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New Slate of Officers Chosen

HARRY W. BAUMGARTEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONGREGATION

MAX J. ETRA, RETIRING AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS, ELECTED HONORARY PRESIDENT BY ACCLAMATION

STATEMENT BY HARRY W. BAUMGARTEN NOMINATING MAX J. ETRA FOR HONORARY PRESIDENT

"As is evident from the annual report of the President, Max J. Etra will not stand for re-election this evening. Under these circumstances, the Nominations Committee believes that Mr. Etra's outstanding contributions to the congregation should be given appropriate

recognition at this time.

Max Etra has served this congregation as President for almost thirty years — a truly remarkable record, unequalled in American Jewish congregational life. He has guided the congregation through good times and bad, in wartime, and through two major reconstructions and alterations, as well as several building acquisitions. It was during his tenure that Kehilath Jeshurun achieved its greatest peak of progress and expansion, and extended its maximum influence culturally, educationally and financially."

The synagogue will have an unfamiliar look without his unfailing presence on the dais and the Bimah on each and every Sabbath and holiday. With the devoted members of his family and the congregational family, we are grateful for his many years of unselfish dedication.

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, I nominate Max J. Etra as Honorary President of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and after the seconding of this nomination, I urge a rising vote by acclamation."

PLEASE NOTE

This Bulletin contains information for the forthcoming two weeks. The next issue of the Bulletin will appear on Thursday, May 22nd, Shavuoth Eve.

In what will go down in the annals of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun as an historic occasion without parallel, the Ninety-Seventh Annual Membership Meeting of Kehilath Jeshurun elected to office a new slate of Officers to guide the fortunes of the congrega-

tion for the coming year.

Speaking for the Nominations Committee, Hyman I. Bucher, a Trustee of the congregation, and a past President of its Men's Club, brought forth a slate consisting of Harry W. Baumgarten, President; Nathan Salzman, Vice President; Joseph S. Gershman, Treasurer; and Edward Low, Secretary. Each of these gentlemen was elected to office by acclamation.

Mr. Bucher extended the gratitude of the entire congregation to Mr. Etra, who announced his retirement during his annual report, and to the other outgoing officers, Joseph Roth, Vice President; Elgin Shulsky, Treasurer and Irwin Shapiro, Secretary. In this way the congregation made the transition from the expert and highly successful leadership of the past to what we hope

will be an equally distinguished leadership for the future.

This Annual Meeting had many noteworthy features which will long be remembered by those who attended. Perhaps the most moving part of the meeting came when Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein rose to speak words of glowing tribute to the outgoing President. Mr. Etra had just been elected Honorary President by the acclamation of the membership.

The Rabbi, who, because of illness, had not been in attendance at a public function in the synagogue for five weeks, spoke with great emotion and feeling as the membership sat in wrapt

attention.

Annual Report of the President

The Ninety-Seventh Annual Report delivered by Max J. Etra was in itself a notable and memorable statement. The outgoing President, after announcing his intention not to seek re-election, thanked all those who had helped him in his work throughout the years.

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Kehilath Jeshurun's new Officers (left to right): Edward Low, Secretary; Harry W. Baumgarten, President; Joseph S. Gershman, Treasurer; and Nathan Salzman, Vice President.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.
"MAN DOTH NOT LIVE BY TECHNOLOGY ALONE"

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He also called upon the congregation to pass a resolution to prepare for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Kehilath Jeshurun, which will occur in 1972. He asked that a program of religious and cultural events be planned for that occasion and that the congregation launch a campaign to reduce its mortgage indebtedness entirely, or at least the major part of it, by the 100th anniversary. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Presentation of Anniversary Celebrants

Another emotionally charged part of the program was the presentation of certificates to several members of the congregation who were celebrating important anniversaries of their affiliation with Kehilath Jeshurun. There was hardly a dry eye in the audience when Joseph Roth, the outgoing Vice President, delivered his tribute to the beloved and esteemed Frederick Margareten, a past President of Kehilath Jeshurun. Mr. Roth and Mr. Etra descended from the stage to present the certificate to Mr. Margareten who was seated in a wheelchair. The entire assemblage rose and gave this elder statesman of Kehilath Jeshurun a standing ovation.

