

Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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ISRAEL BOND SHABBAT

December 13, 2003

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Senior Faculty Mentor at the ATID Institute of Jerusalem

FRIDAY EVENING & SATURDAY

(Including Shabbat Dinner - See Coupon on Page 3)

FEBRUARY 27-28

Friday Evening
February 27
5:40 PM Mincha
Followed by Dinner

RAV YISRAEL OF SALANT:
WE SHALL EAT
ON YOM KIPPUR

Shabbat Morning
February 28
At the Conclusion of Services
(Services at 9:00 AM)

CALIFORNIA KABBALAH
OR SAFED MYSTICISM:
HOW A LIFELONG SPIRITUAL
JOURNEY BECAME 'INSTANTIFIED'

Shabbat Afternoon
February 28
At a Men's Club Seudah Shlishit
Following Mincha at 5:15 PM

RELIGION AND STATE IN ISRAEL:
AN UNORTHODOX VIEW
OF AN ORTHODOX RABBI

RABBI DAVID EBNER

Rabbi David Ebner was the *Mashgiach Ruchani* of Yeshivat Hamivtar (Brovender's) for twenty years, and is now the Senior Faculty Mentor at the ATID Institute of Jerusalem, an independent, privately funded institution which aims to foster

new and significant thought on the crucial issues facing Jewish education. He has previously been an Adjunct Professor of Sociology at Kean College and the Assistant Director for the Institute for Jewish Life of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare

Funds.

Rabbi Ebner received his ordination from RIETS and his Ph.D. in Talmud and Rabbinic Studies from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, and has completed advanced work in Sociology at Fordham University.

CHANUKAH BEGINS FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19

By Rabbi Joshua Cypess

Chanukah celebrates the miracles of the spiritual and military victories of the Maccabees against the Hellenist tyrants that imposed anti-religious rule and desecrated the Holy Temple in 165 BCE. The 25th of Kislev was the day the Maccabees entered the Temple following the battle and wanted to restart the Holy Service that had ceased under the foreign rule. The Maccabees found only one day's worth of oil that they could use to rededicate the Menorah. Yet that flask lasted until they were able to create new, pure oil – a length of eight days.

The victory established Jewish religious and political sovereignty in Israel during the second Temple times. This miracle of Jewish independence had not been seen since the destruction of the First Temple and the assassination of the governor, Gedalyah.

Primarily, we celebrate Chanukah with spiritual expressions: (1) lighting candles in commemoration of the miracle of the rededication of the Temple, (2) singing Hallel in praise of God's deliverance from our enemies, (3) adding *Al Ha-Nisim* in our prayers of thanksgiving in recognition of both aspects of the miracle of Chanukah. We also have physical pleasures and celebrations by having (4) special foods, (5) gift giving, and even (6) parties.

The Candles

The prevailing custom is for each member of the family to light his or her own menorah which will have as many candles as that night of the holiday plus the shamash. The shamash serves two purposes. Since the Chanukah candles are to commemorate the Menorah of the Temple, we apply the same rules to both: the candles and their flames become holy and as such cannot be used for any other purpose. We cannot read by their lights or use them to light another candle. The shamash, thus, saves us from both.

Time for Lighting

Candles must be lit after nightfall (about 40 minutes after sunset) and last for at least a half-hour. In cases of necessity, the earliest one can light is *plag ha-mincha* (about 60 minutes before sunset in the winter), yet the candles must stay lit until 30 minutes following nightfall. Hence on Friday afternoon, which this year is the first and last nights of lighting, Chanukah candles should be lit before Shabbat candles, and should be of a type that will last over an hour (this leads to many adopting the custom of using olive-oil based lamps). Candles and olive-oil lamps are available in the Judaica shop in the synagogue lobby. On Saturday night, the candles are lit after Havdalah.

Candle Arrangement

The candles are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candle lighter faces it. The Menorah should be placed in an area where it will not need to be moved after being lit. Safety is also a major concern so please do not leave the home with the candles unattended.

Lighting the Candles

The lights are lit from left to right – starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the shamash then we say the blessings: (1) *ner shel Chanukah*, (2) *she-asa nisim*, and on the first night we add (3) *sheheche'yanu*. Once the blessings are said we light the first candle and begin singing the songs "Hanerot Hallalu" – which explains the reasons for the ceremony – and "Maoz Tzur" which describes all the salvations wrought by God for the Jewish People.

