



AN URGENT REQUEST CONCERNING HIGH HOLY DAY SEATS

The High Holy Day season will officially be ushered in on Saturday night, September 14th, with the mid-night Selichoth service. Unofficially, however, High Holy Day activity has been the main pre-occupation at Kehilath Jeshurun for some time.

Worshippers and new members of the community, anxious to make arrangements for High Holy Day seating, are regular visitors at the synagogue office. As always, a warm and friendly office staff is available to serve their needs.

Your Cooperation is Needed

Members of the congregation received notification concerning High Holy Day seats during the early part of the summer. Some members have not yet responded. There is no way of our knowing, therefore, whether it is their intention to worship with us during these coming High Holy Days.

We urge our members to kindly notify the synagogue office without delay of their intentions for worshipping with us. We assure them that every effort will be made to satisfy their requirements and those of their families.

Regular worshippers and newcomers in the community are invited to make their reservations as soon as possible. A warm welcome awaits you.

MAIN SYNAGOGUE REDECORATED

Our worshippers will be delighted with the appearance of our Main Sanctuary. It has been rendered even more beautiful and impressive than it was. All the ugly scars which were beginning to annoy our worshippers have been removed and our House of God stands forth now in all of its beauty and glory.

Within several days, all the window frames of the ladies' section will be replaced by new aluminum frames. This will not only improve the appearance of our stained glass windows, but it will eliminate winds and drafts about which the ladies used to complain.

Other improvements of a basic nature are contemplated, and they will

probably be effected during the course of the year. The cost of the improvements already made is in the neighborhood of \$50,000. Additional improvements will involve additional costs.

We know that our congregants want to be informed about this. As they are approached for the Annual Synagogue Appeal, we are confident that they will have in mind the greater needs of the congregation this year because of the expenses incurred.

During the summer, services were temporarily held in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House. We will be able to move into the refurbished Main Synagogue next Saturday.

KEHILATH JESHURUN DURING THE SUMMER

Kehilath Jeshurun is an all-year-round synagogue. Summer and winter our religious services go on with undiminished regularity. During the summer months, the attendance at Sabbath services rarely fell below one hundred and fifty. The daily services in the Chapel held up beautifully mornings and evenings.

We hardly had to resort this summer to any outside help in order to maintain the daily Minyan. This is a tribute to many members of our congregational family who came to "help out"

in order to make sure that their fellow members had a Minyan.

The Tisha B'Av service was held in the Auditorium of the Synagogue House, where public worship was conducted while the Main Synagogue was being refurbished. On Saturday night, at the reading of Lamentations, the Auditorium was comfortably filled with worshippers. On Saturday morning, as well as at Mincha in the afternoon, the attendance was remarkable.

To paraphrase an old song — Kehilath Jeshurun is as lovely in August as it is in May.

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
"WAYWARD CHILDREN . . . AND THEIR PARENTS"**

THE WEEKLY PORTION

KI TETZE

"Do Not Judge God"

This week's portion contains, among its many mitzvot — it has the greatest number of all the weekly portions — the famous rule of "kan tzipor." This provides that if one walks along the way and finds a bird's nest, he may take the young birds only after chasing away the mother.

Various commentaries consider the aim of this mitzvah to be the teaching of mercy. As the Netziv (Rabbi Naph-tali Zvi Yehudah Berlin, head of the Yeshiva in Wolozin) explains, this is an example of measure for measure. The mother could easily have flown away. She remained behind only to protect her young from danger. Because of her mercy we must show mercy to the mother by sparing her the grief of seeing her young taken.

Following this explanation, the Netziv adds, enigmatically: "Nevertheless this is nothing more than a decree." It would appear that after having offered a rational explanation for this mitzvah, thus attributing it to the "wisdom" of God, the Netziv then reverses himself and declares the mitzvah to be an arbitrary manifestation of the "will" of God.

Actually this is not so much a reversal as an halakhic "hedge", so to speak, for which there are several reasons.

