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## **"This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us be glad and rejoice on it"**

Few and numbered are the days that offer reason for personal rejoicing. The existential facts of life are often harsh and ruthless. Joy and gladness are, therefore, irregular and occasional.

That is even more true of a community, and especially true of a religious Jewish community. All forms of melancholy experiences assail us. There is the threat of assimilation and intermarriage. There is the persistent fear of loss of Jewish identity by countless numbers of young people. We wonder and tremble at the prospects of American Jewish life in this land.

Then along comes a day such as the one we are about to celebrate, and our fears are assuaged and our confidence is restored. When such a day arrives we have reason to exclaim with the psalmist — "This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us be glad and rejoice on it."

A new school building is arising. Succeeding generations of Jewish children will be taught the culture and traditions of their people. They will not only admire that culture —

they will know it. They will not only respect that tradition — they will live it.

A renovated and expanded Synagogue House will become part of an old and respected House of God. Young and old will make that Synagogue House their second home. They will use it for study, for spiritual recreation and as a corridor through which they will pass on their way to the sanctuary of worship.

When such an event occurs there is reason to echo the psalmist's refrain — "This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us be glad and rejoice on it."

A holy congregation in its ninety-fourth year has demonstrated spiritual vitality. Its founders established a Synagogue that would be faithful and loyal to the traditional Judaism of their ancestors. Their descendants steadfastly preserved the character of the institution that their progenitors built. Kehilath Jeshurun is proudly and affirmatively an Orthodox Synagogue.

Yet, the institution remains sensi-

tive to the needs and problems of the day. We cling to the old, but we do not spurn the new. We never shut out the past nor do we ignore the present. That is why, with God's help, we are confident of the future.

When such a phenomenon occurs, our voices may justly ring forth and declare — "This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us be glad and rejoice on it."

Our House of God and its spiritual child, the Ramaz School, are planted on the soil of American democracy. Here our enterprise became possible. Here freedom of religion is part of the American democratic tradition. Here increased opportunities for education are part of the American dream. On these blessed shores and under these sun-kissed skies of freedom, each may sit under his spiritual vine and neath his intellectual fig tree and none will make him afraid.

For the opportunities realized in this great democracy, let us lift up our eyes and proudly chant — "This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us be glad and rejoice on it."

ברוך שהחיינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה



### A HOLIDAY MESSAGE

The Festival of Shavuoth, which is observed this Wednesday and Thursday is in some ways the most important of our holidays. Every nation and every religion has its festivals of freedom, its new year holidays, its days of joy and sorrow and even its days of atonement. The observance of these days by the Jewish people is unique because we have one additional festival, the festival which marks the giving of the Torah.

One great sage by the name of Rabbi Yossi once remarked that, "if not for that day (when the Torah was given) there would be many Yossis in the market place." By this statement he was implying that what made Rabbi Yossi unique was not his native intelligence nor his God-given talents — these belong to many people — but rather the fact that his ancestors had been given a Torah, a way of life, a different standard of values which renders him one of a kind, and the Jewish people "suis generis." Without the Torah, without this divine system of values, there is nothing to distinguish us. "There would be many Yossis in the market place."

This is the sense in which we understand the concept of the chosen people. We are not chosen because there is anything superior about our biological or emotional make-up. We are chosen to live according to certain unique standards and to conduct our lives in accordance with principles laid down by God. The Torah is the source for these principles and the festival marking the giving of the Torah, therefore, reflects the uniqueness of Judaism more than does any other holiday.

This festival gives us an opportunity to re-dedicate ourselves not only to the observance of the Torah but to the knowledge of it. It is a good opportunity for us to resolve to set aside a regular period for the study of Torah during the summer and next year. It is an excellent opportunity for us to decide to provide a maximum Jewish education for our children in Ramaz or in the Park East Religious School. That is the only way in which we can insure the survival of Judaism and the continuation of the heritage of the Torah.

Shavuoth is a time for thinking and for resolutions because: "If not for that day there would be many Yossis in the market place."

H. L.

### CUB SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT PROGRAMS TO BE LAUNCHED

We are happy to call to the attention of our readers the resumption of a scouting program for boys between the ages of eight and thirteen. The program will be open to all children of the congregation, Ramaz and the community at large.

Preliminary meetings have already been held for the organization of a cub pack. The impetus for these meetings came from a group of Ramaz parents under the leadership of our member, Mrs. Benjamin Deutsch. The pack will hold its meetings on Monday afternoons at 3:30 o'clock in the Ramaz primary school building, 22 East 82nd Street, New York, N.Y.

An invitation is extended to all boys who will be between the ages of eight and ten by September, 1966, to come to the next meeting on Monday, May 23rd at 3:30 o'clock. The pack has seventeen members already and a group of den mothers are coordinating its activities.

We are currently planning a boy scout troop which will begin its first full season of activity in September. The group will be open to boys between the ages of eleven and thirteen as of September, 1966.

An organization meeting of this group will be held on Tuesday evening, May 31st, at 7:00 o'clock in the gymnasium of the synagogue house.

