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THE START OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Dr. Nathalie Friedman, Chairperson of the 125th Anniversary Celebration introduced the kickoff event at the Annual Meeting and Hachnasat Sefer Torah, the dedication of our new Torah. It took place on Sunday morning, April 6, in the Main Synagogue and on 85th Street. She expressed particular appreciation to Linda and Michael Jesselson for their thoughtfulness and generosity in commissioning the writing and

presenting of this Torah to Kehilath Jeshurun on this occasion. She quoted from the daily Maariv service when she said: "*Ki hem chayeinu v'orech yameinu u'vahem ne-hegeh yomam va'layla* — the Torah is our life and the length of our days and on its commandments we will meditate." She spoke of the appropriateness of KJ recognizing and celebrating its 125th anniversary by dedicating a new Torah.

THE DEDICATION

Rabbi Lookstein then thanked the large assemblage of people who came to participate in the dedication. He invited everyone to leave the Main Synagogue and go out onto 85th Street where all the Torahs of the congregation would be, in order to escort the new Torah under a chupah. Amidst very leibidik singing and dancing to the tunes of a Klezmer group, hundreds of members thrilled

to the excitement of this special day. It was an exciting and spirited welcome that will long be remembered by all of the members of the congregation who were fortunate to be there. The assemblage then returned to the Main Synagogue to receive the Torah and witness its placement in the ark surrounded by all of the other Torahs of the congregation.

SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JULY 22 - AUGUST 12, 1997

During the summer months, we mourn the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem which took place on the ninth of Av, and the events that led to their destruction. We fast on the seventeenth day of the month of Tammuz, **Shivah Assar B'Tammuz** because, according to tradition it was on that day that the enemy penetrated the walls of Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the Second Temple. The Talmud, however, writes that these were not the only tragedies that befell the Jewish people on this day. On the seventeenth of Tammuz four more tragedies occurred: the first tablets containing the Ten Commandments were broken by Moses, the two daily sacrifices were suspended during the time of the First Temple, the wicked Apostomos burned the Torah, and an idol was erected in the Temple.

Additional tragedies also befell the Jewish people on **Tisha B'Av**. On this day, the *meraglim*, the spies, returned to the Jews in the desert with a negative report about the Land of Israel. In addition, it was on this day that the city of Betar was destroyed and tens of thousands of Jews were killed, and the day the wicked Turnus Rufus plowed the site of the Temple and its surroundings. Tradition asserts that the expulsion of the Jews from England in 1290 and the expulsion from Spain in 1492 also took place on **Tisha B'Av**.

Our mourning for the destroyed Temples and for the other calamities which occurred on these days extends

beyond the fasts themselves. The period between these last two fasts, traditionally called **The Three Weeks** includes several practices of mourning. During these three weeks we do not get our hair cut, attend weddings or involve ourselves in large joyous gatherings. During the nine days which begin on the first of Av, August 4, and continue until midday on the tenth day of Av, August 13, we are additionally forbidden to eat meat and drink wine, except on Shabbat, to go swimming or bathe for pleasure, and to do any laundry or dry cleaning that is not absolutely necessary. In general, the Talmud writes that when the month of Av begins, our mood should reflect our mourning for the destruction of the Temples. On Tisha B'Av itself, besides fasting, we are prohibited from washing our bodies, wearing leather shoes, anointing ourselves, and having marital relations. It is also forbidden to study Torah on this day with the exception of the sections of the prophets and the Talmud that discuss the destruction. We do not wear our tallit and tefillin until Mincha and the custom is to sit on low chairs like mourners until midday. Our observance of mourning also forbids us from greeting friends on Tisha B'Av.

We mourn the Temple that was destroyed over nineteen hundred years ago and we pray that in the merit of our mourning we will be worthy to see God rebuild the Temple in our lifetime.

FAST OF 17TH OF TAMMUZ

July 22, 1997

Fast Begins	4:31 AM
Shacharit	7:00 AM
Mincha	8:00 PM
Fast Ends	9:00 PM

TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE

Monday, August 11, Tisha B'Av Eve

Fast Begins	7:59 PM
Mincha Services	8:15 PM

Followed by:

Ma'ariv and Eicha	9:15 PM
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Thursday, August 12, Tisha B'Av

Morning Services	7:00 AM
Followed by Kinot	
Evening Services	7:30 PM
Conclusion of Fast	8:37 PM

HIGH HOLY DAY SEATS NOW BEING ASSIGNED

We have sent High Holy Day Seat Request Cards to our congregation. Please return your card with your requests as soon as possible. If you are not planning to be with us this year, please return the card and tell us that as well. The deadline for such requests is Monday, July 14.

Once again, we will be holding Beginner's Services under the leadership of our Trustee, George Rohr and our Outreach Coordinator, Rabbi Yitz Motechin. These services, which will be held in our air conditioned gymnasium and which will accommodate between 500 and 600 people are also available to our members who would prefer to choose this "learner's service" for the High Holy Days in lieu of the Main Synagogue or one of the parallel services.

Rosh Hashana begins this year on Wednesday evening, October 1, and continues on Thursday and Friday, October 2 and 3. Yom Kippur is on Friday evening (Kol Nidre) and Saturday, October 10 and 11.

THANKS FOR THE PESACH FOOD

The KJ Social Action Committee expresses its appreciation to all those members who contributed Passover food to the Jewish needy on the Lower East Side prior to Pesach. In addition, the committee, headed by Amanda Ritz and Donna and Jonathan Levinson, wishes to thank those commercial contributors who helped make our effort such a success. They are:

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125TH ANNIVERSARY

THE NEEDLEPOINT

Particularly special is the magnificent new needlepointed blue Torah cover designed to conform with all the other Torahs in our ark. The impressive work on this cover was done by our Trustee and former Sisterhood President, Rae Gurewitsch. It was

truly a dedicated labor of love for which the congregation is extremely grateful. The quotation on the cover of this Torah reads: "*V'asu li mikdash v'shachanti besocham* — And they shall make for me a sanctuary and I will dwell in their midst."

THE MUSIC

One of the extraordinary aspects of the program was the beautiful singing of the Ramaz Upper School Chamber Chorus under the direction of Caroll Goldberg. The singing welcomed the congregation back into the

synagogue as the Torahs were being returned to the ark. The highlight of this part of the program was the extraordinary and very moving solo rendition of "*The Place Where I Belong*" sung by Ramaz senior, Ravital Kranzler.

