much is certain, by expounding all of the religious opportunities during these days, we have nothing to lose but a world to gain.

**CONDOLENCE**

We record with sorrow the passing of our dear member, Max Scheidt, beloved brother of our esteemed member, Bruno Scheidt. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Scheidt and to the other members of the bereaved family.

We pray that the Almighty may spare the family further grief for many years to come.

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**SCHEDULE OF ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES****FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, ROSH HASHANAH EVE**

Selichoth Services .....	6:30
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Lighting of Candles .....	6:20
Evening .....	6:00

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, ROSH HASHANAH I**

Morning .....	8:00
<b>Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein</b> <b>"Coping With The Problem Of Fear"</b>	
Evening .....	6:00
Conclusion of Sabbath .....	7:15

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, ROSH HASHANAH II**

Morning .....	8:00
<b>Sermon by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein</b> <b>"Putting God Back Into Religion"</b>	
Evening .....	6:20

**Daily Services**

*Morning .....	7:30
Evening .....	6:00

\*Selichoth services will be held during the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, one half hour before the regular morning services.

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ON RADIO**

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein may be heard on the radio this Sunday night, September 30 over station WABC on the program, "New York Religious Composite." The program, produced in cooperation with the New York Board of Rabbis, is on the air every Sunday evening, from 11:20 P.M. until 11:40 P.M.

The Rabbi, who was featured on this program on September 2, 9 and 16 is scheduled to conduct his final program on Sunday, October 14.

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The class begins by meeting on Monday and Wednesday evenings for the first four weeks and thereafter continues to meet on Wednesdays only. The instructor for this class will again be Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.

In addition to this elementary course there will be a second year class in Hebrew for those who have a limited reading knowledge, an intermediate course and an advanced course. Details concerning these classes as well as all the other features of our Adult Education program will be provided in the Adult Institute brochure which will shortly be sent to all our readers.

In the meantime, while the spirit of the High Holy Days is upon us, let each of us make a firm resolution to engage in Jewish study during the coming year and may all of us be blessed with health, vigor and interest to carry out that resolution.

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