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**RAMAZ DINNER TO HONOR
SUSAN MUKASEY
AND
RUTH AND JERRY KESTENBAUM
SUNDAY
JANUARY 14, 2001**

We are happy to announce to the entire KJ family that the Sixty-Fourth Annual Dinner of the Ramaz Parents Council will be held on Sunday evening, January 14, 2001 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. The guests of honor will be three members of the congregation: Susan Mukasey, and Ruth and Jerry Kestenbaum.

Susan is being honored for twenty-five years of service to Ramaz, the last nine of which were spent as Headmistress in the Lower School. She is the wife of Hon. Michael Mukasey, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, himself a graduate of Ramaz. Susan has devoted her boundless energy and her exceptional wisdom and talents to the service of the school.

Ruth and Jerry Kestenbaum are long-time volunteers in the lay administration of the school and in the Parents Council. Jerry serves, at present, as Secretary of the Board of Trustees; Ruth has been a Chairperson of the Ramaz Dinner for several years. Both of them have contributed generously of their time, talent and substance to the enhancement of the education that we offer the children of Ramaz.

For the KJ family, the Ramaz Dinner is a very important event. Our congregation would not be what it is without the presence of this outstanding institution. Ramaz, for its part, would not be what it is without the support and commitment of the KJ community. This symbiotic relationship has resulted in two institutions that are leaders and pacesetters in the modern Orthodox community.

Reservations for the Dinner and ad blanks for the Journal can be obtained by calling Ruth Lemberger at the Ramaz office, 774-8040, ext. 6186.

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ISRAEL BOND INVESTMENTS NOW
BETTY EHRENBURG TO ADDRESS
ISRAEL BOND SHABBAT
JANUARY 6, 2001**



Betty Ehrenberg

With tensions rising high and tourists arriving at a record low pace, the need for investment in Israel Bonds now is more urgent than at any time since the Six Day War in 1967. The Israel Bond organization is asking people to make their bond purchases now and announce their pledges of these purchases later on in order to collect funds at this time when they are so urgently needed. With this in mind, Kehilath Jeshurun will conduct its annual appeal for the purchase of Israel Bonds at Shabbat morning services on January 6, 2001. We urge every member of the congregation to attend.

On this occasion, Betty Ehrenberg, Executive Director of International Affairs and Community Relations at the Orthodox Union will address the congregation.

Betty Ehrenberg previously served as the Bureau Chief for the Counsel General of Israel in New York. She coordinated and directed activities and contacts with the metropolitan area community, including political leadership, press, Jewish and community organizations, and the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. In addition, Ms. Ehrenberg has served as the liaison of the Israel Mission to the United Nations and assistant to the executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. Ms. Ehrenberg has an extensive background in Jewish education and has served on the Judaic Studies faculty of the Ramaz Upper School. We are grateful to her for coming to Kehilath Jeshurun for Shabbat. We ask you to be present.

AM HASEFER BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB TO REVIEW “YOSL RAKOVER TALKS TO GOD”

AUTHOR ZVI KOLITZ TO BE PRESENT

JANUARY 21, 2001 AT 8:00 PM

As the German tanks destroyed the Warsaw Ghetto, one of the few remaining fighters, Yosl Rakover, writes out his last words to God, seals the text in a glass bottle, and thrusts it into the rubble before preparing to die.

The text surfaces in Europe in the 1950's, is passed from hand to hand, is broadcast on Radio Berlin – where it is acclaimed by Thomas Mann as a religious masterpiece and then translated into many languages.

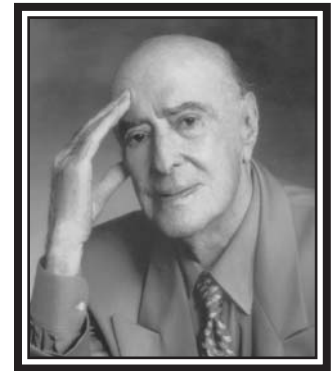
What is hailed by many as the most important testament to the Holocaust, is, in fact, fiction, a short story! It was written in 1948 for a Yiddish newspaper by Zvi Kolitz in Buenos Aires, where Kolitz had gone to raise

money for the Jewish underground in its struggle to establish the State of Israel.

ZVI KOLITZ

We are delighted to note that the author of this exceptional story, Zvi Kolitz, will be with us on the evening of January 21, 2001. He was born in Lithuania, son of a great Rabbi. He currently lives in New York City where he has worked as a film maker, a theatrical producer on Broadway, and a lecturer at Yeshiva University.