Publicizing the Miracle

We light the Menorah so we can publicize the miracle to as many people as possible. We start with our own family but we often place the Menorah in the window to proclaim our belief to others.

Moreover, we publicize the miracle

by singing the complete Hallel in the morning service and by adding *Al Ha-Nisim* in our daily *Shemoneh Esrei* and in *Birkat ha-Mazon*.

Material Pleasures

In addition to the spiritual nature of the holiday, we have added, in later times, the physical pleasures of special foods (latkes, jelly donuts), gift-giving (never a bad idea, especially Jewish books), and parties (that serve as a means for fellowship and for publicizing the miracle).

Chanukah is a time when we should renew our commitment in our devotion towards God. The brave Maccabees who risked their lives for religious freedom should serve as a model for us to celebrate those freedoms and our joy in service to God.

The Gift of Candles

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

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

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

May you and your family have a happy Chanukah!

CHANUKAH HOLIDAY WORKSHOP with

Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Tuesday, December 16th
8:00 PM
Max J. Etra Chapel

KJ/RAMAZ TO HOST ANNUAL YACHAD SHABBATON JANUARY 9-10, 2004

On January 9-10, 2004 Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz will be hosting the annual YACHAD Shabbaton. Each year, the YACHAD Shabbaton is a rewarding experience for all those who participate. We begin with a spirited Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat service that defines the purity and piety of the Yachad community. On Shabbat morning, *pesukei d'zimra* is led by a Yachad guest and Rabbi Lookstein gives over the pulpit to another one of our gifted and honored visitors. As Shabbat draws to a close, we join Yachad for Seudah Shlishit with joyful singing and Divrei Torah. It will be an experience to remember!

YACHAD is responsible for a multitude of programs for mentally and physically handicapped Jewish young adults. These programs allow the YACHAD members to be mainstreamed with young people their own age and give them the opportunity to have a great time.

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RABBINIC SEARCH PROCESS UNDERWAY

President Chaim Edelstein announced, together with Rabbi Lookstein, that the congregation is now considering candidates for a rabbinic position at KJ to lead the congregation into the coming decades. The criteria for the search are, among others: a rabbi with good rabbinic and general scholarship; a passionate, modern Orthodox centrist; a person with good pulpit skills and administrative experience; a people person; a strong religious Zionist; a rabbi who loves all Jews and respects the differences in the Jewish people; one who is sensitive to women's needs and issues in orthodoxy; a rabbi who is fluent in Hebrew, who loves Jewish education and who can take a leadership role in Ramaz; and, of course, a man with deep personal piety and commitment.

These criteria are easy to describe for a congregation like ours. They represent what Kehilath Jeshurun is and they reflect the tradition that has been established in our congregation by the late Rabbi Moses Z. Margolies, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, and, *yivadel m'chayim l'chayim*, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. Finding such a person, however, will probably not be easy and we are prepared for the process to take some time.

In order to supervise the process, the President has appointed a Search

Committee composed of the entire Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, to which have been added the Presidents of the Sisterhood, Men's Club, and one Co-President of Keshet, two representatives from Ramaz, and a small number of others who have played a leading role in congregational life. The goal has been to provide a broad representation of the KJ community, representing all ages and all interests.

The Search Committee has already interviewed one candidate. It will interview others as well. We would assume that the Search Committee will recommend one or two candidates to the general membership and we will invite those candidates to come for a Shabbat together with their family and experience KJ, and give KJ an opportunity to experience them. At the conclusion of the process, a membership meeting will be called to elect the candidate.

This entire process is something that is very new to this congregation. It actually has not been undertaken since the passing of Rabbi Margolies in 1936. We will, therefore, have to participate in a work-in-progress and we are confident that the results of that work will lead to a blessed appointment of a rabbi who, please God, will work with Rabbi Lookstein to lead the congregation from strength to strength.

SAMUEL S. SILVERSTEIN SHABBAT SCHOLAR FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT DINNER

February 27, 2004

Please reserve:

Member	_____ adult place(s) at \$30 per person
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	_____ child(ren) place(s) at \$15 per person (ages 2-11)
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	_____ junior place(s) at \$30 per person (ages 12-18)
	_____ child(ren) place(s) at \$25 per person (ages 2-11)

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**RABBI HERSHEL SCHACHTER
TO PRESENT
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“WORSHIP OF THE HEART”**

DAILY PRAYERS	January 14th
SHABBAT PRAYERS	February 4th
HOLIDAY PRAYERS	March 17th

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Rabbi Hershel Schachter is one of the foremost halakhic authorities of the Modern Orthodox community. He had a close association with our community teacher Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik (as seen in the books *Nefesh HaRav* and *MiPeninei haRav*), and also has a warm concern for every Jew.

