



**NEW RESOLUTION ON *GET* PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
DR. GILBERT N. KAHN AND FREDERIC H. BAUMGARTEN
RETIRE FROM OFFICE
DR. LARRY BARUCH AND ERIC FELDSTEIN, NEW OFFICERS
EDELSTEIN, SHERMAN, GUREWITSCH, FRIEDMAN,
KURZWEIL, AND HAIMM AGAIN ELECTED
AT 129TH ANNUAL MEETING**

The 129th Annual Meeting of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun took place in the Heyman Auditorium on Wednesday, May 9, 2001. An historic resolution on *GET* was offered to the congregation following a presentation

by Rabbi Mordechai Tendler, which was preceded by an introduction by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. More information about the resolution and the text of the resolution itself can be found on pages 10 and 11.

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**TITLE OF CHAVER
CONFERRED UPON
DR. GILBERT N. KAHN**

On the second day of Shavuot, the title of *Chaver* was conferred upon Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn who served the congregation most recently as Vice President. The meaning of that title and the significance of conferring it upon Dr. Kahn was encapsulated in the proclamation read by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein as the entire congregation joined in confirming this very special honor for this very special Jew.

Since the time of Rav Sa'adya Gaon in the 10th century and until recent times in pre-war Germany, there developed a practice of conferring the title of *Chaver* on certain outstanding Jews in the community. The title was conferred by the community Rabbi with the support of a *beit din* and with the assent of the community.

The title *Chaver* has a long history in both the Bible and Talmud. Its use, however, during the last several hundred years has been limited largely to Ashkenazic Jews, particularly from central Europe, who distinguished themselves in Torah scholarship, piety, meticulous standards of behavior — particularly in the realm of *derekh eretz* — and modesty.

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**THREE EXTRAORDINARY HONORS
BY RAMAZ STUDENTS
HIGHLIGHT A GREAT YEAR AT RAMAZ**

**40 Graduates to Spend Next Year Studying Torah in Israel
College Admissions Record Impressive**

We are happy to announce three extraordinary achievements by Ramaz students this year which ought to bring great pride to the KJ/Ramaz family.

**Yogi Schulman National Chidon
HaTanach Winner**

Yogi Schulman, of our 10th grade, took first place in the National Bible Contest this year. He will compete in the international contest next year in Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

**Ephraim Tepler Wins Jewish
Identity Contest**

Ephraim Tepler, also of our 10th grade, was one of four New York students who won first place in the

Jewish Identity Contest sponsored by Bar-Ilan University. (He was number one of the four.) He went on to compete in Israel, where he finished ninth in the world.

**Sarah Rapoport Wins New York
State History Contest**

A 7th grader in the Ramaz Middle School, Sarah Rapoport, daughter of Sandra and Dr. Samuel Rapoport, won first place in the History Day Competition in Cooperstown, a contest open to all New York State students. As this Bulletin goes to press, she is competing in the national contest where we also hope for extraordinary results.

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SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JULY 8 - JULY 29, 2001

During the summer months, we mourn the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem which took place on the ninth of Av, and the events that led to their destruction. We fast on the seventeenth day of the month of Tammuz, **Shivah Assar B'Tammuz** because, according to tradition it was on that day that the enemy penetrated the walls of Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the Second Temple. The Talmud, however, writes that these were not the only tragedies that befell the Jewish people on this day. On the seventeenth of Tammuz four more tragedies occurred: the first tablets containing the Ten Commandments were broken by Moses, the two daily sacrifices were suspended during the time of the First Temple, the wicked Apostomos burned the Torah, and an idol was erected in the Temple.

Additional tragedies also befell the Jewish people on **Tisha B'Av**. On this day, the *meraglim*, the spies, returned to the Jews in the desert with a negative report about the Land of Israel. In addition, it was on this day that the city of Betar was destroyed and tens of thousands of Jews were killed, and the day the wicked Turnus Rufus plowed the site of the Temple and its surroundings. Tradition asserts that the expulsion of the Jews from England in 1290 and the expulsion from Spain in 1492 also took place on **Tisha B'Av**.

Our mourning for the destroyed Temples and for the other calamities which occurred on these days extends

beyond the fasts themselves. The period between these last two fasts, traditionally called **The Three Weeks** includes several practices of mourning. During these three weeks we do not get our hair cut, attend weddings or involve ourselves in large joyous gatherings. During the nine days which begin on the first of Av, July 21, and continue until midday on the eleventh day of Av, July 30, we are additionally forbidden to eat meat and drink wine, except on Shabbat, to go swimming or bathe for pleasure, and to do any laundry or dry cleaning that is not absolutely necessary. In general, the Talmud writes that when the month of Av begins, our mood should reflect our mourning for the destruction of the Temples. On Tisha B'Av itself, besides fasting, we are prohibited from washing our bodies, wearing leather shoes, anointing ourselves, and having marital relations. It is also forbidden to study Torah on this day with the exception of the sections of the prophets and the Talmud that discuss the destruction. We do not wear our tallit and tefillin until Mincha and the custom is to sit on low chairs like mourners until midday. Our observance of mourning also forbids us from greeting friends on Tisha B'Av.

We mourn the Temple that was destroyed over nineteen hundred years ago and we pray that in the merit of our mourning we will be worthy to see God rebuild the Temple in our lifetime.

FAST OF 17TH OF TAMMUZ

Sunday, July 8, 2001

Fast Begins	4:21 AM
Shacharit	8:30 AM
Mincha	8:10 PM
Fast Ends	9:10 PM

TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 28, Tisha B'Av Eve

Mincha Services	7:55 PM
Fast Begins	8:15 PM

Followed by:

Ma'ariv and Eicha

Sunday, July 29, Tisha B'Av

Morning Services	8:30 AM
Followed by Kinot	
Evening Services	7:50 PM
Conclusion of Fast	8:53 PM

HIGH HOLY DAY SEAT RESERVATIONS DUE NOW

Kehilath Jeshurun will once again be holding High Holy Day services in four locations this year. In addition to the Main Synagogue, parallel services will be conducted in the Heyman Auditorium and in the Gottesman Center's Falk Auditorium. The Beginners service will again be held in the Lindenbaum Recreation Center also in the Gottesman Center.

Although 150 seats were added by moving the former Riklis Social Hall service to the Falk Auditorium, every one of those seats was reserved and accounted for last year.

Thus, we urge our members to return the seat reservation cards as quickly as possible whether or not you plan to be with us this year.

As this Bulletin goes to press, high holy day seat reservation cards are being sent to all congregants. We ask you to please return the card with your requests no later than the deadline of Monday, July 9.

If you are not planning to be with us this year please return the card and tell us that as well. This is important information for us.



THREE WEEKS

AND

TISHA B'AV WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 10

8:00 PM

By Rabbi Yitz Motechin

FAREWELL TO RABBI YITZ MOTECHIN

Rabbi Yitz Motechin and his family will be leaving our Upper East Side community for greener pastures in Teaneck, New Jersey. During Rabbi Yitz's seven-year tenure at KJ he has dramatically affected the beginner's program, individual members of KJ and the community as a whole.

His sincerity, integrity, enthusiasm, commitment to the Jewish People, love of all Jews, and love of Torah and its study, have been felt by all who have come into contact with him over the years. He has served as a role model to many and a friend to many more.

We will miss his singing, his humor and his overall cheerful personality. We wish him success in his future endeavors and hope that he, his wife Sharon and their children will always be an extended part of the KJ family. Tizkeh L'Mitzvot Rabbi Yitz.

