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## TORAH HONORS TO SAMUEL SINGER, ELGIN SHULSKY AND JOSEPH S. GERSHMAN Tribute To Heads of Building Project



**Samuel Singer**

Three outstanding sons of Kehilath Jeshurun who distinguished themselves as leaders of our building project, were singled out by the Officers of the congregation for the highest Torah Honors of the year.

Mr. Samuel Singer, was designated as Chasan Torah, Mr. Elgin Shulsky will be Chasan Bereshith and Mr. Joseph S. Gershman will be Chasan Maftir.

Through strength of character and perseverance, Samuel Singer reached the very heights of his chosen profession. He is the President of Mars Associates and of the Normel Construction Corporation.

He is a graduate of Cooper Union, with the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. His organization built many of the Public Schools of our city and many structures for the New York Housing Authority. Some of the finest libraries and Municipal Hospitals were built under his leadership.

Associated with him are his son Martin, his two sons-in-law and daughter, all of them holding Degrees in Civil Engineering. A second daughter is a school teacher.

It is touching to see the reverence and affection that prevail in this splen-



**Elgin Shulsky**

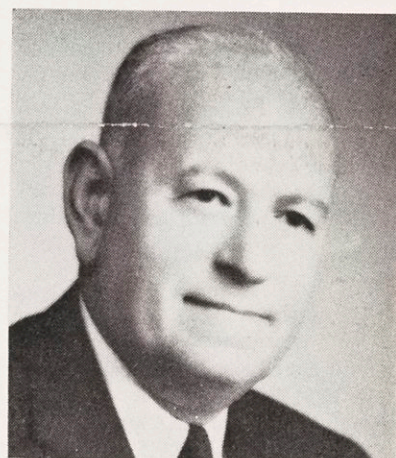
did household. Much of it is due to Sam's remarkable life's companion, Florence, who is a source of inspiration and an example of selfless devotion.

The Chasan Torah dedicated his time, talents and efforts to the construction of Ramaz School and the new synagogue house of the congregation. He was on the premises almost daily, and together with his son and sons-in-law, rendered service far beyond the call of duty.

He is a Trustee of the congregation and of Ramaz School. He and his dear wife have become cherished and respected members of our religious fellowship.

Elgin Shulsky is by now, a veteran member of Kehilath Jeshurun. He served as President of the Men's Club, Trustee of Ramaz School and the congregation and for the last several years has been Treasurer of Kehilath Jeshurun.

He and his dear Doris, in her own rights a Sisterhood leader, have won friendship and esteem amongst us. Doris, incidentally, is descended from the Spector family, one of the founding families of Kehilath Jeshu-



**Joseph S. Gershman**

run. The two Shulsky children, Marvin who is now associated with his father, in charge of real estate investments, and Linda who is at New York University, are regular in their attendance at our House of God.

Elgin Shulsky attended Columbia University and is a graduate of the Brooklyn Law School. He is an active member of the Bar and a prominent real estate investor. He is a member of the County Lawyers' Association and of the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association.

The Chasan Bereshith has become one of the foremost leaders of Kehilath Jeshurun. When we launched our building activity, he became Chairman of the Building Committee. Under his guidance, building plans were drawn and approved, contracts were made and the construction work performed and supervised. When the entire enterprise is fully completed, he will justly have had the greatest share in its achievement and success.

He has truly earned the tribute that is symbolized by the honor conferred upon him.

Joseph S. Gershman is the third  
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**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.  
"KNOW HOW TO ASK"**



**"A SUKKOTH MESSAGE"**

"And you shall take for yourselves on the first day, the fruit of a fine tree (Ethrog), a date palm (Lulav) a myrtle branch (Hadassim) and willows (Aravoth)." This is the Commandment to take the four species on Sukkoth, as it appears in the Torah. As is evident from the words "the first day", the Torah requirement is for one day only. On the remaining days of the festival the taking of the four species is a rabbinic rule to remind us of the Temple in which the four species were used on all seven days.

