



### ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

**April 3 and 4**

**Dinner and Lunch**

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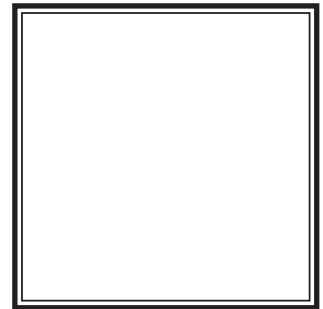
Friday Evening:

***"WHEN KJ WAS YOUNG:  
THE LATE 19TH CENTURY  
AWAKENING OF AMERICAN  
JUDAISM"***

*SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE*

**DR. JONATHAN SARNA**

*Brandeis University*



Saturday Morning:

***"THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN JUDAISM"***

One of the foremost experts in American Jewish History, Dr. Jonathan Sarna is Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. He previously chaired the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society and is the editor of Brandeis Studies in American Jewish History, Culture and Life. Dr. Sarna also co-edits the American Jewish Civilization Series.

A prolific writer, Professor Sarna has authored or

edited 16 books, as well as articles and reviews in both scholarly and popular journals including *Commentary* and *Moment*.

Himself a graduate of Brandeis, Dr. Sarna received his doctorate from Yale and attended Boston Hebrew College and Ramaz.

We are proud to welcome Jonathan Sarna back to our community and invite you to Friday dinner and Shabbat lunch.

### YOM HASHOAH SERVICE

**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

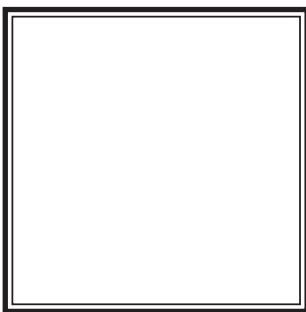
**Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 PM**

*GUEST SPEAKER*

**ELIE WIESEL**

*Nobel Peace Prize Laureate*

*Spokesman of the Holocaust, Spokesman of History*



The program will begin with a candle lighting ceremony by survivors and second, third, and fourth generation participants. (Those who fit into these categories are urged to call the Synagogue Office at 427-1000 to inform us of their history and to

indicate their participation.) Ma'ariv, readings for a Holocaust Service, appropriate songs by the Ramaz School Chorus and poems written for Yom Hashoah by students of the Ramaz School will complete the evening.

**ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON****April 3 - 4**

Friday Dinner and Saturday Lunch  
*The Shabbat Before Passover*  
 (No cooking for you!)

<i>Members:</i>		<i>Non-Members:</i>	
Adults	\$50	Adults	\$60
Children	\$35	Children	\$45

*Deadline: Tuesday, March 31 at 12:00 Noon*  
*Space Permitting*

**AM HASEFER BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB**

Invites all KJ Members

***"A HOLE IN THE HEART OF THE WORLD:  
 Being Jewish in Eastern Europe"***

by Jonathan Kaufman  
**THE AUTHOR WILL BE PRESENT!**

at the home of  
**Jewel and Ted Edelman**  
**145 East 84th Street**

Sunday, April 26th  
 8:00 PM

*Moderator: Juliana Levite*

In this moving, multi-generational saga, a Pulitzer Prize-winning international journalist ventures through postwar Eastern Europe and discovers, country by country, a people rising from the ashes of Nazi genocide.

From the years preceding the Holocaust to the defeat of the Nazis, and subsequent triumph of Communism to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the present day, Jonathan Kaufman tells the stories of five families. *A Hole in the*

*Heart of the World* is both a descent into the still-dark soul of Eastern Europe and an optimistic chronicle of a fragile cultural and religious rebirth.

This is a portrait of the Jewish life that persists, though transformed and tenuous, as a vital element of the European community.

**Jonathan Kaufman** is a page-one feature writer for *The Wall Street Journal*. He was a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for *The Boston Globe*, where he was Berlin Bureau Chief.

**126th Annual Meeting**

*(New Date and Time)*

Sunday, May 10, 1998  
 10:00 AM

**THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
125TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

Special Address By  
 DR. NATHALIE FRIEDMAN  
***"RABBI JOSEPH LOOKSTEIN:  
 A Man of Vision"***

More than any other person, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein defined the nature of Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz School and in them established the model for modern orthodoxy today.

Hear his daughter,  
 present the concluding address  
 of our spectacular 125th Anniversary year.

*Be sure to mark your calendar.*

**SUSHI AND SCOTCH SUCCESS****COUPLES CLUB FAMILY OUTING****MAY 3**

An overflow crowd on Saturday evening, February 28, enjoyed a Sushi and Scotch Party at the home of Jewel and Ted Edelman. Everyone had the opportunity to feast on the endless delicacies of *Sushi Metsuyan* and sample single malt scotch from Scotland's most illustrious distilleries. Even though cigars were vetoed by the hostess, all agreed the evening was a "smashing success."

A capacity crowd enjoyed the Annual Couples Club Shabbaton on March 21st chaired by Ron and Michele Jaskan and Rena and Ted Wachtel. To the relief of most parents there was

separate food (but alas no shushi or scotch) and supervision for the younger set — the children.

