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December 4, 2004
Special Guest Speaker
Professor Yossi Olmert

Dr. Yossi Olmert is one of Israel's leading Middle East scholars. A political columnist for The Jerusalem Post and Yediot Aharonot, Dr. Olmert has served as Director of the Israel Government Press Office and as an adviser to former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens.

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Our Scholar
RABBI YOSEF BLAU
Mashgiach Ruchani,
Director of Religious Guidance,
at Yeshiva University

February 4th - Friday Evening Dinner:

"AN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVE:

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF JEWS IN AMERICA"

February 5th - Saturday Morning:

"RESPONSIBILITY AND RIGHTS:

INSIGHTS INTO JEWISH CIVIL LAW"

FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT DINNER

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Adults:	\$35	\$40
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Children (ages 2-11):	\$18	\$30

Saturday Afternoon Seudah Shlishit:

"HALAKHA AND DEMOCRACY"

A graduate of Yeshiva College, Rabbi Yosef Blau received his Masters from Yeshiva University's Belfer Graduate School and his ordination from Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik. He served as Assistant Principal at the Maimonides School in Massachusetts and as Principal at both

Illinois' Hebrew Theological College and the Jewish Educational Center in Elizabeth, NJ, before joining the faculty of YU in 1977. He has lectured and taught Torah in many countries across the globe. We are honored to host Rabbi Blau as this year's Silverstein Shabbat Scholar.



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Date: Sunday, December 19

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Heyman Auditorium



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ROSE LANGER AND SUZANNE KAYDEN

THEIR PHILANTHROPIC DEEDS TRANSCEND THEIR LIVES

by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

During October, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz School were the recipients of two extraordinary bequests from two women of our Congregation who during their lifetime made sure that their philanthropic deeds would live on after them. Rose Langer, of blessed memory, who together with her late husband Dr. Charles Langer, were cherished members of this Congregation for more than twenty years, established two charitable remainder trusts during her lifetime, one in the name of the Congregation and one for the benefit of Ramaz School. Through those trusts she received an income until her passing. Following her death the trusts, each in the amount of \$280,000, passed to the Congregation and Ramaz.

The Congregation will honor Rose Langer's memory by placing a special plaque on the rear wall of our main sanctuary with a memorial inscription for her and her beloved husband. Ramaz will add its bequest to the Scholarship Fund which Mrs. Langer had established in her lifetime in memory of her husband, thereby enabling us to provide an education for students who otherwise would not be able to receive it.

Suzanne Kayden, who during her lifetime was exceptionally generous to both the Congregation and Ramaz, left a bequest for the Congregation in the amount of \$100,000. A plaque will be dedicated to her memory on the rear wall of our main sanctuary.

Suzanne was particularly devoted to Ramaz where she dedicated a classroom in our Lower School in her daughter Laurie's memory, and established an Endowment Fund for the enhancement of faculty benefits. It is anticipated that her estate will continue to contribute to that Fund as well as to the Congregation in the years to come.

It is a tribute to both of these women that they planned during their lives to ensure that two institutions to which they were so devoted would continue to benefit from their philanthropy long after their passing from the scene of their earthly existence. Through this generous planning, they give special meaning to the Talmudic expression: "One does not build monuments to the wise; their deeds render their memory eternal."

We record these acts of generosity in tribute to Rose Langer and Suzanne Kayden, and we hope that their thoughtful planning will inspire others. The Congregation and the School have a Planned Giving Program which can meet the varied needs of many members of the community. We are available to help anyone who is interested. If you would like more information, please call Leonard Silverman at the Synagogue Office, 212-774-5680. KJ, in conjunction with a committee of financial planners, is more than ready to answer questions and provide ideas and guidelines for such blessed acts.

RAV HERSEL SCHACHTER

"TOPICS IN KASHRUT"

Wednesdays, February 2 and 23

Thursday, March 17

8:00 PM



Rav Hershel Schachter is one of the foremost halakhic decisors of the Modern Orthodox community. His annual mini-course at KJ is a valuable resource and we are honored to host him in our community.

Topics to be discussed include keeping Kosher in the home and outside of the home.

Issues such as eating salad in a non-kosher restaurant will be examined.

WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, August 18, and this Bulletin, which went to press on November 8:

Rebecca and Evan Farber
Faith and Dr. Jay Greenfield
Helene and Michael Kalish
Nadia and Jonathan Kule
Esther Lobel
Sharon and Anton Loew
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and Daniel Nadelmann
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Tuesdays 8:00 pm
"A Guide to Blessings"

January 4, 11, 18, 25

"Heretics, Scoundrels, & Wastrels"

February 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8

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Wednesdays 7:00 pm
January 12, 19, 26
Rabbi Elie Weinstock

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Winston Churchill once said that "democracy is the worst form of

government, except for all the others." How does Judaism look at this? Is the current governmental structure in Israel ideal? Can classical Jewish law play a primary role in a democratic system? This series will address these issues in light of current trends toward fundamentalism in the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish worlds.

Wednesdays 7:00 pm
March 9, 16, 23
Rabbi Hillel Rapp

HISTORY AT HOME: MODERN CONCEPTIONS OF ORTHODOX JEWRY IN FORMATION

We will explore the development of Orthodoxy in the nineteenth century, with a particular focus on the rise of Ultra-Orthodoxy in Hungary, the development of a revised form of traditional Orthodoxy in Eastern Europe, and the formation of Modern Orthodoxy in Germany. We will also examine the variety that existed within traditional circles in each one of these regions, especially among German Jewry, and consider some of the internal and external socio-political pressures that were catalysts in these developments.

Saturday nights 8:30 pm
March 5, 12, 19
Rabbi David Flatto
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Level I: Wednesdays 6:30 pm

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6, 13, 20

Level II: Mondays 6:30 pm

January 3, 10, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28

Level III: Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Ongoing

KJ SISTERHOOD DOESN'T MISS A BEAT!

We would like to thank all Sisterhood members and guests for their participation in our first event of the year on October 25: Rabbi Lookstein's book review of "The Passions of the Matriarchs" written by KJ members Dr. Shera Aranoff Tuchman and Sandra Rapoport. The turnout was fantastic!