DR. DIANA FRIEDMAN

NEW SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

Rita Distenfeld graciously opened her home for the final Sisterhood meeting of 1996/97. Ellen Baumgarten, outgoing president, was thanked for her tireless efforts on behalf of Sisterhood. Audrey Lookstein, Chair of the nominating committee installed the new officers and board members. They are:

<i>President</i>	Dr. Diana Heller Friedman
<i>Vice President</i>	Terry Jaspan
<i>Treasurer</i>	Yvonne Koppel Kopans
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Donna Silverman
<i>Assoc. Recording Sec.</i>	Diane Sharon Lederman
<i>Social Secretary</i>	Rita Distenfeld

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Reva Alper	Sheera Moffson
Jewel Edelman	Florence Rothman
Jennifer Gross	Judy Spiegel
Rena Hoffman	Rita Woldenberg

Past Presidents of Sisterhood: Audrey Lookstein, Yvonne Koppel Kopans, Judy Tanz, Dede Alpert, Rae Gurewitsch and Brenda Bernstein reminisced about the accomplishments of the organization. The highlight of the afternoon was a "trip down memory lane" by Mrs. Gertrude Lookstein, Mrs. Lillian Jacobs and Mrs. Ami Texon.

SISTERHOOD HONORS 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF KJ

WITH TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

MRS. GERTRUDE LOOKSTEIN:

"I was born into KJ and the first Sisterhood Meeting was held at the home of Bertha Rafsky, the grandmother of Michael and Ronald Jaspan. It is noteworthy to see that her granddaughter-in-law, Michael's wife, Terry Jaspan is now the new vice-president of the Sisterhood. It is a pleasure to see the continuation of the Sisterhood with the wonderful blend of ages. I am so glad to be here today."

MRS. LILLIAN JACOBS:

"Upon my husband's urging, I attended the very first meeting of the Sisterhood, where I had the privilege of meeting my lifelong best friend Gertie Lookstein. I was sold on KJ and the Sisterhood after meeting Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, of blessed memory, who greeted me with 'is your husband the not so tall man who is saying Kaddish?' "

MRS. AMI TEXON:

"We are celebrating the 125 years of existence of KJ, but I want to reflect only to 25 years ago. It was at the height of my involvement in Sisterhood. I was given the honor of being the first woman Trustee of KJ. It is most worthwhile to be a member of Sisterhood and KJ. It is a pleasure and satisfaction to see it progressing generation to generation."

125TH ANNIVERSARY

THE COMMITTEE

Rabbi Lookstein expressed gratitude to Dr. Nathalie Friedman and her committee of more than forty members including vice-chair, Robert Kurzweil and co-chairs Benjamin Brown and Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn for their dedication, imagination and creativity in planning the thirteen months of events in celebration of the

125th anniversary. Similar gratitude was expressed to our Executive Director, Robert Leifert, who actually first conceived of the nature of our thirteen month 125th anniversary observance and celebration.

The morning's program concluded with a beautiful buffet brunch in the Auditorium.

KJ ARCHIVES EXPLORED YOUR DOCUMENTS WANTED!

As part of our celebration of the 125th anniversary of KJ we are undertaking several projects that we expect will prove useful to the Congregation. First, we are using our archives to select items, recalling the past, which will appear in the KJ Bulletins of this anniversary year. Second, we intend to refurbish the archives, replacing the current, old file boxes with new, sturdier ones that are easier to handle. We want also to create a pleasanter, more protected storage area for the archives.

Our main goal is to make the

archives accessible to scholars and students of American Jewish History. We are being advised by Steve Siegel, Archivist of the 92nd Street Y, and with his help, the work will be underway this summer. This first stage should be completed within the year. As part of the archives project, we have scheduled visits with the archivists of Shearith Israel, The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue and Central Synagogue. We will also visit the newly established museum of Temple Emanuel seeking information and ideas that can benefit our community.

MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR ORAL HISTORY

Our second major project is an oral history of members of the congregation who have been involved with the major commitments of KJ to maximum Jewish education (our work for Yeshiva University and the signal achievement of Ramaz) to Israel, to the successful rescue efforts of Soviet Jewry and to the enhanced role of women in Jewish life and worship. We

will work with experienced people who will provide the necessary guidance. We will start the work of planning and assume that such a major undertaking will extend well beyond this anniversary year. If we are successful, we will have valuable information that will enrich our understanding of these historic efforts and achievements.

ONGOING EXHIBIT

We also aim to create a changing lobby exhibit of documents and other items identified with our history. If you have items to submit or lend to this effort, please contact Robert Leifert at the Synagogue office (427-1000).

Our thanks to Professor Naomi Miller who is chairing this committee and to its members Rae Gurewitsch, Yvonne Koppel-Kopans, and Toby Joseph who took considerable time to work on our dusty ancient basement files.

MEN'S CLUB CONCLUDES ACTIVE SEASON

The KJ Men's Club just completed an exciting season of events with its annual Shavuot Dinner on the first night of Shavuot, preceding the Tikun Leyl Shavuot. Over 275 people attended the event. In addition to a sumptuous Yom Tov dinner, divrei Torah were presented by members of the Men's Club Board and by over twenty-five children of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades of the Ramaz Lower School. This concluded a wonderful season of activities of the Men's Club, which included a series of Parent-Child Minyanim (co-sponsored with the KJ Youth Department), the Seudah Shlishit program, the Sunday Supper Lecture Program (with Judge Harold Rothwax), Men's Club Shabbaton (at which members of the Men's Club led the Shabbat services) and Men's Club Chol Hamoed Sukkah Supper (with Mayor Rudolph Guiliani).

The Men's Club is now planning its program for the next season, which will be announced in the fall.



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SHAVUOTH BULLETIN

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SHAVUOTH IN THE SYNAGOGUE

Shavuoth, the Feast of Weeks, commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. It is also known as "Chag Habikurim" the Festival of First Fruits, a very joyous occasion in ancient as well as in modern Palestine.

Our synagogue, as usual, will be fittingly decorated with flowers and greens in honor of this holiday. We expect a large attendance on both days, Wednesday and Thursday, to share with us the joy and beauty of the festival.

On Tuesday night after dinner the custom of saying "Tikun" will be observed in the chapel. There will, of course, be the usual smokes and holiday refreshments. All men are cordially invited.

On Wednesday morning, the first

day of Shavuoth, the scriptural reading will include the Ten Commandments. This will be preceded by the chanting of the "Akdemos" by the Rabbi and the congregation.

Rabbi Lookstein will preach on Wednesday at 11 o'clock. We ask our worshippers to be in their seats before the sermon begins.

On Thursday, the second day of Shavuoth, the Book of Ruth will be read and Yizkor memorial prayers recited.

Shavuoth is the last major festival of the year. As the Festival of Torah it bids us to re-dedicate ourselves to the teachings and traditions of our faith. By our presence in the synagogue on the holiday we reaffirm our loyalty to the Torah.

1946

CONGRATULATIONS RABBI AND MRS. LOOKSTEIN

Our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein are celebrating their Twentieth Wedding Anniversary this week. The entire congregation and its affiliates join in extending to them heartiest felicitations and good wishes on this occasion. May they observe many more happy anniversaries together with their lovely children, and may they ever enjoy the esteem and affection of their countless friends and well-wishers. 'Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord'

YOUR ARCHIVES — OUR ARCHIVES

Since we want the KJ archives to be as complete as we can make them, we ask that anyone who has memorabilia—photographs, correspondence with our rabbis—past and present—and with other members of the synagogue staff, dinner journals, minutes of committee meetings — anything that you thought worth keeping, is probably important enough to be a part of the KJ archives. Even if you prefer to keep these papers, let us know that you have them and allow us to list them with other documents in our archives.