**FAMILY OUTING**

Not to dwell on the past, we look to the future. Sunday, May 3 is the date of our family outing. Lisa Todes has arranged for the Couples Club members to have the use of all outdoor facilities at the Mamaroneck Yacht Club in Westchester. The day will include supervised activities for children. Volunteers to help organize the event please contact Jewel Edelman or Renata Marcus (color war experience preferred).

## TOLERANCE IN THE FACE OF CONVICTION

### A SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHA ON THE TENSION FOR EVERY RELIGIOUS JEW

On Shabbat HaGadol, Saturday afternoon, April 4, following *mincha* services in the Main Synagogue, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will discuss the subject "*Tolerance and Conviction*

— *The Tension for a Religious Jew.*"

The *shiur* will deal with the problem an observant Jew faces as he or she contemplates the following question: If we hold certain

truths to be absolute, how can we be tolerant of others who hold views which we believe are untruths? Would we be tolerant of someone who violated "Thou shalt not steal"? If not, then

should we be tolerant of someone who violates "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy"? In other words, how far does tolerance go? Rabbi Lookstein will analyze these questions from the perspective of different sources in Jewish thought. This is a critical issue today as we face a pluralistic Jewish world, one in which many Jews do not tolerate those with whom they disagree. Is there any justice to that intolerance? What is the rationale for tolerance and how far should the rationale take us?

The entire congregation is invited to explore the subject with Rabbi Lookstein on Shabbat HaGadol, April 4. Mincha begins at 5:30 p.m.

### MEZUZOT, TEFILIN AND SHATNES

Because of the great interest in checking mezuzot, tefilin and shatnes, Kehilath Jeshurun will again have a second round of checking this year. Times coincide with the Kasher-In and Shmurah Matzah pickup on Monday, April 6 between 5:00 and 9:00 PM.

Plan to have your items for testing ready at the that time and come to the KJ lower lobby to avail yourself of these services.

### DINNER HONORS THREE VOLUNTEER GROUPS

On Wednesday, March 4, 1998, the 125th Anniversary Committee, in cooperation with the three major volunteer groups of the synagogue, held the first annual dinner to honor volunteers of the Bikur Cholim Society, the Men's and Women's Chevra Kadisha and Hatzolah. As is traditional, the dinner was held in relation to Moshe Rabbeinu's *yahrtzeit* which is 7 Adar. The dinner was very festive. It gave an opportunity for these volunteers to get together for a happy occasion. The Bikur Cholim Society has been in existence since the fall of 1975, Shabbat Bereishit, serving both Memorial Sloan-Kettering and Lenox Hill Hospitals. Many Bikur Cholim volunteers and the Ramaz Upper School students cooperate with the Lenox Hill Bikur Cholim, providing many visits, hospitality and services to the Jewish patients at Lenox Hill.

The Chevra Kadisha has been in existence since the late 1970's. Hatzolah was established on the Upper East Side in 1986.

At the dinner, Rabbi Lookstein learned with the group. Sue Robins acknowledged the contribution of Bernice Hornblass to the Bikur Cholim group during the 19 years she has lived out of the community in New Jersey by presenting her with a book of the writings of the contemporary female author, Aviva Zornberg.

The community is particularly grateful for the efforts of Sue Robins, Tova Bulow and Harry Kleinhaus who have been steadfast in their leadership commitment to our Bikur Cholim since its inception.

Following a festive dinner, Rav Hershel Schachter addressed the groups and an additional audience on some

of the customs concerning Bikur Cholim and "The Work of The Chevra Kadisha." The important points he made about Bikur Cholim were to visit a hospital patient for a short period of time (not more than ten minutes) in the middle of the day and recite a *Mi-She-Berakh* for the patient's speedy recovery. Reciting *kiddush* is also important. Chevra Kadisha volunteers were encouraged to keep abreast of current issues and customs pertinent to their work and to meet regularly during the year for educational purposes. A Chevra Kadisha conference after Pesach will take place in New York City and be the perfect opportunity for such learning. Look for the announcement.

Please God, this tradition will be continued in the years to come with a breakfast or dinner and learning.

### WHAT TO DO WITH CHAMETZ

The best thing to do with *chametz* during Passover is not to have it.

There are very many people in our city who cannot afford to eat bread properly and are unable to purchase adequate food for minimal sustenance.

We, therefore, urge you to bring sealed packages, cans, jars, bottles and other containers of *unopened* food to KJ at the time of the *Kasher-In* on Monday evening, April 6 between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm or at any other time between now and Passover. We will then

arrange for this food to be distributed to the non-Jewish needy and hungry of our community.

Performing this act of *chesed* is an important means of expressing the commandment to *love thy neighbor as thyself*.

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# PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

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## I. WHAT IS CHAMETZ?

*Chametz* results when one of the five types of grain (wheat, barley, spelt, rye, oats) comes in contact with water and is allowed to stand for a brief period of time without being baked. In commemoration of the haste with which the Jews left Egypt, we are forbidden during the Passover festival to eat, own or derive benefit from anything that has been allowed time to rise. Therefore, all grain products or mixtures of grain are prohibited on Passover.