Dr. Asher Haymovits will moderate the discussion. The location of the meeting is yet to be announced. Call the synagogue office for further information (774-5600).



Zvi Kolitz

The Next
**YOUNG PEOPLE'S
MINYAN**
will take place on
Saturday
December 9
at 9:15 AM

MITZVAT HA'TEFILLAH: AN IN-DEPTH VIEW OF THE SIDDUR RAV HERSHEL SCHACHTER

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**PROFESSOR ZVI ZOHAR TO BE
SAMUEL S. SILVERSTEIN SHABBAT SCHOLAR
PRESENTATION TO BEGIN
WITH FRIDAY EVENING DINNER
FEBRUARY 2-3, 2001**

Professor Zvi Zohar will serve as our Shabbat Scholar at the annual Samuel S. Silverstein Shabbaton to be held this year on February 2-3, 2001. The presentations will begin following Shabbat dinner on Friday night.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

**"THE SHAS PARTY'S IMPACT
ON ISRAEL'S POLITICAL
SCENE."**

Israel's political landscape has, over the past decade, been dramatically changed by the strength of the ultra Orthodox Sephardi party known as SHAS. The party currently holds 17 seats in the Knesset, just behind Likud. Dr. Zohar will examine the role SHAS has in Israeli society and its impact on the political landscape of the nation. He will evaluate its view of the peace process and examine the true perspective of the party's membership.

SHABBAT MORNING

**"THE HALACHIC OUTLOOK OF
SHAS' SPIRITUAL FOUNDER,
RABBI OVADIA YOSEF"**

Professor Zohar's second presentation will be from the pulpit at Shabbat morning services. At that time, he will examine the Halachic Philosophy and Outlook of Rabbi Ovadiah Yosef. SHAS was the dark horse party in the 1984 Israeli elections. Rabbi Yosef gave the party its spiritual leadership and much to its own surprise won four seats in the Knesset that year. From the beginning then, the party called for Torah observance and pride in Middle Eastern Jewish roots which struck a cord with many of Israel's seemingly disenfranchised citizens, namely Jews who had arrived from countries such as Morocco, Iraq, and Yemen.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT

**"HOW DOES JEWISH LAW
DEAL WITH PUBLIC
DESECRATORS OF SHABBAT?"**

Professor Zohar's final presentation will be at a Seudah Shlishit sponsored by the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club following Mincha at 4:50 PM. He will

discuss the ways in which halachic tradition has dealt with public desecrators of Shabbat, with special focus on the responses of *Poskim* to modern situations in which now, for the first time in halachic history, most Jews seem to fall into the category of being non-observant of Shabbat.

SHABBAT DINNER

The several Friday evening dinners held throughout the year have become a very popular part of the synagogue calendar. It is a time to share in the tradition of the Sabbath, including the joyful singing of Shabbat *Zmirot*. Frequently we have been oversubscribed and unfortunately many people who wish to join us could not be accommodated. We, therefore, urge you to make reservations immediately, so that you may share in the spirit of the evening. The cost for adults is \$25 and children are \$15. Nonmember adults cost \$30 and nonmember children cost \$20. A check in the full amount must accompany your reservation.

PROFESSOR ZVI ZOHAR

Dr. Zvi Zohar, Professor of Sephardic studies at Bar Ilan University, is one of Israel's most astute observers of the social and political scene.

A fellow at the Shalom Hartman

Institute, where he heads the Center for the Study of Halacha, Professor Zohar has made Sephardic religious tradition a major focus of his numerous books and essays. It is interesting to note that Dr. Zohar argues that Shas is not a true

reflection of the best that Sephardic tradition has to offer.

Join us for dinner Friday evening and for both presentations on Shabbat day for a profound and provocative series.

**SAMUEL S. SILVERSTEIN SHABBAT SCHOLAR DINNER
PROFESSOR ZVI ZOHAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2001**

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Adult members: \$25

Children: \$15

Adult Nonmembers: \$30

Children nonmembers: \$20

FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE BEAUTY AND WARMTH OF A TRADITIONAL SHABBAT

Members of the congregation are encouraged to recommend to their friends, neighbors, and business associates The Friday Evening Shabbat Experience.

