

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

The High Holy Day season will officially be ushered in on Saturday night, September 30th, with the midnight Selicoth service. Unofficially, however, High Holy Day activity is already our main preoccupation at Kehilath Jeshurun.

Worshippers and new members of the community, anxious to make arrangements for High Holy Day seating accommodations, are now regular visitors at the synagogue office. At this time, there are still some seats available in the auxiliary service. As already reported in a previous issue of the Bulletin, there are no seats available for non-members in the main synagogue.

Time is of the Essence -

We anticipate that, before long, there will be no seats available even in the auxiliary service. Please, therefore, do not delay. If you plan to worship with us during these coming High Holy Days make your reservations immediately. The synagogue office staff will be happy to serve you.

RESERVE THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

For an inspiring and memorable event More information will appear in next week's Bulletin

New Chapel and Social Hall Almost Complete

Throughout the summer months, an extensive renovation and refurbishing project has been under way in the chapel and social hall of the congregation. Both of these projects are nearing completion.

Aside from the basic structural repairs which will largely remain unseen, but which were necessary in both of these rooms, a great deal of the work will be clearly visible. Both rooms will have an entirely new decor designed to make them more beautiful and more functional for their particular roles in the synagogue.

The chapel staircase has been redesigned and made safer for use. A new floor has been laid; new individual seats have been ordered; and a new platform and bima arrangement has been provided. Simultaneously, the library which, like the chapel is used daily, has also been reconstructed to make it a more comfortable and impressive room in which to hold classes.

The social hall has been completely changed. The decor is entirely new and will, no doubt, be a delight to all who use that room for its many functions. An accoustical ceiling has been installed and a new floor has been laid.

Before the High Holy Day season begins, our members and friends will have an opportunity to see these rooms and will be delighted by them.

Welcome To All Members and Friends

With this issue of the Bulletin, we resume publication of our weekly organ in which we plan to bring congregational news and announcements to our members and friends. With this edition of the Bulletin, we begin Volume 36, representing our 36th year of publication in which we bring to our readers such reading matter which we know will be of interest and of service to them.

In addition to reporting on all activities which will be occurring in the congregation during the 1967-68 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. When space permits, we hope to resume the column "Headlines of Jewish Interest." 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 Jewish community of New York City, under the heading, "Of Community Interest."

We extend a hearty welcome back to 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 an active and fruitful year of activity with the full participation of our membership.

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A. M.



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"When Man Is Not Free To Choose"

Our portion for this week opens with a clear statement on the matter of free will. Man can choose between a life of blessing or curse, belief or non-belief, righteousness or evil. This is a fundamental principle in Judaism as distinguished from Christianity and Islam which tend more to a doctrine of full or qualified predestination.

There are, nevertheless, moments in history when man loses his free choice in religion and chooses God and his commandments perforce. Sometimes the knowledge of God's existence and the confidence in His Providence are so compelling that the choice to believe or not is not a real one.

Presumably this was the state of affairs when the children of Israel saw the parting of the Red Sea. Our sages tell us that what a simple handmaiden saw at the sea, Ezekiel and Isaiah never saw. She could not help but believe; they had to choose to believe. She was compelled by events; they were inspired by their own religious insights.

A visitor to Israel at this time readily sees that we are living again through a period when free choice in religion is a rarity. Throughout the Holy Land there is a new surge of religious feeling. Especially among the soldiers in the six-day war, one finds that the spark of belief that exists within every Jewish soul has been ignited.

Many of those who previously classified themselves as "free" – chafshi – now affirm their belief in God. A shortage of Tephillin exists in Israel because many pair were purchased after the war by boys who had never donned Tephillin in their lives.

In the future, the zeal and fervor may abate somewhat. For the present, however, the religious feeling is not a matter of choice. As one boy – previously agnostic – put it while lying in the hospital recovering from wounds: "If anyone ever asks me whether or not God exists, I shall tell him not only that God exists but that I saw Him with my own eyes."

"Behold I set before you this day blessing and curse." Generally, this Biblical formula accurately describes man's choice. Today, however, the choice is limited by the obvious miracles which we have witnessed. **This** day we are given only blessing. H. L.

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Jacob J. Avner, Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Mrs. Maximillian W. Goldstein, Mrs. Norman B. Javitt, Dr. Nathan Kalischer, Sidney Kotimsky, Mrs. Herman Merkin, Aaron H. Onish, and Dr. Edgar C. Trautman.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Holzer, Mr. and Mrs. Romie Shapiro, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Zuch.

Birth-

We extend our hearty congratulations to our devoted members, Dr. and Mrs. Norman V. Balinson, upon the birth of a daughter.

