New Security Measures

In light of the recent sobering events in Jersey City and Monsey, we are reminded ever more of our tenuous Golus-situation and the need for vigilance and security. The Kehilla has implemented the following new security measure: Access to the Shul now requires the use of a code. The only two doors to be used to enter the Shul are the front left door (main entrance) and the ramp door (south side). All women should use the ramp door (only) when entering the Shul. We realize that this is an inconvenience, but the Board believes that it is a necessary step to take in light of recent events. The Board of Trustees is considering additional security measures as well, which will also cover 90 Bennett Avenue.

At a recent meeting with elected officials and police, the police department’s dedicated Houses of Worship squad car was mentioned; this car makes periodic check-up patrols around neighborhood Shuls.

CHANUKA 5780

The evening of 25 Kislev (Sunday, December 22nd) saw the first candle of Chanuka 5780 lit in the large Menora of our Beis Knesses by Chazon Ezra Lasdun.
As usual, many members—and others—from near and not-so-near came to our Shul's Hadlokas Neiros Chanuka over the various evenings, which included two Sunday's, ensuring a full measure of Pirsumei Nisso. Mr. Yosef Levi lit the Neiros on the second Sunday evening, Leil Zos Chanuka. Most of the evenings saw the choir lead the Kehilla in the nightly singing of Mo’oz Tzur.

Shabbos was not the only time the melody of Shenei Zeisim was heard. (Shenei Zeisim, the Meoro for Shabbos Chanuka, is the only Meoro included in the Piyutim of Minhag Ashkenaz.) Each day of Chanuka, the tunes of Mo’oz Tzur and Shenei Zeisim could be heard in Adon Olam, parts of Hallel and in the Kaddish after Kerias HaTorah. The unique melody of VeOllu Moshi‘im was, likewise, rendered daily during Shacharis.

In our Yeshiva, the students celebrated with Chagigos in the various departments (pictured below left, the first-grade girls). Rabbi Yehudah Perlman’s fourth grade Talmidim traveled to Brooklyn on a very rewarding Chanuka trip: The boys met with Rabbi Yisroel Reisman of Torah Vodaath and Motzoei Shabbos-Novni-Shiurim fame (below right) before proceeding to their Rebbi’s house for a class Chagiga.
Pictured following left, Rabbi Yitzchok Celnick addresses the boys of Beis Medrash Yeshurun—Yeshiva Ateres Shlomo at their Chagiga in the Beis Medrash.

131st YAHRZEIT OF RAV SAMSON RAPHAEL HIRSCH

27 Teves, which this year falls out on Friday, the 24th of January, marks the 131st Yahrzeit of Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch.

As is well known, Rav Hirsch did more for the preservation and revival of Torah learning and Torah living in Germany than one could reasonably have expected of one man in one lifetime. The Frankfurt Kehilla which he established under the principles of Austritt and strict adherence to Halacha became a model Kehilla. With the equally extraordinary efforts of his grandson, Rav Dr. Joseph Breuer, this Kehilla and Yeshiva were reestablished on these shores as the flames of the Nazi Churban consumed Europe.

The great opus of Rav Hirsch’s writings continues to illuminate the Torah for us, for the children educated in our Mosdos, and for the wider Torah world.

Today, our Kehilla and Yeshiva, proud bearers of Rav Hirsch’s name, continue to carry on Rav Hirsch’s sacred legacy of Torah Im Derech Eretz.

יהי זכרו ברוך

13th SIYUM HASHAS OF DAF YOMI

On January 1st 2020, 4 Teves 5780, a large contingent of Kehilla members made their way (some on the coach bus chartered by the Kehilla) to MetLife stadium in the Meadowlands, New Jersey, while others made the less-frigid trek to the Barclays Center in downtown Brooklyn, to participate in an historic event, the 13th Siyum HaShas of Daf Yomi, and the largest to date, with some 88,000 Jews of all backgrounds in attendance at MetLife, and thousands more at Barclays.
BH, the weather, by January standards, was not extreme, and everyone who attended the Siyum was fortunate enough to be a conscious participant in a Kidush Shem Shomayim on a most grand scale. Both Rav Mantel and Rav Posen were in attendance (pictured following). Among the many Gedolei HaRabbonim, Rav Yaakov Perlow, the Novominsker Rebbe, was one of the speakers. As part of the Zichron Kedoshim part of the program, audio-video footage of the message of Rav Schwab, ז"ל from a past Siyum was played.