Our Chanukah Boutique at the end of November was similarly well attended and featured Israeli jewelry, fine and costume jewelry, judaica, kippot, tablecloths, silver, hats, challah covers, and more.

KJ Sisterhood is also offering this month a popular series of instructional classes in Mah-jongg, culminating in a tournament. Please contact Stacy Scheinberg at 212-410-9195 for details.

In February (date to be announced), KJ Sisterhood is sponsoring a very special evening cooking lesson with Chef Jessica Lassner, who recently revamped all the desserts for Dougies!

UPCOMING

"Friday Night Live!" Shabbat Dinners and Programs

Dec. 10 - Chanukah Dinner with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Jan. 21 - Special Guest: Rabbi David Aaron of Isralight

March 4 - Shabbat Across America with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

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CHRISTIE'S
GREAT ESTATES

"Rangers Lead The Way, But God Is The Way"

The following letter was written in the spring by Captain Moshe Scheinfeld, the son of KJ members Ellen and David Scheinfeld, and a graduate of Ramaz School ('83), who helped lead all last year the "Iron Ranger" Battalion, a unit of U.S. Army Rangers assigned to Iraq's dangerous "Sunni Triangle." An intensely proud and committed American Jew, Capt. Scheinfeld exhorted us in his letter to support America's troops by sending them relatively modest care packages. Both Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz School responded with an overwhelming display of support, spawning a nationwide campaign which yielded close to 1,000 packages!

We were honored when Capt. Scheinfeld visited the Congregation and spoke from the pulpit to a packed Main Synagogue on Shabbat Bereishit, October 9th, bestowing an Award for Excellence on Rabbi Lookstein for the community's efforts. May God continue to light America's way, keep Captain Moshe Scheinfeld and all of America's soldiers from harm's way, and lead them to victory over all enemies of peace and good.

Greetings from Forward Operating Base Ar Ramadi, located at the western edge of the Sunni Triangle in Iraq.

Today (20APR04), our unit, the Iron Rangers, attended a memorial ceremony for our brother, SGT Christopher Ramirez, who was killed in action while attacking an enemy dug in position during our unit's largest operation last week.

At the end of the memorial, the 1st Sergeant (1SG) from SGT Ramirez's B Company conducted a heart rending ceremony called "Last Roll Call." The company of about 100 soldiers stood at attention and the 1SG called out the name of a soldier and the soldier answered, "Here 1SG!" Then the 1SG called out the name of a different soldier and he answered, "Here 1SG!" Then the 1SG called out the name of "SGT Ramirez" and there was no answer. He called out again, "SGT Christopher Ramirez," and no one answered. Just bone-chilling silence that was broken by a 21-gun salute in honor of this fallen hero.

I mention this story to illustrate the great sacrifice, the ultimate sacrifice, that SGT Ramirez and 7 other Iron Rangers have made in the War on Terrorism, a war to protect us all.

I write to request from each of you that you make a small sacrifice on behalf of the soldiers of the Iron Ranger Battalion and the other soldiers of the Devil Brigade. I request that each of you prepare a package of food and other items for our soldiers at the front of the War on Terrorism. Every single day, we face enemy direct fire outside the wire and enemy indirect fire inside

the wire (we are mortared and rocketed on a regular basis inside the base). Your packages will be a phenomenal morale boost....

year? It's a tremendous and noble sacrifice that the soldiers make, and all they ask for in return is a token "thank you" in the form of a package. Indeed, a key Jewish value

is *hakarat hatov* (recognizing and appreciating good by expressing gratitude). Sending packages to our soldiers here in Iraq is a unique opportunity to fulfill this *mitzvah*....

Success, victory for America's *Avodah* in Iraq will be twofold. One is that we triumph over our enemies, and two is that this e-mail makes the rounds to every American Jew and that each recipient responds with a package. If a thousand packages come rolling in, this will be a magnificent *Kiddush Hashem*!

Finally, please continue to pray and say Tehillim for success in our mission and the safe return of our troops here in Iraq and in other distant places.

"Rangers Lead The Way, But God Is The Way"

Captain Moshe Scheinfeld



Capt. Scheinfeld (second from left) stands with his fellow troops amongst the "wall of packages" sent in response to our campaign.

Most Iron Rangers will be deployed to Iraq for up to a year away from family, friends, and home. Can you imagine being away from your spouse, your children, your parents, your profession, for an entire



Capt. Moshe Scheinfeld. The sign with the waving American flag, posted on the upper left, is from Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and the Ramaz School.

Ed. Note: If you would like to continue supporting America's troops in Iraq, Captain Scheinfeld recommends sending packages, by Priority Mail, to the unit that took the place of the Iron Rangers, at the following address:

Adjutant (S-1)
HHC, 1-9 IN (Manchus)
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CHANUKAH BEGINS TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7

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 supply of oil that they could use to rededicate the Menorah. Yet that tiny flask lasted until they were able to create new, pure oil – a delay 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 then 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, and (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. 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. With the exception of the Shamash, we cannot read by their lights or use them to light another candle.

Time for Lighting

Candles must be lit after nightfall (about 40 minutes after sunset) and last for at least a half-hour. On Friday afternoon, 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). 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 *Shemona 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 and devotion to 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.

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May you and your family have a Happy Chanukah!



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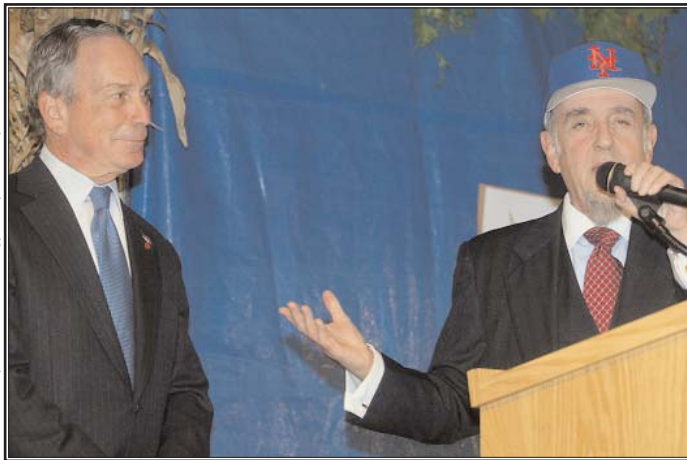
Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Wednesday, December 1st

7:00 PM

Max J. Etra Chapel

Photo by Kristen Artz, Office of the Mayor



More than 200 participants accepted the KJ Men's Club invitation to the community to attend a historic night in the KJ Sukkah on October 5th. Mayor Michael Bloomberg gave introductory remarks, and a thought provoking presentation was made by guest speaker Jay Lefkowitz, the former Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States for Domestic Policy: "9-11, the 2004 Elections and the Future of the American Jewish Community." Hats off to our platoon of Men's Club volunteers!



