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SISTERHOOD PLANS FOR 1963-64 SEASON

The calendar of activities for the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood for the 1963-64 season has recently been completed and has gone to the printer. The program promises to be a most interesting one. Both of our rabbis will address the Sisterhood at Open Meetings. The women of our Young Marrieds Group will conduct a special program at one of the meetings. A return engagement of last year's Oneg Shabbat will be held. And, of course, the highlight of the season will be the Donor Luncheon on Wednesday, April 15th.

Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, the President of the Sisterhood, announced the following committee chairmen and co-chairmen who will supervise the Sisterhood activities and fund-raising programs during the year.

Program Chairman

Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman

Hospitality Committee

Mrs. Edwin Linden
Mrs. David Pik
Mrs. Frank Roth
Mrs. Bertha Witkin

Kiddush Chairman

Mrs. Edward Lebowitz

Membership Committee

Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein

Donor Luncheon

Mrs. William Lebowitz, Chairman
Mrs. Samuel Gross, Co-Chairman
Mrs. Meyer Texon, Chairman of Arrangements

Theatre Benefit

Mrs. Eugene Hollander
Mrs. Elgin Shulsky

Sukkah Committee

Mrs. Hyman Abrams
Mrs. Sidney Scheinberg

Oneg Shabbat

Mrs. Charles Cohen
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein

Happy Day Fund

Mrs. Jacob P. Shulman
Mrs. Harry Heyman

Gift Shop

Mrs. Edgar Trautman
Mrs. Charles Witkin

Raffle Chairman

Mrs. David Pik

Federation of Jewish Philanthropies

Mrs. Oscar Perlberger

United Jewish Appeal

Mrs. Joseph S. Gershman

Neediest Cases

Mrs. Alexander Gross
Mrs. Joseph Roth

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

Some weeks ago, letters were sent to all members of the congregation asking them to notify the synagogue office of their seating requirements for the High Holy Days. There are still a number of members from whom we have not as yet heard.

We should like to notify these members that letters regarding High Holy Day seats have already been sent to non-members. With former years as a guide, we expect that we will shortly be overwhelmed with requests for High Holy Day seats.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We have recently received applications for membership from the following:

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Bloom
Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Gimbel
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grossman
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith

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 their families. We hope that their affiliation with the congregation will be a long and happy one.

DELEGATION OF NINE TO ATTEND TORAH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Nine teen-agers from our congregational family will be among the more than four hundred participants in the 1963 Summer Torah Leadership Seminar, which will be conducted by Yeshiva University at Camp Monroe from Friday, August 23rd through Monday, September 2nd.

The four hundred teen-agers, coming from all parts of the United States and Canada, will participate in a ten day program of study and leadership sessions. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will serve as one of the leaders of the Seminar during the first week of activity.

The young people from our congregational family who will participate in the program are:

Clara Davis
Bruce Dratler
Donald Etra
David Herman
Aaron Holzer
Robert Krulwich
Pearl Moskowitz
Steven Silberblatt
Morris Szklarski

WITHIN OUR FAMILY**Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Julius Charnow, Ben Eisenstein, Harry Etra, Paul Gourary, Joseph Hostyk, Joseph M. Jame, Jack Perlberger, Stuart D. Perlman, E. David Rosen, Lawrence Rosenzweig, Mrs. Murray J. Schlusel, Joseph Schoenfeld, Irwin Shapiro, Mrs. Romie Shapiro, Mrs. Leon Sigall, Mrs. Joseph Sonenberg, Michael E. Sorock, Dr. Sadie Edith Trachman, Mrs. Judah Zizmor and Miss Lillian Zucker.

Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baruch, Mr. and Mrs. James Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Flatow, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hostyk, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klein, Mr. and Mrs. William Lebowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Westerman.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to our devoted member, Adolf Schimel, upon the passing of his mother.

We pray that the family may be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

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Please, therefore, notify the synagogue office immediately of your personal requirements. We are anxious to accommodate you and your families but we ask that you cooperate with us so that we may be able to meet your needs adequately.

Please be good enough to communicate with the synagogue office without delay with regard to this matter.

We wish these young people an enjoyable and inspirational stay at Seminar and we look forward to their participation in our youth programs throughout the year.

ELUL — THE MONTH OF PREPARATION

This Sabbath we will pronounce the blessing over the new month of Elul, which will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday. This month is the final one on the Jewish calendar and, at the same time, the month in which we prepare for the coming year in general and for the High Holy Days in particular.

Elul has been traditionally a month of penitence and spirituality. It is both in fact and in history the beginning of the penitential season. In fact it is so because during this month we prepare ourselves for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Historically it is so because, according to our calculations, Moses ascended Mt. Sinai on the first day of Elul in order to ask God's forgiveness for the sin of the golden calf. After forty days and forty nights on the mount he descended on Yom Kippur, having received full atonement.