Similar tribute was paid to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Leifert, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lichtman and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Strauss on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary of membership in Kehilath Jeshurun. Each of the celebrants was praised eloquently by Mr. Roth and was applauded heartily by a happy congregation.

Induction of New Members

The first item of business on the agenda was the presentation and induction of new members. The Chairman of the Membership Committee, Ira F. Weisman, presented the following for membership in Kehilath Jeshurun:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Chaplik
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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Colvin
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua S. Deutsch
Dr. and Mrs. Moses L. Ehrlich
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Eisenstat
Dr. and Mrs. William Fastenberg
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fink
Mrs. Nathalie Herman
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Mr. and Mrs. Abe B. Kaufman
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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koppel
Mr. George Lax
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Levine
Mrs. Gertrude Linzer
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Medwin
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D. Newman
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Orlinsky
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pomerance
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Postel
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Postel
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rashbaum

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Reinhold Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Richter Mr. and Mrs. Herman Riederman Dr. and Mrs. Merritt Roher Mr. and Mrs. Amos Shuchman Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Schwalbe Dr. and Mrs. Simon Schwarz Dr. and Mrs. Norman Sohn Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Vanderhoek Mr. and Mrs. Saul L. Warshaw Dr. and Mrs. David H. Woldenberg

Most of these members were present in person to observe their official installation. They were warmly greeted by the congregational family. It is to be hoped that their affiliation with Kehilath Jeshurun will be a long and happy one.

Memorial to Departed Members

Following the election of the new slate of officers, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein rose to deliver brief eulogies about the following members of Kehilath Jeshurun who were called to their eternal reward during the past year:

Harry Abramson
Harry Bachrach
Thomas Bornstein
Albert Colin
Herman Davidowitz
Lillian Goodman
Herman Greenberg
Joseph Kagan
Kalman Kinzler
Richard Kolb
Mrs. Lillian Lewis
Dr. Jack Lieberman
Samuel Morris
Samuel Rosen
Isadore Schlang
Abris Silberman
Reuben Westerman
Louis W. Yohann

Following the Rabbi's eulogies, Cantor A. Joseph Cohen chanted the Memorial Prayer with the congregation standing.

Meeting of Ramaz School

Mr. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz, assumed the chair following the adjournment of the Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting, and conducted a business meeting of Ramaz School. Out of deference to the Principal of Ramaz, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, who has been ill during the past weeks, Mr. Goldsmith asked that the election of Trustees and the conduct of other business be postponed and delegated to the Board of Trustees. This request was accepted unanimously by the membership.

Closing Remarks

The Annual Meeting closed with an address by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein who spoke movingly about the salient and significant events of this meeting. After asking the congregation to join

with him in reciting the blessing of Hatov V'Hametiv over the presence of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein in its midst, the Associate Rabbi discussed the meaning of the changeover in the leadership of the congregation. He cited the well known verse from Ecclesiastes: "A generation passes and another generation approaches and the world still remains stable." He spoke glowingly of the outgoing officers, citing the special quality of Irwin Shapiro, who brought to the office of Secretary the learning and values of one who was ordained for the rabbinate by Yeshiva University.

He spoke of the self-sacrifice and devoted service rendered by Elgin Shulsky, the outgoing Treasurer, who besides his regular duties, served as the guardian and watchman over the construction of every facet of our new building. The Rabbi also cited the "eminently respected Joseph Roth" who gave to the office of Vice President a very special kind of dignity and who presided in a sensitive position in a quiet, softspoken and highly effective manner.

Finally, he spoke of the new Honorary President of Kehilath Jeshurun and indicated that beyond all the beautiful words spoken about him, "twenty-nine years are themselves the best testimony to the worth and value of a man in his service and in his servitude to a communal cause."

