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CHAIM EDELSTEIN ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF KJ

Isaac Sherman and Brian Haimm New Officers

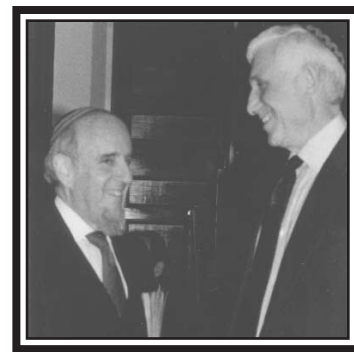
Kahn, Gurewitsch, Baumgarten, Friedman & Kurzweil Again Elected

For the first time in five years, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun has a new President. Chaim Edelstein, immediate past Treasurer of the congregation and a former Chairman of the Annual Dinner and of the Catering Committee, was elected unanimously at the 128th Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening, April 5, 2000.

Mr. Edelstein replaces Fred Distenfeld, who was first elected President in 1995. Previously he had been Vice President and Treasurer of

the congregation and had co-chaired, with Stephen Kule the Twenty-First Century Fund renovation in the main synagogue building. In bidding farewell to Mr. Distenfeld, former President Benjamin Brown, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, commented that "You have been dedicated to every aspect of synagogue life and been a friend to all members of KJ with whom you have come in contact. We thank you for your grand commitment to this congregation!"

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Rabbi Haskel Lookstein congratulates Chaim Edelstein



FIFTY FIVE NEW MEMBER FAMILIES

The meeting started with the singing of the National Anthems led by Cantor Mayer Davis and was followed by a beautiful invocation by Rabbi Joshua Lookstein.

The new Treasurer of the congregation, Dr. Diana Heller Friedman then presented fifty-five new families for induction into the membership of Kehilath Jeshurun. This is one of the largest group of new members to be inaugurated into membership in the congregation at any one time. They represent a total of ninety-six adults and many, many children.

Within this group, there is a

significant number of people who have themselves grown up in the congregation and are the children or other relatives of current members. Several are Ramaz alumni while others are new Ramaz parents. Yet others hope to be. Several of the new members have come to membership through our Beginners Service and others through our monthly Young People's Shabbat Minyan. Some of the new members have already distinguished themselves through their work in the Jewish community, while others are prominent in their professional careers. The list of new members appears on page 3.

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128TH ANNUAL MEETING

FIVE OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

THREE NEW OFFICERS

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The Nominating Committee included three past presidents of the congregation (Sandy Eisenstat, Stanley Gurewitsch and Benjamin Brown), three members who participate in the Young People's monthly minyan (Dr. Larry Baruch, Kenneth Rochlin and Leonard Silverman), a past president of both the Sisterhood and Couples Club (Dr. Diana Friedman) and a former Volunteer of the Year who has chaired or served on virtually every chesed committee in the congregation (Sue Robins).

Second Vice President, Robert Zimet, also chose to retire from office after five years in that position. He, too, previously served as Treasurer of the congregation and twice chairman of the Dinner Dance. Bob, too was thanked for his dedicated commitment and support of congregational projects and activities.

To replace Mr. Zimet, the meeting elected Isaac Sherman as the new Second Vice President. Isaac is a very

regular worshiper and active member of the Board of Trustees. He is in regular attendance at shul functions and an avid supporter of the congregation's programs.

To replace Chaim Edelstein, Dr. Diana Friedman, the former Financial Secretary, was elected new Treasurer of the congregation. To replace her, the congregation's Recording Secretary, Robert Kurzweil, was elected Financial Secretary. To replace Mr. Kurzweil, Brian Haimm was elected new Recording Secretary of the congregation.

In his six years as a member of KJ, Brian has been a dynamic leader of the Young People's Minyan and an usher who is particularly adept at greeting new people in shul and making them feel welcome.

Officers who were reelected to their positions are Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn as Vice President, Rae Gurewitsch as Third Vice President and Fred Baumgarten as Secretary of the congregation.

