

# Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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## Have You Made Your Reservation For the Sisterhood Luncheon In Honor of Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein?

A very special event is almost upon us. On Wednesday, May 8, at 12:00 noon, the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood will hold its annual spring Luncheon which this year is in honor of the Sisterhood's "Woman of the Year": Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein. The luncheon will be held in the Croydon Hotel, 12 East 86th Street.

Surely there is not a woman in the congregation who doesn't know and appreciate Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein. She has been deeply involved in every activity of the Sisterhood for many years. Many of her friends, from the present and the past, will be on hand that day to honor her at a program which promises to be beautiful, impressive and filled with nostalgia.

If you are a woman in the congregational family and you have not made your reservation for this great affair, please call the Synagogue Office and simply give us the word. We will make sure that you are accommodated properly.

## 1974-75 Book of Remembrance Now in Preparation

Once again during this season of the year, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun publishes a Book of Remembrance in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite Yizkor for them four times a year. At the Yizkor service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom Yizkor was recited.

Members of the congregation and the community at large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of between \$5 and \$10 for each name which is to be memorialized. There is a form on page 2 of this Bulletin which we ask you to clip out and mail to the congregation if you wish us to record names for you.  
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## Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

invites its members to attend

the one hundred and second

## Annual Membership Meeting

Marking the Conclusion of the

Congregation's Centennial

This Sunday the fifth of May

One thousand nine hundred and seventy-four

at eleven o'clock

in the Main Synagogue

125 East 85th Street, New York City

A Buffet Luncheon

will follow

Sermons: Shabbat, May 4 — Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Shabbat, May 11 — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein



## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Jacob Baruch, Frederic H. Baumgarten, Mark Lewis Brecker, Leo Breindel, Lafay Dribben, Dr. William Fastenberg, Herman D. Gimbél, Edward C. Ginsburg, Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Miss Helen B. Greenberg, Alexander Gross, Mrs. William F. Herzig, Mrs. Abraham Kamber, Lloyd S. Kaye, William W. Landa, Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, Joel Lewittes, Mrs. Edward Low, Richard M. Sachar, Jules M. Sax, Joseph Sonenberg, Jess Ward, 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, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Horwitz, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sergold and Mr. and Mrs. Saul L. Warshaw.

### Bar Mitzvahs in Israel—

Congratulations to our member, Mrs. Malvina Wachter, on her forthcoming trip to Israel to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Israel Jacob Nissenbaum. The Bar Mitzvah will be held at the Kotel in Jerusalem. Similar congratulations to our member, Mrs. Gertrude Linzer, on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Yosef Ginsberg. The Bar Mitzvah was held in Ramat-Gan, Israel.

### Birth—

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith upon the birth of a son to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Strulovic, in Caracas, Venezuela. We are happy to congratulate the family upon the birth of this second child to the former Lynda Goldsmith.

While we are at congratulations, our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hollander, the brother-in-law and sister of the proud father. May this new arrival grow up in the best tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

### Kiddush Host—

We are very pleased to announce that Leslie Helprin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Helprin, sponsored the kiddush last Shabbat morning in honor of his grandmother, Mrs. Frieda Yaeger, on the occasion of her becoming a great-grandmother.

The happy event took place in Israel where Mr. and Mrs. Baruch Spiegel (the mother is a granddaughter of Mrs. Yaeger) gave birth to their first child, a son, which makes Mrs. Yaeger a great-grandmother for the first time. We pray that God will give her many happy and healthy years in which to redouble and retriplate her efforts as a great-grandmother in Israel.

### Academic Advancement—

We note with pride the reappointment of Ricki Bernstein, our co-Youth Director, to the faculty of the City University of New York as a lecturer in English. Mrs. Bernstein was first appointed for this past semester and she will serve in the same post for the next year. She is pursuing graduate studies at Columbia University's Graduate School of Arts and Science.

### Condolence—

We extend our fullest condolences to our esteemed member, Benjamin L. Leifert, upon the passing of his beloved mother, Fannie Leifert. We pray that the Leifert family will know of only health and happiness for many years to come.

## Clara Gross Happy Day Fund

Many thanks to Mrs. Norman B. Ackerman, Mrs. Bernard Fischman, Mrs. Rebe Grunwald, Mrs. Alexander Gross, Dr. Elliot M. Gross, Mrs. Vera Ickovic, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Walter Koppel, Mrs. William Lebowitz, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Maenza, Mrs. Benjamin Mandelker, Mrs. George Postel, Mrs. Elgin Shulsky, Mrs. Adrian Skydell and Mrs. Jess Ward for their contributions to the Clara Gross Happy Day Fund.

