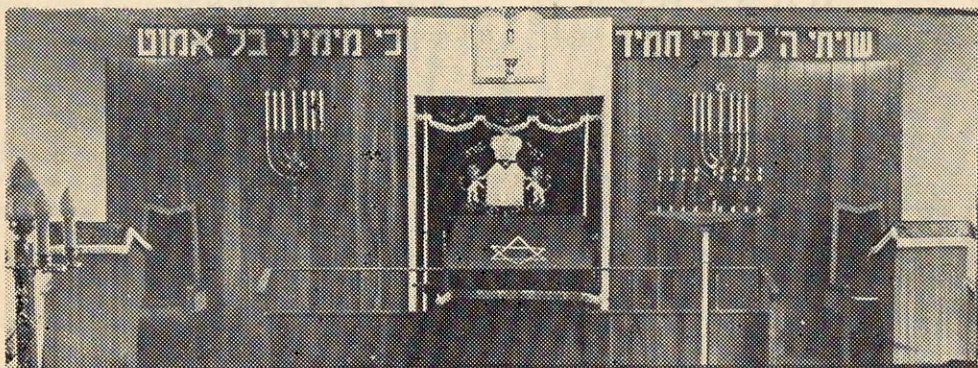


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RABBI SHLOMO KAHN

Half a year ago, the feature article of HAKOHOL's summer edition addressed itself to the burning question: What of Washington Heights? It contained a cool appraisal of rapidly changing situations, a stern condemnation of a panicky defeatist attitude, and a strong call to stand firm, to act boldly and with imagination. Now, six months later, a progress report is in order.

Frankly, the article of last June was precipitated by an unfortunate publicity given to relocation plans of a prominent neighborhood congregation. Advanced and lobbied by a vocal, aggressive minority, these plans have been re-

jected; the organization as a whole is determined to stay put. But over and above that group's decision, Washington Heights has never for a moment wavered in a firm resolve to master its problems and overcome obstacles.

Lion's share of credit for this goes to the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights and Inwood (JCC). In a 2,000-word "Washington Heights Profile" published last June, the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty attributes the "spirit of vibrancy that permeates the Jewish community of Washington Heights-

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My sincere gratitude for the good wishes expressed on the occasion of my 25th anniversary: for the words of tribute spoken at the celebration, the Kiddush sponsored by the Sisterhood, the present given by Congregation, Chevra Kadisha and Sisterhood, the presentation made by the large group of students, and the outpouring of sentiment, in person and in writing, by the many hundreds of members and friends.

At the same time, my wife and I express our sincere appreciation to all contributors to the Shaare Zedek Hospital Journal.

Rabbi Shlomo Kahn

PERSONALS

Mazeltoy to Mr. Bernhard Strauss on his 95th birthday.

Mazeltoy to Miss Rosel Blumenthal on her 85th birthday.

Mazeltoy to Mr. Nat Wild on his 70th birthday.

Mazeltoy to Mrs. Siegfried Frank on her 70th birthday.

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Mazeltoy to Mr. Kurt Neu on his 60th birthday.

Mazeltoy to Dr. Henry Kaufmann on his 50th birthday.

Mazeltoy to Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Hirschheimer on the birth of a grandson.

Mazeltoy to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mendel on the birth of a grandson.

Mazeltoy to Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Loeb on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazeltoy to Mrs. Gerda Hes on the birth of a great-granddaughter, as well as on the engagement of a grandson.

Mazeltoy on the engagement of Miss Shirley Openheimer and Mr. Mitchell Katz.

Mazeltoy to Mr. Bernard Suiskind on the engagement of his son Ralph.

Mazeltoy on the wedding of Mrs. Miriam Levy and Mr. Kurt Hirsch.

The Congregation mourns the passing of:
Selma Loeb (sister of Mrs. Frieda Wolff)

Sidney Gryler (brother of Mr. Max Greilsamer)

Rose Basik (sister of Mrs. Bernard Lowenstein)

Regine Leiter

Doris Kuhne

Max Wolff (brother of Mrs. Gerda Hes)

Fred Katz

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THE ADVENTURES OF
KUPSIE, THE KIDDUSH CUP

"Kids like it. They like it a lot."

"Sure, but it can be awfully messy. Especially with all this rain."

Kupsie and Tassie were looking across the room and out through the window. It was raining hard now and spoiling the heavy snowfall which had, throughout the night, covered streets and roofs, cars, trees and window sills with a three-inch snow blanket.

"It was so beautiful," wailed Kupsie. "Now look at it! Just look at it!"

Tassie laughed. "Don't cry, Kupsie. It's not the end of the world. Not even the end of winter. There'll be more snow, I bet. Watch the rain, in the meantime. It's almost as good as snow."

But Kupsie wasn't easily consoled. "Who likes rain!" he sulked.