May they derive much joy and nachas from the new addition to the family.

Engagement-

We extend hearty congratulations to our devoted member, Elliot Lebowitz, upon his recent engagement to Miss Flora Fogel of Shreveport, Louisiana. A hearty mazel tov to our esteemed Trustee, William Lebowitz, and Mrs. Lebowitz upon the engagement of their son.

Double Congratulations-

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our devoted members, Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Givner, upon the recent marriage of their son, Lewis Martin Givner to Miss Annette Taub of Miami Beach, and upon the engagement of their daughter, Joan Carol, to Mr. Arthur H. Bovarnick.

Congratulations-

Hearty congratulations to our devoted member, Lawrence A. Kobrin, who recently received the National Leadership Meritorious Service Citation from the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America. Mr. Kobrin serves as Vice Chairman of the Union's Joint Youth Commission.

Honors-

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Our hearty congratulations to our esteemed member, Dr. Leon A. Feldman, who was recently the recipient of his third Doctorate. The degree, a Ph.D. was conferred by the Department of History in the Faculty of Political Science at Columbia University. His dissertation for this degree was entitled "Studies in the Life and Times of R. Nissim ben Reuben Gerondi, 1340-1380."

Condolences-

We record with sorrow the passing of our devoted member, Dr. Leo Edelman, a distinguished physician and an outstanding gentleman.

We mourn the passing of our devoted member, Louise V. Adler, beloved wife of our esteemed member, Jonas Adler.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families.

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.

We will be happy to send all out-oftown students the Bulletin. Parents are requested to send us the addresses of their children who are away at school. Please include the Zip Code.

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RAMAZ ON THE MARCH



Shown above are members of the Ramaz School Administration and Faculty leading the students in the "Salute to Israel" held before the Summer.

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RABBI AND MRS. HASKEL LOOKSTEIN RETURN FROM ISRAEL

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein have just returned from a two-week visit to Israel. While there, they toured the various new areas of the state and visited the major sites of the six-day war.

Our Associate Rabbi and his wife were received by the leading personalities of Israel, including, among others, President Shazar; Dr. Yacov Herzog, Director-General of the Prime Minister's office; Chief Rabbi Unterman, and Mayer Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem.

Reports on his visit — in words and slides — will be rendered by the rabbi in the weeks to come.

KOSHER BUTCHERS

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1163 Madison Ave SU 7-3545
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We recently received applications for membership in the congregation from:

Mr. and Mrs. John Addison Miss Judith R. Fischman Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gellin Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levi Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Lubell Mr. Sanford Postel Mr. and Mrs. Max Schefler Mr. Marvin Shulsky

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.

CALENDAR DIARIES TO BE MAILED COURTESY OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND

As in the past few years, the congregation is preparing a calendar diary for the year 1967-68, commencing with Rosh Hashanah.

These calendar diaries, which contain interesting and useful information, including prayers for travelers, will shortly be mailed to members of the congregation.

With the calendars go the blessings of the congregation for a year of good health and good fortune.



"WHILE YOU WERE AWAY"

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

Services were held every morning and evening throughout the summer. A number of our members were most helpful by attending the services whenever they could. We appreciate the devotion that was shown by them.

Because of the construction work on the main floor of the synagogue building, it was necessary to move the daily service from the Chapel to the main synagogue. On Saturdays, of course, the service was held in the main synagogue. Even on the warmest Saturdays, there were always at least 150 worshippers in attendance.

In connection with our Sabbath services, we wish to express our hearty thanks to our devoted member, Dr. Martin Schub, who read the Torah on the Sabbaths during July while Mr. Rosenberg was away on vacation. This is the second successive summer during which Dr. Schub has performed this service. We are grateful to him for his cooperation.

The religious highlight of the summer season was, of course, the Tisha b'Av service which was held this year in the main synagogue. A large attendance of worshippers was on hand and chanted the Lamentations with the reader. The day was a moving one for those who came to mourn the tragedies in Jewish history.

We take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt thanks to those members and friends of the congregation who were most cooperative in helping to maintain the summer schedule of activities of Kehilath Jeshurun.

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The morning service on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th, will be held at 8:30 o'clock.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Weekly Portion: Re'eh

Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17 Haftorah: Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

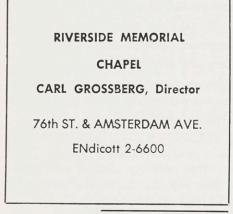
Rosh Chodesh Elul will be on Tuesday, September 5th and Wednesday, September 6th.

Evening			/:15
Conclusion	of	Sabbath	8:00

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday	Morning8:30
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.



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