



RABBI JACOB J. SCHACTER ADDRESSES 131ST ANNUAL MEETING SAME OFFICERS TO CONTINUE TO LEAD KJ

Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, Dean of The Soloveitchik Institute in Boston, and a talmid of the Rav, addressed the 131st Annual Meeting with a very heart warming and touching memorial tribute to Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik on the 100th anniversary of the Rav's birth and the 10th anniversary of his passing. His topic was *RABBI JOSEPH B. SOLOVEITCHIK: LIFE AND LEGACY*.

Rabbi Soloveitchik — known as the Rav — was one of the twentieth century's most preeminent and influential Jewish scholars. Born in 1903 in Belarus, Russia to a family renowned for its talmudic genius, and a graduate of the University of Berlin with a doctorate in philosophy, the Rav represented a halachically-centered Orthodoxy engaged with the world.

In the early 1940s, the Rav succeeded his father as the Rosh Yeshiva of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan

Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, a position he held with great distinction until ill health forced his retirement in 1985. As Rosh Yeshiva, he became the spiritual mentor of thousands of American-trained rabbis and was universally acknowledged as the intellectual leader of an open and engaged Orthodoxy. His influence gained international scope due to the leadership roles he held in the Religious Zionists of America and the Rabbinical Council of America, where his wisdom guided policy decisions for nearly four decades.

The Rav wrote numerous highly influential essays and Torah discourses. He also delivered tens of thousands of public lectures and shiurim, many of which have been recorded on tape. His masterful oratory in Yiddish and English mesmerized audiences of thousands and his sophisticated writings argued powerfully for a

meaningful Orthodoxy in the twentieth century.

The Rav was a very close friend and contemporary of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein (of blessed memory) and he was the Rebbe of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. The Rav's influence was felt at KJ throughout the twentieth century and this was particularly evident with regard to his shared belief with Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein about the education of Jewish children. Both the Rav and Rabbis Lookstein felt the education of Jewish children, both boys as well as girls, should combine rigorous Judaic and secular studies, as evidenced in the Maimonides School in Brookline, Massachusetts, and right here at Ramaz.

Following the meeting, delighted attendees were invited to a supper of hotdogs and ice cold beer in the Riklis Social Hall, compliments of Foremost Caterers.

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120 SENIORS ARE GRADUATED FROM RAMAZ 62 TO SPEND NEXT YEAR IN ISRAEL OUTSTANDING HONORS AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS RECORD ACHIEVED BY THE SENIOR CLASS

At the graduation exercises of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz on June 18, 2003, 120 seniors received their diplomas. Of that number, 62 will be spending next year studying at a variety of

Torah institutions in Israel. That is an astounding 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.

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SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JULY 17 – AUGUST 7

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 after the sin of the Golden Calf, the daily sacrifice was 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 the ninth day of the month of Av — *Tisha B'Av*. On this day, the spies (*meraglim*), 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 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 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 30, and continue until midday on the tenth day of Av, August 8, 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. 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 *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 we will be worthy to see God rebuild the Temple in our lifetime.

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 Beginner's Service will again be held in the Lindenbaum Recreation Center, located in the Gottesman Center.

High Holy Day seat reservation cards will be sent to all congregants later this month. We ask you to please return the card with your requests no later than the deadline of Friday, July 11.

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. This is important information for us.

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FAST OF 17TH OF TAMMUZ

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Fast Begins 4:27 AM

Shachrit 6:45 AM

Mincha 8:05 PM

Fast Ends 9:05 PM

TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 6, Tisha B'Av Eve

Mincha Services 8:00 PM

Fast Begins 8:00 PM

Followed by: Ma'ariv and Eicha

Thursday, August 7, Tisha B'Av

Morning Services 7:00 AM

Followed by Kinot

Mincha / Maariv 7:45 PM

Conclusion of Fast 8:42 PM

THREE WEEKS AND TISHA B'AV WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 15
8:00 PM

By Rabbi Joshua Cypess

THE JUDITH KAUFMAN HURWICH KETER TORAH AWARD

A historic event took place in the presence of a packed Main Synagogue on the second day of Shavuot when, at the conclusion of the service, Yvonne Koppel and Deena Shiff were presented by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein with the first Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Awards. The awards were named in memory of Judith Kaufman Hurwich who started her life as a student in the

Ramaz Elementary School and who became a central force for women's Torah study in Israel. Among her many achievements was helping to found MaTaN as a lay leader working with Rabbanit Malka Bina.

Judy's parents were the late Rita and Benjamin Kaufman, longtime members of KJ and leading forces in the growth and development of Ramaz. She is the

mother of our members, Meryl and Adam Hurwich, and the grandmother of three Ramaz students: Talia, Leah, and Zev.

The best description of the award and its significance is provided by the remarks delivered by Deena Shiff from the pulpit at the conclusion of our service on the second day of Shavuot. We reprint it here for all to read and enjoy.

ADDRESS BY DEENA SHIFF SHAVUOT II – JUNE 7, 2003

B'rishut HaRav. B'rishut HaKahal.

Please note that I speak today on behalf of Yvonne Koppel as well as myself. Accordingly, while the words may be mine they actually convey our jointly held sentiments.

We acknowledge the unique honor of these Keter Torah Awards as symbols of the high regard that this distinguished Congregation has constantly maintained for women in synagogue life, Jewish life and life in general.

Of particular significance is the fact that Kehilath Jeshurun chose to bestow its Keter Torah Awards on the holiday of Shavuot, a holiday that stands at the intersection of two vital and interrelated roles involving women.

As you know, Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai. Regarding this event, the Chumash in Exodus, Chapter 19 Verse 3, states: *Ko Tomar L'bait Yaakov* ("So shall you say to the House of Jacob"). Rashi comments that the phrase *House of Jacob* and, in particular, the use of the word *Bayit* as opposed to *B'nai* ("the sons of," which is the traditional formulation), specifically includes the women as well as the men. Indeed, women were to be the first to receive the Ten Commandments, because, as Samson Raphael Hirsch notes, the concepts of the Torah should be explained to the women who are pillars of the home and community.

The second reason why Shavuot is considered a holiday that recognizes the uniqueness of women is because on it we read the story of Ruth. Ruth

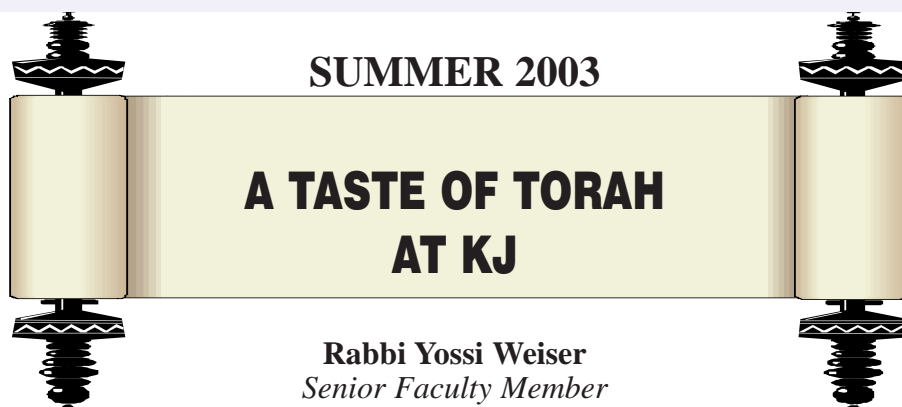
demonstrates a woman's love, sensitivity, devotion and commitment to the laws of the Torah. In Ruth we learn that Elimelech was punished because as the leader of the Jewish people, he abandoned them in their time of need. Like a mother tending to the needs of her children, a leader leads even when it is inconvenient and frustrating. In contrast to Elimelech, however, his wife Naomi never forgot her roots and returned to her people. She is the one who cultured, schooled and converted Ruth. She reminds us not to shun responsibility. Indeed, within the story of Ruth lies the message that only by being involved, by being a part of the Jewish people through Torah and Chesed does one fulfill the adage "Anyone who assists and helps Israel, assists and lifts up the name of God."