Thus, the officers for the 2000-2001 congregational year are:

<i>President</i>	Chaim Edelstein
<i>Vice President</i>	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
<i>Second Vice President</i>	Isaac Sherman
<i>Third Vice President</i>	Rae Gurewitsch
<i>Secretary</i>	Frederic H. Baumgarten
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dr. Diana Heller Friedman
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Robert Kurzweil
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Brian Haimm

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE RETIRED

One member of the Board of Trustees having served the constitutional maximum of nine years on the Board, is retiring due to the constitutional limit. Asher Levitsky, aside from being a Trustee, has been president of the Men's Club, coordinator of our parallel High

Holiday Services in our Heyman Auditorium, chairman of the sukkah meals and a leader in a host of other volunteer activities. In addition, the elevation of Isaac Sherman to the office of Second Vice President created a second vacancy on the regular Board.

TRUSTEES ELECTED

Nine trustees whose terms expired were eligible for reelection to the Board. The membership endorsed the reelection of:

Karen Gibofsky
Sholem Greenbaum
Michael Jesselson
Martin Kaufman
Harry Kleinhaus
Yvonne Koppel Kopans
Stephen J. Kule
Ephraim Propp
Mel Stein

To fill the two vacancies on the regular Board, the congregation elected outgoing Second Vice President Robert Zimet and Associate Trustee Kenneth Rochlin.

ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES APPOINTED

The following trustees were reappointed to one year terms on the Associate Board by President Chaim Edelstein:

Harvey W. Abrahams
Andrew H. Charles
Jacob Doft
Jane Gol
Marshall Huebner
David Levy
Sandra Rapoport
Scott Shay
Deena Shiff
Leonard Silverman
Dr. Alan Spiegel

NEW ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES

In order to replace Kenneth Rochlin and Brian Haimm who have moved on to higher office and Lance Hirt and Jeremy Schwalbe who are moving to new communities, Chaim appointed the following new Associate Trustees:

Raanan A. Agus
Howard Katz
Rena Hoffman
William Rosner

128TH ANNUAL MEETING

DECEASED MEMBERS

With warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Lookstein paid tribute through brief eulogies to thirteen members of the congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 127th Annual Meeting.

Those members eulogized were:

Sidney Block
Isabel Feld
Dr. Beatrice Friedland
Bertha Garfinkel
Sam Glatstein
Bernard Hammerman
Joyce Horwitz
Ralph Katzowitz
Rita Kaufman
Cecille Klein
Dr. Marvin Loring
Joseph Schlang
Fred Snyder

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Fifteen families were recognized for observance of milestone anniversaries of membership in Kehilath Jeshurun. Rabbi Lookstein paid fitting tributes to the following members:

Fortieth Anniversary Celebrants

Janice and Saul Linzer

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebrants

Tova and Norman Bulow	Vivianne and Robert Kurzweil
Sandra and Edward Ginsburg	Asher Levitsky
Helen and Norman Halper	David Levy
Terry and Michael Jaspan	Esther and Eugene Roshwalb
Deborah and David Kahn	Amy and Howard Rubenstein
Bernice and Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn	Sheira and Steven Schacter
Wilma and Stephen J. Kule	Raymond Ward
Helen and Morris Wyszogrod	

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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- Observing a Milestone?
- Advancing in Professional Life?

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NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED AT 128TH ANNUAL MEETING

Michal and Dr. Ronny Alibayof	Suzanne and Adam Lesnick
Shoshana and Mark Baker	Shelly and Jay Lipman
Linda Block	Lisa and James Mann
Devora and Rabbi Seymour Brickman	Morris J. Massel
Gladys and Robert Cooper	Dena and Herbert Mauthner
Annette and Scott Cooper	Amos Meron
Diana Newman and Isaac Corre	Jessica and Jason Muss
Joshua Crane	Sharona and Benjamin Ohebshalom
Abigail and David Dofit	Dara and David Orbach
Adina and Marc Dolfman	Jessica and Meyer Orbach
Randi and Dr. Howard Eisenstein	Ann and Dr. Paul Poppers
Mallory Factor	Hannah and Neil Ranells
Marilyn and Leonard Feingold	Cynthia and Seymour Reich
Elliot Felig	Daphne and Ari Rubinstein
Allison and Dr. Daniel Fink	Esther and Yoav Savitzky
Irene and Michael Fogel	Lisa and Jonathan Schechter
Brooke Kroeger & Alexander Goren	Ellyn and Bruce Schoen
Dr. Stefan Charles Grant	Jonathan Schwartz
Miriam Humbach	Samuel Senders
Lilly and David Ickson	Dr. Debra and Henry Sheinkopf
Russell Kagan	Jeffrey Snyder
Hillary and Dr. Bryan Kahan	Ivy and Dr. Dave Solowiejczyk
Joel and Dr. Karin Katz	Susan Spivak
Vivienne and Gavin Kosviner	Deborah Sturman
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Jane and Dr. Don Lebell	Ann and Sol Walfish
Deborah and Daniel Lehman	Galya and Coby Zekry