Jews of Ashkenazic descent also avoid legumes (*kitniyos*) such as beans, peas, rice and other grains which could be ground into flour and confused with *chametz*. This prohibition applies only to the eating of such products, whereas their *possession* is permissible.

Matzoh, on the other hand, is the unleavened bread which we eat on Passover to commemorate the oppression of our ancestors by the Egyptians and their hasty departure from the land. It is known as the "bread of affliction" and, as we eat it, we recall our debt of gratitude to God for bringing us out of Egypt and for the beginnings of our national history.

Compliance with the prohibition of eating or owning *chametz* takes *three forms*. The *first* is the *actual removal of chametz* from our homes, either through consuming it or disposing of it. This culminates in a search for *chametz* on the evening before Passover (*b'dikat chametz*) which is performed this year on Thursday night, April 9, and in a symbolic burning of

the *chametz* on the morning before Passover (*biur chametz*) which is performed this year on Friday morning, April 10. The second is the recitation of a formula of nullification of ownership over any *chametz* we still might have in our possession (*bitul chametz*) at the time of the burning of the *chametz*. Finally, any *chametz* which can neither be consumed nor disposed of before Passover may be sold to a non-Jew through the Rabbi of the synagogue (*m'chirat chametz*). After Pesach, the non-Jew usually sells the *chametz* back to the original owner.

## II. PREPARING THE HOME FOR PASSOVER

In addition to not using *chametz* products during the festival, we also avoid the use of dishes and utensils which have been used with *chametz* all year round. For that reason, it is necessary to have two additional sets of dishes for Passover use. These are stored away in a closet throughout the year and brought out for use only on Passover. At the same time, the year-round dishes and utensils are stored away, out of sight, during the Passover festival.

There are certain types of utensils that can be ritually cleansed—or kashered—for Passover use. These are discussed below.

### 1. Silver and Metal Utensils

Silverware, small pots and metal utensils may be kashered for Passover use. They must first be cleansed thoroughly and then allowed to stand unused for at least 24 hours. They are then

completely immersed in a kettle or vat of boiling water.

Larger pots and kettles may be kashered by first cleansing them as above, allowing them to stand for 24 hours, then filling them with water to the very top, allowing the water to boil. A hot iron or stone is then placed inside the pot so that the boiling water runs over the sides of the pot.

We might add that china, pottery, earthenware, utensils that have different parts glued together and items that cannot be cleansed thoroughly (such as a sieve) cannot be kashered for Passover use.

### 2. Glassware

Glasses or glass plates which have *not* been used for hot liquids or solids during the year may be kashered for Passover by immersing them in cold water for a period of 72 hours. The water should be changed every 24 hours.

May we stress that glass utensils, pyrex, corningware, and the like which are used with heat must be treated as china and cannot be kashered. The best procedure for glassware is to have separate glassware for Passover use.

### 3. The Stove, Oven and Microwave

Every part of the oven and stove must be *thoroughly* cleansed with a chemical cleanser and then allowed to stand for 24 hours or more without being used.

Then the oven should be put on the "self-cleaning" cycle. If your oven does not have such a cycle, then it should be turned on to the "broil setting" for one hour.

The burners of the stove should be completely turned on in order to heat the grates at their maximum temperature

for about 15 minutes. The other areas on the sides of the stove should be covered.

Microwave ovens may be used for Passover. They must first be thoroughly cleansed and allowed to sit for 24 hours. Then a large paper container of water is brought to a boil inside the oven. Finally, a paper liner must cover the sides and bottom of the oven. A microwave oven may not be used on Shabbat or Yom Tov.

### 4. Dishwasher

Difficulties in kashering a dishwasher revolve around the difficulties in thoroughly cleaning it. Assuming that all of the corners, edges, and openings can be thoroughly cleaned with a commercial cleanser, a stainless steel dishwasher should not be used for 24 hours, and then run through three hot water cycles, using soap in the first one. There are also opinions that permit this to be done to a porcelain lined or a plastic lined dishwasher when there is a great need. Racks should be replaced.

## III. PASSOVER FOODS

Most foods that are used on Passover require rabbinic supervision. This is especially true of all processed foods. It is important to realize that a label indicating the product is "Kosher for Passover" does not assure us of the adequacy of the supervision. Wherever possible, congregants should use OU products which have a special Passover supervision. If not, it is important to check on the reliability of the particular Rabbi who is giving the endorsement. Please feel free to ask Rabbi Lookstein or Rabbi Wildes in the event of any doubt in this matter.

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**PREPARING FOR PASSOVER** (*continued*)**1. Grain Products**

All grain products require strict rabbinic supervision for Passover use

**2. Milk and Dairy Products**

These, too, require supervision. Milk however, may be purchased before Passover without supervision. If one has to purchase it during the festival, however, it requires supervision. Powdered milk, Alba and Carnation, may be used on Passover, without a rabbinic endorsement.

**3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables**

All of these may be used (except for legumes—peas, beans, rice and corn which are all treated like *chametz*). If these fruits and vegetables are sold in a general grocery store, they should be washed very carefully before being used on Passover.

