

**RABBI JACOB J. SCHACTER TO BE SPECIAL GUEST
AT ANNUAL MEETING** *(See Page 3)*

Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON **April 11-12, 2003**

Friday Evening Dinner:

**"RABBI JOSEPH SOLOVEITCHIK
ON THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING"**

Saturday Morning:

**"JEWISH PERSPECTIVES
ON SECULAR LAW"**

SHABBAT SCHOLAR

RABBI DR. DAVID SHATZ

*Professor of Philosophy
At Yeshiva University*



FRIDAY DINNER AND SATURDAY LUNCH — SHABBAT BEFORE PASSOVER (NO COOKING FOR YOU!)

Two Meals

Members:

Adult	\$60
Junior	\$50
Child	\$30

Non-Members:

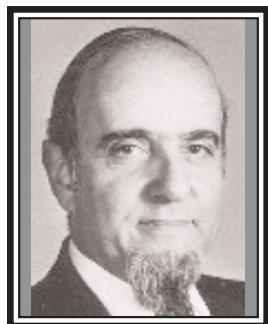
Adult	\$70
Junior	\$60
Child	\$50

Deadline: Monday, April 7

Space Permitting

Sponsored in Memory of Cynthia K. April

YOM HASHOAH SERVICE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY Monday, April 28, 7:30 PM



**"SIXTY YEARS AFTER THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING:
HAVE WE GOTTEN THE MESSAGE?"**

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

Author of "WERE WE OUR BROTHES' KEEPERS:"

The Public Response of American Jews to the Holocaust. 1938-1944"

The program will begin with a candle lighting ceremony by survivors and second, third, and fourth generation participants. (Those who fit into these categories are urged to call the Synagogue Office at 774-5600 to inform us of their history and to

indicate their participation.) Ma'ariv, readings for a Holocaust Service, appropriate songs by the Ramaz Middle School Chorus and poems written about the Shoah by students of the Ramaz Middle School will complete the evening.

KJ TO HONOR TWO WOMEN WITH KETER TORAH AWARDS ON SHAVUOT YVONNE KOPPEL AND DEENA SHIFF TO BE FIRST AWARDEES ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE FESTIVAL

The Board of Trustees of the Congregation has officially approved the establishment of a new practice for KJ whereby we will each year honor outstanding women members of the Congregation for their contributions to our community and the larger

community of Israel. The designation for such honors will be the Keter Torah Awards to be presented annually on the second day of Shavuot.

Rabbi Lookstein will officially present the honorees during services. We feel that in this manner we will

appropriately recognize women on the holiday of Torah and of the great Jewish heroines, Naomi and Ruth, who wear the crowns of Torah. This ceremony will reflect our appreciation of the services rendered to the Jewish community by these women.



YVONNE KOPPEL

Our first Keter Torah recipient this Shavuot will be Yvonne Koppel who has served as President of the Sisterhood, Co-Chair of the Ramaz Parents Council Dinner Dance and who currently, together with Andrew Charles, founded and directs the mishloach manot program which just completed its ninth year of service to this community.

Born in France, Yvonne immigrated to the United States in December 1941 via Spain and Portugal. Educated in the New York City Public School system and married to the late Walter Koppel, she brought up two sons – Steven and Michael – both of whom are Ramaz alumni. She has the nachas of having two of her granddaughters as students in Ramaz and her other three granddaughters are students in HANC. A member of KJ for 35 years, she has served in virtually every post of leadership in the Congregation and in Ramaz during her tenure here. It is an honor for us and for this community to be able to crown her with the Keter Torah Award.



DEENA SHIFF

Our second recipient this year, Deena Shiff, serves as a Trustee of the Congregation and Co-President of its Keshet Club. In this latter capacity she leads the young couples in our community and initiated the “Meals for Moms” program which provides Shabbat meals for parents of newborns in the Congregation.

Deena is perhaps best known in our community for her continuous weekly publication every week of *Artzeinu* — *Israel News Update*, which has been distributed in all of our services for the past five years. Even when she was on an extended stay in the hospital, waiting for the birth of a child, she managed to put out this weekly update to which worshipers in the Congregation look forward every week.