We are sure that we need not stress the healthy dividends that accrue to young boys who are trained in a scouting program. They derive enjoyment, pride, new skills and a substantial measure of maturity from it. We hope that parents will take advantage of this opportunity and encourage their sons to come to these preliminary meetings.

— REMEMBER —

#### K. J. MEN'S CLUB

Closing Meeting of Season

Sunday Morning, June 5,

9:00 A.M.

#### PLEASE NOTE

This issue of the Bulletin includes information for the forthcoming two weeks. The next issue will appear on June 3rd.

### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### WEEK OF MAY 21st

##### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Norman V. Balinson, Justin J. Bayer, Mrs. Samson Eichler, Milton Eletz, Mrs. Caroline Goldstein, Mrs. Adolph Levy, Edward Low, Hon. George Postel, Abris Silberman, Mrs. Michael E. Sorock, Mrs. Oscar Trencher, Joseph Wolf and Herman Wouk.

##### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bachrach, Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Silverstein and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wald.

#### WEEK OF MAY 28th

##### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Samuel M. Cohen, Alexander Kommel, Abraham Mandel, Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Philip Perlman, Elgin Shulsky, Mrs. Abraham Silver, Mrs. Reuben Westerman, and Mrs. Albert A. Zuch.

##### Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Norman V. Balinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coan, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Karlin, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kotimsky and Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell.

#### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. Arnold Weiss in honor of the Yahrzeit of his parents.

#### SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, May 28th

Mrs. George Jacobs  
Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz  
Mrs. Jack Perlberger  
Mrs. Samuel Witkin

#### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, May 21st

##### Cantors

SIDNEY MOSKOWITZ  
CLAUDE ALPERT  
PETER OPPENHEIMER

##### Sermonette

LESLIE HELPRIN



*We extend our best wishes  
for a happy Shavuoth  
to our members and friends*

**SHAVUOTH IN OUR SYNAGOGUE**

The festival of Shavuoth will be observed this year on Wednesday and Thursday, May 25th and 26th. It will be an inspiring occasion at Kehilath Jeshurun.

In keeping with the special traditions of this holiday, the synagogue will be gaily decorated with green foliage. The final benediction of the year will be pronounced by the Kohanim at the regular services.

**Special features, first day**

The first day of the holiday is marked by the reading of that part of the Torah which contains the Ten Commandments. Prior to the reading Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will chant the traditional Akdamuth prayer.

**Special features, second day**

On Monday, the Book of Ruth will be chanted by four young men of our congregational family. They are:

- Samuel Blumenthal
- Aaron Holzer
- Steven Schacter
- Alvin Smilow

These young men have spent time and effort in preparation for this reading. Their instructor has been our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg. The reading of the Book of Ruth will begin at 10:00 o'clock. Please be in your seats before that time.

Memorial prayers will be recited on Thursday for the last time this year until the Day of Atonement in the Fall. For these memorial prayers the 1966-1967 Book of Remembrance will be distributed.

Make Shavuoth a meaningful festival for yourself and for your family by observing it with your family in the House of God.

**SCHEDULE OF SHAVUOTH SERVICES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 24th — SHAVUOTH EVE**

Evening .....8:10

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25th — SHAVUOTH I**

Morning .....9:00

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach at 11:00**

Evening .....6:15

**THURSDAY, MAY 26th — SHAVUOTH II**

Morning .....9:00

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

Evening .....8:10

**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOTH**

This year, again, we will conduct Tikkun Leil Shavuoth on the first evening of the Shavuoth festival. This program was begun several years ago and attracts more and more people each year.

The custom of Tikkun is an ancient one. In days gone by, men would gather to read selections from the Books of the Torah and the Talmud in order to symbolize the importance of Jewish learning on the holiday which commemorates the giving of the Law. The session would last until early in the morning and, after reciting the morning prayers the assembled would return home to sleep.

Our practice is a somewhat modified one. We begin our program at 10:30 p.m. and we conclude at midnight. We invite not only men but women too; not only the old but also the young. At this year's Tikkun program, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will lead the group

in the completion of the seventh chapter of the Tractate of Berachot. The material will be discussed in English and will be related to the spiritual life of every Jewish man and woman. Refreshments will also be served as part of the evening's fare.

**Special Attraction —**

This year we are adding a special feature to the program which we hope will become an annual custom. We are inviting a group of Ramaz high-school students — boys and girls — to lead in the presentation of the study material. They are themselves advanced students of the Talmud and they are being prepared for this special study by our Associate Rabbi. The results, we feel, will be most gratifying to those who will make the effort to attend Tikkun this year.

A special invitation is extended to all to come on Tuesday evening, May 24th, to participate in Tikkun Leil Shavuoth.

