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PRIORITIES

A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

In his marvelous book of homiletical essays, *Hegyonot el Ami* (now available in English), Rabbi Moshe Avigdor Amiel, of blessed memory, the late Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv (and grandfather of the Lindenbaum family), offers a bold and daring interpretation of a well-known Talmudic judgment about our forefather Abraham.

The picture he paints is a fascinating one. The Bible describes Abraham as

receiving the Divine presence on a particularly hot day in the Mesopotamian desert. The Talmud explains that God's visit was for *bikur cholim* (visiting the sick), a necessary act because three days earlier Abraham had undergone circumcision. Suddenly there appear on the horizon three travelers. Abraham runs to greet them and says (Genesis 18:3): "A-donai, if I find favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant's home."

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The KJ Mens Club Proudly Presents
A Sukkah Supper Lecture
For the Entire Community

JAY P. LEFKOWITZ

Former Deputy Assistant

to the President for Domestic Policy

**"9-11, THE 2004 ELECTIONS AND THE FUTURE
OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY"**

Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 PM

*Men, women and children are invited.
\$30 per person. Advance Reservations Required.*

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

**ROSH HASHANAH
WORKSHOP**
RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK

Wednesday, September 8
8:00 PM

SELICHOT SERVICES

Saturday, September 11
10:00 PM

Preceded by a Collation at 9:15 PM

SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA
RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK

*"Judaism and the
Meaning of Memory"*

Saturday, September 18
Following Mincha at 6:05 PM

TESHUVA SHIUR
RABBI SAUL BERMAN

*"Using The Amidah for
Cheshbon HaNefesh"*

Tuesday, September 21
8:00 PM

**YOM KIPPUR & SUKKOT
WORKSHOP**

RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK
Wednesday, September 22 at 8:00 PM

TOVA AND NORMAN BULOW SHABBAT SCHOLAR OCTOBER 29-30

Friday Evening Dinner:

"SUFFERING AND MEANING:

INSIGHTS INTO THE ABRAHAM-JOB NEXUS IN THE BIBLE"

Saturday Morning:

"COMMUNITY, COVENANT AND COMMITMENT:

*GLIMPSES FROM THE UNPUBLISHED RESPONSA
OF RABBI JOSEPH B. SOLOVEITCHIK Z'L"*

Saturday Afternoon Seudah Shlishit

*"WHEN ETHICS AND HALAKHAH COLLIDE
WHAT DOES ONE DO?"*

RABBI NATHANIEL HELFGOT

Our Scholar

Chair of

*Tanakh and Jewish Thought Departments
at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah*

FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT DINNER

Members:

Non-Members:

Adults \$35 \$40

Junior (age 12-18) \$30 \$35

Children (age 2-11) \$18 \$30

Deadline for reservations: Monday, Oct. 25 at 12:00 Noon (Space Permitting)



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A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

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There is a problem, however, in the text because the word *A-donai* could mean "my lords" – directed to the travelers – or "my Lord" – directed to God. The Talmud prefers the second interpretation and, in so doing, creates a fascinating scenario. Abraham sees the three travelers and is motivated to go and invite them into his home. But God is standing there at his doorstep. So he turns to God, as it were, and says, "God, hold it a minute, while I go and take care of these three nomads."

Based upon this picture, the Talmud offers a judgment in the name of Rav Yehudah, who quoted it in the name of Rav: "From here we learn that receiving guests is of a higher priority than receiving the Divine presence." That would be startling enough, but Rav Amiel takes that judgment and raises it to another level entirely by saying that this principle of priorities is not meant to be taken only in its particularistic sense, relating to hospitality, but rather as a general statement about the *mitzvot* to which we are all committed: *the mitzvot that govern the relationship between*

people are of a higher priority than the mitzvot that govern the relationship between a person and God.

Rav Amiel does not mean to diminish the importance of our responsibilities toward God. What he is doing is establishing a set of priorities for a religious life. As a *religious* obligation, we must place the greatest emphasis on our moral and ethical behavior, demonstrating kindness towards people, respect for the person and property of others, appropriateness of speech, dress and behavior, humility and dignity, in a word, *menschlichkeit* and *derekh eretz*.

This system of religious priorities was apparently necessary in Talmudic times; it is no less important for our generation.

May we all interact as *menschen* and may God approve of our priorities and bless us with a year of health, happiness and peace.

כתיבה וחתימה טובה

Haskel Lookstein

WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, June 25, and this Bulletin, which went to press on August 18:

Julia and Michael Beck
Jodi Bleier
Hayley and Randy Corwick
Elyse and David Efron
Dr. Natalie Gluck
Joy and Judd Kleeger
Elena and Jay Lefkowitz
Bella Samuels Lesch
and Dr. Michael Lesch
Dr. Sheryl R. Miller
Miriam Rand
Yael and Jeffrey Simpson
Suzy and Joseph Sokol
Jillian and John Wieder

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KJ OPERATION L'HITRA'OT XII THANKSGIVING ISRAEL MISSION TO PRAGUE AND ISRAEL

The Macy's Parade, turkey dinner, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie; Thanksgiving traditions all. Now add one more to the list - KJ Operation L'Hitra'ot.

This year's trip is scheduled for November 24-30, 2004, with an optional "Pre Mission" trip to Prague on November 18-23.

Please plan to join us on a fun and inspiring trip. As always, we will enjoy deluxe accommodations at the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem, exciting programming, a festive Thanksgiving Dinner, Shabbat meals and more.

Last year we inaugurated a "Pre Mission" trip to Eastern Europe. Its success leads us to once again offer an excursion - this year to Prague. Visit this

beautiful classic European city that combines the best of European culture and fascinating Jewish sites. The group will be accompanied, once again, by a scholar-in-residence who will relate both the Jewish & general history of this captivating city. We will spend a Shabbat in Prague, joining in the local synagogue for an inspiring Shabbat service.

