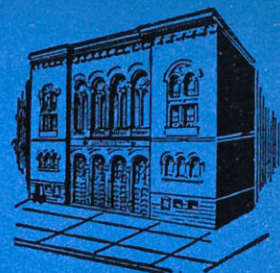


# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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## WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

With this issue of the Bulletin, we resume publication of our weekly organ in which we hope to bring congregational news and announcements to our members and friends in the community.

In resuming our weekly Bulletin, we are issuing the first edition of Volume 32, representing our 32nd year of bringing to our readers such reading matter which we know will be of interest and of service to them.

Besides reporting on all activities which will be occurring in the congregation during the 1963-64 season, we plan to continue to publish the series "The Weekly Portion", in which are discussed concepts and interpretations pertaining to the portion of the week which is scheduled to be read in the synagogue on the Sabbath following the issuance of each Bulletin.

We also hope to resume the column "Headlines of Jewish Interest", when space permits. In this column we record items of Jewish news which might otherwise not come to the attention of our readers. From time to time we will also include articles about general activities and services in the wider Jewish community of New York City under the heading "Of Community Interest".

We take this opportunity to welcome back all of our readers who may have been away during the summer. We hope that all have enjoyed a pleasant and restful summer and we look forward to having the members and friends of the Kehilath Jeshurun family participate in our activities during the coming year.

## MIDNIGHT SELICHOOTH SERVICE

The High Holy Day season will be ushered in next Saturday night, September 14th with the traditional Selichoth Service.

### "Midnight" Snack

The proceedings begin with a "Midnight" Snack, sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club, to which all the members of these groups, as well as the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family are invited.

Our congregational family has been scattered all over the world during the past few months. Many new people have recently moved into the neighborhood and will be worshipping with us for the first time. The pre-Selichoth snack is an ideal time to meet old friends and to greet the newcomers. This "social hour" will begin at 11:30 p.m.

### Selichoth Service at 12:30

At 12:30, the Congregation will assemble in the main synagogue for

the Selichoth Service. The service, which lasts a little over an hour, is rendered more intelligible by Rabbi Joseph H. Looksten's clear interpolations and his explanations of the prayers. Congregational melodies and responsive readings will enable all to participate actively.

For the convenience of the ladies, a special section will be reserved for them on the main floor of the Synagogue.

In recent years, more and more young people have come to feel that Selichoth is not a service for the "old folks", but rather a religious experience which they too find rewarding.

Our warmest invitation is extended to the entire congregational family to attend the Midnight Snack and the Selichoth Service this year, and thereby to usher in the High Holy Day season in the proper religious spirit.

## PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TO BEGIN SESSIONS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

The new school year of the Park East Religious School will begin on Sunday, September 15th with opening exercises to be held in the auditorium of our Synagogue House. On hand to greet the returning students as well as all newcomers will be the new Principal, Mr. Noam Shudofsky.

There are many features which will be added to the program this year. We might list some of the salient ones in brief.

1) The kindergarten class will be instructed by Mrs. Joseph Glatt, who was so successful several years ago as the director of kindergarten activities for the school. Her class will meet once a week, on Sunday mornings.

2) The first grade, which will meet twice a week, Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon, will be under the tutelage of Mrs. Melvin Newman, known to the members of the congregation as the former Carol Kaufman, a graduate of Ramaz School.

3) The veteran teacher of the Park East Religious School, Mrs. Alice Rothkowitz, who is known also as one of the favorite instructors in our Adult Institute, will, this year, be teaching the second grade and the sixth grade, our graduating class. We know that many of the sixth graders will be happy to be reunited with Mrs. Rothkowitz, with whom they studied in the lower grades.

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

"THE MOST IMPORTANT BLESSING OF ALL"



## THE WEEKLY PORTION

KEE TAVO

"Blessings and Curses"

This portion of the week is perhaps best known for the inclusion in it of a series of blessings and curses. The blessings will result from Israel's pious behavior while the curses or punishments will ensue from Israel's misdeeds. The unsavory promises are traditionally read by the reader sotto voce.

It is not an accident that this portion comes at the end of the year, immediately prior to the penitential season. According to our sages this schedule is intentional. This is the season of the year when the Jew examines his actions with a view toward their improvement. It is at this point in our lives that we contemplate our roles vis-a-vis God.

Ideally, the Jew ought to worship God out of love — Avodah me'Ahavah. We should observe His commandments because we understand them and feel that they contribute to our lives in an ethical and moral sense.

Unfortunately, we cannot always be so circumspect or sober in our reaction to religion. Only a saint can perform God's Mitzvoth continually in a positive and loving frame of mind. A human being cannot help but feel at times that he would prefer to ignore a particular precept. Even the most righteous man experiences at some time or other the "yoke" of God's law and the burden placed upon him by our covenant with the Almighty.

At such time, it is necessary that the Jew prepare himself to worship out of reverence and out of a sense of obligation. This is what the section of blessings and curses says to the Jew. Ideally we should serve without thought of reward or punishment. In practice however, one must be conscious of "Morah Shamayim" — the fear of and reverence for heaven.