This effort in synagogues on both the Upper East Side and Upper West Side was originally developed on the East and West Side here at KJ. The next one to take place here will be on Friday evening, January 19. Reservations should be made by the previous Tuesday. The event is an opportunity to join more than a hundred others in Manhattan in welcoming the Shabbat spirit.

Singing, prayer, and a very festive and delicious dinner by Foremost Caterers will be the centerpiece of a beautiful evening of a "No Hebrew Necessary" opportunity to participate in these most important Jewish rituals.

Members of the congregation who feel this event would be appropriate for them are certainly invited to celebrate and participate in this program. It starts at 7:00 PM and the cost for dinner is \$25 per person. Please send in your reservations so that we will hear from you no later than noon time on Tuesday, January 16, 2001.

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Come to lunch. Come to learn. And, come to offer your opinion too!

Members of the congregation 55 years of age and older are invited each Wednesday from 12 noon to 1:30 PM to "Lunch and Learn." An impressive array of teachers will be offering presentations on a broad variety of topics of Jewish interest. The speakers are informative, the discussions are lively, and the lunch tastes good too. Please join us and note the schedule of this year's presenters below:

LUNCH AND LEARN 2000-2001

November

- 1 Dr. Gil Kahn
- 8 Rabbi Eliezer Rubin
- 15 Robert Leifert
- 22 Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
- 29 Robert Leifert

December

- 6 Rabbi Eliezer Rubin
- 13 Bonnie Pollak
- 20 Aryeh Leifert

January

- 3 Rabbi Eliezer Rubin
- 10 Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
- 17 Jennifer Roth
- 24 Speaker TBA
- 31 Speaker TBA

February

- 7 Daniele Lassner
- 14 Rabbi Eliezer Rubin
- 21 Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
- 28 Dr. Gil Kahn

March

- 7 Rabbi Eliezer Rubin
- 14 Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
- 21 Dr. Gil Kahn
- 28 Dr. Mark Meirowitz

April

- 4 Rabbi Eliezer Rubin
- 18 Morris Wyszogrod
- 25 Rabbi Joshua Lookstein

May

- 2 Rabbi Eliezer Rubin
- 9 Hon. Jerome Hornblass
- 16 Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
- 23 Dr. Gilbert Kahn
- 30 Speaker TBA

June

- 6 Speaker TBA
- 13 Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
- 20 Rabbi Eliezer Rubin

You Are Cordially Invited
To The

CIRQUE DE KJ Annual Dinner

at the
Rabbi H. Lookstein Middle School
in the
Benjamin & Esther Gottesman Center

Saturday
December 9, 2000
at 8:00 pm

black tie optional



CHANUKAH BEGINS THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21

While the practice of gift giving has become an integral part of the Festival of Lights, the lights themselves are the principal observance of the holiday and should be highlighted as the central feature of Chanukah in the home.

The following are a few items which should be kept in mind:

1. *The Menorah.*

While one Menorah suffices for the household, it is customary — and desirable — for each member of the household to light his or her own Menorah. This is particularly recommended for the children of the family who will take special delight in kindling their own Chanukah lights.

2. *The Time for Lighting.*

The candle or oil lights should be lit as soon as possible after nightfall (30 minutes after sunset). They should be allowed to burn for at least 30 minutes.

On Friday afternoon, the flames are lit before the Sabbath candles and they should be large enough so that they will remain lit for about an hour and a half. Special Friday evening long candles for Chanukah are available in the Judaica shop in the synagogue lobby. On Saturday night at home, the candles are lit after Havdalah.

3. *Arranging the Candles.*

The candles or flames are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candle lighter faces it. One flame is lit the first night, in addition to the Shamash. Each night an additional flame is lit.

4. *Lighting the Flames.*

The candles or oil flames are lit from left to right — starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the “Shamash.” Then the blessings are recited — three on the first night and two on the other seven nights. After the blessings are recited, we light the flames by the light of the “Shamash.”

The reason for using the “Shamash” is in order to avoid any practical use of the Chanukah flames. These lights are holy and their sole purpose is the ritual one — to proclaim the miracle of Chanukah.

5. *Concluding Songs.*

Following the lighting of the candles, we sing “*Ha-Nerot HaLalu*,” which explains the reasons for the ceremony, and *Maoz Tzur*, a ballad which describes in several stanzas how Divine Providence has intervened at various points in history to save us from our enemies.

CHANUKAH CANDLES

Through the courtesy of the Kehilath Jeshurun Benevolent Fund, Chanukah candles have been sent to every recipient of the KJ Bulletin.