On the eve of summer, when the desire to discard long held papers becomes almost irresistible, we ask that you reconsider, and instead of discarding them, send them all to us.

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KEHILATH JESHURUN BULLETIN

K. J. Archives

This week an extremely successful Annual Meeting was held in the synagogue. Reports on the congregation's activities, too voluminous to be read aloud, were distributed in booklet form. When the president opened the meeting, he spoke to a full auditorium of members.

'Twas not always so. You might be interested in a few excerpts from annual reports issued about 20 years ago.

The presidential report reads:

1928—

"The outlook for the future . . . is not very rosy. There is, to begin with, something radically wrong with any budget . . . where the expenses and upkeep . . . exceed the income (ed.

note: by about \$5000 in a budget of \$28,000) . . . Spiritually also, the outlook is not encouraging. You are not situated in a neighborhood from which can be drawn much attendance for services or for forums under Orthodox auspices".

1930—

President Joseph Polstein advises that: "A demand should be made for congregational singing; this is very inspiring to the younger element. A Ladies Auxiliary (ed. note: founded the following year) is very essential for a congregation like ours."

In 1929 there were 146 members affiliated with the congregation—a decline of six from the year before.

This year, 1959, some thirty five new members were inducted. How times do change!

SPIRIT OF EXCITEMENT DOMINATES ANNUAL MEETING

***“IT HAS BEEN A YEAR OF EXTRAORDINARY ACTIVITY,
MARKED BY A GREAT INFLUX OF MEMBERS.”***

In his President's report, Fred Distenfeld pointed out the extraordinary nature of this past congregational year. He remarked how thrilled we were to welcome the new Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Hon. Benyamin Netanyahu, who spent Shabbat with us on his first visit to the United States as Prime Minister. He also spoke of how thrilled we were to welcome Senator Joseph Lieberman to our pulpit on Shabbat YACHAD, a day on which we hosted some forty young people who suffer from a variety of disabilities and who were guided and supported by some eighty Ramaz students and teachers. "It was great to hear a member of the United States Senate speak so comfortably about what it means to be a *Shomer Mitzvot* in the halls of Congress."

The President also spoke of the physical changes to our building including the emergency repairs on

the parapet that borders the roof of the Main Synagogue requiring scaffolding in front of the building for months this winter and the refurbishing of the facade of the synagogue. He also announced the completion of the renovation of the two ladies' bathrooms above the balcony level of the Main Synagogue.

Finally, the President recognized the many members of the congregation who have taken leadership roles in our activities throughout the year including the Mishloach Manot project, the Dinner Dance, the Social Action, Adult Education, Bikur Cholim and new Political Affairs Committees, and those who chaired special events such as the Purim Seudah, Scholar-in Residence Shabatot, Sukkot meals, Shavuot dinner, Beginner's programs and a host of others in addition to our Sisterhood, Men's Club and Couple's Club and Ketubah.

EIGHTY NEW FAMILIES INDUCTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Diana Heller Friedman, past President of the KJ Couple's Club and newly installed President of the Sisterhood presented eighty new families for acceptance into the membership of Kehilath Jeshurun. The record of eighty new families is the largest group of new members ever inducted into membership in any one year. They represent 144 new adults and many, many new children who we welcome into our community. Many of the new members include people who had themselves grown up in this congregation and those who are the children of current members as well as brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins of current members. Also

included were Ramaz alumni, new Ramaz parents, and some who, please God, hope to be.

Diana remarked that several of our new members have come to us through our Beginner's Service and our monthly Young People's Shabbat minyan. She expressed how proud the congregation is to welcome members who have emigrated to the United States from a number of foreign countries. We are also proud to welcome a number of new members who have already distinguished themselves through their work in the Jewish community and others who are prominent in their professional careers.

Ravi Tal Kranzler sings solo
"The Place Where I Belong"

NEW MEMBERS

Robin and Russell Abada	Dalia and Ariel Jurmann
Esty and Mauricio Abadi	Adele and Dr. Irwin Kanarek
Renee and Leon Adams	Dr. Lisa Karabelnik
Marilyn and Greg Adler	Robert D. Katz
Sharon and George Aryeh	Dr. Audrey and Scott Kaufman
Yvette and Michel Benarrosh	Dr. Barbara Braffman and Benjamin Klapper
Dr. Julia Glade-Bender and Jonathan Bender	Shani and David Kramer
Bonnie and Joel Bergstein	Randy and Mitchel Krevat
Sara and David Berman	Leslie and Michael Kule
Ephraim Bernstein	Michael Kulla
Nina and Barry Best	Dr. Abraham Kuperman
Laura and David Blum	Ellen and Dr. Franklyn Laifer
Jennifer and Jonathan Boyarsky	Jane and Reuben Leibowitz
Eleanor and Dr. Alan Brennglass	Mindy and Michael Leventhal
Veronica and Dr. Abraham Chachoua	Aliza and Steven Major
Ruth and Jonathan Chernow	Alexandra Mandel
Nata and Naum Chernyavsky	Risa Mandell
Erit and Simon Cohen	Judith and Leonard Margolis
Rina and Steve Dabbah	Dr. Elizabeth and Victor Mintz
Andrew Duell	Robin and Dan Mittman
Dale and Aaron Harry Dushey	Wendy and Adam Modlin
Jennifer and Jacob Eisenstat	Ellen and Avery Modlin
Nicole and Jeffrey Fisher	Gail and Berndt Perl
Amy and Robert Fisher	Drorit and Michael Ratzker
Dr. Ronald Glass	Lara and Gregory Rhine
Debra and Dov Glick	Yocheved and Marc Schwartz
Hadassah and Dr. Samuel Goldring	Gail and Maurice Setton
Naomi and Gerald Goldstein	Adrienne and Avi Shapira
Sandra and Bruce Goldwyn	Sara and Simon Shemia
Judy and Mark Goodman	Lisa and James Shenwick
Rebecca and Laurence Grafstein	Andrew Shipper
Lloyd Green	Jacqueline and Dr. Joel Spitz
Drs. Hilary Gleekman and William Greenberg	Mindy Steen
Jan and Andrew Groveman	Loren and Eric Stein
Beverly Gunther	Esther and Henry Swieca
Abigail and Scott Herschmann	Michelle Taubenlat
Dr. Chani and Jonathan Hornblass	Gale Goldstein Tucker
Gila and Joshua Jaffe	Eva-Michaele and Clifford Wasser
Janet and Arthur Jakoby	Jeffrey M. Wice
Leslie Sarah James	Stefan Wyler
	Deborah and Dr. Marc Zimble

FIVE OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

STEPHEN J. KULE STEPS DOWN

FRED BAUMGARTEN NEW SECRETARY

<i>President</i>	Fred Distenfeld
<i>Vice President</i>	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
<i>Second Vice President</i>	Robert Zimet
<i>Secretary</i>	Frederic H. Baumgarten
<i>Treasurer</i>	Chaim Edelstein
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Richard E. Kobrin

Stephen J. Kule has been an outstanding leader in Kehilath Jeshurun over the past two decades. He revitalized the Couple's Club and served as President. Steve chaired the KJ effort on behalf of UJA-Federation and co-chaired the 21st Century Fund project. We are pleased to report that he will continue to serve on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Fred Baumgarten, who grew up in our congregation has served as a trustee for several years. He previously was Treasurer of the congregation. We welcome him back as an Officer of KJ.

