



DR. NORMAN LAMM ADDRESSES HISTORIC ANNUAL MEETING SAME OFFICERS TO CONTINUE TO LEAD KJ

On the eve of his retirement as President of Yeshiva University, Dr. Norman Lamm addressed the 130th Annual Meeting of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. His appearance was in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the opening of our Main Synagogue which was completed in 1902. Rabbi Lamm took the

opportunity to reminisce about his half century in the rabbinate which began when he was a rabbinic assistant to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein here at Kehilath Jeshurun in 1952. There were many members of the congregation present who recalled when he served in that capacity. It was an excellent opportunity for our members to wish

Rabbi Lamm well in his future endeavors. Although Dr. Lamm maintained a close relationship with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and the congregation, it was further enhanced during the 1990's when his son-in-law, Rabbi Mark Dratch, also served as a rabbi of the congregation.

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ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN SENIORS ARE GRADUATED FROM RAMAZ FORTY EIGHT TO SPEND NEXT YEAR IN ISRAEL OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS RECORD AND HONORS ACHIEVED BY THE SENIOR CLASS

At the graduation exercise of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School on June 19, 114 seniors received their diplomas. Of that number, 48 will be spending next year studying at a variety of Torah institutions in Israel. That is an astonishing number given the current security situation in Israel. It indicates the extent of the commitment of the young people and their parents to Israel, and to the opportunities offered to high school graduates these days to deepen their Jewish and religious roots by spending a year of uninterrupted Torah study in the Holy Land.

The students will be studying at the following institutions:

Women:

Machon Gold
Michlelet Mevaseret
Yerushalayim
Midreshet HaRova
Migdal Oz
Midreshet Lindenbaum
Midreshet Moriah

Men:

Yeshivat Hakotel
Yeshivat Har Etzion
Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh
Yeshivat Lev HaTorah
Yeshivat Birkat Moshe
Yeshivat Ma'ale Gilboa
Yeshivat Sha'arei
Mevaseret Zion
Yeshivat Torat Shraga

HONORS FOR THE SENIOR CLASS

We are proud to announce that three members of the senior class were winners in the National Merit Scholarship program while an additional four were finalists in this competition. In addition to these seven winners and finalists, there are 23 seniors who received Letters of Commendation in the Merit Scholarship Competition. In other words, 25 percent of the class was honored for their academic achievements in this prestigious program.

The seniors will attend the following colleges in multiple numbers beginning either in September 2002 or 2003:

Barnard	Maryland	Rochester
Boston	MIT	Rutgers
University	McGill	Stern
Brandeis	Michigan	SUNY
Columbia	NYU	Syracuse
Cornell	Oberlin	Tufts
Dartmouth	University of	Williams
George	Pennsylvania	Yale
Washington	Princeton	Yeshiva
Harvard	Queens (University	University
Hopkins	Scholar)	

SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JUNE 27 - JULY 18, 2002

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 10, and continue until midday on the tenth day of Av, July 19, 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

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Fast Begins	4:15 AM
Shacharit	6:50 AM
Mincha	8:10 PM
Fast Ends	9:12 PM

TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 17, Tisha B'Av Eve

Fast Begins	8:10 PM
Mincha Services	8:20 PM

Followed by:

Ma'ariv and Eicha

Thursday, July 18, Tisha B'Av

Morning Services	7:00 AM
Followed by Kinot	
Evening Services	8:00 PM
Conclusion of Fast	9:04 PM

HIGH HOLY DAY SEAT RESERVATIONS DUE NOW

Kehilath Jeshurun will once again be holding High Holy Day services in four locations. 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.

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 8.

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.

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TISHA B'AV
WORKSHOP

Monday, June 24

8:00 PM

By Rabbi Joshua Cypess



SUMMER 2022



A TASTE OF TORAH AT KJ

Tuesdays	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Studies in the Weekly Portion
Tuesdays	8:00 - 9:00 pm	The Beauty of Jewish Law
Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Profit from the Prophets: King David
Wednesday	8:00 - 9:00 pm	Jewish History: The Jewish Experience in America, 1891-1939

DATES (7 Weeks)

June 25, 26 July 2, 3 July 16 (17th is Erev Tisha B'Av)
 July 23, 24 July 30, 31 August 6, 7 August 13, 14

Rabbi Yossi Weiser
Senior Faculty Member
Ramaz Upper School

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 four "courses":

- 1. STUDIES IN THE WEEKLY PORTION (Tuesday, 7-8 pm)**
Come and explore the beauty of Torah through an exciting analysis of the rich messages in the portion that is read each Shabbat morning.
- 2. THE BEAUTY OF JEWISH LAW (Tuesday, 8-9 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 dimensions of Halacha through Responsa literature from Talmudic times (100-500 C.E.) until today. Topics will include: Surrogate Parenthood, "Occupied Territories?", Loshon Hara vs. Freedom of the Press, Dual Loyalty: Jewish Americans vs. American Jews.
- 3. PROFIT FROM THE PROPHETS: KING DAVID (Wednesday, 7-8 pm)**
The books of the Prophets offer a feast of unparalleled insights and inspiration, through the lives of our greatest men and women. We will study the second book of Samuel, beginning with the coronation of King David, and address David and Batsheba, the conquest of Jerusalem, and other exciting topics too numerous to mention.
- 4. JEWISH HISTORY: THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA, 1881-1931 (Wednesday, 8-9 pm)**
Eighteen eighty-one begins a new epic in Jewish history - the mass migration of our grandparents' generation to the New World. Join us in exploring the exciting challenges they faced and the forces that shaped the world we live in today, the forces that have made American Jewry the most influential in history even as we seem to be disappearing.

Come and feast your souls! No charge.

130TH ANNUAL MEETING

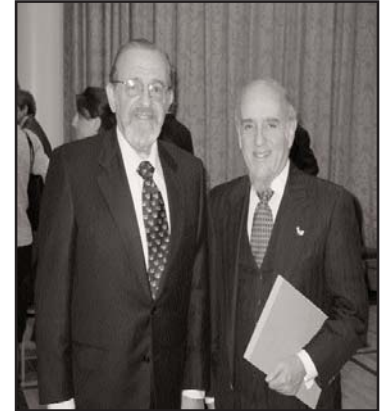
EIGHT OFFICERS CONTINUE

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The Nominating Committee included past president Benjamin Brown as chairman, as well as past president Sandy Eisenstat, current president Chaim Edelstein, current officers Dr. Larry Baruch and Dr. Diana Friedman, as well as Trustees Kenneth Rochlin and Surie Sugarman.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED TO THE SAME POSITIONS FOR THE 2002-2003 CONGREGATIONAL YEAR ARE:

<i>President</i>	Chaim Edelstein
<i>First Vice President</i>	Isaac Sherman
<i>Second Vice President</i>	Rae Gurewitsch
<i>Third Vice President</i>	Robert Kurzweil
<i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Larry Baruch
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Brian Haimm



TWO OFFICERS SWITCHED POSITIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR. THEY ARE:

<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Dr. Diana Friedman
<i>Treasurer</i>	Eric Feldstein



TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE VACANCIES

Four members of the Board of Trustees have vacated their positions having served the constitutional limit on the Board. They are:

Karen Gibofsky	Dr. Norman Magid
Armand Lindenbaum	Dr. Steven Rudolph

Thus, there were four vacancies on the Regular Board.

The following trustee terms have expired and these trustees are eligible for reelection:

Reuben Davis	Eugene Major
Richard E. Kobrin	William Rosner
Edward Low	Robert Rothman

They were reelected unanimously.

TRUSTEES ELECTED

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

Jane Gol	Scott Shay
Marshall Huebner	Deena Shiff



130TH ANNUAL MEETING

ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES APPOINTED

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

Sid Banon	Howard Katz
Dan Bettinger	Sheila Levine
Isaac Corre	Sandra Rapoport
Jacob Doft	Anne Schwartz
Rena Hoffman	Daniel Schwartz

NEW ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES

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

Jonathan Blinks	Robin Mehl
John Lieberman	David Stonehill
Morris Massel	

DECEASED MEMBERS

With warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein paid tribute to fifteen members of the congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 129th Annual Meeting.

Those members memorialized were:

Samuel Borenstein	Philip Jadek
Bernard Fischman	Ellyn Radel
Dr. Nathalie Friedman	Annette Schwartz
Martin Klein	Lilly Smilow
Julius Miller	Arthur Stein-Kohler
Estelle Goldman	Bella Wexner
Raymond Gura	Bertha Witkin
Carl Henry	

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIANS

Fifteen 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

Mildred Hostyk	Betty Moss
Mordie Mann	Herman Smilow

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Ernest Apfelbaum	Ruth and Edward Lukashok
Paula and Barry Apfelbaum	Judith and Ben Milstein
Ruth and Marvin Davenport	Martha and Dr. Eli Schlessel
Steven Davenport	Melvin Stein
Sheila Freilich	Rachel Waldman
Ann and Hon. Jerome Hornblass	

NEW MEMBERS

A significant number of new members joined the congregation this past year and were officially approved and welcomed at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Diana Friedman, then Treasurer of the congregation, welcomed the following new members:

Harleigh and David Allouch
Joy Yudofsky Behr
Geila and David Bernstein
Hanna and Dr. Ezra Berry
Jennifer and Jason Eichenholz
Sara and Andrew Feldschreiber
Drs. Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich
Aliza and Ronald Goldgewert
Alison and Jeffrey Granowitz
Alexandra and Moshe

Hocherman
Janegail and James Kahn
Dr. Julie A. Karp
Jaime Kelstein
Susan Kelstein
Ilana and Jonathan Kroll
Rachel Leibowitz
Michael E. Lewittes
Chaya and Lorne Lieberman
Alyssa and Michael Mandel
Dr. Fredric Miller
David Mirsky
Joyce and Edward Misrahi
Daniella and Jonathan Muller
Judith Notovitz
Anat and Hanan Ofer
Gil Pagovich
Julie Steiner and Kovi Pine
Stephanie and Richard Pomerantz
Nadine Rosenthal
Shida and Afshin Sachmechian
Robert Schlaff
Melissa and Alon Shein
Jonathan Shiff
Ronnie and William Slochowsky
Sanford Smokler
Nancy and Stephen Snell
Rabbi Efray Spectre
Jennifer and David Tawil
Laura Tobocman
Elizabeth and Joshua Trump
Dr. Sylvie and Arie Zask
Dr. Micha Ziprkowski

KEHILATH JESHURUN AND ISRAEL: "WE ARE OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS"

"In addition to everything else that we have done as a congregation religiously, educationally, and socially, we have focused this year on responding to the critical condition of our brothers and sister in Israel and the danger implicit in the attack on America on September 11th."