First, the rationality of the law is itself open to question. If mercy is indeed the object, then why allow man

even to take the young birds. The act of killing living things for food is essentially unmerciful — for which the community of ethically motivated vegetarians is ample testimony.

Second, even such an obviously rational law has arbitrary elements in it. If the man is sufficiently hungry, and he is forbidden to take the mother bird from the nest, then the mitzvah is readily seen as a manifestation of God's will rather than an outgrowth of His reason (Another example of this ambivalent attitude toward the law might be the case of the starving poor man who must steal in order to eat).

Finally, the Talmud implies that ascribing this law to God's mercy opens the Pandora's Box of the problem of human tragedy in the world. If God is merciful toward the bird, then why do the righteous suffer. The late Milton Steinberg in his memorable book, "As a Driven Leaf" vividly portrays the disintegration of one man's faith when he saw a small boy fatally injured as a result of his efforts to perform the mitzvah of "sending the mother away" scrupulously.

Thus the unequivocal judgment of God's wisdom in His Law can lead to the judgment of His conduct of the universe. Therefore, having offered a tentative interpretation of this mitzvah, the Netziv hedges and says: "Nevertheless, this is nothing more than a decree."

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WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

With this issue of the Bulletin, we resume publication of our weekly organ in which we bring congregational news and announcements to our members and friends.

This edition of the Bulletin begins our thirty-sixth year of publication. We hope to continue bringing to our readers such reading material which we hope will be of interest and of service to them.

In addition to reporting on all facets of congregational activity which will be taking place during the 1968-69 season, we plan to continue 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 feature news of Jewish interest under the column, "Headlines of Jewish In-

terest." In this column, we record items of Jewish news which might otherwise not come to the attention of our readers. From time to time, it is our intention to include articles about general activities and services in the Jewish community of New York City under the heading, "Of Community Interest."

We plan also to whet the appetite of the discriminating reader and thinker by including from time to time excerpts from Judaica in the column entitled, "From the Bookshelf."

We extend a hearty welcome back to all our readers who may have been away during the summer months. We hope that all have enjoyed a pleasant and restful summer. We look forward to an active and fruitful year of activities at Kehilath Jeshurun with the full participation of our membership.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Jacob J. Avner, Mrs. George H. Bookbinder, Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Sidney Flatow, Samuel Greenberg, Benjamin Mandelker, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Joseph Roth, Raymond Schwartz, Dr. Edgar C. Trautman and Samuel L. Zuckerman.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Sussman and Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Zuch.

Marriage—

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz upon the marriage of their daughter Menorah to Mr. Aubey Rotenberg.

May the newlyweds be blessed with many years of happy married life.

Condolences—

We record with sorrow the passing of our senior member, Harry Bachrach. Harry Bachrach, a member of Kehilath Jeshurun for more than sixty years, will always be remembered for his dedication to our House of God, and for his warm smile and pleasant personality. We mourn his loss.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our esteemed members, Abbott Simon, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz School, Daniel Simon and Emanuel M. Simon, upon the loss of their beloved sister, Irene Simon.

Our heartfelt sympathies to our esteemed members, Mrs. Leon A. Feldman, President of the Sisterhood, and Miss Aline Kaplan, upon the passing of their beloved mother, Dora Kaplan.

We record with sorrow the passing of Henri Daniel, beloved brother of our esteemed member, Leon Daniel.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to our devoted member, Dr. Samuel W. Bloom, upon the passing of his beloved mother, Esther Bloom.

We record with sorrow the passing of Sam Rossant, beloved brother of our devoted member, Joseph B. Rossant.

We pray that the families that sustained losses will be spared further sorrow for many years to come, and that henceforth they will be blessed with many years of uninterrupted happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS CANTOR AND MRS. A. JOSEPH COHEN

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun extends its hearty congratulations to Cantor and Mrs. A. Joseph Cohen upon the birth of a granddaughter during the summer.

