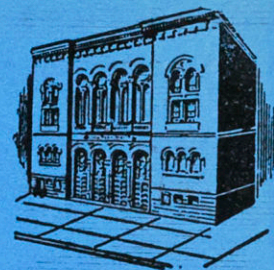


# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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## SEVEN HUNDRED WORSHIP AT ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE Memorial Prayers Recited For Late President

Close to 700 worshippers filled the entire main floor of the Synagogue and overflowed into the balcony, last Thursday morning for the annual Thanksgiving Service of the congregation. As part of this service, a special memorial was conducted for the late President of the United States, John F. Kennedy.

Our guest speaker, Maurice Samuel, incorporated the events of the past days into his general talk on "Thanksgiving and the Jewish Balance Sheet". He spoke about what America means to the Jewish People and what the Jewish People must contribute to America.

Our sorrow, he said, over this trag-

edy in our national life, is perhaps deeper than that of most segments of the population because our debt to America is greater than that of any other group. It is possible that, if not for the Open Door Policy of the United States from 1880 until 1920, the ranks of world Jewry might have been even more disastrously decimated during the 1930's and 40's. It is also possible that, if not for the freedom and opportunity which America has offered to its Jewish population, there might not exist today the new State of Israel.

God's Providence works in strange ways and we cannot fathom just which course the Eternal would have

used to carry out his plan of world history. This much, however, is certain; as things stand now, our country can be considered as the wellspring from which flows much of the strength of the world Jewish community and from which developed the great resources which made the dream of Zionism a reality in the form of the establishment of the Jewish State.

Mr. Samuel said that, because of our debt of gratitude, it is our task to contribute to the ideals of freedom, justice, equality and human dignity for which America was founded and concerning which our tradition is in great sympathy. From the sources of Judaism we must strive to strengthen these ideals and to spread their message throughout the length and breadth of the land. In short, paraphrasing God's statement to Abraham, all the families of the land should be blessed through us.

Following the major address, Cantor Cohen, the Seymour Silbermintz Choir and the Rabbis led the congregation in memorial prayers. Many a tear was shed as the Cantor and choir chanted the traditional El Maleh Rachamim.

Following the conclusion of the service, the entire congregation rose in reverence. Before the open Ark, Rabbi Lookstein, who had previously spoken brief but moving words of eulogy for our President, and encouragement for his family and for our country, pronounced a special benediction in which he expressed our collective hope for an end to violence and hatred and a beginning for brotherhood and peace.

When the congregation filed out of the Main Synagogue, the gaiety of a normal Thanksgiving Day Holiday was peculiarly absent. The occasion, however, was all the more relevant and memorable because of this absence.

### ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

*sponsored by*

THE SISTERHOOD and MEN'S CLUB

SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 14TH, 1963

eight-thirty o'clock

*in the*

AUDITORIUM OF THE SYNAGOGUE HOUSE

*Cocktails*

*Supper*

*Dancing*

*Music*

*Entertainment*

David Wakely and his Orchestra

Lew Parker and Betty Kean

SIX DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS PER COVER

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

"GOOD WILL TO MEN — CAN WE AFFORD TO POSTPONE IT?"



**THE WEEKLY PORTION****VAYESHEV****"Telling the Whole Truth"**

One of the implicit indications that the historical accounts in the Torah are perfectly true can be found in the readiness of Scripture to describe the seamy side of the development of the Jewish People together with the glorious aspects of that development. The Torah does not hesitate to tell us that Abraham, the father of the Jewish People, lived the life of a nomad who, while he may have been wealthy, did not have a place to call his own. The Torah does not try to disguise the fact that our people was born in the Land of Egypt. While Egypt was advanced technologically and culturally, it was the cradle of iniquity more than it was the cradle of civilization. It practiced the ugliest type of polytheism and lived on the merciless exploitation of slave labor.

A frank example of the Biblical tendency to tell the whole truth about our origins, is the unfortunate episode of Judah and Tamar of which we read in Chapter 38 of Genesis, which forms part of our portion for this week. The act of Judah was one of incontinence and unchastity. The Bible reports it in an uncompromising fashion as the sin of a mortal man who was capable of this misdeed, although he was also possessed of great powers of the spirit as well.