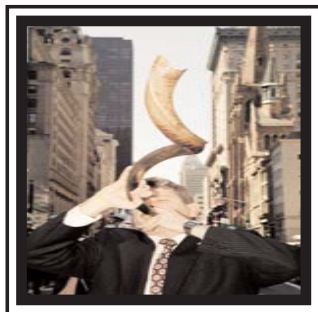
A TORAH FROM KJ TO NAHARIYA

Operation L'Hitraot VII this past Shavuot saw the members of KJ and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein bring a Torah to Israel and donate it to Yeshivat Hesder in Nahariya. Nahariya has been on the confrontation line since 1948 and has been subject to many suicide attacks, ambush shootings, and the actual murders of a number of families. The yeshiva is equally committed to learning Torah, service in the Israel Defense Forces, and community involvement.

Most of the yeshiva's eighty-two students made the one hundred and twenty five mile trip to Yerushalayim for the transfer ceremony. They met the KJ group at the Inbal hotel. There was a magical sense surrounding the singing and dancing of the Yeshiva students as well as the energetic efforts of the members of KJ. It showed a real love of Torah and Eretz Yisrael as well as Am Yisrael.

This Torah was used for the first time by the Hesder students on Shavuot morning. Now that we have a special bond with this yeshiva, it is their hope that members of KJ will come and visit them when coming to Israel.

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE



Dr. Norman Magid, Baal Tokea of the Main Synagogue at KJ is seen here blowing the shofar to start the 2002 Salute to Israel Day Parade up Fifth Avenue.

ISRAEL NEEDS YOU NOW

Looking for meaningful and creative opportunities to help Israel? Join KJ's newly formed Israel Action Committee and help coordinate projects and initiatives to benefit the people of Israel in the land of Israel. Contact Raanan Agus at Raanan.Agus@gs.com to participate. You are encouraged to send Raanan specific proposals and suggestions, and be prepared to put in an energetic effort.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?

The money that is ordinarily spent by the congregation at Shavuot time to beautify the center *bima* has been donated by Rabbi Ari Segal to Israeli terror victims in memory of his mother Sarah Charna bat Gittel, who was tragically killed one year ago.

THE SEEDS OF SOLIDARITY

In an effort to make Shavuot in Israel special this year, we invited members of the congregation to participate in the "Seeds of Solidarity" program through which a bouquet of flowers could be sent to the families of Israeli terror victims, IDF soldiers, family and friends.

OUR MISSIONS' MISSION

With our, thus far, seven missions to Israel, we have gone to observe Shabbat and Yomim Tovim in Jerusalem, to see and to be seen and to spend money to help the local economy and to give shopkeepers a better chance of staying in business. We are aware that Israelis who have not been physically harmed as a result of incessant Palestinian attacks are nonetheless suffering great economic hardship. All members of KJ are encouraged to go on a future mission with us.

THE RALLY IN WASHINGTON

Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz gave incredible support to the April 15 rally in Washington. We actually filled 31 buses with approximately 1,500 people. In addition, there must have been another 500 of our members at the rally who came either on their own by car, train, air, or with other organizations. More than 150,000 people attended the rally. We took great satisfaction in being counted among the huge crowd. We are proud of the sensational leadership role of our community in the overall success of this tremendous effort.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF GIFT

The KJ Sisterhood recently launched an initiative to replace, for the foreseeable future, Shabbat and Yom Tov hospitality gifts such as wine and flowers. The replacement is in the form of Israel Tzedakah cards.

The purpose of this twenty-dollar card is not to accompany a host gift but rather to be the gift.

The text of the handsome card reads: *In appreciation of your warm hospitality, the Sisterhood of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun has made a contribution in your honor to directly support humanitarian efforts in Israel.* Every penny raised by these cards will be donated by the Sisterhood to a charitable cause in Israel which will help improve the quality of a Jew's life there which currently, is a meaningful gift in and of itself.

This program will have a double effect. First it will raise money for a Jew in Israel and will also have the effect of helping the Israeli economy. Secondly it will elevate the kedusha of each Shabbat and Yom Tov meal by making them vehicles of tzedakah in a time of crisis.

KEHILATH JESHURUN AND ISRAEL: "WE ARE OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS"

"NOT ALL THE NEWS IS FIT TO PRINT"

We launched a campaign last June to encourage people to suspend their subscriptions to the New York Times from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur and to notify the *Times* that the reason for that suspension is our objection to their consistently biased reporting of news from Israel. We believe that more than 10,000 people followed our lead in this campaign.

MORE ABOUT THE TIMES

We have launched a second campaign to send a message to *The New York Times*. That campaign actually began through a decision made by the KJ Board of Trustees at its most recent meeting.

We have adopted a policy that we will suspend the publication of obituaries in the *Times* from now on. Family notices may, of course, be placed for information. But we are calling on all Jewish organizations, including our congregation to stop honoring members by memorial notice in the *Times*.

BEN YEHUDAH COMES TO 85TH STREET

The merchants in Israel, particularly the ones we know on the Ben Yehudah pedestrian mall, have been hit hard economically by the crisis in Israel. Under the leadership of Riva Alper and Stacey Scheinberg, the KJ Sisterhood organized the "Midrachov on East 85th Street." Fourteen shopkeepers were brought here by the congregation and the Sisterhood to sell their merchandise in a one day Midrachov in our Heyman Auditorium and Riklis Social Hall. Thousands of people came through the synagogue that day and sales were

estimated to be upwards of \$100-150,000.

One shopkeeper, Uri said "Even if I do not sell one item, this offer is enough. Just knowing that there are people in America spending their days thinking of ways to help us, is overwhelming."

The Midrachov was a huge success and has stimulated many other communities across America to follow our example and conduct their own

SONS OF KEHILATH JESHURUN



Eliezer Magid, son of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Magid, and David Speiser, son of Mark and Dr. Phyllis Speiser, both now serving in the Israel Defense Forces.

Midrachov programs. The program was held all day on Mother's Day and the theme was "this mother's day, take your mother to Israel on East 85th Street," where you can buy your favorite Israeli products and support Israeli businesses!

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR GASOLINE?

MAJOR COMPANIES IMPORTING MIDDLE EASTERN OIL FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2000 - AUGUST 31, 2001 AND THE AMOUNTS THEY IMPORTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Shell:	205,000,000 barrels
Chevron/Texaco:	144,000,000 barrels
Exxon/Mobil:	130,000,000 barrels
Marathon:	117,000,000 barrels
Amoco:	62,000,000 barrels

If you do the math, at \$30 a barrel, these imports amount to over \$18 billion.

Here are some large companies who do not import Middle Eastern Oil:

Citgo:	0 barrels
Sunoco:	0 barrels
Conoco:	0 barrels
Sinclair:	0 Barrels
BP/ Philips:	0 barrels

All of this information is available from the Department of Energy and is documented. Refineries located in the United

States are required to state where they get their oil and how much they are importing. This information is reported on a monthly basis.

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LEV TOV: A GOOD HEART

By Riva Alper
President, KJ Sisterhood

Before Stacy and I assumed our tenure, we spoke often about ideas for the Sisterhood: different fund-raising options, health symposia, trying to make programs of interest — and inclusive — for all our members, ways to make the purpose of the Sisterhood better known to the community and more.

We got off to a late start. Our first meeting took place on November 5, in the shadow of the shock and destruction of 9/11. At the time, I recalled the words of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, who said in one of his High Holiday sermons that it was now our responsibility to “repair” the damage done to our lives by doing good deeds to counteract the evil behind the event which claimed so many lives. This idea of *Tikun* is not a new one. It is mentioned in the *Alenu* prayer, and I think it is something we try to effect in our everyday lives.

Seven months later, I can tell you that some of our goals are still works in progress, but when it comes to *Tikkun* we have made a difference and I will tell you how I know.

Not long ago, someone connected with our Midrachov had occasion to shop at the store of one of our vendors. When the proprietor found out who she was, he wanted to give her a large discount on her purchase. She told him that considering the economic climate and the fact that the Midrachov is still a shadow of its former self, she appreciated his generosity but preferred to pay the full price.

He looked at her and said: “The Rambam speaks about seven levels of *Tzedakah*. The highest level is when one gives someone in need a job, so that he need not rely on anyone for a handout. I feel this is just what KJ did for us. They gave us the opportunity to earn our living and to do our jobs. They treated us with kindness and dignity.