We look very forward to reporting the 14th Daf Yomi Siyum HaShas, on the second of Sivan, 5787, with a change of venue to ירושלים הבנויה, בע''ה (with the exact date thus subject to change, with the restoration קדושה והמשה על ים רחמים).

LOCAL SIYUM HASHAS OF DAF YOMI

Our Kehilla, and the wider community, is fortunate to have several Daf Yomi groups amongst us. These local "heroes of the Daf," as well as their families and other Kehilla members, came together for a festive Melave Malka in Moller Hall on Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Vayigash, January 4th/ 8 Teiveis, to celebrate the (real—Bo BaYom!) Daf Yomi Siyum HaShas. The Siyum was held as this year’s very special permutation of the Senior Social Clubs annual Melave Malka, and was organized by Mrs. Molly Resnick, the SSC’s indefatigable director.
Mr. Alan Ettlinger, KAJ’s president as well as long-time Daf Yomi member himself, was the evening’s M.C. The dais was graced with the presence of Rav Mantel, Rav Posen, Rav Yehoshua Rubanowitz, Rabbi Shlomo Goldberg and Rabbi Yitzchok Celnick.

Mr. Michael Gutmann, one of the Magidei Shiur, was Mesayeim, quoting Rav Hirsch regarding the posuk from Chavakuk (הליכות עולם לו) with which the Gemara concludes. Rabbi Elchonon Stern recited the special Kadish. Joyful singing and dancing were accompanied by the live music played by Cantor Eric Freeman, after which Rabbi Dr. Johny Hellmann, another veteran Magid shiur, then began Maseches Brochos.

After the main course was served, buffet-style, Rav Mantel addressed the audience. The Rav, among other things, emphasized that Daf Yomi allows one to bring Torah-learning to the level one is at—and by doing so, that level will then rise. The Rav also stressed the very great Simcha inherent in a Siyum, citing the Oruch HaShulchon as to why saying שמחה במטעים at a Siyum is not something to be done: Not because the Simcha is in anyway less than that of Sheva Brochos, but quite to the contrary: At a joyful event involving matters of this world, there is always an admixture of grief, and thus true Simcha can only be said to be present, in HaShem’s dwelling on high. But a Siyum is celebrating Ruchniyus, and true Simcho may be said to be present with us, down here!
Rabbi Celnik, Mashgiach in our Beis Medrash, and Rav of a Shul in Passaic, was the guest speaker. Citing an amazing story referred to by the Chofetz Chaim in his sefer *Toras HaBayis*, Rabbi Celnik illustrated and stressed the fact that Torah, quite unlike any other Chochmo or even Mitzvo, is a living entity.

As Mr. Ettlinger urged, anyone interested in participating in the next Siyum HaShas, as someone who will have learned Shas, can join the Daf Yomi Chabura, either after the first Shacharis, or in the evening, before the 8:00 PM Maariv. All Shiurim meet in the Sulzbach Shiur Room. Pictured below, many of the current Mesayemei Shas.

Rav Mantel led the Bensching. The delicious Seudo was catered by Mr. Yitzy Dyckman.

To hear the Hadran and listen to the speeches click on this link: [https://www.kajinc.org/torah/audio](https://www.kajinc.org/torah/audio)

Pictured following, the beginning of the 14th cycle of Daf Yomi in our Kehilla, as Brochos Daf Beis was learned at 6:45, Sunday morning.
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AGUDATH ISRAEL OF AMERICA

This year’s Aguda convention, which took place over the Shabbos of Parashas Toldos (November 28th-December 1st) featured Rav Mantel (picture following) as the speaker at the Thursday (Rosh Chodesh Kislev) evening session in conjunction with Chaim Aruchim, concerning medical issues, in particular hospice and elder-care, in the light of Halacha. A number of our members joined the Rav and Rebbetzin at the convention.

The audio of the Rav’s talk may be listened to by calling TorahAnytime at 718-298-2077, press 9 followed by the ID 96010 and then #.

SPECIAL SHIUR

Rav Mantel gave the Legal Holiday special Shiur on December 25th/ 27 Kislev, the third of Chanuka, in Shul at 9:30 AM (pictured following). The Rav discussed the halachos of lighting a menorah in two entranceways if the home has entrances on two sides, and the distinction between the concepts of “mipnei chashad” and mar‘is ayin.”
ANNUAL DINNER

The Kehilla and Yeshiva are very much looking forward to the upcoming 70th Annual Dinner, to take place IY”H on Sunday, February 16th. We anticipate everyone’s participation to make this annual event—the main fundraiser for our Yeshiva—an outstanding success.