Registration for KJ "Operation L'Hitra'ot XII" (Thanksgiving Israel Mission with Optional Prague Experience) opened in August. To register and/or receive information as it becomes available, send an email to kjmission@arieltours.com with the word "Thanksgiving" in the subject field.

RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK TO DELIVER SHABBAT SHUVA DISCOURSE

"Judaism and the Meaning of Memory"

Saturday, September 18 following Mincha at 6:05 PM

Have you painful memories that you wish you could expunge, embarrassing childhood moments that you wish you could efface, adult experiences regarding which you might ruefully admit to a performance less than stellar? A story by the science fiction writer Phillip Dick revolved around a futuristic scientific procedure in which the patient was able to choose a specific memory that was then targeted and destroyed. If given the opportunity to undergo this procedure, would you? Should you?

Or, is this question moot? Is Philip Dick old hat? Have Jews been doing a version of this for millennia every time the

High Holy Days roll around? Is repentance merely a mechanism -- a sort of spiritual windex -- to cleanse the effluvia from the soul? Is teshuva just a case of erasing sins, of deleting the black mark from God's record books? Or does teshuva rehabilitate our sinful past in a different way altogether? This Shabbat Shuva, the drasha will explore the laws of repentance to reflect on Judaism's understanding of the glory and the agony of the human capacity for memory.

The Shabbat Shuva discourse with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik will take place on Shabbat afternoon, September 18, after Mincha which begins at 6:05 PM.

TO JOIN THE KJ ONLINE COMMUNITY,
SEND AN E-MAIL WITH YOUR FIRST AND
LAST NAME TO: JOEL@CKJ.ORG
BE SURE TO VISIT KJ'S WEBSITE
WWW.CKJ.ORG

**RABBI SAUL BERMAN
TO SPEAK AT TESHUVA SHIUR**
*"Using The Amidah for
Cheshbon HaNefesh"*
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
AT 8:00 PM**



Photo courtesy of EDAH

Rabbi Saul Berman will once again deliver the Congregation's annual Teshuva Shiur on Tuesday evening, September 21 at 8:00 PM in the Riklis Social Hall.

It is a privilege to have Rabbi Berman, a leading Modern Orthodox teacher, deliver this *shiur*, as he has done annually at KJ for the past several years.

A graduate of Yeshiva University and its Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), Rabbi Berman holds a law degree from New York University and a degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. He also studied at Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University in Israel.

Rabbi Berman has served as Senior Rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue and as Chairman of the Department of Judaic Studies at YU's Stern College. Additionally, he was on the faculty of the Columbia University School of Law. He is a senior faculty member and founder of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, and is also the founding Director of EDAH, an organization devoted to the invigoration of Modern Orthodox ideology and religious life.

We are proud to note that Rabbi Lookstein is Chair of EDAH's Advisory Council.

SHABBAT AT KJ

CARLEBACH SHABBAT
Main Synagogue
Nov. 5, Dec. 10

WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP
Max J. Etra Chapel
Sept. 11, Oct. 8, 23 & 30, Nov. 6

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN
9:15 AM
Falk Auditorium
Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

TOT SHABBAT
Third Floor Dining Hall
Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 17

HASHKAMA MINYAN
7:15 AM
Max. J. Etra Chapel
Sept. 11, Oct. 16 & 23,
Nov. 6 & 13, Dec. 11 & 18

NEW! SHABBAT RUACH
Parents with children ages 6-9 can enjoy Friday Night with the KJ Youth Department, with a special children's service, stories, songs, Kiddush and an Oneg Shabbat.
November 19, December 17



Save the date

A Night in Venice

to benefit Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

**Saturday Night, December 4, 2004
8:00 pm**

**Morris and Ida Newman Educational Center
60 East 78th Street
New York City**

KJ ANNUAL DINNER

KJ Adult Education & Beginners Program: 21st Century Soul Food

KJ presents Adult Education at its finest, introducing new classes, bringing back the classics, and of course stimulating and invigorating at every opportunity. Hebrew, Jewish History, Philosophy, and Halakha are just some of what is on the KJ Education menu. The weekly Shabbat afternoon Talmud class has been reinstated, and will be taught by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, who will also teach the Monday morning women's Talmud class. Rabbi Elie Weinstock will teach the acclaimed Parsha Foundations class, and will captain a new, weekly Intermediate Shabbat Service with Chazzan Shilo Kramer. KJ Beginners ("KJB") will also kick off its brand new program, "Soul in the City," co-sponsored by Isralight.

CRASH COURSE IN JEWISH HISTORY*

Take a journey through 5000 years of Jewish History. We'll be stopping at all of the main events and personalities that have shaped the Jewish people until this very day. (Pre-registration required. Call 212-774-5678.)

Mondays 7:00 pm
September 13, 20, 27, October 11, 18
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

TORAH IN THE TOWERS

This class, a project of Keshet, will take place in rotating locations in 305-15 East 86th Street. Covering topics of contemporary Jewish interest, it is perfect for the young couple looking for a dose of weekly wisdom. Ma'ariv will follow each session.

Mondays, 8:30 pm
Rabbi Elie Weinstock

STUDIES IN THE WEEKLY PORTION

This popular class explores the depths of our tradition to discover what each week's reading has to say to us, through analyzing the classical commentaries of the past 2000 years.

Tuesdays 7:00 pm - Rabbi Yossi Weiser

PRACTICAL JUDAISM

This course provides an overview of many of the practices, rituals, symbols, and issues of Judaism, and is ideal for students of all levels - from beginners to advanced.