THE MIDRACHOV

Shoppers from as far away as Toronto and Florida knew a good deal when they heard one: a trip to the big city, a chance to show Mom a good time on Mother’s Day, buy lovely items from Israel and help beleaguered Israeli shop owners, all at the same time. So what if it was raining and a few street fairs and a parade had to be dodged. Over eight thousand people enthusiastically made their way to “The Midrachov on East 85th Street” at KJ on May 12th and purchased vast quantities of Israeli items including jewelry, Judaica, t-shirts, artwork, hats, clothing, posters and thousands of kippot in every conceivable style and color.

Organized by the KJ Sisterhood and led by Riva Alper, Stacy Scheinberg and Alice Smokler, the idea for “The Midrachov” developed after the recent Rally for Israel in Washington DC. Inspired by the Rally and concern over the devastation to small businesses in the Ben Yehuda harea of Jerusalem, the Sisterhood leadership had the idea to sell Israeli merchandise to help, in some small way, the Israeli economy. Soon, the decision was made to bring actual Israeli vendors with their wares to KJ to sell the items themselves. Organized

in only two weeks, the turnout for the event, fueled by word of mouth, newspaper ads and an article in the *Jewish Week*, surpassed everyone’s expectations. None were more surprised than the vendors themselves who were overwhelmed not only by the sheer volume of customers — many “shops” ran out of merchandise only a few hours into the event — but also by the tremendous show of support by American Jewry.

Covered on local newscasts, in *The New York Times* and the *Jewish Week*, word of the great success of the day has traveled virtually all over the country, and to Israel and back. The Sisterhood leadership has been besieged by requests from other congregations for advice and guidance on how to create their own “Midrachovs.” Visitors to Israel on the recent KJ mission came back with effusive and emotional thanks from the participating vendors who feel their businesses have been given a critical boost by the infusion of revenue. At the same time, they have spread the word in Israel of both the tremendous efforts on the part of the congregation — and the support American Jews have shown Israel.

They made us feel as though we were doing them a favor by coming to sell our merchandise.”

The outpouring of support for our community was such, he said, that he and the other vendors felt that even if they hadn’t sold a single thing, the way our community made them feel would have been enough.

He went on to say that he always considered himself a “Tov Lev,” one who acts with heartfelt kindness. Until he came here. When he felt the care and concern exhibited by everyone with whom he came in contact, he realized there was still room for self improvement. “Therefore,” he said, “if I choose to give you a discount, I am not only doing it for you. This is something I feel I need to do for me.

It’s a small way in which I can begin to repay an enormous kindness.

When I heard this story I was really touched. To have had the opportunity to be a part of the Midrachov was awesome. That so many communities want to follow suit and sponsor their own vendor fairs is the icing on the cake. But the fact that someone was able to look upon this as more than a money-making venture, and the Sisterhood had a hand in effecting this is truly our crowning glory.

So we have come full circle. We have taken Rabbi Lookstein’s words to heart and have affected *Tikkun*. This is something in which every Sisterhood member has had a hand. It was an opportunity for all of us to demonstrate our “Lev Tov.”

GREAT "HELP ISRAEL" WEBSITES

1) www.walk4israel.com supports victims of terror.

2) www.shopinisrael.com,
www.shop4israel.com,
and www.israeldirect.com
Gives worldwide Jewry the opportunity to shop in Israel.

3) Join MID-PAC, a very effective pro-Israel lobbying group, by contacting midpac@hotmail.com.

4) A Package from Home
www.apackagefromhome.org
sends packages to front line soldiers in Israel.

5) www.fly-a-cake.com
sends gift baskets to hospitalized victims of terror all over Israel.

6) www.helpingisrael.com
A public service news, information and crisis center that provides a means to directly assist the people of Israel in times of national emergency.

7) Your Guide to Israeli Internet
www.iguide.co.il
is a search engine dedicated to Israeli web sites. Use this site to find florists, Judaica and all things Israeli.

8) www.judaicawebstore.com
is an online emporium for Judaica, beauty products (including Ahava and Sea Beauty), etc. www.judaica.org.il is another such site located in Gush Etzion.

9) www.mnmrose.com/price.html
M and M Roses - Roses direct from Israel.

10) www.mr-t.co.il Israel Army-Navy store: T-shirts, kippot, army supplies, pins, insignias, etc. This store, loved by all Israel summer tour participants, is located on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem.

11) www.aipac.org offers a very easy way to generate letters and e-mails to various people in political life in support of Israel.

12) Check an online Israeli newspaper at least once every day. Try the Jerusalem Post at www.jpost.com or Ha'aretz at www.haaretzdaily.com or Arutz-7 at www.israelnationalnews.com.

13) Subscribe to any number of media watch organizations such as Debka (www.debka.com) or Camera

CAN RELIGIOUS ZIONISTS LIVE IN THE DIASPORA?

By Rabbi Joshua Lookstein

Can one truly be a religious Zionist and yet live in the diaspora? It is an age-old question that aggravates people for various reasons. Some feel tremendous guilt, while others think that the question oversimplifies the reality, which it likely does. Are there really only two points on a line, both at opposite ends, or is it a true line, made up of multiple viewpoints along the way?

I have struggled with this question for many years. During the last 13 years, I have lived in Israel for three. During that time, the Religious Zionist values that I received both at home and in school were actualized. I, like thousands like me, became attached to the land, the state and the people. Upon returning home from each lengthy experience, I had to deal with my mixed emotions: the feeling of missing Israel combined with the reality and comfort of living in America. The issue was black and white. Either you lived there or here and there's not much in between.

These last two years at KJ have significantly altered my thinking on the subject. I now believe there is a middle ground. I am not ready to equate those who live in America and offer continuous physical and monetary support to Israel with those who have made sacrifices to live there, yet I am certain that there is little similarity between the first group and typical "armchair Zionists," as some have called those who talk a good game but in effect do not do much in the way of support of Israel.

This community has quite simply been a model to other diaspora communities. Mission after mission with hundreds of people in total, at

times when other communities were getting very few and still others were canceling programs, prayer services, speakers from every area of life in Israel, significant financial help to multiple individuals, institutions and communities. The last couple of years, when the going got tough, we got going in a big way. There were certainly no armchairs left to be found.

But this change in perspective was solidified a few weeks ago after services on Shabbat morning, the day before the Midrachov. Two of the vendors who stayed with us for Shabbat approached me after davening completely overwhelmed by the service. "There was so much Israel," they said. "Every other word was 'Israel.' A prayer for the government, a prayer for the soldiers, a psalm for the country, a speech about Israel, a comment about Israel. It was all Israel." And then they added, "We didn't expect it."

A few years ago I wouldn't have known to expect it either. Even if I had, I may not have been sensitive enough to recognize it. It is a natural tendency to look at what our brothers and sisters in Israel are going through and, as a result, to look at our actions as insignificant. Are we going through what they are going through? No. Are our actions insignificant? Absolutely not. They are affecting the lives of Israelis and our lives as Religious Zionists.

Kol HaKavod to Zahal. *Kol HaKavod* to Israel, and yes, *Kol HaKavod* to us. May our communities in Israel always grow and, who knows? Maybe in the future we can show our commitment to Israel side by side with its people.

(www.camera.org) or Palestinian Media Watch (pmw@pmw.org.il) or Memri (www.memri.org) or Honest Reporting (www.honestreporting.com) or Israel Resources News Agency (media@actcom.co.il).

14) See groups.yahoo.com/group

/Prayers-InjuredVAT (the contact person there is silvers_avraham@yahoo.com) for an updated list of names of terror victims in critical or serious condition, with an eye towards saying prayers for them during davening.

A RENEWED COMMITMENT FROM GRATITUDE

PART OF THE REMARKS DELIVERED BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

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ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

On his fortieth anniversary in the rabbinate, the late Rabbi Israel Goldstein, who was known for his lengthy speeches, was delivering a special anniversary sermon in B'nai Jeshurun. A man came in during the sermon, slipped into his seat in the back and listened. After a while, he turned to his neighbor and asked, "How long has he been speaking?" "For forty years" was the answer. "Oh well," said the newcomer, "I guess he can't go on much longer."

I couldn't help remembering that story that my father, of blessed memory, loved to tell, when I read my son, Josh's front page article in the current *Bulletin* which reads: "Rabbi Lookstein will deliver a special seventieth birthday sermon on Shabbat Zachor. He will review his seventy year history in KJ."

I silently hoped that the readers of the *Bulletin* would either skip that paragraph entirely or would at least appreciate Josh's wry sense of humor. Otherwise, the last place anyone would have wanted to be is in KJ this Shabbat.

So what is appropriate for a brief seventieth birthday sermon?

Perhaps there is a timely message from Megillat Esther. The Megillah, in Chapter 9, says that the Jews confirmed and accepted the practice of observing Purim at the appointed times. The Gemara, however, understands something more fundamental in this "confirmation and acceptance" (Shabbat, 88a). "Even though the Jewish people accepted the Torah with the mountain raised above their heads (at Mount Sinai), they nevertheless accepted it again in the days of Achashveirosh, as it is written: "they confirmed and accepted," i.e., they reconfirmed what they had previously accepted.

What the Talmud is trying to say is that the acceptance of the Torah at Sinai was a valid acceptance, but it came under external pressure. There was a force from the outside that was pressing upon them. The acceptance of the Torah once again at Purim time was a voluntary, inner response of gratitude. The Jews knew that they were saved from annihilation. They knew that their salvation came from God and from a commitment to Torah (remember that Mordechai refused to bow down to Haman), from fasting and from courage. And so now they renewed their commitment out of a sense of gratitude — *hakarat ha'tov*.

As a child growing up with my sister in our parents' home, I accepted upon myself the yoke of the kingdom of heaven — but that acceptance came from external sources. It was given to me and I accepted it.