Meet Our New Officers

The new administration which took office at the Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting was cited by our Associate Rabbi for its excellent quality. Edward Low, the new Secretary, has a spiritual background that is traced back to the sainted Maharal of Prague. He is an Associate Trustee of the congregation, the father of four splendid children, all of whom have received or are receiving an intensive Jewish education in Ramaz. In the short time that he has been with the congregation, he has demonstrated loyalty and dedication to all of its aims and purposes.

Joseph S. Gershman, the new Treasurer, is no stranger to office in Kehilath Jeshurun. He is a former Secretary of the synagogue and he has given decades of superlative service to Kehilath Jeshurun and to Ramaz School of whose Board of Trustees he is the Vice Chairman. He is deeply respected throughout the Jewish community in every important cause and every vital activity. He served with particular effectiveness as President of the Educa-

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Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Leifert after receiving twenty-fifth anniversary scroll from Max J. Etra, as Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein (left) and Joseph Roth (right) stand by.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lichtman (above) and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Straus (below) receiving their twenty-fifth anniversary scrolls.



Mr. Margareten receiving forty-fifth anniversary scroll.



(Right) Max J. Etra delivering the Ninety-seventh Annual Presidential Report.





A partial view of the capacity crowd of 350 members singing the National Anthem as the Annual Meeting opened.



The new members who were present at the Annual Meeting as they were officially installed into membership in Kehilath Jeshurun. At lower left is Ira F. Weisman, Chairman of

the Membership Committee and Hyman I. Bucher who presented the new slate of Officers on behalf of the Nominations Committee.



Rabbi Haskel Lookstein delivering the invocation flanked on the left by Martin R. Rochlin, President of the Men's

Club, Elgin Shulsky, Treasurer, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Max J. Etra and on the right, by Joseph Roth.

A partial view of the audience and the dais applauding as Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein delivered his moving tribute to Max J. Etra. On the dais, from left to right, are: Martin R. Rochlin, Joseph S. Gershman, Harry W. Baumgarten, the Rabbi, Edward Low, Nathan Salzman, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, A. Phillip Goldsmith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz School and Cantor A. Joseph Cohen.



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tional Alliance and as a leader in the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

The new Vice President, Nathan Salzman, is well known to those who are regular worshippers in the synagogue. He is virtually the first to arrive every Saturday morning, and is a frequent worshipper at services during the week. A man of significant learning in Talmud and Jewish Law, he honors a tradition of piety that goes back in his family for many generations.

The President elect is, of course, one of the best known members of the congregation. For years he served and presided with distinction as a Vice President of Kehilath Jeshurun. When the retiring Max J. Etra sought a man who could serve as Chairman of a Nominations Committee and put together an entirely new slate of officers, he chose the one man who ultimately was everybody's choice for President. Harry W. Baumgarten was the choice. We are confident that the congregation will derive immeasurable benefit from his leadership.

A Closing Prayer

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein asked the congregation to rise as he closed with a prayer. The prayer, found in the Talmud, consists of a statement pronounced by the outgoing Priests who, when leaving their tour of duty in the Temple, spoke these words to the incoming Priests who were about to begin their new tenure of service:

"May He who has caused His spirit to dwell in this House of God, bestow upon us all the fourfold blessing of love, brotherhood, friendship and peace."

There was little doubt that this prayer would find fulfillment in the life of Kehilath Jeshurun. It was already amply in evidence as the members descended joyfully to the Social Hall for a buffet reception at which the spirit of camaraderie and warm friendship was everywhere in evidence.