On Shavuot we celebrate the giving and receiving of the Torah. Jews are obligated to recite daily the following morning blessing: *Baruch Atah HaShem Elokainu Melech Haolam Asher Kidishanu Bemitzvotav V'ztievanu La'Asok B'divrei Torah* ("Blessed are you Hashem, our God, King of the Universe, who commanded us to immerse ourselves in engagement with Torah"). Note the term used. It does not say that our daily obligation is merely to study Torah. The word used is *La'Asok* — to be involved with Torah. What does this mean? What is "involvement with" Torah? Quite simply, it is dedicating oneself to service of the Jewish people, like when Yvonne helped establish the shul's *mishloach manot* program, which ensures that hundreds of KJ members

fulfill a Purim mitzvah, provide Tzedakah to the community, and grow closer to one another, simultaneously fulfilling *mitzvot ben Adam l'Makom* (ritual piety) as well as *mitzvot ben Adam l'chaveroh* (interpersonal piety). Now that's being involved with Torah! It means living a life of honesty, morality, and *menschlichkeit* that ennobles all of us. "Involvement with" Torah also means providing the proper, positive Jewish milieu for our families by making our homes kosher, ensuring that our children receive a Jewish education (both formally and in the home) and personally investing in that education by assisting and working for the school. Certainly, this is something that Yvonne has done for many years and something that I am committed to as well, emulating her example. That is "involvement with" Torah that we, the women of Kehilath Jeshurun, take pride in nurturing.

Yvonne and I are especially proud that Rabbi Lookstein and the entire Congregation have sensitively designated Shavuot as the most opportune time to honor the role of women in this community. Yvonne and I accept the Keter Torah Awards on behalf of all the women of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, and we are most appreciative of being singled out today as worthy representatives. While we may technically be its first recipients, we believe that we are accepting the Keter Torah Awards on behalf of many congregational women who are equally, if not more deserving.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach.



Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:15 pm *Studies in the Weekly Portion*
 Tuesdays 8:20 - 9:30 pm *The Beauty of Jewish Law*
 Wednesday 7:15 - 8:15 pm *Profit from the Prophets: The Book of Judges*
 Wednesday 8:20 - 9:30 pm *Jewish History: Freedom Fighters or Terrorists:
Irgun vs. Hamas*

DATES (7 Weeks)

June 24 July 1, 15, 22, 29 August 5 (6 total, no class on July 8)
 June 25 July 2, 16, 23, 30 (5 total, no classes in August)

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**2. THE BEAUTY OF JEWISH LAW
(Tuesday, 8:20-9:30 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: **Loshon Hara vs. Freedom of the Press**, **‘Occupied’ Territories? Dual Loyalty: Jewish Americans vs. American Jews.***

**3. PROFIT FROM THE PROPHETS:
BOOK OF JUDGES
(Wednesday, 7:15-8:15 pm)**

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**4. JEWISH HISTORY: FREEDOM
FIGHTERS OR TERRORISTS: IRGUN
VS. HAMAS
(Wednesday, 8:20-9:30 pm)**

As Israel’s decades-long struggle for safety and nationhood continues, many people question how our ‘freedom fighters’ are any different from the terrorists attacking Israel today. Through studying the Irgun, Stern Gang, and Haganah in the period of 1944-48, we will try to deal with this vexing moral question.

Come and feast your souls! No charge.

131ST 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 Trustee Surie Sugarman.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED TO THE SAME POSITIONS

<i>President</i>	Chaim Edelstein
<i>1st Vice Pres.</i>	Isaac Sherman
<i>2nd Vice Pres.</i>	Rae Gurewitsch
<i>3rd Vice Pres.</i>	Robert Kurzweil
<i>Treasurer</i>	Eric Feldstein
<i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Larry Baruch
<i>Financial Sec</i>	Dr. Diana Friedman
<i>Recording Sec</i>	Jacob Dof

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE VACANCIES

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

Sholem Greenbaum
Michael Jesselson
Martin Kaufman
Harry Kleinhaus
Yvonne Koppel
Kenneth Rochlin

Thus, there were six vacancies on the Regular Board.

The following trustee terms expired and these trustees were re-elected unanimously:

Stephen Kule
Ephraim Propp
Melvin Stein
Surie Sugarman

TRUSTEES ELECTED

Five sitting Associate Trustees, and Barbara Zimet were elected as Regular Trustees of the congregation. They are:

Sid Banon
Rena Hoffman
Sheila Levine
Sandra Rapoport
Daniel Schwartz
Barbara Zimet

ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES RE-APPOINTED

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

Dan Bettinger
Jonathan Blinken
Isaac Corre
Howard Katz
John Lieberman
Morris Massel
Robin Mehl
Anne Schwartz
David Stonehill

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:

Barry Best
Sherry Cohen
Richard Linhart
Stacy Scheinberg
Lee Snow
Brett Zuckerman

DECEASED MEMBERS

With warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein paid tribute to thirteen members of the congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 130th Annual Meeting.

Those members memorialized were:

Norman Greenberg
Lola Gross
Dr. William Herzig
Samuel Lerner
Bruce Linzer
Dr. William Major
Belle Miller
Dr. Alexander Muller
Anita Schultz
Ruth Skydell
Dr. Stephen Stowe
Charles Synes
Martin Zuger



SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIANS

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

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANT

Mrs. Reba Etra

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Ruth and Hon. Joel Lewittes
Nellie and Louis Orwasher
Eleanor and Sidney Scheinberg
Nechi and Dr. Noam Shudofsky

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Frances Davidson
Dr. Martin Fox
Hadassah Gradowski
Bonnie and Isaac Pollak



NEW MEMBERS

Sixty-one new families joined the congregation this past year and were officially approved and welcomed at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Diana Friedman, Financial Secretary of the congregation, welcomed the following new members:

Bonnie and Dr. Val Andrei
Debra and Shlomo Baruch
Zvia and Dr. Avi Beker
Sarah and David Bersson
Sara and Josh Bleier
Ilanit and Yaniv Blumenfeld
Dr. Taryn and David Bolnick
Adam Brenner
Gregory Brenner
Tami and Dr. Edmond Cleeman
Sender Cohen
Alexander Crane
Rachel and Jimmy Davidson
Marc L. Davis
Jeremy Deutsch
Dr. Libbe and Steven Englander
Penny and Dr. Roy E. Feldman
Robert Aaron Fishman
Rocky and Sarah Fishman
Phyllis and Dr. Benjamin Freilich
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Amanda Gimble and
Myron Glucksman
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Jamie and Scott Kurland
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Vicky and Samuel Mannis
Lyon Marcus
Andrea and Dr. Robert Meislin
Joyce and Edward Misrahi
Mindy and Fred Miller
Geraldine and Jeffrey Mittler
Evelyn Oppenheimer
Marci and Murray Rabinowitz
Shari & Philip Reiss
Jeff and Justijana Shoshana Roseman
Daniela and Avi Rosenblatt
Elana and Dr. Benjamin Rosenbluth
Dawn and Dr. Richard Rosencrantz
Rachel and Jonathan Rosenfeld
Esther and Kenneth Rubinstein
Robert Schlaff
Lauren and Michael Schwartz
Melissa and Alon Shein
Esther and Marc Sholes
Ariel and Alejandra Sigal
Michelle and Dr. William Spielfogel
Gena and David Stern
Randi and David Sultan
Fran and Dr. Alex Tepper
Ecaterina Varga
Meredith and Glenn Wasserman
Rebecca Witonsky



