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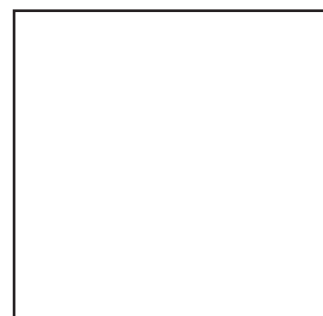
Thursday, October 8
Following Mincha and Maariv
which begin at 6:20 PM

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**DR. AVIVA
GOTTLIEB ZORNBERG
TO SPEAK AT KJ
MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 9
AT 8:00 PM**



Once again, Kehilath Jeshurun has the honor and pleasure of welcoming to our synagogue one of the foremost teachers of Torah in Israel, Dr. Aviva Gottlieb Zornberg.

Dr. Zornberg studied at Gateshead Seminary in England and at Cambridge University where she received her Ph.D. in English literature. Before she began teaching Torah and Midrash at MaTaN, Jerusalem College for Adults, Midreshet Lindenbaum and Pardes Institute, she was a lecturer in the English department at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Her widely acclaimed book, *Genesis: The Beginning of Desire*, is based on lectures she gave in Jerusalem.

We look forward to hearing her lecture entitled, "The Fire in the Bones: The Golden Calf." All members and guests in the community are welcome to come on Monday evening, November 9 at 8:00 PM.

THE SHAME BORNE IN SILENCE: SPOUSE ABUSE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AM HASEFER BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB REVIEW SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 8:00 PM

A frightening and relatively new issue for the Jewish community, spouse abuse, is the topic of Dr. Abraham J. Twerski's new book which will be reviewed by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein at the first meeting of the Am Hasefer Book Discussion Club on Sunday, November 22 at 8:00 PM.

The meeting will take place at the Lookstein's residence, 993 Park Avenue at 84th Street.

The Shame Borne in Silence: Spouse Abuse in the Jewish Community is Dr. Twerski's twenty-second book and probably his most controversial. It is a direct address to the problem of spouse abuse in the Jewish community and shatters the myth that it does not exist.

Twerski remarks that we can no longer permit ourselves to deny the existence of this terrible crime. The

time has come, he says to confront the truth and take definitive steps to end this violation of all that Judaism stands for.

Dr. Twerski is a leading rabbi and psychiatrist and speaks in the book with striking candor, firmness and compassion while revealing what has been a closely kept dark secret in many Jewish families. He offers urgently needed advice and direction.

Rabbi Lookstein believes that the issue must be brought to the consciousness of the Jewish community and invites all members of the congregation to attend his review of the book.

The book, which is 146 pages long, is available from Classics by Doina in the synagogue lobby.

We ask you to call the synagogue office (427-1000) to indicate your attendance.

ALL IMPORTANT CORRECTION

In the Rosh Hashanah issue of the Bulletin, in a discussion of what was then my forthcoming Shabbat Shuva Discourse on the Agunah problem, I wrote the following: "Last year, a widely publicized effort was launched under the leadership of Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, designed to facilitate the release of *agunot*. This development, which raised many hopes, has been criticized by mainstream Halakhists for a variety of reasons. However, the initiative has served to bring to great public consciousness a desperate human predicament which responsible rabbinic authorities must confront compassionately and creatively in the hope of finding an authentic *halakhic* solution that will be both effective and acceptable to the mainstream."

This statement carried an unintended implication that Rabbi Rackman's effort was inauthentic. It was not my intention to say that. I was simply calling for finding an *halakhic* solution that would be more acceptable in the community and that, therefore, would be more effective. It was not my intention to comment on the authenticity of the work of the Beit Din with which Rabbi Rackman has been associated.

Haskel Lookstein

Remember Register to Vote Now

(Forms available in the KJ Office)

VOTE — TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

DR. DONALD FELDSTEIN TO SPEAK AT SEUDAH SHLISHIT, October 24

"IS THE WELL DRYING UP IN JEWISH PHILANTHROPY?"