Caryn and Joel Zweig

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128TH ANNUAL MEETING

FRED DISTENFELD'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Rabbi Joshua Lookstein, fellow officers, members of the Board of Trustees, members of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. It is hard to believe that five years have passed since I was elected President of CKJ. While there have been moments where I questioned the wisdom of undertaking such an important responsibility, I stand before you today grateful for the opportunity to have served as president of this magnificent congregation and thankful to so many people who have made these past five years so rewarding and enjoyable.

I was fortunate in serving as an officer under two outstanding past presidents where I was able to observe how these quiet and soft spoken individuals led this congregation during a period of great expansion and change. Benjamin Brown and Stanley Gurewitsch exemplified how one should act and perform as president and were the perfect role models for me to follow. Ben and Stanley, thank you for everything, your wisdom, your guidance and most important your friendship.

During the past twelve years the physical plant of the synagogue and the school has undergone drastic transformation. Working together with Stephen Kule as co-chairs of the Twenty-First Century Fund gave me an opportunity to work with a close friend on a project that was an exciting challenge to complete. It was a labor of love for both of us, and each time we enter this auditorium a great feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction envelops us.

It was during this project when I really got to know Rudy Arjune. Rudy had always been friendly and warm. He was always there when you needed him and the word *no* wasn't part of his vocabulary. But what I did not know was his amazing ability to spot potential problems during the design stage and on the construction site itself. His knowledge and understanding of mechanical engineering has been an

invaluable asset to this congregation. More important, however, is his heart. Rudy, there is so much for me to thank you for, but I don't think there is enough time. I just would like to say you're the best!

My first appointment as an officer of the congregation was that of treasurer. I can honestly say that I had no clue as to the finances of the congregation. Hattie Murphy, our Comptroller sat patiently with me and explained in great detail the finances of the congregation so that I could begin to understand what the needs of the community were. Hattie, thank you for your patience, understanding and amazing dedication.

There I was, president of KJ having to arrange and appoint chairpersons for different events and not knowing every member of the synagogue — what do I do now? Have no fear, Bob Leifert is here. Your insight and knowledge of the membership and the community made arrangements for every event a non-event. Thank you for remaining cool and calm throughout all of the difficult decisions that had to be made.

Working with a caterer is no easy job. Arranging and booking Bar Mitzvahs, Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other *smachot* is a daunting task. Ask Alice Smokler what she thinks of all of this — no problem. Your organizational abilities and understanding of people's needs has made our *shul* user friendly. Thank you, Alice for all of your help.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Florence Cohen and Chani Reiss for all that you've done. I certainly am aware of how much work there is to do around the synagogue office. Yet anytime I called for something to be taken care of, you were always there to lend a helping hand.

Three years ago on Simchat Torah, after listening to a beautiful *kedusha* by Mayer Davis and the Shultones, I approached Mayer and asked what he thought of the possibility of my becoming a member of the Shultones. He stared at me for a few moments and in a serious tone said, "I thought about

it." That's all he said. That pretty much dashed my hopes of ever becoming a shultone. Seriously, you are a wonderful chazan and dear friend. I look forward to many years of listening to your beautiful davening.

My thanks to our Ritual Director, Chaim Ophir for his dedication and very hard work in making sure that everything from *yahrzeit* cards to arranging for *ba'alei kri'ah* on Shabbat is taken care of. This requires a great deal of organization and, Chaim, you handle it so well.