Please do your part, and solicit and contribute ads as soon as possible. Ad kits will be shortly arriving in the mail. Ads may also be submitted online at www.yrsrh dinner.org. To purchase your tickets for the car raffle, visit www.yrsrh.org

The Dinner’s Guests of Honor this year are Mr. Yidd y and Mrs. Suri Scharf. The Rav Shimon Schwab Memorial Awardees are Mr. and Mrs. Menny Schwab, and the Rabbi Eliyohu Krieger Memorial Awardee is Dr. Tzvi Bar-David. Our Yeshiva’s Parents of the Year are Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Notkin, and the Dinner Chairman is Mr. Baruch Ghermezian.

We look forward to greeting everyone personally at the Dinner.

FROM OUR YESHIVA

Boys’ Melave Malka and Girls’ Melave Malka
In recent weeks, boys’ grades 5-8 (following, left and center) and girls (right) of our elementary Yeshiva enjoyed their annual respective Melavei Malka held in Moller Hall. With delicious food, storytelling, Ruach, dancing and singing, a good time was had by all. (Boys’ grades 1-4 enjoyed a father-son breakfast, some two weeks earlier.)
Sukka Fair

The 5th grade boys, having recently completed the first two Perokim of Mishnayos Sukka with their rebbi, Rabbi Yakov Cohen, presented a Sukka-Fair, depicting cases discussed in the Mishna, through models and posters. Each boy also explained the case he was depicting, and the basis of the Halocha.

First Grade Boys’ Chumash Party

Rabbi Avrohom Hoffman’s first-grade class celebrated receiving their Chumashim with their much-anticipated Chumash Party. On January 5/8 Teiveis, the boys, as well as their delighted families, gathered in Moller Hall for the event (picture following). Rabbi Yehuda Moller, Menahel, and Rabbi Hoffman both spoke at the event, before handing out the eagerly-awaited Seforim.
“KO SOMAR LEVEIS YAAKOV”

The girls of Bais Yaakov Seminary of Boro Park recently traveled to our Beis Knesses, for a chance to both see and learn about our Kehilla and Shul. Arriving in four buses, on Friday, December 6th/ 8 Kislev, the girls were greeted by Mr. Pinchas Katzenstein, who—as his father Rabbi Edwin Katzenstein, z”l had done for many years—gave the girls a fascinating look at our Shul, Mesora and Minhogim. The girls were then privileged to hear from Rav Mantel, who gave a derosha about Toras Chaim and Midos for Bnos Yisroel.

PIRCHEI CHANUKA EVENT

The Pirchei Chanukah event and member drive was a resounding success, thanks to Rabbi Menachem Kunofsky, Pirchei leaders and guest master-artisan Mr. Jai R. Zion. Boys ate delicious pizza-knishes and donuts, played hand-eye coordination carnival games for raffle tickets, and crafted their own wood, brass and glass oil menorahs.
Though entry into the grand raffle was offered even for remote registration for this event, the actual, great turnout of over 30 new Pirchei Washington Heights members attested to the qualities of Achdus and excitement apparent in the current membership year of Pirchei!

BNOS REGIONAL POST-CONVENTION GATHERING

As a postscript to the recent Bnos Agudath Israel national convention, a Tri-State Appreciation Event was held in Washington Heights, for the many leaders who could not attend the convention. The girls heard from Rabbi Menachem Kunofsky and Mrs. Brocha Cohen.

Monsey, Lakewood, Brooklyn, Far Rockaway, Kew Gardens, the Lower East Side and Staten Island were some of the locales represented, besides for our local leaders-cum-hostesses. Under the leadership of Miss Frumi Cohn, the Washington Heights Bnos leaders planned and set up the event, decorated Moller Hall for the occasion, and even presented their own Bnos theme song.

SISTERHOOD LECTURE

The topic of the evening on December 10th was "The Amazing Story of the Woman who Printed the Vilna Shas." The speaker was Ms. Raizi Chechik, a well-known lecturer. Ms. Chechik has been involved in Jewish education for over two decades and has done doctoral work in both Jewish history and Jewish education. Ms. Chechik spoke about Frau Devorah Romm, an amazing woman who took over the printing press in Vilna together with her brothers-law when she was 29 years old (after her husband was niftar and she was left with seven children).

