

# PURIM ISSUE

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## HAMAN IMPEACHED MORDECHAI NEW SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ESTHER TO SEEK SENATE SEAT FROM NEW YORK

**Purim, Monday Evening, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2**

### THE MAIN READING

The main reading of the Megillah will be in the Main Synagogue beginning with Mincha services at 5:40 PM.

Teenagers of the congregation who are students in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz will lead the Maariv service and read the Megillah.

Children from nursery age through grade 6 should arrive between 5:40 and 5:55 PM and should meet in the Etra Chapel on the lobby level. Members of our youth department staff under the direction of our youth

director, Ari Segal, will be in charge of the children that evening.

The children will be escorted to special sections reserved for them in the front of the Main Synagogue. They will, of course, be provided with Purim *grogers* and candy bags to enhance their enjoyment of this great festival.

Parents are asked to join the regular services in the Main Synagogue until the conclusion, at which time they may pick up their children from the chapel and proceed with them to the Purim Pizza Party and Chagiga in the second floor Auditorium.

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### HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Each workshop offers an overview of the laws and customs related to the historical events that we commemorate each holiday, an analysis of the texts used and honest-to-goodness real explanations of why we do the things we do.

#### PURIM

February 22

(Monday)

RABBI YITZ MOTECHIN

#### PASSOVER

March 22

(Monday)

RABBI JOSHUA LOOKSTEIN

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## THE SECOND MORNING SERVICE

This year, the second morning Megillah reading for those men, women and children who do not have to be at work or school early in the morning will begin with a regular Shacharit service at 9:30 AM. This service and the second reading of the Megillah which will also feature young men of the congregation who are Ramaz students will take place in the Main Synagogue. We particularly urge Ramaz students and their families to attend this new service and the Megillah reading. After the reading there will be a Purim collation for all to enjoy.

## ELEVENTH ANNUAL PURIM SEUDAH TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 5:15

Our exciting Purim celebration including the distribution of a record number of Mishloach Manot baskets and an afternoon children's carnival will be capped by the eleventh annual KJ Purim Seudah for men, women and children beginning in the auditorium at 5:15 PM. The program has been a "sellout" in every previous year and we therefore urge you to get your reservations early.

The Purim Seudah or dinner is one of the Mitzvot of the festival. The program and the festive meal promise to be one of the exciting highlights of our synagogue year. It will include live music and entertainment.

The performance of the Purim *Shpiel* under the direction of Dr. Charles Cohen along with music Director Elliott Weiss, will star the KJ Players in another comical spoof for which they have become so very famous over the years.

The Purim celebration is again co-chaired by Men's Club co-President Howard Katz and co-chaired by the Mishloach Manot chairpersons Yvonne Koppel-Kopans and Andrew Charles.

The *Shpielers* along with Dr. Charles Cohen, Elliot Weiss, and Howard Katz include Vivianne Kurzweil, Doris

## SECOND EVENING READING FOR ADULTS ONLY

Beginning with a Maariv service at 6:30 PM, the second simultaneous Megillah reading will take place in the Riklis Social Hall on the lobby level. Since we started this second reading a few years ago, there has been a full house in attendance for this reading which will be led by our

Assistant Rabbi, Joshua Lookstein. We are proud to note that one of the fine young men of our congregation, and a student at Ramaz, Ariel Edelstein, who reads meaningfully and beautifully, will again read the Megillah at this service. Those who wish to involve themselves in this service are invited to do so.

## PURIM PIZZA PARTY AND CHAGIGAH TO FOLLOW MEGILLAH

The annual Purim Pizza Party will be held in the auditorium following the Megillah reading. The hour long celebration will include music courtesy of Benji Rafaeli in a festive atmosphere and with a menu of pizza, hamantaschen, soda, and ice cream.

The cost is five dollars per person. The Chagigah should add an exciting dimension to this most happy evening and we strongly encourage you, your family and friends to join us for what promises to be a fantastic night.

