

KAJ NEWSLETTER

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Our תפילות and thoughts continue to be focused on אהינו בארץ ישראל who, after the murders of well over twelve hundred lives, significant numbers of losses of life in battle, along with the ongoing holding of innocent hostages, continue to face a war of survival amidst a dangerous and uncertain situation. We join all of ישועות ונצחון in reaching out to הקב״ה and beseeching Him to provide the ישועות ונצחון so badly needed, including the safe release of all hostages, and to allow peace to reign in ארצנו הקדושה.

FROM THE RABBINATE: LAST ANNOUNCEMENT WITH REGARD TO SHEMITA 5782

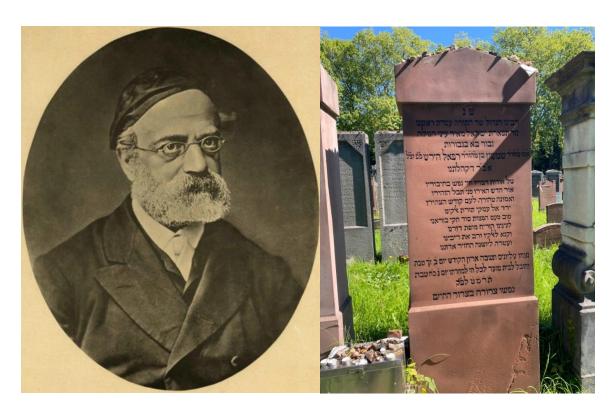
<u>Canned fruits and vegetables</u> from Eretz Yisroel may still contain Shemita produce, and require a reliable Shemita Hechsher.

The same applies to wines imported from Eretz Yisroel.

135th YAHRZEIT OF RAV SAMSON RAPHAEL HIRSCH

27 Teves, which this year falls on Monday, the 8th of January, will mark the 135th 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 Halocho became a model Kehilla. With the equally extraordinary efforts of his grandson, Rav Joseph Breuer, this Kehilla and Yeshiva were reestablished on these shores after the Nazi Churbon.



Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch. Above right—Rav Hirsch's Matzeivo, as seen in a photograph taken this past year.

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, where the newly re-translated Hirsch Chumash was received with much enthusiasm.

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

יהי זכרו ברוך

CHANUKA 5784

The evening of 25 Kislev (Thursday, December 7^{th}) saw the first candle of Chanukah 5784 lit in the large Menora of our Beis Knesses by Chazon Ezra Lasdun.

As usual, a good number of members—and others—from near and not-so-near came to our Shul's Hadlokas Neiros Chanukah over the various evenings, enhancing the Pirsumei Nisso. Nights one through four saw the choir lead the Kehilla in singing Mo'oz Tzur, while the balance of the evenings, the Tzibur at large saw to the discharging of that (pleasant) duty.



Shabbos was not the only time the melody of Shenei Zeisim was heard. (Shenei Zeisim, the Meora for Shabbos Chanukah, is the only Meora included in the Piyutim of Minhag Ashkenaz.) Over the various days of Chanukah, 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.

Below, some Hadlokos from the past—from left, Chazon Benno Peissachowitsch in Frankfurt (note the Mevorachim HaChodesh Poroches), and, in the Heights, Chazonim Robert Frankel and Dovid Kenner, 7"7.



In our Yeshiva, the students celebrated with Chagigos in the various departments. Pictured below and on the following page, the various Chagigos enjoyed by the Mesivta, Bais Yaakov Middle School, and Elementary school departments.





Pictured immediately below left, Rabbi Yehuda Perlman's fourth grade class went to visit YRSRH "Rebbi Emeritus" Rabbi Leslie Weis in Passaic. After a very enjoyable visit, the boys ate lunch at Lighthouse Café (requiring the crossing of the GW Bridge, though not located at its foot).