His classes are a valuable resource and we are honored to host him at Kehilath Jeshurun.

**CRASH COURSE IN
JEWISH HISTORY**

Taught by
Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Sundays 10:30 AM
December 7, 14, 21, 28
& January 4

Join us as we review the significant events and personalities that have shaped the Jewish people from ancient to modern times.

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February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Level II – Taught by Rachel Krug
February 2, 9, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Mondays 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Level III – Taught by Aryeh Leifert
Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Sunday, February 1st

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Ilan Adika
 Erica and Brian Berger
 Marlene Cooper
 Lea and Dr. Benny Esquenazi
 Liliuokalani and Sean Fogarty
 Sarah and Joshua Glatt
 Miriam and Philip Hubbard
 Julie and Morry Kalimian
 Dr. Jennifer and Michael Kaplan
 Margery and Dr. Barry Libin
 Michael Meltzer
 Yael and Kami Merabi
 Jessica and Jason Muss
 Randi and Avner Oze
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KJ ANNUAL DINNER

**Saturday Night, December 13, 2003 at 8:00 PM
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Invitations have been mailed to the Congregation; please return response forms. Anyone who has not received an invitation should call the synagogue office at 212-774-5600 for a replacement.

\$750 sponsoring couple (includes one raffle ticket, \$400 in tokens)

\$500 per couple (includes one raffle ticket, \$100 in tokens)

\$300 per couple, both spouses under 30 (includes \$100 in tokens)

\$250 for single (includes one raffle ticket, \$50 in tokens)

Raffle tickets are \$100 each or 6 for \$500

**KJ ANNUAL
 DINNER**

LUNCH & LEARN FOR SENIORS

SCHEDULE

2003-2004

October

22 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
 29 Rabbi Joshua Cypess

November

5 Rabbi Elie Weinstock
 12 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
 19 Rabbi Joshua Cypess
 26 Rabbi Elie Weinstock

December

3 Rabbi Joshua Cypess
 10 Mrs. Janie Schwalbe
 17 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
 24 No Session (Chanukah)
 31 No Session (Chanukah)

January

7 Hon. Jerome Hornblass
 14 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
 21 Rabbi Joshua Cypess
 28 Rabbi Elie Weinstock

February

4 Rabbi Joshua Cypess
 11 Hon. Jerome Hornblass
 18 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
 25 Rabbi Elie Weinstock

March

3 Mr. Aryeh Leifert
 10 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
 17 No Session (Pat's Day)
 24 Hon. Jerome Hornblass
 31 Rabbi Joshua Cypess

April

7 No Session (Passover)
 14 No Session (Passover)
 21 Rabbi Elie Weinstock
 28 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn

May

5 Mr. Aryeh Leifert
 12 Hon. Jerome Hornblass
 19 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
 26 No Session (Shavuot)

June

2 Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
 9 Mrs. Janie Schwalbe
 16 Rabbi Joshua Cypess

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT KJ

CHANUKAH SHABBATON / ISRAEL SOLIDARITY WEEKEND AT KJ

On December 19-20, Israel will take center stage as we focus on our connection with the land and people of Israel. In conjunction with the One Family Fund, an organization dedicated to supporting victims of terror in Israel, there will be a Friday night dinner, Shabbat lunch, and special speakers. It will certainly be a Shabbat Chanukah to remember.

FRIDAY NIGHT

5:45 PM - CARLEBACH SERVICE

6:30 PM - Dinner

(\$30 per person)

SHABBAT DAY

9:15 AM - INTERMEDIATE MINYAN

12:15 PM - Lunch

(\$15 per person)

*Please reserve by Monday, Dec. 15th
by calling 212-774-5678.*

CARLEBACH FRIDAY NIGHT DAVENING

Led by
Cantor Mayer Davis

January 9 (Yachad) February 6

Usher in Shabbat with the spirited tunes of Reb Shlomo Carlebach. Please come ready to participate, sing and even dance.