## BEGINNER'S MEGILLAH READING

KJ's Beginner's Program will conduct its own special reading of the Megillah with explanations provided throughout. It will take place in the Riklis Social Hall beginning at 8:00 PM.

The Beginner's reading will be followed by special Purim

refreshments and singing to the guitar strings of KJ's Outreach Director, Rabbi Yitz Motechin.

Those who know others for whom this program would be appropriate are encouraged to urge them to attend.

## PURIM MORNING

On Purim morning, Tuesday, March 2, we will have two readings of the Megillah.

The first reading will be part of the regular daily minyan which will take

place that morning in the Main Synagogue beginning at 7:00 AM. Following the service there will be our annual Vice President's Purim breakfast.

## MEGILLAH READERS AND PURIM DAVENERS

Jason Brenner  
Lewish Gibofsky  
Benjamin Gordon  
David Greenbaum  
Joseph Jaspan  
Theodore Kahn  
Jeffrey Kleinhaus  
Adam Krawitz  
Aaron Lauchheimer  
Daniel Lauchheimer

Eliezer Magid  
Yehuda Magid  
Rafi Nornberg  
Jacob Olidort  
Zamir Polak  
Yehuda Potaznik  
Benjamin Rapaport  
Eric Rechtschaffen  
Adam Rosner  
Kenneth Rubin

Clifford Schochat

Weiss, and Danny Levine.

The cost of the Seudah is \$30 per adult and \$20 per child. The deadline for reservations is this

Wednesday, February 2\_ at 12 o'clock noon. We urge you to get your paid reservations in now while space still remains.

**THE ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON**

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*INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR*

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*Further details will be coming.*

We urge you to mark the date down on your calendar now  
so that you do not miss this great Shabbat at KJ.

Remember, this is the Shabbat before Passover  
and the Shabbaton means NO COOKING FOR YOU!

Adults	\$50 for 2 meals	RSVP by Mon. March 22
Children	\$35	Space Permitting

**AM HASEFER TO DISCUSS . . .**

**THE LOST MUSEUM:  
THE NAZI CONSPIRACY  
TO STEAL THE WORLD'S  
GREATEST  
WORKS OF ART  
SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 8:00 PM  
NEW PARTICIPANTS**

The Am Hasefer book Discussion Club will review Hector Feliciano's recent book, *The Lost Museum*, at its next meeting on Sunday evening, March 14 at 8:00 PM. The book is available at Judaica Classic's by Doina in the first floor lobby. It will take place at the home of Jeffry and Jennifer Roth and will be moderated by Jennifer, a former Couple's Club Co-President and now Vice President of Fine Arts at Sotheby's.

In this startling book, Hector Feliciano reveals the story of the systematic pillaging of Jewish-owned artwork during World War II. Between 1939 and 1944, the Nazi occupation of France enabled Germany to confiscate rare works of Jewish-owned art from collectors and gallery owners. More than 20,000 pieces were sent to Germany, many bearing the mark "Property of Third Reich." Some were destined for a museum of European art that Hitler planned to create in Austria; others entered the private collection of top Nazi dignitaries, or were sold into France and Switzerland's flourishing wartime art market.

*The Lost Museum* focuses on the private collections of five families: Rothschild, Rosenberg, Bernheim-Jeune, David-Weill, and Schloss. The fate of these works is traced as they pass through the hands of top German officials, unscrupulous art dealers, and unwitting auction houses such as Christie's and Sotheby's. Hector Feliciano paints a vivid picture of a concealed international art trade with links in France, Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain, the former Soviet Union, and the United States — disclosures that have provoked an ongoing debate in Europe.

Am Hasefer Club is chaired by Dr. Mark Meirowitz.

Please RSVP to the Roth's that you will attend (879-8428) and leave a message on the answering machine.

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**6:30 PM**

*Guest Speaker:*

**RABBI ZVI WALDMAN**

Members of the Committee are invited as guest of KJ.  
Others who wish to join one of these groups are also welcome.  
Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 17 (427-1000).

