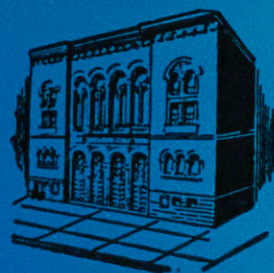


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New Ramaz School and Synagogue House Rising Rapidly

Our congregants, who will be returning after the summer months, will be happily surprised at the progress made in the construction of the new Ramaz School and the rebuilt Synagogue House. A reasonable appraisal is that one-third of the project is already done.

Progress Report

The steel structure for the Ramaz School is already up. The concrete arches are being laid and in a matter of weeks the brick work will commence. It is expected that sometime in November the entire new building will be fully enclosed.

In the meantime, the work in the Synagogue House is proceeding satisfactorily. The auditorium is being readied for its future role. The old balcony is demolished. The old stage is removed. Temporarily the auditorium will accommodate the offices of the Synagogue and of the Ramaz School. In a matter of months, however, work will begin in earnest to complete the interior of the auditorium. When completed, it will accommodate some three hundred people for functions of every description. It will, of course, serve as an assembly hall for the Ramaz School in which the latest stage equipment will be installed.

School and Synagogue Activities Continue

While all the work is in progress on the new building, the existing building will accommodate twelve classrooms. Instruction in Ramaz School in all of its departments will begin as scheduled. Orientation meetings for students and parents will be announced and full information will be given to the parents and to the students in due course.

Synagogue activities will go on with very little interruption in spite of construction work. Minor changes and revisions may have to be made here and there but, the major activities, will continue as in the past.

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to attend

Selichoth Services

This Saturday Night, August 29th

12:30 A.M. in the Synagogue

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will conduct the service

Cantor A. Joseph Cohen will officiate

A Midnight Snack

11:30 P.M. — Social Hall

Sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club

To maintain the program of an institution while radical changes in its structure are in progress requires skill and ingenuity. We are, therefore, gratified that such ingenuity and skill have been provided by H. I. Feldman, the Architect and the Gotham Construction Company, in charge of the building operation. Mr. Elgin Shulsky, Chairman of the Building Committee, has been faithfully on the job throughout the summer and with him labored Mr. Joseph S. Gershman, Chairman of the Ramaz School Building Committee.

We are also grateful to Mr. Samuel Singer, a member of the Building Committee, and to his son, Martin, both of whom, beyond the call of duty, helped

faithfully to bring the work to its present state.

The Synagogue Staff and the Ramaz Administration are to be commended for their efforts under difficult conditions and for rapid adjustments to changing situations.

A final bit of news must be reported. We thought that our Main Synagogue would be fully air-conditioned by the High Holy Days. Unfortunately, that proved impossible. All the preliminary duct work was done, but for the actual air-conditioning, we will have to be a little more patient. We expect, however, God willing, that the High Holy Day Season will be a cool and comfortable one.

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 misdemeanors. 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 a 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.

This thought is expressed in the first Chapter of the Ethics of the Fathers as follows: "Do not be like a

SELICHOH DURING THE WEEK

While the "midnight" Selichoth Service has a special glamour and importance all its own, Selichoth are recited daily during the days preceding Rosh Hashanah and the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

During the coming weeks Selichoth will be recited one half hour before the daily service - at 7:00 A.M.

A Suggestion for Fathers and Sons

Inasmuch as the holidays come early this year, before school opens, it may be possible for the young people to attend one or more of these services. Fathers and Sons might constitute a wonderful "team" for this penitential "warm up" period.

May we add that there is a special dividend that follows each service in the form of the sounding of the shofar. The calendar is in our favor this year at least in this one respect. Take advantage of it and join us at the daily Selichoth Service.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Herman Merkin, Aaron H. Onish, E. David Rosen, Adolph Schimel, Mrs. Murray J. Schlusel, Irwin Shapiro, Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, Dr. Sadie Edith Trachman, and Miss Lillian Zucker.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Flatlow, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fromer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Holzer, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spilky.

Speedy Recovery —

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the Rabbi's devoted secretary, Mrs. Judith Swet.

We look forward to her return, completely recovered from the recent surgery she underwent.

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Ages 5 through 14

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servant who serves his master in consideration of a pending reward; rather, be like a servant who serves his master without thought of reward; and (nevertheless) let the fear of Heaven be upon you."

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 fortunes begin.

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A REQUEST TO PARENTS

With the beginning of the academic year many of our young people will be leaving the neighborhood to take up residence out-of-town, to pursue their academic careers. We are certain that they would like to know what is happening at their congregation while they are away. This is especially true this year, with the building activity in progress.

We will be happy to send all out-of-town students the Bulletin. Parents are requested to send us the addresses of their children who are away at school. Our intentions are the best. Please help us by cooperating.

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 resuming our weekly Bulletin, we are issuing the first edition of Volume 33, representing our 33rd 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 1964-65 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 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.

Reminder to Boys and Girls
Ages 8-12

**The Junior Congregation
will hold its first service
next Saturday morning,
September 5th at 10:15**

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Come and bring your friends.

The New Synagogue House and Ramaz School — The Steel Structure Completed —



HIGH HOLIDAY SEAT RESERVATIONS

The High Holidays fall early this year. Many of our members are planning to spend the holidays at their country homes. This will make a number of seats available to new residents in our neighborhood.

We, therefore, cordially invite all those who have moved into this area to worship with us. The synagogue office is open all day, from 9-5, and

our staff will be delighted to assist in the selection of seats.

We also extend an invitation to all newcomers to join our congregational fellowship as members. If anyone of our congregational family will bring to our attention the names of new neighbors, we will be happy to invite them to Kehilath Jeshurun.

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

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Joseph H. Lookstein Rabbi
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Israel D. Rosenberg Ritual Director
Noam Shudofsky Youth Director
Joseph Glatt Exec. Director

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Irwin Shapiro Secretary
Elgin Shulsky Treasurer
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William Lebowitz Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th**

*Evening 6:15

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Kee Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Haftorah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Evening 7:20

Conclusion of Sabbath 8:05

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.

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30—MOSES H. PHILLIPS
30—GERTRUDE HEYMAN
31—JONAS M. LEVY
31—FLORA BACHRACH
31—MIKSA ROSENAK

September

1—IDA HASS
2—ANNA KAPLAN
2—EVE SANDERS
2—SAMUEL LUSTBADER
2—MILTON SIMON
2—MAX SCHEIDT
3—ANNIE TRACHMAN

**KOSHER BUTCHERS
IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

We bring to the attention of our congregational family that there are a number of kosher butchers in our neighborhood who are under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board, with which our congregation is affiliated.

The following is a list of the butcher stores:

Max Backer — 202 E. 87th Street — AT 9-7234.

L. Berger — 1224 Lexington Avenue — RE 7-9800.

Eugene Czeisler — 1520 York Avenue — RH 4-6488.

L. Feldman — 1355 Second Avenue — RH 4-5918.

Iser Salzman — 1279 Second Avenue — RH 4-9823.

Bernard Scheiner — 1200 Madison Avenue — AT 9-5461.

Leonard Schull — 1163 Madison Avenue — SU 7-3545.

Eli Vizel — 1547 First Avenue — RE 4-2280.

A MODERN RITUALARIUM

is located in our community
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MONument 3-0300

"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.

Because of the construction work in our Synagogue House it was necessary for us to move the daily services from the chapel to the Synagogue Library in which special air conditioners were installed. While the surroundings were less luxurious, the atmosphere was nevertheless cool enough to allow for inspirational prayer.

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.