Tuesdays 8:00 pm - Rabbi Yossi Weiser

PARSHAT HASHAVUA (Women only)

Investigations into the weekly Torah portion drawn extensively from the methods and insights of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, and Professor Nechama Leibowitz.

Wednesdays 8:30 am
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE*

This popular crash course enables those with no previous background in Hebrew to learn to read Hebrew in just a few sessions. Taught by Sara Rosen.

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17
December 1, 8, 15, 22, January 5, 12, 19

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?

APPROACHING HUMAN SUFFERING WITHIN THE THOUGHT OF RABBI J.B. SOLOVEITCHIK

Many Jewish thinkers throughout the ages have addressed this question, but perhaps none in a way as unique and appropriate for the modern Jewish thinker than that of Rav Soloveitchik. This series reviews Jewish thought on the experience of suffering and human pathos, followed by an in depth analysis of the Rav's ideas.

Wednesdays 7:00 pm
October 13, 20, 27
Rabbi Hillel Rapp

BEYOND PARADISE:

THE BOOK OF KOHELET (Women only)

The search for meaning and contentment in life continues with the study of Kohelet (Ecclesiastes), as we return to the text and traditional commentaries, slowly winding our way to its ultimate conclusion.

Thursdays 8:30 am
Dr. Shera Aranoff Tuchman

CRASH COURSE IN BASIC JUDAISM*

Exploring Judaism can be an exciting, stimulating and inspiring adventure. In this course, we will explore Judaism's views on Belief in God, Prayer, Shabbat, Jewish Observance, and Sexuality.

Thursdays 7:00 pm
October 21, 28; November 4
Rabbi Elie Weinstock

EXPLORATIONS IN JEWISH THOUGHT

Venture into the depths of Jewish

Thought in a warm, inviting, intellectually stimulating atmosphere. This class will take place in participants' homes.

Thursdays 7:30 pm - Marty Kaufman

"POLITICAL CHALLENGES OF LATE ANTIQUITY"

We will discuss the challenges faced by Palestinian Jewry living under the Roman Empire after the destruction of the Second Temple, including the dramatic period of the Bar Kochba uprising. We will also consider parallel developments among diaspora Jewry during this period (in Rome, Asia Minor, Alexandria and especially Babylonia).

Saturday evenings 8:30 pm
November 6, 13, 20 - Rabbi David Flatto

KJB EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Carlebach Services followed by a
delicious catered dinner.

Upcoming Dates: Oct. 22, Dec. 10

SUKKOT DINNER UNDER THE STARS*

Join us for a meal in the Sukkah! Monday night, October 4th. There will be delicious food and joyous singing as we celebrate the holiday of Sukkot together. (In the event of rain, dinner will take place indoors.)

Call 212-774-5678 for reservations.

NEW at KJ!

Soul in the City: An Urban Awakening

A new series of classes and events brought to you by KJ and Isralight. A unique blend of educational and social experiences not to be missed!

Featuring barbeques, wine tastings, and other events along with stimulating lectures and classes by Rabbis David Aaron, Binny Freedman, Sam Shor, Elie Weinstock & other scholars. All tied together to bring you an Urban Spiritual Revolution.

Wednesdays, 8:00-10:00 pm;
Kick-Off Event October 20

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**BENJAMIN BROWN, HON. MICHAEL MUKASEY AND EUGENE MAJOR
TO BE CHATANIM ON SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7-8**

The Officers of the Congregation are very happy to announce the choice of Chatanim for the concluding days of the Sukkot festival this year. They are three highly cherished members of the Congregation: Benjamin Brown, the Hon. Michael Mukasey, and Eugene Major.



**CHATAN TORAH
Benjamin Brown**

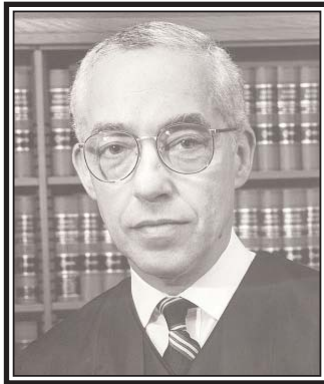
Benjamin Brown was born and bred in KJ and Ramaz. The son of the late Lillian and A. Milton Brown, he has been part of the community since he entered the Ramaz Kindergarten in September 1946. He is an alumnus of Ramaz, class of 1959.

Benjy has served the Congregation with total devotion as Secretary and then as President. He was a founding member of our Chevra Kadisha. He is unfailing in his attendance at our daily morning minyan, and when he is not in shul on Shabbat morning, he is always to be found at our twice-a-month hashkama minyan.

After forty years of entrepreneurship in the family artist materials business, Benjy came back to Ramaz as Chief Accounting Officer and has made wonderful contributions to the business side of our school. Fran, his wife of 41 years, has been a very active partner in Benjy's religious and communal life. She is also a founding member of the women's Chevra Kadisha and is involved in the life of the Kehilath Jeshurun community.

Fran is the Executive Director of The Alan T. Brown Foundation to Cure Paralysis. Their children, Steven, Alan and Daniel, were all educated at Ramaz. The entire family, including daughters-in-law Kerry (a teacher at the Bi-Cultural Day School in Stamford, CT), Susanne and Alison, are active with the Foundation. Together, they demonstrate how to deal with adversity in a constructive and optimistic way. The Brown family includes five grandchildren who are all attending Hebrew Day Schools, and please God, will carry on a beautiful family tradition.

We congratulate Benjy and his family on this most deserved honor.



**CHATAN BEREISHIT
Hon. Michael Mukasey**

What a privilege it is for us to be able to honor the Hon. Michael Mukasey, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

An alumnus of Ramaz, class of 1959, Judge Mukasey received his B.A. from Columbia in 1963 and an LL.B. degree from Yale Law School in 1967. A recipient of an honorary doctorate from Brooklyn Law School, he also won the Federal Bar Council's Learned Hand Medal for Excellence in Federal Jurisprudence.