**4. Dried Fruits**

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

**5. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables**

With the exception of the legumes that were mentioned above, frozen fruit with no additives listed are usable for Passover without a rabbinic endorsement. Frozen vegetables require special Passover certification. Pure orange and grapefruit juice may be purchased before Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

Processed juices such as tomato, apple and prune require supervision

**6. Cosmetics**

All cosmetic lotions, creams, ointments and toothpaste need no special Passover supervision.

**7. Baby Foods**

Most infant formulas contain corn or soy beans as starting ingredients. Since these are considered *kitniyot*, the baby's utensils and foods should be kept absolutely separate from everything else in the house. If an infant must eat *Chametz* products, in accordance with a doctor's directive, a rabbi should be consulted. Otherwise all *chametz* products should be

avoided.

**8. Coffee**

Some questions have arisen in the past about the adulteration of coffee with grain products. In the absence of specification, therefore, it would be preferable to purchase coffee with proper supervision for Passover. Please check your OU Passover directory.

**9. All Other Foods**

Those processed foods not mentioned in this listing require special supervision for Passover use.

**10. Chametz After Passover**

According to Jewish law *chametz* which was owned by a Jew during the Holiday may never again be used by any other Jew. Therefore, after the Holiday is over, one should make sure to buy *chametz* products from a Jew who has sold his *chametz* and not from a Jewish establishment which might have had the particular *chametz* product on the shelf during Passover. In order to avoid confusion, it is best to

purchase such products from non-Jewish storekeepers until such time as the Passover stock has been completely used up and replenished with new foods.

**PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY**

As Passover approaches, many of us are looking forward to celebrating the holidays with family and friends. DOROT knows many older people who will be spending this holiday alone.

DOROT's annual Passover Package Delivery will take place on Sunday, April 5, between 10:00 and 1:00 pm at DOROT, 171 West 85th Street (near Amsterdam Avenue).

We need volunteers to deliver hundreds of packages and to visit with our older friends on Manhattan's Upper West Side. While our older friends enjoy the packages they receive, it is time spent with a volunteer which brings a feeling of warmth and caring into their homes.

If you have any questions, please call DOROT at (212) 769-2850.

**B'DIKAT CHAMETZ****"Don't Miss It"**

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is *b'dikat chametz*—the search for *chametz*. The ceremony is composed of five parts.

1. Reciting a special blessing over the mitzvah of the removal of *chametz*.

2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of *chametz*.

3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.

4. The burning or disposal of any *chametz* found during the search.

5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of

nullification.

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Thursday evening, April 9. The disposal and final nullification should be on Friday morning, April 10. It is important to note that both formulas of nullification must be recited in a language that one understands. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

The children should be asked to place pieces of *chametz* in the various rooms—a practice which ensures that the search will not

be in vain. They can hold the candle and the feather and they should examine their own possessions, dressers and desks, for long forgotten relics of *chametz*.

Passover is a beautiful festival. It is a serious one, too. Both these aspects can be captured in advance of the festival by a careful observance of *b'dikat chametz*.

**Disposal of Chametz**

No *chametz* may be eaten on Friday morning, April 10 after 10:45 A.M. All *chametz* must be completely *disposed* of by 11:45 A.M.

**Sale of Chametz.**

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Friday morning, April 10. There are those who prefer to perform this ritual in person. For those who cannot attend to this matter in person, there is a form provided in this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Lookstein to sell your *chametz*. THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 10, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 A.M.

Individuals who will be in Israel for Passover should consult the rabbis in advance to make special arrangements.

## UNDERSTANDING THE SEDER

**A. SEDER** means “order” and it refers to the meals, recitations, reenactments, and songs of the first two nights of Pesach. It is obligatory to recount on these evenings the story of our deliverance and exodus from Egypt as it is instructed in the Torah: “*And you shall tell your son on that day saying: It is because of that which the Lord did for me when I came forth out of Egypt.*”

**B. HAGGADAH** is the special book which leads us in carrying out the *seder* service. The word “*haggadah*” means “*telling*” of that portion of Biblical history that recounts the story of the exodus as well as the rabbinic interpretation of these relevant verses.

The process of “*telling*” on these evenings is initiated by the children who ask the Four Questions and the text of the Haggadah is a response to these questions. We answer by quoting laws,

recounting tales, and singing songs all in the spirit of responding to the children’s questions while at the same time making sure that they remain interested in the *seder*.

The children are the focal points of the *seder* and we make every effort to involve them in the description of the miracles of the exodus.

We respond to the Four Questions not only by “telling” but also by “doing.” We eat certain things at the *seder* to remember and reenact the exodus and to excite the children about everything that is taking place on this evening.

**1. Matzoh.** The Torah refers to *Matzoh* as “*Lechem Oni*,” the bread of poverty or affliction. However, *Matzoh* also represents the bread of freedom because as the Jews left Egypt, they did not have enough time to allow the bread to rise. *Matzoh* reminds us that it is our choice; are we

still slaves or have we emerged into the freedom of Torah?