Devorah was very intelligent, well-educated and an excellent businesswoman. The Vilna Shas was printed in 1886 and is the prototype from which most Gemoras are offset. Ms. Chechik traveled to Vilna and Eretz Israel to check on archival material of the Romm Printing Press and even visited the kever of Devorah Romm in Vilna. In fact, the evening of our lecture was none other than the Yahrzeit of Devorah Romm!

Ms. Chechik's presentation was exiting, informative and had us spellbound. She also gave us an appreciation of the importance of the Vilna Shas and of the upcoming Siyum Hashas. Many thanks to Mrs. Frumy Sussman, the newest member of our Sisterhood board for arranging the pre-Chanukah decorated table with the delicious refreshments. A wonderful evening was had by all!

Editor's Note: Many thanks as well to Mrs. Ray Adler who both emceed the evening and wrote this article.
SENIOR SOCIAL CLUBS

On Sunday evening, December 8th/ 11 Kislev, Rav Shalom Kamenetsky, one of the Roshei Yeshiva of Philadelphia, spoke to a sizable audience of Kehilla members and other locals. The lecture was sponsored by the Senior Social Clubs. Rav Kamenetsky was introduced by Mr. Samson Bechhofer. Rabbi Kamenetsky discussed Chanuka and the different types of anti-Semitism we have experienced throughout history.

NEWS FROM MORIAH SENIOR CENTER

In November, Moriah seniors were treated to a return engagement of popular singer and violinist Yonason Rothman. The hall was decorated with festive foliage as Mr. Rothman, accompanied by Cantor Eric Freeman, alternately serenaded and strolled through the audience, performing both classical as well as popular tunes in multiple languages. He even took audience requests!
Justin Rivers from Untapped Cities returned to Moriah in December to give a fascinating pictorial lecture on the Remnants of Penn Station. There are two things most commuters don’t realize about Penn: First - there used to be a gorgeous Beaux Arts station that was demolished in the mid-60’s. Second - parts of that old station can still be found today. They’ve just been buried under the arena that landed on top of them. On our virtual tour of the Remnants of Penn Station, Justin took us back inside this central transportation hub to discuss the past, present, and future plans for the structure. Although Amtrak only acknowledges one remnant remaining, attendees learned about station history and remnants of the McKim, Mead & White building located in plain sight. Stay tuned for future virtual tours including Dutch New Amsterdam.

Moriah had the pleasure and privilege of celebrating a very special 100th birthday with one of our staunchest members. Mrs. Edith Silverman received honorary mention and was presented with a dozen long-stemmed red roses by Director Mrs. Shuli Gutmann to commemorate this extraordinary day. We wish her Arichas Yomim Tovim in good health!
Moriah seniors ventured out last month to Congregation Shearith Israel – The Spanish Portuguese Synagogue (pictures next page). Zachary Edinger, grandson of our longtime neighborhood resident of Washington Heights, Manda Edinger z”l, gave a heartfelt and deeply personal tour of this historic congregation. Zachary follows in his maternal grandfather’s footsteps, serving as full-time Shammas of the shul, which is America’s first Jewish congregation, that dates back to 1654, and has been in its current location since 1897. Many artifacts still in use today date back to the very early 1700’s. No museum glass for this living, breathing, historic congregation! Our seniors were able to hold centuries-old Rosh Chodesh signs, menorahs and rimonim, which are still very much part of the synagogue services today. All this played out under stunning Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns, in the main sanctuary, designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany. We heard stories of famous past members of the shul and how they shaped the congregation today. Zachary even treated us to a few Spanish Portuguese Nigunim!
Chanukah is always festive at Moriah Senior Center (pictured, following). We kicked off the week with a special treat of warm fresh-from-the-oven chocolate chocolate-chunk cookies, as our 8-foot dreidel stood sentinel at the front door. Our annual chagigah was held on Thursday and clients enjoyed a savory meal of minute steak and latkes, with custard doughnuts for dessert as Cantor Eric Freeman performed rousing Yom Tov medleys and kept the energy high. The room was decorated to the nines and there were plenty of dreidels for everyone. Each partygoer received a bag of Belgian chocolate gelt and a gift of a beautiful reusable tote bag, which will come in very hand in the coming months when plastic grocery bags are no longer available free in stores.
Atara Weisberger, a Mayo Clinic Certified Health and Wellness Coach, Cancer Recovery Specialist and health educator with over two decades of experience coaching clients with chronic illness looking to explore lifestyle change as medicine, visited our Center in December. Atara presented the concept of 360 degree wellness to our group, explaining that wellness is comprised of not only physical (nutrition and exercise) components, but emotional, intellectual, social, financial and spiritual aspects as well. Each client performed a detailed self-assessment on their life balance by answering 36 questions about their lives and habits and filling out a “wellness wheel”. Upon completion of their personalized wheel, it became easily apparent to each person, what aspects of their lives needed extra attention to achieve wellness, and they were able to formulate a plan of action. It was an enlightening lecture that will hopefully bring positive and measurable results to our group.