## A NEW BEGINNING

### FEBRUARY 17 AT KJ — SIX WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

#### ***LEARN THE LINGO***

(Co-sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program)

#### **I. HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE, LEVEL I**

This popular crash course enables those with no previous background in Hebrew to learn to read Hebrew in six 12 hour sessions. The ability to read Hebrew is an essential foundation upon which our love for Judaism is built. (You pride yourselves on being able to read the menu in a *French* restaurant; now learn to order from the Hebrew side of an Israeli menu.)

6:30 - 8:00 PM by SARA ROSEN

#### **II. HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE, LEVEL II**

A series of six weekly 12 sessions designed for those with some ability to read Hebrew and those who have completed Level I. The text is the prayer book; participants will practice their Hebrew reading, learn the order of the prayer book, study selected prayers in depth, and improve their comprehension and language usage.

6:30 - 8:00 PM by ARI SEGAL

#### ***DOWN TO BASICS***

(Co-sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program)

#### **III. BASIC JUDAISM, LEVEL I**

These six 12 sessions hour lectures explore some of the most fundamental issues in Judaism. This course is offered in two cycles during the year and each cycle includes lectures on:

P Belief in God P Prayer P The Sabbath  
P The Torah: Written and Oral P Kashrut  
P Sexuality

8:00 - 9:00 PM by RABBI JOSHUA LOOKSTEIN

#### **IV. BASIC JUDAISM, LEVEL II**

This course explores additional topics critical to a basic understanding of Judaism. This course includes lectures on:

P The Nature of Free Will  
P The "Conflict" of Science and Judaism  
P When Bad Things Happen to Good People  
(Parts I & II)  
P The Authenticity of Jewish Tradition  
P The Relevance of the Talmud to Today's World

8:00 - 9:00 PM by RABBI YOSSIE WEISER

#### ***OUR MODERN HERITAGE***

#### **V. ISRAEL: 50 YEARS OF DECISION**

With the current political situation in Israel as the background, this course will follow the exciting historical and philosophical development of the struggle for statehood. Beginning with the Balfour Declaration, we will examine British policy towards our efforts, the growth and clashes of the underground forces, the role of the Mufti, and the Holocaust. We will focus on the years between 1945-58 and the events surrounding the Exodus, the Altalena, the Kind David Hotel bombing, and the War of Independence.

7:00 - 8:00 PM by Rabbi Yossie Weiser

#### ***THOSE THINGS WE DO***

#### **VI. PRACTICAL JUDAISM - THE LAWS OF PASSOVER**

An intensive series that that will explore the Jewish legal process from a practical "how to" perspective. These classes are designed for those who have completed our Basic Judaism classes, though no previous knowledge of Jewish law is necessary.

8:00 - 9:15 PM by RABBI YITZ MOTECHIN

## SHABBATON LUNCH FOR BEGINNERS AT TOWN CLUB

On Shabbat, January 23, approximately one hundred beginners attended services, followed by a complimentary buffet luncheon at the Town Club. This event was intended to recruit individuals to our outreach programs. In fact, nearly half of those attended were indeed first-timers. The service was meaningful and inspirational.

At the Town Club everyone

was treated to an elegant and spiritual Shabbat experience. People socialized, and enjoyed good food, Divrei Torah and lively *zmirot*. The feeling in the room was warm and inviting. Several KJ members were present and helped to facilitate a supportive and friendly atmosphere.

As a result of this event, individuals who attended have

requested to be added to our outreach mailing list. Many enthusiastically reported that they would bring a friend to future programs. As our outreach department continues to grow, KJ will continue to support innovative projects of which we can all be proud. Anyone wishing to become involved in outreach should contact Carolyn Rubin or Rena Hoffman.



## THANK YOU, KJ — THANK YOU, SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Dear KJ Members:

I am writing to thank you for your very generous donation made by the Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and the Social Action Committee to Project ORE, a program of the Educational Alliance.