A graduate of Yeshiva University's Stern College, with a Masters in Public

Administration from New York University's Wagner's School for Public Policy, Deena currently serves as the Special Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish National Fund. She previously held senior posts with the American Zionist movements and the Institute for Public Affairs of the Orthodox Union. The daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Jack Simcha Cohen, who have served as pulpit Rabbi and Rebbetzin in the United States and in Australia for 25 years, Deena is married to Adam Shiff, partner at the law firm of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman, and is the mother of Benjamin, who is a student at Ramaz and Sam, who, please God, will be entering our Early Childhood Center in September 2004.

We are thrilled to be able to honor Deena for herself and for her extraordinary contributions to congregational life at KJ.

***Mazel Tov
Yvonne
&
Deena***

**SHAVUOT DINNER
THURSDAY NIGHT, JUNE 5**

RABBI JACOB J. SCHACTER TO KEYNOTE HISTORIC 131ST ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 8:00 PM

The 131st Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be an historic occasion to which all members are invited and should come.

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, formerly the rabbi of the Jewish Center and now the Dean of the Joseph B. Soloveitchik Institute in Boston, will be our special guest speaker at the start of the program. He will address us on the occasion of the 10th yahrtzeit of Rav Soloveitchik, and the 100th anniversary of his birth. The Rav had a profound influence on the development of modern orthodoxy in general, and the direction of Kehilath Jeshurun in particular. He was the posek to whom Rabbis Joseph and Haskel Lookstein often turned for rabbinic advice. His impact on this Congregation was enormous.

Rabbi Schacter is one of the leading Jewish scholars and educators of our day. He earned his PhD from Harvard University and graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Brooklyn College. It will be a treat to welcome him back to this community.

There will be a supper following the meeting featuring hot dogs and cold beer.



RABBI JOSHUA CYPESS TO DELIVER THE SHABBAT HA-GADOL DRASHA

On the Subject
MEANING IN ORDER:
THE PESHAT OF THE SEDER

Saturday, April 12
6:35 PM

The word “seder” means “order” and the entire evening is carefully scripted by our tradition through the choreography of the Haggadah. Yet, despite its reassuring title, the Seder feels far from ordered and coherent. It is inconceivable that we have institutionalized an evening of order without meaning. To understand the purpose of the Seder and the Haggadah, we need to analyze the structure and function of these rituals, to find the *peshat* of what we do and what we say.

Finding the meaning within the order will be the focus of this year’s Drasha which will take place on Saturday, April 12, following mincha at 6:35 PM. All men and women are invited to attend in the Main Synagogue.

ACADEMIC NEWS

Is someone in your family:

- Graduating?
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- Observing a Milestone?
- Advancing in Professional Life?

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to the

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TIKUN LEYL SHAVUOT
Thursday Night
June 5

A PASSOVER TIMELINE

STEP #1: Removal of Chametz – Cleaning the House

STEP #2: Kashering Appliances

Gas ovens, both the stove-top and inside (racks as well), should be cleaned with an oven cleaner, and then not used for 24 hours. After 24 hours, invert the metal spiders and turn the burners on to the highest setting for one hour. (If using an electric oven, turn the burners on the highest setting for one hour as well). After this is done, cover the stovetop with aluminum foil for the duration of Pesach. The inside oven should be turned on to broil for one hour.

If the oven is self-cleaning, go through one cycle.

Microwave ovens should be cleaned, and not used for 24 hours, after which a bowl or cup containing a few ounces of water should be put in and ‘cooked’ until the water is vaporized into steam.

Stainless steel sinks should be cleaned with a cleaning solution, and not used for 24 hours, after which boiling water should be poured on every area of the sink and its parts. Porcelain sinks cannot be kashered. They must be cleaned and covered.

Dishwashers may be kashered for Pesach after standing unused for 24 hours. They should be put through three complete cycles, using soap in the first one.

Kashering Utensils

While it is preferable to have as many utensils as possible specially reserved for use only on Pesach, many utensils used throughout the year may be kashered for use on Pesach. Items that are ‘kasherable’ include: metal utensils used for hot and cold, providing they are not difficult to clean (i.e., a sieve, parts that are glued together), and glass utensils that were used strictly for cold food.

Items that may not be kashered are: glassware that is used for cooking, earthenware, pottery, porcelain, pyrex,

and chinaware.

The easiest way to kasher utensils is to bring them to the KJ Kasher-In where Rabbi Josh Cypess will supervise the immersion of metal utensils in a large sink of rapidly boiling water.