If you are 60+, working or retired, this might be the time to come in and register. See what Moriah can offer you. If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter via email, please contact us at moriahcenter@gmail.com.

Tuesday Night Minchas Chinuch Shiur

Rav Mantel’s Tuesday evening מנהטן חינוך Shiur takes place in the Sulzbach Shiur Room after the 2nd Maariv. Please note that the next Shiur will be on Wednesday evening, January 22nd.

Thursday Night Chumash Shiur

The following Shiur will take place in Shul following Maariv at 8:00 PM.

| January 9 | יותין | Rabbi Shlomo Goldberg |
| January 16 | שמות | Rabbi Yosef Stern |
| January 23 | וארא | Rabbi Avi Mansbach |
Mikro Lectures

The shiur takes place in Shul during the winter season following davening on Friday nights.

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Sisterhood Shabbos Shiurim

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Fort Tryon Nursing Home Shiur

The shiur will resume in the spring.

Tuesday Morning Nach Shiur

Rebbetzin Mantel’s Tuesday morning NaCh Shiur for ladies will resume on January 21st.

SOCIAL REGISTER

It gives us pleasure to extend mazel tov wishes to Rav and Rebbetzin Mantel on the birth of their grandson. Best wishes to the parents, Rabbi Shaul and Yocheved Steinberg, the grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Steinberg of Manchester and the great-grandmother, Mrs. Roberts, also of Manchester.

Our heartiest mazel tov wishes to Rav and Rebbetzin Meir Levi on the engagement of their son, Yehuda, to Itah Weinberger.

All our good wishes to Dovie and Miri Lomnitz on the birth of their son. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ettlinger and Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Lomnitz.

It gives us pleasure to wish Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Helmreich mazel tov on the occasion of the marriage of their granddaughter, Devorah Helmreich to Dovi Oestreicher. Mazel tov to the parents, David and Estee Helmreich and Mr. and Mrs. Ephram Oestreicher.

Mrs. Edith Erlbach is happy to announce the birth of a daughter to her grandchildren, Yosef and Becky Willig. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Dovid and Baila Willig and Mrs. Lynne Gordon. At the same time, we are delighted to wish Mrs. Erlbach another mazel tov on the marriage of her granddaughter, Rivka Greenberg to Yonah Hammelburger. Mazel tov to the parents, Rabbi Doniel and Naomi Greenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Mel and Judy Hammelburger.

Our heartiest mazel tov wishes to Hershel and Jeanette Baum on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Koby. All the best to the parents, Dr. J. A. and Ricki Bruckner and the grandparents, Dr. Larry Bruckner and Mrs. Rivky Bruckner.
All our good wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Elliott Gutman on the birth of their grandson. Mazel tov to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Cohen of Montreal.

Raphael and Julia Weis happily announce the birth of a great-grandson in Montreal, Canada. Mazel tov to the parents, Yisroel and Shoshana Joselit and the grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Yaron and Chavi Halbertal of Far Rockaway. At the same time, we are delighted to wish Rabbi and Mrs. Weis and Rabbi and Mrs. Halbertal our heartiest mazel tov on the marriage of Esther Brocha Halbertal to Yaakov Yisroel (Srully) Hirschman. Mazel tov to the parents of the chosson, Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Hirschman of Lakewood.

Heartiest double mazel tov wishes to Debbie and David Loebenberg on the marriage of their grandson, Aryeh Meshulum Shapiro to Rochella Itzkowitz, both of Baltimore and on the marriage of their granddaughter, Shoshana Reva Loebenberg of Monsey to Asher Bittman of Brooklyn.

It gives us pleasure to extend our good wishes to Eli and Alice Schuck on the engagement of their grandson, Binyomin Schuck, son of Moshe and Sora Rochel Schuck of Baltimore, to Shira Goldberger of Atlanta, daughter of Rabbi Menashe and Randee Goldberger.