Dr. Donald Feldstein has had a distinguished career in Jewish communal service. He served as associate executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations, executive

vice president of the American Jewish Committee and executive director for community services of

the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Dr. Feldstein is the author of many articles and monographs on Jewish communal service and on social work education. The Feldsteins

boast of four children and ten grandchildren, four of whom are at Ramaz

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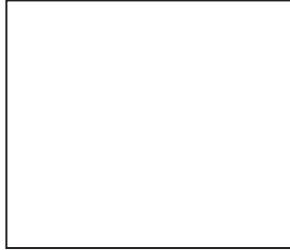
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DR. JAY ROTHSCHILD, BARRY KLUGER AND LEONARD SILVERMAN TO BE HONORED AS CHATANIM ON SIMCHAT TORAH



CHATAN TORAH
Dr. Jay Rothschild

Dr. Jay Rothschild came to us a little over eight years ago with his wife Sandy and three daughters, after a very active career as a leading *ba'al ha'bayit* in North Jersey. A graduate of Yeshiva University and NYS College of Dentistry, he was the Founding President of Ahavat Achim Orthodox Congregation in Fairlawn. He was also active there in the Moriah School of Englewood where he was an Officer and Board member for ten years. Sandy was President of the PTA and both of them were honored at the School's Annual Dinner.

Jay and Sandy were deeply involved in the Soviet Jewry movement, having visited the Soviet Union twice, meeting with 'refuseniks' in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Tashkent and Samarkand. The Rothschild family spent two summers on kibbutzim where Jay worked as a dentist and his children imbibed the atmosphere of Medinat Yisrael.

For the past eight years Jay has been an absolutely regular member of our Daf Yomi shiur, which was first organized by the late Sam Silverstein. Jay was his first recruit and, except for occasional trips to Israel to visit his children and grandchildren in Jerusalem, he never misses. Before taking on this responsibility, Jay was a daily jogger. He has given up the physical exercise in favor of spiritual and intellectual enrichment on a daily basis. In addition, Jay is a faithful worshiper at our daily morning services and, of course, on Shabbat where he has attracted a large coterie of friends with whom he occasionally engages in conversation — always about Torah — when out of sight of the Rabbis.

Sandy and Jay are the proud parents of three married daughters and the grandparents of five precious grandchildren.

As a Kohain, Dr. Rothschild blesses his congregation regularly. We are happy to bless him with this honor as an expression of our regard and esteem for him.



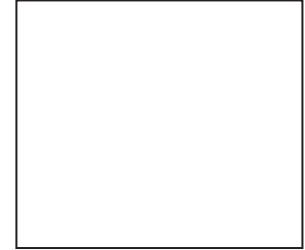
CHATAN BEREISHIT
Barry Kluger

Born and raised in Queens, Barry Kluger is a graduate of the Yeshiva of Central Queens, Yeshiva University High School, City College and Brooklyn Law School. He is the Chief Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, where he does extraordinarily important work in law enforcement and the enhancement of community life in that borough.

Barry has been extremely active in the service of the Congregation and Ramaz. He was a Trustee of KJ for nine years and is currently a Trustee of the School. He just completed a term as Chair of the Lower School Liaison Committee, and here at KJ has been Vice Chair of the Synagogue Youth Committee and was instrumental in the organization of the KJBL Basketball League. In the summer of 1997, he served as a chaperone and assistant for the KJ Barak Ice Hockey Team's trip to Israel for the Maccabia games and their tournament with Israeli youth.

Barry is married to the former Judy Harris, who is Administrative Judge of the New York City Criminal Courts. She herself has been very active in KJ and Ramaz, dating back to her years as a student in our High School. Their three children, Eric, Andrew and Alex, are all students in Ramaz.

We are all pleased to honor Barry for his goodness, generosity and hard work for this community. His many friends in the congregational family join in the choice of a very special Chatan Bereishit.



CHATAN MAFTIR
Leonard Silverman

As is our tradition, the honor of Chatan Maftir goes to a younger member of the congregation. This year's honor goes to a Ramaz alumnus from the Class of 1984, who began Ramaz in kindergarten and whose family became increasingly involved and observant as he went through school.

Leonard attended in Israel both Beit Midrash L'Torah and Yeshivat HaKotel. He has a B.A. from Brandeis and a law degree from NYU. He is associated with Flemming, Zulack & Williamson.