And so, the Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting of Kehilath Jeshurun passed into history. An era came to an end; an era that saw great accomplishment and profound blessing for a congregation. A new era began; an era which we are confident will bring glory and achievement to this congregation as it marches on toward its 100th anniversary.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD invites all ladies to its CLOSING OPEN MEETING OF THE SEASON

This Monday, May 12th, at 12:30 o'clock

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN will speak on

"PORTNOY'S COMPLAINT AND COMPLAINTS ABOUT PORTNOY"

A Review Lecture

Coffee and cake will be served at the beginning of the meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 16th: SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF JERUSALEM SPECIAL MORNING SERVICE IN OUR SYNAGOGUE

On Friday, May 16th, the Jewish world will mark the second anniversary of the liberation of Jerusalem. The date corresponds to the twenty-eighth day of Iyar which in 1967 fell on June 7th.

In keeping with the practice that is being urged upon Jews throughout the world, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will hold a special morning service on that day. We will recite Hallel with a blessing and we will have special commemorative prayers as part of this service. The cantor will officiate.

To mark the festiveness of this occasion, we will serve breakfast for all those who attend the service. In order not to interfere unduly with the daily routine, we are scheduling the service at 7:00 o'clock, so that the worship and the breakfast will be over by 8:15.

We urge men and women to set aside that morning for a celebration of an event that is perhaps the most dramatic and blessed event since the loss of Jerusalem and its Temple almost two thousand years ago.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of May 10-16

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Leo Breindel, Herman D. Gimbel, Alexander Gross, Mrs. William F. Herzig, Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, Joel Lewittes, Mrs. Frances Ratner, Richard M. Sachar, Joseph Sonenberg, Mrs. Saul L. Warshaw, George Weiss and Dr. Wolf Zukerman.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Abram J. Abeloff, Dr. and Mrs. Leon A. Feldman and Mr. and Mrs. Saul L. Warshaw.

Week of May 17-22

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Moses L. Ehrlich, Mrs. Samson Eichler, Meyer A. Gross, Hermann Merkin, Mrs. Michael E. Sorock, Mrs. Oscar Trencher and Mrs. Ruth Wax.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. De Graaff.

Get Well-

We offer our prayers and sincerest wishes for a full and speedy recovery to our esteemed member, Joseph N.

Friedman, who is currently in the hospital. Mr. Friedman was to have been honored at the Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his membership in the congregation. We hope that he will be restored to health and that he will return to our midst soon.

Similar good wishes to our esteemed member, Louis Lipschutz, who is recovering from illness at home. He too was to have been honored on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in the congregation. We look forward to seeing him in the synagogue shortly.

CONGRATULATIONS, RABBI CHARNEY

Our heartiest Mazel Tov wishes to our esteemed and revered member, Rabbi Aaron R. Charney, upon the celebration of his eightieth birthday. Rabbi Charney is also rejoicing over the announcement of the engagement of his grandson, Barry Eisenberg to Debra Bendheim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendheim.

We pray that Rabbi Charney will have many more happy and healthy years together with his wonderful family.

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| Joseph H. Lookstein | Rabbi |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Haskel LooksteinAsso | |
| A. Joseph Cohen | Cantor |
| Israel D. RosenbergRitual | |
| Noam ShudofskyYouth | |

Officers of the Congregation

| Max J. EtraHon. President |
|-----------------------------------|
| Harry W. BaumgartenPresident |
| Nathan SalzmanVice President |
| Joseph S. GershmanTreasurer |
| Edward LowSecretary |
| Mrs. Leon A. FeldmanPres. Sist. |
| Martin R. RochlinPres. Men's Club |

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FRIDAY, MAY 9th

| Lighting of Candles | ^ |
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| Evening | |
| SATURDAY | |
| Morning | 9:00 |
| Junior Congregation | 10:15 |
| Pre-School Service | |
| Dining Hall | 11:00 |
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Weekly Portion: Behar-Behukotai Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34 Haftersh, Joromiah 16.10 17.14

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| Evening | 7:50 |
| Conclusion of Sabbath | |
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| SATURDAY | | | |
| Morning | | | 9:00 |
| | | | 10:15 |

Pre-School Service11:00 Dining Hall **Weekly Portion: Bemidbar**

Numbers 1:1 - 4:20 Haftorah: I Samuel 20:18-42

| COSH CHODESH PRATERS | |
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| Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be | on |
| Sunday, May 18th. | |
| Evening | 8:00 |
| Conclusion of Sabbath | |
| WEEKDAY SERVICES | |
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| Morning | 7:30 |
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| | 8:30 |
| Evening | 6:30 |

* Sabbath Candles are kindled twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath at 6:30, should also light candles at that hour.