MINI-COURSE IN JEWISH ETHICS

Taught by

Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Mondays 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM
on January 12, 19, & 26.

What are Jewish ethics? Is there an ethic beyond the letter of the law? If we're so ethical, how come there are many Jews who seem to do unethical things? These and other questions will be addressed in a three week series in the search for a genuine Jewish ethic.

JEWISH HISTORY & YOU

with

RABBI YOSSEI WEISER

Cycle II: *THE MIDDLE AGES*

Wednesdays at 8:00 PM

December 3, 10, 17 January 7, 14, 21

In the wake of the First Crusade, Jewish life is shaken, yet rebuilt. Come with us as we explore the Jewish communities of Western Europe during this period. Topics include the growth of the Baalei Tosafot and the pietists, and the Jews of England and France.

SUNDAY MORNING LEARNERS SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 AM

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Upcoming dates:

December 21
Chanukah Service (donuts!)

January 18

SAVE THE DATE

BEGINNERS FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

January 30

Call 212-774-5678 for more information.

SHABBATOT AT KJ

KESHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN

December 13 & 20 January 24 & 31

The crown-jewel of Keshet, our young people's organization, is the Young People's Shabbat Minyan. This service is designed for young singles and couples, and their children. The special kiddush that follows is a great place to meet and greet other young people of the community.

Contact the minyan's *gabbai* Brett Zuckerman at ypm@ckj.org or the synagogue office for kiddush sponsorship.

KJ ONEG SHABBAT WINTER PROGRAMS

Join an
ONEG SHABBAT
in the home of one of our friendly Rabbis
for dessert, good company, and song,
and enjoy a presentation on the *parsha*.

December 12th
Rabbi Elie Weinstock
at the home of Dr. Naama and Rabbi Elie Weinstock
305 East 86th Street, Apt. 11-PW

UPCOMING DATES:
January 9 & 30

TOT SHABBAT

January 9

5:00 PM Third Floor Dining Hall

Parents and children under five come together and celebrate Friday night at KJ with Rabbi Elie and Dr. Naama Weinstock, and KJ Youth Assistant Director Aaron Kaplan

We'll have a special children's service, tell some stories, sing some songs, and top it all off with Kiddush and an Oneg Shabbat celebration.

Join us and create Shabbat memories for you and your child.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE

9:15 AM

Riklis Social Hall

December 20 January 24

This service is perfect for those who want extra learning on Shabbat morning. Questions and answers about the prayers and the *parsha* are packed into what could have been an 'ordinary' Shabbat morning.

WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP

Saturdays at 9:15 AM

MAX J. ETRA CHAPEL

January 10 (changed from Dec. 6)

February 7 (Mincha only).

This women's participatory service is designed to be a celebration of women's prayer and learning. Additional services can be scheduled for *smachot* that occur during the year.

HASHKAMA MINYAN

7:15 AM

Max J. Etra Chapel

December 13 January 3, 17 & 31

The few, the proud, the sleep deprived. The Hashkama Minyan does more before 9:00 AM than most people do before noon! The service is followed by a Talmud class by Rabbi Eliezer Rubin or visiting scholars.

SCULPTURES BY ERIC EIGEN FROM THE SERIES *OUR BROTHERS'* *KEEPERS*

There are three sculptures on display at KJ from the series *Our Brothers' Keepers: The Holocaust, Asia, and Australia* made by our member, Mr. Eric Eigen. They are located outside the Max J. Etra Chapel and in the Jess Ward Library.

When Mr. Eigen first visited the Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem, he was inspired to make a sculptural version of The Forest of the Righteous Gentiles. Too many venues document the fact that there are no limits to Man's inhumanity. This was one of the few places that honored people who had refused to give in to evil. If more people could be inspired to follow these positive examples the world could become a better place.

The series *Our Brothers' Keepers* consists of eight sculptures: one for each of the inhabited continents, one for the Holocaust, and one piece (suspended from the ceiling) that represents those who died while helping others.

These unique sculptures are for sale and twenty percent of the sale price will be donated to KJ. Eric is offering a special discounted price for the entire series if the purchaser will donate *Our Brothers' Keepers* to a museum. For more information and prices contact Mr. Eric Eigen at 212-879-4085.

CALL PRESIDENT BUSH

We encourage readers of this Bulletin to please call President Bush daily (202-456-1111) to urge his continued support of Israel and to encourage America's fight against worldwide terrorism.