Leonard is an Associate Trustee of the Congregation and has been very active in the Young People's minyan together with his wife, the former Adrian Eisman, who is a graduate of the Yeshiva of Flatbush, Michlelet Bruriah, Queens College and Cardozo Law School.

Leonard is a serious student of Talmud and attends shiurim here at KJ regularly. He also supplies the Rabbis with a plethora of *divrei Torah* off the Internet from a variety of sources.

Adrian and Leonard are blessed with their first child, Jonathan, age 3, and with Rebecca and Gabriel — each 3-months — providing an opportunity for them to have thrice-fold *nachas*. A special mazel tov to Donna and Arthur Silverman on this well deserved honor to Leonard and his family as a marvelous example of what young modern Orthodox Jews can and should be.

**The Chatanim will be ushered into their official offices at the Musaf service on Shemini Atzeret Monday, October 12.
We look forward to celebrating with this wonderful group of honorees on Simchat Torah.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN SHEMINI ATZERET LUNCH OCTOBER 12

The third annual Young People's Shemini Atzeret luncheon will be held on Monday afternoon, October 12. This wonderful program for the young members of the congregation, both single and married, has been a most enjoyable social experience for all participants. There is a wonderful core of people in this group and new people joining the congregation qualify for it, increasing the numbers on a weekly basis. The minyan is

now led by Rabbi Joshua Lookstein.

The luncheon is an opportunity to meet newer members and catch up with older ones. It should prove to be a pleasant and enjoyable experience just as it has been in the past. We look forward to seeing YOU there.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25 per adult and \$12 per child. Reserve your place by calling the synagogue office (427-1000).

REMEMBERING THE ISRAELI MIA'S

As we gather together for the High Holy Days this year we remember those who were not in shul because they are Israeli soldiers missing in action. Their families continue to suffer.

The *mitzvah* of *pidyon shivuyim*, redeeming of captives is a *mitzvah* of highest priority. We are torn apart by the question of whether the four Jewish sons who are missing are still alive and, if so, under what conditions are they being held. The status and whereabouts of Zachary Baumel (who is also an American citizen), Yehuda katz, and Zvi Feldman, all missing since 1982, and Ron Arad missing since 1986 are uncertain and discouraging.

At KJ on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, each of the four services had an empty chair next to the *Aron*

Kodesh with the name of one of the above mentioned MIA's. It was a poignant reminder that there are some Israeli families who have not seen their children in more than fifteen years.

Letters should be sent to President Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and to our Senators and Representatives urging them to raise this issue as Israel, the Middle East and the peace process are discussed in the halls of government. United States Senators and Representatives need to hear from their constituents on this matter in order to make sure that it receives sufficient attention. A sample letter can be obtained by calling the KJ office (427-1000).

The KJ Political Affairs Committee urges members of the congregation to respond to this plea and to write such letters.

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**KJ SISTERHOOD
INVITES YOU ON A TRIP TO THE
MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE**

in Battery Park
(See accompanying article)

Monday, November 2

9:30 AM BREAKFAST AT KJ
Dr. Marlene Yahalom
KJ Member with a Ph.D. in Holocaust Studies
will present an overview of the Museum.

Bus Departs 10:30 AM

RSVP

\$36 per Person

**CELEBRATE
SIMCHAT TORAH**

Services and Hakafot
at the

**WOMEN'S
TEFILAH GROUP**
in the Etra Chapel
Tuesday, October 13

9:15 AM

For Women Only

**STRONG VISITOR INTEREST
AT MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE**

Since its opening last September, thousands of people from around the world have visited the new Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, and left with a better understanding of what it means to be Jewish in the twentieth century. The museum goes far beyond recounting the horrors of the Holocaust. Its ambitious mission is to educate people of all ages and backgrounds about the broad tapestry of Jewish life over the past century.

The high level of interest by both Jews and non-Jews tells us that the powerful and eloquent exhibitions say something important about the human experience. They help instill a sense of both the tragedy of human loss and the vitality of renewal that the Jewish people have experienced in this century.