We pray that this blessed arrival will be raised in the finest traditions of Torah and good deeds and that she will be an increasing source of happiness to her family in the years to come.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We recently received applications for membership in the congregation from:

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Braff
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua S. Deutsch
Dr. and Mrs. Gurston Goldin
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fink
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Greene
Mr. and Mrs. Abe B. Kaufman
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Postel
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rashbaum
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Riederman
Dr. and Mrs. Simon Schwarz
Dr. and Mrs. Norman Sohn

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.

MAIL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The congregation is most anxious to remain in touch with all the college students from our community, who are attending school away from home. We would like to send them the weekly Bulletin, as well as other pertinent items of information which will help to keep them in contact with their spiritual home base.

Would you be good enough to list, on the registry form the names of college students away from home, who should be receiving such mail. We cannot over stress the importance of complying with this request. This is a service which we know the young people will greatly appreciate.

MIDNIGHT SELICHOH SERVICE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

The High Holy Day season will be ushered in this year on Saturday night, September 14th, with the traditional Selichoth Service.

As in past years the service which inaugurates the penitential season, will contain all of the special features which have made it a wonderful experience for the entire congregational family.

"Midnight" Snack

The proceedings begin with a "Midnight" Snack, sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club, to which all the members of these groups, as well as the entire membership of the congregation are invited.

Our congregational family has been scattered all over the world during the past few months. Many new people have recently moved into the neighborhood and will be worshipping with us for the first time. The pre-Selichoth snack is an ideal time to meet old friends and to greet the newcomers. This "social hour" will begin at 11:30 p.m.

Selichoth Service at 12:30

At 12:30, the congregation will assemble in the main synagogue for the Selichoth Service. The service, which lasts a little over an hour, is rendered more intelligible by periodic interpolations and explanations of the prayers. Congregational melodies and responsive readings in Hebrew and English will enable all to participate actively.

In recent years, more and more young people have come to feel that Selichoth is not a service for the "old folks", but rather a religious experience which they too find rewarding.

Our warmest invitation is extended to the entire congregational family to attend the Midnight Snack and the Selichoth Service this year, and thereby usher in the High Holy Day season in the proper religious spirit.

THANK YOU, DR. MARTIN SCHUB

During the vacation period in the month of July, Dr. Martin Schub graciously volunteered to read the Torah at Sabbath services in the Main Synagogue. This is the third consecutive summer that he has rendered such a service.

We extend our sincere thanks to him and take this means simultaneously to express our best wishes to him and to Mrs. Schub upon their taking up residence in Englewood, New Jersey. Kehilath Jeshurun will miss them.

— ADVANCE NOTICE —

Reserve the date

SATURDAY NIGHT, NOV. 23, 1968

for the

Men's Club Theatre Party

"ZORBA"

It promises to be a smash hit!

SISTERHOOD HAPPY DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks a contribution to our Sisterhood Happy Day Fund from Mrs. Alexander Gross.

Members are urged to share their joyous occasions with others by making a contribution to the Sisterhood Happy Day Fund.

Contributions should be sent to the Chairmen of the Happy Day Fund, Mrs. Harry Heyman, 120 East 81st Street, or Mrs. Leon Spilky, 1160 Park Avenue.

COLLEGE STUDENT REGISTRY

Please send congregational mailings to the following students out of town.

Name

Mailing Address

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

*Evening 6:00

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00

Weekly Portion: Kee Tetze

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Haftorah: Isaiah 54:1 - 10

Evening 7:00

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:50

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.*

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9—FEIVEL WEILER
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10—SOLOMON GERSHMAN
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IN OUR COMMUNITY**

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Max Backer

202 E. 87th St. — AT 9-7234

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TO IGNORE...

... the purchase of a family plot is to ignore the peace of mind and well being of loved ones. To delay such action is to impose upon yourself or a dear one a difficult duty at a difficult time.

Do Not Ignore This Responsibility

The synagogue office will provide all information and assistance to those who are interested.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop

Has a splendid display of gift items

The collection includes:

wine goblets	menorahs
books	jewelry
chalah covers	mezuzahs
ashtrays	havdalah candles
and many other gifts	



These may be purchased through the Synagogue Office