It is also possible to kasher in the privacy of your own home. The procedure for kashering is as follows: Metal utensils should be thoroughly cleaned with a cleaning solution and then not used for 24 hours. Small utensils such as silverware or other cutlery should be immersed briefly in a large pot containing rapidly boiling water. If the pot is very large, more than one piece may be immersed at a time. Each piece should then be rinsed with cold water.

Pots are kashered by bringing water in them to a boil and then immersing a hot stone or iron such that the water will overflow onto the sides of the pot. Then rinse the pot in cold water. Items which came into direct contact with chametz, without the medium of water (e.g. a broiler, frying pan) may be kashered by heating them until they are literally ‘redhot’ or by placing them in a self-cleaning oven during the self-clean cycle.

Glass utensils should be cleaned with a cleaning solution and then immersed in water (a bathtub works) for three days, changing the water every 24 hours.

STEP #3: The Search For Chametz

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is *b’dikat chametz*—the search for chametz. The ceremony is composed of five parts.

1. Reciting a special blessing over the mitzvah of the removal of *chametz*.
2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of *chametz*.
3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.

4. The burning or disposal of any *chametz* found during the search.

5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Tuesday evening, April 15 after nightfall, 8:11 p.m. The disposal and final nullification should be on Wednesday morning, April 16. It is important to note that both formulas of nullification must be recited in a language that one understands. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

The children should be asked to place pieces of *chametz* in the various

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WOMEN’S TEFILLAH GROUP

April 5
May 3

at 9:15 AM
in the Max J. Etra Chapel

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MINYAN AND KIDDUSH

April 5
May 10
May 31

At 9:15 AM
in the Gottesman Center

HASHKAMA MINYAN

April 5
May 10
May 24
June 14

At 7:15 AM
in the Max J. Etra Chapel

SO WHAT'S KOSHER FOR PASSOVER?

PASSOVER FOODS

Most foods that are used on Passover require rabbinic supervision. This is especially true of all processed foods. It is important to realize that a label indicating the product is "Kosher for Passover" does not assure us of the adequacy of the supervision. Wherever possible, congregants should use OU products which have a special Passover supervision. If not, it is important to check on the reliability of the particular Rabbi who is giving the endorsement. Please feel free to ask either Rabbi Lookstein or the Assistant Rabbis in the event of any doubt in this matter.

1. Grain Products

All grain products require strict rabbinic supervision for Passover use.

2. Milk and Dairy Products

These, too, require supervision. Milk however, may be purchased before Passover without supervision. If one has to purchase it during the festival, however, it requires supervision. Powdered milk, Alba and Carnation, may be used on Passover, with a rabbinic endorsement.

3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

All of these may be used (except for legumes—peas, beans, rice and corn which are all treated like *chametz*). If these fruits and vegetables are sold in a general grocery store, they should be washed very carefully before being used on Passover.

4. Dried Fruits

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

5. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

With the exception of the legumes that were mentioned above, unsweetened frozen fruit with no additives listed are usable for Passover without a rabbinic endorsement. Frozen vegetables require special Passover certification. Pure orange and grapefruit juice may be purchased **before Passover** without a rabbinic endorsement.

Processed juices such as tomato,

apple and prune require supervision.

6. Cosmetics

All cosmetic lotions, creams, ointments and toothpaste need no special Passover supervision.

7. Baby Foods

Most infant formulas contain corn or soy beans as starting ingredients. Since these are considered *kitniyot*, the baby's utensils and foods should be kept absolutely separate from everything else in the house. If an infant must eat *Chametz* products, in accordance with a doctor's directive, a rabbi should be consulted. Otherwise all *chametz* products should be avoided.

8. Coffee

Some questions have arisen in the past about the adulteration of coffee with grain products. In the absence of specification, therefore, it would be preferable to purchase coffee with proper supervision for Passover. Please check your OU Passover directory.

9. All Other Foods

Those processed foods not mentioned in this listing require special supervision for Passover use.

10. Other Products

For a more thorough listing, please see our website.

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

— Now In Preparation —

Once again during this season of the year, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will publish a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite Yizkor for them four times a year. At the Yizkor service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom Yizkor was recited.

Members of the congregation and the community-at-large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of \$18 or more for each name to be memorialized. Please use the form below if you wish us to record names for you.