Judge Mukasey served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division for the Southern District of New York and was a partner in Patterson, Belknap, Webb, & Tyler until his appointment to the federal bench in November, 1987. He also presently serves as Adjunct Professor of Law at Columbia Law School.

His wife, Susan, served Ramaz for 25 years with great distinction as a teacher and then as Headmistress of the Lower School. His children, Marc and Jessica, are both alumni of the school and he is the proud grandfather of two grandsons, William and Benjamin, born to Jessica and Corey Barkoff.

As will be apparent from our presentation of him on Shemini Atzeret, it is particularly gratifying for Kehilath Jeshurun to honor this outstanding jurist and heroic, American Jew. He and his family have made sacrifices for their commitment to America and to Judaism on a level reached by very few. It is our honor to honor him.



**CHATAN MAFTIR
Eugene Major**

Eugene Major is another born and bred KJ and Ramaz product. An alumnus of Ramaz, class of 1980, he studied for a year at Yeshivat Har Etzion and earned his B.S.E. from Princeton and an M.B.A. from Columbia.

A co-founder of Dunbar Capital Management and its Chief Investment Officer, Eugene is also Chief Operating Officer of a hedge fund, Parameter Partners. For us, however, he is most admired for his deep involvement in Israel advocacy. He is chairman of MIDPAC, the Upper East Side's political action committee, and he is an active supporter of The Israel Project - an innovative effort to improve Israel's image and standing in the media.

At Kehilath Jeshurun, he is one of the organizers and stalwarts of the Dr. William Major Memorial Talmud Shiur, named for his late father, and he is also a co-founder of the KJ/Ramaz Career Network.

His wife, Rochelle, is a devoted supporter of Nishmat and a very committed Ramaz parent. Their children, Cal, Sammy, and David, are all Ramaz students following in the tradition set for them by the late Willy and, tibatil l'chaim, Gabriella, whose record of service to this community is both long and impressive.

What a privilege for us to be able to honor this stellar family of our community!



*We look forward to presenting our Chatanim
prior to the Musaf service on Shemini Atzeret and then celebrating
with all of them through the entire Simchat Torah festival.*

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 15, Rosh Hashanah Eve

Selichot Service (Z'chor Brit)6:30 AM
An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared.

Candle Lighting6:46 PM
 Evening7:00 PM

Thursday, September 16, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning8:00 AM
 Beginner's Service8:00 AM
 Tashlich5:30 PM
 Evening7:00 PM
 Candle LightingAfter 7:40 PM

Friday, September 17, Rosh Hashanah II

Morning8:00 AM
 Beginners Service8:00 AM
 Shabbat Candle Lighting6:43 PM
 Evening6:45 PM

SHABBAT SHUVA

Saturday, September 18

Morning9:00 AM
 Intermediate Service9:15 AM
 Evening6:05 PM
 Shabbat Shuva Discourse by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
 Conclusion of Shabbat7:36 PM

TSOM (FAST OF) GEDALIAH

Sunday, September 19

Fast begins5:46 AM
 Morning8:00 AM
 Mincha6:30 PM
 Fast ends7:31 PM

DAILY SERVICES:

Monday & Thursday, September 20 & 23

Morning6:45 AM
 Evening6:45 PM

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 21-22

Morning7:00 AM
 Evening6:45 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 24, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning7:10 AM
 Mincha2:30 PM
 Candle Lighting6:31 PM
 Kol Nidre6:30 PM
 Beginners6:10 PM

Saturday, September 25, Yom Kippur Morning

Main Synagogue8:30 AM
 Heyman Auditorium9:00 AM
 Gottesman Center Falk Auditorium9:00 AM
 Beginners9:00 AM
 Fast ends7:24 PM

DAILY SERVICES - Week of September 26 - 28

Sunday8:30 AM
 Monday7:15 AM
 Tuesday7:30 AM
 Evenings6:45 PM

SUKKOT

Wednesday, September 29, Sukkot Eve

Morning7:30 AM
An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared.

Candle Lighting6:23 PM
 Evening6:35 PM

Thursday, September 30, Sukkot I

Morning9:00 AM
 Evening6:35 PM
 Candle LightingAfter 7:15 PM

Friday, October 1, Sukkot II

Morning9:00 AM
 Shabbat Candle Lighting6:19 PM
 Evening6:30 PM

DAILY SERVICES - CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Saturday, October 2

Morning8:45 AM
 Intermediate Service9:15 AM
 Evening6:05 PM
 Conclusion of Shabbat7:13 PM

Sunday, October 3

Morning8:30 AM
 Evening6:25 PM

Monday and Tuesday, October 4 - 5

Morning6:45 AM
 Evening6:25 PM

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Wednesday, October 6, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Services6:30 AM
An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared.

Candle Lighting6:11 PM
 Evening6:25 PM

Thursday, October 7, Shemini Atzeret Morning

Morning Services9:00 AM
 (Yizkor recited)

Mincha followed by
 Ma'ariv and Simchat Torah Hakafot6:20 PM
 Candle LightingAfter 7:05 PM

Friday, October 8, Simchat Torah

Morning9:00 AM
 Women's Tefilah Group9:15 AM
 Evening6:20 PM
 Shabbat Candle Lighting6:08 PM

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCHEDULE

ROSH HASHANAH I AND II 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades)
 Nursery - Kindergarten - Toddler Congregation (Ages 1-5)

YOM KIPPUR KOL NIDRE NIGHT 6:30 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades only)

YOM KIPPUR DAY 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades)
 Nursery - Kindergarten - Toddler Congregation (Ages 1-5)

MEN: THIS KOL NIDRE NIGHT AND YOM KIPPUR DAY DRESS UP BY WEARING A WHITE KITEL

You may obtain one at a moderate price at *Judaica Classics By Doina* in the synagogue lobby, 212-722-4271.