THANK YOU

We thank the following members of the congregation for their warmth and gracious hospitality in hosting various educational programs and events of Kehilath Jeshurun during the past year:

Diane and Hon. Robert Abrams
Marilyn and Greg Adler
Sandy and Dr. Robert April
Shira and Dr. Lawrence Baruch
Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein
Elizabeth and Mallory Factor
Arthur Friedman
Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum
Beth and Brian Haimm
Judy and Dr. Hirshel Kahn
Carolyn and David Levy
Ray and Matthew Lindenbaum
Gaby and Dr. William Major
Sheera and Michael Moffson
Dr. Cheryl Fishbein and
Phil Schatten
Ruth and Irwin Shapiro
Lisa and Lee Snow



IS YOUR SUMMER "BRAIN FOOD" BLAND OR TASTELESS? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME EXOTIC FLAVORS?

We are happy to present to you our summer fare
for the spiritually and intellectually famished.

To spice up your week we are offering two "courses":

- I. **SAMUEL I: PROFIT FROM THE PROPHETS (7:00 PM)**
The books of the Prophets offer a feast of unparalleled insights and inspiration, through the lives of the greatest men and women. We will study the Book of Samuel, beginning with the downfall of King Saul and David's rise to kingship, and address those issues: the nature of the Monarchy, Saul's humility – too good for his own good, the destruction of Amalek and its implications for generations, David and Goliath, and the struggle to become king.
- II. **ISSUES OF JEWISH LAW AND LIVING (8:15 PM)**
The Bible is the "Source of Life," and "Halacha" (Jewish Law) is the map which shows us the way. In this course we will explore the practical and philosophical development of Halacha through Responsa literature from Talmudic times till today, 5761. Topics will include: Who is a Jew and DNA and its Halachic Ramifications, Circumcision and Modern Medicine and Culture, the Afterlife, and New Developments in Kosher Living.

Come and feast your souls! No charge.

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KJ POLITICAL AFFAIRS PRODUCES 100TH EDITION OF *KJ ISRAEL NEWS UPDATE*

Mazel Tov to Deena Shiff, Chairperson of our KJ Political Affairs Committee and writer of our weekly *KJ Israel News Update* distributed in shul on Shabbat morning. The committee has now produced the 100th edition of this informative and helpful piece that we look forward to reading each Saturday.

The piece is concise, informative,

and very well prepared. As testimony to KJ's effort in this area, we are proud that our update is reproduced as is by the Jewish Center on the west side and by Congregation Beth Shalom in Lawrence.

Mazel Tov to Deena and the committee for this fine contribution to Israel and the American Jewish community.

KJ YOUTH HOCKEY FINALS

When Ramaz freshman David Kaufman scored the game winning goal in KJ Youth Hockey's recent intramural championship game, the opposing goalie was his cousin, Daniel Low. Meanwhile Kaufman's teammate, Ramaz junior Yehuda Magid, was shutting down the other team with his stellar defense and throwing some of his hardest checks in the way of his brother, Rafi Magid, skating for the opposition.

That's how it is in the KJ Intramural League, where classmates and siblings battle it out in a serious but friendly season-long series that gives members of KJ Lightning, our teen ice hockey team, the game experience needed to compete successfully at the high school level against outside programs like Fieldston, Stuyvesant and Trinity.

This year's intramural final was held before a large and vociferous crowd at Mackay Arena in Englewood, New

Jersey. Standouts for the championship "White" team besides Kaufman and Yehuda Magid included Ramaz students Roni Jesselson, who had two goals, and Daniel Caplow. Valiant in defeat for the "Black" team besides Low and Rafi Magid were Ramaz students Ross Banon, Andrew Kluger, Robbie Mantel and Jonathan Speiser. KJ Youth Hockey also includes a contingent of players from MTA and players from several other schools.

In the awards ceremony following the game, KJ coach Ben Epstein presented to the winning team members trophies as well as individual honors to Kaufman (Championship Game MVP), Yehuda Magid (outstanding defenseman), Low (most improved player), Michael Scharf (outstanding rookie), Michael Banks (outstanding goalie), Jeremy Ehrman (most assists), and Josh Geller (most goals and season MVP).

SISTERHOOD GIVES NEW MEANING TO "POWER LUNCH"

Spring was in full bloom at the annual Sisterhood Luncheon and Boutique on Tuesday, June 5th. Women exuberantly indulged their palettes and opened their pocketbooks in support of a good cause.

The enthusiasm over this year's Luncheon and Boutique is eclipsed only by Sisterhood's gratitude for having raised funds which enable it to continue its myriad activities for the congregation. Each season the Sisterhood schedules a variety of educational and social events for its members. Sisterhood provides Shabbat kiddushim for the main synagogue as well as for the Beginner's service and youth groups. Sisterhood celebrates smachot with congratulatory gifts to Bar and Bat Mitzvot. One of its most significant services is the support it gives members during times of bereavement by preparing the shiva home and the first shiva meal for the mourners.



KESHER

We had a wonderful and exciting new beginning of our Keshet Club. The Progressive Dinner and the May Shabbat Luncheon were both very successful. Thank you to all of the hosts and chairpeople of both events.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie Rochlin for the past two years of dedication and work. We would like to welcome Deena Shiff who will be working with Anne Schwartz and Mark Todes next year. We look forward to having many special events in the future.

Have a great summer!

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L'HITRAOT II & III - MISSIONS TO ISRAEL

During the past year we conducted two missions to Israel - 67 of us went in November and 106 of us went for Pesach. We filled a very important need for the people of Israel and we demonstrated to other congregations what should be done to support our brothers and sisters in Israel.

◆ High Holy Day Season ◆

Teshuva Shiur by Rabbi Saul Berman
Shabbat Shuva Discourse by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Sukkah meals including 700 guests the first night in 3 Sukkot

Men's Club Sukkah Supper with Professor Henry Graff

◆ Shabbat Scholars ◆

Professor Jack Wertheimer of JTS

Professor Zvi Zohar of Bar Ilan University

Malcolm Hoenlein of The Conference of Presidents at the Annual Synagogue Shabbaton

Rachel Friedman at Shabbat T'lamdeini

◆ Guest Speakers ◆

Betty Ehrenberg of the Orthodox Union on Israel Bond Shabbat

Rabbi Ian Pear of Shir Chadash in Jerusalem

Esther Wachsman, mother of slain Israeli soldier Nachshon Wachsman

MK Yuval Steinitz of Israel

◆ Guest Authors at Am HaSefer ◆

Zvi Kolitz
"Yosl Rakover Talks to God"

Mimi Sheraton "The Bialy Eaters"

Professor Samuel G. Freedman
"Jew vs. Jew"

◆ Holiday Celebrations ◆

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Zimriah & Service
Shavuot Dinner followed by Tikun
Leyl Shavuot - All Night Learning

◆ Special Shabbat Programs ◆

6 Carlebach Friday Evening Services

Yachad Shabbaton

Men's Club Shabbat with Hank Sheinkopf of the N.Y. Daily News

Monthly Young People's Minyanim

◆ Sisterhood ◆

3 Holiday Boutiques

Health Symposium - "Heart Disease in Women" with Dr. Alan Spiegel

Sisterhood Luncheon & Boutique

◆ Beginners ◆

6 Friday Night Shabbat Experience Dinners culminating in Shabbat Across America

7 Beginners Lunches

Passover Seder

10th Anniversary Dinner

◆ Kesher ◆

Progressive Dinner

Kesher Shabbaton

"Saturday Night Fever" melave malka for adults & children

◆ Youth ◆

Saturday Nights at KJ - Open Gym & Video for all ages

Purim Carnival for hundreds of children

KJ Basketball League (KJBL)

New KJ Softball League (KJSL)

RALLIES FOR JERUSALEM

Our Main Synagogue served as the locus for two major rallies this winter designed to demonstrate our solidarity with the citizens of Israel & particularly in support of the retention of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of the Jewish people. One rally was organized by the Orthodox Union. The second was organized by a group of lower & middle schools in the N.Y. area. That rally overflowed into our Heyman Auditorium. In both rallies we took a major role in the preparation & in the program as well.

