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SPECIAL NOTE FOR ROSH HASHANAH

In accordance with the practice developed over the past number of years at Kehilath Jeshurun, the sermons which will be delivered in the Main Synagogue and in the Auxiliary Service on both days of Rosh Hashanah will be delivered at the conclusion of the regular service.

We call to the attention of our worshippers the fact that the salient ritual of the festival, the sounding of the Shofar, will take place at approximately 10:00 o'clock.

Please plan to be in attendance at services by 10:00 o'clock, so that you will be present for this important religious observance.

SELICHTH DURING THE WEEK

During the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Selichoth services are held daily at 7:00 o'clock, one-half hour before the regular daily service. The exception is on Yom Kippur eve when the Selichoth service is short. It begins that day at 7:15.

The outstanding Selichoth of the year are recited on Erev Rosh Hashanah. They are of an hour's duration and in our congregation they are led by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. This year, when Rosh Hashanah eve falls on Sunday morning, many will be afforded the opportunity to attend these services for the first time.

A special invitation is extended to all — especially the young people — to come and to get into the High Holy Day mood by reciting "Z'chor Brith". The service will begin on Sunday morning at 7:30.

PLEASE NOTE

The next issue of the Bulletin will appear on Friday, October 4th. In that issue, you will find all the information pertaining to the Sukkoth Festival.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

*The Officers of the Congregation and its affiliates,
the Rabbis and all the Officials extend heartiest
wishes to the entire Kehilath Jeshurun family for
a year of good health, happiness and good fortune.*

SPECIAL CEREMONIES CONNECTED WITH ROSH HASHANAH

Although we usually think of the High Holy Days in terms of the Synagogue Service, there are many beautiful ceremonies that take place outside the House of God.

At the Table

The festival is ushered in by the lighting of candles over which the special festival blessing is recited. The special benediction "shehecheyanu" is added.

After the reciting of Kiddush and the washing of hands, a "motzi" is made over a round challah (symbolizing the cycle of the year) and the bread is dipped into honey before it is eaten. The symbolism concerning a sweet year is readily apparent. The use of a round challah and the dipping of the bread into honey is continued for the entire High Holy Day season, ending with Hoshanah Rabbah.

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah, an apple is dipped into honey. Before tasting the apple, the blessing over fruit is recited. After tasting the apple, a special prayer is recited: "May it be Thy Will to grant us a good and sweet year."

On the second night, it is customary to wear a new garment and to have it in mind when the blessing of "Shehecheyanu" is recited as part of

the kiddush. In addition, a new fruit, not previously enjoyed this season, is eaten. Before eating the fruit, the blessing over fruit is recited and the "Shehecheyanu" is added.

Tashlich

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the Tashlich ceremony is performed. This ceremony takes place in the afternoon along the banks of a river or some other body of fresh water. Appropriate prayers are recited as part of this mystical custom. Central to the ceremony is the prophetic verse, "May you cast into the sea all their sins."

For those of the Kehilath Jeshurun family, our gathering place for Tashlich is at the 85th Street entrance to the reservoir path in Central Park. We will gather there on Monday, September 23rd, between 4:30 and 5:00 o'clock.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

While the popular greeting "Happy New Year" is frequently used, the traditional Jewish greeting for Rosh Hashanah is **לשנה טובה תכתבו**. This meaning is: "May you be inscribed for a good year." The emphasis of Judaism is upon goodness. It is presumed that goodness will bring happiness with it.

**RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
ACHIEVED: HEART TRANSPLANTS
NEEDED: HEART TRANSFORMS**

More Guilty . . . And More Blessed Too A Holiday Message

"More guilty are we than any other people, more to be ashamed than any other generation." It is hard, as was indicated on Selichoth night, to accept this liturgical statement with equanimity.

Amidst the ever deepening crises of our lives, can we honestly say that we are more guilty than any other people? Let us be frank about it: Is the white Jewish merchant of the ghetto more guilty than those who loot his store? Is the white Jewish ghetto landlord more guilty than those who contribute so wantonly to the devaluation of his property? Is the white Jewish teacher in the ghetto more guilty than the truculent, uncompromising and vicious organizations which are dedicated to his dismissal?

And yet, this particular statement in the liturgy, composed by Rav Amram Gaon of the ninth century and uttered by eleven centuries of Jewish martyrs, had some meaning to the Jews of history even as it must have some meaning to us today.

What is that meaning? It is simply this: To be sure the major objective guilt is shared by others. But we too are guilty in some degree. In our own generation we have not all been as sensitive to the needs of our times and the plight of the downtrodden as one would expect Jews to be. The grotesque manifestations of racism and hatred which are now pouring forth from the black community are a long overdue reaction to intolerable conditions that the President's Commission on Civil Disorders attributed to the white man's neglect, callousness and racism. We, too, share that guilt.

But, surely, ours is only a small share. Must we say "More guilty are we than any other people?" The answer is yes. We are *more guilty because more is expected of us*. We are more to be blamed because more was hoped for from us. We are more

culpable than other peoples because we, of all peoples, should have known better.