Mrs. Joseph H. (Gertrude) Lookstein,
Honorary Chairperson
of the 125th Anniversary Celebration

TRUSTEES ELECTED

The following members were elected to new three year terms as regular members of the Board of Trustees:

Lenore Alpert	Martin Kaufman
Sholem Greenbaum	Harry Kleinhaus
Michael Jesselson	Yvonne Koppel-Kopans
Asher Levitsky	

The following three members of the congregation have now been elected to membership on the regular Board:

Stephen J. Kule
Ephraim Propp
and Associate Trustee, Mel Stein

THE ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES APPOINTED

The following Trustees were re-appointed for one year terms on the Associate Board by President Fred Distenfeld:

Harry Ballan	Steven Koppel
Dr. Larry Baruch	Kenneth Rochlin
Ray Brenner	Jeremy Schwalbe
Barry Cooper	Leonard Silverman
Dr. Robert Friedman	Dr. Alan Spiegel
Karen Gibofsky	Doris Travis

NEW ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES

The following three members were appointed as Associate Trustees for the first time:

Harvey Abrahams
Andrew Charles
Scott Shay

RETIRING TRUSTEES

Having served the constitutional maximum of nine years on the Board of Trustees, two of its members are retiring due to constitutional mandate. They are Burt Usdan and Hon. Robert Abrams. Past President of the Couples Club, Isaac Pollak has asked to step down as a Trustee.

DECEASED MEMBERS

With warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Lookstein paid tribute through brief eulogies to seventeen members of the congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 124th Annual Meeting. Those members eulogized were:

Fatulla Amini	Dr. Joseph Litwins
Estelle Baumgarten	Bernard Mezey
Frances Feder	Samuel Miller
A. Phillip Goldsmith	Rachel Nash
Molly Jaffa	Frida Norris
Bertha Lebowitz	Jacob Starman
Helen Leibner	Oscar Trencher
Agatha Leifer	Martha Vorcheimer

Israel Waldman

Dr. Nathalie Lookstein Friedman,
Chairperson of the 125th Anniversary
Celebration, and her brother, Rabbi Haskel
Lookstein carry new Torah on 85th Street

Summer 1997: A TASTE OF TORAH AT KJ

Wednesday evenings, July 2 - August 6

Rabbi Yossi Weiser, Senior Faculty Member, Ramaz Upper School

I. PROFIT FROM THE PROPHETS (7:15 - 8:00 PM)

The books of the Prophets offer a feast of unparalleled insights and inspiration, through the lives of our greatest men and women.

Among the issues we will examine are Samson, the imperfect hero(?), the triumph and tragedy of Saul, David and Batsheva, and the wives of Solomon.

II. MORE THAN "JUST SAY NO?" — THE BEAUTY OF HALACHA (8:10 - 9:00 PM)

The Torah is the "Sam HaChaim"— the Source of Life, and Halacha (Jewish Law) is the map which shows us the way.

In this course we will explore the beauty of "Lomdus" (the logical reasoning and development) of Halacha through Responsa literature from Talmudic times till now, 5757 (1997).

Topics include the seemingly mundane to the esoteric, from how to wash one's hands and toothbrushes, to naming of children, the Afterlife, "hot" merchandise, lifeboat ethics, and Frappacinos!

Come and feast your soul!! No charge. Call for registration.

In Memoriam

Esther Kolatch

We lost a senior member of the congregation who was a dynamic force in the Jewish community for many years.

Esther Kolatch was the Executive Director of the women's division of the American Jewish Congress, a post in which she influenced many Jews and brought them closer to Jewish life and to Israel. She was a regular in our congregation, enjoying the friendship of many women who sat together with her in the center balcony.

Upbeat and optimistic in nature, she loved being Jewish, she was pious in her personal behavior and in her relationship with God. The Jewish community and Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun have lost a precious member.

May her soul be forever bound up among the living.

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Our Am HaSefer Book Discussion Club, to which all members of the congregation are invited, will meet on four Sunday evenings next year to review four books which consider the Jewish experience in America and in Europe during the 125 year life of Kehilath Jeshurun.

We recommend you start reading these books over the summer so that you can be prepared to participate actively in the Sunday evening discussions during the year.

The first book will be Alan Dershowitz's new book, *THE VANISHING AMERICAN JEW*. It will be reviewed by Rabbi Lookstein.

The other books to be reviewed are:

📖 *JEWISH POWER: INSIDE THE JEWISH AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT* by J.J. Goldberg.

📖 *NAZI GOLD* by Tom Bower. *Was there a Swiss conspiracy to steal millions of dollars from Europe's Jews and Holocaust survivors?*

📖 *THE HOLE IN THE HEART OF THE WORLD: BEING JEWISH IN EASTERN EUROPE* by Jonathan Kaufman.

These are the books. The dates and locations and discussion leaders will be announced in the Fall. Start reading now!

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ADAM TOBIAS BRENNER, son of Ruth and KJ Trustee Ray Brenner, upon his graduation with honors from Ramaz as a recipient of The Aron and Leah Swergold Memorial Award for excellence in Talmud. He was Captain of the Service Squad and JV Basketball. He also served as Chair of the Business Investment Club, as well as Junior Class President. Adam will attend the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

ABIGAIL RACHEL BRYSKIN, daughter of Doina and Dr. Larry Bryskin, upon her graduation from Ramaz, as the recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award for outstanding personal growth and the BJE Nachson Award. She was very involved in the Jewish Affairs Committee and various Tzedakah projects. Abigail will spend next year at Midreshet Moriah in Israel and then begin her studies at Stern College.

MATTHEW BRYSKIN, son of Doina and Dr. Larry Bryskin and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from Yeshiva College with a BA in English Literature.

MICHAEL COHEN, son of Carole and Dr. Seymour Cohen, upon his graduation from The Dwight School, as the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. He received an award for excellence in jazz guitar, as well as the IB Music Prize for outstanding scholarship in music. Michael has accepted a President's Scholarship at Muhlenberg College for the fall.

NANCY LEDERMAN COHEN, wife of Michael Cohen and daughter of Fran and Arnold Lederman, upon her graduation with a Masters degree from the Wurzwiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University.

MARK CHREIN, son of Carol Horn Chrein and Charles Chrein, upon his graduation from Ramaz. An avid golfer, Mark was involved in the Business Investment Club and the Tzedakah Committee all of his years at Ramaz. He will attend Boston University in the fall.