Sounding of the Shofar

Both the fact and the history help us also to explain some of the customs which prevail during the month of Elul. Most notable of course is the sounding of the Shofar every morning following the daily service. We begin to sound the Shofar on the first day of Elul and we conclude on the day before Rosh Hashanah Eve. The reason for the sounding of the Shofar is, in fact, because it stimulates the Jew to feelings of penitence and to a spiritual awakening. Historically, it represents the Shofar which was sounded when Moses first ascended the Mount to ask for God's forgiveness.

Selichoth — penitential prayers — can also be explained in this two-fold manner. In fact, they are a prayerful preparation for the High Holy Days. They serve as a spiritual warm-up for the prayers which we utter on Rosh Hashanah. In a real sense, our capacity to communicate effectively and meaningfully with God on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur depends upon the preparation during the days of Selichoth. Historically, it represents the prayers which the Children of Israel

must have uttered while Moses was seeking forgiveness (the word Selichoth means forgiveness in Hebrew).

As a matter of fact, the Sephardic practice is to begin Selichoth on Rosh Chodesh Elul. The Ashkenazic practice is to begin Selichoth at least four days before Rosh Hashanah. This year, Selichoth will be recited for the first time on Saturday night, September 14th.

Visiting the Cemetery

A widespread practice is the visiting of family graves before the beginning of the New Year. The traditional reason for this practice is to offer a prayer at the graveside that God may grant us forgiveness for the sake of our ancestors. In the event that we are found unworthy, at least they were righteous and we hope that God will forgive us when he takes into account their exemplary behaviour.

While many have come to feel that it is proper at the graveside to ask the souls of one's forebearers to serve as an intermediary for the living, this obviously has no foundation whatsoever in Jewish practice or thought. On the contrary, it is grounded in superstition and borders on sinful behavior according to Judaism.

It is customary during the month of Elul to have one's religious articles examined in order to be sure that they are fit for ritual use. These articles would include Tephillin and Mezuzoth and other similar religious articles.

On the Eve of Rosh Hashanah our tradition tells us that we bathe, shave and don our finest garments in preparation for the Days of Judgment. A beautiful Midrash says that when a man is about to be judged in court, he refrains from wearing special garments because he is not sure how the judgment will turn out. In our case, however, we don our finest because we are certain that a merciful God will hear our prayers, harken to our petitions and forgive us for our sins of the past.

Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein	Rabbi
Haskel Lookstein	Ass't Rabbi
A. Joseph Cohen	Cantor
Israel D. Rosenberg	Ritual Director
Joseph Glatt	Exec. Director

Officers of the Congregation

Max J. Etra	President
Joseph Roth	Vice-President
Dr. H. Harold Gelfand	Secretary
Elgin Shulsky	Treasurer
Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin	Pres., Sist.
William Lebowitz	Pres. Men's Club

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY, August 16†**

*Evening	6:30
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SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
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Weekly Portion:**Re'eh****Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17****Haftorah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5****Rosh Chodesh Prayers**

Rosh Chodesh Elul will be on Tuesday, August 20th and Wednesday, August 21st.

Evening	7:40
Conclusion of Sabbath	8:25

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FRIDAY, August 23rd

*Evening	6:30
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SATURDAY

Morning	9:00
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Weekly Portion:**Shofetim****Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9****Haftorah: 51:12-52:12**

Evening	7:30
Conclusion of Sabbath	8:15

DAILY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	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 P.M. should also light candles at that hour.

YAHREZITS**August**

17—MAX URIS
18—IDA FEINGOLD NEWMAN
18—HENNIE POUST
18—FAVEL FINKEL
18—FANNIE NACHTIGALL
19—MAX GOLDMAN
19—ADOLF JACOB ZUCKER
19—ROSE FRIED
19—ROSE LANDAU
20—HYMAN LEVY
20—SAMUEL LEVINE
20—CHARLES deFREUDIGER
21—SAMUEL EDELMAN
22—HARRY LUCKS
22—CHANA LEAH DAVIDOWITZ
23—HENNIE BERK
24—YECHIEL RUBINSKY
24—EDWARD EPSTEIN
25—JACOB D. COHEN
25—JOSEPH GOLDING
26—SAMUEL METZGER
26—LOUIS BASKIND
26—JULIUS H. BINK
27—RABBI M. Z. MARGOLIES
27—FANNI HELLER
27—HERMAN ROSENTHAL
27—BERNARD COHEN
28—BERNARD ALTER
29—SAMUEL WALLACH
29—LOUIS ROBBINS
29—LILLIAN LEVEY
29—GERSON REM
30—ESTHER B. GOLDMAN
30—LENA GLIKSMAN
30—LOUIS MANDEL
30—MAY KERNER
30—JEAN RUTH KAPLAN

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