Over-shadowing his guilt, however, is the readiness on the part of Judah to publicly admit his guilt. When he says in front of the multitude in Verse 26 "she is more righteous than I", our sages seize upon this to praise Judah for that characteristic which our Torah itself displays, namely, the ability to tell the whole truth.

Moreover, our sages explain that because of this capacity to admit the truth, to accept correction and to repent for his error, the crown of royalty was established in the family of Judah. To emphasize this fact, the Bible indicates that Peretz, the child born from this union, is the ancestor of King David.

There is a lesson in this remark of our sages which applies to all leaders explicitly and to their followers implicitly. A king, or any leader for that matter, has no special privileges in the ethical realm. His sins are at least as deplorable as those of the multitude and perhaps even more so. Moreover, it is essential that when the leader does err,

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th****Cantors**

Roger Oppenheimer  
Alvin Smilow  
Lewis Trencher

**Sermonette**

Philip Lerner

**Torah Reader**

Gerald Rem

**FATHER AND SON MINYAN****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8****Cantors**

Marvin Binstock  
Richard Kahn  
Jonathan Shor  
David Kahn

he should be able to face that error with frankness and contrition. He should be quick to right the wrong and adamant in the pursuit of justice even at his own expense.

There are many leaders among our people, in this country and throughout the world, who might take to heart such a common sense approach to the role of the leader in human affairs. Were leaders to be of the character of Judah, their descendants too might some day become psalmists and liturgical poets and from these would descend ultimately a Messianic King and a messianic society founded on the most noble and absolute principles of justice and fairness.

H. L.

**YOUTH CORNER****Final Registration for Winter Torah Leadership Seminar**

The last call is being made for the winter session of Yeshiva University's Torah Leadership Seminar that is being held at the Monsey Park Hotel in Spring Valley from Thursday, December 26th through Tuesday, January 1st. The Teenage Group of our congregation is limited to sending a delegation of ten members. Registration can be accepted only on a first come first serve basis.

The "retreat weekend" enables synagogue youth to receive a better understanding of the Jewish heritage through an exciting educational, social and recreational program of activities. Those interested in participating in the Seminar should contact our Youth Director, Mr. Noam Shudofsky, without delay.

**Teenage Group Reaches New High in Membership**

A well organized membership drive, under the leadership of Don Etra, the President, has resulted in the increase of total membership of our Teenage Group to a new high of 51 members. The tremendous growth in membership is indicative of the distinctive program of activities that the group has carried out to date and projects for the future.

Capable officers and the development of a fine committee structure has been responsible for much of the success of the group. Committee Chairmen are: Cultural, Harriet Garfinkel; Social, Bruce Dratler and Fannie Fox; Newspaper, Elaine Hyams; Telephone, Barbara Spilky; Circulation, Leo Havran.

**Thanksgiving Service**

A partial view of the many worshippers who attended our Thanksgiving Service.



## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Dr. Leo Edelman, Mrs. Isadore Givner, Mrs. Harry Kaplan, Mrs. Gerald S. Kaufman, Mrs. Sarah Klein, Mrs. Frederick Margareten, Dr. Gizella Perl, J. Wm. Rosenbluth, Leon Sigall, Mrs. Ralph M. Sussman, Dr. Miriam Esther Trachman and Nathan Warshaw.

## Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith and Hon. and Mrs. George Postel.

## Honors —

We are happy to congratulate our esteemed Trustee, Henry M. Rem, upon being awarded the annual Statesman's Award by the Synagogue Council of America at its Statesmen's Dinner last Sunday night. Mr. Rem was honored as the representative of the Orthodox Jewish Community.

Many members and Trustees of the congregation were present to witness the event and to hear Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein's stirring remarks about the place of Orthodox Judaism in the Synagogue Council of America and his eloquent presentation of Mr. Rem for the award.

Our hearty congratulations to Mrs. Rem and to the children on this splendid honor to the head of their family.

*Chanukah Greetings*  
We extend best wishes for  
a happy Chanukah to our  
members and friends.