We recently hosted another gathering in our Main Synagogue, this time observing the end of shiva for the 20 young Israelis who were murdered in the bomb blast at a Tel Aviv Cafe. The speakers included Charles Schumer and Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

◆ Special Events ◆

KJ Dinner Dance

Shabbat HaGadol Drasha with Rabbi Joshua Lookstein

Yom HaShoah with Guest Speaker Ernest W. Michel

Fall Mitzvah Mall and Blood Drive

Spring Day - Kasher-In, Shmura Matzah pick up, Tefillin, Mezuzah & Shatnez Check

◆ Chesed Committee ◆

3 Clothing Drives

2 Food Collections

Dorot comes to the East Side - 1st East Side Chanukah Package Delivery

Mitzvah Toy Campaign - The sharing of gifts by our young members is overwhelming.

Simcha Sharing Fund

Chevre Kadisha/Bikur Cholim/
Hatzoloh Dinner

129TH ANNUAL MEETING

SIX OFFICERS REELECTED

TWO NEW OFFICERS

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The Nominating Committee included four past presidents of the congregation, three Trustees of the congregation, and an officer. Specifically, they were Dr. Larry Baruch, Fred Distenfeld, Sandy Eisenstat, Dr. Diana Friedman, Stanley Gurewistch, Kenneth Rochlin, Surie Sugarman, and the Chairman of the Committee, Benjamin Brown.

TWO OFFICERS RETIRE

Mr. Brown reported that two veteran officers of the congregation will be leaving their offices. Vice President Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn and Secretary, Frederic H. Baumgarten are completing their terms of office.

Gil Kahn has served as President of the Men's Club and in several of the offices of KJ for most of the past quarter of a century. He comes from a family rich in leadership, his father having been senior *Kohen* of Kehilath Jeshurun. Gil may well be considered the conscience of the *shul*, and has always sought to ensure that we make our decisions consistent with Jewish values and principles.

Fred Baumgarten also comes from a distinguished family in terms of service to this congregation. His father was President of KJ for five years, and his mother served as leading lady of our Sisterhood. Fred has served as both Secretary and Treasurer, and coined the term "communal *tzniut*" as a standard by which this community should operate.

OFFICERS FOR THE 2001-2002 CONGREGATIONAL YEAR ARE:

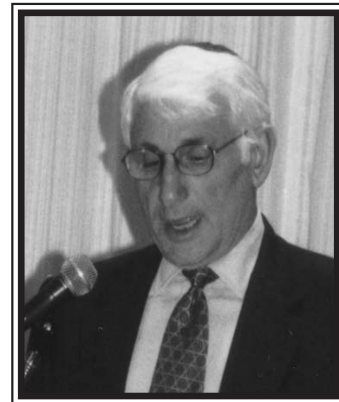
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Vice President
Second Vice President
Third Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Financial Secretary
Recording Secretary

Chaim Edelstein
Isaac Sherman
Rae Gurewitsch
Robert Kurzweil
Dr. Diana Heller Friedman
Dr. Larry Baruch
Eric Feldstein
Brian Haimm

Eric Feldstein is a very regular worshipper and dedicated member of the Board of Trustees. He comes from a family rich in the tradition of Jewish communal service and by marrying Miriam is part of a family rich in service and dedication to Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz.

Dr. Larry Baruch is also a very regular worshipper and committed member of the Board of Trustees. He

and his wife Shira are outstanding in their offering of hospitality to members of, and visitors to, our community. He is an active member of the youth committee and was a founding leader of our thriving Young People's Minyan. By marrying Shira, Larry, too, has joined a family which is also rich in service and dedication to Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz.



*President Chaim Edelstein
opening the 129th Annual
Meeting*



*Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
delivering the invocation*



*Dr. Diana Friedman
presenting new Members*

129TH ANNUAL MEETING

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE VACANCIES

Four members of the Board of Trustees have vacated their positions, either having served the constitutional maximum of nine years on the Board or by choice of the occupant. They are:

Barry Cooper	Doris Travis
Dr. Robert Friedman	Robert Zimet

In addition, two Trustees have been elevated to officers of the congregation, namely Dr. Larry Baruch and Eric Feldstein.

Thus there were six vacancies on the Regular Board.

The following trustees' terms have expired and said trustees are *eligible* for reelection:

Ray Brenner	Robert Schwalbe
Abe Esses	Irwin Shapiro
Natalio Fridman	Surie Sugarman

These six Trustees were reelected unanimously.

TRUSTEES ELECTED

Four Associate Trustees were then elected Regular Trustees of the congregation. They are:

Raanan A. Agus	David Levy
Andrew H. Charles	William Rosner

The Annual Meeting then elected two additional members for trusteeship positions and they are:

Richard Born	Joel Katz
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ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES APPOINTED

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

Jacob Doft	Sandra Rapoport
Jane Gol	Scott Shay
Rena Hoffman	Deena Shiff
Marshall Huebner	Dr. Alan Spiegel
Howard Katz	

NEW ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES

To fill the six vacancies created by the elevation of former Associate Trustees, President Edelstein appointed the following members of the congregation to Associate Trustee positions:

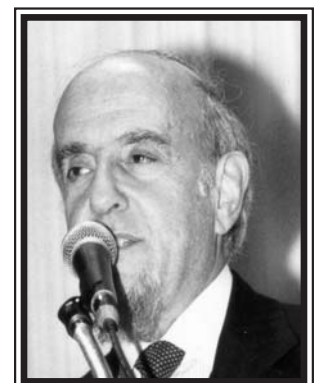
Sid Banon	Sheila Levine
Dan Bettinger	Anne Schwartz
Isaac Corre	Daniel Schwartz



*Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt
being recognized for
40 years of membership*



*Ruth and Irwin Shapiro
being recognized for
40 years of membership*



*Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
delivering closing remarks*

129TH ANNUAL MEETING

DECEASED MEMBERS

With warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein paid tribute to fourteen members of the congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 128th Annual Meeting.

Those members eulogized were:

Edward Abramson	Toni Kahn
Ruth Alpert	Esther Katz
Hana Amini	Professor Lawrence King
Theresa Brennglass	Lotte Lowy
Bette Burak	Clara Mann
Abraham Cohen	Dr. Conrad Mehler
Sam Glatstein	Joyce Warshavsky

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIANS

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

Fortieth Anniversary Celebrants

Naomi and Maks Birnbach	Ruth and Irwin Shapiro
Suzanne and Dr. Norman Javitt	Dr. Ruth and Rabbi Adrian Skydell

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebrants

Susan and Peter Frankel	Joan and Arthur Mantel
Norman Greenberg	Susan and Hon. Michael Mukasey
Dorothy and Muni Hammer	Lois and Louis Smigel
Tovah and Maurice Kaufman	Paula Weisbuch
Dr. Rochelle Levine	

TITLE OF CHAVER — DR. GILBERT N. KAHN

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In our community we have honored only one other man in this way. That was the late Alfred I. Kahn, whose father was known as *He'Chaver Naftali HaKohen*. On Shemini Atzeret 5749 (1988), during the year of mourning following the passing of Alfred Kahn, we conferred that title upon him posthumously as a tribute to his exemplary life of Torah, general scholarship, piety, refinement, impeccable *derekh eretz* and *hatzne'a lechet* — walking humbly before God.