The same was true of my education at Ramaz. Did I really appreciate Rabbi Bronznick then? He was such a genius. But who knew that? We gave him fits. Only later did we fully realize what we had. In any event, I did what I was supposed to do.

But now, looking back with some perspective, I realize the power of God's providence.

1. I recognize the privilege of having grown up in a parental home that set standards and a philosophy of life for me. I appreciate uncles and aunts who had a great influence on me: my great grandfather, the RaMaz, whom I never really knew; and a maternal grandfather who taught me to love *davening* and reading the Torah, and Jewish music. Many of you remember him — Mr. Schlang.

2. I appreciate the gift of an education at Ramaz. I appreciate the teachers whom I was privileged to have: Rav Soloveitchik, who made

such a critical difference in my life; Nechama Leibowitz, whom I had the privilege of knowing and in whose *shiurim* I learned anew how to analyze Chumash; Mr. Adler, who taught me precision, correctness in *davening* and Torah reading; yes, and Shlomo Schulsinger and Massad Camps where I got so much of my feeling for the rabbinate.

3. I have a new appreciation of the blessing of marriage. My father always said to his students in practical rabbinics: "The most important decision a young rabbi makes is his choice of wife." Thank God, my father-in-law enabled me to choose wisely and convinced Audrey to accept. She has made all the difference in the world in my life. Nothing that I have today would have been possible without her.

4. I appreciate the blessing of my seven children and now, thank God, twelve grandchildren, all of them committed to the same things in which I believe. And, of course, I appreciate the special blessing of having my own son following me in the pulpit of KJ.

5. Finally, I appreciate the gift of having the opportunity to spend my entire professional life in this community, in this shul, and in Ramaz, with colleagues who are so extraordinary. To work together, to know that 27 years ago Cantor Davis and his family came to this shul and made such a critical difference in the nature of this community. To have the privilege of working all of these years with Noam Shudofsky, with Rabbi Rubin, and with so many others.

This congregation is *Gan Eden*. It is unique in the Jewish world. It's a place without politics, without divisiveness. It is pure pleasure to work here. Rabbi Abraham Twerski cautions rabbis about burnout and tells

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us that one should make sure that most of one's emotional support comes from outside the congregation. I don't know how it works for other rabbis, but I am happy that my emotional support comes from right here, *ashre yoshvei veitecha* — fortunate is the rabbi whose fulfillment comes from his family, and that includes his extended family.

Maybe I shouldn't work quite as hard. I am something of a workaholic. But *sipuk nefesh*? On the outside? The possibility of burnout? I really don't know what Rabbi Twerski is talking about.

There is so much more to be grateful for — to live in an era when the State of Israel came into being. To have the privilege of devoting twenty years of our lives to the struggle to free Soviet Jews. This is one of the occasions in life when one has the perspective of *hakarat ha'tov*. "I sing to God because He has bestowed so much upon me."

So — the people in Purim time reconfirmed what they had previously accepted. As a young person I accepted the responsibility of *mitzvot* and God's Kingship because they were thrust upon me. Now, in profound gratitude to my family, my teachers, this congregation, the Ramaz family and, most of all, to God, I renew the commitment in a much more profound way. I hope that God gives me the health and vigor to continue to serve Him and His people — especially this community — and to enjoy the blessings of the Torah with Audrey, with our children and grandchildren, with our family, and with all of you whom I love with all my heart. Amen!

RABBI BARRY GELMAN TO LEAD OUR BEGINNERS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS NEXT YEAR

We are very happy to announce the appointment of Rabbi Barry Gelman as the new Director of our Beginners Programs and also as the Educational Coordinator for the Congregation. He will begin his association with us August 1st. Rabbi Gelman comes to us as a graduate of HAFTR, Yeshiva University, and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He served for several years as an Assistant Rabbi in the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale under the tutelage of Rabbi Avi Weiss.

For the past three years he has been the Rabbi of Congregation

Shaar Hashomayim in Montreal.

Rabbi Gelman is well-known to many of the young people in our congregation. He brings to our community some excellent experience in the rabbinate, wonderful people skills, and a great personality.

Joining him in our congregational family will be his wife, Grabielle, and their three children. Rabbi Gelman will also be teaching part-time in the Upper School.

We look forward to his arrival and to the wonderful contribution that he will make to the KJ/Ramaz family.



NATIONAL HONORS TO SARAH RAPOPORT CITY AND STATE HONORS TO MIRIAM KRAWITZ RAMAZ CORNERS THE MARKET ON HISTORY COMPETITION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

We are very proud to announce that Sarah Rapoport, daughter of Sandra and Dr. Samuel Rapoport, won first prize in a nationwide History Competition sponsored by the Museum of the City of New York and the History Channel, among others. Sarah's comprehensive research paper, using a wide variety of primary and secondary sources, was entitled: Rosalind Franklin: Unsung Hero of the DNA Revolution.

On the city and state levels of the competition, Miriam Krawitz, daughter of Esther and Ira Krawitz, won first prize while Sarah came in

second. Miriam, who was one of the top ten finalists in the national competition, wrote her paper on Child Labor Reform: Expediency not Empathy Wins the Battle.

Sarah and Miriam are graduating students in the 8th grade of the Ramaz Middle School and will continue their studies in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Their faculty mentors were Judy Sokolow and Jennifer Bernstein. Congratulations to both girls, to both members of the faculty, and to the entire Ramaz School family for these outstanding honors and achievements.

RAMAZ SCHOOL MEETING

Prior to the closing remarks of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and the collation in the Riklis Social Hall, David Kahn, Chairman of the Board of Ramaz School, conducted its brief annual meeting. The only item on that agenda was the nominating committee report and the election of Trustees. The Nominating Committee consisted of:

Lawrence Kobrin, *Chairman*
Wendy Greenbaum
Jerry Kestenbaum
Pamela Rohr
Vivian Shulman

Warm appreciation was extended to the five Trustees who will no longer be serving on the Board:

Barbara Esses
Ivan Kaufman
Dr. David Menche
Adele Wasser
Barbara Zimet

The following Regular Trustees were reelected for three-year terms:

Richard Born
Fred Distenfeld
Karen Gibofsky
Reuben Leibowitz
Dr. Steven Rudolph
Janie Schwalbe

Reelected as Parent Trustees:

Jeffrey Parker
Sue Talansky

Reelected as Alumni Trustees:

Jacob Doft
Jane D. Lewittes
Dr. Philip Wilner

NEW TRUSTEES

New Regular Trustees elected were:

Dina Huebner
Ronald Scheinberg

New Parent Trustee elected was:

Robert Kurzweil

New Parent Trustees elected were:

Jeffrey Markowitz
Vivian Shulman

COMMUNITY TRUSTEES

The following eight Trustees were elected as Community Trustees:

Harvey Beker
Eli Epstein
Eugene Farber
Scott Hoffman
Mitchell Presser
Andrew Schonzeit
Radine Spear
Moshael Strauss

The following were reelected as Honorary Trustees:

Harvey Beker
Jacob Berman
Lillian Eisman
Pearl Hack
Ilan Kaufthal
Belda Lindenbaum
Gail Propp
Howard Rubenstein



STEVEN J. SCHACTER ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RAMAZ

A historic moment was reached at the recent Board of Trustees meeting of Ramaz when our member, Steven J. Schacter, was elected Chairman of the Board. Steven has served previously as Treasurer both of the Board of the School and also of the recent building campaign and the Ramaz/KJ 2000 Fund. What made the moment particularly historic is the fact that Steven Schacter is the first grandchild of the late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, the founder of Ramaz, and great-great-grandson of the RaMaZ himself.

Steven Schacter is joined on the roster of Officers by four other members of the congregation, three of whom are, like Steve, alumni of Ramaz: J. Ezra Merkin, Vice Chairman; Pamela Rohr, Treasurer; Wendy Greenbaum, Secretary; and (the non-alumnus) Dr. Richard Born, Financial Secretary.

The complete Officer slate is rounded out with five Honorary Chairmen (four of whom are Ramaz alumni): Lawrence A. Kobrin, Melvin D. Newman, Arthur C. Silverman (a non-alumnus), Steven R. Gross, and David N. Kahn.

We wish the Chairman and all of the Officers success in conducting the affairs of the school.

MAY THEY GO HIGHER AND HIGHER

We extend a warm Mazel Tov to the following young members of the Congregation who participated in Advancement Day Exercises as they completed the Ramaz Middle School.

