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The Officers of the Congregation and its affiliates, the Rabbis and the Officials extend heartiest wishes to the entire Kehilath Jeshurun Family for a year of health, happiness and peace

A WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The KJ family would like to extend a warm and hearty welcome to the following new members of the congregation who have joined Kehilath Jeshurun since the Annual Meeting in April:

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bernard
Mrs. Pearl Billig
Mr. Dean Blatt
Mr. Jonathan Brenner
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Crane
Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Etra
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fischer
Dr. and Mrs. Harry Freundlich
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gyenes
Mr. and Mrs. Berl Janowski
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Moed
Mr. Jerry Romain
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schimmel
Mrs. Charles Schneidman
Mr. Marcos Talerman
Dr. and Mrs. Alan Tuchman

May their association with us be long and mutually rewarding.

REMINDER

The first monthly *Seudah Sh'lisht* sponsored by the KJ Men's Club will take place on Saturday, September 30 at 5:30. Mincha will be followed by a *Seudah* during which Rabbi Bieler will conduct a session on the *Yomim Ha-Noraim*.

Zivchei E-lohim Ruach Nishbara

The best sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God will not turn away from a contrite and penitent heart (Psalms 51:19)

It is not easy to repent today. Repentance means being able to say: "I failed. I was wrong. I tried but I couldn't do it. Or, perhaps, I didn't really try. I am guilty. I feel bad. I'll change."

No one wants to say these things. Guilt is a bad word today, people think. Actually, it isn't. It is bad only when you suppress it and ignore it. No one wants to admit that he — or she — has been travelling in the wrong direction. We are more interested in speed than in direction. Frequently, therefore, we get further and further away from the right destination.

Repentance means being able to say to your wife — or husband: "I'm sorry, I didn't love you enough;" to your children: "I'm sorry, I wasn't there enough;" to your people: "I'm sorry, I didn't care enough;" to your God: "I'm sorry . . ."

It is not easy to repent. It is not easy to break one's *own* heart. But maybe if we break it, we can begin building a better one.

S'lach lanu avinu ki chatanu. Forgive us, O God, for we have failed.

You And Your Family Are Invited To:

SELICHOT SERVICES

this Saturday night, September 23, at 10:00 P.M.

A pre-Selichot social hour will be held at 9:15 P.M.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. William Herzig on the recent birth of a granddaughter, a baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Herzig.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman on becoming great-grandparents. A baby girl was recently born to their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Rubenstein of Montrose, N.Y.

We pray that these new arrivals will grow up in the tradition of *Torah*, *chupah* and *ma'asim tovim*.

Marriage

We congratulate David and Elaine (nee Yaffe) Blumenthal on their recent marriage and wish them many happy years together.

Special Birthday

Mazel tov to Mr. Benjamin Mandelker on his seventieth birthday. We look forward to celebrating many more such joyous occasions with the Mandelker family.

Academic Achievements

Congratulations to Mrs. Alexander Steinkoler on receiving her Masters degree in Education from Bank Street College.

Condolences

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Israel Waldman on the passing of his dear brother, Rubin Waldman.

We extend our condolences to Mrs. Irving Kagan on the passing of her beloved father.

May these mourners be comforted and consoled among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

BINNY SHUDOFKY ENGAGED

Mazel tov and all good wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky on the engagement of their son, Binyamin, to Miriam Newmark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Newmark. A wedding is planned for the spring, after which the couple-to-be expect to establish residence in Israel. We are happy to congratulate the community on this blessed development.

BAR MITZVAH



Ariel Berghash

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Berghash on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ariel on Shabbat September 23. Ariel, a student in Form II of Ramaz, will be called to the Torah during services that morning.

The entire congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berghash at Kiddush, which they will sponsor in honor of this happy occasion.

B'NOT MITZVAH



Dana Eisman

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Eisman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Dana, which will take place on Friday night, September 22.

We all join in congratulating the Eismans on this milestone in their family life.



Hannah Robins

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Robins on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hannah, on Shabbat, September 23. Hannah, a student in Form I of Ramaz, will deliver a *D'var Torah* after services that afternoon.

We congratulate the Robins family on their *simcha*.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Shabbat Morning Groups Begin

As of September 16, the morning groups have begun to meet. The regular Shabbat schedule is as follows:

Toddlers (1-2 years) 10:45-12:00
Board Room — 4th floor

Nursery (3-4 years) 10:45-12:00
Lunchroom — 3rd floor

Kindergarten — First Grade
10:45-12:00

Lunchroom — 3rd floor

Junior Congregation 10:15-12:00
Chapel — 1st floor

The leaders will be Frannie Robins, Felice Medwin, Rona Woldenberg and Eugene Major, respectively. All of them have had previous experience with these groups.

Please be sure to pick up your children, particularly those in the younger groups.

High Holiday Schedule

For Rosh Hashanah the meeting times will be as follows:

Toddlers 12:00-1:00

Nursery 12:00-1:00

Kindergarten-First Grade 11:30-1:00

Junior Congregation 11:00-1:00

A special Kol Nidre service will be held for the Nursery, Kindergarten to First Grade and Junior Congregation. It will begin at 7:00 P.M. and run for one hour.

On Yom Kippur, the Toddler and Nursery groups will meet at 12:15. The Kindergarten and First Graders will meet at 12:00 and Junior Congregation will meet at 11:30.