Situated at the tip of Manhattan and directly opposite the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the location is perfect for the depiction of the mass movements of immigration of Jews from Eastern Europe during the early part of the century. The museum is organized around three basic themes:

- A. Jewish Life a Century Ago
- B. The War Against the Jews
- C. Jewish Renewal.

There are 24 original documentary films chronicling the memories of Holocaust survivors. As the museum says, "Even as we remember the Holocaust, we can recapture the continuity and beauty of the Jewish people as well as its hope and activism."

Women of the congregation are encouraged to make reservations and participate in this visit to this new and dramatic museum on the New York scene.

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CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

DAILY CHOL HAMOED SERVICES

Morning.....	6:50 AM
Evening	6:20 PM

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

Friday, October 9

Candle Lighting	6:08 PM
Evening	6:20 PM

Saturday, October 10

Morning.....	9:00 AM
Reading of Kohelet	
Evening	6:05 PM
Conclusion of Sabbath.....	6:59 PM

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Sunday, October 11, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning.....	8:00 AM
Candlelighting	6:04 PM
Evening	6:15 PM

Monday, October 12, Shmini Atzeret

Morning.....	9:00 AM
Yizkor is recited as part of this service	
Mincha	6:15 PM
Ma'ariv and Simchat Torah Hakafot will follow.	
Candlelighting	after 6:56 PM

Tuesday, October 13, Simchat Torah

Morning.....	9:00 AM
Evening	6:15 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov	6:54 PM

HAFAFOT UNLIMITED SIMCHAT TORAH EVE MONDAY EVENING OCTOBER 12

Following the Monday Night Simchat Torah service and Hakafot in the Main Synagogue, all who wish to continue the celebration are invited to assemble in the Auditorium for what we call "HAKAFOT UNLIMITED."

During these extended Hakafot, we will dance and sing together without a time limitation and in a more relaxed atmosphere. Men, women, and children will be able to celebrate the joy of the completion of the Torah. At one point in the festivities we will serve a light Yom Tov meal. This will be followed by brief *Divrei Torah* by students of the RAMAZ Lower School's 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

SIMCHAT TORAH DAY Tuesday Morning October 13

Be sure to remember the special role of children and adults on Simchat Torah Day. On that occasion, we conduct another full round of *Hakafot* with singing and dancing for all. Plan to arrive before 10:00 AM in order to enjoy all the festivities. Remember that the congregation will be guests at a special buffet *kiddush* in honor of our *Chatanim*.

Simchat Torah, day and night, are religious occasions of great joy in which every family should participate fully. Please come and celebrate with us!

We hope that the spirit of Hakafot Unlimited will help us usher in a year of joy and happiness — unlimited — with the Torah as our inspiration.

Fred and Rita Distenfeld

INVITE

*THE MEMBERS OF
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TO THE*

PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST IN THE SUKKAH ON HOSHANAH RABBAH

Following Services on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
Beginning at 8:00 AM
in The Main Synagogue

HOSHANAH RABBAH SPECIAL MITZVOT HIGHLIGHT INTERESTING AND MOVING SERVICE Sunday, October 11 at 8:00 AM

Hoshanah Rabbah services will be held Sunday, October 11, at 8:00 AM in the Main Synagogue.

Hoshanah Rabbah traditionally marks the close of the penitential season. For that occasion, the Cantor is robed in his white *kittel*. Many of the melodies of the High Holy Days are sung. The congregation makes seven circuits around the *Bimah* with *Lulav* and *Etrog*, and finally, of course, the *Aravot* are taken and eventually used in their customary colorful fashion. Take advantage of it falling on Sunday this year.

The entire community, men, women and children are invited to join us at 8:00 AM.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to:

Annette and Dr. David Araten on the birth of a daughter, Shoshana Tziporah.

Linda and Michael Friedenberg on the birth of a son, David.

Dr. Susan and Elie Hirschfeld on the birth of a son, Jonathan.

Gail and Seymour Kramer and Ellen and Dr. Franklyn Laifer on the birth of a grandson, Zachary Judah, to their children, Temi and David Kramer.

Sheila and Dr. Wallace Lehman on the birth of a granddaughter, Dorit Sara to their children, Nancy and Sam Leibowitz.

Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Gail Javitt and Dr. Samuel Osofsky.