The Officers and Executive Committee of the Congregation at a meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd of this year decided, together with the Rabbis, to confer the title *Chaver* upon Alfred Kahn's son, *yibadel l'chaim tovim*, Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn. Dr. Kahn served this congregation for twelve years, first as Secretary and then as Vice President. His history of service to this community goes

back virtually to his birth and includes exceptional efforts in adult education, teaching *kohanim* how to *duchen*, spearheading the first major rally for Soviet Jews in Madison Square Garden in December of 1970, and guiding the policies of the congregation in a way which keeps us faithful to our tradition and yet forward looking and broad minded with respect to the total Jewish and general world. A scholar and teacher of Political Science, Dr. Kahn is also a very learned Jew, who has given the Jewish community the benefit of his wisdom, courage and commitment.

The entire congregation joined in conferring this honor upon Dr. Kahn who has the distinction of having a father with the same title and a grandfather, whose name he bears, also having the same title, *He'Chaver Naftali Ben He'Chaver Menachem Yitzchak HaKohen*.

THREE EXTRAORDINARY HONORS

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Extraordinary Commitment to Torah Study in Israel

We are happy to congratulate the high school Class of 2001 whose graduation was held in our Main Synagogue on Wednesday evening, June 20.

This class, which sent 55 students recently to Poland and Israel on a Jewish Heritage mission, has distinguished itself in many ways.

First and foremost, 40 of the students plan to study Torah in Israel next year at a variety of yeshivot and Torah institutions for men and women. This is almost the same number as went to Israel last year. Considering what has been going on in Israel during the last eight months, we are particularly proud of the firm stand which these students and their parents have taken in opting for their year of study in Israel. We pray for their own fulfillment and their safe return to their homes.

National Merit Scholarships

Twenty of our graduates were recipients of National Merit honors, eight as finalists, and twelve with Letters of Commendation.

Impressive College Admissions Record

The class had an excellent college admissions record including multiple acceptances at Barnard (6), Boston University (30), Brandeis (22), Brown (1), University of Chicago (2), Columbia (12), Cornell (11), Harvard (3), Johns Hopkins (5), M.I.T. (2), University of Michigan (7), N.Y.U. (18), University of Pennsylvania (17), Princeton (2), Tufts (2), Yale (2), Yeshiva College (11), and Stern College for Women (8).

We congratulate the students, their parents, and the entire faculty and administration of Ramaz on the splendid record of this class and on the wonderful group of students who were graduated from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School this year.

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, *Chairman*
Wendy Greenbaum
Dr. Diana Friedman
Jerry Kestenbaum
Pamela Rohr

Mr. Kobrin recognized the fine service of six trustees who will no longer be serving on the Board:

Ellen Baumgarten
Ruth Brenner
Israel Englander
Anne Fridman
Jan Groveman
Axel Stawski

In addition, the bylaws of the school were changed to permit an increase in Community Trustees from six to eight so that that number matches the number of Parent and Alumni Trustees, which also number eight each.

The following trustees were reelected to the Regular board:

Barry Bryer
Dr. Diana Friedman
Jerry Kestenbaum
Barry Kluger

Reelected as Parent Trustees:

Dr. Isaac Herschkopf
Dr. Marrick Kukin

Reelected as an Alumni Trustee:

Helen Potaznik

NEW REGULAR TRUSTEES

New regular trustees elected were:

Adam Emmerich
Michael Jesselson
Nathan Low
Fred Baumgarten

New parent trustees elected were:

Steven Graber
Adele Wasser

Newly elected Alumni Trustee:

Raanan Agus

COMMUNITY TRUSTEES

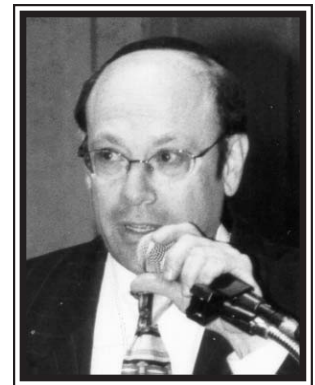
Community trustees are persons from the community who may, but not necessarily, fall into other categories but have demonstrated interest in Ramaz School and are recognized leaders in the Jewish community. They are designated for a one-year term. In accordance with the bylaw passed at this meeting, the following eight persons were elected:

Eli Epstein
Eugene Farber
Scott Hoffman
Mitchell Presser
Andrew Schonzeit
Radine Spear
Moshael Strauss
Barbara Zimet

HONORARY TRUSTEES

Honorary Trustees are persons who have given service to the school and who continue to identify with it and support it in various ways. The following persons were elected:

Harvey Beker
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PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION ON *GET*

By Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

At our 121st Annual Meeting on May 5, 1993, the congregation unanimously passed a resolution designed to put public pressure on recalcitrant husbands — and upon recalcitrant wives as well — who refused to cooperate in the giving or receiving of a *get* after a decision had been handed down in the matter by an Orthodox Rabbinical Court. Such a decision usually came after a civil divorce was already completed and the marriage had ended.

For the past 19 years, I and the other Rabbis of our congregation have been using a prenuptial agreement at every wedding which creates a civil obligation on the part of the partners to a marriage to cooperate in the giving or receiving of a *get* in the event that the marriage has been dissolved civilly. Such agreements have been endorsed by the Orthodox Caucus and by most of the modern Orthodox world.

The resolution that appears before you is slightly different from the one that we passed eight years ago. It is designed to deal with the fact that very often couples separate and get involved in very lengthy civil divorce proceedings which could go on for many years. In the meantime, their marriage has, to all intents and purposes, ended. But they are not free to carry on a normal social life. Many women have expressed a desire to receive a *get* pending the completion of a civil divorce so that they can conduct a normal social life. They also want to be freed of any anxiety over whether or not a *get* will be given.

The Rabbinical Council of America is about to pass a resolution at its National Convention next week which will deal with this situation. The resolution is essentially the same

one which appears before you. We have copied the RCA language with just a couple of small additions to fit the needs of our congregation.

The Board of Trustees of the congregation, at its most recent meeting, passed this resolution and recommended that it be presented to the Annual Meeting for adoption by the congregation as a whole. I can tell you that Rabbi Joshua Lookstein and I strongly urge that this resolution be passed in the interest of fairness to all and in order to relieve women of the fear and concern which many of them have that when everything is completed they may be left without a *get*. The fact that we don't share that fear makes it no less real for the woman. Moreover, we feel that a *get* should never be used as leverage by a husband in the negotiation process brought by a civil divorce. That was not the intention of the *Halacha* and a *get* should not be used in this way.

We have invited one of the most active young Rabbis in this field who has actually been consulting with the RCA on this matter, Rabbi Mordechai Tendler, to address this Annual Meeting on the general subject of *get* and the problems that are involved with the *get* in the modern era. Rabbi Tendler is a Rabbi in Monsey and the head of a Monsey *Beit Din*. For many years he served as the right-hand man of his renowned grandfather, the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, *zeicher Tzadik livracha*. It is very clear that Rabbi Tendler learned from his grandfather not only the *halachic* process, but also the human element in *halachic* decisions. After Rabbi Tendler's talk and any questions that may be involved, the President will submit the resolution to a vote by the membership.