Wednesday, the seventh night of Chanuka (Motzoei Rosh Chodesh Teves) featured the annual Ladies Auxiliary Chanuka Extravaganza. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, an "extravaganza" may be defined as an elaborate and spectacular entertainment or production, and this year's Extravaganza truly lived up to the dictionary meaning. A festive atmosphere permeated Moller Hall, punctuated by the happy voices of the Yeshiva's students.

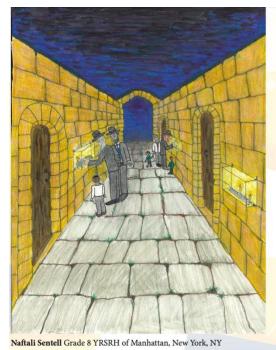
Talmidim and Talmidos (and their parents) appreciated the D'var Torah presented by YRSRH Menahel, Rabbi Yehuda Moller. With face-painting, a magic show, great prizes, and a delicious buffet supper, a good time was had by all. The Extravaganza was so well-attended, in fact, that Mr. Yitzy Dyckman, caterer extraordinaire, had to be summoned for an emergency food re-supply. Kudos to him, and of course to the Ladies Auxiliary Board and their volunteer assistants.





On another Chanuka note, we are very proud to note that YRSRH eighth-grader, Naftali Sentell, was one of two winners of both the art and essay sections of the Chanuka contest sponsored by the Jewish Press and the International Synagogue at JFK Airport. While Naftali was not in Morah Miriam's Pre-IA class some eight years ago, we are sure that both Dr. and Morah Alan and Miriam Huffman are extremely proud of Naftali's achievements, since he is their grandson!

Naftali's excellent composition and drawing are reproduced on the following page, for the KAJN readership to enjoy as well.



WHY I LOVE CHANUKAH

By Naftali Sentell Grade 8
YRSRH of Manhattan, New York, NY

Mind Blower: Chanukah is not about donuts.

I mean, there's nothing wrong with liking Chanukah because of donuts. There's nothing wrong with liking anything because of donuts. But seriously. Does it make sense to have an entire eight-day Yom tov based off of a piece of fried dough?

I'll give you a hint: NO. So you might be asking yourself: «Why should I love Chanukah then?»

I love having the whole family together sitting around the menorah playing dreidel. Lots of laughter and and family time, and-

Uh, we're kind of missing the point.

How about loving Chanukah because of the Neis of finding one pure jug of oil?

How about loving Chanukah because we beat the Greeks?

How about loving Chanukah because our nation was nearly completely destroyed? How about loving Chanukah because without itWithout it, you wouldn't be alive today.

Alive today would not be a Jew. It would be a Jew assimilated with the Greeks. And what became of the Greeks?

They're completely gone.

Wiped off the face of the earth.

So be grateful that you're here, alive and well, a Jew. And you can like donuts! But Chanukah is something deeper.

And that is why I love Chanukah.

SPECIAL SHIURIM

Repeating the success of the last few years, the Kehilla once again has arranged special shiurim for the legal holidays of Thursday, November 23rd, Tuesday, December 25th, Tuesday, January Ist, and Monday, February 19th, days many members have a day off from their jobs.

The first shiur was given by Rav Mantel, to a large and attentive audience of all ages (pictured following). It was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Alan and Helen Ettlinger in honor of the marriage of their granddaughter.



The special shiur on Monday, December 25th, delivered by Rabbi Nosson Lowenthal, was attended by some twenty-five men. The shiur was sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Ronny Levy for the Yahrzeit of his mother, מרת קילא בת ר' אליקום. Rabbi Lowenthal explored halachic topics related to Mezuzos.



The Shiur on January Ist—to be given by Rabbi Levi Yosef Bechhofer—is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Samson R. Bechhofer.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Mr. Ronnie Spann, who for decades worked faithfully for our Yeshiva and Shul, was forced to retire this past fall due to health issues. He is currently living in Baltimore, where his sister resides. He appreciates calls (and visits—below left, Mr. Leon Gerstle, who visited recently while in the Baltimore area). Ronnie may be reached at (410) 907-1498.