AM HASEFER GROUPS TO HOLD  
FIRST MEETINGS

During the next two weeks, both groups of our Am haSefer Program will begin their book reading season. Both groups are full and the members have been sent the four books which each group will read during the course of the next few months.

Group I will hold its first meeting on Tuesday evening, December 17th, at 8:30. The book under discussion will be Evelyn Garfiel's, "The Service of the Heart".

The first meeting of Group II will be held on Thursday evening, December 12th, at 8:30. The book under discussion will be a paperback containing two of the shorter works of Professor Abraham J. Heschel. The works are entitled "The Earth is the Lords and the Sabbath".

The first meetings of both groups will be held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein. The meetings are open to members of the groups only. If there are any readers of this bulletin who would still like to be included in the program for this year, they are asked to call the synagogue office immediately. We will try to accommodate them.

## CHANUKAH NOTES

There are several laws and customs of the Chanukah festival which we list below for your convenience.

## The Candles

The candles are placed in the Menorah from right to left, adding an additional candle each night. The order of lighting the candles is from left to right so that the newest candle is lit first.

The Menorah is lit soon after sunset while people are still about so that they may see the candles aglow.

An extra candle — the shamash — is kindled each evening and is used to light the other candles. This is to ensure that the regular candles will not be used but will serve only to publicize the miracle of Chanukah.

On Friday evening the Chanukah candles are lit before the Sabbath candles. On Saturday night they are kindled after Havdalah.

## The Blessings

On the first night three blessings are recited. The first is concerned with the ritual of lighting the candles. The second refers to their function as symbols of the Divinely wrought miracles associated with the military and spiritual victories of the Macabees. The third expresses our thanks to God for granting us life to celebrate the festival. The last blessing is omitted on the last seven nights.

## Gift Giving

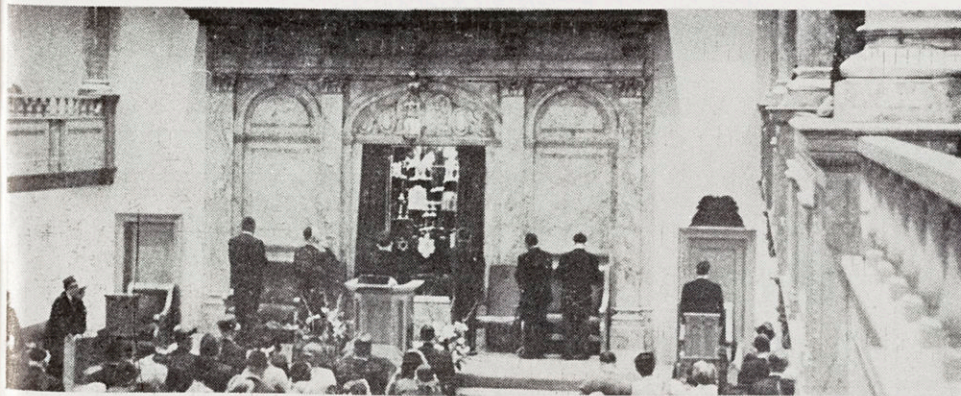
The practice of exchanging gifts on Chanukah is a relatively recent one whose exact antecedents are difficult to trace. Due to accidents of the calendar, this custom has become the most widely observed facet of the festival, especially as it affects the children.

The greatest gift of all, however, which every parent should give to his children and to himself, is the message of Chanukah. Chanukah, which has recently become a materialistic festival, is in reality a celebration of the triumph of the Jewish spirit. The central symbol of Chanukah, the Menorah, is a clear indication of the central message of Chanukah.

That message is best summarized by the words of the prophet Zechariah, which we will read on Shabbat Chanukah; "not by strength, not by might, but rather by my spirit, saith the Lord."

A happy, joyous and inspiring Chanukah to all!

## Kehilath Jeshurun



The entire congregation stands with heads bowed as a special memorial prayer is recited in front of the Holy Ark in tribute to our late President John F. Kennedy.



**Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun**  
125 East 85th Street  
New York 28, N. Y.  
SAcramento 2-0800

### Synagogue Officials

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Joseph H. Lookstein | Rabbi           |
| Haskel Lookstein    | Assoc. Rabbi    |
| A. Joseph Cohen     | Cantor          |
| Israel D. Rosenberg | Ritual Director |
| Noam Shudofsky      | Youth Director  |
| Joseph Glatt        | Exec. Director  |

### Officers of the Congregation

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Max J. Etra           | President        |
| Joseph Roth           | Vice-President   |
| Dr. H. Harold Gelfand | Secretary        |
| Elgin Shulsky         | Treasurer        |
| Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin | Pres., Sist.     |
| William Lebowitz      | Pres. Men's Club |

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### FRIDAY

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Lighting of Candles | 4:10 |
| Evening             | 4:20 |

#### SATURDAY

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Morning             | 9:00  |
| Junior Congregation | 10:15 |

#### Weekly Portion:

**Vayeshev Genesis 37:1-40:23**  
**Haftarah, Amos 2:6-3:8**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Evening | 4:15 |
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#### Torah Reader

David Kahn

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|-----------------------|------|
| Conclusion of Sabbath | 5:00 |
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#### SUNDAY

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Morning              | 8:30 |
| Father-an-Son Minyan | 9:30 |

#### DAILY SERVICES

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Morning | 7:30 |
| Evening | 4:20 |

### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th

Mrs. Frank Goodman  
Mrs. Morton Kamerman  
Mrs. D. Harry Kleinfeld  
Mrs. Abraham L. Marcus  
Mrs. Joseph Roth  
Mrs. Sidney Scheinberg  
Mrs. Edgar Trautman

### Yahrzeits

#### December

7—RACHEL GOLDSTEIN  
7—HYMAN LIEBERMAN  
7—MAX BERNARD  
7—HARRY JAME  
7—ANNA ROSENBLATT  
8—WOLFF RAPOPORT  
9—CHARLES ROSEN  
9—JACOB LEVIN  
9—ALADAR BRODY  
9—JACOB POSTEL  
9—SAUL NADLER  
11—CHARLES GOLDMAN  
11—ADOLPH HAUPTMAN  
11—LISA GORDON  
11—MORRIS N. ADLER  
11—ANNA LOORY  
11—BERNARD KAPLAN  
11—BENJAMIN KLEIN  
11—JACOB GOLDENRITT  
12—SAMUEL KAHN  
12—LEON GOLDSMITH  
12—SARAH GOURARY  
12—SAMUEL AARON HERZIG  
13—IGNATZ HEYMAN  
13—ABBOTT S. BERNARD  
13—MILLIE LEAH SARADA  
13—HENRY MATH

### K. J. CALENDAR

**SATURDAY**  
**3:00 P.M.**

Junior Girls  
Auditorium

Junior Boys  
Gymnasium

**MONDAY**  
**11:00 A.M.**

(Studies in the Bible)

**8:00 P. M.**

Talmud Class  
Advanced Hebrew  
Elementary Hebrew

**8:00 P.M.**

Teenage League Basketball  
Kingsbridge Center vs. K. J.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00 P.M.**

Elementary Hebrew  
Sabbath Prayers  
Maimonides' Code of Law  
Cantillation

**9:00 P. M.**  
Jewish History

**THURSDAY**  
**8:30 P.M.**

Am HaSefer  
Group II

### COMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
**DECEMBER 14**

CHANUKAH PARTY  
Sponsored by  
SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB

**DECEMBER 17**

Am HaSefer Group I

### Parents and friends of the PARK EAST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

are cordially invited to the

### CHANUKAH ASSEMBLY

**Sunday morning, December 8, at 10 A.M.**  
in the Auditorium

The musical and dramatic program includes:

- "The Eternal Light" — a dramatic reading in memory of President John F. Kennedy
- "Hannah and Her Seven Sons" — an original Hebrew playlet
- A presentation—of "J.E.C. Merit Awards" to outstanding students

### THE JEWRY BOX WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24th

DR. ELI GOLDSTEIN  
MEIR GOLDSTEIN  
LOUIS ORWASHER

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