Clockwise from left: Mitch Krevat, KJ Men's Club President Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Isaac Hoffman, Steven Davenport, Mike Hershkovitz

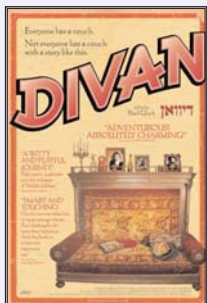
COMING FROM KJ'S AM HASEFER BOOK CLUB

Kehilath Jeshurun's Am HaSefer Book Discussion Club is pleased to present a special guest on Sunday, January 23: the author Phyllis Chesler, Ph.D., in reviewing her acclaimed new book *The New Anti-Semitism: The Current Crisis and What We Must Do About It*. The author of twelve books (including *Women of the Wall: Claiming Sacred Ground at Judaism's Holy Site*), Dr. Chesler is an Emerita Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies, a psychotherapist and an expert courtroom witness. She has lived in Kabul, Afghanistan, and in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv; and has lectured and organized political, legal, religious and human rights campaigns around the globe. A popular guest on national TV

and radio programs, and a frequent lecturer at college campuses and graduate schools, Dr. Chesler is a co-founder of the Association for Women in Psychology and The National Women's Health Network. Eugene Major will moderate this special event at a location to be announced.

On March 13, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will review Oriana Fallaci's *The Rage and The Pride* and *The Trouble with Islam: A Muslim's Call for Reform in Her Faith* by Irshad Manji. Call the synagogue office for the exact time and location.

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PATCHES OF GODLIGHT

by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

The following sermon was delivered by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik from the pulpit of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun on Rosh Hashana, September 17, 2004.

Exactly four years ago, on Shabbat Shuva, I stood, for the first time in my life, in a pulpit, and delivered a synagogue sermon. I approached the task with some trepidation; not because the *derasha* would generate the synagogue's first impressions of its new rabbinic intern, but because there was a woman sitting attentively in the audience, hearing me speak for the first time, a woman who I very much hoped would become my wife. And I think it was on that Shabbat, that very day, that my davening was dramatically different. You see, when it comes to *tefilla*, I must ruefully acknowledge the regretful admission of the theologian C.S. Lewis: "Let us," he once said, "come clean. Prayer is irksome. An excuse to omit it is never unwelcome. When it is over, this casts a feeling of relief and holiday over the rest of the day. We are reluctant to begin. We are delighted to finish. While we are at prayer, but not while we are reading a novel or solving a cross-word puzzle, any trifle is enough to distract us." For this *semikha* student, an aspiring representative of the Jewish faith, davening was not devotional dialogue with the Divine, but rote repetition, mindless moil. But that High Holy Day season, something had changed; I approached the Almighty not as a Master mechanically served, but as a Friend in Whom I confided, confessing, somewhat shyly, my hopes and dreams, and asking for His help in achieving their actualization.

And I think that the shift in my attitude toward *tefilla* is easily understood. A comedian once commented on the "voicemail phenomenon:" we have reached a point, he said, when calling a friend or family member has become an annoying obligation, and so we pick up the phone, dial, hoping, hoping, to get the answering machine. We often experience a sinking feeling when someone on the other side picks up. Now we'll actually have to speak to our aunt, or parent, or sibling, engage him or her in conversation. We will have to sacrifice our precious time making small talk, and perhaps we may even have to go visit them. Upon hearing someone pick up, the comedian

commented, we're tempted to say, "I'm sorry; I was calling for your machine; I really just wanted to leave a message saying 'sorry I missed you;' would you mind hanging up and letting me call again?" Leaving a message allows us to fulfill our original obligations without engendering new ones; answering machines enable us to avoid each other. We live in an age when we can contact anyone, anytime; cell phone, pager, internet. Yet technology has also allowed us to fulfill our business and personal obligations without actual relationships. Never has it been easier to be in touch with one another; but at the same time, never has it been easier to actually avoid genuine interaction with one another.

The same can be said for prayer. We are obligated to talk to God several times a day, but I had always avoided actual interaction with the Almighty as much as possible. Standing in *tefilla*, as my mouth began to mutter the words, my mind would immediately wander; though my feet stood still, my concentration fled in fear of the Father who I might actually meet in the midst of my devotion, and who would no doubt disapprove of whatever sins I had committed. For prayer establishes a relationship between Man and God, and any relationship involves obligations on both sides.

There's a profound passage in Leon Wieseltier's book *Kaddish*, in which Wieseltier records his year of mourning for his father. He had not, Wieseltier recounts, been to shul regularly for some time. Now, he had undertaken the arduous and uncomfortable task of attending services three times a day. Wieseltier recounts that he began one morning by telling a terrible lie to someone close to him, and then went to shul to find that he could not truly pray, he could not actually face God. "This," Wieseltier reflects, "is more than I bargained for." In other words, actually interfacing with the Almighty may make us feel forced to upgrade our spiritual standards. As a theologian once put it, a person often prays faintly, "lest God might actually hear him, which he, poor man, never actually intended." Similarly, I too

had no intention of actually making God a part of my life; and so I swiftly recited *Shemona Esrei*, severing my cosmic connection before God picked up the phone.

But that Shabbat Shuvah, everything changed. Prayer was easier after I was ready to dedicate my life to someone aside from myself. I approached my Maker with less reluctance and greater resolve; I was ready to actually "make a call;" to not only leave a voicemail, but to dialogue with God, tell Him my concerns, enter into a relationship with my Heavenly Father. And though I knew that the prospect of praying, and of a genuine interaction, would inevitably result in a relationship of responsibility, and of sacrifice, I had come to the conclusion that obligating oneself to another, though daunting, is also enriching. For I had found someone who I had wanted to call, whose voice I wanted to hear on the other end of the line; and it was only with crushing disappointment that I would get her answering machine. Why could not my relationship with the Almighty be the same? It is the loving relationships with our spouses, our siblings, our children, our friends - all relationships that call for sacrifice - that serve as a spiritual springboard for a loving relationship with God.