The Book will go to press on Monday, May 12, so that it will be ready in time for Shavuot —

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Book of Remembrance

Enclosed please find my Yizkor offering* for the entire year in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the KJ BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE published by the congregation.

☐ Please duplicate last year's listing(s) Offering \$_____ for _____ people. Please add the following:

FULL NAME IN ENGLISH (PLEASE PRINT)	OFFERING
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
YOUR NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
PHONE _____	

☐ Please check here if you did not have a listing last year.

**This offering is a token of reverence and is designed to be within reach of all.
We suggest a contribution of \$18 or more for each name.*

This form should be returned to our office by Monday, April 28.

PASSOVER P

Sunday, A

KASHER-IN

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bring silver and metal utensils to kasher for Passover use in our large sinks of boiling water.

CAUTION: PLEASE CLEAN ALL ITEMS THOROUGHLY and LET STAND UNUSED FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE KASHER-IN, OTHERWISE THE KASHERING WILL BE JEOPARDIZED.

MEZUZAH CHECK

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

HAVE ALL YOUR MEZUZOT CHECKED BY THE SCRIBE AT KJ.

TEFILLIN CHECK

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Your TEFILLIN should be checked if there is some doubt, misuse or outside damage.

HAVE YOUR TEFILLIN CHECKED THIS YEAR BY THE SCRIBE AT KJ.

Tuesday, April 8 BEGINNERS PASSOVER WORKSHOP

8:00 p.m.

**TAUGHT BY
RABBI BARRY GELMAN**

Explore the Passover rituals, including the seder.

Learn the history of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt.

Learn the meaning Passover can have for us in contemporary times.

Wednesday, April 16 FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

7:10 a.m.
in the Main Synagogue

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born males. Every first born man who cannot observe the fast on Wednesday should join Rabbi Barry Gelman in completing a tractate from the Talmud, and participate in its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (Siyum Bechorim) will be held as part of the regular morning service.

PREPARATIONS

April 13, 2003

SHMURA MATZAH

Pick up - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$14 per pound *(payable to KJ Special Projects Fund)*

Pre-paid orders only

Deadline for orders: Tuesday, April 8

SHATNEZ CHECK

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

**HAVE YOUR CLOTHING CHECKED
FOR SHATNEZ AT KJ TODAY.**

CHAMETZ WANTED

*Bring your unopened cans, jars or
boxes of chametz for us to distribute to
non-Jews in our community
who need food.*

Wednesday, April 16 BEGINNERS PASSOVER SEDER

1st night at 8:20 p.m.

**CONDUCTED BY
RABBI BARRY GELMAN**

For those who wish to learn more about the content and meaning of the seder.

\$70 per person Children 3 and under will be provided a seat at no extra charge.

Please reserve by Thursday, April 10.

Thursday, April 17 KJ COMMUNAL SEDER

2nd night

**Services 7:30 p.m.
Seder 8:45 p.m.**

LED BY

RABBI JOSHUA CYPESS

Adult: \$75 Child \$50 Children under three may be seated with parents at no charge, without their own meal

RSVP by Thursday, April 10
Synagogue office: (212) 774-5600

PASSEOVER RELIEF — WE NEED YOUR GIFT NOW

Dear Members of the KJ Community:
THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOLLOWING PURIM IS MA'OT CHITIM - Passover Relief. Each year we make a special appeal for the Benevolent Fund in advance of Passover to help us meet extraordinary needs. Some examples of these needs are as follows:

1. *Poor people who come to our attention and who need special help.*

2. *The Joint Passover Association* — to which we give a major contribution every year.

3. *Many religious, educational and social organizations in Israel — and some in America,* which desperately need such support.

We do not conduct appeals in our

congregation for individuals nor deserving institutions. Our Benevolent Fund is our community's way of supporting a variety of philanthropic causes. Please, therefore, contribute generously now, taking into consideration that this one gift is in place of many potential appeals.

As we take care of the first responsibility listed in the *Shulchan Arukh* in the laws of Passover — *ma'ot chitim* — we pray that we will all be blessed with a happy and kosher Passover and a year of sustenance and support for ourselves and for the entire Jewish people.

Haskel Lookstein

WHAT TO DO WITH CHAMETZ

The best thing to do with *chametz* during Passover is not to have it.

There are very many people in our city who cannot afford to purchase adequate food for minimal sustenance.

