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MAIN SYNAGOGUE BEING REFURBISHED

Our Main Synagogue is in the process of being refurbished. Our congregents will have an opportunity to see and admire the new beauty of an already beautiful House of Worship. Part of the work will be finished by Rosh Hashanah.

The renovation and decoration of our House of God is being done during the Centennial Year in accordance with a resolution approved by the membership of the congregation. The work was started in August and, by stages, will be done throughout the year.

The rear ladies balcony has been improved so that those sitting there will have a better view. The occupants of that section will find other improvements in that part of the balcony.

Additional work in other parts of the Synagogue building has already been done. A self-contained ventilating and air conditioning unit has been installed for the Chapel and Library of the Synagogue. Those who attend services in the Chapel are extremely pleased with the results of the new arrangement.

A comprehensive plan of additional work is being prepared under the able Chairmanship of Mr. Eugene Hollander, who is the head of the Building Committee. Working with the Chairman are: William Landa, Joseph Lorch, Elgin Shulsky, Samuel Singer and Mrs. Meyer Texon.

The officers of the congregation are, naturally, participating in all the deliberations of the Building Committee.

מנה טוכה 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 health, happiness and good fortune.

You are invited to attend

SELICHOT SERVICES

This Saturday night, September 2nd at the new time — 10:00 P.M. in the Main Synagogue and a Social Hour sponsored by the

SISTERHOOD, MEN'S CLUB and COUPLES CLUB

also at the new time $-9:15\,$ P.M. in the Social Hall

A THOUGHT FOR THIS SEASON

(Adapted from a Z'chor Brit prayer by Saadia Gaon, 892-942)

We have forgotten Thy benefits and ignored Thy many kindnesses. We have repudiated Thy commands and rejected Thy judgments. We have committed many foolish deeds; we have preferred evil to good, falsehood to truth, impurity to purity and we have exchanged the everlasting for the transitory.

Yet not with Thee, O Lord, our God, have we dealt unfairly, but with our own souls; it is not Thee whom we have offended, but ourselves. For when man sins, what effect does it have on Thee? If his errors are numerous, what harm does he do to Thee?

Rather, woe to man himself who has sinned against Thee and woe to his own soul which has done wrongly, for he has brought evil to himself. O Lord, we are truly ashamed!

SELICHOT Z'CHOR BRIT

next Friday morning

September 8th

at 6:30 A.M.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will officiate

Seating Arrangements Still Available For High Holy Days

There are still a few seats available in both the Main Synagogue and in our Auxiliary Service for the forthcoming High Holy Day season. Members of the congregation and of the community at large are asked to make their needs known to the Synagogue Office without any delay so that we can serve all who need to be accommodated.

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.

Services for Children

Throughout the year, Kehilath Jeshurun conducts special services for pre-Bar Mitzvah and pre-Bat Mitzvah age boys and girls. These services will begin this year on Rosh Hashanah and will be held on both days from 11:00 to 1:00.

The Junior Congregation, conducted by Alvin Smilow, is for boys and girls, ages 7 through 12, who already have a reading knowledge of Hebrew. The boys and girls lead the service themselves and gain fluency and inspiration in prayer.

The pre-Junior Congregation is for children ages 4 through 6. Conducted by Marilyn Smilow, it features prayers and songs, educational games and stories that introduce the children to prayer and to the Sabbath and festival spirit.

Encourage your children to make synagogue attendance a weekly habit. Begin on the first day of the year, Rosh Hashanah.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Jacob J. Avner, Mrs. George H. Bookbinder, Philip Daffner, Mrs. Max Daffner, Mrs. Usher Doppelt, Mrs. Bernard D. Fischman, Sidney Flatow, Samuel Greenberg, Dr. Nathan Kalischer, Harry Kleinhaus, Lawrence A. Kobrin, Sidney Kotimsky, Mrs. Edward H. Lubin, Benjamin Mandelker, Mrs. Herman Merkin, Mrs. Saul H. Nack, Mrs. Aaron H. Onish, Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, Joseph Roth, Adolph Schimel, Dr. Edgar C. Trautman and Sanford Ward.

Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryskin, Dr. and Mrs. William Fastenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Freezer, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Holzer, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kleinhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lebowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Saul H. Nack, Mr. and Mrs. David Scheinfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Romie Shapiro, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zuger.