Project ORE fulfills an important part of the Alliance's mission, which is to help people help themselves. Project ORE provides a variety of outreach and support services to the elderly who are either homeless or otherwise isolated. The generosity your congregation members have shown allows us to provide our clients with a warm kosher meal, which will be especially appreciated in the coming winter months.

On behalf of the Board, clients and staff of the Alliance, I thank you.

Sincerely,  
Alan D. Goodman  
Executive Director



Dear KJ Members:

On behalf of the Ezra community, I thank the Social Action Committee for galvanizing the efforts of the KJ community on Kol Nidre night.

The idea of bringing food to the synagogue to begin the day of reflection and penitence is a very meaningful way of preparing for a new year. We confront ourselves and think of those for whom the new year will be more trying because of age and economic position.

The twenty-five bags that Kehilath Jeshurun collected were brought to an old *shtibel* on Stanton Street and there, away from the prying eyes of neighbors, those in need came and took what they needed.

We look forward to participating together in the coming year and doing the *Tikun Olam* we are commanded to do.

Misha G. Avramoff  
On behalf of the Ezra community

Dear KJ Members:

Once again, deepest thanks from the entire DOROT family to Kehilath Jeshurun and its Social Action Committee for your generous — and doubled! — donation towards our Thanksgiving Banquet and Meal Delivery on Sunday, November 22nd. We anticipate serving a festive meal with all the trimmings to 180 seniors at the Banquet, and sending full turkey dinners home to an equal number of elders who are not mobile enough to attend. Your gift will bring them all holiday joy.

In addition to preparing for the Banquet, DOROT is putting the final touches on our second Age Well Health Fair, which will take place at DOROT.

And while I'm at it, let me remind you about University Without Walls, our teleconference adult education and support program. UWW is offering an unprecedented 87 courses and calls this term, and the newly-designed catalog truly reflects this program's upbeat nature. Again, if you think anyone in your community might be interested in participating in a course, please pass on the catalog with our compliments.

And please remember that you have a standing invitation to visit us and/or take part in one of our programs. I would love to see you.

In the meantime, many thanks again for your continued and increased support.

With warmest regards,

Vivian Fenster Ehrlich  
Executive Director

### KJ FOOD DRIVE: MARCH 22

Talmudic Rule: "Those who have enough — give,  
and those who don't have enough — take."

Let's give enough so they can take!

### IN TERMS OF PASSOVER

Exodus 12:21:28 tells how God "passed over" the houses of the Children of Israel, sparing them the tenth plague, which was visited upon the oldest son in each Egyptian family. To be "passed over" was truly a miracle for the Jewish people.

Today we are presented with a different set of unsettling circumstances. So many of our Jewish elderly "family" living right here in our

city are being passed over — but by no means in a miraculous way. They are in need of food, especially during Passover, and rely solely on donations from people like us. Remember, these are Bubbies and Zeydes just like the ones you know and love. Many will ask, "How will I eat during Passover? The food is so expensive." The answer remains with us. Let us not "pass over" those who need us!

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## THREE KJ BARAK PLAYERS NAMED TO ISRAEL NATIONAL TEAM

Three stars of KJ Barak, our teen ice hockey team, were named to the Junior National Ice Hockey Team of Israel. Team Israel visited KJ on January 8-10 during a tour of New York and Canada jointly sponsored by the New York Jewish Community Relations Council, Maccabi USA and KJ. The Israeli players and coaches stayed with KJ families, attending our synagogue on Shabbat, and training with KJ Barak throughout the following week.

The three players, who have all been members of KJ's youth hockey team for five years, are each 16-year-old juniors at Ramaz and the sons of KJ members. They are defensemen

Eliezer Magid and Jaime Widder and forward Eric Kluger.

The 17 member Team Israel contingent is coached by Boris Mindel, a former member of the Red Army team which dominated world hockey in the 1970's, and Simon Jacobovitch, former coach of the Soviet Wings. It includes a number of players from the Israel youth team that skated with and against members of the KJ hockey program during the 1997 Maccabiah.