JAKE AGOOS

son of Dr. Ellen and Mitchel Agoos

MICHAEL APFELBAUM

*son of Paula and Barry Apfelbaum
and grandson of Ernest Apfelbaum*

JESSE BERGER

*son of Dr. Celia Blumenthal and Herbert Berger
and grandson of Jean Blumenthal*

MAX BERK

son of Jacqueline Bikoff and Dr. Gregory Berk

SASHA BERK

daughter of Jacqueline Bikoff and Dr. Gregory Berk

JONATHAN BRYER

son of Meryl Wiener and Barry Bryer

JENNIFER COHEN

daughter of Myra and Dr. Edmond Cohen

ASHLEY DAVENPORT

*daughter of Robin Davenport and Steven Davenport
and granddaughter of Ann Davenport*

STEVEN DAVIS

*son of Helen and KJ Trustee Reuben Davis
and grandson of Esther and Avrum Davis
and Berl Janowski*

NATAN EDELSBURG

*son of Monita Buchwald and Charles Edelsburg
and grandson of Gloria and Elias Buchwald*

JENNY FELDSTEIN

daughter of Miriam and KJ Treasurer Eric Feldstein

ADAM FLOMENBAUM

son of Meredith and Dr. Neal Flomenbaum

LISA FRIEDMAN

daughter of Roslyn and Ernest Friedman

YONI GOL

son of KJ Trustee Jane and Isaiah Gol

AARON GORDON

son of Goldie and I. David Gordon

LIANE GRAHAM

daughter of Shoshana and Warren Graham

SARAH KOPPEL

*daughter of Lynette and Steven Koppel
and granddaughter of KJ Trustee Yvonne Koppel*

MIRIAM KRAWITZ

daughter of Esther and Ira Krawitz

ALEXANDRA LEVITE

daughter of Juliana and Dr. Howard Levite

SOPHIA MERKIN

*daughter of Lauren and Ezra Merkin
and granddaughter of Ursula Merkin*

SARAH RAPOPORT

*daughter of KJ Associate Trustee Sandra
and Dr. Samuel Rapoport*

DANIELLA ROHR

*daughter of Pamela and George Rohr
and granddaughter of Helen and Jack Nash*

JAHA ROSENBERG

*daughter of Sheryl Rosenberg
and Michael Rosenberg*

BETH ROSNER

daughter of Marian and KJ Trustee William Rosner

SAM ROTH

son of Jennifer and Jeffry Roth

STANLEY ROTHMAN

son of Florence and KJ Trustee Robert Rothman

DINA RUDOLPH

daughter of Naomi Ickovitz and Dr. Steven Rudolph

NATHAN SCHOENKIN

son of Viviane and Charles Schoenkin

BEN SHAY

son of Susan and KJ Trustee Scott Shay

JONATHAN SPEISER

son of Dr. Phyllis and Mark Speiser

ORLEE YAHALOM

*daughter of Dr. Marlene Yahalom
and Dr. Joachim Yahalom*

ROSEANNE ZIMET

daughter of Barbara Zimet and Robert Zimet

A C A D E M I C

C O N G R E G A T I O N K E H I L A T H J E S H U R U N

GAIL ALTMAN, daughter of Judith Altman and the late Dr. Howard Altman and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation summa cum laude from Columbia College with a BA in Political Science. She plans to attend Harvard Law School in the fall.

LAURA ALTMAN, daughter of Judith Altman and the late Dr. Howard Altman, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the School Service Award. She was President of the Senior Class and Vice President of the Business Investment Club (BIC). As a junior, she was one of the heads of Junior Retreat. Laura will attend NYU in the fall.

SARAH APRIL, daughter of Sandy and Dr. Robert April, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She has been an active member of the Ramaz Chorus and the Varsity Basketball team. Sarah also served as a freshman advisor. She will attend Machon Gold in the fall, before beginning her studies at Queens College.

RIVKA BERKOWITZ, daughter of Shoshana Bulow and Rabbi Alan Berkowitz, both Ramaz graduates and the granddaughter of Tova and Norman Bulow, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Ricky plans to attend Brandeis University after spending next year in Israel on the Nativ program.

MARLEY ANA BERNARD, daughter of Beth and Ronald Bernard upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sports Award. After leading the girls varsity to their second consecutive league championship, Marley will bring her talents to Boston University in the fall.

JULIE RACHEL BLINBAUM, daughter of Lauren and Jacques Blinbaum, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sports Award. She was a captain of the undefeated girls varsity

tennis champions this year, playing both singles and doubles. She completed four years on the team, two at first singles. Julie also participated in numerous chesed and tzedakah activities in the school. She will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

CAROLINE ELIZABETH BORN, daughter of Deborah and KJ Trustee Dr. Richard Born, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Among Caroline's extracurricular activities at Ramaz were girls junior varsity basketball, Debate Team and girls track. Caroline was admitted early decision to the Hotel Administration School at Cornell University, where she will matriculate in the fall.

REBECCA CINNAMON, daughter of Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon and granddaughter of Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, upon her graduation from the Greenfield Hebrew Academy of Atlanta as the recipient of the Headmaster's Award. She will attend the Yeshiva High School of Atlanta in the fall.

LAUREN COHEN, daughter of Hollace and Steven L. Cohen and a Ramaz graduate, upon her early graduation with honors from the University of Wisconsin, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She has been and is Deputy Director of Communications for the Wisconsin gubernatorial campaign of Kathleen Falk. Lauren will attend Stanford University Law School in the fall.

BRADLEY SCOTT COOPER, son of Deborah and Mark Cooper, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the David Kagan Memorial Award for the student athlete who best exemplifies the values of sportsmanship and menschlichkeit both on and off the playing field. Brad played a major role in helping the varsity basketball team get within one point of a championship this year. He was also a member of the Business Investment Club. Brad will attend SUNY - Albany in the fall.

SARAH EDELSBURG, daughter of

Monita Buchwald and Charles Edelsburg and granddaughter of Gloria and Elias Buchwald, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was involved in the Art and Photography Clubs, as well as the Yearbook. Sarah will be in Israel in the fall on the Nativ program. In the fall of 2003, Sarah will begin her studies at George Washington University, where she has won an academic scholarship.

ARIELA FRIEDMAN FINE, daughter of Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman, and a Ramaz graduate, upon receiving her Masters degree from the David J. Azrieli School of Jewish Education and Administration of Yeshiva University. Ariela will be starting her second year of teaching in the second grade of the Ramaz Lower School in the fall.

JEREMY FINE, son-in-law of Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman, upon receiving an award for his work in the ninth grade accelerated Beit Midrash program at HAFTR High School.

ERICA L. FISHBEIN, daughter of Cheryl Fishbein and Phil Schatten, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was an editor of *Breakthrough*, the science magazine and a founder of the Music Appreciation Club. Erica was also involved in the Literary Club, Formulas and the Women's Tefillah Group. She was admitted early decision to George Washington University.

JESSICA FISHBEIN, daughter of Cheryl Fishbein and Phil Schatten and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation magna cum laude from Barnard College with a BA with distinction in Psychology. She is completing her second BA at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

DR. DEBORAH PODELL FISHKIND, daughter of Judy and Dr. Robert Podell and a Ramaz graduate, upon completing her residency in Anesthesiology at Mt. Sinai Hospital. She was given an award by the Anesthesiology Department for being outstanding Resident of the Year.

TALIA J. FOX, daughter of Martine and Leo Fox, upon her graduation from the

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Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was President of the Literary Club, played doubles on the Ramaz Tennis Team and ran track. Talia was admitted early decision to the Human Ecology School at Cornell University, where she will matriculate in the fall.

BRADLEY LEWIS GOLDBERG, son of Lissa and Steven Goldberg, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the David Kagan Memorial Award for the student athlete who best exemplifies the values of sportsmanship and menschlichkeit both on and off the playing field. Bradley played defense on the hockey team and served on the chess team and the tzedakah committee. He will attend George Washington University in the fall.

SARAH CAROLINE GOLDBERG, daughter of Miriam and Alan Goldberg, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She served as one of the Gabba'ei Tzedakah and was President of the Tzedakah Committee. Sarah was Captain of Model Congress and a member of the Debate Team. She will attend Brovenders in Jerusalem in the fall, before beginning her studies at Columbia College.

DANIEL GORDON, son of Goldie and I. David Gordon, upon his advancement from HAFTR Middle School to HAFTR High School.

JULIE DANIELLE GRIBETZ, daughter of Jessica and Dr. Allen Gribetz and granddaughter of Israel and the late Dr. Nathalie Friedman and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from Columbia College pre-med with a Bachelor of Arts.

JESSICA HORNBLASS, daughter of Ann and Hon. Jerome Hornblass and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation magna cum laude from Binghamton University with a BA in English Literature and a minor in Judaic Studies. She will pursue a Masters Degree at City University in London.

ELANA TRENCHER JAFFE, daughter of Janie Trencher and granddaughter of Dorothy Trencher, upon

her graduation from the Akiba High School in Pennsylvania. She will enter Barnard College in the fall.

STEVEN JASPAN, son of Terry and Michael Jaspas and grandson of Norman Jaspas and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from Brandeis University with a BA in Economics and a minor in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. He served as Treasurer of the Brandeis Orthodox Organization. Steven is attending Cardozo School of Law.

SOLOMON AVRAM JAVITT, son of Drs. Reba Kizner and Daniel Javitt and grandson of Suzanne and Dr. Norman Javitt, 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 Program. Solomon also received the Myer Appleman Memorial Award for excellence and commitment to religious studies as well as the Gorfinkle/Waldman Computer Science Award. While at Ramaz, he has been a national scorer in the Chidon Ha-Tanakh. Solomon was also captain of the Computer Programming Club and served as Contributing Editor for the newspaper *Our Israel*. Solomon will spend next year at Gush Etzion, before beginning his studies at New York University.

SAMUEL JESSELSON, son of Linda and KJ Trustee Michael Jesselson, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. In Ramaz he was a "three-letter man," playing basketball, tennis and track. Sam was admitted early decision to the University of Pennsylvania.

JUDY KAHN, upon her graduation as a Psychoanalyst from the Manhattan Institute of Psychoanalysis. She is presently engaged as a psychoanalyst and geriatric case manager in private practice.

AVERY DANIEL KATZ, son of Dr. Karin and KJ Trustee Joel Katz, 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. He was co-

captain of the Business Investment Club. Avery also sang in the Chorus and Chamber Chorus. He was admitted early decision to Columbia College.

DANIEL KATZ, son of Evelyn and Gregory Katz and grandson of Ida and Joseph Katz and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from the University of Hartford Barney School of Business with a BS in Business. He is working in real estate investment and development.