The proceeds of this Fund are used for deserving individuals who might not otherwise come to the attention of public charity.

Those who receive candles are urged to make a contribution to the KJ Benevolent Fund and send it to the synagogue office.

May you and your family have a happy Chanukah.

CHANUKAH WORKSHOP MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Under the sponsorship of our Beginners Program, the Chanukah Workshop will offer an overview of the laws and customs related to this holiday and examine the historical events that we commemorate. It will be an honest-

to-goodness real presentation of why we do the things we do.

The workshop will take place in the Max. J. Etra Chapel and be led by Rabbi Yitz Motechin, beginning at 8:00 pm.

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CHANUKAH SHIUR MONDAY DECEMBER 18

As part of our new series of holiday shiurim, Rabbi Eliezer Rubin, Kehilath Jeshurun's permanent Scholar-in-Residence, will present the Chanukah shiur on Monday evening, December 18, at 8:00 p.m.

KJ'S FALL MEZUZAH DRIVE

Sunday, December 1st

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

BLOOD DRIVE

"GIVE A PINT AND SAVE A LIFE"

ages 18-76 (17 with permission)

"WHOEVER SAVES ONE LIFE IS CONSIDERED BY GOD AS IF HE HAD GIVEN HIM ALL THE MITSVOT."

MEZUZAH CHECK

An unkosher mezuzah is one that either was not written properly by a scribe, OR one in which a word or even a letter has become marred or erased.

**HAVE ALL YOUR MEZUZOT
CHECKED BY THE SCRIBE AT KJ.**

"And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates."

TEFILLIN

Your TEFILLIN should be checked every seven years.

**HAVE YOUR TEFILLIN
YEAR BY YEAR**

"You shall bind them upon your hands and as ornament upon your feet."

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- ♦ accessories (scarves, gloves, hats)
- ♦ Children's Items:
high chairs, toys, cribs, strollers,
books, bikes, etc.

Please: No shoes, underwear, or torn garments.

ITZVAH MALL

December 10

2:30 pm

DRIVE

AND SAVE A LIFE”

(with parental permission)

“THE TORAH AS IF HE SAVED AN ENTIRE WORLD.”

SHATNEZ CHECK

must be checked twice within

ALLIN CHECKED THIS
E SCRIBE AT KJ.

as a sign upon your arm
between your eyes”

SHATNEZ CHECK

One cannot wear a garment that is made with both wool and linen fibers. Any wool or linen garment must be checked for shatnez prior to wearing it.

HAVE YOUR CLOTHING CHECKED FOR SHATNEZ AT KJ TODAY.

“A garment that is a mixture of combined fibers (wool and linen) shall not be worn.”

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- ♦ Antique Silver
- ♦ Kids Toys
- ♦ Vintage Jewelry
- ♦ Fine Jewelry
- ♦ Tablecloths
- ♦ Hats
- ♦ Hair Accessories
- ♦ Kids' Hosiery and Accessories
- and more

SHLOMO CARLEBACH SHABBAT

**Congregation Kehilath
Jeshurun**



Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach was the leading personality in the revival of Jewish music during the last third of the 20th century. He gave it a vibrant and dynamic sense of spirituality, made it very popular and inspired many others to do the same.

Save the following dates for future Carlebach Shabatot.

Friday Evenings

January 5 February 2 March 2

NEW BET DIN OF AMERICA FLOURISHING

We are proud to note that the relatively new Bet Din of America, of which Rabbi Haskel Lookstein serves as Vice President, is increasing its impact and influence in the American Jewish community. Its preeminent role over the last three years has been its increasingly proactive success in dealing with agunah and potential agunah situations. Considerable funds are spent in mediating and negotiating with spouses, sometimes literally sitting on the doorstep of a recalcitrant spouse, until a divorce according to halacha (Jewish law), can be accomplished. The Bet Din has established an Agunah Fund to cover these costs and seeks gifts earmarked for this vital program.

The Bet Din considers its active stance an important public service and part of its responsibility to the community, regardless of whether the parties agree to or are capable of providing compensation. This activity has produced *Gittin* or freed *Agunot* in scores of cases, completely in accord with halacha.