"You know the soul of the stranger," cautions the Bible. We understand the anguish of the oppressed, the hopelessness of the downtrodden, the resentment of the persecuted. We know what it means to be excluded, to be discriminated against, to be on the outside without any hope of gaining entrance to the inside. Because of this, our standard of behavior should have been better.

Furthermore, our tradition demands from us a different dimension entirely of human behavior. We do not judge ourselves by the standards of others. We live on a unique level of ethics, morality, justice and humanity. If the concept of the chosen people has any meaning, this is its meaning. More is expected of us and, therefore, when we fail even slightly, we consider ourselves "more guilty than any other people."

Jewish tradition tells us that repentance accomplishes wonders. Among other things, it transforms all our past sins into merits and good deeds. If, therefore, we consider ourselves now "more guilty than any other people" we have an opportunity during the Days of Awe to change the course of our behavior, to refine the quality of our living and to heal the blemishes of our soul. In so doing, we will emerge "more blessed than any other people."

"If thy sins be as scarlet, I shall whiten them as snow." This is the difficult but hopeful choice which Judaism offers: scarlet or snow. Let us choose wisely and courageously and may God grant all of us the health and strength to fulfill all the noble resolutions of our hearts throughout a year which will bring healing to humanity, security to society and peace to our world.

H. L.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Junior Congregation

On both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, the Junior Congregation will meet from 11 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The service, which is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 12, will be held in the Synagogue Chapel.

The Junior Congregation Service is under the direction of Aaron Holzer and is supervised by Mr. Noam Shudofsky, Director of Youth Activities.

Service for Pre-Schoolers

Youngsters between nursery age and grade one will meet in the Dining Hall. They will be under the supervision of Miss Marilyn Smilow, who will be assisted by Miss Naomi Markson. This group will meet from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

We urge parents to refrain from sending children to this group if the youngsters might pose a particular supervision problem to the leaders.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of September 21st-27th

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Anne Bernstein, Herman Greenberg, Mrs. Herman Greenberg, Isidore Grossman, Dr. William F. Herzig, Mrs. Hilda S. Kaufman, Mordie Mann, Mrs. Aaron Reinhold and Herbert L. Strauss.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lichtman and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Meilach.

Condolences—

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Hilda S. Kaufman upon the recent loss of her beloved sister.

We express our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Mary Schleifer upon the passing of her beloved brother, Sam Mehlman.

We express our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Herman D. Gimbel upon the passing in Baltimore, Maryland, of her beloved father, David W. Chertkof.

May the families be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Week of Sept. 28th-Oct. 4th

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Benjamin Brown, Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Mrs. Kalman Kinzler, Mrs. Benjamin L. Leifert, Dr. Joseph Litwinski, Deborah Ruth Miller, Isaac E. Okun, Benjamin Perlman, Sidney Scheinberg and Mrs. Isidore Silver.

A SUGGESTION FOR YOM KIPPUR

The Day of Atonement is, among other things, a day of self-denial. In addition to avoiding food and drink, Jewish tradition calls for refraining from the wearing of leather shoes.

The reason for this provision is that wearing a proper pair of shoes makes us feel complete and perfectly groomed. Women, especially, know that the right pair of shoes gives style and elegance to any outfit.

It is precisely the absence of that feeling of completeness which is called for on the Day of Atonement. Out of the spirit of moderate self-denial we are moved to prayer, penitence and wholesome introspection.

Today it is easy to conform to Jewish tradition in this matter. Non-leather footwear is readily available in shops in every neighborhood. Why not put your best foot forward this Yom Kippur by renewing this meaningful practice of our people?

TEPHILLIN TO BE SUBJECT OF SHABBAT SHUVAH DISCOURSE

This year again, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will present an Halakhic Discourse between Mincha and Ma'ariv on the Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, September 28th. The theme of the discourse this year will be an analysis of the two blessings made over the Tephillin.

The material for this discourse was developed by our Associate Rabbi during the course of a Sabbath afternoon class which he conducted last spring. It will form the basis for an article to be published in Hadarom, the Halakhic Journal of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Those who are interested in preparing for the class should study Chapter 25 and 26 of the Laws of Tephillin as found in the Shulchan Arukh. Another important source is the comment of Tosafot on the blessing for the search for chametz, as contained in Pesachim 7a.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the Shabbat Shuvah Discourse on September 28th. Mincha will be held at 6:00 o'clock and the discourse will follow.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The Kiddush this Sabbath will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten in honor of a Yahrzeit observance.

SABBATH CLASS IN HOLIDAY LAWS

The Sabbath class in holiday laws will continue the study of the laws of Shofar at its weekly session this Saturday afternoon, at 6:00 o'clock.

The laws are studied from the Code of Jewish Law with the commentary of the Mishna B'rura. Each student is provided with a copy of the book. The opportunity afforded to study Jewish law in the original is one which ought not to be missed. Naturally, everything is translated and the class itself is conducted in English.