We are delighted to wish Mrs. Shelley Bulman mazel tov on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Ahron Zacks. Mazel tov to the parents, Devorah and Yaakov Zacks of Detroit and the great-grandmother, Mrs. Rivka Bulman.

Our heartiest mazel tov wishes to Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Jacobovits on the marriage of their daughter, Miriam to Dovid Weinberg. All the best to the grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Solomon Jacobovits.

It gives us pleasure to extend mazel tov wishes to Dr. Henry and Mrs. Rose Edinger on the birth of their grandson. Mazel tov to the parents, Zachariah and Malka Edinger.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Karla Wertheim on the birth of her great-grandson, born to Moshe and Yehudis Berl. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef Landman and Rabbi and Mrs. Aharon Berl and to the other great-grandparents, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Avrohom Gurwicz, Rebbetzin Sarah Berl and Mrs. Sora Leah Landman. At the same time, we take the opportunity to wish Mrs. Wertheim another mazel tov on the birth of another great-grandson. Mazel tov to the parents, Mordechai and Ella Buchama Kupferstein and to the grandparents, Leivi and Esther Hochhauser.

Our heartiest double mazel tov wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Shimon Levi on the birth of twins – a girl and a boy – born to their children, Yehudah and Rina Levi. Mazel tov to the great-grandparents, Mrs. Judith Levi of Monsey and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Behrend.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rosenstock happily announce the engagement of their son, Meir, to Chani Koslovsky. Best wishes to the Kalloh’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mordy Koslovsky and the Choson’s grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Rosenstock.

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Bechhofer on the marriage of their son, Pinchas to Shayna Dick. All our good wishes to the Kalloh’s parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Dick of Lakewood and Philadelphia and to the grandmother, Mrs. Meta Bechhofer.

Our heartiest mazel tov wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Naftoli Lehmann on the birth of their grandson. Mazel tov to the parents, Drs. Matt and Tova Scharf and the grandparents, Drs. Steven and Barbara Scharf.
Dovid and Racheli Hersh happily announce the birth of their son, Zechariya Yehuda. Heartiest mazel tov to the grandparents, Ms. Dvora Hersh and Rabbi Shmuel Hersh.

It gives us pleasure to extend mazel tov wishes to Mrs. Ruthie Hirsch on the marriage of her daughter, Yosefa, to Aaron Kaminas. Mazel tov to the Choson’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sion Kaminas.

All our good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Klugman on the birth of their great-grandson and great-granddaughter. Mazel tov to the parents of the little boy, Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Schwab of Kiryat Sefer, the parents of the baby girl, Dovid and Baila Posen and the grandparents of both, Rabbi and Mrs. Avrohom Yaakov Schwab.

We are pleased to extend mazel tov wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rosenstock on the birth of a baby boy to Yaakov and Yehudis Rosenstock. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Rosenstock.

Mazel tov to Mr. Leon and Dr. Shiela Strauss on the birth of a great-granddaughter to Mr. Michael and Mrs. Shoshana Bodner of Ramat Beis Shemesh. All the best to the grandparents: Rabbi Avraham and Mrs. Elisha Strauss of Ramat Beis Shemesh, and Mr. Baruch and Mrs. Naomi Bodner of Rechovot. Also good wishes to the other great-grandparents: Rabbi Nechemia and Mrs. Rheta Zabrowsky of Ramat Beis Shemesh (formerly of Far Rockaway), and Mrs. Miriam Bodner of Rechovot.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Whenever Maariv is recited before nightfall, as it is in Shul on Friday evenings and the first Maariv on weekdays, one is obligated to repeat the three Parashiyos of Shema after night.
- First Minyan Davening in Dr. Moller Hall:
  Monday & Thursday, January 13th and 16th
  Rosh Chodesh Shevat, Monday, January 27th.

Forthcoming Events
- Motzoei Shabbos, February 1 – Annual Melave Malka for Mesivta Tiferes Jerusalem
- Sunday, February 9 – Baking of Hand Matzos, time to be announced. Call the office if you wish to participate.
- Sunday, February 16 – ANNUAL DINNER OF YESHIVA AND KEHILLA
- Monday, February 17 – Special Holiday Shiur by Rabbi Levi Yosef Bechhofer
- Sunday, March 1 – Annual Chevra Seudos
FROM THE KEHILLA

Mrs. Nechi Wolfe and children (711 W. 190th Street) mourn the passing of her husband, their father and our member, Mr. Kalman Wolfe.

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