Trying to please everyone in a *shul* of more than a thousand families and only seven *aliyot* on Shabbat morning is virtually impossible. Jay Lunzer, as *gabbai* of our *shul*, you have succeeded in doing just that. You have an ability to make a person feel good about not getting an aliyah. יישר כוחך May God grant you the strength to continue your judicious work.

During the past twelve years I have had the privilege of working together with so many gifted and talented people. Thanking each one individually would be lengthy and tedious. I would like to express my appreciation to all of the leaders of the Sisterhood, Men's Club, Couples Club, Keshet, Young People's Minyan, Social Action Committee, Youth Committee and Directors, KJ Dinner Dance and special event chairpersons. KJ is vibrant and alive because of all that you've done.

A special יישר כוחך to George Rohr and Rabbi Yitz Motechin for running the largest and most successful beginners minyan in the metropolitan area. Finally to my fellow officers I express my deepest gratitude and appreciation. It has been a privilege and honor to serve with you. I am confident that you will continue in your efforts to keep our *shul* flourishing.

At last year's annual meeting we were introduced to our new Assistant Rabbi. Isn't it impressive that someone who we knew so little about has penetrated our hearts so deeply in such a short period of time? Rabbi Josh, what can I say? When Rita and I first arrived

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SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 8		Friday, June 9		Saturday, June 10	
Candle Lighting	8:08 pm	Morning	9:00 am	Morning (Yizkor)	9:00 am
Evening	8:20 pm	Candle Lighting	8:09 pm	Evening	8:05 pm
Tikun Leyl Shavuot	11:45 pm	Evening	6:45 pm	Shabbat/Yom Tov Ends	9:09 pm

SHAVUOT Thursday Evening - Saturday June 8 - 10

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RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO DISCUSS RAV KOOK'S ADDRESS AT THE DEDICATION OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY AT OPENING OF TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT PROGRAM

Tikun Leil Shavuot this year, on Thursday evening, June 8, will begin with a *shiur* given by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the subject of "*Principles of Religious Zionism.*" The source material for that *shiur* will consist mainly of an extraordinary address delivered by Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak HaKohain Kook at the inauguration of the Hebrew University on April 1, 1925.

Rabbi Lookstein will discuss why Rav Kook accepted the invitation to attend the opening ceremonies of this secular university and what his acceptance means for religious Zionists.

As part of the analysis of Rav Kook's address, the Rabbi will also deal with how Maimonides in the 12th century and Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik in our era related to the study of secular wisdom.

The *shiur* will begin at 11:45 and will run three-quarters of an hour, following which the night of study will continue in accordance with the schedule outlined on pages 6 and 7.

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SHAVUOT DINNER - 2000

Thursday Evening, June 8

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Thursday Eve

"ISRAEL: A HISTORY, A

11:45 p.m. -

"PRI

12:30 a.m.

Grades 4-5

Ari Segal

12

Grades 6-8

Rabbi Eliezer Rubin

COMMUNITY

BEGINNERS

12:45 -
1:45 a.m.

Atara Segal
*"History Repeating Itself:
The Challenges of Zionism"*

Martin Kaufman
*"The Centrality of Israel to the
Performance of Mitzvot"*

2:00 -
3:00 a.m.

Rabbi Eliezer Rubin
*"Har Sinai - The Mountain,
The Man, The Torah, The Land"*

Joshua Cypess
"Ask the Almost Rabbi"

3:15 -
4:15 a.m.

Joshua Cypess
*"Two For One:
The Phenomenon of Yom Tov Sheini"*

Rabbi Yitz Motechin
"The Power of the Land"

4:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.



5:00 a.m. **SHACHARIT**

Services to be led by Teen Minya

SHAVUOT 2000

Evening, June 8

PHILOSOPHY, A REALITY"

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS ZIONISM"

6:30 a.m. Make your own Ice Cream Sundae for Grades 4-8

TEENS

GRADES 6-8

GUIDED STUDY

Rabbi Eliezer Rubin

*"Let It Go:
When to Get Involved"*

Joshua Cypess

*"How Do You Celebrate
a Miracle?"*

Rabbi Joshua Lookstein

*"The Mitzvah of Settling the Land:
Who, When & How?"*

Rabbi Joshua Lookstein

*"Where Do We Belong?
The Question of Aliyah"*

Ari Segal

"What Would You Give Up?"