RACHEL KELSTEIN, daughter of Jaime Kelstein and Susan Kelstein, upon her graduation from Smith College with a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and a minor in Urban Studies.

AMY KIRSCHENBAUM upon receiving a Masters in Social Work from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

EMIL KLEINHAUS, son of Rosalie and KJ Trustee Harry Kleinhaus and grandson of Sara Mandelbaum, upon her graduation from Yale Law School, where he was Articles Editor of the Yale Law Journal. In the fall he will serve as a law clerk to Chief Judge Michael Mukasey of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

ADAM KOBLENZ, son of Drs. Barbara Kapelman and Lawrence Koblenz, upon his graduation from the Horace Mann School. He will attend George Washington University in the fall.

JONATHAN B. KOBRIN, son of Gloria and KJ Trustee Richard Kobrin, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was a member of the Business Investment Club and wrote for the school newspaper *The RamPage*. Jonathan will attend George Washington University in the fall.

REBECCA KOBRIN, daughter of Ruth and Lawrence Kobrin, who was awarded her Ph.D. by the University of Pennsylvania in history. Her dissertation examined the impact of migration on East European Jewish life, and her research was supported by a Wexner Fellowship and a Fulbright Award. Next year, Rebecca will return to Yale University, where she was an undergraduate, for a post-doctoral fellowship.

ACADEMIC HONORS

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TALIA KOHEN, daughter of Zahava and Abraham Kohen, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award and The Walter Koppel Jewish Political Action Award. Talia also delivered the Opening Prayer at the Commencement Exercises. She was active in the Israel Club, Chess Club and the Intellectual History Club. Talia will attend the School of Engineering at Cornell in the fall.

MIRIAM KRAWITZ, daughter of Esther and Ira Krawitz, upon winning first place in the New York City and State Division of the National History Day Competition. She will represent NY State in a national level competition. Her winning historical paper is entitled "*Child Labor Reform: Expediency not Empathy wins the Battle.*"

SAM LEVY, son of Susan and Howard Levy and grandson of David and the late Lynette Levy, upon his graduation from the Bronx High School of Science with three honors (Italian Division Prize and two separate awards from the NY City Council). Sam will attend Washington University in the fall, where he was accepted early admission.

EVA JENNY LIPNER, daughter of Drs. Deborah Weisfuse and Robert Lipner and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation cum laude from Barnard College with a BA in Economics and a minor in Environmental Science. She is working at Solomon Smith Barney.

YOAV LITOFF, son of Rachel and David Litoff and grandson of Judith and Ben Milstein upon his graduation from the Hartman Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

YEHUDA MAGID, son of Sandy and KJ Trustee Dr. Norman Magid, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was Captain of the KJ Ice Hockey team and played defense on the Ramaz floor hockey team. He has also proudly served as *gabbai* for the Teen Minyan. Yehuda will attend Yeshiva in Maale Adumim in Israel in the fall, before beginning his studies at Cornell University.

LIVIA MENCHE, daughter of Paula and Dr. David Menche and a Ramaz graduate, who was awarded the Jed Satow Student Recognition Award for her commitment and contribution to the Columbia/Barnard Hillel.

Yael Tara Merkin, daughter of Lauren and Ezra Merkin and granddaughter of Ursula Merkin, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She also received the Gertrude Lookstein Eishet Chayil Award, as well as the Daniele Gorlin Lassner French Award and the RamPage Award. Yael was an editor of *The RamPage* and a member of the Model Congress and Debate Teams. She has deferred her early decision acceptance to Columbia College in order to attend Midreshet Lindenbaum in the fall.

MICHELLE MESSER, daughter of Perla and Dr. Julio Messer and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation magna cum laude from Yale University, where she was elected to phi beta kappa, with a BA in Economics and Mathematics. She is doing research at the Federal Reserve.

DAVID NEWMAN, son of Dr. Elana Unterman-Newman upon his graduation summa cum laude from Columbia College.

EITAN NIDAM, son of Rebecca and Yitzchak Nidam and grandson of Judith and Ben Milstein, upon his graduation from Westchester Day School. He will continue at the Westchester High School in the fall.

ALICIA ROSALIE OLTUSKI, daughter of Ilona and Paul Oltuski, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Isaac Rapaport Bible Award and the Edith Schrank Memorial Award for outstanding work in creative writing. She was an Editor of the award-winning literary journal Parallax. Alicia will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

JAY JOSHUA (KOBY) OPPENHEIM, son of Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim, who just completed an "International Parliament Praktika"

Fellowship in Berlin. This award combined an internship in the Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament) with studying political science at the Humboldt University Zu Berlin, Germany. For the academic year 2002-3, Koby was awarded a Dorot Foundation Fellowship to combine volunteer work with study at the Rothberg International School of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

JONATHAN (YONI) OPPENHEIM, son of Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim and a student at the NYU Tisch School of Arts, on being awarded a Steven Spielberg Fellowship by the Foundation of Jewish Camping. He will be working as a drama coach at a Jewish overnight camp.

YARDANNA HADAS PLATT, daughter of Rivka and Dr. Morris Platt, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. An avid pianist, guitarist, and photographer, Yardanna is the senior chef of the Ramaz cooking club. She will attend Midreshet HaRova in Jerusalem in the fall.

OVADYA POLLAK, son of Bonnie and Isaac Pollak, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He has been Captain of the Chess and Track teams at Ramaz, as well as a basketball team captain in the YMHA League. Ovadya will attend Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim in the fall.

JEREMY POPPERS, son of Ann and Dr. Paul Poppers, upon being awarded a Ph.D. in Microbiology. He is a scholar in the combined M.D./Ph.D. medical scientists program at the New York University School of Medicine.

ANNA MICHELLE PROPP, daughter of Gail and Trustee Ephraim Propp and granddaughter of Mrs. Goody Dane, upon her graduation from The Dalton School, as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She will attend Brown University in the fall.

BENJAMIN RAPOPORT, son of IKJ Associate Trustee Sandra and Samuel Rapoport, completing his junior year at Harvard, upon his acceptance into the Masters Program in Physics at Harvard.

ACADEMIC HONORS

(Continued)

He presented a paper at the American Physical Society's annual meeting this past October, and will be working this summer in the Plasma Physics Research Group Laboratory at the Free University of Brussels.

EZRA RAPOPORT, son of KJ Associate Trustee Sandra and Samuel Rapoport, upon his graduation from the Horace Mann School. Ezra was a Finalist in the 2002 Intel Science Talent Search, and is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He was the captain of his high school's Varsity Fencing Team, leading it to two consecutive undefeated seasons. He was also captain of the Varsity Engineering Team, and of the Computer Sciences Team, which made it to the Top-Ten U.S. All-Stars. Ezra fenced foil in the 2000 Junior Olympics, and was a 2001 Bronfman Fellow. He was elected to the National Gallery for America's Young Inventors (2002), and will attend Harvard University in the fall.

SARAH RAPOPORT, daughter of KJ Associate Trustee Sandra and Dr. Samuel Rapoport, who won the "Winter Achievers of 2000 Essay Contest," sponsored by the New York State Lottery and the Empire State Games. The centerpiece of the contest was an essay on the subject "*How participating in athletics helped you become a better person, and how have sports helped you excel in other areas of your life?*"

ERIC RECHTSCHAFFEN, son of Pamela and Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen, upon his graduation with honors from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the History Award and the Sports Award. He was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Eric won second place in the 2002 National Spanish Examination and was a member of the Spanish Honor Society. He was Captain of the Debate Team, Fed Challenge Team, and the Model UN Team, where he was designated Best Delegate in the 2001 competition. Eric played first singles for four years for the Ramaz Varsity Tennis Team and was a member of the Junior Varsity Basketball Team. He was President of the Business

Investment Club and an editor of the "Our Israel" newspaper. Eric will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

TALIA RIKLIS, daughter of Diana and Ira Riklis and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Economics.

AMANDA BETH RING, daughter of Rochelle and Michael Ring, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz as the recipient of the Gloria Schrenzel Sheer Dance Award. She was President of the Dance Ensemble and the Photography club, as well as Photography Editor of the Yearbook. Amanda also served as Editor in Chief of *Breakthrough*, the Ramaz Science journal and President of the Science Club. She was junior docent of the Jewish Museum and winner of three gold cups at the National Federation of Music Clubs. She also participated in competition for National Piano Playing Auditions for seven years. Amanda will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

KENNETH RUBIN, son of Audrey and Jesse Rubin, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz as the recipient of the Spanish Award. He was Captain of Varsity Tennis, as well as Editor of the Spanish Language section of the Yearbook. Kenny will attend Columbia College in the fall.

SHIRA BLUMA RUBIN, daughter of Carolyn and Rabbi Eliezer Rubin upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz as the recipient of the Sue Moskowitz Chesed Award. She was also one of the two Class Speakers at the Commencement Exercises. Shira was active in the Chorus and Chamber Chorus and drama. She also played on the basketball team in ninth and tenth grades. Shira served on the Israeli Affairs Committee and was active in Lenox Hill Bikur Cholim. She was a KJ youth leader since she was twelve. Shira will attend Midreshet HaRova in Jerusalem before beginning her studies at SUNY-Binghamton.

SARA RUDOLPH, daughter of Naomi Ickovitz and Dr. Steven Rudolph, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz as the recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award presented by the Lower School for outstanding personal growth and the Photography Award. She served as President of the Photography Club and Executive Photography Editor of the Yearbook. Sara was also an advisor for freshman orientation and seminar and a KJ youth leader since seventh grade. She will attend Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim in the fall, before beginning her studies at the University of Maryland.

ADAM SCHAFFER, son of Gail and Marvin Schaffer, upon his graduation with honors from The Dwight School. He will attend New York University, College of Arts & Science in the fall.