RAMAZ SCHOOL MEETING

Prior to the closing remarks of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and the collation in the Riklis Social Hall, Steven J. Schacter, 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*
Jacob Doft
Wendy Greenbaum
Pamela Rohr
Vivian Shulman

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

Eric Feldstein
Shelley Kaufman
Rosalie Kleinhaus
Sue Talansky

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

Fred Baumgarten
Judy Lobel
Pamela Rohr
Florence Rothman
Steven J. Schacter
Susan Shay

Elected as Parent Trustee:

Judy Abel (Brill)

Reelected as Alumni Trustees:

Wendy Greenbaum
J. Ezra Merkin
David Sable

NEW TRUSTEES

New Regular Trustees elected were:

Miriam Feldstein
David Gruenstein
Scott Hoffman
Debbie Schwartz

COMMUNITY TRUSTEES

The following eight Trustees were elected as Community Trustees:

Harvey Beker
Eugene Farber
Joseph Low
Mitchell Presser
Andrew Schonzeit
Radine Spear
Moshael Strauss
Sue Talansky

HONORARY TRUSTEES

The following were reelected as Honorary Trustees:

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

RAMAZ OFFICERS

Ramaz Officers are elected by the Board of Trustees. Those selected following the Annual Meeting were:

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David N. Kahn

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FAREWELL TO RABBI BARRY GELMAN

Rabbi Barry Gelman, who came to us last August from Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Montreal, left in the middle of this month to take up the position as Rabbi of the Union of Orthodox Synagogues of Houston, Texas, the leading Orthodox congregation in that city. It sponsors a Day School and holds an extremely important position in the Southwest of the United States.

While at KJ, Rabbi Gelman was the Beginners Program Director and also the Director of our Educational Programs. He endeared himself to many members of the congregation,

speaking compellingly from the pulpit, teaching interesting classes, and participating actively in our pastoral work.

We are sorry to see him go, but we are very happy for him and his family that he has such a wonderful opportunity to serve the Jewish community in a very prestigious position. We wish Rabbi Gelman, his wife, Gabi, and their children, Samuel, Lillian, and Benjamin, much happiness and success in Houston, and we hope to hear many good things from, and about them, in the months and years to come.

KJ BARAK HOCKEY TEAM PROPELLED TO THE SEMI-FINALS

Dear KJ Community:

I want to tell you about a really nice experience we had as a team, when *KJ BARAK* visited Norfolk, Virginia to play in a high school hockey tournament. The tournament agreed to schedule our first two games for early Friday afternoon and late Saturday night, and we arranged to spend Shabbat with the local Orthodox congregation, B'nai Israel.

When eleven of us arrived in shul for mincha on Friday night, we had of course changed out of our hockey clothes but nevertheless still stood out in what turned out to be a largely 'black hat' minyan. The rabbi, Yosef Friedman, came up to me during davening and asked how we had made out in our first game, which we had won against an "A" level team from Hampton Roads, Virginia. After the service, he announced who we were and the result, and virtually everyone in shul came and introduced himself, shook all our hands and congratulated us on the win.

On Shabbat morning, Parashat Zachor, Rabbi Friedman again announced our presence in shul, and also announced that our next game would be against the team from Reston, Virginia at 10:55 pm at Iceland. The service was followed by an equally warm and friendly kiddush, and lunch with several other congregational

families.

The nicest part of all was yet to come. At our previous tournament in December, the fans rabidly rooted vociferously against us. Our only fan was Izzy, the bus driver. This time when we took to the ice in our Barak uniforms, we felt like the home team. There, in this little bandbox arena late at night in a southern town, cheering for us, were about a dozen members of B'nai Israel, as distinguishable from the rest of the locals as we had been on Friday night. What a beautiful sight.

It's probably no accident that they were treated to our best game of the year. Reston was the only team that had defeated us in the December tournament in which they were the host team, and went to the finals (we finished third). This time, we were all over them on offense and smothered them on defense, winning 6-1, putting us in second overall, and propelling us into the semi-finals. We got a three-goal 'hat trick' from David Kaufman in that game, but I'm convinced that the 'hat' in the stands also helped. After the game, which ended well past 1:00 AM, they gathered around us and clapped as we made our way to the locker room. It was a memorable scene and a great moment.

Sincerely,

Ben Epstein, KJ Coach

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ISRAEL

69 JOIN KJ MISSION TO ISRAEL FOR PESACH

The KJ Mission to Israel for Pesach is history, but it will long be remembered as a great experience for everybody who participated in it. In addition to spending Yom Tov in the Holy Land, we visited the Weizmann Institute, the Mini Israel Exhibit, the Re'uth Medical Center, and - by far the highlight - the Egoz Military Base in the North. There is a remarkable photo of Rabbi Lookstein in camouflage from the Egoz visit.

It is hard to describe adequately the feeling of pride and enthusiasm



*Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
in disguise*

that came from being in Israel, from meeting many leading Israelis such as Natan Sharansky, Dore Gold, Michael Oren, and Daniel Gordis, and, of course, the constant shopping through which we brought tangible support to our brothers and sisters.

Watch for the news about our forthcoming Mission to Israel for Thanksgiving. We have already reserved our rooms at the Inbal and plans are being made right now. We hope that you will join us on this Mission

SISTERHOOD ISRAELI FASHION SHOW HIGHLIGHTED BY JERUSALEM POST

From the *JERUSALEM POST*
Friday, May 9, 2003

by Greer Fay Cashman

*KJ received a very nice compliment en passant in an article entitled **Bonds of Solidarity**. The excerpt reads as follows:*

"NOT all visitors to Israel were upset by the strike and the limitations it placed on their ability to return to their home countries. New Yorker Fern Penn didn't mind if the strike continued. She would have loved to have stayed in

Israel for a few more days. She was here for a quick trip to purchase fashions for an all Israel Fashion Show to be held on May 20 at the Big Apple's Kehilath Jeshurun Synagogue, and took about 10 garments each from about a dozen Israeli designers, one of whom, Elaine Stoleru, is flying to the Big Apple to attend the show. The other brand names to be featured are: Ronen Chen, Comme il Faut, Kedem Sasson, Ginza, Anny and Adi Jacobson, Sigal Dekel, Rina Zin, Tovele by Naama Hasin, and

People. Penn also bought up leather accessories from Yael Kissim, and hats from Kolav Segol, Ora, Sazz and Mimi.

"Penn purchases mostly one-size fits all garments to ensure that anyone who falls in love with an Israeli outfit will be able to take it home. Kehilath Jeshurun has always had a close relationship with Israel, but never more so than since the intifada. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, the congregation's spiritual leader, has brought many solidarity groups to Israel."