"Both are a nuisance in the city," said Tumbler, joining their conversation. "But out in the country, both are needed for the woods and fields."

The two smaller Kiddush cups nodded. They had been city cups all their lives but they knew what was needed in nature.

"You see, Kupsie, I was right. Snow is like rain."

"But where does it all go to, Tumbler?"

"Down into the soil," he explained.

"And then it collects in brooks and pools and runs into rivers and seas. But much of it will evaporate and rise again to form clouds and eventually return once more as rain or snow all over again."

Since the two cups listened attentively, Tumbler saw a chance to go on.

"Isaiah, the Bible's great prophet, uses this natural truth to beautifully illustrate the power of G'd's words. 'As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and don't return without first watering the earth and making it fruitful, so too do G'd's teachings not return in vain without accomplishing His will.'"

Tumbler had been right. Kupsie and Tassie understood. Together with the rain and the snow, and the prophet, he had been a good teacher. But Kupsie had to have a last word, of course.

"Goody!" he cried. "Never mind that it's melting. It'll be back! The prophet promised!"

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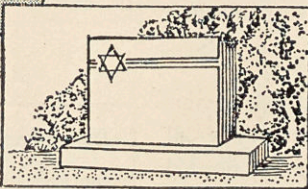
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Shmos, December 31	4:20	8:30	4:45	5:20	6:15	9:20
Vo-ero, January 7	4:30	8:30 Sermon	4:55	5:30	6:15	9:25
Bo, January 14	4:35	8:30	5:00	5:35	6:10	9:25
Bshalach, January 21	4:45	8:30 Sermon	5:10	5:45	6:10	9:25
Yisro, January 28	4:55	8:30	5:20	5:55	6:05	9:20
Mishpotim, February 4	5:00	8:30 Sermon	5:25	6:00	5:55	9:15
Trumo, February 11	5:10	8:30	5:35	6:10	5:50	9:10
T'tzave, February 18	5:15	8:30 Sermon	5:40	6:15	5:40	9:10
Ki Siso, February 25	5:25	8:30	5:50	6:25	5:30	9:05
Vayakhel (Shkolim), March 4 ..	5:35	8:30 Sermon	5:55	6:30	5:20	9:00
Pkude, March 11	5:45	8:30	6:05	6:40	5:10	8:50
Vayikro (Zochor), March 18 ..	5:50	8:30 Sermon	6:10	6:45	5:00	8:45
Tzav, March 25	6:00	8:30	6:20	6:55	5:00	8:45
Shmini (Poro), April 1	6:05	8:30 Sermon	6:25	7:00	4:45	8:35
Tazria (Hachodesh), April 8 ..	6:10	8:30	6:35	7:10	4:30	8:25
M'tzoro (Hagadol), April 15 ..	6:20	8:30 Sermon	6:40	7:15	4:20	8:20

DAILY SERVICES

Rosh Chodesh Shvat, Monday, January 9

Chamisho osor bShvat, Monday, January 23

Rosh Chodesh Adar I, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 7 and 8

Purim Koton, Tuesday, February 21

Rosh Chodesh Adar II, Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10

Tanis Esther, Wednesday, March 22:

Fast begins 4:40 A.M.

Shacharis 7:00 A.M.

Mincho 6:10 P.M.

Fast ends 6:45 P.M.

Purim, Thursday, March 23:

Megillo Wednesday evening 6:45 P.M.

Thursday morning 6:00 A.M.

Mincho 2:30 P.M.

(Megillo will be read again after Mincho)

Rosh Chodesh Nisan, Shabbos, April 8
Kashern for Pesach, Thursday, April 20,
5-6:30 P.M.

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. . . that on Simchas Torah, Rabbi Kahn was honored with Choson Torah and Mr. Simon Ackerman with Choson Breshtis, and that they welcomed members and friends at the traditional Yomtov receptions . . .

. . . that the Sisterhood opened its season on November 6th with a well-attended lecture by Rabbi Kahn on "Are We Color-blind?" in which the color schemes and color symbolism in Jewish life were sketched . . .

. . . that the 6th annual Benefit Concert for Soviet Jewry sponsored by the WHICSJ took place on December 3rd, raising several thousands of dollars for Jews in Russia . . .

. . . that Rabbi Kahn's 25th anniversary was celebrated on December 10th (see separate report) . . .

. . . that our bazaar will be held on Saturday night, February 18th, and on Sunday and Monday, February 19th and 20th, and everyone is urgently requested to make merchandise available and to volunteer to help . . .

. . . that the Chevra Meeting and Luncheon is scheduled for February 26th; invitations will be mailed to members . . .

. . . that a new Bimo Cover was donated in memory of Fritz Neuhaus, by Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Neu . . .

. . . that a new Porochoes was donated in memory of Sally Hirsch, by Misses Rosel and Selma Hirsch . . .