Ben Epstein, coach of KJ Barak, announced that the three KJ players on Team Israel took part in a series of games in New York and Montreal during the second week in January.

## A YOUNG 'KJ'ER IN PRINT

We are thrilled to see an article by Jonathan Greenbaum, son of Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum, in *Sha'alei Hilulim*, a compendium of essays on Jewish law written by the students of Yeshivat Sha'alvim. Jonathan's article is on euthanasia. He also has an article in the same journal, in Hebrew, authored together with a

fellow classmate from Ramaz, Ronald Sabban, on the subject of three-year *chazaka*, according to the view of Rebbe Yishma'el.

By the way, the volume is excellently written and contains a number of very interesting essays in addition to the two pieces by Jonathan.

## DAVID DEBORA LEADS SHABBAT SERVICES AT MOUNT SINAI

If there is anyone in need of a place in the neighborhood where both hospitalized patients and their families can attend regular Shabbat services, they can feel free to go to the chapel at Mount Sinai Hospital. David Debora, a Ramaz alumnus, conducts both Shacharit and Mincha services at Mount Sinai, where patients and family members can come to both daven and have *mishebeirachs* said for sick people in the hospital. David has been helping out with Shabbat services and other programs at Mount Sinai for several years, first as a substitute and assistant to Rabbi Spirn, who has recently retired and now is an assistant to Rabbi Olberstein, the new Chaplain.

The services offer both patients and relatives a more familiar and normalized environment, and are conducted at the regular times of 9:00 AM for Shacharit and within half an hour of the time that Mincha is scheduled to start. David has been proud that the services provide a place for people in the hospital to get together with fellow patients instead of having to spend their Shabbatim alone and out of contact with others. If anyone is interested in getting additional information about the services at Mount Sinai, they can feel free to contact the Chaplaincy office of Mount Sinai at 212-421-7262.

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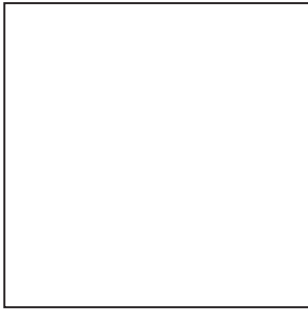
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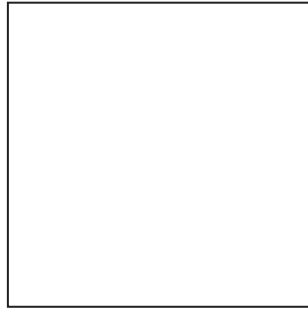
# BNAI MITZVAH



## MICHAEL MOSHE SWIECA

Mazel tov to Esti and Henry Swieca on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael, which took place on Saturday, December 5, at KJ. He read the weekly portion of Vayishlach and the Haftarah.

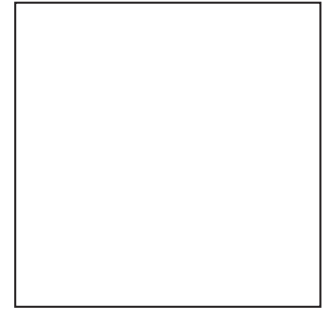
Michael is a student in the seventh grade of the Horace Mann School



## ANDREW RADIN

Mazel tov to Harriet and Dr. Allan Radin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Andrew, which took place on Saturday, February 6, at KJ. He will read the weekly portion of Yitro and the Haftarah.

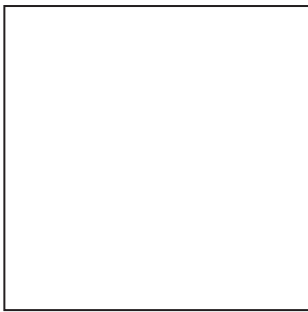
Andrew is a student in the sixth grade of the Ramaz Lower School.



## ROSS BANON

Mazel tov to Louise and Sidney Banon on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ross, which will take place on Saturday, February 27, at KJ. He will read the weekly portion of Tetzaveh and the Haftarah.