**THE JEWRY BOX**

**Served During  
WEEK OF MAY 8th**

- E. David Rosen
- Albert A. Zuch

**Will Serve During  
WEEK OF MAY 22nd**

- M. Loeb Shepard
- Abraham Silver
- Samuel S. Silverstein

**Will Serve During  
WEEK OF MAY 29th**

- Jack S. Harris
- Samuel Singer
- Herman Smilow
- Leon Spilky
- Dr. Wolf Zukerman

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

**Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will preach this Saturday at 11 A.M.  
"A NEW ROLE FOR THE OLD SYNAGOGUE"**



**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

**YAHREZITS****May**

21—ILONA STRULOVITS  
21—ISRAEL A. EPSTEIN  
22—JACOB H. RUBIN  
22—SOLOMON LINZER  
22—MILDRED BRESLOW  
22—KLARA LOW  
23—FRANK MORGANSTERN  
23—ARNOLD BUCHLER  
23—SAMUEL GOLDBERG  
24—MELICHAIR HOLLANDER  
24—BERTHA HOLLANDER  
24—GITEL HOSTYK  
25—MORRIS WEISS  
25—DAVID WALD  
26—JAY J. WEISMAN  
26—MARY GOODMAN  
26—LINA JAFFE  
26—ADOLPH HIRSCH  
27—JENNIE RESNICK  
27—HENRY SCHARF  
28—DORA HARRIS  
28—ROSE MANDEL  
28—MARION GOLD LEWIS  
28—SAMUEL GURA  
29—MARY J. SILBERMAN  
29—MOSES WARSHAVSKY  
30—JACOB H. ALPERT  
30—JACOB WEISS  
30—SAMUEL SHAPIRO  
31—HYMAN HYAMS

**June**

1—DAVID S. TRACHMAN  
1—CHARLES FINKELSTEIN  
2—REBECCA E. ABELOFF  
2—IRVING BACHRACH  
2—REBECCA GREENBERG  
2—SAMUEL B. COOPERMAN  
2—MARS COHN  
3—MEYER VESELL  
3—ABRAHAM L. MARCUS  
3—WILLIAM I. COHEN  
3—TANCHUM SILBERMAN

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****WEEK OF MAY 20th**

**FRIDAY**  
\*Evening .....6:15  
**SATURDAY**  
Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:15  
Pre-School Service  
Room 405 .....11:00  
**Weekly Portion: Bemidbar**  
**Numbers 1:1 - 4:20**  
**Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 - 22**  
Evening .....8:00  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....8:45  
**WEEKDAY 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.

**WEEK OF MAY 27th**

**FRIDAY**  
\*Evening .....6:15  
**SATURDAY**  
Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:15  
Pre-School Service  
Room 405 .....11:00  
**Weekly Portion: Naso**  
**Numbers 4:21 - 7:89**  
**Haftarah: Judges 13:2 - 25**  
Evening .....8:00  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....8:50  
**WEEKDAY SERVICES**  
Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning .....8:30  
Evening .....6:15

**AM HASEFER GROUP DISCUSSES BOOK ON THE "SHTETEL"**

Another fascinating evening was spent by close to forty members of our Am haSefer program recently. The members met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markson to discuss the book, "Life is with People," by Zborowski and Herzog.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedman delivered a learned and multifaceted analysis of the book. Mrs. Friedman described the anthropological method of the book as reflecting the Ruth Benedict approach. In that approach the analyst tries to see the total pattern of culture in a community in which every norm or value is linked to the total pattern—sometimes artificially.

Mrs. Friedman was critical of this approach as it was applied to the shtetel. She felt that many aspects of shtetel life had been treated superficially and reduced to insignificance because the sociologists could not incorporate them into their conception of the culture pattern of the community.

Mr. Friedman was similarly critical of the book on this account. He demonstrated that this book speaks less about the shtetel and more about Jewish religious traditions and values. Of course, this is also a redeeming feature, as long as one does not expect from the book a scientific analysis of shtetel life. The book does present a warm and sensitive description of our tradition as practiced in a sheltered society where religious observance was almost universal.

The book, therefore, recommends itself as something of a manual for

Judaism. The reader will gain insight into the beauty of Judaism when observed in a natural and relevantly comfortable setting. He will also gain a measure of understanding of the problems, challenges and opportunities which the traditional American Jew confronts as he tries to observe Traditional Judaism in an open society.

The next meeting of the group will be held at the home of the Feinberg Twins, 233 East 69th Street, New York, N. Y., on Wednesday night, June 1st. The book under discussion will be: Aron Barth's, "The Modern Jew Faces Eternal Problems." The discussion leader will be Lawrence A. Kobrin.

**KOSHER BUTCHERS  
IN OUR COMMUNITY**

For the information of residents of our neighborhood, we list the butchers under the supervision of the Park East Kashruth Board.

**Max Backer**  
202 E. 87th St. — AT 9-7234  
**L. Berger**  
1224 Lexington Ave. — RE 7-9800  
**Eugene Czeisler**  
1520 York Ave. — RH 4-6488  
**L. Feldman**  
1355 Second Ave. — RH 4-5918  
**Iser Salzman**  
1279 Second Ave. — RH 4-9823  
**Bernard Scheiner**  
1200 Madison Ave. — AT 9-5461  
**Leonard Schull**  
1163 Madison Ave. — SU 7-3545  
**Eli Vizel**  
1547 First Ave. — RE 4-2280