Join the fine gathering of men and women who regularly attend this class with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, by coming down this Saturday afternoon at 6:00 o'clock.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE LADIES

Provision has been made for the kindling of candles in the Synagogue House on Yom Kippur eve, Tuesday, October 1st. Ladies will be directed to the proper place designated for the kindling of candles upon entering the synagogue building.

SCHEDULE OF ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, ROSH HASHANAH EVE

Selichoth Service 7:30

Regular morning services will follow

Evening 6:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, ROSH HASHANAH I

Morning 8:00

Evening 6:00

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, ROSH HASHANAH II

Morning 8:00

Evening 6:30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

*Evening 6:00

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, SHABBAT SHUVAH

Morning 9:00

Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Evening 6:00

An Halakhic discourse will be delivered by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:15

DAILY 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.

**Selichoth services will be held during the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, one-half hour before the regular morning services.

SCHEDULE OF YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st

Morning 7:15

Mincha 2:30

Kol Nidre 6:15

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

Morning 8:30

Memorial Prayers are recited as part of this service

PLEASE NOTE

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will alternate in officiating and preaching in the Main Synagogue and at the Auxiliary Service during the High Holy Days.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY**

* Evening 6:00

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Pre-School Service

Dining Hall 11:00

Weekly Portion: Nitzavim

Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

Evening 6:45

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:30

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

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PREPARING NOW FOR THE SUKKOTH FESTIVAL

Although Sukkoth seems rather far removed from our minds at present, it is, in fact, just a few weeks away. There are several matters which need your attention now, in order to prepare for the festival.

Sukkoth Meals

In addition to providing for Kiddush at the close of all holiday and Sabbath services during the Sukkoth festival, the congregation is also arranging for full course meat meals to be served on Sunday night, October 6th, Monday lunch, October 7th, Tuesday lunch, October 8th and during the Intermediate Days on Friday evening, October 11th and Saturday lunch, October 12th.

All meals will be catered by Arnold Caterers. The charge per adult per plate will be \$10.00, and for children under the age of twelve, \$6.50.

Reservation forms for Sukkoth meals will be mailed shortly to all members of the congregation. We urgently request that members act expeditiously in returning their forms together with payment covering their reservations.

Reserve a Lulav and Ethrog

We remind our worshippers of the need to arrange for a Lulav and Ethrog. These symbolic fruits are used during the Hallel service and in the procession around the synagogue.

The Lulav procession has become more impressive as more worshippers have joined the line of march.

It is desirable to have a Lulav and Ethrog for synagogue use and one for home use. In addition, some have accepted the practice of acquiring a Lulav and Ethrog and placing it in a prominent position in their office.

The purchase of a Lulav and Ethrog is a requirement of Jewish Law. There is, however, a practical element involved. When one purchases a Lulav and Ethrog, he simultaneously accomplishes a Torah precept and at the same time, contributes to the upbuilding of the economy of the State of Israel.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, will be happy to arrange for you to obtain a Lulav and Ethrog. Reservation forms for the Lulav and Ethrog will shortly be mailed to your home. Please make your reservation without delay.

YAHARZEITS**September**

21-BANY KRAUSS
21-ANNA ZUCKER
21-SIDNEY D. BURNETT
21-EVA TEXON
22-NANNETTE KAHAN
22-FANNIE MOSKOWITZ
22-FANNY DATTNER
22-BESSIE ZINKOFSKY
22-ARTHUR CHABON
23-SAMUEL GOLD
23-ADOLPH DATTNER
24-YETTA KAPLAN
24-MITA BARTH
24-HOWARD GOLDENHEIM
25-BERTHA MAYER
25-MARGARET LEVIN
25-SAMUEL FELDMAN
25-ANNA GROSS
25-JACOB HASS
26-PHILIP POLNER
26-JACOB GREENFIELD
26-BELLA GOLDBERG
26-SARA B. KAPLAN
26-SARI BAUMGARTEN
26-ABRAHAM TITTON
27-SADIE H. LUBELL
27-CEL SILBERMAN
28-WILLIAM BACHRACH

28-ANNA SHEAR

28-BESSIE N. COHEN
28-HANNAH RACHEL EPSTEIN
28-HARRIS B. GOLDMAN
29-EDWARD GOODMAN
30-ZALI LICHTMAN
30-JACOB HECHT

October

1-IGNATZ MARGARETEN
1-M. PINCUS LANDAU
1-DAVID ABRAMSON
1-LILLIAN R. ZUCKERBRAUN
1-CHARLES GOODMAN
1-ROSALIE ISRAEL
1-CARL SIEGEL
1-DORA BRODY
2-JACOB SINGER
2-HYMAN SHAPIRO
2-IGNATZ KOLB
2-LEA KOLB
2-ROSE SIGALL
2-PAULINE EINSTEIN
3-NACHOOM MARCUS
4-SOLOMON BACHRACH
4-MAX COHEN
4-MORRIS D. TEXON
4-HENRY KLAPPER
4-BENJAMIN COHEN