NEW RESOLUTION ON GET

RESOLVED that Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun shall impose sanctions against any party who withholds consent to the issuance or receipt of a Get under the following conditions:

- A. Where a married couple have separated in contemplation of a divorce and have been living apart for a year, and
- B. One of the parties has filed for issuance of a civil divorce, and
- C. One of the parties has made a verifiable, formal written request for the unconditional termination of the marriage by execution and receipt of a Get, and
- D. The Beth Din of America or its designee has certified that the other party has refused to comply with the request for a Get and has not appeared before the Beth Din of America or its designee to explain this non-compliance within 3 (three) months following the fulfillment of the prior three conditions.

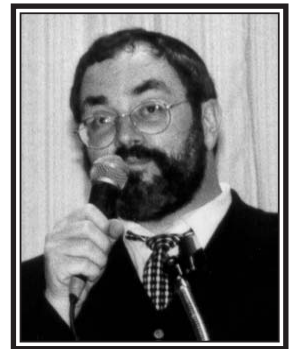
SANCTIONS

THEREUPON, our Congregation shall impose the following sanctions against the recalcitrant party:

1. He or she will not be permitted to occupy any elective or appointive position, or to serve as an employee, of the Congregation or of any of its affiliates.
2. He or she will be excluded from membership in the Congregation and all of its affiliates.
3. Other than attendance at services, he or she will not be given any honor or recognition, or be granted any right or privilege whatsoever in our liturgical services.
4. He or she will have his or her name announced on a regular monthly basis at the conclusion of Shabbat services, and published in our Bulletin, with respect to his or her refusal to comply with the request for a Get, with a call to the membership to limit their social and economic relations with him or her, until such time as he or she participates in the Get process.

PROVISO

If, at anytime after the certification set forth in (4) above, the party appears before the Beth Din of America or its designee and the Beth Din of America or its designee feels that sanctions should not be imposed, it shall, with the rabbi of the Congregation, be the determining body in this matter.



*Rabbi Mordechai Tendler
Discussing Resolution on Get*

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MARCELLINE BATLAJ BLOCK, daughter of Dr. Jenny Batlay, upon her graduation *magna cum laude* from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Literature. During her studies at Harvard, Marcelline was President of the French Club and Editor-in-Chief of the French literary magazine *L'Albatros*, which she helped create in 1997, in which her poetry, short stories and art work appeared. Marcelline received two commendations in Foreign languages (French and Swedish). A member of the Screen Actors Guild, she appeared in movies and commercials.

ADAM TOBIAS BRENNER, son of Ruth and KJ Trustee Ray Brenner and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation *summa cum laude* from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He will be pursuing a career in investment banking at J.P. Morgan in the fall.

JASON MICHAEL BRENNER, son of Ruth and KJ Trustee Ray Brenner, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. He was a member of *RamPage*, Business Investment Club and the Service Squad. Jason also played on the hockey team. He will attend the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

AVIVA J. BRIEFEL, daughter of Marie and Robert Briefel, upon receiving her Ph.D. in Philosophy in English and American Literature last December from Harvard University School of Arts and Science. She just completed her first year as Assistant Professor of 19th Century English literature at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

ABIGAIL BRYSKIN, daughter of Doina and Dr. Larry Bryskin and a

Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation with honors from the Sy Syms School of Business of Yeshiva University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

JACQUELINE CHACHOUA, daughter of Veronica Chachoua, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, where she was a member of the Chorus. Jackie will attend New York University in the fall.

DANIELLE KRENZIS COHEN, daughter of Iris and Ilan Cohen, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was a member of the Debate Team and played on the Varsity Basketball team. Danielle will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

LAUREN COHEN, daughter of Hollace and Steven Cohen and a Ramaz graduate, presently a senior at the University of Wisconsin, upon her election to Phi Beta Kappa after only her junior year. Lauren has also been elected to Golden Key National Honors Society, Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society, Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society and the National Society for Collegiate Scholars. Lauren will graduate in December, 2001 after only three and a half years with majors in both Political Science and Hebrew and a minor in Jewish Studies.

MICHAEL COHEN, son of Carole and Dr. Seymour Cohen upon his graduation from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. with a Bachelor of Arts in English. He will study the scoring of music for film in Florence, Italy this summer.

SARA L. COOPER, daughter of Rachel and Barry Cooper, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was involved in Bikur Cholim and the *Science Newspaper*. Sara will attend Cornell University in the fall.

DARA DAVENPORT, daughter of Robin Davenport and Steven Davenport and granddaughter of Ann Davenport, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She played on the Volleyball team and was a Salute to Israel Parade t-shirt design contest winner. She will attend Carnegie Mellon in the fall.

MICHAEL DAVIS, son of Rochelle and Cantor Mayer Davis and grandson of Esther and Cantor Avrum Davis, upon his election as President of the Student Council of the Sy Syms School of Business of Yeshiva University.

MICHAEL ABRAHAM DISTENFELD, son of Rita and KJ Past President Fred Distenfeld, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. He also received the Sports Award and the Dr. Irving and Dubby Shulman Derekh HaYashar Citizenship Award. Mikey was a member of the Hockey and Softball Teams, Math Team and the Business Investment Club (BIC). He will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

DANIEL EDELSTEIN, son of Shlomit and KJ President Chaim Edelstein and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from MIT with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science.

ILANA GILA ELLENBERG, daughter of Linda Ossad and Robert Ellenberg, upon her graduation from SAR. She will enter the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz in the fall.

TALIA MIRIAM FARHI, daughter of Dina and Jacques Farhi upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was a member of the Photography Club as well as the

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Holocaust Oral History Club. Talia was active on the Chesed Committee and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). She will attend Machon Gold in Israel in the fall and then continue her studies at Stern College.

ARIELA FRIEDMAN FINE, daughter of Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Judaic Studies. She will continue her studies at the Yeshiva University Azrieli Graduate School for Jewish Education and Administration.

SARA R. FISCH, daughter of Linda and Charles Fisch, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Gertrude Lookstein Eishet Chayil Award. She was a member of the Chorus. Sassy will attend Midreshet Moriah in Israel next year and then continue her studies at Stern College.

DR. NATIE FOX upon his graduation from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He will begin his internship in Ob/Gyn at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

MICHAEL JOSEPH FREEDMAN, son of Dr. Louis and Nancy (Linzer) Freedman, a former Ramaz student and grandson of Janice and Saul Linzer, upon his graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society, and Eta Kappa Nu, the national honor society for Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. This summer he is working at InterTrust Technologies Corporation in Santa Clara, California in the field of digital rights management. As a principal of the Free Haven project, he co-authored two chapters in *Peer to Peer: Harnessing the Power of Disruptive Technologies*, edited by Andy Oram and published in March,

2001. Michael will continue his studies for a Masters in Engineering at MIT in the fall.

DANIEL FRIEDMAN, son of Roslyn and Ernest Friedman, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of The Aron and Leah Swergold Memorial Award for excellence in Talmud. He plans to attend Yeshivat Har Etzion and Yeshiva University.

Yael N. Friedman, daughter of Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was a member of the basketball team and SADD. She will attend Michlelet Esther in Jerusalem in the fall.

WILLIAM NATHANIEL GALLIN, son of Nancy and Richard Gallin, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Boris Z. Gorlin Tikkun Olam Award, David Franklin Memorial Award, the Fannye Popkin Memorial Award and the Photography Award. He was Yearbook Photo Editor, as well as a member of the Science Club, Intellectual History, Historical Simulation and Politics Club. William will attend Carleton College in the fall.

ORLY GENDER, daughter of Dalia and Arie Gender and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts in Art. She will attend graduate school in Chicago in the fall.

LEWIS M. GIBOFSKY, son of Karen and Dr. Allan Gibofsky, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was a member of the Debate Team, Model Congress and Soccer Team. Lewis will attend Northwestern University in the past.