SARAH MAY EPSTEIN, daughter of Emily and Bennett Epstein, upon her graduation summa cum laude and with honors from Binghamton University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She completed a dual major in Hebrew and History and was a teaching assistant in the Hebrew Department during her senior year. Sarah is also a nationally-certified aerobics instructor and taught aerobics at the University. She is a graduate of the Bronx High School of Science and completed the Young Judea Year Course in Israel prior to attending college. Sarah will attend NYU Law School in the fall.

JEFFREY ESSES, son of Barbara and Abe Esses and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from Boston University with a BS in Business Administration. He received the Tzedakah Award from the Boston University Hillel.

DANIEL ARI FREEDMAN, son of Dr. Louis and Nancy (Linzer) Freedman, a former Ramaz student and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer, who was named a 1997 Burchard Scholar by the School of Humanities and Social Science of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Daniel has just completed his junior year at MIT as a physics major with a minor in political science.

MICHAEL JOSEPH FREEDMAN, son of Dr. Louis and Nancy (Linzer) Freedman, a former Ramaz student and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer, who has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. A bronze and silver congressional award winner, Michael is also his class valedictorian and a regional winner in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. He will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall and plans to major in computer science.

ARIELA TAL FRIEDMAN, daughter of Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was active in JV and varsity basketball, Tzedakah and Chorus. Ariela will study at Midreshet Moriah next year and continue her studies at Stern College.

ORLY GINGER, daughter of Dalia and Arie Genger, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was a leader of the Debate Team and served as secretary of the Business Investment Club. Orly will attend Brown University in the fall.

REBECCA GOBER, daughter of Rachell and Ira Gober, upon her graduation from Ramaz as the recipient of the Sherut Award for contributions to school programs. She is a strong athlete, a committed volunteer tutor and service squad member. After a year at Machon Gold in Israel, Rebecca will attend Boston University.

JONATHAN GREENBAUM, son of Wendy and KJ Trustee Sholem Greenbaum, upon his graduation with honors from Ramaz, as the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. He served as Captain of the Debate Team and Co-op President, as well as a staunch member of the hockey team's defense. Jonathan will attend Yeshivat Sha'alvim in the fall, before beginning his studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

ARIEL LESLIE GROVEMAN, daughter of Jan and Andrew Groveman, upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz. She received the Beatrice and Murray Kirschblat Holocaust Award and the Gilda Silverman Memorial Award. Ariel served as president of the Holocaust Oral History Club and Vice President of the Dance Group. She was also involved in tzedakah activities, such as Yachad. Ariel will attend Midreshet Lindenbaum next year, before beginning her studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

JILL HAUBEN, daughter of Lana and Ben Hauben and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation magna cum laude and with honors in Psychology from Wheaton College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

ALISHA HESS-HABER, daughter of Drs. Clark and Carol Hess-Haber, upon her graduation from Ramaz as the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest,

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as well as a Gabba'ei Tefila Award. She was one of the heads of Women's Tefillah and a flutist in the Ramaz band. Alisha will attend Cornell's School of Engineering in the fall.

STEVEN HOFFMAN, son of Edith Goldman and Morton Hoffman and the grandson of Mrs. Estelle Goldman, upon his graduation from the Maimonides School in Boston. He will attend Yeshivat Har Etzion in the fall and has been accepted at Brandeis, Johns Hopkins and Carnegie Mellon.

JANE JACOBSON upon receiving an en route masters. She has completed all sixty credits for her Ph.D. and passed a French translation exam and a written exam in English and American literature.

STEVEN JASPAN, son of Terry and KJ Trustee Michael D. Jaspán and grandson of Norman and Dr. Jeanne Jaspán, upon his graduation from Ramaz as the recipient of the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association Community Service and Chesed Award. He participated in the Business Investment Club, Mishmar and JV basketball. Steve will attend Yeshivat HaKotel in the fall, before beginning his studies at Brandeis.

ALEXANDRA T. JOSEPH, daughter of Jessica and Jean-Paul Joseph and granddaughter of Mrs. Soeurette Joseph, upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz, as the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest and the Stage Award. She was the Captain of the stage crew, Photography Editor of the yearbook, as well as an advisor for this year's freshman class. Alexandra was also a participant in the 1996 March of the Living. She will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

RACHEL KAHN, daughter of Deborah and David Kahn and granddaughter of Mrs. Miriam Kahn, upon her graduation from Yavneh Academy in Paramus, as salutatorian. She will enter the Ramaz Upper School in the fall.

JOSHUA KAMERMAN, son of Russell Kamerman upon his graduation from Manhattan Day School. He will attend Frisch High School in the fall.

JONATHAN SETH KATZ, son of Sharon and Howard Katz, upon his graduation from Manhattan Day School. He will attend MTA in the fall.

SONYA KURIS, daughter of Geraldine Kuris and niece of KJ Comptroller Hattie Murphy, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was co-head of Junior Retreat and Vice-President of the Women's Issues Club. Sonya has also been involved in the arts and played the guitar in this year's Celebration of the Arts. She will attend the University of Albany in the fall.

DANA LOREN LANDAU, daughter of Rhea and Dr. Leon Landau and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Barnard with a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Science.

EVAN MATTHEW LANDAU, son of Rhea and Dr. Leon Landau upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was involved in the Current Events Club and the Historical Simulations Club. Evan will attend Brandeis in the fall.

CAROLYN LEVY, who has completed her pediatric residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital. She will begin a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

ARIEL LINDENBAUM, daughter of Jean and Armand Lindenbaum upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was Co-Captain of the Tennis team and played on the varsity basketball team. Ariel was also active on the Tzedakah Committee. She will attend Boston University in the fall.

HARRIS LUKASHOK, son of Ruth and Ed Lukashok and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation with honors in Economics and Business from Binghamton University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

TAMARA MANN, daughter of Sharyn and Stephen Mann upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz. She was Co-Captain of Mock Trial, co-head of the Ramaz Israel Affairs Committee and co-founder of the Ramaz Conservative Caucus. Tamara will attend Duke University in the fall.

MICHAEL TED MELTZER, son of Marilyn Muhlbauer and the late Thomas Meltzer, upon his graduation with honors from Ramaz, as the recipient of the BJE Nachshon Award. A member of the Business Investment Club and the Math Team, he has also exhibited his artwork at the Celebration of the Arts. Michael will attend the Stern School of Business at NYU in the fall.

JULIE MESSELOFF, daughter of Esther and Jonathan Messeloff upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was an active member of the chorus, the Tzedakah Committee and the Service Squad. She will attend Queens College in the fall.

SARAH MUSHER, daughter of Ruth and Dr. David Musher upon her graduation from Cornell. She received the National Hillel Bittker Fellowship in Washington, D. C. for next year.

SHARON MUSHER, daughter of Ruth and Dr. David Musher, who will attend Columbia University in the fall for her Ph.D. in American History.

JONATHAN (YONI) OPPENHEIM, son of Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim, who received a Third Prize Award in a city-wide essay contest sponsored by High Five Tickets and the Princeton Review. Yoni is entering his junior year at Yeshiva University High School for Boys this fall.