Pictured following page, from the archives—Ronnie with a YRSRH preschool class, from an Adar somewhere in the mid-1990s.



NEWS FROM OUR YESHIVA

Elementary School

On Sunday, December 3rd, 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, including all the details and intricacies contained in the relevant Mishno.

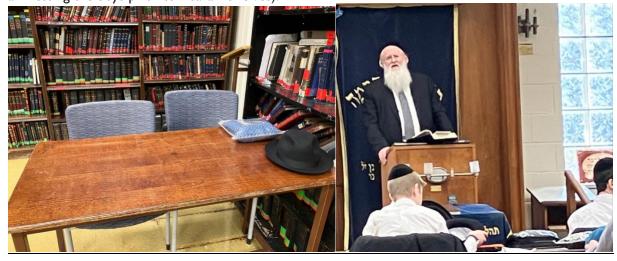
Pictured following—Sukkah experts Toviyo Lasdun with seventh-grade rebbi, Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetzky; Bentzie Ashen with Menahel Rabbi Yehuda Moller; Asher Margaliot with his father, third-grade rebbi, Rabbi Shimon M. Margaliot; Zerach Kirschenbaum with his brother, Peretz; Shmuel Cohen with his brother, Henach; and Bentzie, shining a light on potential issues with Sechach-coverage.





Mesivta

The Mesivta, as well as all those who learn in our Beis Medrash, are grateful to Rabbi Chananel Herbsman as well as additional, anonymous, participants for the recent purchase and donation of fifty new chairs for the Beis Medrash, two of which are pictured below left. (Keen-eyed readers may also spot the chairs in the photos of the Mesivta's Chanuka Chagiga, article above.) Thanks as well to the Mesivta's Menahel, Rabbi Shraga Soloveitchik, for making all the arrangements (pictured below right, addressing the boys prior to Asara BeTeives).





By Mrs. Judy Fulda

Spotlight on Mr. Avrami Spoerri—What's It Like to Volunteer at KAJ?

There are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes in K'hal Adath Jeshurun. There are many unsung heroes, as well. In this Spotlights column, let's take a look at one of the young men—eleventh-grader Avrami Spoerri— who help make things run smoothly so that our Shul has what it needs when it needs it.

KAJN: Tell us a bit about what you do as a volunteer in Shul.

AS: Changing the Poroches and other covers is the main thing. We roll the Sifrei Torah to the correct parasha for Rosh Chodesh and Taaniyos. We put out Machzorim. Plus, before the Shalosh Regolim, we change the front four Sifrei Torah to the Yom Tov green, the back ones to [Shabbos] green, and the side ones to Purim green. And before Shovuos, we help bring in the flowers and build the canopy over the Bimoh. [Editor's Note: Pictured below from left—the Shul on Erev Shovuos, the cabinet to the right of the Aron HaKodesh, and the closet beneath Shul where the Porochos are kept hanging, on a system of extendable rods.]



KAJN: When you say "we," who are you referring to?

AS: Currently, me, Meir Levi [son of Yosef and Sari], Ari (my brother), and Mr. Victor Sussman himself do all the work. Sometimes, some of Mr. Sussman's sons help us. [Editor's note: The photo below, taken on an Erev Rosh HaShono some years ago, features some very honorably discharged, now-former volunteers.]



KAJN: Whom do you work under and who trains/trained you?

AS: Mr. Sussman. And Meir taught me some stuff.

KAJN: How much time does it take each week? Is it the same every week?

AS: Half an hour Friday afternoon. An hour Motzoei Shabbos. Before the Yomim Noroim, we spend hours putting up the white covers on the seats and in the Ezras Noshim. What's especially time-consuming is taking out all 15 (yes, 15!) Sifrei Torah, one at a time, and bringing them to the shiur room so we can put up the white covers in the Aron.



KAJN: What do you like best about your work and what is challenging for you?

AS: Since we help with a lot of the little things, we can help when Mr. Sussman isn't there. For example, if there aren't enough Machzorim on the shelf, I know which cabinet the Machzorim are in, and where the ladder is to reach them.