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The Junior League of Yeshiva University will sponsor a House Au Go-Go on Tuesday, May 20th. The tour will feature a number of homes which have special interest in terms of art and interior decoration.

For reservations, call Brenda Bernstein, UN 1-5222.

YAHRZEITS

| May | |
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| 10—BETTY | COAN |
| 11—HELEN | REINHOLD |

11-ROSE LANGER 11-LOUIS LANGER

12—DINAH WEISS 12—MEYER COAN 12—SIDNEY P.C. EPSTEIN

12-SARAH A. ZOOK

12-MAYER MIRKEN

13—AARON GARFUNKEL 13—MOLLIE BECKER

13-RAE SOKOLSKI

13-ESTHER KINZLER

14-MARY GOLDNER 15-ISAAC SADINOFF 15-LOUIS SCHNEIDER

15—FANNIE COHEN

15-LILLIAN J. ROSSANT

15-MARTIN SMILOW

15-MALVIN SMILOW

15-GUSSIE ROSOW

16-ABRAHAM A. BAUM

16-OSIAS GARFEIN 16-SYLVIA GOLD

16-WILLIAM AARON USDAN

17-DAVID LEVY

17-SARAH HERSHKOVITZ

17-JOSEPHINE BRAUN

19-ILONA STRULOVITS

19-ISRAEL A. EPSTEIN

19-JACQUELINE COHEN

20-JACOB H. RUBIN 20-SOLOMON LINZER

20-MILDRED BRESLOW

20-KLARA LOW

21-FRANK MORGANSTERN

21-ARNOLD BUCHLER

21-SAMUEL GOLDBERG

21-GEORGE A. EFRON

22-MELICHAR HOLLANDER

22-BERTHA HOLLANDER

22-GITEL HOSTYK

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ALMOST COMPLETE

While the Book of Remembrance has gone to the printer, it will still be possible to insert names if we receive authorization to do so by Tuesday morning, May 13th.

Those who wish to memorialize their dear ones and to satisfy the requirement that an offering be made in their memory at Yizkor time, may accomplish this by sending in the authorization form or by calling the

synagogue office directly. Please do not delay; and please understand that we cannot print any name unless we are authorized to do

SHACHAR

The Teenage group of the congregation presents GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S

THE MIKADO SUNDAY, MAY 18th two performances 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$2.00 each, and may be purchased through the synagogue office.

The 2:00 P.M. performance is for the younger set.

A NOTE TO PARENTS

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We are most anxious to print any and all information regarding the young men and women of our congregation who will be graduated from school this spring or who may have earned academic honors during the course of this year.

Please send us any and all information that you think would be of interest to the young people and to the readership of the congregation. We will be happy to extend the congratulations of the Bulletin to those who have earned it.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

The Kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, the children of Rabbi Aaron R. Charney, in celebration of the eightieth birthday of their father.

Joining them as sponsors of the kiddush will be Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Podell who are celebrating the Aufruf of their son, Stuart, who will be married, please God, on Saturday night, May 31st. The Aufruf will take place in our Synagogue this Sabbath morn-

THE JEWRY BOX

Served During Week of May 4-9

Joseph Roth Joseph A. Perlman Bernard Podell Hon. George Postell

Will Serve During Week of May 11-16 Sidney Flatow

Abe Newborn Jules Sax Isaac E. Okun Dr. Nathan Wachtel

Will Serve During Week of May 18-23

Sidney Scheinberg Adolph Schimel George Schneider David Rosen Isidor Berkowitz

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