We eat *matzoh* three times during the *seder*:

a) At the beginning of the meal—to fulfill the Biblical obligation to eat *matzoh*.

b) *Korech*. To fulfill the Torah’s command to eat the Pascal lamb together with *matzoh* and *maror*. Hillel introduced this practice of eating a sandwich at the *seder* to include all three ingredients in one act of eating. Today, since we have no Pascal lamb, our sandwich consists of only *matzoh* and *maror*.

c) *Afikomen*. We eat *matzoh* at the very end of the meal, to commemorate the Pascal lamb that was eaten at the end of the meal in the time of the Temple. We are left with the taste of the *matzoh* in our mouths as we continue to tell the story of the exodus.

**2. Maror.** We are

commanded to eat bitter herbs at the *seder* to remind us of the bitterness of the slavery in Egypt.

One can fulfill this obligation by eating either horseradish or Romaine lettuce.

We eat *maror* twice at the *seder*, once immediately after the *matzoh* and then in the sandwich together with the *matzoh*.

**3. Charoset.** It is a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine. Its colors and appearance resemble the mortar and clay that the Jews used in making bricks in Egypt. We dip the *maror* into the *charoset* to lessen its sharpness somewhat.

**4. Karpas.** We dip a potato, parsley, celery or carrot into a bowl of salt water. This custom is meant to arouse the curiosity of the children and to remind us of the tears that our ancestors shed in Egypt.

**5. Four Cups of Wine.** Everyone at the *seder* is obligated to drink four cups of wine. These four cups remind us of God’s four expressions of redemption: “*I will bring you ... I will deliver you... I will redeem you ... and I will take you.*”

Some authorities claim that one should drink wine and not grape juice for the four cups of wine since wine is the drink of royalty. Rabbi Soloveitchik, of blessed memory, however, allowed you to use grape juice because the true sign of freedom is to use the drink of your choice.

A fifth cup of wine is poured but not drunk and this is the cup of Elijah. We pray that Elijah himself will come and drink from this cup heralding the arrival of the Messiah.

### KASHER-IN

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Kehilath Jeshurun will sponsor its *Kasher-In* this year on Monday, April 6 between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

Large sinks of boiling water will be available in the second floor kitchen so that people can bring their silver and metal utensils and prepare them for Passover use.

**A Word of Caution.** Remember that in order to *kasher* something for Passover, the item must first be cleansed thoroughly and allowed to stand unused for at least 24 hours before the actual *kashering* procedures.

### FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize **RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN**, of 125 East 85th Street, City, State and County of New York, to sell, transfer and assign all *Chometz* of whatever kind and nature which I possess, or in which I may have an interest, wherever situated, in my residence at: \_\_\_\_\_ or in my place of business at: \_\_\_\_\_ or in any other place, without reservation and limitation.

If you plan to spend Passover in Israel or Europe, please check this box: ☐

If you plan to spend Passover in another US time zone, please circle below:

Central

Rocky Mountain

Pacific

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Synagogue office by Friday, April 10, at 8:30 AM.

## KJ BEGINNERS PROGRAM TO HOLD PASSOVER SEDER

Under the leadership of Rabbi Mark Wildes, KJ will host a Beginners Seder service designed and planned as a learning experience. It is intended for those wishing to learn and understand more about the content and meaning of a seder and how to conduct it properly. This special seder will be held on the first night of Passover, Friday evening, April 10.

The cost will be \$65 per adult and \$45 per child.

Reservations can be made only by forwarding a check to the Synagogue Office listing the names of those planning to attend.

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## SHMURAH MATZOS AVAILABLE AT KJ

The Shotzer hand matzos are under constant rabbinical supervision from the wheat cutting until the packaging of the matzos. They are renowned world wide for being well baked and tasty.

The congregation is pleased to be able to bring this service to our community. The matzos are available at \$13.00 per pound. They may be picked up at the synagogue during the Kasher-In on Monday, April 6, between 5:00-9:00 PM.

All orders must be pre-paid and ordered by Friday, April 3 at noon.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. of shmura matzos at \$13.00 per pound. Make check payable to the "KJ Special Projects Fund."

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_

(evening): \_\_\_\_\_

## PASSOVER RELIEF — WE NEED YOUR GIFT NOW

Dear Members of the KJ Community:

*The first order of business following Purim is ma'ot chitim — Passover Relief.* Each year we make a special appeal for the Benevolent Fund in advance of Passover to help us meet extraordinary needs. Some examples of these needs are as follows:

1. Poor people who come to our attention and who need special help. For example: a woman whom we have been helping moderately for the past 15 years and who now has serious medical problems and literally no income; another woman whose husband abandoned her with five children and whom we have been helping to support for over 10 years; a man who grew up in this community and has absolutely no family except us and who is now institutionalized — we provide him with all of his needs: clothing, special gifts and spending money; a brilliant *talmid chacham* who was stricken with an illness and now cannot support his wife and children: an Israeli scholar whose work we have been supporting but who now has to marry off a daughter and doesn't have the means with which to do so.

These are examples of people who do not come to the attention of public charities. They depend on us and a few others for help throughout the year.