HIGH HOLY DAY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The Month of Elul

- Sounding of the Shofar each morning after Shacharit.
- Recitation of the entire Book of Psalms at KJ.
- Selichot Services each morning beginning Monday, September 13, a half hour before morning services.

ROSH HASHANAH

- Beginning of God's judgment.
- Sounding of the Shofar at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 16 and Friday, September 17. (Those ill at home or hospital should contact Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for special arrangements.)

Rituals to Remember

- Lighting of candles and *Shehecheyanu*.
- Rosh Hashanah Kiddush
- Washing of hands and *motzi* over two round challahs and dipping the pieces in honey (continued through Hoshanah Rabbah).

First Night

- Rosh Hashanah greeting upon leaving shul:

לשנה טובה תכתבו

"May you be inscribed for a Good Year."

- Dipping of apple into honey with blessing over fruit and "May it be Thy will to grant us a good and sweet year."
- יהי רצון מלפניך יהוה א-להינו וא-להי אבותינו
שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה.

First Day

- **Tashlich** - Thursday, September 16, 5:30 PM, at Central Park Reservoir near 85th Street or Carl Schurz Park at the East River and 86th Street.

Second Night

- Wearing a new garment. Keep in mind when reciting *Shehecheyanu* at Kiddush.
- Eat a new fruit not yet eaten this season and say the blessing over fruit.

Tsom Gedaliah (Fast of Gedaliah)

- Sunday, September 19.

10 Days of Repentance

(Rosh Hashanah - Yom Kippur)

- Accept new, improved behavior and responsibility in relating to God and one another.

THE MIKVAH ON THE EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

Every year on the eve of Yom Kippur, there is a custom for men to immerse in the mikvah in preparation for this holy day.

One does not have to be a holy person to participate in this activity. On the contrary, for those of us who are just trying to be observant Jews, it is an added inspiration and preparation for a great day of introspection.

Our practice at KJ is that we observe this custom as a group before the morning service. All MEN are invited to assemble at the mikvah, 234 West 78th Street (East of Broadway) at 6:10 AM on Friday, September 24. Everyone will have the opportunity to immerse and then we will return to KJ for Shacharit services.

For more information please call Rabbi Meir Soloveichik at the synagogue office (212-774-5630).

YOM KIPPUR

- Avoidance of food, drink, washing, lotions and oils, and marital relations.
- Refraining from wearing leather shoes (wear a pair of non-leather footwear).
- Men are strongly encouraged to wear a white *kittel*.
- Candlelighting available prior to 6:30 PM in the Synagogue House and Gottesman lobbies before Kol Nidre on Friday, September 24.

SUKKOT

- All meals with bread or *mezonot* should be eaten in a Sukkah.
- Lulav and Etrog will be used beginning on Thursday, September 30, but are not used on Shabbat.

You may purchase an Israeli Lulav and Etrog through KJ by contacting Rabbi Elie Weinstock in the synagogue office. (Reservation forms will be sent to all members under separate cover.) Deadline is Monday, September 20.

Sukkah Meals in the KJ Sukkah

Wednesday, September 29 – Dinner

Thursday, September 30 – Lunch and Dinner

Friday, October 1 – Lunch and Dinner

Saturday, October 2 – Lunch

(Reservation forms will be sent to members under separate cover.)

Deadline, *space permitting*, is Thursday, September 23

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| Members: | Adults \$35 | Jr. Members* \$30 | Children** \$18 |
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*Ages 12-18 ** Ages 2-11

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- Wednesday morning, October 6, at 6:30 AM.
- Close of the penitential season.
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- President's breakfast sponsored by Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein.

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- Yizkor recited.
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- Hakafot with singing and dancing.
- Chatanim called to the Torah.
- Women's Tefilah Group meets in Chapel at 9:15 AM.
- Buffet kiddush following services.

WHO IS DESERVING TO LEAD? A TALE OF TWO YAHRZEITS by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

This is a reedited version of a sermon by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, delivered from the pulpit of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun on June 19, 2004, Shabbat Korach, four days before the 3rd of Tammuz, which was the 10th yahrzeit of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, and 19 days before the 18th of Tammuz, which was the 25th yahrzeit of the Rabbi's father, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

INTRODUCTION

"For the entire community is composed of holy people and God is in their midst, why then do you raise yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?" (Numbers, 16:3).

This was the claim of Korach and his cohorts, presented to Moses and Aaron as a challenge. In commonsensical terms, it is a true statement. The entire Jewish people is holy; why then are some people presumed to be holier than others?

Thirty-one years ago, the Rav challenged this commonsense view of Jewish leadership. Speaking of Betzalel, the architect of the Tabernacle, the Rav quoted the Torah's statement about his unique intellectual and spiritual endowments. "And I shall fill him with the spirit of the Lord: *b'chochma* (knowledge), *u'v'tvuna* (understanding), *u'v'da'at* (basic intelligence)...." Exodus, 31:3.

The Rav analyzed these three qualities: Chochma, he said, refers to specialized knowledge which comes from extensive and detailed study. For example, a talmid chacham is possessed of chochma; so is a physician, a lawyer, an artist or a financier. All of them possess specialized

knowledge which equips them for their profession.

Bina (or tvuna) refers to the capacity to analyze, to make distinctions, to draw inferences and to apply them to situations. The quality of bina is what differentiates a chacham from a pikei'ach. When the two qualities of knowledge and analytical ability are merged in one individual we have an especially gifted and creative thinker.