KAJN: What character traits are important to have to be successful with this type of work? **AS:** Communication and reliability. As long as you are committed, anyone can help out in the Shul.

KAJN: Wow, Avrami! You and the others do a ton! Is there anything the congregants can do to make your work easier?

AS: The best thing the congregants of the Shul could do is put siddurim back on the shelf when they are done with them.

KAJN: We are so grateful to you for all that you do and for taking the time to let us hear a little about it! You are quite impressive! May HKBH bless you with many more years of community service!

SISTERHOOD SHIUR

On Tuesday evening, December 19/8 Teves, the KAJ Sisterhood offered the women in the community the opportunity to hear noted author and speaker, Rabbi Moshe Don Kestenbaum, discuss the topic, "The Tranquility of Shabbos, Seven Days a Week."

Rabbi Kestenbaum is the rosh yeshiva of Yeshiva Gedola Ohr Yitzchak, and is the author of *Olam HaMidos*, *Olam HaAvodah*, *Run After the Right Kavod* and *The Heart of Parenting*. He is also the nephew of Dr. Draizel Strauss, who ably introduced him.



Rabbi Kestenbaum began his talk about the power of Shabbos after fondly mentioning his family roots in the Kehilla. He related two very dramatic stories of how shemiras Shabbos saved the lives of Israelis on October 7th. The nissim (miracles) of HaKodosh Boruch Hu have made a profound impression on many secular Jews in Israel, convincing them to take on the mitzvah of Shabbos. It is equaly incumbent upon those of us who regularly keep Shabbos to also be mechazek (strengthen) ourselves in this mitzvah.

There are only two Mitzvos that a non-Jew is forbidden to keep: Torah-learning and Shabbos-observance. It is interesting that Shabbos is one of them since Shabbos was given to Odom HaRishon and serves as a commemoration of the creation of the world—seemingly universal, and not specifically Jewish, concepts. However, writes Rav Yechiel Michel Epstein (author of the *Oruch HaShulchan*), Shabbos is not just to remember that G-d created the world, but that He created the world for those who, by keeping His precepts, would become His chosen people—that is, the future Jewish nation.

Shabbos is described as a "mekor habrocho" (the source of blessing). In order to properly benefit from something, one must treat it with respect. Rabbi Kestenbaum gave examples of how we can tap into the brocho of Shabbos. The following were some of his suggestions which he expounded upon: to elevate Shabbos with better food, to be mindful during Shabbos of the gift of the day instead of being busy with trivialities, to put aside all concerns regarding business, debts, etc. those things just cause stress and cannot be dealt with on Shabbos anyway, and to add to Shabbos by lighting candles early (but only if this will not cause undue hardship or anxiety). After his enlightening lecture, Rabbi Kestenbaum graciously fielded a variety of questions regarding Shabbos and Jewish thought in general.



Mrs. Chava Gordimer served as the emcee of the evening and was also instrumental in organizing the wonderful event. She publicized two upcoming Sisterhood events, an evening of art in honor of Tu BeShvat run by the talented Mrs. Chava Torand, and an Oneg Shabbos featuring an inspiring talk by Mrs. Shira Sussman. (Details on both events to follow.) The Chevra Tehillim, which is being revamped, is looking for women to adopt chapters for daily recital. If you are interested in being part of the Chevra Tehillim, whose goal is to finish Sefer Tehillim daily for the benefit of the Kehilla, please contact Mrs. Gordimer or Mrs. Sarah Herbsman.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUBS LECTURE

The Senior Social Clubs of KAJ continued their series of Zoom lectures. On Sunday evening, December 17/6 Teives, Rabbi Yehuda Moller—Menahel of Yeshiva Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch—addressed a most relevant topic, namely "The Situation in Israel: What Should I Do?" The appreciative audience was left with much food for thought.