We, therefore, urge you to bring sealed packages, cans, jars, bottles and other containers of *unopened* food to KJ at the time of the *Kasher-In* on Sunday morning, April 13,

between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM or at any other time between now and Passover. We will then arrange for this food to be distributed to the non-Jewish needy and hungry of our community.

Performing this act of *chesed* is an important means of expressing the commandment to *love thy neighbor as thyself*.

FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, _____, do hereby authorize **RABBI JOSHUA CYPESS**, of 125 East 85th Street, City, State and County of New York, to sell, transfer and assign all *Chametz* of whatever kind and nature which I possess, or in which I may have an interest, wherever situated, in my residence at: _____ or in my place of business at: _____ or in any other place, without reservation and limitation.

If you plan to spend Passover in Israel or Europe, please check this box: ☐

If you plan to spend Passover in another US time zone, please circle below:
Central Rocky Mountain Pacific

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please return to the Synagogue office by Wednesday, April 16, at 8:30 AM.

YOM HAATZMAUT ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 55th Anniversary of the State of Israel

*Tuesday, May 6
7:30 PM*

A Zimriah celebration
by the children
of the
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Middle School of Ramaz

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*Wednesday, May 7
6:50 AM*

Services and Breakfast

SHMURAH MATZOHS

Kehilath Jeshurun is again pleased to offer to its membership the opportunity to purchase Shmurah Matzoh through the synagogue. The Matzohs are available at \$14.00 per pound.

The pick up will be on Sunday morning, April 13th in the synagogue lobby. That is the same day as the Kasher-In.

All orders must be prepaid and ordered by Tuesday, April 8th.

Make checks payable to the KJ Special Projects Fund.

Please reserve _____ pounds of Shmurah Matzah at \$14 per pound.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: (Day) _____

(Evening) _____

PASSOVER TIMELINE

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rooms — a practice which ensures that the search will not be in vain. They can hold the candle and the feather and they should examine their own possessions, dressers and desks, for long forgotten relics of *chametz*.

Passover is a beautiful festival. It is a serious one, too. Both these aspects can be captured in advance of the festival by a careful observance of *b'dikat chametz*.

Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on Wednesday morning, April 16 after 10:43 A.M. All *chometz* must be completely *disposed* of by 11:50 A.M.

STEP #4: The Sale of Chometz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Wednesday morning, April 16. There are those who prefer to perform the ritual in person. For those who cannot attend to the matter in person, there is a form provided in this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Cypess to sell our *chametz*. THIS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 16, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 A.M.

Individuals who will be in Israel for Passover should consult the rabbis in advance to make special arrangements.

STEP #5: The Burning of Chametz

On Wednesday morning, April 16, *chametz* must be disposed of by 11:50 AM. The synagogue provides a large, contained fire for this purpose. No bracha should be said, since the one said before the search applies to the burning as well. Another statement of annulment is made, slightly more inclusive than the previous one.

STEP #6: After Pesach

According to Jewish Law,

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES

Tuesday, April 15, Search for Chametz After 8:11 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, Passover Eve

Morning Services - Siyum (Firstborn) 7:10 a.m.

Chametz may not be eaten After 10:43 a.m.

Burn chametz no later than 11:50 a.m.

An Erev Tavshilin should be prepared

Candlelighting 7:18 p.m.

Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

Start Seder After 8:14 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, Passover I

Morning 9:00 a.m.

Evening 7:30 p.m.

Candlelighting and Start Seder After 8:15 p.m.

Friday, April 18, Passover II

Morning 9:00 a.m.

Candlelighting 7:20 p.m.

Evening Service 6:45 p.m.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED

Saturday, April 19, Passover III

Morning 9:00 a.m.

Evening 7:20 p.m.

Shabbat ends 8:18 p.m.

Sunday, April 20, Passover IV

Morning 8:30 a.m.

Evening 6:45 p.m.

Monday, April 21, Passover V

Morning 7:00 a.m.

Evening 6:45 p.m.

CONCLUDING DAYS OF PASSOVER

Tuesday, April 22, Erev Yom Tov

Morning 7:00 a.m.

Evening 6:45 p.m.

Candlelighting 7:20 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23, Passover VII

Morning 9:00 a.m.

Evening 7:35 p.m.

Candlelighting After 8:22 p.m.

Thursday, April 24, Passover VIII (*Yizkor is recited*)

Morning 9:00 a.m.