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Henry Wolf

We wish to thank each and everyone for their good wishes bestowed upon us toward the engagement of **Shirley and Mitch.**

Leo and Lore Oppenheimer

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Inwood" which "contrasts sharply with the stereotyped image that Jewish neighborhoods are in a rapid process of decay" to the determination of local leadership to maintain the neighborhood viability which resulted in 1974 in the formation of the JCC.

The paper goes on to describe admirably impressive achievements: monitoring and prodding of Community Planning Board, Health System Agency, Community School Board, Police Precinct, government funded programs such as Luncheon Club, Summer Day Camp, Summer Youth Employment Program, and a large migration of Russian Jews. "Through these programs," the report concludes, "through day-to-day services, ongoing liaison with governmental agencies, the JCC has manifested the concern, the compassion, and the commitment so essential to promote neighborhood stabilization and preserving communal viability. Its efforts are worthy of emulation."

Last August, the JCC sponsored a Conference on Housing and Neighborhood Preservation, attended by over 100 bankers, landlords and city officials. As a result, more than a score of buildings have been rehabilitated with Community Preservation Corporation loans; a coalition with like-minded community groups (Yeshiva University, major ethnic segments of population) is in formation to cooperate in projects and coordinate community resources; an apartment clearing-house refers dozens

of families to available dwellings; an attractive Jewish Press ad resulted in numerous requests for relocation in Washington Heights.

Also, the Sanitation Department has agreed to a JCC request to more strictly enforce the sanitation code; the Parks Department has agreed to improve local parks; and, most welcome of all, the local Police Precinct reports a substantial decline in crime as compared to a year ago.

The public media have begun to recognize the stirrings of Washington Heights. In an article on August 24th, the *New York Times* reported "store renovations and upgrading in Washington Heights appears to be in progress." Channel 9 TV invited the JCC to sponsor a special bird's-eye view of Washington Heights-Inwood and projected it as a neighborhood with "vitality and promise." *Heights-Inwood* coverage and feature stories reflect the sincere community efforts and a steadily growing, healthy community pride and spirit.

To be sure, the exit of residents has not ground to a halt, but those ominous dimensions of which there is so much talk suffer from inflation and exaggeration. At a recent reunion of college graduates of their 6th-grade local school class which comprises over 90 per cent middle-class Jewish families, it was discovered with delight that, with only a single exception, all still reside in Washington Heights!

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The Cantor is the Kehillo's representative, its ambassador who leads in divine worship to convey the community

prayers to their Destination. The Talmud's qualifications for such a lofty position are demanding — our Cantor fulfills them with distinction.

The narrow confines of a Cantor's profession and talents are devout and melodious prayers, Torah knowledge, arousing of *kavono*, and to enjoy the admiration of his flock (*m'rutza lKohol*). Our Cantor's interests and activities overflow abundantly into other fields as well.

Possessing a rare, intuitive skill of administration, our Kehillo's very founding is largely his achievement. His wise counsel and imaginative initiative are a blessing to all congregational functions and projects. Above all, the entire Kehillo is beneficiary of his total dedication and devotion to the welfare of the community.

May G'd bless him, together with his dear wife, children and grandchildren, with continued strength and youthful vigor.

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Benjamin Siegel	10. Teves
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Sofie Rotschild	11. Teves
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Isidore Thurm	18. Teves
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Nathan Hirschheimer	26. Teves
Salomon Schoemann	27. Teves
Sabina Feuer	27. Teves
Ida Siegel	27. Teves
Berthe Levy	27. Teves
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Hannchen Appel	2. Sh'vat
Clara Braun	6. Sh'vat
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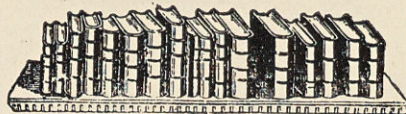
Rabbi Kahn's twentyfifth anniversary with our Congregation, which occurred calendarwise last Shabbos Shuvo, was festively and appropriately celebrated on Shabbos Chanuko.

An elaborate Kiddush reception was prepared and tendered by the Sisterhood, to which all members and friends of the Congregation had been invited. A thoughtful gift was presented to Rabbi Kahn jointly by Congregation, Chevra Kadisha and Sisterhood. Words of tribute were spoken by President Adolph Heimer during the Shabbos morning services.

In addition to the regular Shabbos worshippers and guests, the synagogue was host to a large number of young men and women, former students of Rabbi Kahn, who arranged to be there for Shabbos to participate in the community celebration. Many, now married, were there with their spouses and small children.

Toward the end of the service, Rabbi Menahem Meier expressed warm words of tribute to Rabbi Kahn in the name of an entire generation of students. He then announced a gift of a set of Encyclopedia Judaica "in tribute and appreciation for the sincere commitment and dedication you have shown your talmidim throughout the past twenty-five years," presented by his many students, through the initiative of Messrs. Stanley Stone and Allen Neuhaus.

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