2. The Joint Passover Association — to which we give a major contribution every year. This is New

York City's Jewish charity to help poor Jews celebrate Pesach. Government cutbacks in aid to the Jewish poor make the assistance of the JPA more crucial than ever.

3. Many religious, educational and social organizations in Israel and some in America which deserve support and which need it more than before because of governmental cutbacks both in Israel and in the United States. Unfortunately, as their government aid has decreased, their needs have increased. They look to us particularly at this season of the year.

We do not conduct appeals in our congregation for individuals or for deserving institutions. Our Benevolent Fund is our community's way of supporting a variety of philanthropic causes — personal and institutional. Please, therefore, contribute generously now, taking into consideration that this one gift is in place of many potential appeals.

As we take care of the first responsibility listed in the *Shulchan Arukh* in the laws of Passover — *ma'ot chitim* — we pray that we will all be blessed with a happy and kosher Passover and a year of sustenance and support for ourselves and for the entire Jewish people.

Very cordially yours,

Haskel Lookstein

## LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY . . .

Each year, KJ lends its support to Project Ezra and helps to provide Passover food for the needy elderly Jews of the Lower East Side. This year's food drive will last until Monday, April 6.

In order to maximize our efforts, we have assigned Passover food items which we would like donated. Please look for the flyer in your mail

which will outline your specific item to buy for Project Ezra. Receptacles will be in the KJ/Ramaz lobby for collection. Should you have any questions, please contact the KJ office.

We also invite you to join the KJ Youth Department on Sunday, April 5th starting at 10:30 a.m. to pack the donated Passover food in boxes.

We will be adding a personal touch by asking children to come and decorate the boxes.

We sincerely hope the Congregation will respond generously and help Project Ezra provide the opportunity for the elderly Jews of the Lower East Side to celebrate Passover proudly this year.



## In Memoriam

### Sidney Horwitz

A man who had a great sense of beauty and served with pride in the Signal Corps in World War II, Sidney Horwitz took exceptional care of his aging mother and was very respectful to his in-laws, the late Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cummings.

He enjoyed a 43-year marriage with his dear wife Joyce. He was extremely devoted and loving to his children, Michael and Sherry Horwitz, and to his grandsons.

Stoic in nature, he never complained about his very difficult illness to which he eventually succumbed. He was proud of his Judaism and blessed by the love and commitment of his family.

### Herman Riederman

He was a survivor of the Holocaust who, together with his dear wife Frieda, rebuilt from the ashes to live a life that was a *kiddush Ha-Shem*.

He was a devoted husband, a very dear father to his son Robert and daughter-in-law Helene, and loving grandfather to their two children. He was exceptionally proud that his children carried on the same tradition of community leadership and responsibility which he maintained in his life.

He was a *ba'al chesed* who helped many people quietly and who was extremely generous to the congregation and to Ramaz. We will miss him terribly.

### Marie Shulsky

A cherished member of the congregation, Marie Shulsky was a regular at our Lunch and Learn program. Admired and respected by her fellow and sister "students," she was bright, articulate and exceptionally literate. She enjoyed her relationship with the members of KJ and actively participated in and supported the activities of the congregation.

Marie was a devoted mother to her daughter Rena and reveled in her outstanding professional accomplishments.

She had a very congenial manner about her and a beautiful smile which caught the attention of both young and old. We will miss her warmth and genuineness.

## YOM HAATZMAUT ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY The 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 PM  
A Zimriah celebration by the children  
of the Ramaz Lower School

Thursday, April 30, 7:15 AM  
Services and Breakfast

## SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES

Thursday, April 9, *Search for Chometz* after 7:35 PM

### Friday, April 10, *Passover Eve*

Morning Fast of the Firstborn Service	7:00 AM
Chometz may not be eaten after	10:45 AM
Burn Chometz no later than	11:45 AM
Candle Lighting	7:07 PM
Evening	6:45 PM
Start Seder after	8:08 PM

### Saturday, April 11 — *Passover I*

Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	7:15 PM
Candlelighting and Start of Seder	after 8:08 PM

### Sunday, April 12 — *Passover II*

Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	7:20 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov	8:09 PM

## SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED

### Monday, April 13 - Thursday Morning, April 16

Morning	7:00 AM
Evening	6:30 PM

## CONCLUDING DAYS OF PASSOVER

### Thursday, April 16 (Eve of Yom Tov)

Evening	7:25 PM
Candlelighting	7:16 PM

### Friday, April 17 - *Passover VII*

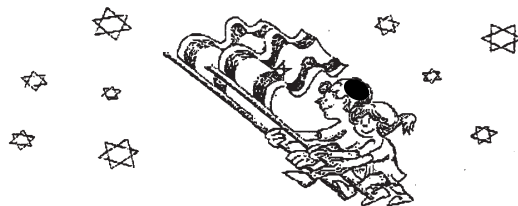
Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	7:30 PM
Candlelighting	7:17 PM

### Saturday, April 18 - *Passover VIII*

Morning	9:00 AM
Yizkor is recited as part of this service	
Evening	7:25 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov	8:16 PM

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## KJ AND SOVIET JEWRY

### OCTOBER 1941

Rabbi Joseph Lookstein spoke by radio to the Jews of the Soviet Union in response to their call to World Jewry. Other speakers were Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine and Chaim Weitzman of England

### PASSOVER 1966

The KJ Bulletin Board featured the request to add a fourth matzah to the usual three at the Seder. This calls to mind the Jews of the Soviet Union, most of whom were denied matzahs.