There's an old joke about a fellow who falls off a cliff, and, on his way down, grabs hold of a branch protruding from the side of that cliff. As he dangles there, with the canyon hundreds of feet below and with no other people around, he looks up to Heaven and exclaims: "Is there anyone up there? Please, if there's anyone up there, help me!" All of a sudden a divine voice comes out of the heavens and says: "If you really believe, let go." The man looks down at the ravine, looks up again, and says: "Uh...is there anyone else up there?" A relationship with God, begun by prayer and continued throughout our lives, is two-sided; we ask things of God, but He asks us to sacrifice as well. But that is true of our relationships with human beings as well; relationships with our family, with our friends, all call for sacrifice on both sides,

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but that is what makes the relationship meaningful.

In his book *Civility*, Yale law professor Stephen Carter notes that in the nineteenth century, everyone traveled by train. Whether it was first, second, or third class, everyone traveled together, and was forced to sacrifice a bit for each other, and treat each other with civility, in order to make the ride more bearable. Now, Carter writes with dismay, everyone travels by car; we all travel alone, and so we are less civil to each other, for we no longer have what he calls "fellow passengers." The Volkswagon advertisement, says Carter, says it all: "On the road of life, there are passengers and there are drivers," with the commercial concluding, "drivers wanted." Everyone ought to be a driver, everyone ought to pave their own path through life, no one ought to have passengers, no one ought to sacrifice for our fellow man. Carter's point is that in today's day and age we feel less reliant on others. Thanks to technology, we have microwaves for food, televisions for entertainment, computers for communication, and so we do not feel as if relationships are so important.

But in truth, though human relationships may be less essential materially in the information age - though we are now more capable of living our lives without sacrificing on behalf of others - such a life would be one devoid of meaning, spiritually.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, who received a doctorate in philosophy from Cambridge before becoming Chief Rabbi of Britain, once reflected that "the deepest insight I received into what makes a life worth living was not at university but when I began my career as a rabbi and had, for the first time, to officiate at funerals. They were distressing moments, trying to comfort a family in the midst of grief, and I never found them easy, but they were extraordinarily instructive. In my address I had to paint a portrait of the deceased whom I might not have known personally, so I would talk first to the family and friends to try to understand what he or she meant to them. Almost always they spoke of similar things. The person who had died had been a supportive marriage partner, a caring parent. He or she had been a loyal friend, ready to help when help was needed. No one ever mentioned what they earned or bought, what car they drove,

where they spent their holidays. The people most mourned," Sacks wrote, were not necessarily the most rich or successful. "They were people who enhanced the lives of others. They were kind. You could rely on them. They had a sense of responsibility. They gave time as well as money to voluntary causes. They were part of a community, living its values, sharing its griefs and celebrations. As this pattern repeated itself time and again, I realized what I was learning about more than the deceased. I was being educated into what makes a life well lived." Relationships are the foundation of a meaningful life, and what is true about relationships with each other is all the more true about our relationship with God.

Our fear of *amida lifnei ha-Makom*, of standing before God's presence in prayer, and of relating to Him, can be compared to a man who has lived his whole life in a dark forest, and who emerges all of a sudden into a shockingly bright sunlit world. The man would immediately cover his eyes and scurry, screaming, fearful, into the comfortingly familiar black world from whence he came. But imagine him finding a small patch of sunlight on the floor of the forest, and tracing that ray up a tree. As he climbs, the scenery surrounding him grows brighter and brighter, and he grows, gradually, accustomed to the light. He emerges eventually above the foliage and now gladly comes face to face with the benevolent brilliance of the sun itself. We are all afraid of abruptly confronting the *Shekhina*, of entering into a relationship with God; but at the same time, closeness to our fellow human beings, created in the tzelem, image or reflection of God, helps bring us closer to Him, the quintessence of He Whom human beings reflect. To paraphrase C.S. Lewis, people are the patches of Godlight in the woods of our experience.

Rosh Hashana is a day upon which we celebrate God's relationship with humanity, and our liturgy abounds with metaphors for that relationship; God is our father, our master, our parent, our king. Yet Rosh Hashana is also intimately linked with the diverse relationships that human beings establish among themselves. *Aleph Tishrei* is, according to tradition, the day that Sarah and Channa were granted children; when our forefathers Avraham

and Yaakov were born; when Joseph was released from prison and began to reconcile with his brothers; when Adam and Eve first found each other in Eden. Our *Tefilla* is all about God, but our Torah and haftara readings focus, in large part, not on God, but on fathers, mothers, siblings, spouses, children. God, I believe, made Rosh Hashana a day in which we celebrate not only God's relationship with humanity, but also our relationships with one another, for it is through these relationships that we realize that we can embark on a new relationship with God. You see, if helping a fellow human being is exquisitely meaningful, and if loving someone for a lifetime can appear a period all too short, then we should be only too eager to enter into a relationship with a Benevolent Being Who declared His love for us at the beginning of time, and continues to love us onward into eternity.

God granted one of my prayers, for years ago the woman who heard me speak agreed to tolerate a lifetime of sundry declamations and public speeches. And these days, while davening may not always be mesmerizing, nevertheless, when I think of the people important to me in my life, prayer itself comes to mean more. Whenever we stand silently in shul, preparing to pray, let's think about the people we care about most, who have sacrificed so much for us, or for whom we have sacrificed. Think about the patches of Godlight in your life, and then begin to clamber up the branches, to the benevolent brilliance above.



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ISRAEL ACTION COMMITTEE

Able led by Raanan Agus, this group was at the forefront of some of our most successful Israel-focused initiatives in 2001, 2002 and 2003, during "Intifada II." If you are interested in taking a leadership role, please contact Israel@ckj.org

COLLEGE CONNECTION

The brainchild of KJ Trustees Abe Esses and Harry Kleinhaus, this group maintains a warm, personal connection with the college and graduate school aged children of synagogue members studying at U.S. universities by sending special mailings and holiday gifts. More than 100 students received Chanukah packages this month, courtesy of this terrific program. If you can take over, please contact Abe Esses at LJRT@aol.com

We are grateful to Erica Schwartz and her sister, Elizabeth Trump, for accepting the stewardship of the KJ Chesed Committee. With snazzy marketing talent and outstanding organizational skills, they will no doubt infuse this group with new spirit and vitality. Many thanks to outgoing Chair Nicole Gruenstein for her exceptional leadership. Contact LSS@CKJ.org if you have a program suggestion.