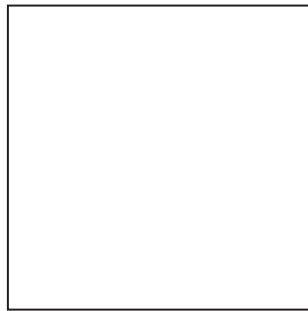
Ross is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.



## MARISA GALBUT

Mazel tov to Ronalee and Russell Galbut on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Marisa, which took place on Saturday, January 16, at KJ.

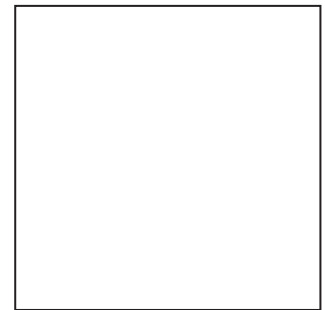
Marisa is a student in the sixth grade of the Ramaz Lower School.



## JENNIFER GUTTMAN

Mazel tov to Gilda and Charles Guttman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jennifer, which will take place on Saturday, February 20, at KJ. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Israel Waldman. Jennifer will deliver a Dvar Torah on "Women and Mitzvot."

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



## SHAWN LEVINE

Mazel tov to Dr. Rosalind and Daniel Levine on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Shawn, which will take place on Saturday, March 6, at Young Israel of Fifth Avenue. He will read the weekly portion of *Ki Tissa* and the Maftir and Haftarah of *Parshat Parah*. Shawn will deliver a Dvar Torah on "The B'chor in the Talmud and Jewish Tradition."

Shawn is a student in the seventh grade at the Yeshiva Ketana of Manhattan.

## THANKS

Our gratitude to  
Dr. Mark and Rosie Friedman  
for contributing 30 Hirsch  
Chumashim to the congregation  
for use in the Main Synagogue.  
The gift was made  
on the occasion  
of the Bar Mitzvah of their son,  
Yosef Friedman.  
Yosef is a student  
in Form I  
in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein  
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## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### BIRTHS

#### Mazel tov to:

Diane and Hon. Robert Abrams on the birth of a granddaughter, Gabrielle-Hinda Ne'emana Pear, to their children, Rachel and Ian Pear.

Sara and David Berman on the birth of a son.

Elana and David Billig on the birth of a son, Meir Dovid.

Lea and Sam Glatstein on the birth of a grandson, Michael, to their children, Susan and Sol Glatstein.

Nina and Larry Kassman on the birth of a daughter, Gabriella Dorit.

Ruth and Hon. Joel Lewittes on the birth of a granddaughter, Sara Sophia, to their children, Suzanne and Ron Lewittes.

Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum on the birth of a son, Oliver Linden (Natan Nata), to their children, Victoria and Ben Feder. Similar good wishes to the proud great-grandmother, Mrs. Rita Kaufman.

Rae and Matthew Lindenbaum on the birth of a grandson, Zachary Joseph (Yehuda Chaim). Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum and the elated great-grandmother, Mrs. Rita Kaufman.

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

### ENGAGEMENTS

#### Mazel tov to:

Ruth and Rabbi Maurice Corson on the engagement of their daughter, Aliza to David Chameides, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leon Chameides of Connecticut.

Janet and J. Michael Fried on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, a Ramaz graduate, to Nimrod Dayan, son of Rose and Moshe Dayan of Brooklyn.

Carol and Melvin Newman on the engagement of their daughter, Marisa, a Ramaz graduate, to Jason Fertig, son of Muriel and Harvey Fertig of Brooklyn. Similar good wishes to the proud great-grandmother, Mrs. Rita Kaufman.

Barbara and Dr. Terry Plasse on the engagement of their son, Amitai, to Judith Galani, daughter of Roberta and Zvi Galani of Massachusetts.

Carol and Jesse Schwartz on the engagement of their daughter, Tobi, a Ramaz graduate, to Neil Wechsler, son of Shirley and the late Herbert Wechsler of Long Island.