GUEST OFFICIANTS FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

We are very pleased to welcome Rabbi Maurice Wohlgeernter, Professor of English at CUNY and for many years one of the outstanding rabbis in New York City, who will assist our rabbis in conducting services at Kehilath Jeshurun during the High Holy Day season.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome back Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz, a senior member of the Ramaz faculty, who will serve as cantor at the Auxiliary Service once again this year.

We look forward to an inspiring High Holy Day season with the help of all those who will contribute to the beauty of the services in the Main Synagogue and in the Auditorium.

PREPARATIONS FOR SUKKOT

Last Call for Sukkah Meals

Six catered meals will be served in the Synagogue Sukkah this year. The meals offered will be on Sunday, October 15 dinner; Monday, October 16 lunch; Monday, October 16 dinner; Tuesday, October 17 lunch; Friday, October 20 dinner; Saturday, October 21 lunch. Due to the overwhelming demand for our Sukkah meals, we must restrict reservations to KJ members and their immediate families. The cost per meal will be \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children up to the age of 14.

A reservation form has been sent to our members. We recommend immediate response because requests will be honored on a first come first served basis. The deadline for submitting reservations is Friday, September 29.

Reserving a Lulav and Etrog

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

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, will be pleased to arrange for you to meet the requirement of purchasing a Lulav and Etrog. In doing so, you will also be supporting the Israeli economy.

Reservation forms for the Lulav and Etrog are being mailed to your home. Please make your reservation without delay.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

will deliver his annual

Shabbat Shuvah Discourse

on Saturday afternoon, October 7 following Mincha Services at 5:40.

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 10th. Ladies will be directed to the proper place designated for the kindling of candles upon entering the synagogue building.

SCHEDULE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, October 1, Rosh Hashanah Eve

Selichoth Service (Z'chor Brit) 8:00
Regular morning services will follow
Evening 6:00

Monday, October 2, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning 8:00
Evening 6:15

Tuesday, October 3, Rosh Hashana II

Morning 8:00
Evening 6:15
Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:11

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, October 6

*Evening 6:00

Saturday, October 7

Morning 9:00

Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Evening 5:40

Halakhic Discourse by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:06

*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.

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 10, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning 7:15
Mincha 2:30
Kol Nidre 6:15

Wednesday, October 11

Morning 8:30

Memorial Prayers are recited as part of this service.

Shofar Time — 10 o'clock

We call to the attention of our worshippers that the sounding of the Shofar on the second morning of Rosh Hashanah will take place at approximately 10 o'clock.

Please plan to be in attendance at services by that hour so that you will be present for this important religious observance.

SOUNDING THE SHOFAR FOR THOSE AT HOME

Anyone in the community who will not be able to attend synagogue services and would like to perform the mitzvah of hearing the Shofar sounded on Rosh Hashanah can arrange to do so by contacting our Ritual Director, Mr. Israel Rosenberg at the synagogue office.

REMINDER ABOUT ADULT INSTITUTE

We remind our readers that the Fall, 1978 term of the Adult Institute is now underway. The courses being offered are as follows:

Monday morning:

Portion of the Week —

Rabbi Jack Bieler

To Be a Jew —

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Monday evening:

Talmud - Moed Katan —

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Tuesday afternoon:

Prayer —

Rabbi Bieler

Alternate Friday evenings:

Portion of the Week —

Rabbi Jack Bieler

Saturday afternoon:

Laws of the Sabbath —

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Sunday morning:

Talmud: Berakhot —

Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn

Rabbi Lookstein's Monday evening Talmud class will meet from 8:00 to 9:00 beginning October 30. For further details on the other courses, consult the last Bulletin or contact the synagogue office.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, September 22

Lighting of Candles 6:34 P.M.
Evening 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 23

Morning 9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Kee Tavo
Evening 6:15 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath .. 7:28 P.M.

Friday, September 29

Lighting of Candles 6:22 P.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 30

Morning 9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Nitzavim
Evening 5:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath .. 7:15 P.M.

Friday, October 13

Lighting of Candles 5:59 P.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 14

Morning 9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Haazinu
Evening 6:10 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath .. 6:52 P.M.

Junior Congregation meets on Shabbat mornings at 10:15 A.M.
Pre-school services are at 10:45 A.M.

Weekday Services

*Morning 7:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning 8:30 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.

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

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SPECIAL CEREMONIES FOR 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 2 round challahs (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 custom-

ary 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 on the first 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 Synagogue, all extend the High Holy Day greetings.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

"May You Be Inscribed for a Good Year."

TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR YOM KIPPUR

The Day of Atonement is, among other things, a day of self-denial. In addition to avoiding food, drink, washing and the use of lotions and oils, 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 one feel complete and well groomed. It is precisely the absence of that feeling of completeness which is called for on the Day of Atonement. Through this mood of moderate self-denial, we are moved to prayer, penitence, and wholesome introspection.

May we request of our worshippers to take a step in the direction of Jewish tradition by arranging a pair of non-leather footwear for Yom Kippur this year. An ample selection is avail-

able in any shoe store. We think you will find that conforming with this practice will help you to derive more from the most meaningful day on the Jewish calendar.

And For the Men . . .

Increasingly each year more men worshippers in the congregation don the traditional kittel for Yom Kippur. This garment, reflecting purity and simple piety, very much enhances the experience of repentance on Yom Kippur. Why not reinstitute this practice in your family for this Yom Kippur? Mr. Rosenberg will be happy to arrange for a kittel for you if you will simply call the synagogue office. Or, you might use the last Sunday in Elul to go down to the Lower East Side and select a kittel personally.

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