One sage, however, taking note of the words "the first day" interpreted them homiletically. He said "the first day" is the first day of the year for sins. This interpretation contains the essence of an important Jewish attitude.

It is relatively easy to be pious, God fearing and moral during the awesome and religiously moving period of the HIGH HOLY DAYS. The prayers, the fasting, the sermons, and the entire mood help to make us confront ourselves sincerely and face the crucial issues of life, health, and ethical living.

But this period is a mere oasis in the desert of practical everyday life. Immediately following the High Holy Days comes the sumptuous harvest of Sukkoth with the mood of happiness, and self satisfaction — punctured only partially by the frail and temporary abode in which we reside during the festival.

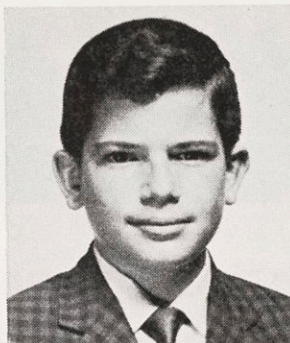
In such a mood we are open to the sins of excessive indulgence, coarseness, vulgarity and pride. The first day of Sukkoth, then, can very well be "the first day of the year for sins."

What is Judaism's attitude toward the reality of life's cycle? On this first day fulfill a mitzvah. Take the Lulav, Ethrog, Hadassim and Aravoth which symbolize the senses and capacities of man and turn them to the service of God. Enjoy the harvest, but dedicate your wealth to human welfare. Be happy, but let your happiness be a dimension of worship — "serve the Lord in gladness."

Then this "first day" becomes a first day for the opportunity to translate the spiritual results of the High Holy Days into the mundane activities of real life.

A happy holiday to all.

H. L.

**DAVID HOSTYK  
BAR MITZVAH**

We extend a hearty Mazal Tov to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hostyk upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son David. The Bar Mitzvah, who is in Form II (8th grade) of Ramaz School, has been a student at the school since Kindergarten. He will read the entire Torah portion and Prophetic chapter, as part of the regular services this Saturday.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hostyk at the Kiddush following the services.

**NINE YOUNG MEN  
TO READ KOHELETH**

The congregation will this year once again follow its established practice for the reading of Koheleth. Nine young men from our congregational family will read the scroll of Koheleth at the services on Saturday, Chol Hamoed Sukkoth.

The following are the boys who will read:

SAMUEL BLUMENTHAL  
AARON HOLZER  
RICHARD KAHN  
ALAN KALISCHER  
BRUCE LINZER  
ROGER OPPENHEIMER  
MARTIN ROSENBERG  
STEVEN SCHACTER  
LEWIS TRENCHE

The reading of Koheleth will be the highlight of the synagogue service on Saturday, October 16th. It is scheduled to begin at about ten o'clock. We urge all our worshippers to be in their seats by that time. The boys have worked hard in preparing themselves and they are, therefore, entitled to a special show of support from their elders.

The experience of hearing the young men read the beautiful scroll of Koheleth will be ample reward for coming on time to the service.

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****WEEK OF OCTOBER 9th****Birthdays—**

Many happy returns of the day to William Basser, Dr. Myron M. Bogdonoff, Phillip A. Brenner, Theodore Brown, Mrs. Henry K. Chapman, Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mrs. Samuel Rosen, Mrs. Adolph Schenker, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schwartz, and Mrs. Richard N. Stadin.

**Anniversaries—**

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Fischberg, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert, Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Sorock, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Warshaw.

**Member In The News—**

Our esteemed member, Dr. Maurice S. Sage, was recently received at the White House, in connection with the Vigil demonstration on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Dr. Sage, a member of the Presidium of the Religious Zionists of America, was one of the twenty-four Presidents of major Jewish organizations who met with the President.

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 16th****Birthdays—**

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Harry Abramson, Sidney Horwitz, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Mrs. Hermine Winkler, Mrs. Herman Wouk and Mrs. Frederick Zuckerman.

**Anniversaries—**

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Block, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Shulsky, and Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Trautman.