### FEBRUARY 1972

The Sisterhood encouraged travel to the Soviet Union in order to meet Soviet Jews and demonstrate solidarity with them. A slide show on life in the Soviet Union was presented by Audrey Lookstein, Nechi Shudofsky and Ami Texon.

### DECEMBER 1972

A well-known former refusenik, Dr. Roman Rutman gave the congregation its first report from an emigree. His family hosted Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein during their visit to Moscow, as well as Nechi and Noam Shudofsky and Rosalie and Harry Kleinhaus.

### MARCH 1973

Passover Relief Appeal includes packages and supplies of food and other necessities for Soviet Jews. A package for a Soviet Jew costs about \$75, with an almost equal amount of money required for postage and handling.

### OCTOBER 1974

KJ and Ramaz led a march to Gracie Mansion on behalf of Soviet Jewry. Over a thousand gathered in front of KJ to march with a Torah to the rally of 20,000 New Yorkers in support of Soviet Jewry. The high point of the event was the donation of a congregational Torah rescued from the Holocaust to the Jews of Khust.

### AUGUST 1975

The Manhattan Coalition for Soviet Jewry was organized. The founding meeting was held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen. The Coalition will be part of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Its main goal is the mobilization of support for Soviet Jewry amongst the various synagogues and organizations in Manhattan.

### OCTOBER 1975

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein went on a two week

Sukkot-Simchat Torah mission to Leningrad, Moscow and Riga. On this second visit to the Soviet Union, the Rabbi addressed seminars and celebrated Shabbat and Yom Tov with Soviet "Refuseniks."

### FEBRUARY 1976

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will participate in the Second Brussels World Conference on Soviet Jewry. He will be joined by Nechi and Noam Shudofsky, Naomi Cohen, Walter and Yvonne Koppel, Robert Abrams and others of the KJ/Ramaz family.

### MARCH 1986

#### Anatoly Scharansky Freed

#### After 457 Sabbaths in Soviet Prisons

After serving nine years of a thirteen year sentence on trumped up charges of spying for the CIA, this celebrated hero has been liberated from prison and allowed to join his wife in Israel. How and why did this happen? The answer is simple; we did not forget him.

### NOVEMBER 1986

At the National Leadership Mission for Soviet Jewry in Washington, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein delivered the closing statement. Also attending were Dr. Noam Shudofsky, Vice Chairman of the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews; Abe Bayer, Director of the Foreign Desk at the NJCRAC with special responsibility for Soviet Jewry; Ted Comet, Director of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations; and Charlotte Turner, wife of Dr. Alvin Turner, an alumnus of Ramaz.

### DECEMBER 1987

#### 1200 of KJ and Ramaz Confront Gorbachev in Washington

By bus, train and plane, more than 1200 people of the KJ/Ramaz community joined a huge crowd on the mall in Washington to appeal for freedom for Soviet Jews. Vice President Bush spoke to the gathering.

### JANUARY 1989

#### Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Elected Chairman of Coalition to Free Soviet Jews

At a plenum meeting of the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews, the New York Soviet Jewry organization elected Rabbi Haskel Lookstein as Chairman. Along with him, 14 members of the congregation and 5 members of the Ramaz community were elected to positions of leadership.

## FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born males. It is obligatory upon every first born man who cannot observe the fast on Friday, to attend the special service on that day, to join Rabbi Lookstein in completing a tractate from the Talmud, and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (*Siyum Bechorim*) will be held in the Main Synagogue on Friday, April 10 as part of the regular morning service which begins at 7:00 am.

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Once again during this season of the year, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will publish a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite Yizkor for them four times a year. At the Yizkor service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom Yizkor was recited.

Members of the congregation and the community-at-large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of \$18 or more for each name to be memorialized. Please use the form below if you wish us to record names for you.

The Book will go to press on Monday, May 4, so that it will be ready in time for Shavuot—

### Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Book of Remembrance

Enclosed please find my Yizkor offering\* for the entire year in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE published by the congregation.

☐ Please duplicate last year's listing(s) Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people. Please add the following:

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*\*This offering is a token of reverence and is designed to be within reach of all.*

*We suggest a contribution of \$18 or more for each name.*

This form should be returned to our office by Monday, May 4.

## ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

At this season of the year we are already beginning to think of milestones and honors which the members of the Congregation and their families will be experiencing during the coming months.

We would like to record all of those honors in the *Bulletin*. If you, as a member of the Congregation or anyone in your family is observing such a milestone or receiving a particular honor in academic or professional life, we ask you to please send us the information without delay. It is one more way of creating the family spirit we like to foster at KJ and Ramaz.