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In Memoriam

Jerome Bruss

Jerry Bruss was more than a member of the congregation. KJ was his family for the past 53 years. Jerry attended the congregation's religious school as a child. I vividly remember during the years when I conducted the Father and Son Minyan, when he was about 10 or 11 years old, I used to conduct a quiz at some point during the service. Jerry knew the answers to questions on the davening better than many of the Ramaz students. He had an encyclopedic memory and a vivid interest in everything Jewish.

During his teen years he developed a very serious mental illness which made it difficult for him to function during the rest of his life. His father died when he was very young, and his mother died when he was already an adult. For the last 18 years he lived in an institution.

He never forgot KJ. Whenever I or any of us would go to visit him, whether in Far Rockaway, Boston, or Great Neck, he would ask about members of the congregation whom he remembered, he would remind us of the Bar Mitzvah parsha of many of the people, and he would insist on always receiving the Bulletin. This was his connection to the outside world.

For many years we supported him in material and spiritual ways. Last month he passed away from pneumonia. We provided him with a burial plot on the Old Mt. Carmel Cemetery and a minyan, together with two women, gathered for a graveside funeral.

Shlomo ben Ze'ev v'Chana: we loved you and we will always remember you.

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In response to the many inquiries we have received following the community's Yom HaShoah program, we are pleased to make available for purchase autographed copies of Rabbi Lookstein's 1985 book: "WERE WE OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS? THE PUBLIC RESPONSE OF AMERICAN JEWS TO THE HOLOCAUST 1938 -1944," which formed the basis for his Yom HaShoah program presentation: *Sixty Years After The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising: Have We Gotten the*

Message?

Now is a good time to acquire a volume that should be featured in every Jewish home's library. The hardcover edition costs \$20 and the softcover costs \$10. All proceeds will exclusively benefit the Congregation's Capital Fund. Purchasers may pay for and retrieve their books by visiting the KJ office, or by completing the coupon below, and mailing it to the KJ Synagogue Office.

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Midreshet HaRova
Midreshet Moriah
Migdal Oz

Men:

Reishit Yerushalayim
Yeshivat HaKotel
Yeshivat Har Etzion
Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavnet
Yeshivat Ma'ale Gilboa
Yeshivat Sha'arei Mevasseret Zion

HONORS FOR THE SENIOR CLASS

JAY REIDLER

Presidential Scholar

We are thrilled to announce that Jay Reidler, who will spend next year in Yeshivat Har Etzion and the following year in Harvard, was named as a Presidential Scholar, one of 138 seniors nationwide. He is one of two Day School graduates to be so honored. Along with Jay, Rabbi David Flatto was honored as the teacher who had the greatest impact on him. Both Jay and Rabbi Flatto attended a White House ceremony in connection with this very prestigious award.

JOSHUA LEVINE

Intel Science Semi-Finalist

We are proud to announce that Joshua Levine earned a place as a Semi-Finalist in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search, the successor to the Westinghouse Science Competition.

NATIONAL MERIT AWARD

Ramaz also scored extremely well in the National Merit Scholarship program. Jay Reidler was a Winner, 8 seniors were Finalists, while 22 received Letters of Commendation. In other words, 26 percent of the senior class were honored in the National Merit Scholarship program.

In addition to all of these achievements, the graduating seniors established an excellent record in college admissions, with multiple admissions to the following colleges, among others:

Barnard
Boston University
Brandeis
Columbia
Cornell
Dartmouth
George Washington
Harvard
Johns Hopkins
NYU
Princeton
Queens College
Rutgers
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University of Pennsylvania
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Yeshiva University

THE ROAD TO JENIN

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Kehilath Jeshurun will host a second screening of
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Wednesday Evening, July 16th, 7:30 PM in the Heyman Auditorium

THE 131TH YEAR OF CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN – A RETROSPECTIVE 2002-2003

ADULT EDUCATION

- ◆ Rabbi Hershel Schachter – *THE MEANING OF ISRAEL*
- ◆ Mini Courses:
 - JEWISH THOUGHT* with Rabbi Abraham Berkowitz
 - REFUTING ISRAEL'S CRITICS* with Rabbi Gur Berman
 - INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE WAR IN IRAQ* with Professor Herzog
 - WHY JUDAISM WORKS* with Rabbi Barry Gelman
- ◆ Kiddush Discussion Series
- ◆ Lunch and Learn for Seniors
- ◆ Four Parsha classes and two in Tanakh
- ◆ Seven Talmud classes and two in Halakha
- ◆ Three classes in Jewish Thought and History
- ◆ Hebrew Reading and Ulpan classes

AM HASEFER

- ◆ *A LETTER IN A SCROLL — Understanding Our Jewish Identity and Exploring the Legacy of the World's Oldest Religion* by Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks
- ◆ *OLD MEN AT MIDNIGHT: THE WAR DOCTOR* by Chaim Potok
- ◆ *ACROSS THE SABBATH RIVER: IN SEARCH OF THE LOST TRIBE* by Hillel Helkin

BEGINNER'S

- ◆ Holiday Workshops
- ◆ Hebrew and Beginner's Classes
- ◆ Sukkah Park
- ◆ Purim Party
- ◆ Intermediate Shabbat Services
- ◆ Friday Night Shabbat Experience
- ◆ Shabbat Lunches
- ◆ Beginner's Passover Seder
- ◆ Sabbat Across America

BIKUR CHOLIM

CHESED

- ◆ Dorot Holiday Package Delivery
- ◆ Kol Nidre Food Drive
- ◆ Shabbat Dinner Delivery
- ◆ Clothing Drive
- ◆ Passover Food Drive

CHEVRA KADISHA

GUEST SPEAKERS

- ◆ Rabbi David Hazony
- ◆ Rachel Keren
- ◆ John Loftus
- ◆ Ambassador Dore Gold
- ◆ Dr. Charles Kraushammer
- ◆ Rabbi Kalman Samuels of Shalva Institute
- ◆ Rabbi Barry Freedman, *Educational Director of Israelite Program*
- ◆ Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter of *The Soloveitchik Institute*

HIGH HOLY DAYS

- ◆ Teshuva Shiur by Rabbi Saul Berman
- ◆ Shabbat Shuva Discourse by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
- ◆ Sukkah Meals in three Sukkot
- ◆ Hoshana Rabbah President's Sukkot Breakfast

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

- ◆ Purim Mishloach Manot Project
- ◆ Purim Seudah and Shpiel, Pizza Party and Chagigah
- ◆ Shabbat Hagadol Drasha by Rabbi Joshua Cypess
- ◆ Community Passover Seder
- ◆ Yom HaShoah Commemorative Program
- ◆ Yom Ha'Atzmaut Zimriah and Service
- ◆ Shavuot Dinner and Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
- ◆ Yom Yerushalayim Services and Breakfast

KESHER

- ◆ Shabbat Meal for New Parents
- ◆ Kick Off Kiddush in the Sukkah
- ◆ Friday Night Shabbat Dinner and Shiur
- ◆ Family Friendly Melave Malka
- ◆ Progressive Dinner and Desserts