SIMEON (SHIMON) OPPENHEIM, son of Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim, upon his graduation from Yeshiva College with a BA in History and a minor in Business and an AA degree in Judaic Studies from the Isaac Breuer College. He was Treasurer of the Student Council and Captain of the Fencing team in his senior year. He is the recipient of the Arthur D. Tauber Fencing Award from the YU Athletics Department. Shimon was selected to membership in the 1996-97 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Honors Program.

ODELYA EDITH PAGOVICH, daughter of Talia Pagovich and the late Dr. Benjamin Pagovich, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was Editor-in Chief of the Hebrew newspaper, TOSES and a member of the Current Events Club. Odelya will attend Boston University in the fall.

JILLIAN PERLBERGER, daughter of Carol and Ralph Perlberger and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from New York University Law School.

CINDY DEBRA PERLMAN, daughter of Francine and David Perlman, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was an active member of the Service Squad and Tzedakah Committee, as well as a junior high advisor. Cindy will attend Ithaca College in the fall.

JASON ERIC PERLMAN, son of Francine and David Perlman and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from the University of Michigan with a BA in Sociology. He will attend the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University in the fall.

BENJAMIN RAPOPORT, son of Sandra and Dr. Samuel Rapoport who was a first-place winner in the New York Academy of Sciences Science and Technology Expo for his invention of a new accelerometer.

ANDREW RECHTSCHAFFEN, son of Pamela and Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen and a graduate of Ramaz, on receiving the Willard M. Ware Award for Excellence from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in recognition of his outstanding academic performance.

ERICA SCHACTER, daughter of Sheira and Steven Schacter, granddaughter of Dr. Nathalie and Israel Friedman and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation cum laude and with honors from Harvard with a BA in Government. She will begin working for The Wall Street Journal writing and editing on the Leisure and Art page.

ILISA KAY SCHAFFER, daughter of Gail and Marvin Schaffer, upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz. She received the Avram J. Hellerman Memorial Bikur Cholim Award and the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association Community Service and Chesed Award. A volunteer whose work for Bikur Cholim has been inspiring to both classmates and teachers, Ilisa will attend Midreshet Lindenbaum next year, after which she will study at Barnard College.

NOAH SCHEINFELD, son of Ellen and David Scheinfeld and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from Yale Medical School. He is doing a residency in Dermatology at Albert Einstein.

TAMAR DENA SIMON, daughter of Naomi Goldstein and Alfred Simon upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz. She served as Chair of the Chesed Committee and was a steady participant in the Bikur Cholim of Lenox Hill Hospital. Tamar will attend Michlelet Mevaserat Yerushalayim next year, before beginning her studies at Brandeis.

YAIRA SINGER-CIMET, daughter of Adina and Michael Singer upon her graduation from Ramaz as the recipient of the Chorus Award and the National Spanish Exam Award. She has published poems in both English and Hebrew and recently was a winner in the 1997 National Spanish Examinations sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Yaira will attend List College of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

STEPHEN SMIGEL, son of Lois and Louis Smigel and a graduate of Ramaz, upon receiving an MBA from the Columbia University Business School. He has accepted a position with Credit Suisse First Boston in New York City.

DAVID STERN, son of Ralou and Ronald Stern, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He is a committed athlete with a serious interest in business. David will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

AIMEE G. TAUB, daughter of Susan and Dr. Robert Taub, upon her graduation cum laude from Barnard College.

MIRIAM TAUBER, daughter of Adele and KJ Trustee Ronald Tauber, upon her graduation from Ramaz. A vibrant actress and an enthusiastic poet, Miriam will attend Bar Ilan University next year and then begin her studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

ARI TUCHMAN, son of Drs. Shera and Alan Tuchman and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation magna cum laude from Harvard. He will begin a Ph.D. program in Physics at Yale University in the fall.

MICOLE BINA TUCHMAN, daughter of Drs. Shera and Alan Tuchman upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz, as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Contest and recipient of the Sports Award. She served as Captain of the girls' varsity Volleyball team and a participant in Mock Trial. Micole also helped edit the French literary magazine. She will attend Yale University in the fall.

JOSEFA USDAN, daughter of Alice Usdan and Burt Usdan, upon her graduation from Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sue Moskowitz Chesed Award. One of the most reliable members of the Tzedakah Committee, Josie has worked hard to enrich the spiritual life of the school, especially at holidays. She will attend Stern College in the fall.

REBECCA ANNE WEISS, daughter of Doris and Elliot Weiss and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from a joint program between the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University with two Bachelors Degrees, one in Political Science and one in Jewish Literature. As Vice President of the Cigar Society at Columbia University, she helped raise over \$2,500 for children with AIDS. She was also an active member of the Glee Club. Rebecca will assume the position of Project Manager for the Administration for Children's Services.

105 SENIORS GRADUATED FROM RAMAZ UPPER SCHOOL

46 To Spend Next Year Learning Torah in Israel

Another wonderful class composed of 105 seniors was graduated from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz on Wednesday, June 18. Of the graduating seniors, forty-six will be spending next year studying Torah in a variety of institutions in Israel. This represents better than a twenty-five percent increase over last year. These institutions include BMT, Bar Ilan, Birkat Moshe, Machon Gold, Michlala, Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim, Michlelet Torah Va-Regesh, Midreshet Lindenbaum, Midreshet Moriah, Nativ, Sha'arei Mevaseret Zion, Yeshivat HaKotel, Yeshivat Hamivtar, Yeshivat Har Etzion, and Yeshivat Sha'alvim.

This senior class, like its predecessors of the past two years, devoted one night a week during the last eight weeks of its tenure in High School to a very extensive soup kitchen project. The students prepared the food, transported it and served dinner at a homeless shelter on the West Side.

National Merit Competition Results

One of our seniors is a Merit Scholarship Winner, seven are National Merit finalists and 14 received Letters of Commendation in the National Merit Competition.

College Admissions Record

We are also very proud of the college admissions record of this class. Students were accepted in multiple numbers to a large number of excellent colleges and universities, including, among others: Barnard, Boston University, Brandeis, Brown, University of Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, University of Maryland, University of Michigan,

NYU, University of Pennsylvania, Stanford, SUNY Binghamton and Albany, Yale, Yeshiva University and Stern College for Women.

We congratulate the seniors, their parents and the entire Ramaz family on the splendid record of this senior class and express the hope that as they go on to college, they will follow their predecessors in taking positions of leadership in Jewish life on the college campus.

KJ YOUTH LEAD RAMAZ ADVANCEMENT

We are proud of the thirty KJ children in the 6th grade of Ramaz who were honored with advancement exercises as they now move to the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

We want to call particular attention to those who played leadership roles in the advancement exercises. Rebecca Rohr delivered the opening prayer. Erica Davis and Adam Rosner presented the advancement addresses. The exercises were held in the Main Synagogue of the congregation on Monday, June 16th.