Rabbinic leaders and community lay leaders regularly consult the Bet Din for guidance with respect to

difficult communal and halachic issues. Many representatives from major newspapers and television networks have turned to the Bet Din for official statements regarding the Jewish law perspective towards a variety of subjects including marriage annulments and homosexual unions. They were recently consulted by the writers and legal department of the television program *Law and Order* concerning its portrayal of a Bet Din in a recent episode. The Bet Din was also recently represented at a Bar Association symposium on matrimonial cases.

During the past year, the Bet Din handled approximately 300 *Get* cases and resolved more than 15 *Agunah* situations. It also negotiated financial disputes between parties in a number of matrimonial cases and also dealt with custody and visitation issues in several cases.

Readers of this Bulletin who wish to contribute to the Agunah Fund in order to help defray the administrative and out of pocket expense of such divorces are asked to contact the Bet Din office at 212-807-9042.

KJ YOUTH HOCKEY'S SEVENTH SEASON IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

A new generation of KJ Barak (lightning) is ready to take the ice for our youth hockey program's seventh season. A number of younger brothers of former Barak stars are poised to carry on the family tradition, as the team points towards this winter's competitive schedule and next summer's Maccabi Cup tournament in Israel.

With the graduation of Barak's Captain and former Israel Junior-National Team defenseman Eli Magid, his brothers Yehuda and Rafi, themselves veterans of the program, will now be asked to anchor the defense. They're sons of our members, Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid. Daniel Lauchheimer, the son of our members, Sandy and Dr. Robert April, and brother of former Barak co-Captain, Aaron Lauchheimer, is expected to move up from the back-up role to become the team's number one goal tender. In so doing, he fills the spot vacated by the graduation of all-Maccabi Cup netwinder, David Speiser, whose own younger brother, Jonathan, now inherits the family pads. The Speiser brothers are the sons of our members, Dr. Phyllis and Mark Speiser. Another young and talented veteran, Robbie Mantel, the son of our members, Joan and Arthur Mantel, will strive to fill the skates of his brother, former Barak stalwart, Kenny Mantel and Andrew Kluger, who made his presence felt as one of last year's scoring leaders, will help carry the offense this year without the help of his brother, Eric, a two-time Barak MVP who now skates for Brandeis University. Andrew and Eric are the sons of our members, Judy and Barry Kluger.

KJ AND CHESED

CHESED COMMITTEE TAKES ON NEW ROLE WITH DOROT

Since it was founded 25 years ago, DOROT has provided a lifeline of support to New York's homebound and homeless elderly and has fostered friendship between the generations. DOROT's volunteer force of almost 5,000 adults and 3,500 young people, is among the largest in the United States serving the elderly.

One of its programs, University Without Walls, brings learning, laughter, friendship, and support to individuals in their own homes. Using telephone conference calls, this unique program reaches individuals throughout the New York metropolitan area and even in Florida. It brings them together into one vibrant community. Since its

inception in 1989, University Without Walls has enhanced the lives of thousands of people.

Under the auspices of our Chessed Committee, Kehilath Jeshurun will participate in a special welcoming Shabbat series. On the four Fridays of January, we will lead the welcoming Shabbat program. Under the leadership of our rabbinic staff, participants will gather by phone with friends to celebrate Shabbat. We will teach about Shabbat and about that week's Torah portion, recite *Tefillot* in their melodies, and sing Shabbat *Zmirot*.

We are proud to be a part of this new element of the welcoming Shabbat program of Dorot's University Without Walls.

DOROT COMES TO THE EAST SIDE

Since its inception in 1976, DOROT has served the Upper West Side Jewish community. Prompted by special funding of a foundation and particular individuals to expand their program to the East Side, DOROT has responded to the call. We are pleased to note that DOROT's first East Side Chanukah delivery will emanate from Kehilath Jeshurun on Sunday,

December 17, 2000.

We are proud to be a part of this effort and to help serve the elderly of the New York Jewish community on both the Upper East Side and Upper West Side.

To volunteer to participate in the Chanukah Food Distribution Program and Delivery please call DOROT at 212- 769- 2850

PROJECT EZRA

Dear KJ Chessed Committee:

On behalf of the Ezra community of elders, I thank you and the Chessed Committee for galvanizing the efforts of your community on behalf of our people.

The food collection during the high holidays was timely and necessary. We are actively working with a growing community of Russian immigrants whose government pensions are exceedingly modest. We counted 20 large bags full of food and we began making small gift packages for people to take home.

The community of Kehilath Jeshurun celebrated the holidays and the new year by including our elders in their thoughts. On behalf of our grand parents and great grand parents, I thank your community for your gesture and support.

