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102nd Street and 88th Avenue, Richmond Hill, L. J.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SABBATH SERVICES

WEEK-DAY SERVICES

7:00 A. M.

Friday Nite Junior Congregation Service

Morning Service

CLUB NIGHT RALLY

On the night of Thursday, June 21st, the Center Clubs are holding the closing event of the season. This occasion promises to be one that nobody can afford to miss. Comedies will be presented by the Junior Guild and the Little Sisterhood. A musical surprise is in store for that evening. Last, if not least, movies and refreshments will help to make the rally a cool and memorable summer's night. Admission to the Club Rally is entirely gratuitous. We look forward to a large and happy attendance. Every club member should bring his or her folks and friends. It is the aim of the clubs to make themselves an important part in the life of Beth Israel activities.

Inasmuch as a rich program has been provided we will be compelled to open our rally early. We are very anxious, as well, to close early to permit our younger club members to go home on time. Everybody is urged to get his best seat in the auditorium by eightfifteen o'clock. The club rally is sponsored by the club committee of which Mr. Charles Diringer is chairman.

8:30 P. M. Shabbos Morning

Snabbos Morning

Evening Service

9:00 A. M. 10:00 A. M.

8:30 P. M.

SCHOOL NOTES

The school year is now in the last weeks of activity. The last Sunday School session took place a week ago. Promotions were announced in all classes. We wish to advise parents that children who were promoted on trial will not be permitted to enter the next grade until they have made good the work in which they failed. Rewards and prizes for the best work done in every class will be given at the opening assembly in the fall 5695.

The Shevuos BETH ISRAELITE theschool magazine - proved to be larger and better than all previous issues. The next issue will probably appear for Suc cos.

The final oral examinations have been conducted under the auspices of the Rabbi and the school committee. The classes have been found to have made excellent progress. The official report of the school committee to our Board of Trustees will make our Congregation proud of its school.

The written examinations will be given during the coming week. Parents are asked to encourage their children to attain high grades in their finals.

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Corinne Levy Boris Bushwick Jerome Glogau Allan Gussack Murray Kaplan Arthur Klein

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Laura Goodman Pauline Dunieff	Leonard Barashick Stanley Kristal	
Dorothy Eligator	Leonard Rush	
Joseph Fellner	Rebecca Davidson	
Howard Sparber	Ruth Greenberg	
Harold Silverstein	Harold Hempling	
Shirley Jacobs	Ivan Lubash	
Lillian Sherman	Sandra Levy	
Theodore WeissmanGloria Heller		
Mildred Forman	Claire Weissman	
Yetta Miller	Judith Neulander	
Charlotte Geier	Beryl Taks	
Marion Glickman	Allan Greene	
Ralph Silverman	Joel Siner	
Norma Schiff	Fay Forman	
Allan Goldberg	Ethel Kaplan	
Joel Goodman	Irwin Widder	
Boris Bushwick	Earl Sperer	
Corinne Levy	Natalie Brown	
Charlotte Doblin	Natalie Rosenberg	
Louis	Jacobs	

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Installation of Officers of Post No. 75, Jewish War Veterans will take place on Thursday evening, June 28th, at 8:30 P. M. at the Beth Israel Community Center. Past Commander in Chief Maurice Simmons will officiate.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

June 3rd, 1934, will remain a memorable date in the annals of Richmond Hill Jewry. The enthusiastic support of more than four hundred of our residents broke out in festivity at the dinner tendered in honor of Mr. Sol. Cohen. An excellent dinner, a well arranged pro-gram and weeks of work on the part the members of the local committee came to a climax in the prophetic address of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland. Cantor Guttman's chanting and Madame Pearl Besumer's singing gave the aesthetic touch to the occasion. Mr. Silberman's pres-entation of the Rabbi as toastmaster and Mr. Cohen's beautiful response to his guests in which he graciously and gallantly paid tribute to his wife - all this will be long remembered by the hundreds who were gathered together in our Community Center auditorium.

The committee announced that almost four thousand dollars had been turned over in cash to the United Jewish Appeal In addition it was announced that the expenses for the dinner had been underwritten by the following public spirited Jews: Israel Silberman, Phoebus Kaplan, Frank Rich, Nathan Rogoff, John Widder, Jacob Widder, Adolph Widder, Hon. David M. Wolff, Max Rosner, Zionist District No. 33 of Richmond Hill and the Specialty Bakers of Jamaica and Woodhaven.

The following Jews of our community distinguished themselves in their enthusiastic work on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal:

Israel Silberman, Phoebus Kaplan, Benjamin M. Friedman, Dr. Max Heller, Max Kagan, Mrs. Jennie Kaplan, Morris Kawaler, Rabbi A. H. Neulander, Frank Rich, Jonathan Schneider, Rabbi Alter Abelson, Charles Behrman, Dr. Nathan Dubroff, Charles Diringer Cantor Isaiah Gutmman, Morris Katz, Solomon Keizerstein, Max Korelitz, David Krasnow, Dr. Wm. Mandelbaum, Maurice Lichtenberg, Leslie Raffalovich, Mrs. Miriam Raffalovich, Mrs. Esther Rich, Mrs. Lena Rogoff, Nathan Rogoff, David Schmerer, Beryl Sonenberg, Rabbi M. A. Stern, B. S. Fossaner and Hyman Sommer.

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SISTERHOOD NOTES

We were very happy to greet so many of our sisters and friends at our final meeting for the season which was held on Tuesday, June 12th. A very delight-ful afternoon was spent in listening to a review of current plays given by Miss Helen Metchlor. Refreshments were served, with Sisterhood acting as hostess. A very full and interesting program

has been planned for the fall and early

Watch the Bulletin for further winter. announcements.

If any of the sisters have their banks for the social service fund, will they be kind enough to turn them in to the office of the Center, so that this committee may continue to function thruout the summer months. Thank you!

A donation to the Memory Fund was made by Mrs. Gotsdenker of 8638 106th Street, Richmond Hill.

Due to the holidays our first meeting in September will be held on Wednesday, September 12th, instead of Tuesday, September 11th.

May we, at this time, extend to our members and their families the sincere wish that you may enjoy a pleasant and restful summer, and that you will return in the fall ready and eager to cooperate with sisterhood in carrying out its program.

CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Mazel Tov! to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Barashick who have become grand-parents. Their daughter Mrs. Ruth parents. Their daughter Mrs. Ruth Ginsberg presented them with a grandson.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary We hope to be able to congratulate you when you double the score.

Mrs. Alex Rosengarten was recen operated. We wish her a speedy rec' ery.

It is with great sorrow that we mu announce the death of two of our men. bers, Mr. Joseph Dunieff who passed away on May 25th. Sister Sarah Sine died on June 13th. Our heartfelt sym pathy is extended to all of the members of both families.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to Sister Bella Gelb who recently lost her mother.

We wish to express our thanks to Mrs. Nettie Clacho who donated six Sidurim to the Temple, and also to Dr. Mandelbaum who presented a set of Graetz' Jewish History and other books to the school reference library.

PLEASE NOTE!

Concession to take care of Bowling Alleys and Billiard Room to suitable party.. For information, apply by letter to Wm. Feinberg, care of Beth Israel Community Center.

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