MEN'S CLUB

- ◆ Film Presentation: *THE KOMEDIAN*
- ◆ Sponsorship of Weekly Seudot Shlishit

ISRAEL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- ◆ Voter Drive
- ◆ Rally at Israel Mission to the United Nations
- ◆ Weekly Publication of *Artzeinu*, based on news from Israel
- ◆ College Israel Awareness Education Program with Guest Speaker Mira Kogen
- ◆ Operation L'Hitraot VIII, IX — Missions to Israel
- ◆ I Am My Brother's Keeper Fund
- ◆ *THE ROAD TO JENIN* — Special Screening

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SEUDAH SHLISHIT GUEST SPEAKERS

- ◆ Shai Ben-Tekoa, *Commentator on Arutz Sheva*
- ◆ Rabbi Tzvi Klebanow, *Director of IDF*
- ◆ Robert Sugarman, Esq., *Tenafly Eruv*
- ◆ Steven Howard Goldberg, *Political Consultant*
- ◆ Esther Edelstein, *Mazor*

SHABBAT SCHOLARS

- ◆ Rabbi Chaim Brovender, *Rosh Yeshiva*
Yeshiva Hamivtar-Orot Lev
- ◆ Dr. Bryna Levy, *Director of*
MaTan's Advanced Institute for Bible Studies
- ◆ Rabbi Dr. David Shatz, *Professor at*
Stern College and Columbia University
- ◆ Rabbi Nati Helfgot
Yeshivat Chovevei Torah
- ◆ Shabbat T'Lamdeini Guest Speaker Erica Brown

SISTERHOOD

- ◆ Pre-Holiday Boutiques
- ◆ Book Review by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of
SIX DAYS OF WAR
- ◆ Museum Tour, *GAUGUIN EXHIBIT*,
at the Metropolitan Museum
- ◆ *JERUSALEM BY NIGHT AND DAY*
- ◆ Hormone Replacement Therapy Lecture
- ◆ Lecture by Rabbi Eliezer Rubin:
VISITING THE MOURNER
- ◆ Self-Awareness Day
- ◆ Annual Luncheon and Boutique
- ◆ A Day at the Met: *MANET / VELASQUEZ EXHIBIT*
- ◆ Family Portrait Day
- ◆ Cards — Proceeds to Israeli Funds

- ◆ Sponsorship of Weekly Kiddushim
- ◆ Preparations of House of Mourning
- ◆ Mourner's First Meal

SPECIAL SHABBAT PROGRAMS

- ◆ New Hashkama Minyan
- ◆ Women's Tefillah Group
- ◆ Young People's Minyan
- ◆ Carlebach Friday Evening Shabbat Services
- ◆ Oneg Shabbat

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ Yachad Shabbaton
- ◆ Fall Mitzvah Mall and Blood Drive
- ◆ Spring Kasher In, Smurah Matzah Pick Up, Mezuzah,
Tefillin and Shaatnes Check
- ◆ 9/11 Memorial Services / Tribute to Members
of Hatzolah
- ◆ Beit Shalom Japanese Choir
- ◆ KJ College Connection — Chanukah and Purim
Packages to KJ Collegians
- ◆ Zamir Chorale

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Teen Minyan
- Hello Yellow, Arts and Crafts
- KJBL
- KJSL
- Ben Torah Basketball Camp
- BBQ at Bear Mountain
- Great Adventure Pesach Trip
- Sukkot Hospital Visit
- Sukkah Hop

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:

Sandy & Dr. Robert April
Barry Best
Emily & Ben Epstein
Dina & Marshall Huebner
Judy & Dr. Hirshel Kahn
Dr. Karin Katz
Lynette & Steven Koppel
Ilana & Jonathan Kroll
Jessica & Amiel Lindenbaum

Gabriella and the late Dr. William Major
Ann & Dr. Paul Poppers
Pamela & George Rohr
Anne & Sam Schwartz
Adrian & Leonard Silverman
Judy & Dr. Alan Spiegel
Ralou & Ronald Stern
Susan Wexner
Robin & Brett Zuckerman

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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

SANDY APRIL, upon her graduation from New York University with a Masters degree in Social Work.

IVY BERNARD, daughter of Beth and Ronald Bernard, and a Ramaz graduate, on her graduation from the University of Michigan with a degree in Communication Studies. Ivy was a recipient of the Maimonides Leader Fellowship sponsored by Machon L'Torah (The Jewish Learning Network of Michigan). Ronald himself is a graduate of Ramaz class of '68.

JENNIFER ANNE BORN, daughter of Deborah and KJ Trustee Dr. Richard Born, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Jennifer was a very active participant in the arts while at Ramaz, and will attend NYU School of Education in the fall.

DAVID ISAAC BRODY, grandson of Marcia and Arthur Brody, upon his graduation from George Washington University with a degree in Political Science.

BESS HANNAH CASTAGNELLO, daughter of Gail Castagnello, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Beatrice and Murray Kirschblat Holocaust Award given to the student who has demonstrated a commitment to Holocaust awareness, especially in the areas of research and literature and The Richard E. Kobrin Award for Excellence in Community Service, presented to the graduating senior who has demonstrated great sensitivity to the value and importance of community service. Bess was active in Holocaust Oral History, and Bikur Cholim, and will attend SUNY-Binghamton in the fall.

HARLAN COHEN, son of Hollace and Steven Cohen, and a Ramaz graduate, upon receiving his Juris Doctor degree from the New York University School of Law. Harlan was an Articles Editor on the Law Review and the recipient of the Maurice

Goodman Memorial Prize for outstanding scholarship and character. Harlan will clerk for Judge Wilfred C. Feinberg of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Harlan is the author of pieces to be published in the Summer issue of the Yale Journal of International Law and the October issue of the New York University Law Review.

DANIEL DAVIDSON, son of Rachel and Jimmy Davidson on his acceptance to the MBA program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business.

ELISHEVA DAVIS, daughter of Rochelle and Cantor Mayer Davis and granddaughter of Cantor Avram and Esther Davis, was elected president of the Student Council of the Stella K. Abraham High School for Girls in Hewlett Bay Park.

ERICA CELIA DAVIS, daughter of Helen and Reuben Davis, and granddaughter of Berl Janowski and Cantor Avram and Esther Davis, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Dr. Irving and Dubby Shulman Derekh Hayashar Citizenship Award. Erica was an active participant in Chessed, Bikur Cholim, and Yachad, and will attend Brandeis after spending next year in Israel at Midreshet Moriah.

DAVID SAUL ELLENBERG, son of Linda Ossad and Robert Ellenber, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Avram J. Hellerman Memorial Bikur Cholim Award presented to the graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the mitzvah of bikur cholim. He was active in Chorus, the Yearbook, and Likrat Shabbat. David will attend Cornell University School of Arts and Sciences in the fall.

LAURA ENGLANDER, daughter of Caryl and Israel Englander, and granddaughter of Helen and Jack Nash, upon her graduation from Brown University

with a double major in Biology and Art History.

ZIPPORAH CHANA FISCH, daughter of Linda and Charles Fisch, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was an active participant in Chessed, and Bikur Cholim.

MICHAEL ANDREW FRANKEL, son of Susan and Peter Frankel, upon his graduation with honors from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Economics.

MICHAEL JOSEPH FREEDMAN, son of Nancy (Linzer) and Dr. Louis Freedman, and grandson of Janice and Saul Linzer, upon his graduation last year from MIT with a Masters in Engineering. Michael, a former Ramaz student, has completed his first year of a PhD program at NYU as a MacCracken Fellow. He has written on the subject of cryptography and computerized network/security, especially in the field of distributed systems, and he is working for Hewlett Packard this summer.