Evening 7:54 p.m.

Conclusion of Yom Tov 8:22 p.m.

chametz that was owned by a Jew during Pesach may never be eaten by a Jew. Therefore, it is preferable, that after Pesach one buys food from establishments owned by non-Jews,

establishments owned by Jews who properly sold their *chametz* before Pesach, or after a month (time that a store's stock has been used up) from any establishment.

BNAI MITZVAH



LAUREN SCHWARTZBERG

Mazel tov to Diane and Marc Schwartzberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their Daughter, Lauren Schwartzberg, which will take place on Sunday, April 13th. She will deliver a Dvar Torah on "What it Means to Become a Bat Mitzvah Based on Pirkei Avos."

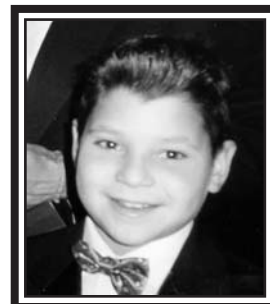
Lauren is a student in the sixth grade at the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.



GABI MAGID

Mazel tov to Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Gabi. The Bar Mitzvah will take place on Saturday, May 24, in the Main Synagogue. Gabi will read the weekly portion of Bechukotai and the Haftarah, and will deliver a Dvar Torah on Parshat Bechukotai.

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



LANCE BERGSTEIN

Mazel tov to Bonnie and Joel Bergstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Lance, which will take place on Saturday, May 31st, in the Main Synagogue. He will read the weekly portion of Bamidbar and the Haftarah. He will also deliver a Dvar Torah.

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



SARAH BIERMAN

Mazel tov to Riva Alper and Joe Bierman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah, which will take place in the Women's Tefillah Group on, Saturday, May 3rd. She will read Parshat Kedoshim, as well as deliver a Dvar Torah.

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



REBECCA STEIN

Mazel tov to Arlene and Daniel Stein on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rebecca, which will take place on Friday evening, May 23. She will deliver a Dvar Torah at Friday night dinner.

Rebecca is in the sixth grade at the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.



MATTHEW DAWIDOWICZ

Mazel tov to Ellen and Samuel Dawidowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Matthew, which will take place on Sunday, June 1st, in the Main Synagogue at the Rosh Chodesh Sivan service. He will read the Torah.

Matthew is a student in the seventh grade of the Horace Mann School. j3

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BIRTHS

Mazel tov to:

Debra and Shlomo Baruch on the birth of a daughter, Isabella Reese.

Fran and Morry Gerber on the birth of a grandson, Jacob, born to their children Rachel and Aaron Wertenthell.

Jeanette and Mikhail Grinberg on the birth of a son, Jay Edmond.

Abbi and Jeremy Halpern on the birth of a daughter, - - - .

Chaya and Loren Lieberman on the birth of a son, - - - .

Debbie and Kenny Rochlin on the birth of a daughter, Daniella Rose.

Similar congratulations to Evelyn Rochlin, the proud grandmother.

Robin and Brett Zuckerman on the birth of a son, Brandon Noah.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to:

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Goldwyn on the engagement of their son, Elan, to Michelle Ross, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Ross of Hamilton, Ontario.

Eve Lobel on her engagement to Michael Baruch, cousin of Dr. Lawrence Baruch.

Ruth and Lawrence Kobrin on the engagement of their daughter, Debra, to Daniel Levy, son of Prof. B. Barry and Cookie Levy of Montreal.

Rebecca and John Steindecker on the engagement of their son, Jeremy, to Beth Martz, daughter of Shelly Martz and the late Melvin

Martz.

Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Edelstein on the engagement of their son, Ariel to Elizabeth Hercman, daughter of Cynthia and Abe Hercman of Queens.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDING

Mazel tov to Barbara and Abe Esses on the marriage of their son, Jeffrey, to Linda Cohen.

May they enjoy their marriage with happiness and blessing.

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazel tov to:

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Tammie Bee Senders, daughter of their children Debbie and Dr. Shelly Senders, in Cleveland.

Additional mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Marissa Beth Cinnamon, daughter of their children Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon, in Atlanta.

Eleanor and Sidney Scheinberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Aurora, in the landmark 200-year-old synagogue in Gotenberg, Sweden.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Ted Edelman on the passing of his mother, Esther Edelman.