NEXT STEP IN JEWISH LEARNING

Taught by
Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Thursdays at 7:00 PM

Join a course for adults who want to brush up on basic Jewish practice. The curriculum will be a very practical focus on the laws of prayer and blessings using Maimonides as a guide. After class, participants will have the opportunity for one-on-one study with a partner on the subject of their choice as part of the Open Beit Midrash at KJ.

UPCOMING KJ YOUTH PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

OPEN GYM (Boys & Girls, Grades 2-6)

Saturday nights: December 13 January 24

OPEN GYM & VIDEO (Girls only, Grades 2-6)

Saturday night, January 17

TEEN OPEN GYM

Saturday nights: December 20 January 10

HELLO YELLOW ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAM

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Sunday, December 21



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In Memoriam

LEONARD SMOKLER

He was a very precious member of our community. The husband of our Administrative Director Alice Smokler, and the father of Rhonda Luxenberg and Sandy Smokler, his greatest love was his family. He adored his grandchildren and he had great *nachas* from all of them.

Leonard was a man who despite ten years of infirmity never lost his smile and sweetness. He was grateful for everything that was done for him and he expressed that gratitude freely to family, to friends, to doormen, and to everyone who did anything for him.

A former football player in his early college years, a graduate of Boston University, with an MBA from Wharton, he was also a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force during the Korean War. Very few, however, knew of his special accomplishments because his hallmark was humility and self-effacement.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Alice and the entire family.

GLORIA BUCHWALD

A woman of exquisite taste and beauty, Gloria Buchwald was also very talented and creative. She used to make her children's clothes and, when she didn't, she insisted that they

wear the latest fashions and the most attractive garments.

She made a beautiful home for her husband Elias, a former Trustee of the Congregation, and set a formal and dignified table, arranging the decor with precision and artistry.

She was very loving to her grandchildren and extremely proud of their accomplishments. Her creative talents were passed on to them.

We extend our condolences to Elias, to Monita Buchwald, to Gena Stern, and to all the members of the bereaved family.

WILLIAM GOLDBERG

Many of us knew him as the man with the flowing white hair and big hats who would come to *shul*, sit on the extreme left side aisle and *shep nachas* from everything that was going on, whether it was a Carlebach Shabbat or an interesting sermon. Willy Goldberg was a presence with his ever-smiling face and his thoughtful and critical eye.

For many years he was the President of the Diamond Dealers Club. He endeavored to raise the level of ethics and responsibility in the diamond industry. He was respected and beloved by all.

He was a passionate Jew: religious in his behavior, generous in his

tzedakah, innovative in his support of the ethics-on-line program of the Orthodox Caucus, and most proud of the fact that all of his grandchildren were graduates of, or students in, Day Schools. He was particularly generous to Ramaz and to KJ.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife Lili, who was his partner in all of his ventures - business and charitable - to his son Saul, and to all the members of the bereaved family.

RUTH WINKLER

A very elderly member of the congregation passed away. She had been associated with Kehilath Jeshurun for over fifty years together with her sister Evelyn Oppenheimer, and her nephews Dr. Roger Oppenheimer and Dr. Peter Oppenheimer, both alumni of Ramaz.

She was very proud of her association with our congregation and particularly of the education that Ramaz gave to her nephews. Though incapacitated for many years, when she was able to come to *shul* she very much enjoyed the people at KJ and the *davening*.

We extend heartfelt condolences to all the members of the bereaved family.

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BNAI MITZVAH



ROSE SPIEGEL

Mazel Tov to Judy and Dr. Alan Spiegel on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rose, which took place on October 13 at Beit Elazraki, a children's home in Netanya, Israel, for which she raised \$6,500. She gave a Dvar Torah on the theme of *Chaverim Kol Yisroel* and leyned the book of *Kohelet*.

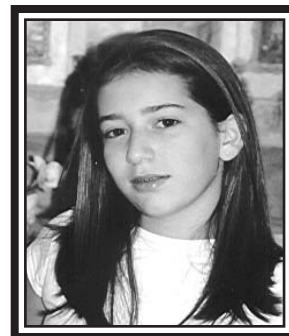
Rose is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



RACHEL MARCUS

Mazel Tov to Jacqueline and Jeffrey Marcus on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel, which will take place on January 10 at Alfred Lerner Hall at Columbia University. Rachel will deliver a Dvar Torah on "*Yaacov's Journey Back to Eretz Yisroel*."