**SISTERHOOD  
KIDDUSH HOSTESSES****Saturday, October 16th**

Mrs. Harry Etra  
Mrs. Morris S. Galler  
Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon  
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein  
Mrs. David Pik  
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin  
Mrs. Henry M. Rem



**HAKAFOTH AT KEHILATH JESHURUN**

On Monday night, October 18, we will begin the celebration of the completion of the Torah — Simchath Torah. From year to year, the congregation which assembles in the evening and in the morning grows in numbers, increases in enjoyment, and expands in merry-making. Chassidic spirit is a rare phenomenon in Yorkville but on Simchath Torah it is experienced in full in our synagogue.

The singing and the dancing contribute to the gaiety. The marching of Junior Marshalls before each Torah procession compounds the joy. The impromptu choir of young people, which supports the Cantor as he incorporates a medley of congregational melodies into the prayers, furthers the atmosphere of merriment. It is a wonderful evening and day for the whole family, with the children serving as the guests of honor.

In order to highlight the children and to increase their participation in the gaiety, we will set aside several sections of the Main Synagogue for them. A group of our older teenagers will be on hand to assist Mr. Shudofsky in caring for their needs.

**Schedule for Simchath Torah****Monday Evening, October 18**

1. Please bring the children on Monday evening to the Synagogue Chapel between 5:15 to 5:30. Please do not bring them later than 5:30; please do not bring them before 5:15. A long wait will only make them restless.

2. Please refrain from bringing children under the age of six to the Chapel. Younger children should best remain with their parents. Experience has shown us that their limited attention span works a hardship upon older children and prevents enjoyment of the festivities.

3. Once having left the children in the Chapel please leave their care to us. They will be escorted to the Main Synagogue and returned to the Chapel after the service where they will receive the special sweets without which Simchath Torah would be incomplete. You may meet them after the service in the downstairs lobby of the main Synagogue.

Remember the schedule: Children between 5:15 to 5:30; Minchah for the adults at 5:30 in the Main Synagogue; Ma'ariv and Hakafoth will follow.

**SCHEDULE OF SUKKOTH SERVICES****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, SUKKOTH EVE**

Evening .....6:00

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11th, SUKKOTH I**

Morning .....9:00

**Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein**

Evening .....6:00

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12th, SUKKOTH II**

Morning .....9:00

**Sermon by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein**

Evening .....6:10

**SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED**

Morning .....7:15

Evening .....6:00

**FRIDAY EVENING** .....6:00

Lighting of Candles .....6:00

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th, SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED**

Morning .....9:00

Evening .....6:00

Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:45

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th, HOSHANA RABBAH**

Morning .....8:00

Evening .....6:00

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18th, SHEMINI ATZERETH**

Morning .....9:00

**Memorial Prayers are recited as part of this service**

Mincha .....5:30

**Ma'ariv and Hakafoth will follow**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19th, SIMCHATH TORAH**

Morning .....9:00

Evening .....6:00

**TORAH GROOMS**

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member of the trio, involved in our building project. As Co-Chairman of the Building Committee, representing Ramaz School, he arranged the entire financing of the building operation. It was through his initiative and effort, that the building and mortgage loan were made possible.

Joseph S. Gershman is a Trustee of the congregation, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz School and for several years served as Secretary of Kehilath Jeshurun. His efforts, however, extend into various areas of Jewish communal life.

He is a Trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and of the National Jewish Welfare Board. He is on the Board of Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, and is Vice-President of the Jewish Education Committee of New York. This year, he was elected President of the Educational Alliance, one of the oldest and foremost community centers in our metropolis.

His two sons, Bennett whose marriage was recently celebrated at Kehilath Jeshurun and Carl, who is at Yale University, have brought pride to us by their scholastic attainments and by their splendid work in the Civil Rights Movement. Josie Gershman, proud wife and mother, is a scintillating leader of the Sisterhood and is giving of her talents to many deserving institutions in our city.

We extend to the three Torah "Grooms" the congratulations of the entire congregation and to them and their families we express the blessings of the House of God.