NEWS FROM MORIAH SENIOR CENTER

Thanksgiving at Moriah Senior Center is always suffused with a sense of warmth, camaraderie, and family. Many of our members gathered together in our fall-foliage-inspired dining room, to partake in a delicious turkey meal complete with chocolate pecan pie for dessert. Cantor Eric Freeman—at the piano—and Mr. Yonason Rothman—on the violin—entertained the crowd with a cornucopia of crowd pleasers. The program was infused with selections conveying an underlying message of hope and optimism during these difficult times.

Justin Rivers of Untapped New York brought his astounding knowledge of New York City history and trivia closer to home this month, when he presented a program called "The Secrets of the Highbridge". Attendees came away with a greater understanding of the history of our City's water supply and the evolution of our neighborhood.

Chanukah at Moriah is well known as an event not to be missed, but we really stepped it up a notch this year with a 4-foot menorah joining our 6-foot dreidel. Every day featured another treat for our group. On Friday, clients enjoyed a classic treat of Lebkuchen, baked in-house, with love, by our chef. Monday,

of course, brought our annual Chanukah Party, with a menu of minute steak, latkes, and doughnuts. Eric Freeman played rousing Chanukah melodies that had everyone clapping along. A caricaturist was on hand to capture the moment for posterity and every client went home with a gift of a soft, warm winter scarf in a color of his/her choosing.



On Tuesday, our group ventured to the 34th precinct to deliver doughnuts to our dedicated police officers, to thank them for their service all year long. We also distributed chocolate gelt along with our lunch meal.



On Wednesday, our monthly birthday party took on a holiday feel with tiny candy menorahs and dreidels adorning our birthday cakes. On Thursday, everyone received freshly baked s'mores cookies to go along with their lunch, and our afternoon activity had our clients decorating Chanukah themed sugar cookies to take home. Now we need to work off all that extra delicious food!



To that end, Moriah introduced a brand-new Wednesday exercise class, "Relentless Moves at Moriah". "Relentless Moves" is a fun-filled movement class, tailored for our seniors, that serves to increase mobility, improve posture, and leave participants feeling rejuvenated! This class will take place every Wednesday from 2-3 pm. Stay relentless and join us!

On December 25, Rabbi Shaul Shimon Deutsch, founder of the Living Torah Museum, gave a hands-on demonstration of Biblical artifacts and antiquities, as he discussed the "History of the Settlement of the Jewish People in the Land of Israel and the Conflicts Surrounding It." It was incredible how Rabbi Deutsch was able to connect the audience to what is truly a *living* history, and make us feel a part of our past, not just as observers, but as active participants in an ongoing story.



Of course, our now-regular activities, including Pilates, Movement/Exercise, Yoga, Chair Massage, Cooking/Nutrition, Law & Order (courtroom re-enactments), Music Mondays and Book Club, continue on a regular basis.

Upcoming events include a Tech Topic class about "Online Safety," a timely presentation on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare, an Aromatherapy Workshop featuring "Forest Bathing," and a special Fruit Parfait workshop in honor of Tu BeShvat.

To keep updated on these programs and all our exciting upcoming activities, we would like to encourage everyone to join our email list. This can be accomplished by sending an email request to moriahcenter@gmail.com

As always, Moriah continues to be available to help with benefits, entitlements, renewals, insurance and other issues. If you are 60+ and currently not registered as a client with the Center, take this opportunity to join our programming and see if we might be a good fit for you. Moriah is also always looking for new volunteers to join our team. Contact the office for more information!

SHIURIM NOTICES

Legal Holiday Shiurim

The shiurim will take place at 9:45 AM, in conjunction with the Kollel, in Dombrow Beis Medrash. Sponsorship for refreshments is welcomed—please contact Mr. Ben Ettlinger.

Monday, January I, 2024 Rabbi Levi Yosef Bechhofer

Monday, February 19, 2024 Rabbi Nosson Lowenthal

Friday Night Mikro Lectures

The lectures are given in Shul after Friday night davening.