Drs. Shera and Alan Tuchman on the engagement of their son, Ari, a Ramaz graduate, to Beth Samuels, daughter of Elana and Zachary Samuels of Los Angeles.

*May their wedding take place in happiness and blessing.*

### WEDDINGS

#### Mazel tov to:

Tova and Maurice Kaufman on the marriage of their daughter, Gila to Lenny Joachimowicz of Brussels.

Ruth and Ed Lukashok on the marriage of their daughter, Jane, a Ramaz graduate, to Michael Sabet, son of Rolan and Geula Sabet. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Muriel Lukashok.

Inge and Ira L. Rennert on the marriage of their daughter, Yonina to Mitchell Davidson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Davidson.

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

### COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to Doina Bryskin who will be an honoree at the 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration and Ballet Benefit for the Yeshiva University Women's Organization. It will be held on Sunday, February 21 at 12:00 noon in the grand promenade of the New York State Theatre at Lincoln Center. The celebration will be followed by a performance at 3:00 PM by the New York City Ballet. Ruth Shapiro is a chairperson of this event.

### PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Mazel tov to Dr. Daniel Javitt, son of Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt, who was recently presented with the A. E. Bennett Neuropsychiatric Research Foundation Award for Basic Science. Dr. Javitt is the Director of the Program in Cognitive Neuroscience and Schizophrenia at the Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric research in Orangeburg, New York and an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at NYU School of Medicine. The award recognizes Dr. Javitt's pioneering work in the causes, symptoms and treatments of schizophrenia.

### BNAI MITZVAH

#### Mazel tov to:

Linda Belkin and Dr. Nathalie and Israel Friedman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Shulamit, which took place in Israel on Shabbat Parashat Vayigash. Shulamit is the great-granddaughter of the late Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein and Selma and the late Dr. Samuel Belkin.

Carol and Craig Barany and the proud grandmother, Marcia Barany Chonchol on the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson, Michael Jason, which took place on Saturday, March 13, at the Young Israel of Hollywood, Florida.

Judy and Isaac Sherman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jason Sugarman, son of Joanne and Jeffrey Sugarman of West Orange, New Jersey.

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## In Memoriam

### NETTI ALPERT

She was the oldest member of our congregation. Her life spanned the entire 20th century. Right to the end she was an elegant, fastidious, pious Jewish lady.

A wonderful mother to her children and a very devoted grandmother and great-grandmother, she was adored by her family, and was a regular fixture at KJ until the feebleness of years made it impossible for her to come anymore. She had the most wonderful smile and disposition which made everyone feel loved and appreciated and which in turn elicited great love and respect from all.

She was particularly proud of her three grandchildren who were educated at Ramaz. She appreciated the fact that her entire family continued the life of Jewish commitment which she and her late husband practiced.

### RALPH KESTENBAUM

A member of our congregation for close to twenty years, since he and his wife Jan and their son Ryel moved to our community so that Ryel could attend Ramaz, Ralph was a generous supporter of KJ and a very welcomed figure in *shul* when you could catch him in New York.

Much of the time he was traveling for business, living in London, Lucerne and, of course, New York. He

loved to *daven* before the *amud* and to chant a *Haftarah*. For years he was a *sh'liach tzibbur* at Carmel College where Ryel completed his junior high school and high school years. Many years ago he was a prominent figure in Camp Massad, head of the waterfront and a powerful pole hitter in baseball.

He died suddenly in his late sixties, leaving a wonderful family who loved him and who carry on a committed Jewish life.

We extend our condolences to Jan and to Ryel. May they know of no further sorrow for a long time to come.

### SOPHIE STROMBERG

She died at the end of the month of Tevet and she was buried on Rosh Chodesh Shevat. Symbolically, she represented, truly, the end of an era. Sophie Stromberg was born in 1901 and died in 1999 — her life spanned a century.

Who would have guessed that she was 98-years-old? She had the enthusiasm and excitement of a woman far younger. Her mind was active until the end. She was in *shul* one week before her passing and she would have been with us on her last Shabbat but for lack of strength.