ESTHER RACHEL GIBOFSKY, daughter of Karen and Dr. Allan Gibofsky, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Gabba'ei Tzedakah Award. She was Co-head of the Photography Club, co-head of the Tzedakah Committee, vice-president of City Harvest, and an active participant on the Debate Team. Esther will attend Northwestern University in the fall.

BENJAMIN GORDON, son of Goldie and I. David Gordon, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sherut Award for contributions to school programs, 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, and the Triple "C" Award. He was Managing Editor of the Yearbook, co-

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head of Freshman Orientation, co-captain of the Service Squad, and a member of the varsity basketball team. Benjamin will attend Brandeis University after spending next year in Israel at Maale Gilboah.

SIMA GREENBAUM, daughter of Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sue Moskowitz Chesed Award for demonstrating exceptional concern for people and kindness to those in need, the Triple"C" Award, and Sima also received recognition as a College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar. She was founder and president of City Harvest, co-captain of the Model United Nations, co-head of the Art Club, and a member of RamPage. Sima will attend Cornell University after spending next year in Israel at Midreshet Ha-Rova.

JILLIAN GROSS, daughter of Georgette and Steven Gross, and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from Brooklyn Law School.

JOHANNA GRUENHUT, daughter of Lynette and Jerry Gruenhut and granddaughter of Shirley and Paul Schulder, and a Ramaz graduate, upon her graduation from Boston University Magna Cum Laude, with a B.S. in film and a minor in religion. Johanna made Dean's List and is also a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and received the Boston University 2003 Screenwriting Award. Next year she will work as an artistic intern at the Long Wharf Theater, in New Haven, Connecticut.

SHERRI HIRSCHENBOIM, daughter of Ronit and Eli Hirschenboim, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was an active member of the Photography Club, Shakespeare Club, and the track team. Sherri will attend the University of Wisconsin in the fall.

TALIA JOSEPH, daughter of Jessica and the late Jean-Paul Joseph won first place in the National Spanish Exam. This is a wonderful achievement for Talia, who is a junior at Ramaz.

DANIELLE KAUFMAN, daughter of Shelley and Martin Kaufman, and granddaughter of Edward and Hannah Low is starting Mount Holyoke in the fall.

ELIZABETH LAURA KESTENBAUM, daughter of Vivian and Joshua Kestenbaum, and granddaughter of Mrs. Israel Waldman, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was on the track team for three years and was also an active member of the Tzedakah Committee, Photography Club and the Service Squad. Elizabeth will attend New York University after spending next year in Israel at Midreshet Lindenbaum.

AARON LAUCHHEIMER, son of Sandy and Dr. Robert April, upon his graduation Cum Laude from Brandeis University with a B.A. in History and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. He was awarded high honors for his senior thesis entitled, "Staying Inbounds: The Eruv in American Law and Society".

DANIEL CRAIG LAUCHHEIMER, son of Sandy and Dr. Robert April, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was an active member of the varsity hockey team, varsity softball team, and was Junior Captain of the Chess Team. Daniel will attend Yeshiva University after spending next year in Israel at Mevasseret Zion.

DINA SHULAMIT LEIFERT, daughter of Jaclyn and KJ Executive Director Robert J. Leifert upon her graduation from Kushner Yeshiva High School. She was a leader of the Chesed Chug and editor of the *Kushner Playbill* for school plays. Dina was Vice President of Teaneck North NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) and was recognized with the New Jersey

Region Meritorious Service Award. She interned at the Jewish Museum and will attend Machon Gold in Jerusalem in the fall.

MICHAL LEIFERT, wife of Aryeh Leifert and daughter-in-law of Jaclyn and KJ Executive Director Robert J. Leifert upon her graduation from the State University of New York- Fashion Institute of Technology with a major in jewelry design. Michal had six items exhibited in the FIT Museum. She spent a year studying at Midreshet HaRova in Jerusalem.

JESSICA FELICE MANTEL, daughter of Joan and Arthur Mantel, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sports Award. She was an active participant in KJ groups, Model UN, volleyball, tennis, RamPage, and the Spanish Dance Club. Jessica will attend Washington University in the fall.

KENNETH S. MANTEL, son of Joan and Arthur Mantel, and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from Duke University's Trinity College Cum Laude, with a major in Political Science, and minors in English and Economics. Kenny will be attending NYU Law School in the fall.

ROBERT ANDREW MANTEL, son of Joan and Arthur Mantel, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Louis Wolinsky Award in Community Outreach for the senior who has demonstrated the highest standards of *menschlichkeit* in service to Clal Yisrael. He was an active member of the Buisness Investment Club, Model Congress, City Harvest and the track team. Robert will attend NYU in the fall.

JOEL NEY, KJ Synagogue Office Administrative Assistant, upon receiving the Faculty Honors 2003 Merit Award from the Borough of Manhattan Community College-City University of New York.

ACADEMIC HONORS

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RAPHAEL ARI NUNBERG, son of Rebecca and Noah Nunberg, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He was an active member of the AudioVisual squad, City Harvest, and the current events club. Raphael will attend SUNY- Purchase in the fall.

JACOB OLIDORT, son of Nadia and Joseph Olidort, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Boris Z. Gorlin Tikkun Olam Award presented to the senior who strives through acts of tzedakah and chesed to repair the world in the image of God, and the Drama Award. He was an active member of the Model Congress, the Drama Club, Film Club, and Likrat Shabbat. Jacob will attend Brandeis in the fall.

REINA MARGALIT POTAZNIK, daughter of Helen and Dr. Daniel Potaznik, upon her 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, the Myer Appleman Memorial Award for excellence and commitment to religious studies, the Jesse Deutsch Tefila Award for the senior who has shown a demonstrable commitment to Tefila throughout high school, the Governor's Citation, the Triple "C" Award, the Debby Sacks Award for performing arts, and the Gloria Schrenzel Sheer Dance Award. Reina will attend Barnard after spending next year in Israel at Migdal Oz.

BENJAMIN RAPOPORT, son of Trustee Sandra and Dr. Samuel Rapoport, upon his graduation Magna Cum Laude from Harvard with a Bachelor's degree in Physics and Mathematics and a Master's degree in Physics. Ben, who rowed crew for Harvard and was a political cartoonist for the Harvard Crimson, received the John Peterson Elder Prize, and the Harvard Hillel Leadership Award. Ben was awarded a fellowship to study the mathematical modeling of cancer at University College,

Oxford next year, after which he will pursue his PhD in Physics at MIT.

JOSHUA SETH RING, son of Louise and Frank Ring, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Edith Schrank Memorial Award for outstanding work in creative writing, and the Fannye Popkin Memorial Award for excellence in fine arts. He was Parallax Editor, a speaker at the 9/11 ceremony, Ultimate Frisbee founder, web site columnist, and a member of the track team. Joshua will attend Wesleyan in the fall.

REBECCA MALCA ROHR, daughter of Pamela and George Rohr, and granddaughter of Helen and Jack Nash, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation and the Boris Z. Gorlin Tikkun Olam Award presented to the senior who strives through acts of tzedakah and chesed to repair the world in the image of God and the Sports Award. She was an active member of RamPage, the Tennis Club, the Chesed Committee, the Tzedakah Committee, and Bikur Cholim. Rebecca will attend Harvard in the fall.