MAY THEY GO HIGHER AND HIGHER

WE EXTEND A WARM MAZEL TOV
TO THE FOLLOWING YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION
WHO PARTICIPATED IN ADVANCEMENT DAY EXERCISES
AS THEY COMPLETED THE RAMAZ LOWER SCHOOL.

DAVID BLINBAUM

Son of Dr. Lauren and Jacques Blinbaum

JENNIFER BORN

Daughter of Deborah and Dr. Richard Born

BESS CASTAGNELLO

Daughter of Gail and the late John Castagnello

ERICA DAVIS

Daughter of Helen and Reuben Davis and
Granddaughter of Cantor and Mrs. Avrum
Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Janowski

ALANA DUNIETZ

Daughter of Shelley and Dr. Jack Dunietz

DAVID ELLENBERG

Son of Linda Ossad and Robert Ellenberg

ZIPPORAH FISCH

Daughter of Linda and Charles Fisch

ESTHER GIBOFSKY

Daughter of Karen and Dr. Allan Gibofsky

BENJAMIN GORDON

Son of Goldie and I. David Gordon

SIMA GREENBAUM

Daughter of Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum

SHERRI HIRSCHENBOIM

Daughter of Ronit and Eli Hirschenboim

ELIZABETH KESTENBAUM

Daughter of Vivian and Joshua Kestenbaum
and Granddaughter of Mrs. Israel Waldman

ARI KRONEN

Son of Dr. Jeri and Ken Kronen

DANIEL LAUCHHEIMER

Son of Sandy and Dr. Robert April

JESSICA MANTEL

Daughter of Joan and Arthur Mantel

ROBERT MANTEL

Son of Joan and Arthur Mantel

MATTHEW MOINIAN

Son of Nazee and Joseph Moinian

RAFI NUNBERG

Son of Rebecca and Noah Nunberg

JACOB OLIDORT

Son of Nadia and Joseph Olidort

REINA POTAZNIK

Daughter of Helen and Dr. Daniel Potaznik
and Granddaughter of Mr. Jules Sax

JOSHUA RING

Son of Louise and Frank Ring

REBECCA ROHR

Daughter of Pamela and George Rohr and
Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nash

ADAM ROSNER

Son of Marian and William Rosner

CLIFFORD SCHOCHAT

Son of Lou-Ella and Michael Schochat

KELLY SCHWAB

Daughter of Ronit and Dr. Lawrence Schwab

LAURA SINGER

Daughter of Jana and Lewis Singer

LEE SPAET

Son of Margery Kalb-Spaet
and Jonathan Spaet

ELIZABETH TAUBER

Daughter of Adele and Ronald Tauber

MAYA ZISBROD

Daughter of Rivka and Dr. Zvi Zisbrod

BENJAMIN ZISES

Son of Cathy and Seymour Zises

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to:

Joanne and Marc Ashley on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Michal.

Rona and Barry Birnbaum on the birth of a daughter. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Barbara and Robert Neustadter.

Linda and Jonathan Blinken on the birth of a son, Benjamin Tishman Blinken.

Gloria and our Trustee Elias Buchwaid on the birth of a grandson, Yale, to their children, Marlene and Lee Ezer Buchwald.

Pamela and Adam Emmerich on the birth of a son, Benjamin Ezekiel.

Florence and Dr. Philip Felig on the birth of a grandson, Jordan Herzl, to their children, Anna Marie and Dr. David Felig.

Dr. Martin Fox on the birth of two grandsons: Adam Moshe to Margie and Dr. Arthur Fox and Tamir to Marisa and Michael Bevilacqua.

Mindy and Zachary Grant on the birth of a daughter, Sydney Rose.

Robin and Samuel Greenfield on the birth of a daughter, Raquel.

Karen and Steven Gurewitsch on the birth of a daughter, Jordana Rose. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch.

Beth and Brian Haimm on the birth of a daughter, Amanda Rachel.

Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt on the birth of a granddaughter, Naomi Pessel, to their children, Kim and Joel Javitt.

Florence and Michael Kagan on the birth of a daughter, Sasha Jennifer Camelia. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Shirley and Irving Kagan.

Adele and Dr. Irwin Kanarek on the birth of a granddaughter, Aliza Shira, to their children, Esthy and Elliot Hersch of Woodmere.

Robin and Dr. Sydney Mehl on the birth of a daughter, Jaclyn Esther.

Robin and Dan Mittman on the birth of a daughter, Olivia Sarah.

KJ Trustee Sue and Irwin Robins on the birth of a granddaughter in Israel, to their children, Fran and Jackie Goldstein.

Stacy and Ronald Scheinberg on the birth of a daughter, Danielle. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Eleanor and Sidney Scheinberg.

Jacqueline and Joel Spitz on the birth of a son, Jonah Gabriel.

Ruth and Jonathan Staiman on the birth of a son, William James.

Our Honorary Trustee Bertha Witkin on the birth of a great granddaughter, Danielle Lauren, to her grandchildren, Elise Witkin and Larry Zuckerman.

Eva-Michaele and Clifford Wasser on the birth of a son, Jacob Charles. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Brenda and Albert Bernstein.

May these children grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, chuppah and maasim tovim.

ENGAGEMENT

Mazel tov to Ruth and our Trustee Irwin Shapiro on the engagement of their son, Jonathan, a Ramaz graduate to Hannah Rosenbaum, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Rosenbaum of Riverdale.

May their wedding take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to:

Isaac Hazan and Paulanne Serrur on their recent marriage.

Herbert Lukashok and Dr. Judith Spitzer on their recent marriage.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Steven C. Koppel has joined the law firm of O'Sullivan, Graev and Karabeii. Steven is a Democratic District Leader from the Upper East Side and is a member of the New York City Commission on the Homeless. He is the author of many real estate finance articles and is co-editor of a form book for affordable housing transactions and the low income housing tax credit.

Congratulations to Dr. Steven Rudolph on his appointment as Director of the new Stroke Prevention Program at the Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Beth Israel North Division.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

We are pleased to recognize Dr. Rebecca Mannis, who recently chaired a symposium on "Educational Remediation Linking Neuropsychological Assessment to Cognitive Strategies" at the annual conference of the New York State Psychological Association.

We congratulate Dr. Meyer Texon, Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine at New York University Medical Center, who has just published a second edition of his book entitled "Hemodynamic Basis of Atherosclerosis, with Critique of The Cholesterol-Heart Disease Hypothesis."

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Douglas Propp, son of Eve Propp, who has been nominated for an Emmy award for his documentary entitled "Hear Us Now," which is about Andrea Schlesinger, the seventeen year old student representative to New York City's Board of Education and her fight to give students a voice in the system. This film aired on P.B.S.

CREATIVE ENDEAVORS

We are pleased to congratulate:

Michael Bevilacqua, son-in-law of Dr. Martin Fox, who recently had a painting acquired by the Whitney Museum. He will be among the artists represented at a show in Austin, Texas, sponsored by the Museum of Modern Art for new American artists. Michael will also have a gallery showing in September at Jessica Fredericks Gallery in New York.