Atara Segal

*"The Place That I Will Show You -
The Mystery of Israel & Jerusalem"*

Ari Segal

"Give Peace A Chance?"

Rabbi Joshua Lookstein

*"I'm Going to Israel and I'm
Bringing . . ."*

Rabbi Eliezer Rubin

"Moshe, Israel and the Rock"

Rabbi Yitz Motechin

"The Laws of Morning B'rachot"

6:50 a.m. BREAKFAST



128TH ANNUAL MEETING

THE RAMAZ SCHOOL MEETING

Prior to the closing remarks of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and the light collation in the Riklis Social Hall, David Kahn, Chairman of the Board of Ramaz School, conducted its brief Annual Meeting. Lawrence Kobrin, Chairman of the Ramaz nominating committee, presented the slate for Trustees for the coming year. The nominating committee consisted of:

Lawrence Kobrin, <i>Chairman</i>	
Fred Distenfeld	Wendy Greenbaum
Dr. Diana Friedman	Pamela Rohr

Mr. Kobrin recognized the fine service of seven trustees who are no longer eligible to serve on the Board:

Arthur Friedman	Joshua Kestenbaum
Michael Jesselson	Ted Mirvis
Evelyn Katz	Diana Riklis
Shera Tuchman	

One Trustee, Ted Edelman, is moving to England and has resigned. We hope that there will be a possibility of future service.

The following trustees were reelected to the regular board:

Ellen Baumgarten	Jerry Kestenbaum
David Kahn	Rosalie Kleinhaus
Shelley Kaufman	Susan Shay

Reelected as Parent Trustee: Ruth Brenner

Reelected as Alumni Trustees were:

Wendy Greenbaum	David Sable
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NEW REGULAR TRUSTEES elected were Fred Distenfeld, Eric Feldstein, Judy Lobel, and Florence Rothman.

Newly elected as Parent Trustee: Susan Talansky

Newly elected as Alumni Trustee: Jacob Dofit

COMMUNITY TRUSTEES are persons from the community who may, but need not necessarily fall into other categories, but have demonstrated interest in Ramaz and are recognized leaders in the Jewish community. Newly elected in this category are:

Harvey Beker	Radine Spear
Jan Groveman	Moshael Straus
Andrew Schonzeit	Barbara Zimet

HONORARY TRUSTEES are persons who have given service to the school and who continue to identify with it and support it in its various means. Elected in this category are:

Jacob Berman	Belda Lindenbaum
Lillian Eisman	Gail Propp
Pearl Hack	Raphael Recanati
Ilan Kaufthal	Howard Rubenstein

RAMAZ OFFICERS are elected by the Board of Trustees. Those selected following the meeting were:

Honorary

<i>Chairmen</i>	Lawrence A. Kobrin
	Arthur C. Silverman
	Melvin D. Newman
	Steven R. Gross

<i>Chairman</i>	David Kahn
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<i>Vice Chair, Education</i>	Rosalie Kleinhaus
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<i>Vice Chair, Endowment</i>	Ezra Merkin
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<i>Treasurer</i>	Pamela Rohr
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<i>Secretary</i>	Jerry Kestenbaum
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<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Steven Schacter
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128TH ANNUAL MEETING DISTENFELD FAREWELL ADDRESS

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at KJ, we came to know you as the Lookstein baby, followed by their youngest, a son — the Bar Mitzvah boy, the rabbinical student. And today you are one of our leaders. Our children look to you for spiritual guidance, social responsibility and friendship and you are there to fill their needs with your warmth and young spirit.

והחוט המשולש לא במהרה ינתק

“A threefold cord is not quickly broken”(Ecclesiastics 4:12)

Rabbi Josh, you are the third strand of the חוט המשולש by following the path of your grandfather זצ"ל, your father שיבדל לחיים טובים וארוכים. May you continue to guide us as we enter the new millenium.

כן נהגת לעשות לך שם תפארת

“Thus you have led your people and earned a glorious name”(Isaiah 63:14)

During the past few minutes I have thanked many people for their hard work, generosity and self sacrifice. But it is you, Rabbi Lookstein, who has inspired everyone to commit to hard work and self sacrifice. As our teacher and leader you have guided us towards a true understanding of Judaism and menschlichkeit. You are a caring and sensitive man who is always there for us, individually, as a family or for the community at large. Your commitment to modern orthodox education at Ramaz has translated into a school, *shul* and community that is recognized as the standard of modern orthodox life in the United States today.