We wish you all a Shanah Tovah, a year of health, peace in the city of peace and continued efforts in Tikun Olam.

B'Shalom
Misha G. Avramoff
On behalf of the
Ezra Committee

In Memoriam

Lotte Lowy

We mourn the passing of a senior member of our congregation, a wonderful woman who so much enjoyed being part of the congregational family. She herself was a survivor of the Holocaust, having been placed by her mother on *Kinder Transport* from Germany to England. She said good bye to her mother on the train platform knowing that this might be the last time the two would see each other. It turned out, unfortunately, to be a correct assumption.

Lotte built a life for herself and her late husband here. She made good friends in the congregation. She was stricken by a disabling illness four years ago and it was only through the great kindness and attention of Leila and Dr. Fred Zuckerman that she was able to survive as long as she did.

She will be missed.

CHILDREN OF BELLEVUE

Dear KJ Chessed Committee:

The children of Bellevue are very grateful for the books you have collected. They are so important for our Pediatric Literacy Program.

Thank you again, and happy holidays to you.

Sincerely,
Jane Burton
Volunteer Committee

BNAI MITZVAH



ORLEE YAHALOM

Mazel tov to Dr. Marlene Warshawski Yahalom and Dr. Joachim Yahalom on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Orlee which took place on Sunday, November 12. She delivered a Dvar Torah on Shir HaShirim.

Orlee is a student in the seventh grade at the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.



BETH ROSNER

Mazel Tov to our Trustee William and Marian Rosner on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Beth, which took place on Sunday, November 6. She delivered a Dvar Torah on "Chana and Tefilah."

Beth is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.



ADAM MATTHEW KLAPPER

Mazel Tov to Benjamin S. Klapper on the Bar Mitzvah of his son, Adam, which will take place on Saturday, December 9, at KJ. He will read from the weekly portion of Vayetzei and the Haftarah.

Adam is a student in the eighth grade of the Tenaflly Middle School.



JONATHAN DANIEL GOL

Mazel Tov to KJ Trustee Jane and Ishala Gol on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yoni, which took place on Thursday, November 23, in Israel. He read from the weekly portion of Chayei Sarah and delivered a Dvar Torah on "*The Purchase of Me'arat HaMachpelah In Hebron and Its Meaning for the Jewish People Today.*" Yoni is also celebrating his Bar Mitzvah at KJ on Saturday, December 9, where he will read from the weekly portion of Vayetzei. He will also deliver a Dvar Torah on "*The Meaning of the Rocks Under Yaakov's Head.*"

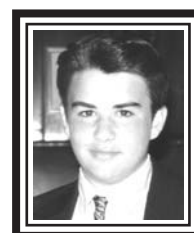
Jonathan is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.



SARAH KATE RAPOPORT

Mazel Tov to Sandra and Dr. Samuel Rapoport on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah Kate, which took place on Saturday, December 2, at KJ. She read Parashat Toldot and the Haftarah at the Women's Tefilah Group. Sarah also delivered a Dvar Torah on "*Vetelech Lidrosh et Hashem: Rebecca's Character in Parashat Toldot.*"

Sarah is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.



ALEXANDER KAMERMAN

Mazel Tov to Joshua Kamerman on the Bar Mitzvah of his son, Alex, which will take place on Sunday morning, December 24, the third day of Chanukah. He will read the Torah portion for that day.

Alex is a student in the eighth grade of the Delta School.



ALEXANDER LASRY

Mazel Tov to Cathy and Marc Lasry on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alexander, which will take place on Saturday, January 13. He will read the Haftarah for Parashat Vayechi.

Alex is a student in the eighth grade of the Trevor Day School.



ROMY OLTUSKI

Mazel Tov to Ilona and Paul Oltuski on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Romy, which will take place on Saturday, January 13. She will deliver a Dvar Torah.

Romy is a student in the sixth grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to:

Sara and David Berman on the birth of a son, Joshua.

Nancy and Michael Cohen on the birth of a son, Joseph Edward Cohen. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Fran and Arnold Lederman.

Debra and Dov Glick on the birth of a son, Evan Ashton.

Shira and Ronny Kraft on the birth of a son, Max Drew.

Polina and Michael Liberman on the birth of a daughter, Miriam Naha.

Lisa and Nathan Low on the birth of a daughter, Anna Margaux.