Da'at, says the Rav, refers to commonsense, basic intelligence and sound practical judgment.

During the month of Tammuz we observe the 10th and 25th yahrzeits, respectively, of two great Jewish leaders each of whom combined in their person all three categories: chochma, bina and da'at. The savants among us will readily recognize these categories by their initials which form the acronym ChaBaD, the name of the Lubavitcher movement. It is therefore particularly appropriate that we focus briefly on the contributions made by the Rebbe, zichrono l'vracha, and his distant relative, my father, zichrono l'vracha.

THE REBBE

In speaking of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, I would like to focus on one particular aspect of his contribution to the Jewish people. Among his many teachings, the Rebbe taught all of us the meaning, the message and the mitzvah of Ahavat Yisrael and its corollary: kol Yisrael areivin zeh bazeh - every Jew is responsible for every other Jew.

His concepts of Ahavat Yisrael and Areivut (responsibility) knew no bounds. It touched every Jew no matter where he or she lived or functioned. It essentially had three target populations.

The first population was the abandoned Jew. The Rebbe sent emissaries all over the world to Jews who otherwise would have been forgotten. These emissaries went simply because the Rebbe told them to go. They entrenched themselves and usually brought about the most blessed results. They were to be found in such far away places as Russia, China, Morocco, Turkey, and Italy, to name just a few. In many places they were the only religious Jewish life in that country. Without them, Jews would have been totally abandoned.

I remember a visit with the UJA-Rabbinic Cabinet to the absorption center in Ladispoli in the early 1980's, where Jews from the former Soviet Union came on their way to either Israel or the West. They waited there until they received visas to one place or another. One of my colleagues from another movement expressed annoyance that the Lubavitchers seemed to have a monopoly on Jewish life in those absorption centers. I asked him: "Are there Reform rabbis here? Are there any Conservative rabbis here? How about Modern Orthodox? No one is here," I said, "except the emissaries of the Rebbe." It was the Rebbe who reached out to the abandoned Jew.

The second population to whom the Rebbe's Ahavat Yisrael was directed was

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the uninformed and uninitiated. It was to this population that emissaries of the Rebbe would offer tefillin in an airport or on the street, simply to encourage a Jew to perform one mitzvah. The sukkah-mobiles on Fifth Avenue and in many other places were an example of such Ahavat Yisrael. A Jew would be encouraged to come into a mobile sukkah and make a bracha there and take a lulav and etrog. The campaigns for lighting candles before Shabbat, or doing any mitzvah, were all directed to the uninformed and uninitiated Jew.

The third population to whom the Rebbe reached out with love was the religiously committed Jew. The Rebbe launched campaigns to learn Rambam, to encourage people to write a Sefer Torah, to foster the giving of tzedakah. On one occasion I heard that the Rebbe told a religious Jew to make sure that while he was engaged in business he should take some time off to think about God. The Jew was somewhat incredulous: "How can I think about God while I am engaged in business?" The Rebbe is said to have answered: "Well, many people seem to have very little difficulty thinking about business while they are in shul...."


A startling demonstration of this passion of the Rebbe to reach out to every Jew in love was found in an exchange between the Rebbe and our own synagogue member, George Rohr, who excitedly came to the Rebbe after the first Rosh Hashanah Beginners Service at KJ thirteen years ago and told him proudly "Rebbe, you will be pleased to know that we had 180 people for Rosh Hashanah services who came to us with no background." The Rebbe's eyes flashed and he responded: "You are wrong; they have a background. They are the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." It was to those children - all of them - that the Rebbe demonstrated Ahavat Yisrael and taught it to an entire Jewish world.

MY FATHER

My father, of blessed memory, had a similar passion, although he expressed it differently. "I love all Jews," he used to say, "except for a Jew who doesn't love another Jew." He demonstrated that love in developing our congregation and then in creating Ramaz in 1937, making Torah meaningful and attractive on the Upper East Side. He devoted his life to Yeshiva University (he was especially close to Dr. Belkin, of blessed memory, and, yibadeil l'chaim tovim, Dr. Lamm), and to the expansion of Bar-Ilan, whose leadership he undertook after the tragic

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passing of his great friend, Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, two years after Dr. Churgin founded Bar-Ilan. During my father's 20 years of leadership at Bar-Ilan, the student body grew from 70 to 7,000. Vigorous activity in UJA, Israel Bonds, The New York Board of Rabbis, and a host of community organizations and causes were all manifestations of my father's Ahavat Yisrael. There wasn't an area of Jewish life in which he was not involved.

Parenthetically, it might be noted, he came by this ChaBaD characteristic by birth.

His mother was a descendent of ChaBaD. Her father was named Yosef Yitzchak, the name of a previous Lubavitcher Rebbe. My father was to have been given that same name, and would have, were it not for the fact that on his paternal side he had a living grandfather, Avraham Yitzchak. My father, therefore, was simply called Yosef. When the previous Rebbe used to write to my father he appended the words

"she'air b'sari - my relative."

THE MESSAGE OF DEREKH ERETZ

But of all my father's accomplishments, if there is one message which his life conveyed and which is important for our day it would be encapsulated in the Talmudic slogan that he chose as the banner of Ramaz: *Yafeh Talmud Torah Im Derekh Eretz* - Torah is beautiful when accompanied by derekh erez. In the terminology of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, talmud Torah and derekh erez is something intellectual - what is known today as Torah u'mada. My father certainly meant it that way, but he had in mind another message as well. Derekh erez was, quite simply, derekh erez. He was a passionate devotee of Torah and menschlichkeit. He felt that Torah ought to be accompanied by refinement, dignity and the highest standards of behavior.