Finally, what binds all of this together is the warmth that emanates from you and Audrey. It is that warm feeling which turns KJ our shul into KJ our home.

Thank you Rabbi for having confidence in me and giving me the opportunity to serve as an officer and president of KJ. Thank you, Rabbi for your friendship. I will always cherish it and consider it to be one of the most important relationships that I have enjoyed along with Rita, Mikey and Claire.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATIONS

*Four members of the congregation
will deliver special presentations
during Shavuot.*

♦ Eugene Major

Thursday after Mincha at 8:20 p.m.

“Mitzvot: Commandments and Opportunity”

♦ Charles Edelsburg

Friday afternoon after Mincha at 6:45 p.m.

*“Olam Habah Now:
The Rambam & Immortality”*

♦ Marshall Huebner

Saturday afternoon at 7:05 p.m.

“A Halachic Look at Time and Space”

♦ David Lobel

Saturday after Mincha at 8:05 p.m.

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CARDINAL O'CONNOR'S LAST LETTER

During his term as Archbishop of New York, John Cardinal O'Connor and Rabbi Lookstein had several occasions to correspond with one another. On two occasions, the Cardinal spoke at KJ. First was for the Jewish community observance of the fiftieth anniversary of *Kristallnacht* on November 10, 1988. The second was a tribute to Rabbi

Lookstein by the Synagogue Council of America.

In tribute to John Cardinal O'Connor, a great religious personality, of blessed memory, we reprint his last letter to Rabbi Lookstein written on the eve of Passover, and the Rabbi's response typed on the morning of the Cardinal's death, but never sent.

OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
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April 17, 2000

Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

By G-d's grace, I have the delightful pleasure of sending you my heartfelt greetings yet once again for a joyful celebration of Passover. It also gives me the opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the prayers you have offered for my recovery during my time of illness. No matter what the days ahead may bring, the love and support you have given me are signs of everlasting friendship and endless encouragement.

In my own religious community it is safe to say we have come to a new appreciation of Passover as indispensable for our own self-understanding. The freedom G-d grants his people is a perennial proclamation of His justice to all nations. No more will oppression or slavery be tolerated, no more will the powerful subjugate the powerless. G-d has chosen forever to side with the victims of injustice, and commands, through His own word and actions, an end to systems of servitude.

As you and your family join together at the Seder table recalling through the Haggadah the liberation of the Jewish people and the giving of the Torah, I humbly ask that you remember me as one who wishes to be in your midst and receive blessing. Passover is a gift for the whole world. Be assured you are in my prayers and very much in my heart.

Faithfully,

John Cardinal O'Connor
Archbishop of New York

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May 3, 2000

His Eminence

John Cardinal O'Connor
Archbishop of New York
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Dear Cardinal O'Connor:

I must apologize for responding to your kind letter of April 17 at this late date. I had the privilege, for the first time in my life, to be in Israel during Passover celebrating a joyous occasion in my sister's family – the Bat Mitzvah of her twin granddaughters which took place in Jerusalem on Sunday, April 23. For that reason, I left for the Holy Land on Sunday, April 16 and so I only saw your letter upon my return this past Friday.

Thank you for your warm note and for once again striking a most appropriate tone for the Passover festival. I recall many such letters from you, particularly the extraordinary letter of last September in advance of the High Holy Days which I had the privilege of sharing with my congregation and which indirectly resulted in its being publicized very widely – a most deserving and important publicizing.

I had you in mind in the Holy Land and I continue to pray for your health and comfort. The world has very few people like you and we desperately need your words and your presence, both of which we will have for as long as possible, with God's help.

Please accept my humble blessings and be assured of my continued prayers for your well-being and strength.

Very cordially yours,

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BIRTHS

Mazel tov to:

Elisa and Dr. David Freilich on the birth of a son, Charles Nathaniel.

Dr. Rivkie and Lance Hirt on the birth of a son.