In Jewish tradition, there is another reason for the reciting of the blessings and curses at this time of the year. Our sages understand this as a wish and prayer on our part that: "Tichleh shanah v'kelelotheha" — let the old year with its curses and misfortunes be ended; "Tachel shanah u'virchotheha" — may the new year with its blessings and good fortune begin.

H. L.

## 1963-64 Jewry Duty Program Launched

GOAL — ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PARTICIPATION

During the course of the summer, the synagogue office prepared a comprehensive plan for the 1963-64 Jewry Duty Program. During the coming season, we hope to enlist all the members and friends of the congregation in this holy activity.

Jewry Duty, a "first" with Kehilath Jeshurun, is a plan by which a member in our community is "summoned" to attend the morning services during one week of the year. By means of this plan, the Daily Minyan is able to continue without interruption and many of our members have an experience which they would otherwise miss—praying at the daily morning service.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, has drawn up a schedule which will cover the daily services throughout the coming season. He has tried, wherever possible, to assign a member for a week which will be most convenient for him. Our members have already been notified by mail of this assignment. Enclosed with the letter is a return card providing either for the acceptance of the assigned week or for the substitution of another week which the "Jewor" may find more convenient.

### A Small Request

In order for this program to operate smoothly, we must receive the replies to these letters without delay. In that way, we will be able to prepare the final schedule for Jewry Duty and to launch the program on schedule. Members are asked, therefore, to fill out the return card if they have not already done so and to mail it to the synagogue office immediately.

Through the generous participation of our membership, the Daily Minyan will continue without difficulty; an invaluable religious service will be rendered to all of us who require a "Minyan" from time to time; and the "Jewors" will have an opportunity to participate in a most important "Mitzvah."

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Sidney Flatow, Mrs. Samuel Frank, Mrs. Neil Hecht, Mrs. Norman B. Javitt, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Joseph Roth, Raymond Schwartz and Dr. Edgar C. Trautman.

### Marriage —

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to our esteemed Trustee, Nathan Salzman, and Mrs. Salzman on the marriage of their daughter Viviane to Mr. Aron J. Freezer. We wish the young couple much happiness.

### Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Scheidt, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Sussman and Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Zuch.

## Park East Religious School

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4) This year's third grade will begin on an experimental basis to meet four times a week, on Sunday mornings and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. This program is the result of the urgings of some of the parents of the students in last year's second grade. We are happy to have obtained the services of a native of Israel, Mrs. Ophra Gerstein, as teacher for the class.

5) The fifth grade, which began meeting four times a week two years ago, and which has made splendid progress during the past two years, will continue its enriched program under the tutelage of a new teacher. This class, which already studies the Bible in the original, is expected, before the end of the year, to begin the study of Talmud.

In general, the entire spirit of the school is new for the coming year. There are many new people who have registered their children during the summer and we expect a continued growth of registration during the next two weeks.

Parents are urged to reregister their children in the school without delay. Parents of potential new students are also urged to come into the office on the street floor of the Synagogue House, to meet the new Principal, and to arrange for the registration of their children.



### A CORDIAL INVITATION

This Saturday is a happy day in our lives. Our first grandchild is becoming Bar Mitzvah in our Synagogue. We therefore, extend a cordial invitation to the entire family of Kehilath Jeshurun, to be our guests at the Bar Mitzvah ceremony and the Kiddush which will follow at the close of services.

It will be a privilege for us to have you all share in our joy.

Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein

### A HEARTY WELCOME TO NOAM SHUDOFSKY

We are happy to announce that Mr. Noam Shudofsky has been appointed the new Principal of the Park East Religious School. He is assuming his duties at the school beginning with the current academic year.

Mr. Shudofsky will also fill the role in our congregation as Director of Youth Activities. He will be personally concerned with the conducting of our Junior Congregation and our Teenage Group. He will also address himself to the development of programs on the Junior level and for the pre-teen age.

Mr. Shudofsky comes to us with a rich background in Jewish education and youth work. While in Detroit for the past five years, he established a youth activities program at his congregation which is virtually without parallel throughout the country. He also designed and developed the Hebrew curriculum for a Day School in the Detroit area. Mr. Shudofsky is known to many of our youngsters as the beloved head-counselor at Camp Massad Beth.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Shudofsky as they begin their affiliation with our congregation and with the Park East Religious School. We are confident that in the years to come, they will contribute richly of their talents and personalities to the furtherance of the ideals of our congregation and the welfare of the young people in our community.

### Don Etra Addresses Sabbath Service At Torah Leadership Seminar

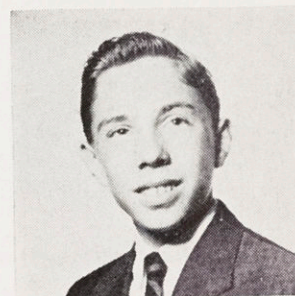
One of the highlights of the past Torah Leadership Seminar, conducted by the Youth Bureau of Yeshiva University at Camp Monroe during the last ten days of August, was the sermon delivered at Sabbath services on August 30th by Donald Etra. Don, who is the president of our own Kehilath Jeshurun teen-age group and Chairman of the Youth Council of Yeshiva's metropolitan youth organization, delivered the sermon before close to 400 participants at this most memorable of all seminars.

Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz School were well represented at the seminar as those who received our summer edition of the Bulletin are aware. One of the surprise appearances was that of Mrs. Chaim Donin who attended the seminar with her husband, Rabbi Donin from Detroit. Mrs. Donin will be remembered as the former Joyce Hanover, one of the first students at Ramaz and a member of the first graduating class of Ramaz High School.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein who, as Chairman of the Youth Committee of the Yeshiva's Rabbinic Alumnae, has been instrumental in planning and developing the seminars for the past several years, was one of the instructors and advisors on the staff.

In general, the ten days were a landmark in the history of this project which has been conducted by Yeshiva University for the past nine years. We are confident that those who attended from our congregational family will contribute richly to our youth program from the spirit and knowledge which they gained at this summer's Torah Leadership Seminar.

### STEVEN JACOB SCHACTER BAR MITZVAH



This Saturday, Steven Schacter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schacter, will become Bar Mitzvah in our Synagogue. Mrs. Schacter is the former Nathalie Lookstein, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein.

The Bar Mitzvah is in the eighth grade of the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, a Jewish Day School in West Hempstead, where his parents reside. He is a gifted student with a special preference for Talmudic studies. As a typical American boy, he is also a fine athlete — a top first baseman and batter in "Little League Baseball" in his county.

Steven will read the entire weekly portion and the Haftarah. At the close of services, a special Kiddush will be served to which the entire congregation is cordially invited. In honor of this happy event, the Bar Mitzvah of their first grandchild, Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein will be the hosts at this Kiddush.

The congregation extends its greetings and blessings to the Bar Mitzvah and his parents, to the proud grandparents, to Mrs. Martha Schacter, the paternal grandmother, and to our senior member, Mr. Isadore Schlang, the happy great-grandfather of the Bar Mitzvah.

### A REQUEST TO PARENTS

With the beginning of the academic year many young people in our community will be leaving the neighborhood for out of town colleges. They would no doubt like to hear news of what is going on in the congregation while they are away. We will be happy to send them the Bulletin at their campus address.

Parents are requested to send us the addresses of their children who will be out of town so that we may send the Bulletin. Our intentions are the best but we need your cooperation.



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

\*Evening ..... 6:15

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00

**Weekly Portion**  
**Kee Tavo**

**Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8**  
**Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22**

Evening ..... 7:10  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 7:50

**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.

**YAHREZITS****September**

7—JACOB M. HOLZER  
7—ANNIE SPIEGEL  
7—HARRY WECKER  
8—RACHEL BACHRACH  
8—NANCY WECHSLER  
9—CHARLES SCHLANG  
9—SIGMUND ROTH  
10—ABRAHAM GRONOWITZ  
10—PEARL DUBINER  
11—MOLLIE PODELL  
11—RAY OPPENHEIM  
11—MOSES H. PHILLIPS  
11—GERTRUDE HEYMAN  
12—JONAS M. LEVEY  
12—MIKSA ROSENAK  
12—FLORA BACHRACH  
13—IDA HASS

**"WHILE YOU WERE AWAY"**

While you were away — if indeed you were — the congregation spent a summer in which all of our normal activities were carried on with regularity.

Services were held every morning and evening throughout the summer. Quite a number of our members were most helpful in serving extra terms of Jewry Duty and in dropping in whenever they felt we might be short for a Minyan. It was not at all unusual to find, on a rainy Sunday afternoon, twenty men in the chapel of the synagogue for Mincha and Ma'ariv. Most of them would come because they felt that others might not.

Throughout the summer, services were held in the Main Synagogue on Saturday mornings. Even on the warmest days there were always at least one hundred and fifty worshippers in attendance. On most Sabbaths a brief sermon was delivered.

The highlight of the summer was, of course, the Tisha b'Av service on Tisha b'Av Eve and again on the morning of the great Fast Day. In the evening, the air-conditioned chapel of the congregation was filled to capacity by worshippers who chanted Lamentations with the reader. The congregation listened to the explanations and historical interpolations and participated in the recitation of the appropriate dirges. The day was a most moving one for the many who came to mourn for the tragedies of Jewish History.

Throughout the summer a special summer edition of our bulletin appeared bi-weekly. It carried news of the congregation's activities, as well as many features for which we normally do not have space during the year when our bulletin is filled with the full schedule of activities.

We would like to express our hearty thanks to those members and friends of the congregation who were most co-operative in helping to maintain our summer schedule of activities.

**THE JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

will hold its opening service of the season on Saturday morning, **September 14th at 10:15 o'clock**

**KOSHER BUTCHERS  
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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.

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