Rachel is a student in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



NATALIE SARA ZISES

Mazel Tov to Cathy and Seymour Zises on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Natalie Sara, which will take place on January 17 at the Ramaz Upper School. Rabbi Michael Paley of the UJA-Federation will conduct services. Natalie's Parsha is *Shemot*. She will leyn the first two Aliyot, the Maftir, and will chant the Haftarah. In addition, she will deliver a Dvar Torah on *The Important Role Women Play in the Life of Moses*.

Natalie is a seventh grade student at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School.



JOSHUA LEVITT

Mazel Tov to Diana and Roger Levitt on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua, which will take place on January 10 in the Main Synagogue. Joshua will read Parashat *Vayechi*.

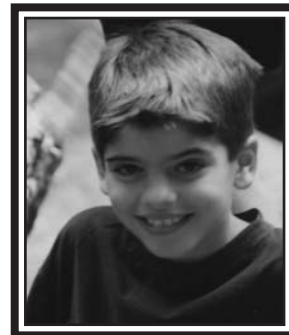
Joshua is a student in the seventh grade at the Dalton School.



CAROLINE LOBEL

Mazel Tov to Judy and David Lobel on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Caroline, which will take place on Friday evening, January 16 in the Main Synagogue. Caroline will deliver a Dvar Torah entitled "*Women of Valor: Heroes of the Jewish People*."

Caroline is a sixth grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



JEREMY BANON

Mazel Tov to Louise and Sidney Banon on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jeremy, which will take place on January 31 in the Main Synagogue. He will read Parashat *Bo* and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to *Bo*.

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



ARYEH FRIEDMAN

Mazel Tov to Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aryeh, which will take place on Shabbat Shira, Tu B'Shvat, February 7 at the Young Israel of Forest Hills, at which his grandfather is the Rabbi. Aryeh will read Parashat *Beshalach*, make a *siyum* on *Masechet Megillah* and deliver a Dvar Torah.

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

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BIRTHS

Mazel Tov to:

Dana and Michael Cohen upon the birth of a daughter, Sofia Margarita.

Orit and Seth Gribetz upon the birth of a daughter, Natalia Pearl.

Miriam Humbach and James Infantino on the birth of a son, Matthew Jacob.

Charlene and David Khaghan on the birth of a daughter, Victoria Leigh. Similar congratulations to the proud grandparents, Sarah and Martin Goldman.

Ruth and Larry Kobrin on the birth of a granddaughter, Avital Preva Leba, to their children Rabbi Jeffrey and Michelle Kobrin.

Dr. Vivian Mann on the birth of two grandsons: Eliezer Joseph, to Drs. Shari and Ranon Mann; and Ezra Mattes, to Miriam and Stephen Wallach.

Judith and Daniel Ottensoser on the birth of a daughter, Isabel Tamar.

Dr. Cheryl Fishbein and Philip Schatten on the birth of a grandson, Raphael Joshua, born to their children Susan Schatten and Jonathan Epstein.

Monica and Sandy Shapiro on the birth of a daughter, Zehava. Similar congratulations to the proud grandparents, Ruth and Irwin Shapiro.

Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer on the birth of a son, Joshua Aaron.

Nicole and Pinhas Zekry on the birth of a daughter, Oriana Rachel.

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

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazel Tov to:

Hannah and Edward Low on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Samantha

Lauren Doppelt, daughter of Debbie and Michael Doppelt.

Frida Riederman on the Bar Mitzvah her grandson, Joshua Andrew, which took place on November 8 in Baltimore, Maryland. Similar congratulations to the proud parents, Helene and Dr. Robert Riederman.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel Tov to:

Sandy and Dr. Robert April on the engagement of their son, Aaron Lauchheimer, to Pamela Solomont, daughter of Joan and David Solomont, of Brookline, Massachusetts.

Elaine Gruenstein on the engagement of her son, Benjamin Gruenstein, to Rebecca Roiphe, daughter of Anne and Dr. Herman Roiphe, of Manhattan.

Alexandra Joseph, daughter of Jessica Joseph, and the late Jean-Paul Joseph, and granddaughter of Mrs. Soeurette Joseph, on her engagement to Haskel Rabbani, son of Ruth and Elazar Rabbani. Both Alexandra and Haskel (Zeke) are alumni of Ramaz.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDING

Mazel Tov to:

Sandy and Bruce Goldwyn on the marriage of their son Elan Goldwyn to Michelle Ross, daughter of Rhonda and John Ross, of Hamilton, Ontario.