There is an old joke about my father's concept of dignity whereby he

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KJ SISTERHOOD'S UPCOMING EVENTS

The KJ Sisterhood is pleased to announce our upcoming schedule of exciting events. We'll begin on September 7th from 7:00-9:30 pm with a private sale of holiday merchandise at the home of Sisterhood member Susan Blinken, 440 East 79th Street, Apt 8A. Come shop for a wonderful assortment of things to enhance your holidays. Among the merchandise offered will be hats, tablecloths and jewelry.

On October 25th, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will review the book *The Rage and The Pride* by Oriana Fallaci. Join us at noon in the Riklis Social Hall for his detailed analysis of this fascinating book.

On November 9th, we will begin our day with a luncheon at the home of a Sisterhood member. Afterwards, art historian Cynthia Nachmani will lead a tour, "Cultural Politics: The Nude in Art" featuring works in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Space is limited and early registration is advised. For more information, contact Eugenia Davis at 212-988-0693.

November 21st will be our annual Chanukah boutique where you can get all your holiday gifts while helping to support the KJ Sisterhood! Join us in the Riklis Social Hall from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

In early December we will bring back by popular demand our group Mah Jong lessons to take place at the home of a KJ Sisterhood member. Join us for an evening of talk, tiles and fun!

Finally, please remember, should the occasion arise, there is no better way to mark a simcha – or any milestone, than by sponsoring a Shabbat Kiddush and celebrating with friends.

For further information on any of these events or to volunteer, please call Karen Gurewitsch at 212-879-9270, Robin Mehl at 917-750-2391 or Stacy Scheinberg at 212-410-9195.

AM HASEFER BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB PRESENTS NEW SERIES OF BOOK REVIEWS WITH THE AUTHORS TOVA MIRVIS, DARA HORN AND PHYLLIS CHESLER

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun's Am HaSefer Book Discussion Club is pleased to present several outstanding programs in the coming months:

On Sunday, October 17th at 8:00 PM, we will host the acclaimed author Tova Mirvis, who will review her latest novel *The Outside World*. With a sympathetic but sharp eye for the worlds of ultra-Orthodox and Modern Orthodox Judaism, Tova Mirvis has created a compelling narrative that delves into the colliding lives of two separate families who must reflect on what their faith means to them and what should be done when their beliefs unexpectedly diverge from those of loved ones. Sometimes humorous and at times stirring and sorrowful, *The Outside World* is packed with convincing detail, and the universal theme of growing up and choosing a fitting life to lead resonates.

The novelist Dara Horn will be our special guest on November 14, when her book *In The Image* will be reviewed. Critically acclaimed as an "ebullient and vibrant new voice," Dara Horn's first novel has already received a National Jewish Book Award, the Edward Lewis Wallant Award, and has received rave reviews nationwide: "Richly imagined..." wrote the New York Times

Book Review, "[An] intricate web of miracles, coincidences and accidents of fate."

At 8:00 PM on Sunday, January 23rd, Am HaSefer will be pleased to host 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*. This author of twelve books has lived in Kabul, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and has lectured and organized political, legal, religious and human rights campaigns around the globe.

On March 13, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will review Oriana Fallaci's *The Rage and The Pride* and Irshad Manji's *The Trouble With Islam: A Muslim's Call for Reform in Her Faith*.

All members of the congregational family are urged to attend these important and stimulating events.



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A TALE OF TWO YAHRZEITS

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once published in the KJ Bulletin a critique of people who wore brown shoes to shul on Shabbat. I guess it is something of a period piece. If we were to object to certain standards of dress in the synagogue today we would certainly not begin with brown shoes. What my father had in mind, however, was the Talmudic principle that a Talmid chacham who has a stain on his garment is deserving of the death penalty (a Talmudic exaggeration for emphasis).

He was very insistent on decorum in the synagogue. His goal was to generate respect and reverence for a synagogue, for a school, for teachers, for rabbis. Oh how badly our generation needs to restore such respect and reverence! I have no personal complaints about it, but think of the way in which some congregations treat their rabbis, including some of the best rabbis.

Someone remarked to me a few weeks ago that many worshipers chew gum during Shabbat services in shul. Would we chew gum in the White House? How can we chew gum in a House of God? Where is our sense of derekh ertz before God and before the Torah? And if we conduct ourselves in shul as if we were in a social club, why are we surprised when our children run up and down the aisles and have absolutely no sense of reverence for a Beit Knesset? Whatever happened to respect for elders? Whatever happened to politeness? Do our children understand what it means to respect an adult, to let an adult go first, to control their emotions? Have they - and we - lost the qualities of refinement and dignity? Did you ever see our kids playing competitive sports? How many of them demonstrate respect for their adult coaches or for the other parents who are present? How many of them can accept an umpire's call or a referee's judgement when it goes against them? How many of them do not understand that how you play the game is as important as winning? Sportsmanship, fairness to other teammates and opponents, and respect for the parents who coach are all too often missing.

When I was a student in Ramaz we had a wonderful basketball coach in my senior year, Dr. Paul Nodell, of blessed memory. He wasn't the greatest basketball maven. He didn't coach the fundamentals of the game that well. But we learned something far more important from him than how to set up an

NEW KJ ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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RENA ZLATIN

Rena Zlatin, a Business major and graduate of Stern College, has been working in the KJ Office since last November. In addition to her full-time responsibilities at KJ - which include membership, publicity, and creative design work - she is studying for her Masters in Nutrition at Lehman Graduate School. Odds are that when you call the synagogue office, the friendly voice on the other end is Rena's. She is reachable at Rena@CKJ.org and 212-774-5674.

out-of-bounds-play. We learned from him how to be a mensch in all of life's struggles. He taught us more than how to play basketball; he taught us how to live as gentlemen, and believe me, we needed it.