ILISA SCHAFFER, daughter of Gail and Marvin Schaffer and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation summa cum laude from Barnard College, where she was elected to phi bet kappa, with a BA in Art History. She will teach in the Charles E. Smith Day School in Washington, D.C. in the fall.

RACHEL AFLALO SCHOENKIN, daughter of Vivian and Charles Schoenkin, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was active in the Dance Team. Rachel will attend George Washington University in the fall.

ARNON SCHOTENFELS, son of Debbie and David Schottenfels and grandson of Judith and Ben Milstein, who upon completing high school in Israel, has joined the Israeli army in the tank division.

JESSICA SARAH SIGALL, daughter of Roberta and Dr. Michael Sigall and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation summa cum laude from Barnard College with a BA in Economics.

TAMAR DENA SIMON, daughter of Naomi Goldstein and Alfred Simon and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation magna cum laude from Brandeis University, where she was elected to phi beta kapp, with a BA in English and Business.

ACADEMIC HONORS

(Continued)

PHILIPPA JESSICA (PJ) TANZ SLOMOVITZ, upon her graduation from Teachers College with a Masters in Learning Disabilities. She will be the Educational Specialist at the Emery-Weiner School in Houston, Texas.

BRIAN SLOMOVITZ, who will begin a four-year fellowship in Gynecological Oncology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

SHOSHANA SARA SPEISER, daughter of Dr. Phyllis and Mark Speiser, 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 and the Avram J. Hellerman Memorial Bikur Cholim Award. She was active in Chamber Chorus and the Lenox Hill Bikur Cholim. Shoshana will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

SAMANTHA RACHEL SPRINGER, daughter of Dr. Barbara Sandberg and Steven Springer, upon her

graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz as the recipient of the Gertrude Lookstein Eishet Chayil Award as well as the Isaac Rapaport Bible Award. She is a permanent member of the New York State Historical Society as a result of her independent research in grades 8 - 12. Samantha will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

MIRIAM TAUBER, daughter of Adele and Ronald Tauber and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation with honors from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was elected to phi beta kappa, with a BA in Intellectual History.

CAROLINE TRENCHER, daughter of Esther and Lewis Trencher and granddaughter of Dorothy Trencher, upon her graduation from Westchester Day School. She will enter the Ramaz Upper School in the fall.

AARON TUGENDHAFT, son of Gerard Tugendhaft and Myra Tugendhaft and a Ramaz graduate, who received a Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies.

He will begin his studies towards a Ph.D. at the Committee on Social Thoughts at the University of Chicago, focusing on the Interaction between Philosophy and Religion in Late Antiquity.

VALERIE TUGENDHAFT, daughter of Gerard Tugendhaft and Myra Tugendhaft, upon her graduation from Brandeis University, with a BA in Economics.

DAVID MICHAEL WEISS, son of Barbara and Jerome Weiss and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from Brandeis University with a BA in Psychology. He will attend Duke Law School in the fall.

HANNAH MARISSA ZIMET, daughter of Barbara Zimet and Robert Zimet, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz as the recipient of the Avram J. Hellerman Memorial Bikur Cholim Award. She was active in the Chamber Chorus. Hannah will attend George Washington University in the fall.

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:

Dr. Nicole and Raanan Agus
Shira and Dr. Lawrence Baruch
Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein
Arthur Friedman
Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum
Karen and Michael Hershkowitz
Dina and Marshall Huebner
Jessica and Amiel Lindenbaum
Judy and David Lobel
Gabriella and Dr. William Major
Bonnie and Isaac Pollak
Anne and Samuel Schwartz
Ruth and Irwin Shapiro
Scott and Susan Shay
Deena and Adam Shiff
Robin and Brett Zuckerman

RABBI ISAAC TRAININ CELEBRATES

We are pleased to support and inspiration throughout these years.

We are proud that the Trainins are members of Kehilath Jeshurun and that they daven with us regularly.

In recent years, Rabbi Trainin organized the Bikur Cholim Commission for the Federation in which a number of our members have taken a leadership role. We hope that Rabbi Trainin with his consistently positive attitude on life will continue to offer this kind of leadership to the Jewish community.

THE FIREHOUSE ON 85TH STREET

Contributed by Alex Goldstein

As we are ending the Torah service and placing the sacred scrolls back in the ark, our rabbi said, "I would now like to introduce..." Before he could say another word, a couple of firemen walked into the sanctuary, and the entire synagogue immediately erupted into a loud, sustained applause, which must have lasted for five minutes. No one cheered, no one yelled, but all 500 people who were there clapped as loudly as possible.

The firemen were noticeably touched, rubbing tears from their eyes. The rabbi told them how much they

meant to us, the neighborhood, the city and the world. He blessed them, both in Hebrew and English, and prayed for their safety. He offered his condolences to those firemen who were lost, and pledged our support to the families of the missing.

Then he said, "These guys still have a job to do, and they have to get back to the firehouse." So they headed back down the aisle to leave. As everyone again applauded, the firemen were mobbed. People left their seats to shake their hands, speak a few words of encouragement, and just touch them.

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Rabbi Shmuel Wygoda of Yeshivat Har Etzion
Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt,
Chief Rabbi of Moscow
Rabbi Daniel Oppenheimer of Argentina

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Voter Drive
Rally at Israel Mission to the United Nations
Protest Demonstration at PLO New York
Headquarters
Weekly Publication of *Artzeinu*, based on news
from Israel

GUEST AUTHORS AT AM HASEFER

Professor Jan Gross of NYU –
"Neighbors: The Destruction of the
Jewish Community of Jedwabne, Poland"
Allan Gerson –
"The Price of Terror"

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ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Hershel Schachter – *Jewish Medical Ethics*
At Home with the Parsha
History at Home, Rabbi Adam Mintz,
Dr. Shnayer Leiman, Professor David Shatz,
and Dr. Elisheva Carlebach
Separation of Religion and State – Isaac Herzog
Refuting Missionaries – Rabbi Joshua Cypess
Confronting the Agunah Problem – Isaac Herzog

GUEST SPEAKERS

Moshe Katzav, President of Israel
Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University
Gail Propp & Eric Gomberg –
“The Plight of 23,000 Jews in Ethiopia
Dr. Raymond Tanter,
Terrorism Expert on Israel Bond Shabbat
Rabbi Kalman Samuels,
Founding Director of Shalva

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall Mitzvah Mall and Blood Drive
70th Birthday Celebration
for Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
KJ Dinner Dance / Hachnasat Sefer Torah
“Trembling Before God”
Shabbat Hagadol Drasha
by Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
Spring Day – Kasher-In, Shmurah Matzah
Pick Up, Mezuzah, Tefillin, and Shaatnes Check
Yom HaShoah with Guest Speaker Neal Sher,
Chief, International Commission of Holocaust
Era Insurance Claims

SHABBAT SCHOLARS

Rabbi Avi Weiss of Hebrew Institute of Riverdale
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Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot
Professor Isaiah Gafni of the Hebrew University
Barry Shrage, President of Combined Jewish
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Rabbanit Chana Henkin – Shabbat T’lamdeini

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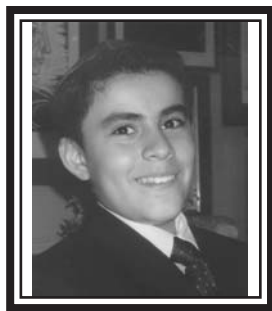
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Purim Seudah and Shpiel
Community Passover Seder
Yom Ha’Atzmaut Zimriah and Service
Shavuot Dinner and Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
Yom Yerushalayim Service and Breakfast

BNAI MITZVAH



GABRIEL BENADOR

Mazel tov to Eleana and Emmanuel Benador on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Gabriel, which took place on Saturday, June 15, at Fifth Avenue Synagogue. He read the weekly portion of Korach and the Haftarah and delivered a Dvar Torah on *"Rebellion Then and Now."*

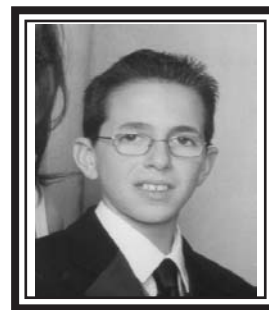
Gabriel is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



DANIEL OHEBSHALOM

Mazel tov to Shireen and Alfred Ohebsalom on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, which took place on Saturday, June 15, at the Kotel. He read the weekly portion of Korach and the Haftarah.

Daniel is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



JONATHAN CHETRIT

Mazel tov to Nancy and Joseph Chetrit on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan, which took place on Saturday, June 22, in the Ramaz Upper School. He read the weekly portion of Chukat and the Haftarah and delivered a Dvar Torah on Parashat Chukat.

Jonathan is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazel tov to:

Helen and Norman Halper on the recent Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lea Giddins, daughter of Deborah and Gary Giddins.

Hannah and KJ Trustee Ed Low on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Andrew, son of Debbie and Michael Doppelt.

Ruth and Irwin Shapiro on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Daniel Hammerschlag, in Englewood.

In Memoriam

SAMUEL BORENSTEIN

We lost a grand Jewish gentleman who died just before Pesach in his 97th year. Sam Borenstein was a treasure to our congregation and to several other synagogues (Fifth Avenue, Atlantic Beach Jewish Center, and the Palm Beach Orthodox Congregation) wherever he lived.

Vigorous, alert and sparkling to the very end, Sam loved people and in turn was beloved by everybody. His beautiful smile and cheerful countenance made everybody feel welcome. His optimistic view of life helped to carry him almost through ten full decades with verve and faith.