ADAM JUSTIN ROSNER, son of Marian and KJ Trustee William Rosner, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award. He was the Editor of the Senior Yearbook and of the Hebrew language newspaper, *Toses*. Adam will attend Princeton in the fall.

JACOB B. (J.B.) RYP, son of Rachelle (former Ramaz graduate) and the Hon. Norman C. Ryp, upon his graduation last year "with excellence" from Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore.

MARGAUX D. RYP, daughter of Rachelle (former Ramaz graduate) and the Honorable Norman C. Ryp, upon making Dean's List at Stern College.

KELLY RAE SCHWAB, daughter of Ronit and Dr. Lawrence Schwab, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was an active member of the Literary Club and the Photography Club. Kelly will attend Oberlin in the fall.

ERIC SHAFFER, son of Helene Shaffer and Lloyd Shaffer, and a Ramaz graduate, upon his graduation from NYU Stern School of Business, Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Finance and Accounting. Eric was also a University Honors Scholar and an honorary member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

L. J. SPAET, son of Margery Kalb and Jonathan Spaet, upon his graduation from The Windward High School, where he was an honor roll student and was also nominated for a "Leaders of Tomorrow" scholarship by the State of New York. He has played on the softball and basketball teams, and was co-editor of the school newspaper. L.J. will attend SUNY Binghamton in the fall.

ELIZABETH TAUBER, daughter of Adele and Ronald Tauber, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Chorus Award. Elizabeth was President of the Chamber Chorus, and will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

JOSEPH I. TRENCHER, grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Trencher, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sports Award. He was Co-Captain of the Chess Team and of the Varsity Basketball Team. Joseph will attend New York University in the fall.

MAYA RACHEL ZISBROD, daughter of Rivka and Dr. Zvi Zisbrod, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She was the Layout Editor of the Yearbook. Maya will attend Washington University, in St. Louis in the fall.

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.

DANIELLE ARONOW

daughter of Victoria and Marshall Aronow

BRANDON ARYEH

son of Benjamin and Nancy Aryeh

JONATHAN CHETRIT

son of Nancy and Joseph Chetrit

ADAM COHEN

son of Myra and Dr. Edmond Cohen

ZACH FENSTER

son of Jan and Dr. Daniel Fenster

ADAM FERN

*son of Ronnie Slochowsky
and to William Slochowsky*

RACHEL FRIEDMAN

daughter of Drs. Diana and Robert Friedman

ROSE GOLDBERG

*daughter of Dale and Saul Goldberg
and granddaughter of Lili and William Goldberg*

JESSICA KESTENBAUM

daughter of Ruth and Gerald Kestenbaum

EVAN LIEBERMAN

son of Dr. Andrea Thau and John Lieberman

ALEX LUXENBERG

*son of Rhonda and Jeffrey Luxenberg
and grandson of Alice and Leonard Smokler*

CAL MAJOR

*son of Rochelle and Eugene Major
and grandson of Gabriella Major*

NATHAN MARCUS

son of Jacqueline and Jeffrey David Marcus

IAN MARK

son of Dr. Vivian and David Mark

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*daughter of Lyora and Mois Medine
and granddaughter of Leyla and Haim Medine*

DANIEL OHEBSHALOM

son of Shireen and Alfred Ohebshalom

JULIAN OLIDORT

son of Nadia and Joseph Olidort

ROMY OLTULSKI

daughter of Ilona and Paul Oltulski

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son of Vicki and Gerald Platt

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daughter of Rivka and Morris Platt

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*son of Pamela and George Rohr
and grandson of Helen and Jack Nash*

MICHAL RUBIN

daughter of Carolyn and Rabbi Eliezer Rubin

LAUREN SPRINGER

daughter of Dr. Barbara Sandberg and Steven Springer

LAUREN WAGNER

daughter of Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner

STEVEN WEINREICH

son of Gabrielle and Howard Weinreich

GABI WILNER

daughter of Judy and Phillip Wilner

ARIEL ZBOROWSKI

son of Annette and Murry Zborowski

MICHAEL ZIMMERMAN

son of Gail Suchman and Dr. Jerald Zimmerman

NEW MAIN SYNAGOGUE PEW CUSHIONS

Kudos to a lay committee which oversaw the selection of new pew cushions for the Main Synagogue. In anticipation of their arrival later this summer, we remind parents of young children not to bring liquids into the

Main Synagogue, or any snacks which are greasy or sticky.

With the community's cooperation, we hope to enjoy many decades of use from the handsome, comfortable cushions.

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BNAI MITZVAH



MARC ENGLANDER

Mazel tov to Caryl and Israel Englander on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Marc, which took place on Friday, June 6, in the Main Synagogue. Similar congratulations to the proud grandparents, Helen and Jack Nash.

Marc read from the Torah on the first day of Shavuot.

Marc is a student in the Ramaz Middle School.



RACHEL GEISLER

Mazel tov to Junko and Dr. Edward Geisler on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rachel, which took place on June 21.

Rachel delivered a Dvar Torah on *Behalotcha*.

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



ARIEL SHAY

Mazel tov to Susan and KJ Trustee Scott Shay on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ariel which took place on June 8.

Ariel celebrated her Bat Mitzvah by delivering a Dvar Torah based on her completion of learning Sefer Tehillim and by chanting the Book of Ruth.

Ariel is a student in the sixth grade at SAR Academy.

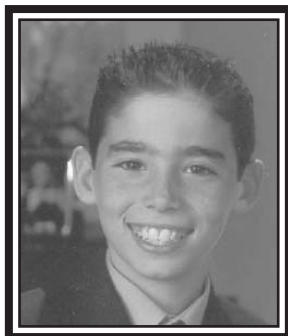


REBECCA FRIEDMAN

Mazel tov to KJ Financial Secretary Dr. Diana and Dr. Robert Friedman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rebecca, which took place on June 19.

Rebecca delivered a Dvar Torah on "Destruction and Redemption in the Tisha B'Av reading of Eichah," and she intends to perform a chesed project in Israel this summer to mark this milestone.

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



MATTHEW LUXENBERG

Mazel tov to Rhonda and Jeffrey Luxenberg on the June 14 Bar Mitzvah of their son, Matthew, which took place in the Main Synagogue. Similar congratulations to the proud grandparents, Alice and Leonard Smokler.

Matthew read the weekly portion of Naso and the Haftarah, and delivered a Dvar Torah on the Nazir.

Matthew is a student in the seventh grade of the Ramaz Middle School.

JENNA GALBUT

Mazel tov to Ronalee and Russell Galbut on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jenna.



CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY

Please consider participating in the Congregation's Endowment and Planned Giving Program, through which you can create an enduring

legacy of active participation in KJ. Contact Leonard Silverman at 212-774-5680 or LSS@CKJ.ORG for information.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to:

Shira & KJ Officer, Dr. Larry Baruch on the birth of their son Jeremy Max. Similar congratulations to the proud grandparents, Rabbi Haskel and Audrey Lookstein.

Elizabeth and Mallory Factor on the birth of a son, Memorable.

Fran and Robert Finkelstein on the birth of a son, Lance Alec.

Dina and Marshall Huebner on the birth of a daughter, Shira Aliza.

Chaya and Lorne Lieberman on the birth of a son, Nathan Jordan.