BENJAMIN ELIE GOBER, son of Ira Gober and Rachell Maidenbaum Gober, upon his graduation from the

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was Captain of the Service Squad and Vice President of the Business Investment Club. Benjie will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

BENJAMIN GOLDBERG, son of Dale and Saul Goldberg and grandson of Lili and William Goldberg, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sports Award. Ben was Co-Captain of Varsity Basketball and Junior Varsity Basketball. He will attend George Washington University in the fall.

SUSANNA GOLDFINGER, daughter of Zella and Glenn Goldfinger, upon her graduation Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude with Honors from the University of Pennsylvania, where she studied English and Comparative Literature, Culture and Theory. At Penn, Susanna was elected a Benjamin Franklin Scholar, a University Scholar and she received the 2001 Ford Foundation Award for best undergraduate essay.

NINA GRIBETZ, daughter of Jessica and Dr. Allen Gribetz and granddaughter of Dr. Nathalie and Israel Friedman, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Gertrude Lookstein Eishet Chayil Award and the Sports Award. She was Co-Captain of the Model UN and the Varsity Basketball Team. Nina was also one of the Gaba'ei Tzedakah and a Co-Chair of the Tzedakah Committee. She will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

ADAM BELZ GROVEMAN, son of Jan and Andrew Groveman, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the David Kagan Memorial Award for outstanding work and dedication to the

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scientific method. He was a member of Varsity Basketball, Choir and the Business Investment Club. Adam will attend the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

ARIEL LESLIE GROVEMAN, daughter of Jan and Andrew Groveman and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from the University of Pennsylvania.

LISA SARA GUTTMAN, daughter of Gilda and Charles Guttman and granddaughter of Mrs. Rachel Waldman, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was a member of the Service Squad, Photography Club and the Wearable Art Club. Lisa will attend Stern College in the fall.

JOSEPH E. JASPAN, son of Terry and Michael Jaspan and grandson of Mr. Norman Jaspan, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was Co-President of the Business Investment Club and Co-Editor of the Ramaz Business Journal. He participated in the Substance Abuse Awareness Program. Joseph was a writer for *The RamPage*, as well as a staff member. He was a member of the Hockey team and served as a KJ youth leader for five years. He will attend Yeshivat HaKotel in the fall, before beginning his studies at Brandeis University.

ALEXANDRA T. JOSEPH, daughter of Jessica Joseph and the late Jean-Paul Joseph, granddaughter of Mrs. Soeurette Joseph and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

RACHEL LISA KAHN, daughter of Deborah and Ramaz Chairman of the Board David N. Kahn and granddaughter of Mrs. Miriam Kahn, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of

the Dr. Irving and Dubby Shulman Derekh Hayashar Citizenship Award and the Avram J. Hellerman Memorial Bikur Cholim Award. She was one of the Gabba'ei Tzedakah, as well as Co-Chair of the Tzedakah Committee and Chair of Bikur Cholim. Rachel was also a member of the Model UN. She will attend Midreshet Lindenbaum next year, before beginning her studies at Barnard.

JONATHAN SETH KATZ, son of Sharon and KJ Associate Trustee Howard Katz, upon his graduation from MTA-Yeshiva University High School for Boys. He will attend Yeshivat Neve Zion in Israel in the fall, before pursuing a career in culinary arts at Johnson and Wales University in Miami Beach.

ZACHARY ADAM KESTENBAUM, son of Ruth and Jerry Kestenbaum, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program and recipient of the Rennselaer Medal. He received the Liselotte Samuel Gorlin Mathematics Award, as well as the Harvey Blech Memorial Award for excellence in physics. Zachary was Co-Captain of the Math Team, a member of the Chess Team and Assistant Editor of *Toses*. He will attend Columbia University in the fall.

TALIA KRAMER, daughter of Ziva and Rabbi Avraham Kramer, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award. She was Editor-in-Chief of *Toses* and the Hebrew section of the yearbook. Tali will attend Stern College in the fall.

DANIELE RUTH KURZWEIL, daughter of Vivianne and Third Vice President Robert Kurzweil and granddaughter of Mrs. Linda Hanania, upon her graduation from the Rabbi

Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was on the editorial board of *Elangage*, as well as a member of the Chorus and Co-Captain of Junior Varsity Basketball. Daniele will attend New York University in the fall.

VIVIANNE KURZWEIL upon receiving a Masters in Educational Leadership from the Bank Street Graduate School of Education in New York City.

JOANNA RACHEL LANDAU, daughter of Rhea and Dr. Leon Landau, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Richard E. Kobrin Award for Excellence in Community Service. She participated in several dramatic productions and she was a member of the Chorus. Joanna was also a member of the Raising Torah Consciousness Club. She will attend Midreshet Moriah in Israel in the fall and will then continue her studies at Stern College for Women.

ETHAN Z. LEIBOWITZ, son of Jane and Reuben Leibowitz, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He was Vice President of the school band and received the Band Award. Ethan was Co-Captain of the Math Team and a columnist for *The RamPage*. He will attend Princeton University in the fall.

ARYEH ADIN LEIFERT, son of Jaclyn and KJ Executive Director Robert Leifert and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from Brandeis University, with a degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. Aryeh was on the Dean's List, spent two years learning at Yeshivat HaKotel, and studied during his third year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He was the founding president of the Brandeis Jonathan Pollard Action Committee, founded and published *From the Middle East Lion's Den*, a

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peace process newsletter, and was the starting goaltender for the Brandeis Chiefs roller hockey team. Aryeh performed in two theatrical productions of the Hillel Theatre Group. He will begin *semicha* studies at Yeshiva University in the fall, as well as pursue a masters degree at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

LOUIS ADAM LIPNER, son of Drs. Deborah and Robert Lipner, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was Managing Editor of the Yearbook and a member of the Tennis Team. Louis will attend Brown University in the fall.

TAMARA MANN, daughter of Sharyn and Stephen Mann and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation magna cum laude from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Philosophy and Art History. She has been accepted to the Harvard Divinity School, where she will study Religious Art and Judaism.

MICHAEL MELTZER, son of Marilyn Muhlbauer and the late Thomas Meltzer and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from the Stern School of Business at NYU with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and International Business. He is pursuing a career at Bear Stearns.

DANIEL MESSELOFF, son of Esther and Jonathan Messeloff and a Ramaz graduate, upon receiving a Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law. He will join the firm of Brown, Raysman in September.

SARA MESSELOFF, daughter of Esther and Jonathan Messeloff and a Ramaz graduate, upon receiving a Masters degree in English Teaching from Teacher's College at Columbia University. She is currently an English teacher at the Ramaz Upper School.

SHARON MUSER, daughter of Ruth and Dr. David Musher and a doctoral candidate in American

History at Columbia University, upon receiving an American Association for University Women Dissertation Fellowship for the academic year 2001-2. She also had an article, entitled "Contesting 'The Way the Almighty Wants I': Crafting Memories of Ex-Slaves in the Slave Narrative Collection," published in the March edition of *American Quarterly*.

JAY JOSHUA (KOBY) OPPENHEIM, son of Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim, who was one of sixty students invited to participate in the 2001-2 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals Program. He is studying this academic year at the University of Heidelberg on a Cornell University-Heidelberg Exchange Fellowship Program for college graduates.

MELISSA LEIGH ORWASHER, daughter of Stanley and Phyllis Orwasher and granddaughter of Nellie and Louis Orwasher, upon her graduation from Beverly Hills High School.