SHABBAT AT KJ

CARLEBACH SHABBAT

Main Synagogue
Dec. 10, Jan. 7,
Feb. 11, March 11

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN

9:15 AM
Falk Auditorium
Dec. 18, Jan. 22,
Feb. 5 & 26,
March 19 & 26

HASHKAMA MINYAN

7:15 AM
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Dec. 11 & 18, Jan. 8 & 22,
Feb. 12 & 26,
March 12 & 19

WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP

Max J. Etra Chapel
Jan. 29

TOT SHABBAT

(for parents with
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Third Floor Dining Hall
Dec. 17, Jan. 14, March 18

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Dec. 1: Janie Schwalbe
Dec. 8: Hon. Jerome Hornblass
Dec. 15: Dr. Mark Meirowitz
Dec. 22 & 29: *No programs*

Jan. 5: Rabbi Elie Weinstock
Jan. 12: Dr. Gil Kahn
Jan. 19: Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Jan. 26: Rabbi Hillel Rapp

Feb. 2: Rabbi David Flatto
Feb. 9: Rabbi Hillel Rapp
Feb. 16: Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Feb. 23: Dr. Gil Kahn

Mar. 2: Rabbi David Flatto
Mar. 9: Dr. Gil Kahn
Mar. 16: Dr. Paul Poppers
Mar. 23: Rabbi Elie Weinstock
Mar. 30: Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Apr. 6: Dr. Mark Meirowitz
Apr. 13: Rabbi Hillel Rapp
Apr. 20: Rabbi Elie Weinstock
Apr. 27: *Passover - No program*

May 4: Rabbi Elie Weinstock
May 11: Dr. Gil Kahn
May 18: Dr. Paul Poppers
May 25: Rabbi Hillel Rapp

June 1: Janie Schwalbe
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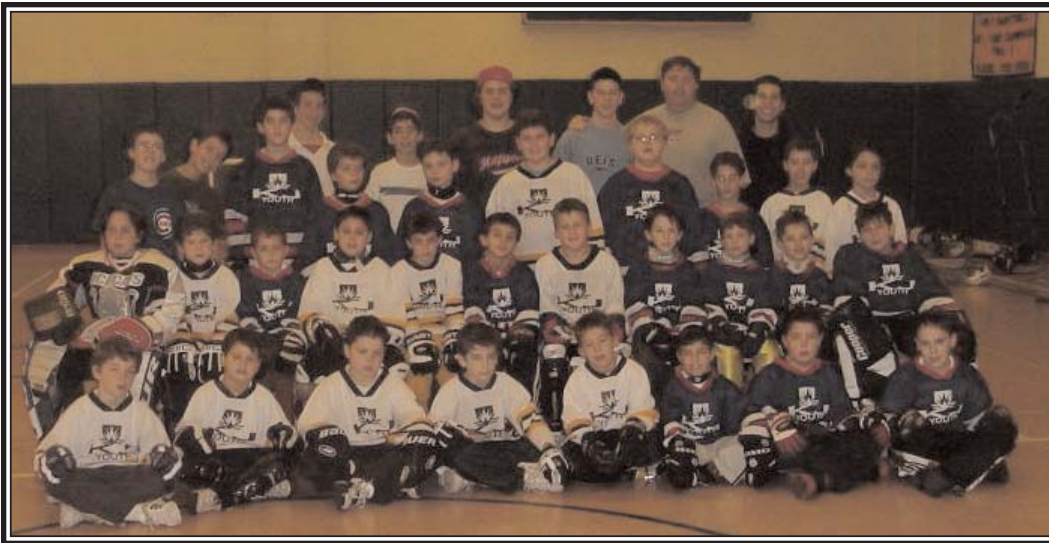
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"Go Team, Go!" KJHL players, with coach Jamie Lassner and KJ Youth Director Aaron Kaplan

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"Chef Boyardee, eat your heart out!"

Shown here are the participating children in KJHL, the Youth Department's hockey league which stresses character development as much as skill development, and Kinder Konfections, which introduces the joys of baking and cooking to young children: *"Bon appetit!"*

We are indebted to KJHL coach Jamie Lassner and to Kinder Konfections Master Chefs Rebecca Gober and Alexandra Usdan for giving up their Sunday mornings for the sake of our community's children. What a labor of love!



"He shoots.... He S-C-O-R-E-S!"

Photos courtesy of Alexandra Usdan



"Bake me a cake as fast as you can!"



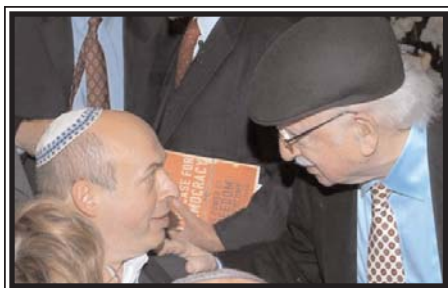
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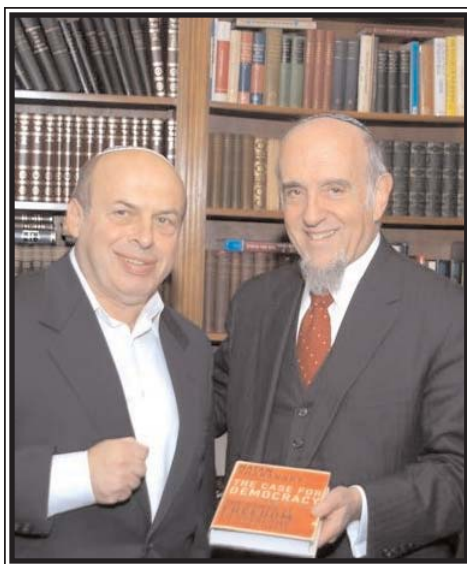


The adjacent photographs bear witness to a remarkably moving presentation by the Honorable Natan Sharansky, Israel Minister of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs, who spoke at KJ on November 8th as part of the Bella and Harry Wexner Distinguished Speaker Series marking the yahrzeit of Mrs. Bella Wexner z"l. Preceded by musical guests The Carmel Quartet and renowned Cantor Alberto Mizrahi, Mr. Sharansky's riveting speech, entitled *"Tyranny, Terrorism, and the Case for Democracy,"* was heard by over 1,000 attendees who packed the Main Synagogue.