As a businessman he was a kosher caterer, specializing in airline food - Borenstein Caterers were the best in that sphere. His company ultimately became the exclusive caterer for El Al. It seemed that he always enjoyed catering to people and helping to fulfill their needs.

Pious toward God and mankind, loyal to the State of Israel which he loved dearly, a wonderful husband to the late Lili Brown Borenstein, and a veritable second father to Benjy and Fran Brown, Sam loved our shul and left an indelible mark on our community.

We cherished him in life and we will continue to cherish his memory in death.

LILY SMILOW

Lily Smilow was a survivor of Auschwitz who spent the last years of her life suffering from a debilitating and incapacitating illness.

She loved our shul and, until she was not able to walk, she very much enjoyed davening in her unostentatious manner in the ladies' balcony. She brought up two wonderful children, saw them graduate from Ramaz, and then saw three of her grandchildren become Ramaz alumni as well. Both of her children are active in their respective communities in Kew

Gardens Hills and Plainview.

She was a loyal wife to her husband, Herman, who in turn took care of her with concern and compassion. She was a pious woman who had every reason to argue with God but who was steadfast in her belief in God's goodness.

NORMAN GREENBERG

A lawyer, real estate man by vocation, he was a pianist by avocation. Norman sat in the last row of our Main Synagogue alongside his father, of blessed memory.

He was an adoring father and grandfather, a loyal and loving husband to his late wife, Mildred, for whom he would do anything in the world, and a proud Jew who gloried in his heritage and endeavored to pass it on to his children.

Norman was always a generous friend of our congregation. He enjoyed the time he spent in our midst and he cherished the opportunity to be part of this community.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to:

Naomi Cohen on the birth of a granddaughter, to her children, Deena and Rabbi Samuel Zimmerman of Sha'alvim, Israel.

Diana Newman and KJ Trustee Isaac Corre on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Rita. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Carol and Mel Newman.

Suzanne and KJ Trustee Jacob Doft on the birth of a daughter, Hannah Vita. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Arlene and Avrom Doft.

Nicole and Jeffrey Fisher on the birth of a son, Jacob William. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Shirley and Neal Boyarsky.

Janet and J. Michael Fried on the birth of a granddaughter, to their children, Rachel and Nimrod Dayan.

Beth and Brian Haimm on the birth of a son, Evan Samuel.

Marcia and Daniel Horowitz on the birth of a son, Jordan Mark.

Amy and Darren Landy on the birth of a daughter, Evelyn.

Asher Levitsky on the birth of a grandson, Zachary Isaac to his children, Lily and Steve Markowitz.

Leora Tanenbaum and Jonathan Lonner on the birth of a son, Zev Lonner.

Ellen and Avery Modlin on the birth of a son, Shane Andrew. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Leah and Barrie Modlin.

Dara and David Orbach on the birth of a son, Nathan.

Judy and Dr. Robert Podell on the birth of a grandson, Marc Zachary to their children, Dr. Deborah Podell and Ari Fishkind.

Stephanie and Richard Pomerantz on the birth of a son, Jordan Matthew.

Drs. Mary Kaye and Kevin Ross on the birth of a son, Jacob Dylan.

Erica and Robert Schwartz on the birth of a daughter, Gabriella. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Sheira and Steve Schacter and the elated great grandfather, Israel Friedman.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to:

Julia Jadek on the engagement of her granddaughter, Debbie Daniels, daughter of Rochelle and Mark Daniels to Stuart Zoberg.

Gloria and KJ Trustee Richard Kobrin on the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, a Ramaz graduate, to Rafael Bernstein, son of Rachel and Nathan Bernstein of Jerusalem.

Diana and Ira Riklis on the engagement of their daughter, Talia, a Ramaz graduate, to Andrew Day, son of Susan and Robert Day of Denver.

Yvette and Jakob Schwerdt on the engagement of their daughter, Donna, a Ramaz graduate, to Ilan Rubinstein, son of Renee and Eli Rubinstein of Toronto.

Alice Usdan on the engagement of her daughter, Josefa, a Ramaz graduate, to Ari

Bunim, son of Linda and Mark Bunim.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to:

Eric Gomberg on his marriage to Yonina Halpern, daughter of Cheryl and Fred Halpern of Livingstone, New Jersey. Similar good wishes to Eric's parents, Gail and Ephraim Propp and grandmother, Goody Dane.

Janet and Mark Mittler on the marriage of their son, Jeffrey to Geraldine Zizmor, daughter of Wendy Zizmor and Dr. Jonathan Zizmor.

Barbara and Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz on the marriage of their granddaughter, Nava, daughter of Frady and Avi Moskowitz, to Josh Hess.

Rina and Philip Orlinsky on the marriage of their son, Ethan to Dana Ostrowsky, daughter of Diana Staley and Dan Ostrowsky.

May they enjoy their marriages with happiness and blessing.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Suzanne Kayden, who was one of the honorees at the 25th Anniversary dinner of the Lisker Congregation, which was held on Sunday, June 2, at Fifth Avenue Synagogue.

KJ Trustee Richard Kobrin on his appointment as co-president of Columbia/Barnard Hillel and the Kraft Center for Jewish life. He had served as vice president for many years and has been an officer even longer than that.

KJ members Hilda Riback and her daughter, Gabrielle Propp, who were recently honored at the Annual Spring Luncheon and Ballet Benefit of the Yeshiva University Women's Organization (YUWO), which was held on June 12 in the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center. The event was co-chaired by KJ members Gail Propp and Roselyn Weitzner.

Marcia Riklis, who was the recipient of an honor by the Israel Policy Forum at its dinner on Sunday, April 7.

Nechi and Dr. Noam Shudofsky who were the guests of honor at the Annual Drisha Dinner held on April 28 in the Morris and Ida Newman Educational Center, which houses the Ramaz Upper School. Nechi has been an extremely active leader in Drisha since its inception, and Noam has been very helpful to the organization over the years.

Doris Travis, founding Chairman of our Social Action Committee, who was honored by Dorot at its Annual Dinner on May 22 as a member of its Volunteer Honor Roll. Doris is the person who connected KJ with Dorot, which enhances the services both of Dorot and KJ.

CIVIC HONOR

Congratulations to Barry Bryer who was one of two alumni of Queens College who was honored at the recent Queens College Q Award Gala. Proceeds from this event assist in awarding student scholarships and help provide supplemental funding for academic

program development research and related student activities.

HONORARY DEGREE

Congratulations to Michael Jesselson, one of the leading members of our congregation and a member of the Executive Committee of Ramaz, upon his being honored with a Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, at its recent graduation ceremonies. Mr. Jesselson has been serving as Chairman of the Search Committee at Yeshiva University with the responsibility to choose a successor to Dr. Norman Lamm.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Beth M. Elstein on her election to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Only 5% of all teachers in the United States receive this honor.

Marilyn Meltzer on receiving the Educator of the Year Award at the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School Annual Dinner held on Sunday, June 9. It is a wonderful award to somebody who has devoted years of her professional educational life to the furtherance of the education of students at the Park East Day School.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

We are pleased to congratulate Dr. Robert April, who presented a paper at the A.I.Z.E.N. Conference at Jaen University, Jaen, Spain, on "The Paralysis of Madame Raquin: Was Zola also a Neurologist?"

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

KJ Trustee Andrew Charles on the passing of his father, Richard Charles.

Esther Chetrit on the passing of her father, Benjamin Chetrit.

Dr. Hilary Gleekman-Greenberg on the passing of her sister, Nina Rosalind Gleekman.

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

Martin Klotz on the passing of his mother, Ruth Klotz.

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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					
14-15	Korach	8:10 pm	6:45 pm	8:00 pm	9:12 pm
21-22	Chukat	8:12 pm	6:45 pm	8:05 pm	9:15 pm
28-29	Pinchas	8:13 pm	6:45 pm	8:05 pm	9:15 pm
July					
5-6	Matot-Masei	8:13 pm	6:45 pm	8:10 pm	9:13 pm
12-13	Devarim, Shabbat Chazon	8:10 pm	6:45 pm	8:05 pm	9:11 pm
19-20	Va'etchanan, Shabbat Nachamu	8:06 pm	6:45 pm	8:00 pm	9:05 pm
26-27	Ekev	8:01 pm	6:45 pm	7:55 pm	8:58 pm
August					
2-3	Re'eh	7:54 pm	6:45 pm	7:50 pm	8:52 pm
9-10	Shoftim, Rosh Chodesh Elul	7:54 pm	6:45 pm	7:40 pm	8:39 pm
16-17	Ki Tetze	7:35 pm	6:45 pm	7:30 pm	8:30 pm
23-24	Ki Tavo	7:25 pm	6:45 pm	7:20 pm	8:19 pm
30-31	Nitzavim-Vayelech	7:14 pm	6:45 pm	7:10 pm	8:07 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 9-13 6:45 pm
6-July 11 6:50 pm
July 14-August 29 6:45 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, June 27
Fast of Seventeenth of Tammuz
Morning services at 6:50 am
Mincha at 8:10 pm
Fast begins at 4:15 am & ends at 9:12 pm

Thursday, July 4
Morning services at 8:30 am

Wednesday, July 10
Rosh Chodesh Av
Morning services at 7:00 am

Wednesday, July 17
Tisha B'Av Eve
Fast begins at 8:10 pm
Mincha & Kinot at 8:20 pm

Thursday, July 18
Tisha B'Av
Morning services at 7:00 am
Mincha at 8:00 pm
Fast ends at 9:04 pm

Thursday & Friday, August 8-9
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Morning services at 7:00 am

Saturday, August 31
Selichot services at 10:00 pm

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