Dr. Samuel Goldring on the passing of his mother, Miriam Goldring.

Joseph Katz on the passing of his brother.

Judith Lebovits on the passing of her father, Amram Levkovits.

Joan Mantel on the passing of her mother, Olga Licht.

Evelyn Rochlin and to Kenneth and Debbie Rochlin on the passing of their mother-in-law and grandmother, Rose Rochlin.

Esther Swieca on the passing of her father, Haim Tobaly.

Rabbi Isaac Trainin on the passing of his sister, Sara Kahane.

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

COMMUNAL HONOR

We are proud to announce that our devoted member, Fanya G. Heller, will be the guest of honor at the Annual Spring Luncheon of the National Womens division of Shaare Zedek Medical Center on Monday, May 5, at the Pierre. Those who wish to make reservations should call 212-764-8117.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Mazel tov to our own "composer-in-residence" Elliot Weiss, who was recently commissioned by two Philadelphia synagogues to write works based on Kings Saul, David, and Solomon.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Mazel tov to Simeon (Shimon) Oppenheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Magnus Oppenheim, who was recently designated a Chartered Financial Analyst by the Association for Investment Management & Research.

In Memoriam

Ruth Skydell

One of the very special women in our congregation was called to her eternal reward last month. Ruth Skydell, the daughter of the late Harry and Etta Herskowitz, was a symbol of Jewish commitment and personal elegance throughout her life. Married to Rabbi Adrian Skydell and the mother of three wonderful children and a host of grandchildren, all of whom have received or are receiving a yeshiva education, many in Ramaz. Ruth served as an example of how to live a religious life, an involved

communal life, and also a professional career with an exquisite sense of balance.

She was a wonderful friend to many members of this community and the kind of person to whom one could go for a listening ear and a good word of advice. She loved to daven; she was a keen listener to sermons; and she frequently gave feedback on important issues in the congregation.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to her entire family. Her memory will live on in our midst.



IT'S A GIRL FOR DANIEL & CHANI REISS

The Congregational family is thrilled to extend a mazel tov to our long-time synagogue office administrative assistant, Chani Reiss and her husband, Daniel, on the birth of a baby girl.

May she bring much nachat to the Reiss and Wolk families and grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, chupah and maasim tovim.



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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		<i>Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Friday Evening Services</i>	<i>Saturday Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
May 2-3	Kedoshim	7:35 pm	6:45 pm	7:25 pm	8:33 pm
9-10	Emor	7:43 pm	6:45 pm	7:30 pm	8:41 pm
16-17	Behar	7:48 pm	6:45 pm	7:40 pm	8:48 pm
23-24	Bechukotai	7:55 pm	6:45 pm	7:50 pm	8:56 pm
30-31	Bamidbar	8:01 pm	6:45 pm	7:55 pm	9:02 pm
June 6-7	Shavuot (Yizkor)	8:06 pm	6:45 pm	8:00 pm	9:07 pm
13-14	Naso	8:10 pm	6:45 pm	8:05 pm	9:12 pm
20-21	Beha'alotcha	8:12 pm	6:45 pm	8:10 pm	9:15 pm
27-28	Shelach	8:13 pm	6:45 pm	8:10 pm	9:15 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

April 27 - June 4	6:45 pm
June 8 - July 16	6:50 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, April 28

Yom Hashoah Service at 7:30 pm

Friday & Saturday, May 2 & 3

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Morning services on Friday at 7:00 am.

Evening services at 6:45 pm

Tuesday, May 6

Yom Hazikaron

Yom Ha'atzmaut Zimriah at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 7

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Morning services at 7:00 am

Followed by holiday breakfast

Monday-Tuesday, May 19-20

Lag B'Omer

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Morning services at 8:30 am

Friday, May 30

Yom Yerushalayim

Morning services at 6:50 am

Followed by holiday breakfast

Sunday, June 1

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Morning services at 8:30 am

Thursday-Saturday, June 5-7

Shavuot

Candle lighting on Thursday at 8:05 pm

Evening services on Thursday at 8:20 pm

Morning services on Friday & Saturday at 9:00 am

Candlelighting on Friday at 8:06 pm

Evening services on Friday at 6:45 pm

Evening services on Saturday at 8:00 pm

Conclusion of Yom Tov at 9:07 pm

Monday & Tuesday, June 30 - July 1

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Morning services at 7:00 am

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