Vayechi Rabbi Yisroel Strauss Shemos Rabbi Yehoshua Fulda

Vo'eiro Mr. Avi Feder

Bo Rabbi Elchonon Stern
Beshalach Rabbi Shimon Margaliot
Yisro Mr. Samson Bechhofer
Mishpatim Mr. Victor Sussman
Terumo Rabbi Kalman Strauss

Sunday Night Mishno Beruro Shiur

Rav Mantel's Sunday evening Shiur in Mishno Beruro takes place in Shul after Mincha-Maariv.

Tuesday Night Minchas Chinuch Shiur

Rav Mantel's Tuesday evening Minchas Chinuch Shiur take place in Shul after the 8:00 PM Maariv.

Thursday Night Chumash Shiur

The shiurim are presented via Zoom, at 8:30 PM, with the link to join each week provided below.

Dec. 28	Vayechi	Rabbi Yehuda Moller
Jan. 4	Shemos	Rabbi Yeshaya Levy

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To join the Zoom meeting **via telephone**:

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Please check the weekly GSEM for any changes, and for speakers.

Tuesday Morning Ladies נ"ך Shiur

Rebbetzin Mantel's Tuesday Morning Shiur takes place at 10:15 AM, in the front room of the Executive Office of YRSRH (100 Bennett's office door). The Shiur is learning the weekly Haftoros.

Sisterhood פרשת השבוע Shiurim

The Shiurim take place on Shabbos afternoons in the Sonn Beis Medrash (beneath Shul). Beginning in January (Parashas Shemos) the shiurim will once again take place an hour before KAJ Mincho.

December 30	Vayechi	**3:15**	Dr. Paul Breuer
January 6	Shemos		Miss Tamar Spoerri
January 13	Voeiro		Mrs. Chaya Sima Koenigsburg
January 20	Во		Mrs. Sarah Herbsman
January 27	Beshalach		Miss Shayna Weinberg Gordon
February 3	Yisro		Miss Leiba Winter
February 10	Mishpotim		Miss Aliza Sklar
February 17	Terumo		Miss Lisa Hecker
February 24	Tetzaveh		Dr. Chaya Rapp
March 2	Ki-Siso		Dr. Paul Breuer
March 9	Vayakhel		Rabbi Avrohom Hoffman
March 16	Pekudei		Miss Rochel Alpert

SOCIAL REGISTER

Our very best Mazel Tov wishes to Rav and Rebbetzin Mantel on the engagement of their granddaughter, Miss Esther Levy, to Mr. Tzvi Yehuda Reichman. Best wishes to the parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Aryeh Leib and Sarah Levy and Dr. and Mrs. Pinchas Reichman, and to the grandmother, Rebbetzin Miriam Levy, all of Zurich.

Heartiest Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ettlinger on the birth of a grandson. The delighted parents are Yitzie and Esty Sontag. Best wishes to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shrage Sontag, and to the great-grandparents Mr. Shimon Sontag and Mr. and Mrs. Naftali Blaivas.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Dr. and Mrs. Johny Hellmann on the engagement of their grandson, Mr. Shmuel Baruch of Passaic, to Miss Faigy Simon of Lakewood. Mazel Tov as well to the parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef and Chavi Baruch and Rabbi and Mrs. Azriel and Nechama Simon.

Mrs. Edith Erlbach is happy to announce the arrival of a great-granddaughter. Mazel Tov to the parents, Simcha and Sora Leah Greenberg, and the grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Doniel and Naomi Greenberg, and Rabbi and Mrs. Yisroel Brog.

Heartiest Mazel Tov to **Mr. and Mrs. Samson R. Bechhofer** on the Bar-Mitzvah of their grandson, **Yonah Emanuel** (פרשת וישלה). Best wishes as well to the great-grandmother, **Mrs. Meta Bechhofer**.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Avrohom Hoffman and Mrs. Margot Lasdun on the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dovid Aryeh and Shevi Gold.