Births-

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rashbaum upon the birth of their first child, Joseph.

Similar greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Messeloff upon the birth of Sara Michelle.

May both families derive much happiness from their children as they grow up in the tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

Engagements-

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Shulsky upon the engagement of their daughter Lynda to Melvyn J. Matlins, son of Mrs. Gertrude Matlins of Scarsdale, N.Y.

Sisterhood Neediest Cases

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Sisterhood Neediest Cases Fund from: Mrs. Vera Icikovic, Mrs. Morris Morgenstern, Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, and Mrs. Meyer Texon. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue.

Similar congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman on the engagement of their granddaughter Susan Lilker. The bride will marry Richard Rubenstein, son of Mrs. Hortense Rubenstein of New York City.

Weddings-

Congratulations to our devoted member Justin Kingson upon his marriage to the former Emily Wilkins Levey.

Similar good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell upon the marriage of their daughter Laurie to Myron Goldberg.

Our heartiest good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith upon the marriage of their daughter Lynda to Alexander Strulovic, the brother of Mrs. Eugene Hollander.

Academic Advancement—

Congratulations to Gerard Rem son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Rem upon his graduation from RPI. Gerard will attend Harvard University this fall in pursuit of a degree in Business Administration.

Condolences-

During the summer several families in the congregation sustained personal losses.

We extend our fullest sympathy to Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman, upon the passing of her daughter Evelyn Cohen; to Jacob M. Miller, upon the passing of his mother Hinda Miller; to Mrs. Ed Low, upon the passing of her father Emil Landau; and to Mrs. Adrian Skydell, upon the passing of her sister Geraldine Golding.

We pray that the bereaved families will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

Sisterhood Happy Day Fund

Our thanks to the following women who contributed to the Sisterhood Happy Day Fund, Mrs. William Lebowitz and Mrs. Abraham L. Marcus. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Abraham Silver, 1199 Park Avenue.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN CALENDAR FOR OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR 1972 - 73 5733

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Please retain this calendar of events and mark your diary accordingly. Additional dates will be announced as they are planned.

Saturday,	October	7	Centennial Service: Guest Speaker — HON. ABBA EBAN
Saturday,	October	7	Afternoon Youth Groups begin activities
Saturday,	October	7	Talmud class resumes
Sunday,	October	8	Father and Son Minyan begins
Monday,	October	16	Sisterhood Open Luncheon Meeting — Local candidates will discuss national issues
Tuesday,	October	17	Public meeting sponsored by the Sisterhood, Men's Club and Couples Club — special program by Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
Saturday,	October	21	Youth Sabbath
Saturday,	October	21	Couples Club meeting at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein
Tuesday,	October	31	Men's Club Open Meeting: Guest Speaker — General Motta Gur
Friday,	November	3	Shabbat eve family service and dinner sponsored by the Men's Club
Saturday,	November	18	Couples Club Sabbath
Tuesday,	November	21	Centennial Lecture Guest Speaker — Elie Wiesel
Thursday,	November	23	Thanksgiving Day Service
Monday,	November	27	Sisterhood Open Luncheon Meeting: Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein will review "My Name Is Asher Lev."
Saturday,	December	2	Chanukah Party sponsored by the Sisterhood, Men's Club and Couple's Club.
Wednesday,	December	6	Centennial Lecture: Guest Speaker — Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik
Sunday,	December	10	Yeshiva University Chanukah Dinner
Wednesday,	December	13	Sisterhood Theatre Party — The Bat Sheva Dancers
Monday,	January	8	Men's Club Theatre Party — Neil Simon's new play "The Sunshine Boys"
Sunday,	January	21	The Ramaz Dinner
Monday,	January	22	Sisterhood Open Luncheon Meeting — Program on Drug Abuse
Saturday,	January	27	Couples Club Symposium on Taharat ha-Mishpacha
Saturday,	March	17	Purim Eve service conducted by young adults
Sunday,	March	18	Purim morning service conducted by Ramaz students
Monday,	March	26	Sisterhood Open Luncheon Meeting: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will review "O' Jerusalem"
Saturday,	April	28	Evening commemorative program for Holocaust Day
Sunday,	May	6	Evening service and celebration in hoonr of Israel Independence Day (25th anniversary)
Saturday,	May	12	Youth Sabbath
Saturday,	May	26	Couples Club Sabbath

A Mitzvah For You And For Me — NOW!