All contributions may be sent to Mrs. Leo Davenport, 145 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028, or to the Synagogue Office c/o Happy Day Fund.

## In Memoriam

### DR. SAMUEL GROSS

We mourn the passing of an esteemed member of the congregation who passed away three months and one week following the demise of his dear wife.

Dr. Gross was a beloved personality in Kehilath Jeshurun for over forty years. Together with his dear wife, Clara, he gained inspiration and pleasure from the services and programs of the congregation even as he contributed time and substance to the welfare of this community.

An outstanding pediatrician and a respected police surgeon, Dr. Gross will be mourned not alone by his son and daughter and their families, but also by the larger family of Kehilath Jeshurun.

May his memory be a blessing for us all.

## RAMAZ SCROLL Wins First Prize

Congratulations to the **Ramaz Scroll**, the school literary magazine published by the Ramaz Lower School, which once again was awarded a first place prize in the Fiftieth Annual contest of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, an affiliate of Columbia University. The CSPSA, the central organization for student publications in the United States, has been regularly citing the **Ramaz Scroll** for a first place award for more than a dozen years. We congratulate the school on this significant achievement.

## CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

### Book of Remembrance

#### Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my Yizkor offerings\* for the entire year, in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the Book of Remembrance published by the congregation.

#### Full Name in English

#### Offering

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Name .....

Address .....

\*This offering is a token of reverence and is designed to be within the reach of all. It should not exceed \$10 or be less than \$5 for each name.

(Please return to our office by May 8th.)



## OUR THANKS TO ALFRED KAHN

The President of the congregation, Harry W. Baumgarten, expressed the thanks of the entire congregation to our esteemed member, Alfred N. Kahn, who is retiring as a co-chairman of the Benevolent Fund Committee of the congregation. In his capacity as co-chairman, he was responsible for the disbursement of tens of thousands of dollars during the past five years to needy individuals, worthy institutions and other parts of Jewish communal life both here and in Israel.

We thank Mr. Kahn for this service which he has rendered to the congregation and to the community.

## ATROCITIES AGAINST SYRIAN JEWS

The following facts have recently been made available to us. We call them to your attention urging you to speak about them with your friends:

1. Four Syrian Jewish girls were murdered last month in a barbaric fashion.
2. Two boys, Nathan Shia (18 years old) and Cardun Abbadi (20 years old) who disappeared six months ago, were recently found murdered near the Lebanese border.
3. Three Jews, one of whom was the leader of the Jewish community in Lebanon and who was spirited out of that country, have been in jail since 1971 without anyone knowing of their fate.

At present, demonstrations are being held and pressure is being brought to bear upon the Syrians to allow all Syrian Jews to emigrate from that country. The above information is provided for you to be used at your discretion in order to help create an atmosphere favorable to the release of Syrian Jews from Syria.

### Book of Remembrance (Cont'd)

The book will go to press during the week of May 6 so that it will be ready in time for Shavuot. This, therefore, is the only reminder which you will receive about the Book of Remembrance.

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## COMMEMORATING THE SADNESS AND THE GLADNESS

During the past two weeks we held commemorative programs for Yom Hashoa (Holocaust Day) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). Both occasions marked first efforts on the part of Kehilath Jeshurun together with the Ramaz family in developing new religious forms for commemorating these great days.

On Thursday evening, April 18, in observance of Yom Hashoa, we held a Mincha and Ma'ariv service in the Main Synagogue, attended by a very fine gathering of somber worshippers of all ages. Our guest speaker, Eugene Hollander, was unfortunately victimized by the flu upon his return from Israel the day before and he could not be with us. Instead, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein read selections from the writings of Elie Wiesel and other historians and poets of the Holocaust.

Cantor Davis chanted several beautiful prayers and the congregation participated in a number of readings in unison. The entire service, which was completed in one hour, made quite an impact on the people who attended and who left the synagogue that evening in a mood of silence and reverence.

### Restrained Joy

Quite an opposite kind of experience came a week later on Wednesday night, April 24, when the Main Synagogue was filled with 500 worshippers, including more than 150 children, who came for the observance of the twenty-sixth anniversary of Israel's independence. Here, too, we began with a service that combined the blessings of Shehechyanu — expressing our joy at living through the experience of Israel's redemption — and Yizkor — expressing our mourning for the thousands of lives which were sacrificed in the service of that redemption.