May they enjoy their marriage with happiness and blessing.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to our devoted members, Dr. Ruth L. Gottesman and Mr.

J. Ezra Merkin, who will receive Honorary Degrees at an Academic Convocation preceding the Annual Chanukah Dinner of Yeshiva University on December 14.

Congratulations to our cherished member, Fanya Gottesfeld Heller, who received the Aishet Chayil Award at the 21st Annual Dinner of the American Friends of Bet El Yeshiva on December 7.

Congratulations to our esteemed members Drs. Kevin and Mary Kaye Ross on receiving the "Yaakov & Leah Emet" Award at the November 17th Hebron Fund dinner.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Martin Fawer, on the passing of his mother, Gertrude Fawer.

Leo Fox, on the passing of his father, Morris Fox.

Hon. Jerome Hornblass, on the passing of his sister, Rozalyn Frischman.

Benjamin Ari Hering, on the passing of his mother, Charlotte Hering.

Adam Hurwich, on the passing of his father, Baruch Hurwich.

Marc Kantrowitz, on the passing of his mother, Esther Kantrowitz.

Rachel Goldman and Rose Simstein, on the passing of their sister, Syd Naidech.

Berndt Perl, on the passing of his father, Josef Perl.

James Tisch, on the passing of his father, Laurence A. Tisch.

Dr. Jerald Zimmerman, on the passing of his mother, Freda Zimmerman.

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		<i>Friday Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Friday Evening Services</i>	<i>Saturday Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
December					
5-6	Vayetze	4:11 PM	4:25 PM	4:00 PM	5:08 PM
12-13	Vayishlah	4:11 PM	4:25 PM	4:00 PM	5:09 PM
19-20	Vayeshev/ Chanukah I	4:13 PM	4:25 PM	4:00 PM	5:12 PM
26-27	Miketz/ Chanukah VIII	4:17 PM	4:30 PM	4:05 PM	5:15 PM
January					
2-3	Vayigash	4:22 PM	4:35 PM	4:10 PM	5:20 PM
9-10	Vayehi	4:28 PM	4:40 PM	4:20 PM	5:27 PM
16-17	Shemot	4:36 PM	4:50 PM	4:25 PM	5:34 PM
23-24	Vaera	4:44 PM	4:55 PM	4:35 PM	5:42 PM
	/Rosh Chodesh Shevat				
30-31	Bo	4:53 PM	5:05 PM	4:45 PM	5:50 PM
February					
6-7	Beshalah/Tu B'Shevat	5:01 PM	5:15 PM	4:50 PM	5:57 PM
13-14	Yitro	5:10 PM	5:25 PM	5:00 PM	6:06 PM
20-21	Mishpatim	5:18 PM	5:30 PM	5:10 PM	6:14 PM
27-28	Terumah	5:26 PM	5:40 PM	5:15 PM	6:21 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday mornings.....7:30 AM
Sunday mornings8:30 AM
Mondays and Thursdays7:15 AM
Rosh Chodesh Weekdays7:00 AM
Sabbath mornings.....9:00 AM

EVENING SERVICES

December 1-25	4:25 PM	January 25-29	5:00 PM
December 28 - January 1	4:30 PM	February 1-5	5:10 PM
January 5-8	4:35 PM	February 8-12	5:20 PM
January 11-15	4:45 PM	February 15-19	5:25 PM
January 18-22	4:50 PM	February 22-26	5:35 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday through Saturday, December 20-27
Chanukah

Friday Night, December 19

Erev Chanukah

Candle Lighting at 4:13 PM

Week of Chanukah, Dec. 21-25

Light Candles after 5:10 PM

Thursday and Friday, December 25 & 26

Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Morning Services at 8:30 AM and 7:00 AM

Thursday, January 1

Morning Services at 8:30 AM

Sunday, January 4

Fast of 10th of Tevet

Fast begins 5:53 AM

Morning Service at 8:30 AM

Evening Service at 4:25 PM

Fast ends 5:12 PM

Monday, February 16

President's Day

Morning Service at 8:30 AM

Sunday and Monday, February 22 & 23

Rosh Chodesh Adar

Morning Services at 8:30 AM and 7:00 AM

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