ODELYA EDITH PAGOVICH, daughter of Talia Pagovich and the late Dr. Benjamin Pagovich and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation magna cum laude with distinction from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She is a co-author of an upcoming book on cross cultural perspectives of abuse. Odeya will continue to do research in the upcoming year and plans to attend medical school in the fall of 2002.

CINDY D. PERLMAN, daughter of Francine and David Perlman and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from New York University with a Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology. She will begin a Masters program in Speech Language Pathology at Long Island University in the fall.

JASON E. PERLMAN, son of Francine and David Perlman and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation

from the Sackler School of Medicine, New York State/American program. He is starting his pediatric residency at Long Island College Hospital.

YEHUDA ARYE POTAZNIK, son of Helen and Dr. Daniel Potaznik, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Lillian Jacobs Award for excellence in character and dedication to the spirit of Jewish ethics, as well as the Principal's Leadership Award. He was President of the Ramaz Band and received the Band Award. Yehuda was a member of the Raising Torah Consciousness Committee, the Chagigah Committee and the Alumni-Student Mishmar Club. He will attend Otneel Yeshiva in Israel and then university in Israel and make *aliyah*.

BENJAMIN RAPOPORT, son of Sandra and Dr. Samuel Rapoport, a junior at Harvard, who will be working this summer at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

EZRA RAPOPORT, son of Sandra and Dr. Samuel Rapoport, on winning the "2001 Neuroscience Creativity Prize" for his proposal to determine how sound features other than frequency and amplitude are encoded by the auditory system. Ezra was also selected as a Bronfman Fellow for the summer of 2001.

EVELYN ROCHLIN on her selection to participate in a seminar "Looking at American History From Outside, The View From Britain" at Oxford University this summer.

IVANA GENINE ROSENBERG, daughter of Sheryl Rosenberg and granddaughter of Mr. Ray Gura, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was a member of the Chorus and the Art Club. Ivana will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

TAIRE RUBIN, daughter of Carolyn and Rabbi Eliezer Rubin,

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upon her graduation from Bruria High School. She will attend Sharfmans in Israel in the fall.

EVAN BRIAN SHAFFER, son of Helene and Lloyd Shaffer, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He played basketball at Ramaz and at the YMHA throughout high school and was a member of the Business Investment Club from seventh through twelfth grades. Evan has also studied piano from first through twelfth grades. He will attend Boston University in the fall.

TAMAR STEINBERGER, daughter of Naomi and Chaim Steinberger and granddaughter of Mrs. Hadassah Markson, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was a member of the Art Club and the Chorus. Tamar will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

DAVID STERN, son of Ralou and Ronald Stern and grandson of Jane Lebell and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from the University of Michigan.

CARLA TANZ, upon completing her MBA in July at the New York University Stern School of Business.

MICHAEL TAUBER, son of Adele and Ronald Tauber, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was a member of the Photography Club. Mikey will attend Goucher

College in Maryland in the fall.

ELIOTT L. TRENCHER, son of Esther and Lewis Trencher and grandson of Dorothy Trencher, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of David Kagan Memorial Award. He was Co-Captain of the Varsity Basketball Team. Elliott will attend New York University in the fall.

ARI TUCHMAN, son of Drs. Shera and Alan Tuchman and a Ramaz graduate, upon receiving his Masters in Physics from Yale University.

MICOLE TUCHMAN, daughter of Drs. Shera and Alan Tuchman and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation

with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Yale University. She will attend New York Medical College in August.

REBECCA ANNE WEISS, daughter of Doris and Elliot Weiss and a graduate of Ramaz, upon receiving her Juris Doctor from New York Law School. She served as President of the Jewish Law Student Association and of the Uncontested Divorce Clinic. In addition, she was the recipient of a New York Law School Public Interest Fellowship. She also served as a mediator at several courts in Manhattan. Rebecca will pursue a Masters in Public Administration in the fall.

BNAI MITZVAH



JONATHAN RUSSELL BRYER

Mazel tov to Meryl Wiener and Barry Bryer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan, which took place on Saturday, June 9. He read the weekly portion of Beha'alotcha and the Haftarah.

Jonathan is entering the eighth grade of the Ramaz Middle School.



TANNER TANANBAUM

Mazel tov to Dorothy and Andrew Tananbaum on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Tanner, which took place on Saturday, June 9, in the Main Synagogue. He read the Maftir and Haftarah of the weekly portion of Beha'alotcha. He also completed the study of Pirkei Avot.

Tanner is entering the eighth grade of the Trinity School.



ADAM HART FLOMENBAUM

Mazel tov to Meredith and Dr. Neal Flomenbaum on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam, which took place on Saturday, June 16, in the Main Synagogue. He read the weekly portion of Shelach and the Haftarah. He also delivered a Dvar Torah on "Shelach L'cha - For Who?"

Adam is entering the eighth grade of the Ramaz Middle School.



OPHIRA PLATT

Mazel tov to Rivka and Dr. Morris Platt on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ophira, which took place on Sunday, June 17. She delivered a Dvar Torah on Pirkei Avot.

Ophira is entering the seventh grade of the Ramaz Middle School.

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HARRY BAUMGARTEN

son of Ellen and Frederic Baumgarten

JORDANA COHEN

daughter of Iris and Ilan Cohen

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN

son of Drs. Robert and Diana Friedman

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In Memoriam

Edward Abramson

The congregation and the Jewish community lost a special kind of human being in the passing of Ed Abramson after a dreadful illness of less than a year-and-a-half. Ed Abramson was a member of this congregation many years ago, before moving to Westchester from which he sent his son to Ramaz High School. He then moved back to our community and rejoined KJ.

A wonderful husband and father, Ed was a truly gifted lawyer, a man of brilliance in organization and management, an extremely generous person for Jewish causes and for his Alma Mater, Harvard, and a friend to whom so many turned for advice and support.

Throughout his life and including his illness, his first concern was for ideas, ideals and the well-being of the Jewish people. He died with heroic strength and left behind him a legacy of uncommon *menschlichkeit*.

In Memoriam

Estelle Goldman

We mourn the passing of a pious Jewish woman who succumbed to an illness of over 20 years. Suffering from Parkinson's, Estelle Goldman managed nevertheless to maintain as normal a life as possible. One could visit her on a Shabbat afternoon, and although she was confined to a wheelchair and was unable to make the preparations herself, she would still invite you to her Shabbat table set with fine china and filled with delicious delicacies that she had either baked herself or supervised others baking. Those of us who saw her many Shabbatot and Yamim Tovim in shul understood implicitly the heroic effort that she made to come to KJ and be part of synagogue life.

An adoring mother and grandmother, a founder of an AMIT Chaper in Detroit and a synagogue in Pittsburgh, Estelle was a vital part of the Jewish life in every community in which she lived. We were blessed by her love for our congregation even as she was blessed by some of the wonderful people from KJ who cared for her so deeply and consistently.

In Memoriam

Annette Schwartz

She struggled with illness for over 23 years and finally succumbed just four weeks before her daughter's wedding, which is scheduled for July 4th. Annette Schwartz nevertheless faced all of the vicissitudes of life with a great smile and a very optimistic personality.

Annette was, first and foremost, a family person. She was a wonderful wife to Stan, a marvelous mother to her three children and his three children, and an adoring grandmother to a host of grandchildren. Professionally, she was a high school teacher for many years who made a great impact on the lives of her students.

We will miss her smile, her sweetness, her caring about everybody and above all her great love for her family.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Diane Schulder Abrams and Paul Schulder on the passing of her father and his brother, Jacob Schulder.

Abe Esses on the passing of his father, Leo Esses.

Charles Fisch on the passing of his father, Abraham Fisch.