Shirley and Paul Schulder on the engagement of their granddaughter, Jessica Schulder, daughter of Esther and William Schulder to Meyer Orbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yussi Orbach of Brooklyn.

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

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to:

Dr. Alvin Adler on his recent marriage to Dr. Irene Dvorah Brauner.

Arlene and Avrom Dofit on the marriage of their son, David to Abby Marr.

Jean and Armand Lindenbaum on the marriage of their son, Amiel to Jessica Ben-David.

Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz on his recent marriage to Barbara Gerstel.

May they enjoy their marriages with happiness and blessing.

COMMUNAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to members Marilyn Adler and Rabia Mitchell who will be honorees at the annual Hineni Women's League Fall Luncheon on Wednesday, October 21, at the Plaza. It is nice to see that these two women are being cited for

their work and support of Hineni.

Those who would like to participate in the luncheon can call directly for reservations at 496-1660.

Congratulations to Dr. Paula Elbirt who will be a guest of honor under the heading "Women Who Make A Difference" at a dinner for the benefit of the Jewish Women International on Thursday, October 8.

COMMUNAL SERVICE

Mazel to to Susan Sanders upon being elected Chairwoman of the New York Tri-State Region of WIZO (Women's International Zionist Organization).

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Caryl Englander on the loss of her father, Sam Schechter.

Janet Fried on the loss of her mother, Esther Cutler.

Jackie Marcus on the loss of her father, Ezra Cohen.

Ruth Shapiro on the loss of her sister, Cookie Zuckerman.

Dr. Lawrence Steinberg on the loss of his sister, Lilyan Lindsay.

Hon. Norman Ryp on the loss of his mother, Ruth Ryp Cohen.

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

YOUTH PROGRAMS ENTER NEW SEASON

Now that Shabbat afternoon groups are back in session and morning groups continue, the KJ Youth Department program under the leadership Youth Director Ari Segal enters a new season. We are particularly pleased to welcome two new members to our staff. Emily Shapiro, a teacher at Manhattan Day

School who is pursuing a Master's Degree at the Bank Street College of Education, and Yehudit Robinson, a senior at Stern College, both with considerable experience in youth activities have joined our staff in order to enhance the leadership of our youth program.

PARENT AND CHILD MINYAN

All parents and children are invited to a parent and child minyan on Sunday morning, November 1 beginning with davening at 9:00 AM in the Etra Chapel. The service will be geared toward the children, but parents are asked to join them and to be with them. The service will be

followed by a delicious breakfast of fresh bagels, cereal and other tasty delights. The activity will conclude with a fun and informal educational game that parents and children can participate in together. Cost of the activity will be three dollars per person for the breakfast.

MAGIC SHOW

A magic show and pizza party will highlight the morning of Sunday, November 8 as "Eugene" the magician will return to Kehilath Jeshurun for an entire performance. Eugene performed at KJ last year and was loved by all the children. His act includes audience participation and he

is great with the children. He even makes a child float in mid air!!!!!! Do not miss out on the fun. The magic show will begin at 11:00 AM in the third floor dining hall and will be followed by a pizza party. Cost for the event is eight dollars in advance and ten dollars at the door per person

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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>
October					
2-3	Ha'azinu	6:19	6:30	6:15	7:11
16-17	Bereshit	5:57	6:10	5:35*	6:49
23-24	Noah	5:46	6:00	5:25*	6:39
30-31	Lekh-Lekha	4:37	4:50	4:15*	5:32
November					
6-7	Vayera	4:29	4:40	4:10*	5:23
13-14	Haye Sarah	4:22	4:35	4:05*	5:18
20-21	Toledot	4:17	4:30	4:00*	5:13

* Seudat Shlishit

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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

October 14 - 15 6:10 pm **November** 1 - 5 4:40 pm
18 - 22 6:00 pm 8 - 12 4:35 pm
25 - 29 4:50 pm EST 15 - 19 4:30 pm
22 - 26 4:25 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday & Wednesday,
October 20 & 21**
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
Morning Services at 7:00 am

**Thursday & Friday
November 19 & 20**
Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Morning Services at 7:00 am

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day
Morning Services at 8:30 am

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