The N. Y. Times, August 16, 1972, carried the news that highly educated Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel must now pay from \$5,000 (if he has a teacher's diploma) to \$26,000 (for the holder of a Ph.D.) The normal fee — itself an exorbitant figure amounting to a half year's salary — is \$1,000.

This is only the latest in a series of repressive measures enacted by the government against the specialists and scientists who are pressing for exit visas with only minimal success thus far.

In advance of the High Holy Days you can do a great mitzvah by writing to one or more of these heroic men. Tell them you are thinking of them and that you sympathize with their desire to go to Israel. In particular tell them they will be on your mind on Simchat Torah in the synagogue. Don't be political — just fraternal.

I suggest you write to one or more of the following:

Boris Ainbinder Ul. Klimashwina 22-86 Moscow U.S.S.R. R.S.F.S.R. Vladimir Slepak Ul. Gorkogo 15-77 Moscow K-9 U.S.S.R. R.S.F.S.R. Professor Benyamin Levich Leninsky Pr. 11-5 Moscow M-4a U.S.S.R. R.S.F.S.R. Roman Rutman Pofrovsky Blva. 14-47 Moscow U.S.S.R. R.S.F.S.R. Lev Davidovich Lerner Prospect Engelsa 28 Apt. 23 Leningrad U.S.S.R. R.S.F.S.R.

Please Note: When you write, please let me know. It is most important that you inform me before Yom Kippur. Send the letter by air mail at 21¢ postage.

H. L.

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 Rabah.

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

The Tashlich ceremony occurs this year on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. 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, indicating our desire to cast off all sins from our persons and correct our ways.

In our community, we customarily gather for Tashlich about one hour before Mincha near the 85th Street entrance to the reservoir path in Central Park.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

On Rosh Hashanah, upon leaving the Synaoggue, all extend the High Holy Day greetings לשנה מוכה תכתבו "May You Be Inscribed for a Good Year."

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A Follow-Up on The Shapiro Cables

At the Tisha b'Av evening service the congregation was asked to perform a tangible mitzvah associated with the day by cabling President Nixon and Ambassador Dobrynin on the Gavriel Shapiro case which was then pending in the Soviet courts.

We sent out 250 such cables the next day. The tangible results for Shapiro were fairly good. Answers have also been received from the President by those in whose names the cables were sent.

U.O.J.C.A. Convention Boca Raton, Florida November 22-26

The Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America will be held during the Thanksgiving Day weekend, November 22-26, 1972. Kehilath Jeshurun is entitled to a twelve member delegation in addition to other non-delegate participants.

We will be happy to provide all the necessary information to you regarding the Convention and an extended stay option in Boca Raton or Miami Beach. If you are interested, please write to the Synagogue office.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A recent publication of the Lubavitcher Movement calls our attention to advice once given by Rabbi Shmuel of Lubavitch, of sainted memory. He advised his followers to occupy their minds with Torah thoughts whenever they walked in the street.

One businessman is reputed to have asked the Rebbe in amazement how such a difficult think was humanly possible. The Rebbe replied: "If it is possible to think business thoughts during "Shemoneh Esray" (the silent prayer) then it is surely possible to think about Torah and prayer while walking in the street."

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

Meskin & Gurewitsch (formerly Berger) 1224 Lexington Ave. — RE 7-9800

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1200 Madison Ave. — AT 9-5461

Park East Kosher Butchers

1163 Madison Ave. - SU 7-3545

Eli Vizel

1547 First Ave. - RE 4-2280

Welcome to all Members and Friends

With this issue of the Bulletin, we ehe- resume publication of our bi-weekly organ in which we bring congregational news and announcements to the community.

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This edition of the Bulletin begins our fortieth year of publication. We hope to feature, during the course of this this year, such items of interest as the Ha- Weekly Portion column, headlines of in Jewish interest, a report from Soviet of a Jewry and excerpts from literature which has significance for Jews.

We welcome all of our readers. We sins 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 members and friends.