Sheila Freilich on the passing of her mother, Sara Freilich.

Beth Goldman on the passing of her mother, Estelle Goldman.

Norman Jaspan on the passing of his brother, Hon. Joseph Jaspan.

Dr. Norman Javitt on the passing of his brother, Jerome Jakubovitz.

Miriam Kahn on the passing of her brother, Daniel Meyers.

Loretta Mehl on the passing of her brother, Steven Klein.

Alan Nickman and Ruthe Eppler on the passing of his mother and her sister, Eileen Nickman.

Daniel Ordan on the passing of his mother, Edith Ordan.

Judy Podell on the passing of her father, Dr. Mark Rothenberg.

Dr. Jay Rothschild on the passing of his mother, Sadie Kaltbaum.

KJ Youth Director, Ari Segal on the tragic passing of his mother, Susan Segal.

Rose Simstein on the passing of her son, Leland Simstein.

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

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to:

Shoshana and Mark Baker on the birth of a son, Joshua Morris.

Lauren and Keith Breslauer of London on the birth of a daughter, Samantha Marisa.

Eden and Michael Fischman on the birth of a son, Spencer Phillip.

Stephanie and Ilya Grozovsky on the birth of a son, Levitt. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Dr. Inna Bakker.

Deborah and David Kahn on the birth of a grandson, to their children, Adi and Fred Kahn. Similar good wishes to the proud great grandmother, Mrs. Miriam Kahn.

Dr. Janice Korff and Justin Korn on the birth of a son, Derek Conor.

Naomi Lazarus on the birth of a grandson, Ethan Marc, to her children, Toby and Allan Lichtenberg.

Ruth and Hon. Joel Lewittes on the birth of a grandson, Samuel Ross, to their children, Suzanne and Ron Lewittes of Weston, Florida.

Jessica and Amiel Lindenbaum on the birth of a son, Aaron Joseph. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Jean and KJ Trustee Armand Lindenbaum.

Ruth and Ed Lukashok on the birth of a granddaughter, Sofia Lily, to their children, Jane and Michael Sabet. Similar good wishes to the proud great grandmother, Mrs. Muriel Lukashok.

Dr. Leora Mogilner and Richard Linhart on the birth of a daughter, Ariella Josie. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Rochelle Mogilner.

Sharon and KJ Outreach Director Rabbi Yitz Motechin on the birth of a son, Akiva Baruch.

Sharona and Ben Ohebshalom on the birth of a son, Ethan Samson.

Valerie and Dr. Gur Roshwalb on the birth of a daughter, Olivia Pearl. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Esther and Eugene Roshwalb.

Leslie and Ricardo Salmon on the birth of a son, Mathias Ariel.

Katherine and Raphael Sidelsky on the birth of a son, Ethan Alexander.

Beth Goldman and Louis Solomon on the birth of a daughter, Lia Adielle.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to:

Lea and Frank Debora on the engagement of their son, David, a Ramaz graduate, to Dalia Zamoszczyk, daughter of Aida and David Zamoszczyk.

Robert Caplan on her engagement to Morry Krantz.

Ronnie and Samuel Heyman and Mrs. Eve Propp on the engagement of their children, Eleanor Heyman to Rodney Propp.

E. Magnus and Raquel Oppenheim on the engagement of their son, Shimon, to Elissa Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gross of Minneapolis.

Stanley Schwartz on the engagement of Julia Fried, daughter of the late Annette Schwartz, to Kenneth Hendel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hendel of Delray Beach, Florida.

Alan Swerdloff on his engagement to Jill Feldman, daughter of Leon and Barbara Feldman of Chicago.

May these weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to:

Iris and Dr. Jeffrey Margolin on the marriage of their son, Dr. Jonathan Margolin to Rachel Nachamovsky, daughter of Miriam and Avram Nachamovsky of Brooklyn.

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

Judy and Dr. Alfred Tanz on the marriage of their daughter, P.J. to Dr. Brian Slomovitz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Slomovitz of Westfield, New Jersey.

May they enjoy their marriages with happiness and blessing.

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazel tov to Ceil and Dr. Bernard Kabakow on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Tova Raizel, daughter of Etta and Avraham Winer and the Bar Mitzvah in Israel of their grandson, Gedalya Chaim, son of Batya and Rabbi Daniel Kohn.

Mazel tov to Barbara and Ira Nadler on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Emma Leora Lebwohl, daughter of Sherri and Nate Lebwohl which took place on Shavuot. She read the Book of Ruth.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Carolyn and KJ Associate Trustee David Levy who received the Ohava Torah Award at the Annual Dinner of the West Side Kollel, which took place on Sunday, April 29, at Lincoln Square Synagogue.

Dr. Cheryl Fishbein and Philip Schatten for being the recipients of the Joseph W. Press Humanitarian Award presented by the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst at its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, June 13, at the Bridgewaters.

Roselyn Weitzner and her daughter, Lilly Icikson, who were guests of honor at the Yeshiva University Women's Organization Annual Spring Luncheon and Ballet Benefit at the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center on Wednesday, June 13.

James S. Tisch, who was honored by UJA-Federation of New York at a special cocktail reception at the Waldorf on Monday, June 18, for having completed a three-year term as president of the organization. Jim has performed outstanding service for the New York community and for the Jewish community in general during these past three years.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Dr. Andrea P. Thau on her election as President of the New York State Optometric Association at its 106th annual Congress. She is the first female to hold this office since the association was established in 1895.



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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>
June					
29-30	Chukat	8:13 pm	6:45 pm	8:10 pm	9:15 pm
July					
6-7	Balak	8:12 pm	6:45 pm	8:10 pm	9:13 pm
13-14	Pinchas	8:10 pm	6:45 pm	8:05 pm	9:10 pm
20-21	Matot-Masei	8:05 pm	6:45 pm	8:00 pm	9:04 pm
27-28	Devarim, Shabbat Chazon	7:59 pm	6:45 pm	7:55 pm	8:57 pm
August					
3-4	Va'etchanan, Shabbat Nachamu	7:52 pm	6:45 pm	7:50 pm	8:49 pm
10-11	Eikev	7:44 pm	6:45 pm	7:40 pm	8:38 pm
17-18	Re'eh	7:33 pm	6:45 pm	7:30 pm	8:28 pm
24-25	Shoftim	7:23 pm	6:45 pm	7:20 pm	8:17 pm
September					
Aug. 31-1	Ki Tetze	7:12 pm	6:45 pm	7:00 pm	8:06 pm
7-8	Ki Tavo	7:00 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	7:54 pm
14-15	Nitzavim	6:49 pm	6:45 pm	6:35 pm	7:42 pm

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 June 1 - Sept 14 6:45 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER**Wednesday, July 4**

Independence day
Morning Services at 8:30 am

Sunday, July 8**FAST OF 17TH OF TEVET**

Fast begins at 4:21 am
Morning Services at 8:30 am
Evening Services at 8:10 pm
Fast ends at 9:20 pm

Saturday, July 21

Rosh Chodesh Av
Morning Services at 9:00 am

Saturday, July 28**TISHA B'AV EVE**

Fast begins at 8:15 pm
Shabbat ends at 8:57 pm

Sunday, July 29**TISHA B'AV**

Morning Services at 8:30 am
Mincha at 7:50 pm
Fast ends at 8:53 pm

Sunday, August 19

Rosh Chodesh Elul
Morning Services at 8:30 am

Monday, August 20

Rosh Chodesh Elul
Morning Services at 7:00 am

Monday, September 3 - Labor Day

Morning Services at 8:30 am

Saturday, September 8

Selichot Services at 10:00 pm

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