Our very best wishes to Mrs. Meta Bechhofer and Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Bechhofer on the marriage of their grandson and son, Levi Yosef Bechhofer (Passaic) to Chaya Yael Danziger.

We are delighted to express our good wishes to **Rabbi and Mrs. Ezra Hes** on the engagement of their granddaughter, **Miss Bracha Hes**, daughter of **Rabbi and Mrs. Amram Hes**, to **Mr. Aaron Feldman**, son of **Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Feldman**, all of Silver Spring. Best wishes as well to the grandmother, **Mrs. Sarah Hyatt**.

All best wishes to Rabbi and Mrs. Yehoshua Fulda and Mrs. Adele Fulda on the birth of a son, Avi, to Nesanel and Rachelli Fulda. Mazel Tov as well to the other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Laze Tarlow.

Mazel tov to Ms. Dvora Hersh, Rabbi Shmuel Hersh and the entire Hersh family on the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Benjy and Miriam Hersh.

Our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Amitai Bielinki and Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Simons on the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, Miss Tova Brocha Bielinki, to Mr. Hillel Shimon Zakon.

Our very best Mazel Tov and good wishes to **Mr. and Mrs. Allen Riselsheimer** on their golden wedding anniversary.

Heartiest Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Pinchas and Sarah Ashen on their recent marriage. Best wishes to his mother, Mrs. Gail Ashen.

We are delighted to extend our Mazel Tov wishes to Mrs. Vickie Rosenberg on the engagement of her grandson, Mr. Avi Lamb to Miss Aliza Buchen. Best wishes to the parents, Ms. Naomi Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. Yitz and Yaffy Buchen.

Our very best wishes to **Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzy and Aviva Perl** on the Bar-Mitzvah of their son **Avrumi** (פרשת וישב). Mazel Tov to the grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. Moshe M. Klugman** and **Mrs. Henny Perl**, and the great-grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. Eric Katzenstein** and **Mrs. Sophie Klugman**.

We are delighted to extend Mazel Tov wishes to Mrs. Sandra Wachspress upon the marriage of her granddaughter, Miss Esti Wachspress, to Mr. Yitzy Stern of Woodmere. Best wishes to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan and Gitty Wachspress and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff and Elke Stern.

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Moshe and Malkie Katzenstein and Mrs. Ruth Katzenstein on the birth of a grandson and great-grandson. The delighted parents are Noach and Atara Katzenstein. Best wishes as well to the other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hillel Goldscheider.

Heartiest Mazel Tov wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Norbert and Dorothy Strauss on the birth of a great-great-granddaughter in Israel. The happy parents are Hila and Shmuel Perl.

Our very best wishes to **Rabbi Schemuel van Messel** on the engagement of his daughter, **Hadassah**, to **Shlomo Noach Katz**.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Rena Nussbaum and Mrs. Miriam Nussbaum on the birth of a grandson and great-grandson. The delighted parents are Sandy and Joey Kalish.

Our very best to **Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Glazer** on the birth of a new great-grandson. The delighted parents are **Shloime and Bassi Tendler**. Best wishes to the grandparents, **Rabbi and Mrs. Michoel Glazer** and **Rabbi and Mrs. Yonason Tendler**.

Mazel tov to **Ruth and Samuel Stern** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, **Menachem Karoll**, son of **Shuli and Adam Karoll** of Yerusholayim.

Our very best wishes to Mr. Norby Wartelsky on the birth of a great-grandson. Best wishes to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yosie and Golda Keilson, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Avi and Ilana Keilson, and the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Keilson.

Mazel tov to Mr. Leon and Dr. Shiela Strauss on the wedding of their granddaughter, Miss N'umi Strauss, to Binyamin Ze'ev Levitt. All the best to the parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Yekusiel Strauss of South Fallsburg and Mr. Dovid and Mrs. Blima Levitt of Passaic. Good wishes also to the other grandparents, Mrs. Lois Meyers of Silver Spring, and to Mrs. Faiga Wilhelm of Brooklyn.