Nathan Sharansky and KJ member
Rabbi Maurice Wohlgernter

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Wexner Memorial Lectures



Natan Sharansky with Rabbi Lookstein



Cantor Alberto Mizrahi
and Susan Wexner.

CLEANING HOUSE

Some of our community's finest Facilities Managers are the congregants themselves. As Building Engineer and Superintendent Rudy Arjune works his crew to keep our facilities in tip-top shape, it is important to speak up when you see something at KJ that does not look right. Please get in the habit of passing along your observations about improving and maintaining our space, no matter how trivial you may think the observation. KJ stands for excellence, not only in the pastoral, programming and intellectual spheres, but also in respect of maintaining a gleaming physical plant.

Given the fact that Rudy cannot be everywhere, and cannot possibly observe every detail, it is essential that you share your suggestions with LSS@CKJ.org so that we may together strive for excellence.

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In Memoriam

ARLEEN RUBIN KLORES

Arleen was an exceptionally beloved member of the congregation, with a large number of friends who absolutely adored her. She died after a valiant struggle with cancer, desperately clinging to life but in the end unable to fight the disease.

Her husband, Jeff, was a tower of strength to her. Her young son, Joseph, was an inspiration for her in her struggle. Her friends at KJ demonstrated unbelievable loyalty in helping her and her family deal with such great distress and pain.

In the end, she never gave up. Her time allotment on earth simply ran out. We mourn her passing even as we cherish her memory.

MARY SCHEFLER

At the age of 94, she passed away quietly and peacefully. For thirty years she had been a member of the congregation.

The widow of the late Max Scheffler, she never missed a Shabbat in shul until age made it impossible for her to come. She never failed to contribute to the Annual Synagogue Appeal. She always cherished her association with us.

The matriarch of her family, she was blessed with great devotion and reverence from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MURRAY WARSHAVSKY

He joined our congregation recently, after the passing of his wife. He was a vibrant and optimistic person who lived life to the fullest, adoring his children and grandchildren and setting a fine model for them.

His son, Dr. Cal Roberts, is a cherished member of the congregation. He spoke beautifully at Murray's funeral, demonstrating not alone his love for his father but his understanding of what made him such a wonderful person.

MIRIAM LEVINE

She was the lady with the big hats who every Shabbat occupied her seat in the Main Synagogue until age and feebleness made it difficult for her to come to shul.

Even after that, she was a fixture at Lunch and Learn for seniors, at Sisterhood luncheons, and at any gathering to which she could come in a wheelchair. Members of the congregation, particularly Fran and Benjy Brown and Joan Weisselberger who lived in her building, were extraordinarily devoted to her and supportive of her. She had many friends here who cherished their relationship with her and her late husband, Irving Levine.

We mourn her passing together with her children and grandchildren. We will remember her in love.

HAROLD UDELL

Harold and Matti Udell were a stunning couple who were members of the congregation for decades. Her passing, fifteen months ago, was a severe blow to him. He had been extraordinarily devoted to her particularly during the last years of her life when she needed extraordinary care.

Before illness made it impossible for him to come to shul, Harold was a regular at our services. He was an unfailing, generous contributor to the Annual Synagogue Appeal. He had a host of friends in his section on the right side of our Main Synagogue. Above all, he was a mensch par excellence.

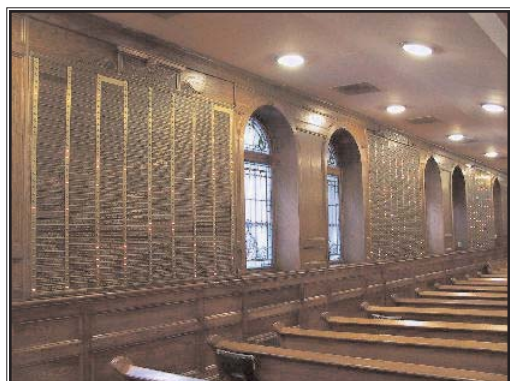
We will remember him and cherish the years that he spent in our midst.



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PERMANENT MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTED LOVED ONES



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On the walls of the Main Synagogue are mounted five tablets bearing memorial plaques, representing a permanent and dignified memorial to loved ones. At KJ, now in its 133rd year, we keep the lights lit on either side of the plaque each year during the full month of the Yahrzeit and also when we recite Yizkor on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesach and Shavuot.

For decades the cost of plaques has remained \$750, but because of rising expenses we will start charging \$1,000 on January 1st. A plaque order placed now for your loved one, however, will be accepted at the lower price, which is entirely tax deductible. In addition, if you

have other relatives whom you wish to permanently memorialize, and/or you would like to reserve adjacent plaque spaces for yourself and other living relatives (you should not need them until after 120 years), now would be a good time to order plaques at the lower price and keep all of your family's plaques together in the same location.

If you would like to speak with someone about this opportunity, please contact KJ Administrator Leonard Silverman at (212) 774-5680 or LSS@CKJ.org



**Some plaque examples
from the Main Synagogue.**

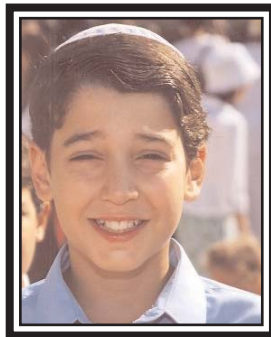
BNAI MITZVAH



BENJAMIN SCHOENKIN

Mazal Tov to Viviane and Charles Schoenkin on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin, which will take place on Shabbat Chanukah, December 11, in the Main Synagogue. Benjamin will read Parashat *Miketz* and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to Chanukah.