Aliza and Steven Major on the birth of a daughter, Jessica Emily. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Gabriella and Dr. William Major.

Frida and Dr. Jack Reiss on the birth of a grandson, Elad, to their children, Peggy and Yigal Masika of Netanya.

Sara and Simon Shemia on the birth of a son, Thomas Martin. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Marilyn and Dr. Sheldon Muhlbauer.

Robyn and David Stonehill on the birth of a daughter, Brooke Shayna.

Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer on the birth of a daughter, Hannah Sara.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to:

Michael and Dr. Adina Singer on the engagement of their daughter, Yaira to Matthew Binstock, son of Judy and Lenny Binstock of Riverdale.

Vivian and Larry Creizman on the engagement of their son, Eric to Michal Weber.

Jane and Reuben Leibowitz on the engagement of their son, Jason to Marisa Savitsky, daughter of Roz and David Savitsky.

Iris and Dr. Jeffrey Margolin on the engagement of their son, Dr. Jonathan Margolin to Rachel Nachamovsky,

daughter of Miriam and Avram Nachamovsky of Brooklyn.

Alan Rechtschaffen on his engagement to Charlotte Sprintis. Similar good wishes to the parents, Pamela and Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen, Marcia and Daniel Drake, and Esther and Marcos Sprintis.

May these weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to:

Tikva and Paul Bochner on the marriage of their daughter, Daniela to Michael Rader, son of Barbara and Dennis Rader of New Haven, Connecticut.

Jacqueline Eve Muss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua L. Muss, on her marriage to James Steven Gertler, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gertler.

Sheira and Steven Schacter on the marriage of their daughter, Erica to Robert Schwartz, son of Margo and Jack Schwartz of Scarsdale. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Dr. Nathalie and Israel Friedman.

May they enjoy their marriages with happiness and blessing.

COMMUNAL HONOR

Congratulations to our member, Samuel Lawrence Brennglass who is the recipient of the Enid & Harold Boxer Memorial Award at the OU/NCSY Ben Zakkai Sixth Annual National Scholarship Dinner.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Florence Chasin on the passing of her sister, Ethel Nellie Bailly.

Dr. Edmond Cohen on the passing of his father, Eliyahu Cohen.

Reuben Leibowitz on the passing of his father, Samuel Leibowitz.

Melvin Newman on the passing of his mother, Ida Newman.

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

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		<i>Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Friday Evening Services</i>	<i>Saturday Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
December					
8-9	Vayetze	4:11 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	4:10 p.m.*	5:08 p.m.
15-16	Vayishlach	4:12 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	4:10 p.m.*	5:10 p.m.
22-23	Vayeshev	4:15 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	5:13 p.m.
29-30	Miketz	4:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	5:18 p.m.
January					
5-6	Vayigash	4:25 p.m.	4:00 p.m.**	4:20 p.m.*	5:23 p.m.
12-13	Vayechi	4:32 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	4:25 p.m.*	5:30 p.m.
19-20	Shemot	4:40 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	4:35 p.m.*	5:38 p.m.
26-27	Vayera	4:49 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	4:40 p.m.*	5:46 p.m.

* Seudah Shlishit

** Fast of Tevet

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday Mornings	7:30 a.m.
Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.
Mondays and Thursdays	7:15 a.m.
Rosh Chodesh Weekdays	7:00 a.m.
Sabbath Mornings	9:00 a.m.

EVENING SERVICES

December 3-21	4:25 p.m.	January 14-18	4:45 p.m.
December 24-28	4:30 p.m.	January 21-25	4:55 p.m.
December 31-January 4	4:35 p.m.	January 28-February 1	5:05 p.m.
January 7-11	4:40 p.m.		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, December 21

First Night of Chanukah

Friday, December 22

First Day Chanukah

Morning Services 7:10 a.m.

Sunday-Monday, December 24-25

3-4 Chanukah

Morning Services 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 26

5 Chanukah

Morning Services 7:10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 27

6 Day Chanukah

Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Morning Services 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 28

7 Day Chanukah

Morning Services 7:10 a.m.

Friday, December 29

8 Day Chanukah

Morning Services 7:00 a.m.

Friday, January 5

Fast of Tenth of Tevet

Fast begins at 6:08 a.m.

Morning Service 7:00 a.m.

Evening Services 4:00 p.m.

Fast ends 5:19 p.m.

Thursday, January 25

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Morning Services 7:00 a.m.

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