Following the service, the gathering packed every inch of space in the auditorium to listen with joy and admiration to a musical recital by the Middle School Chorus and the Upper School Chorus of Ramaz. Time and again the audience clapped rhythmically to the music and responded with enthusiastic applause in expressing its approval of the students' singing. The talented musical director of Ramaz, Mr. Michael Berl, organized this program.

### Our Thanks to Mike Barany

Following the musical recital, the entire gathering was treated to a Felafel Feast designed and delivered

by our hard working member, Mike Barany, assisted by Dede Alpert, Barbara Nadler, and a host of teenage girls who served this late supper. While the eating was going on, Michael Berl led his band in a program of Israeli and chassidic music which provided the background for more than an hour of exuberant and enthusiastic dancing by young and old alike. The excitement and inspiration was on such a level as to seriously rival Simchat Torah in both quality and quantity.

### A Morning Service

The observance of Yom Ha'atzmaut was concluded on Thursday morning with a full synagogue service, again attended by hundreds — including many children. At that service we recited Hallel with a blessing and we included a special blessing of She'asa Nisim in accordance with the decision of the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

At the conclusion of the service, the entire assemblage participated in a gala holiday breakfast which brought the KJ observance of Israel Independence Day to a close. Of course, for the rest of the day, in Ramaz, the spirit of joy and excitement never abated for a moment. Each section of the school was involved in singing, dancing, dramatic presentations and all other forms of activity to make this day of solidarity with Israel an occasion of religious meaning and deep national feeling.

## Of Community Interest

We are pleased to report a new arrangement reached with the Cemetery Board of New York State which requires a cemetery, regardless of legal holidays, to facilitate burial, within 24 hours, of any individual whose family's religious beliefs are inconsistent with the postponement of such burial.

In the past, families have been seriously hurt by the occurrence of a legal holiday on a day when a burial should have taken place. This problem was brought to the attention of the Cemetery Board by the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) and the arrangement described above was arrived at after negotiation.

May none of us have cause to use this information in the future but we should be pleased to learn that the Jewish community has successfully resolved the problem, should it arise.



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY, May 3**

Evening .....6:15

**SATURDAY**

Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:00  
Pre-School Service .....11:00

**Weekly Portion: Ahare-Kedoshim****Haftorah: Amos 9**

Evening .....7:45  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....8:34

**FRIDAY, May 10**

Evening .....6:15

**SATURDAY**

Morning .....9:00  
Junior Congregation .....10:00  
Pre-School Service .....11:00

**Weekly Portion: Emor****Haftorah: Ezekiel 44**

Evening .....7:50  
Conclusion of Sabbath .....8:42

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Morning .....7:30  
Sunday Morning.....8:30  
Evening .....6:15  
Friday, May 11 — Lag Ba'omer

\* Sabbath candles are lit twenty minutes before sunset. Those, however, who conform to our schedule of ushering in the Sabbath early, should light candles at 6:15 P.M.

**Kiddush Sponsors**

We are pleased to announce that the kiddush this coming Shabbat, May 4, will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten, while the kiddush on Shabbat, May 11, will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Salzman.

We imagine that in thanking these two families for serving as kiddush sponsors we might refer to both of these kiddushim as Presidential Kiddushim.

**Y A H R Z E I T S****MAY**

4—Max Rosenberg  
4—Leo Podell  
4—Yetta Meilach  
4—Albert Colin  
4—Ida Scheinfeld  
5—Esther Lefkowitz  
5—Cirl Holzer  
5—Maris Perlman  
5—Wolf Sinick  
5—Salomon Penzner  
6—Eliezer Pofcher  
6—Jacob Epstein  
6—Roza Roth  
6—Ben Zion Blackowitz  
6—Henrietta Bachrach  
6—Adolph Schwartzfeld  
7—Rosalie Levy  
7—Jeanette Givner  
7—Jennie Roeder  
7—Max Piermont  
7—Aaron Breslow  
7—Frieda Buttermann  
7—Sarah Bober  
7—Samuel Frank  
7—Bella Leibowitz  
8—Isaac D. Popkin  
9—Marcus Rothenstein  
9—Avigdor Blum  
9—Gustav Stern  
10—Goldie Baum  
10—Fannie Sinick  
10—Aaron Meislin  
10—Oscar Steiner  
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11—Jacob Okun  
11—Mina Klein  
11—Rose Rubin  
11—Olga Krupnik  
11—Regina Frisch  
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