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



BENJAMIN ASCHERMAN

Mazal Tov to Drs. Corrine and Jeffrey Ascherman on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin, which will take place on January 6 at the Kotel in Jerusalem and on January 8 in the Main Synagogue. Benjamin will read Parashat *Vaera* and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to the Parsha following the service at the Kotel.

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



ALEXANDRA TOVA GUTTMAN

Mazal Tov to Gilda and Charles Guttman on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Alexandra Tova, which will take place on January 8 at the Ramaz Middle School. She will deliver a Dvar Torah. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Waldman.

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

In preparing the Bulletin, we welcome all KJ members' information for communal, academic and professional achievements.

Please e-mail the information to

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DANIEL SCHWAB

Mazal Tov to Ronit and Dr. Lawrence Schwab on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, which will take place on January 15 in the Main Synagogue. He will read Parashat *Bo*.

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



ETHAN STEIN

Mazal Tov to Dr. Meg Rosenblatt and David Stein on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ethan, which will take place on January 22 in the Main Synagogue. He will read Parashat *Beshalach* and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to the Parsha.

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



SARAH EMMERICH

Mazal Tov to Pamela and Adam Emmerich on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah, which will take place on February 5 at Darkhei Noam. Sarah will read Parashat *Mishpatim* and will deliver a Dvar Torah on the Parsha.

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



BENJAMIN STEIN

Mazal Tov to Susan and Dr. Barry Stein on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin, which will take place on February 12 in the Main Synagogue. He will read Parashat *Terumah* and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to the Parsha.

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Mazal Tov to:

Dr. Mona Ackerman, on the birth of a granddaughter, Layla Batya, born to Gila and Roy Steinbock.

Jennifer and Jonathan Boyarsky on the birth of a son, Andrew Ryan. Mazal Tov to the proud grandparents, KJ members Shirley and Neal Boyarsky.

Tami and Dr. Ed Cleeman on the birth of a son, Justin.

Hayley and Randy Corwick on the birth of a daughter, Jolie Lavender.

Rosalind and Jacques Eisenberg on the birth of a grandson, Shlomo Zalman, to Ilana and Rabbi Zev Pomeranz in Israel.

Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman on the birth of a granddaughter, Michal Zahava, born to Ariela Friedman Fine and Rabbi Jeremy Fine.

Elaine Gruenstein upon the birth of a granddaughter, Ella Roiphe Gruenstein, born to her son Benjamin Gruenstein and his wife Rebecca Roiphe.

Joyce Hirsch and Richard Hirsch, on the birth of a grandson, Ryan Benjamin, to their son Daniel and Carolyn Hirsch.

Suzanne and Dr. Norman Javitt, on the birth of a grandson, Noah Jeremy Osofsky, born to their children Gail Javitt and Samuel Osofsky of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Ruth and Larry Kobrin on the birth of a granddaughter, Simone Hannah, to their children Rebecca Kobrin and Kevin Feinblum.

Rachael and Alexander Kohl on the birth of a daughter, Brooke. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, KJ members Caren and Sam Kohl.

Ilana and Jonathan Kroll on the birth of a son, Samuel Jacob.

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

Jackie and Robert Leifert on the birth of a grandson, Yonah Shlomo, born to Michal and Aryeh Leifert.

Asher and Sharon Levitsky on the birth of a granddaughter, Eliana Tova, born to Asher's children, Lily and Steve Markowitz of Fairlawn, New Jersey.

Marci and Murray Rabinowitz on the birth of twins, a boy, Ethan Avi, and a girl, Abby Sela.

Monique and Andrew Rechtschaffen on the birth of a son, Jordan Paul. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Perla and Dr. Julio Messer, and Rabbi and Mrs. Manfred Rechtschaffen.

Mindy and Alan Schall on the birth of a daughter, Emily Danielle.

Ellen and David Scheinfeld on the birth of a granddaughter, Hendel Chana, born to Elizabeth and Joshua Scheinfeld.

Lauren and Michael Schwartz on the birth of a daughter, Paige Sophie.

Donna and Arthur Silverman on the birth of a granddaughter, Rachel Lily, born in Los Angeles to their children Nomi and Daniel Silverman. Rachel Lily joins siblings Jennifer, David and Sarah.

Bonnie and Steven Stern on the birth of a granddaughter, Sasha, to their children Dara and Evan Behrens.

Abigail and Shai Tambor on the birth of a daughter, Hannah Rita. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, KJ members Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum.

Lisa and Mark Todes on the birth of a son, Joshua Samuel.

Elliot and Doris Weiss on the birth of a grandson, Jacob Samuel born to their children Rebecca and Eric Sigman.

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

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to:

Suzanne and Dr. Norman B. Javitt on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Sarah Esther Javitt, daughter of their children Drs. Reba Kizner and Daniel Javitt, which took place in Jerusalem.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Josh Abelson on his engagement to Susanna Leigh.

Ety and Eugene Biro on the engagement of their daughter, Meirav, to Erev Lapsker, son of Mrs. Judith Lapsker and Mr. Joshua Lapsker, of Toronto.

Ronnie and Samuel Heyman on the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to David Winter, son of Susan and Benjamin Winter, of Manhattan.

Bernice and Dr. Gil Kahn on the engagement of their son, Theodore Kahn, to Shayna Greenwald, daughter of Rena and Dr. Kenneth Greenwald, of Toronto.

Deborah and David Kahn on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Jona Rechnitz, son of Melanie and Robert Rechnitz, of Los Angeles.

Jerry and Ruthie Kestenbaum on the engagement of their son, Zachary, to Rina Furst, daughter of Tommy and Debbie Furst of Great Neck.

Rhea and Dr. Leon Landau on the engagement of their son, Evan Landau, to Ilana Oppenheimer, daughter of Dahlia and Steve Oppenheimer of Miami Beach, Florida.

Ruth and Joel Lewittes on the engagement of their son, Michael, to Dr. Nicole Gross, daughter of Susan and Dr. Peter Gross, of Philadelphia.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

Rabbi David Billet on his marriage to Anouche Kremer, of Zurich, Switzerland.

Dina and Jacques Farhi on the marriage of their daughter, Talia Farhi, to Josh Sadres, son of Marsha and Solomon Sadres of Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Gilda and Charles Guttman on the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca, to Moshe Buchman, son of Lynda and Arie Buchman of Los Angeles. Mazal Tov as well to Rebecca's grandmother, Rachel Waldman.