In keeping with the usual practice, the "grooms of the law" will be inducted into office at the Musaf Service on Shemini Atzeret. They will be escorted to the seats of honor reserved for them alongside the Holy Ark.

Our entire membership is cordially invited to be present at the induction and in that way do honor to these deserving gentlemen. A very happy and gay festival is in store for all of us.



**Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun**

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**Synagogue Officials**

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

**Officers of the Congregation**

Max J. Etra .....President  
Joseph Roth .....Vice-President  
Elgin Shulsky .....Treasurer  
Irwin Shapiro .....Secretary  
Mrs. William Lebowitz .....Pres., Sist.  
Abraham R. Kirshon.....Pres. Men's Club

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

\*Evening .....6:00

**SATURDAY**

Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:15

**Weekly Portion: Ha'azinu****Deuteronomy 32:1-52****Haftorah: II Samuel 22:1-51**

Evening .....6:10  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....6:55

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning .....8:30  
Evening .....6:00

\*Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:00 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We recently received applications for membership from:

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Abraham  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Gruss  
Miss Debby Miller  
Mr. and Mrs. William Wilmit

The applications will be processed in accordance with the established practice of the congregation. In the meantime, we extend a hearty welcome to the applicants and to their families.

**PLEASE NOTE**

The next issue of the Bulletin will appear on Friday, October 22nd.

**YAHREZEITS****October**

9—BESSIE HELLMAN  
10—EVELIN LIVINGSTON  
10—SEPPY I. SILBERMAN  
11—JACOB E. MERKIN  
11—MOSHE TILBOR  
11—HARRIET BODINE  
12—MILTON H. LUBELL  
13—NATHAN BILLIG  
13—ANNA WEISBERG  
14—ROSE KRAM  
14—JACOB FELDBERG  
14—ABRAHAM SILVER  
15—CHENA ABELOW  
16—ISRAEL ONISH  
16—LYDIA V. HEYMAN  
16—EDWARD RUBIN  
16—PAULINE GARFEIN  
16—PAULINE EPSTEIN  
17—MORRIS GOLDERICH  
17—GOLDIE GROSSMAN  
17—SOLOMON HEYMAN  
17—ISRAEL MORGENSTERN  
18—BERNARD ELKON  
18—HARRY SCHLOSS  
19—MEYER WAX  
19—ESTHER RATKOWSKY  
19—SAM WOLF  
20—SARAH PIK  
21—NATHAN ROGGEN  
22—ISABELLA WEISS

**Men's Club Executive Board  
Holds Opening Meeting**

The first meeting of the season of the Men's Club Executive Board will be held on Thursday evening, October 14th, in the Sukkah of the synagogue.

All members of the Executive Board are urged to attend.

**ARE YOU READY FOR  
THE SUKKOTH FESTIVAL?**

The festival of Sukkoth is but a few days away. There are certain preparations which must be made in advance, in order to celebrate the festival properly.

**The Sukkah**

In a previous Bulletin, you were notified of the schedule of the meals which will be served this year. In addition, letters in which there were enclosed Sukkoth Meal Reservation Forms were mailed to the entire membership of the congregation.

In the event that you inadvertently failed to reserve for meals in the Sukkah, you may still do so. Please call the synagogue office immediately.

**Lulav and Ethrog**

The Lulav and Ethrog play an important part in the observance of the Sukkoth Festival. Without performing the blessing on the symbolic fruits, one does not fulfill the observance of the festival.

In addition, the more people who have a Lulav and Ethrog, the more impressive is the procession which is conducted in the synagogue.

If you have not acquired a Lulav and Ethrog yet, you may do so by calling our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg. Please call immediately.

**RESERVE**

Thursday evening, October 28th

**MEN'S CLUB OPEN MEETING**

— Guest Speaker —

**RABBI ISRAEL MILLER**

President, Rabbinical Council of America

— Topic —

**"MISSION TO MOSCOW — 1965  
A Report on Soviet Jewry"**