The oldest of ten children, the extraordinarily devoted wife to Dr. Samuel Stromberg and the loving mother of her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, she was religious

to the end and she absolutely loved KJ, a congregation in which she felt warmth and devotion and toward which she was exceptionally generous.

We will all miss her.

### ADY TRAUTMAN

She died in her 90's, after some six years of incapacity. But before that she was a dynamo in the KJ community.

Ady Trautman was the perennial hostess and caterer of Sisterhood luncheon meetings. Whatever activity there was she participated in as a leader. She had high standards and total commitment to us, to her late husband Dr. Edgar Trautman, and to the Jewish community.

Her greatest achievement at KJ was the annual decoration of the Sukkah. Together with the late Estelle Baumgarten, she used to buy the *s'chach* and install it herself along with all of the fruits and decorations. If we have gorgeous Sukkot today they are a tribute to the talent, energy and commitment of this lady for so many years.

Each year she used to sponsor the kiddush on both days of Sukkot in memory of her late husband. From now on — in perpetuity — our kiddush on the first days of Sukkot will be in honor and memory of Ady Trautman and Dr. Edgar Trautman.

## CONDOLENCES

### Our condolences to:

Diane Schulder Abrams on the loss of her mother, Hilda Schulder.

Neal Boyarsky on the loss of his mother, Beatrice Boyarsky.

Naomi Cohen on the loss of her mother, Bess Winter.

Dr. Paula Elbirt on the loss of her father, Jacob Elbirt.

Jerry Gruenhut on the loss of his father, Ad Gruenhut.

Ben Hauben on the loss of his mother, Frida Hauben.

Robin Kaperst and Stuart Kaperst on the loss of their father, Laurence Kaperst.

Mindy Leventhal on the loss of her father, Edward Scheinkman.

Ruth Lukashok on the loss of her mother, Estelle Garber.

Bonnie Pollak on the loss of her father, Rabbi Abba Pattashnick.

Donna Silverman on the loss of her father, Dr. Benjamin Zolov.

Thelma Steinberg on the loss of her mother, Miriam Neustadter Himelstein.

Dr. Shera Aranoff Tuchman on the loss of her father, Harry Aranoff.

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



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**SABBATH SCHEDULE**

		<i>Friday Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Saturday Evening Services</i>	<i>Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
<b>February</b>					
5-6	Yitro	5:01	5:10	4:50*	5:56
12-13	Mishpatim (Shabbat Shekalim)	5:09	5:20	5:00*	6:04
19-20	Terumah	5:18	5:30	5:05*	6:13
26-27	Tetzaveh	5:26	5:35	5:15*	6:20
<b>March</b>					
5-6	Ki Tissa	5:34	5:45	5:25*	6:29
12-13	Vayakhel-Pekude (Shabbat Hachodesh)	5:41	5:50	5:30*	6:36
19-20	Vayikra	5:49	6:00	5:50*	6:43
26-27	Tzav (Shabbat Hagadol)	5:56	6:05	5:00*	6:51

\*Seudah Shlishit

**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**

February	March
7-11.....5:20 pm	1-4.....5:45 pm
14-18.....5:30 pm	7-11.....5:50 p
21-25.....5:35 pm	14-18.....6:00 pm
28.....5:45 pm	21-25.....6:05 pm

**DATES TO REMEMBER****March 1 (Monday)**

Fast of Esther  
Begins 5:19 AM Ends 6:18 PM  
Morning Service at 6:50 AM

**March 1 (Monday)**

Purim Night  
Evening Services at 5:40 PM  
Megillah at 6:30 PM

**March 2 (Tuesday)**

Purim Day  
1st Service & Megillah at 7:00 AM  
2nd Service & Megillah at 9:30 AM  
Mincha at 5:30 PM

**March 13**

Shabbat Hachodesh -

**March 18 (Thursday)**

Rosh Chodesh Nisan - 7:00 AM

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