Ziva and Rabbi Abraham Kramer on the marriage of their son, Shilo, to Tzivya Fuchs, daughter of Joanie and Allen Fuchs, of Manhattan.

Wilma and Stephen Kule on the marriage of their son, Andrew, to Melanie Chasser, daughter of Barbara and Gary Chasser of Marlboro, New Jersey. Mazal tov as well to Andrew's grandmother, Mrs. Goody Dane.

Gugliemlo Lichtner on his marriage to Shoshana Doktor, in San Diego.

Robert Lobel on his marriage to Meirav Tikvah Eibschutz, daughter of Drs. Ghitta and Marcu Eibschutz of Westfield, New Jersey. Mazal Tov as well to Robert's mother, Mrs. Bernard Lobel.

Esther and Jonathan Messeloff on the marriage of their daughter, Sara, to Larry Tanz, son of KJ members Judy and Dr. Alfred Tanz.

Rivka and Dr. Morris Platt on the marriage of their daughter, Leora Platt, to Daniell Mishaan, son of Valerie and Bert Weischelbaum, of Woodmere.

Stanley Schwartz on his marriage to Marion

Jacobson of West Orange, New Jersey.

Yvette and Jakob Schwerdt on the marriage in Israel of their daughter, Debbie, to Joshua Krasner, son of Dr. David and Sylvia Krasner of London.

COMMUNAL HONORS

We are happy to congratulate our member, Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Court Operations and Planning for New York State, upon receiving an Abely Award, for having spearheaded a comprehensive plan to establish Integrated Domestic Violence Courts in every judicial district.

Congratulations to our devoted member, Fanya Gottesfeld Heller, who will be a guest of honor at the forthcoming Re'uth Dinner on Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00 P.M. at The Pierre. Re'uth is a wonderful organization and it is gratifying to see Fanya Gottesfeld Heller associated with it in this way. For more information and reservations to this special event, call Re'uth at 212-751-9255.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Ariela Friedman Fine on her advancement as a Limudei Kodesh Teacher in the Ramaz Middle School.

Jack Propp Heller, son of Helen Propp Heller and Melvin Heller, and grandson of Mortimer J. Propp and Eugenie Propp, upon his graduation with honors from the University of Southern California. He is now working for Paramount Pictures.

Eugenie Propp, wife of Mortimer J. Propp, upon the publication her first book, "Enia's World," which was accepted by several publishing houses.

Jenna Galbut, daughter of Ronalee and Russell Galbut, upon her recent election victory as student President of the RASG Hebrew Academy of Miami Beach.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Esther Amini Krawitz, who had her oil paintings exhibited this past summer at The Berkeley Art Center in California. Her art was also featured in a recent group show at the "Pen and Brush Gallery" in Manhattan.

John R. Lieberman, CPA/PFS, who became chairman of the NYSSCPA Committee for Entertainment and Sports, which provides information pertaining to tax, audit and advisory issues in the entertainment and sports world.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Laurel Rosenbluth, on the passing of her father, Milton Weinstein.

Helene Wolff, on the passing her mother, Jennie Simon.

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>
December					
3-4	Vayeshev	4:11 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:09 PM
10-11	Miketz (Chanukah)	4:11 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:09 PM
17-18	Vayigash	4:12 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:11 PM
24-25	Vayechi	4:16 PM	4:30 PM	4:05 PM	5:13 PM
January					
Dec 31-Jan 1	Shemot	4:21 PM	4:35 PM	4:15 PM	5:19 PM
7-8	Vaera	4:27 PM	4:40 PM	4:20 PM	5:26 PM
14-15	Bo	4:35 PM	4:45 PM	4:30 PM	5:35 PM
21-22	Beshalach	4:43 PM	4:55 PM	4:35 PM	5:41 PM
28-29	Yitro	4:51 PM	5:05 PM	4:40 PM	5:48 PM
February					
4-5	Mishpatim	5:00 PM	5:10 PM	4:50 PM	5:55 PM
11-12	Terumah	5:08 PM	5:20 PM	5:00 PM	6:03 PM
18-19	Tetzaveh	5:17 PM	5:30 PM	5:05 PM	6:12 PM
25-26	Ki Tisa	5:25 PM	5:35 PM	5:15 PM	6:19 PM
March					
4-5	Vayakhel	5:33 PM	5:45 PM	5:20 PM	6:28 PM
11-12	Pekudei	5:41 PM	5:55 PM	5:25 PM	6:35 PM
18-19	Vayikra	5:48 PM	6:00 PM	5:35 PM	6:42 PM
25-26	Tzav	5:56 PM	6:10 PM	5:40 PM	6:50 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

December 1-23.....4:25 PM	January 23-27.....5:00 PM	Feb. 27-March 3.....5:40 PM
December 26-30.....4:30 PM	Jan. 30-Feb. 3.....5:05 PM	March 6-10.....5:50 PM
January 2-6.....4:35 PM	February 6-10.....5:15 PM	March 13-17.....5:55 PM
January 9-13.....4:40 PM	February 13-17.....5:25 PM	March 20-23.....6:05 PM
January 16-20.....4:50 PM	February 20-24.....5:30 PM	March 27-31.....6:10 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed - Wed, December 8-15 Chanukah Morning Service at 7:10 AM Wednesday, December 22 Fast of Tevet Fast begins at 6:05 AM Morning Service at 7:00 AM Afternoon Service 4:30 PM Fast ends at 5:09 PM	Tuesday, January 11 Rosh Chodesh Shevat Morning Service at 7:00 AM Tuesday, January 25 Tu B'Shevat Wed - Thur, February 9-10 Rosh Chodesh Adar I Morning Service at 7:00 AM Monday, February 21 President's Day - 8:30 AM	Fri-Sat, March 11-12 Rosh Chodesh Adar II Friday Service 7:00 AM Shabbat Morning 9:00 AM Thursday, March 24 Fast of Esther Fast begins at 4:41 AM Morning Service at 6:55 AM Afternoon Service at 5:50PM Fast ends - Megillah 6:45PM	Friday, March 25 Purim Megillah readings at 7:00 AM and at 9:00 AM, followed by Breakfast Seudah
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