Julie and Alan Koffler on the birth of a son. Similar good wishes to the proud grandfather, Arthur Friedman.

Dr. Elizabeth and Victor Mintz on the birth of a daughter, Kyla Willa.

Ruth and Dr. David Musher on the birth of a granddaughter, Ella Sophia, to their children, Abe and Dara Musher-Eizenman. Similar good wishes to the proud great grandfather, Morris Weiss.

Jody and Ari Storch on the birth of a daughter.

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

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to Ruth and Edward Lukashok on the marriage of their son, Harris, a Ramaz graduate to Rachel Schwartz, daughter of Judy and Elliot Schwartz of Riverdale. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Muriel Lukashok.

May their marriage be filled with happiness and blessing.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Bernard Schwartz on the passing of his mother, Golda Schwartz.

Charlotte Simon on the passing of her mother, Ida Simon.

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

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazel tov to:

Mrs. Jean Blumenthal on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Shoshana Blumenthal, daughter of Drs. Samuel and Claudia Blumenthal of Milwaukee, which will take place on Saturday, June 24, at KJ. She will read the Torah portion at the Women's Tefillah Group.

Mr. Carl Henry on the Bat Mitzvah of his granddaughter, Barbara Edith Maystead, daughter of Diana Maystead, which will take place on June 10, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



EMMANUEL SANDERS

Mazel tov to Susan and Martin Sanders on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Emmanuel, which will take place on Saturday, May 27, in the Main Synagogue. He will read the weekly portion of Bechukotai and the Haftarah.

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



LISA FRIEDMAN

Mazel tov to Roz and Ernest Friedman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lisa which will take place on Saturday, June 3, at a Seudah Shlishit. She will deliver a Dvar Torah on *Sense and Sensitivity*.

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



PETER SPAET

Mazel tov to Margery Kalb and Jonathan Spaet on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Peter, which will take place on Saturday, June 17, in the Main Synagogue. He will read the weekly portion of Naso and the Haftarah, as well as deliver a Dvar Torah.

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



ANDY TUCHMAN

Mazel tov to Drs. Alan and Shera Aranoff Tuchman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Andy, which will take place on Saturday, June 24, in the Main Synagogue. He will read the weekly portion of Beha'alotcha and the Haftarah. He will deliver a Dvar Torah on *Karet and Its Consequences*.

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

IRWIN SHAPIRO TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AT RIETS DINNER TUESDAY, JUNE 20 AT THE HYATT

We are proud to announce that our Trustee, Irwin Shapiro, will be guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University which will be held on Tuesday evening, June 20 at the Hyatt.

Irwin is being honored for a lifetime of work for RIETS but, specifically, for two recent events. The first is his election as the Chairman of the RIETS Board of Trustees. The second is the first publication of the MeOtzar HoRav Series - the selected writings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. The Series has been made possible by a very generous grant from Ruth and Irwin Shapiro. The first publication is *Family Redeemed* - Essays on Family Relationships.

We congratulate Irwin on this wonderful honor. We wish him well in his tenure as Chairman of the RIETS Board and we look forward to further publications in the MeOtzar HoRav Series.

Members of the congregation who would like to participate in this honor should call Yeshiva University at 960-5400 and ask for the Development Office.



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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>
May					
26-27	Bechukotai	7:59 pm	6:45 pm	7:55 pm*	8:59 pm
June					
2-3	Bamidbar	8:04 pm	6:45 pm	7:55 pm*	9:05 pm
8	Shavuot (Thursday Evening)	8:08 pm	8:20 pm		
9-10	Shavuot	8:09 pm	6:45 pm	8:05 pm	9:09 pm
16-17	Nasso	8:12 pm	6:45 pm	8:10 pm*	9:13 pm
23-24	Behukotai	8:13 pm	6:45 pm	8:10 pm	9:15 pm

*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

May 26 - Sept. 6:45 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, May 23

Lag B'Omer
Morning Services at 7:30 am

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day
Morning Services at 8:30 am

Friday, June 2

Yom Yerushalayim
Morning Services at 7:00 am

Sunday, June 4

Rosh Chodesh Sivan
Morning Services at 8:30 am
Salute to Israel Parade

Friday - Saturday, June 9-10

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