Samuel Friedman of Neve Yaakov in Israel, son of Mrs. Eleanor Friedman, who recently had his poem "In The East is Orange" published by the National Library of Poetry in their latest publication, "The Nightfall of Diamonds." He was selected as a semi-finalist.

Jamie Propp, son of Eve Propp, who recently produced a C.D. entitled "Subplay-Subway Musicians of N.Y." and released it under his own record label "As Is Entertainment." He has been featured in Newsweek and a full page article in the Daily News. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Morning News, CNN and has been spoken about on N.P.R.'s Morning Edition. To hear the music, visit subplay website <http://www.subplay.com>.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Bernard Fischman on the passing of his sister, Ruth Rackman.

Robert Katz on the passing of his mother, Gladys Katz.

Elisa Lunzer on the passing of her father, Moe Septee.

Dr. Norman Magid on the passing of his father, Herbert Magid.

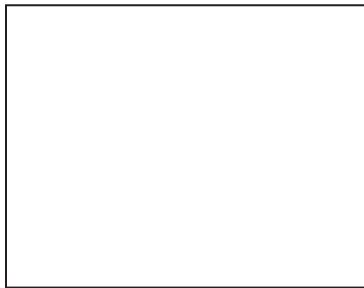
Barrie Modlin on the passing of his mother, Sylvia Modlin.

Evelyn Sassoon on the passing of her mother, Lilly Goldberger.

Lisa Todes on the passing of her mother, Carol Rosenshein.

May these mourners be comforted among those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

BNAI MITZVAH



ELIZABETH SARAH TAUBER

Mazel tov to Adele and Trustee Ronald Tauber on the recent Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elizabeth, known to friends and family as Lisa. Lisa celebrated her Bat Mitzvah over Pesach in Israel and here at KJ at a Seudah Shlishit on Saturday, May 10. She delivered a Dvar Torah on "*Miriam: Why Is She Considered One Of Our Important Leaders?*"

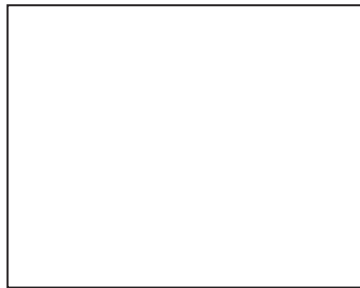
Lisa is entering the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.



YEHUDA MAGID

Mazel tov to Sandy and Trustee Dr. Norman Magid on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yehuda, which took place on Saturday, May 31 in the Main Synagogue. He read the weekly Torah portion of Bechukotai and the Haftorah. He also delivered a Dvar Torah on "*The Jewish Challenges of Becoming a Bar Mitzvah During Sefira.*"

Yehuda is entering the eighth grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.



BRADLEY COOPER

Mazel tov to Deborah and Mark Cooper on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Bradley, which took place on Saturday, June 7, in the Main Synagogue. He read the weekly Torah portion of Bamidbar and the Haftorah.

Bradley is entering the eighth grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.



REINA POTAZNIK

Mazel tov to Helen and Dr. Daniel Potaznik on the recent Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Reina, which took place on Sunday, June 15, at KJ. She delivered a Dvar Torah on "*Ruth: The Three Pillars of the World.*" Similar good wishes to the proud grandfather, Mr. Jules M. Sax.

Reina is entering the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.



BESSIE HANNAH CASTAGNELLO

Mazel tov to Gail Castagnello on the recent Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Bessie, which took place on Saturday, June 21, at the Women's Tefillah Group at Lincoln Square Synagogue. She read the weekly Torah portion of Behaalotcha and the Haftorah and delivered a Dvar Torah.

Bessie is the daughter of the late John David Castagnello.

Bessie is entering the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

WILDES HAVE A SON!

Mazel tov to our Assistant Rabbi and his wife, Rabbi Mark and Jill Wildes on the birth of their first child, Yosef Tzvi.

We were pleased to welcome Jill's parents, Marsha and Irwin Brandfon to our synagogue for the bris to which the entire congregation was invited. Similar congratulations to our member, Mr. Leon Wildes, the other proud grandfather.

May Yosef bring much nachas to his family and the Jewish community and may he grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

Mazel tov to:

Mrs. Eleanor Friedman on both a Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebration in Israel of two of her grandchildren, Naftali Yosef and Esther Tsirel Friedman, children of Riva and Alan Friedman of Karnei Shomron. Naftali celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, May 3, and read the weekly Torah portion of Acharei-Mot and Esther will observe her Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat, July 12.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Steinberg on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jesse Mermelstein, son of Beth and Joshua Mermelstein, which took

place on Saturday, May 31, in Belle Harbor. He read the weekly Torah portion of Bechukotai and the Haftorah and delivered a Dvar Torah. Jesse is entering the eighth grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wyszogrod on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Yonatan Yosef Zlotogorski, son of Dina Wyshogrod and Chaim Zlotogorski, which took place on Shabbat, February 22, in Jerusalem. He read the weekly Torah portion of Tetzaveh and the Haftorah and delivered a Dvar Torah.

COMMUNAL HONORS

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SABBATH SCHEDULE

		<i>Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Friday Evening Services</i>	<i>Saturday Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
July					
4-5	Korach (Rosh Chodesh Tammuz)	8:12	6:45	8:20	9:14
11-12	Chukat	8:09	6:45	8:15	9:12
18-19	Balak	8:05	6:45	8:10	9:06
25-26	Pinchas	8:00	6:45	8:10	8:59
August					
1-2	Matot-Masay	7:53	6:45	8:00	8:52
8-9	Devorim (Shabbat Chazon)	7:44	6:45	7:55	8:41
15-16	Va'etchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	7:35	6:45	7:45	8:31
22-23	Ekev	7:25	6:45	7:35	8:21
29-30	Re'eh	7:14	6:45	7:25	8:08
September					
5-6	Shoftim	7:03	6:45	7:10	7:57
12-13	Ki Teitzei	6:53	6:45	7:00	7:46
19-20	Ki-Tavo	6:42	6:45	6:45	7:33
26-27	Nitzavim-Vayelech	6:30	6:40	6:30	7:21

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday mornings 7:30 am
Sunday mornings 8:30 am
Mondays and Thursdays 7:15 am
Rosh Chodesh Weekdays 7:00 am
Sabbath mornings 9:00 am
Evening services 6:45 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER**Friday, July 4**

Independence Day
Morning Services at 8:30 am

Saturday, July 5

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
Morning Services at 9:00 am

Sunday, July 6

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
Morning Services at 8:30 am

Tuesday, July 22

Fast of the 17th of Tammuz
Morning Services at 7:00 am

Monday, August 4

Rosh Chodesh Av
Morning Services at 7:00 am

Tuesday, August 12

Tisha B'Av
Morning Services at 7:00 am

Monday, September 1

Labor Day
Morning Services at 8:30 am

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 2-3

Rosh Chodesh Elul
Morning Services at 7:00 am

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