Sherri and Alexander Libin on the birth of a son, Jacob Joseph.

Leora and KJ Trustee Richard Linhart on the birth of a son, Eitan Archie.

Joyce and Edward Misrahi on the birth of a son, Daniel Benjamin.

Wendy and Adam Modlin on the birth of a daughter, Julia Elizabeth. Similar congratulations to Leah and Barrie Modlin, the proud grandparents.

Ruth and Dr. David Musher on the birth of a grandson, Jonah Solomon, to their children Dara and Abe Musher in Ohio. Jonah is the first great-grandson of Morris Weiss.

Frida and Dr. Jack Reiss on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Peggy and Yigal Masika in Netanyah.

Adrienne and Avi Shapira on the birth of a son, Alexander.

Katherine and Raphael Sidelsky upon the birth of a son, Joshua.

Ronnie and William Slochowsky on the birth of a son Jake Daniel.

Michelle and Dr. William Spielfogel on the birth of a son, Charles Jacob.

Similar congratulations to the proud grandparents, Rebecca and John Steindecker.

Devora and Ezra Starr, former KJ Assistant Youth Director, on the birth of a son.

Robyn and KJ Trustee David Stonehill on the birth of a daughter, Emma Sage.

Roselyn and Dr. Walter Weitzner on the birth of a grandson, Yishai Max, born to their children Ari and Chaya Weitzner.

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

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazel tov to:

Nechi and Dr. Noam Shudofsky on the Bar-Mitzvah of their grandson Yehuda Shalev in Hoshaya, Israel. Similar congratulations to the proud parents Miriam and Binny Shalev

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to:

Harlan Cohen, son of Hollace and Steven Cohen to Shirlee Tevet, daughter of Edna and David Tevet of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Fay and Josh Deutsch, upon the

engagement of their granddaughter Rebecca to Ben Soskis, of Philadelphia. Similar congratulations to proud parents Jessica Deutsch and Howard Deutsch.

Joshua Glatt, son of Harriet and Dr. Heshy Glatt of Oceanside, Long Island, on his engagement to Sarah Katz, daughter of Linda and Andrew Katz of Flatbush.

Ann and the Hon. Jerome Hornblass, upon the engagement of their daughter Jessica to Anton Feingold of Manchester, England, the son of Frankie and Elliot Feingold.

Sharon and KJ Trustee Howard Katz on the engagement of their daughter, Amber to Jonathan Harris, son of Freida and Dr. Michael Harris of Englewood, New Jersey.

Gail and Ephraim Propp on the engagement of their son David Gomberg to Sophia Sasson, daughter of Harriet and Jack Sasson of Brooklyn. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Goody Dane.

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

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to:

Sender Cohen and Talia Rosenblatt on their recent marriage.

Rockie and Sarah Fishman on their recent marriage.

Jan and Andy Groveman on the recent marriage of their daughter Ariel.

Jeff and Justijana Shoshana Roseman on their recent marriage.

Doris and Elliot Weiss on the marriage of their daughter Rebecca to Eric Sigman.

May they enjoy their marriage with happiness and blessing.

RETIREMENT

Mazel tov to:

Judge Norman C. Ryp, upon his retirement after 28 years as Judge of the Civil Court and Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Sandy and Dr. Robert April, who were the guests of honor at the Mevaseret Institutions Second Annual Dinner.

Alice Goldberg Usdan, who served as Co-Chairman of the Annual Spring Luncheon and Ballet Benefit of the Yeshiva University Women's Organization in the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center.

Elisa and Jay Lunzer, who were the guests of honor at the Nishmat 13th Anniversary Dinner.

Amy and Richard Rubenstein, son and daughter-in-law of Amy and Howard Rubenstein, who were honored for their support and work for YUSSR, which sends

young people to the former Soviet Union to help increase their commitment to Jewish life.

Adam Sanders, a Young Leadership honoree at the 30th Annual Hineini Dinner.

Robert G. Sugarman was the guest of honor at the Annual Human Relations Award Dinner of the Lawyers Division of the Anti-Defamation League. This honor is the result of many years of service to ADL and also in recognition of the outstanding service which he performed in the recent eruv case in Tenafly, New Jersey.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Congratulations to:

Dr. Robert April, on being named chairman of the medical-literary panel entitled: *THE HISTORY AND MYSTERY OF HYSTERIA: ZOLA, CHARCOT, FREUD AND BEYOND*, as part of the International Meeting of AIZEN.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Congratulations to:

Dara Cohen, daughter of Bernard Cohen and the late Arlene Cohen, and a Ramaz graduate, upon her appointment as Executive Assistant Comptroller in the State of New York.

James Infantino on becoming a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

David Friedman Yehaskel, daughter of Rosie and Mark Friedman upon her completion of the requirements for a Certified Public Accountant license.

Roz Zuger who has received two professional awards: The Northeast Rehabilitation Association's *Meritorious Award* "In Recognition of an Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Rehabilitation" and National Rehabilitation Association Metro New York Chapter's *Distinguished Service Award* "For her personal commitment and career achievements in significantly enhancing the lives of persons with disabilities."

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

David Drezner, on the passing of his mother, Sylvia Drezner.

Barry Frohlinger, on the passing of his father, William Frohlinger.

Harvey Geisler and Edward Geisler, on the passing of their mother, Sarah Geisler.

Martin Kaufman, on the passing of his father, Meyer Kaufman.

Richard Pomerantz and Daniel Pomerantz, on the passing of their father, Robert Pomerantz.

Willy Rosenberg, on the passing of his father, Jakob Rosenberg.

Rachel Rosenfeld, on the passing of her father, Marvin Rosenblum.

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



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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>
July					
4-5	Korach	8:13 pm	6:45 pm	8:05 pm	9:14 pm
11-12	Chukat-Balak	8:11 pm	6:45 pm	8:05 pm	9:12 pm
18-19	Pinchas	8:07 pm	6:45 pm	8:00 pm	9:06 pm
25-26	Matot-Masei	8:02 pm	6:45 pm	7:50 pm	8:59 pm
August					
1-2	Devarim (Shabbat Chazon)	7:55 pm	6:45 pm	7:45 pm	8:52 pm
8-9	V'Etchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	7:47 pm	6:45 pm	7:35 pm	8:41 pm
15-16	Eikev	7:36 pm	6:45 pm	7:25 pm	8:31 pm
22-23	Re'eh	7:26 pm	6:45 pm	7:15 pm	8:21 pm
29-30	Shoftim	7:16 pm	6:45 pm	7:00 pm	8:08 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

July 1 - 16	6:50 pm
July 17 - Aug 31	6:45 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, July 1

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
Morning Services at 7:00 am

Friday, July 4

Morning Services at 8:30 am

Thursday, July 17

FAST OF 17TH OF TEVET

Fast begins at 4:27 am
Morning Services at 6:45 am
Mincha at 8:05 pm
Fast ends at 9:05 pm

Wednesday, July 30

Rosh Chodesh Av
Morning Services at 7:00 am

Wednesday, August 6

TISHA B'AV EVE
Fast begins at 8:00 pm
Mincha & Kinot at 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 7

TISHA B'AV
Morning Services at 7:00 am
Mincha at 7:45 pm
Fast ends at 8:42 pm

Wednesday, August 13

Tu B'Av

Thursday & Friday, August 28-29

Rosh Chodesh Elul
Morning Services at 7:00 am

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