We hope to hear from you soon.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### BIRTHS

#### Mazel tov to:

Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum on the birth of a grandson to their children, Rebecca and Bennett Lindenbaum. Similar good wishes to the proud great-grandmother, Mrs. Rita Kaufman.

Ruth and Adrian Skydell on the birth of a granddaughter, Gila Shoshana, to their children, Rachel and Harry Skydell.

*May these children grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, chupah and ma'asim tovim.*

### ENGAGEMENTS

#### Mazel tov to:

Iris and Daniel Glassman on the engagement of their son, Bradley to Leanne Klein, daughter of Carol and Benson Klein of Baltimore, Maryland.

Talia Pagovich on the engagement of her son, Ori, a Ramaz graduate, to Stephanie Cobrin, daughter of Marilyn and Avner Cobrin of Montreal. Ori is the son of the late Dr. Benjamin Pagovich.

Pamela and Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen on the engagement of Alan, a Ramaz graduate, to Susan Fox, daughter of Terry and Eugene

Fox of Aventura, Florida.

Rochelle and Morton Rubin on the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn, a Ramaz graduate, to David Leitner, son of Sheila and Arthur Leitner of Long Island.

Steven Mark Tanz, a Ramaz graduate on his engagement to Carla Nicole Edelstein, daughter of Lynn B. Bernstein and Dr. Herbert R. Edelstein of Connecticut. Similar good wishes to Steven's proud parents, Judy and Dr. Alfred Tanz.

*May these weddings take place in happiness and blessing.*

### WEDDING

#### Mazel tov to:

Diane and Hon. Robert Abrams on the marriage of their daughter, Rachel, a Ramaz graduate, to Ian Pear, son of Beverly and Martin Pear of Arizona.

*May they enjoy their marriage with happiness and blessing.*

### CONDOLENCES

#### Our condolences to:

Barry Berson on the loss of his father, Harold Berson.

Naomi Lazarus on the loss of her mother, Esther Eibshutz.

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

### COMMUNAL RECOGNITION

#### Mazel tov to:

Our Rabbinic Intern Dovid and Ilana Gottlieb on receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the recent National Dinner of Yeshiva Sha'alvim.

Susan Sanders, who will receive the Distinguished Service Award at the forthcoming dinner of The Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO). Susan is the Honorary Chairman of the Dor Hadash Chapter.

Robert Schwalbe, who will be the Guest of Honor at the forthcoming Annual Dinner of Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

Lipa Yahalom, the father of our member Achie Yahalom and grandfather of Tali and Orlee, on winning the Israel Prize for his outstanding work in landscaping and architecture in Israel. He is the designer of the famous Valley of the Destroyed Communities at Yad Vashem.

## BNAI MITZVAH

### ADAM ROSNER

Mazel tov to Marian and William Rosner on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam, which will take place on Saturday, April 25, in the Main Synagogue. He will read the weekly portion of *Shemini* and the *Haftorah* and will deliver a *Dvar Torah* on "MITZVOT: How They Refine Our Lives."

Adam is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

### EVE ALYSSA LEBWOHL

Mazel tov to Madeleine and Dr. Mark Lebowohl on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Eve, which will take place on Sunday, April 26, at Anshe Chesed.

Eve is a student in the sixth grade of the Ramaz Lower School.

### SAMUEL AARON TISCH

Mazel tov to Meryl and James S. Tisch on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel Aaron, which took place on Saturday, March 7. Sam led a special service in honor of his Bar Mitzvah with prayers and scriptural readings.

Sam is a student in the seventh grade of the Dalton School.

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**SABBATH SCHEDULE**

		Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
<b>April</b>					
3-4	Tzav (Shabbat Hagadol)	6:03	6:15	5:30**	7:00
24-25	Shemini	7:25	6:45	7:15*	8:24
<b>May</b>					
1-2	Tazria-Metzore	7:32	6:45	7:20*	8:31
8-9	Acharei-Kedoshim	7:39	6:45	7:30*	8:40
15-16	Emor	7:46	6:45	7:35*	8:47
22-23	Behar-Bechukotai	7:53	6:45	7:45*	8:55
29-30	Bamidbar (Erev Shavuot)	7:58	6:45	8:10	Shavuot

\*Seudah Shlishit

\*\*Shabbat Hagadol Discourse

**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**

April 2-30 ..... 6:30 pm  
After April 30 ..... 6:45 pm

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Wednesday Evening, April 22/</b> <b>Thursday, April 23</b> Yom Hashoah	<b>Sunday, May 24</b> Yom Yerushalayim Morning Services at 8:30 am
<b>Sunday-Monday, April 26-27</b> Rosh Chodesh Iyar Sun. Morning Services at 8:30 am Mon. Morning Services at 7:00 am	<b>Monday, May 25</b> Memorial Day Morning Services at 8:30 am
<b>Thursday, April 30</b> Yom Haatzmaut Morning Services at 6:50 am	<b>Tuesday, May 26</b> Rosh Chodesh Sivan Morning Services at 7:00 am
<b>Thursday, May 14</b> Lag B'Omer Morning Services at 7:15 am	<b>Saturday-Monday,</b> <b>May 30 - June 1</b> Shavuot

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