From the Kehilla

Mr. David Rubinstein (44 Bennett Avenue) mourns the passing of his mother, Mrs. Elsa Rubinstein.

זכרונה לברכה

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Five Siddurim and two Selichos, לעילוי נשמת מרת רחל בת ר' יצחק אייזיק הכהן ע"ה, Mrs. Rochel Basker, o.h., by Mr. Harvey Basker, Rabbi and Mrs. D. Angel and Mr. and Mrs. Y. Basker.

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.
- Mincha Gedola in Shul Sunday through Thursday: 1:30 PM through March 7, 2024.
- The link to help support families devastated by war in Eretz Yisrael is https://www.charidy.com/agudahrelief/KA] (For checks, please make payable to Agudath Israel of America, Memo: Relief Fund, and mail to Agudath Israel of America, 42 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004.)

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DATE	1st Minyan	זמן טלית ותפלין	Remarks			
Thursday December 28	6:13	6:20				
Friday December 29	6:14	6:21				
Tuesday January 2	6:14	6:21				
Wednesday January 3	6:14	6:21				
Thursday January 4	6:14	6:21				
Friday January 5	6:14	6:21				
Monday January 8	6:14	6:21				
Tuesday January 9	6:14	6:21				
Wednesday January 10	6:14	6:21				
Thursday January 11	6:14	6:21	ראש חדש			
			First Minyan Sonn Room			
Friday January 12	6:14	6:21				
Tuesday January 16	6:13	6:20				
Wednesday January 17	6:13	6:20				
Thursday January 18	6:12	6:19				
Friday January 19	6:12	6:19				
Monday January 22	6:10	6:17				
Tuesday January 23	6:10	6:17				
Wednesday January 24	6:09	6:16				
Thursday January 25	6:09	6:16				
Friday January 26	6:08	6:15				
Monday January 29	6:06	6:13				
Tuesday January 30	6:05	6:12				
Wednesday January 31	6:04	6:11				
Thursday February 1	6:03	6:10				
Friday February 2	6:03	6:10				
Monday February 5	6:00	6:07				
Tuesday February 6	6:00	6:06				
Wednesday February 7	6:00	6:05				
Thursday February 8	6:00	6:04				
Friday February 9	5:56	6:03	ראש חדש בייסי Minner Sonn Room			
			First Minyan Sonn Room			

Monday February 12	6:00	5:59	
Tuesday February 13	6:00	5:58	

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Shabbos Parashas Vo'eiro, 3 Shevat/ January 12-13—**Special Shabbos Chizuk** with the participation of Rav Mantel and special guest, Rav Eliezer Simcha Lieff, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Gedola of South Monsey. Friday night Oneg Shabbos and Kidush following davening Shabbos day. Sponsors are sought for this event.
- Sunday, February 18th—Annual Dinner of K'hal Adath Jeshurun and Yeshiva Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch.

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Special Guest Rav Eliezer Simcha Lieff, שליט"א Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Gedola of South Monsey

עונג שבת

Friday evening January 12, 2024 Dr. Moller Hall, 8:30 pm

Kiddush after davening Shabbos morning

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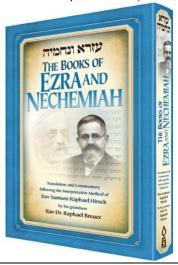
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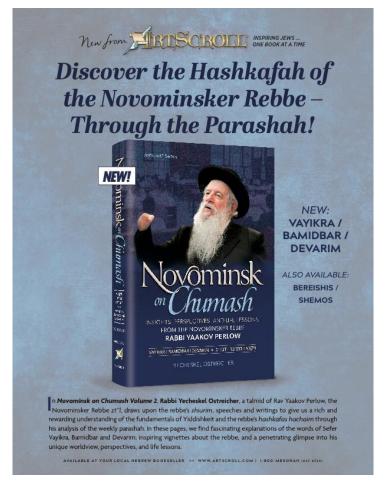
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