REMEMBER THE FAST OF GEDALIA

In the shadow of the Rosh Hashanah festival lies a fast day that is observed on the third day of the year, Wednesday, September 22nd. It is called Tzom Gedalia because it commemorates the assassination of Gedalia ben Achikom, governor of Judea, following the destruction of the land by the Babylonians.

With the death of Gedalia, the last members of Jewish statehood and self respect were snuffed out. The populace, demoralized and hopeless, quickly assimilated into the pagan society of the day. Fifty years later upon the return of the first of the exiles, there was hardly a Jewish family left intact.

For this national catastrophe, we fast and mourn on the day following Rosh Hashanah, although the actual assassination took place on Rosh Hashanah itself.

Sermon Schedule

Main Synagogue

Rosh Hashanah I

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Rosh Hashanah II Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Auxiliary Service Rosh Hashanah I

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Rosh Hashanah II Rabbi Jonathan Helfand

SCHEDULF FOR ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

SCHEDOLE FOR ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE	23
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, ROSH HASHANAH EVE	
Selichoth Services	6:30
Regular morning services will follow	
Lighting of Candles	5:57
Evening	6:00
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, ROSH HASHANAH I	
Morning	8:00
Evening	7:00
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:52
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, ROSH HASHANAH II	
Morning	8:00
Evening	7:00
Daily Services	
*Morning	7:30
Evening	6:00
*Selichoth services will be held during the week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, one half hour before the regular morning services.	

PREPARE NOW FOR THE SUKKOTH FESTIVAL

A New Plan For Sukkah Meals

We are happy to announce that the congregation will sponsor a new plan for Sukkah meals this year which should make it possible for all members of the community to enjoy the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah.

Buffet meals catered by Victor Mayer will be served as follows:

Friday evening, September 22nd Saturday noon, September 23rd Saturday evening, September 23rd Sunday noon, September 24th

The charge to you will be \$4.00 per plate payable in advance. We expect a full house (or sukkah) for all meals and we will accommodate everyone on a first come first served basis. As we reach capacity for each meal we will close reservations.

Please make your arrangements now by using the reservation forms sent to members or by writing directly to the synagogue office.

Reserve A Lulay and Etrog

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

The Lulav procession in the synagoque has become more impressive each year as more worshippers join the line of march. It is desirable to have a Lulav and Etrog for synagogue use and one for home use.

The purchase of a Lulav and Etrog is a requirement of Jewish Law. There is, however, a practical element involved. When one purchases a Lulav and Etrog, he simultaneously contributes to the strengthening 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 Etrog. Reservation forms for the Lulav and Etrog have been mailed to your home. Please make your reservation without delay.

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

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Officers of the Congregation

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, September 1st

Lighting	of Candles	6:09
Evening		6:00

SATURDAY

Morning	9	:(0	(
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Weekly Portion: Nitzavim-Vayelach **Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8**

Haftorah: ISAIAH 60

Evening		7:15
Conclusio	on of Sabbath	8.05

WEEKLY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	8:30
Monday, Labor Day	8:30
Evening	6:00
Selichoth Service at 7:00 a.m.	

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September

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- 4—Emanuel Winkler 4—Isadore Schlang 5—Annie Trachman 5—Lajos Weiss
- 6-Louis Sachar 7—Anna Zucker 7—Bany Krauss
- 7—Sidney D. Burnett 7—Nedra Kingson 8-Nannette Kahan
- 8-Fannie Moskowitz 8—Fanny Dattner
- 8—Arthur Chabon 8—Eva Texon
- 8—Bessie Zinkofsky

- 9—Samuel Gold
- 9—Adolph Dattner
- 10-Mita Barth
- 10-Howard Goldenheim
- 10—Helen Engel
- 11—Bertha Mayer
- 11-Margaret Levin
- 11—Samuel Feldman
- 11-Anna Gross
- 12-Philip Polner
- 12—Bella Goldberg
- 12—Sara B. Kaplan
- 12—Sari Baumgarten
- 12-Murray Hirsch
- 13—Cel Silberman
- 13—Sadie H. Lubell 14-William Bachrach
- 14—Anna Shear
- 14—Bessie N. Cohen
- 14—Hannah Rachel Epstein
- 14—Harris B. Goldman
- 14—Gershon Goldin
- 15-Edward Goodman

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