And we need it today. We live in a very rude society and we have to work hard to overcome this rudeness for ourselves, for our children, for our synagogue and for our school. "Torah is beautiful when accompanied by derekh ertz."

My father, of blessed memory, tried to teach many things, but for our day this may be his most important legacy, a legacy which we should embrace and teach to our children.

"For the whole community is composed of holy people" - it is true that every Jew has kedusha but, when morning comes and clarity returns "God will demonstrate who is His servant and who is holy to be brought close to Him." (Numbers, 16:5). We were privileged to see two such holy people in our time, two great models of Ahavat Yisrael and derekh ertz as a complement to Torah.

May their lessons inform and inspire our lives.



DEVORA JAYE

Devora Jaye recently joined the KJ staff after honing her skills working four years for the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY). She comes to KJ with a strong administrative background in outreach, public relations and event planning, and holds a B.A. in English Communications from Touro College. At KJ, Devora will focus on our acclaimed Beginners Program ("KJB") in addition to other synagogue projects. She is reachable at Devora@CKJ.org and 212-774-5677.



JOEL NEY

Originally starting work with Rabbi Yitz Motechin in 1998, Joel Ney joined the shul administration full-time in 2002. He has previously worked at both Lincoln Square Synagogue and the Jewish Enrichment Center, and was Executive Assistant to KJ Associate Trustee Jonathan Blinken. Holding an A.A.S. in Business Management and having worked at the ICM talent agency for about 3 years, Joel is currently completing his B.B.A. in Business Administration and Theatre at the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College. He is reachable at Joel@CKJ.org and 212-774-5655.

KJ YOUTH - Where Torah and Fun are One

5764 was a tremendously successful year for the KJ Youth Department, and with the addition of new programs and talented new staff members to our professional team, we are excited to build upon our past accomplishments with an eye towards an amazing 5765!

Team KJ's most significant draft acquisition is new Assistant Youth Director Mickey Blechner. Majoring in Early Childhood Education at Stern College, she has loads of hands-on experience running innovative and educational programs for young children, and we are looking forward to her contributions to Shabbat morning youth groups. Mickey will be joined by several other college-aged youth leaders who will add depth, maturity and experience to the Youth Department's proven lineup of outstanding high school volunteers.

An impressive array of new and familiar programs lies in store this year. Especially noteworthy is "Kinder Konfections," a baking class for 4-8 year olds directed by the dynamic duo of

Rebecca Gober and Alexandra Usdan. Complementing our very successful KJBL basketball and KJSL softball leagues, we are also unveiling this year a new KJHL hockey league that is sure to be a big hit! The Saturday night Open Gym program is now so popular we have expanded it to feature a girls "hip-hop" dance class, and, in an effort to make things more user-friendly, each Open Gym program will be open to only three grades. Teen Open Gym programs will continue, as will "Hello Yellow" arts-and-crafts classes at holiday times, and fall and spring Shabbatonim.

However, no matter how many new programs and skilled new staff we bring to bear, the one ingredient to success that we cannot provide is . . . YOU! We are therefore counting on you, and your children, to make this year a great success by taking advantage of all that we offer. We look forward to a sensational year together!

Aaron Kaplan
Youth Director

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In addition to these regular programs, Kesher is committed to continuing its signature chesed project, the delivery of a Shabbat dinner to the parents of every new baby born into the KJ family. This project is aimed at making the first Shabbat home with a new baby as easy as possible. Kesher is also determined to reach out to new members of the shul by sending them a welcoming email and extending them an invitation to spend a Shabbat meal at the home of a Kesher board member.

Both the Shabbat meal programs and

the other extensive programming Kesher runs throughout the year are made possible and successful because of the determined and energetic group of Kesher leaders-the three presidents, the treasurer and secretary, and, of course, the growing number of active Kesher board members. This year, Kesher bids farewell to one of its presidents, Deena Shiff, who has truly transformed Kesher into the vibrant group that it is today. Replacing Deena is Daniella Muller, who together with returning co-presidents Sara Shemia and Robyn Price Stonehill, as well as treasurer Judith Ottensoser and secretary Erica Schwartz, will lead Kesher into another year of innovative programming and enriching communal activities.

Towards this end, and as part of an increased effort to better answer the needs of the community, Kesher has recently launched the "kesher" email, an easier and more up-to-date way of keeping members informed of Kesher events as well as giving them a quicker means of communicating their questions or concerns with the Kesher presidents. To find out more about Kesher, or to get more

involved, please feel free to email us at kesher@ckj.org.

We look forward to another great year, filled with an exciting calendar of events!

UPCOMING KESHER EVENTS

- ♦ *October 7*
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- ♦ *December 19*
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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.

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MICHAEL SNOW

Mazel Tov to Lisa and Lee Snow on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael, which will take place on September 11 in the Main Synagogue. He will read Parashat *Nitzavim Vayelech* and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to Rosh Hashanah.

Michael is a student in the eighth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



MIA GABRIELLE APPELBAUM

Mazel Tov to Suzy and Michael Appelbaum on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Mia Gabrielle, which will take place on *Chol Hamoed Sukkot*, Sunday, October 3. In addition, she will also read Parashat *Lech Lecha* on Thursday, October 21 at the Abraham Joshua Heschel Middle School, which Mia attends.



HARRY STEINBERG

Mazel Tov to Sharon and Elan Steinberg on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Harry, which will take place on October 16 in the Main Synagogue. Harry will read Parashat Noach and the Haftorah, and will deliver a Dvar Torah on the Parsha.

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



LENA STEINBERG

Mazel Tov to Sharon and Elan Steinberg on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lena, which will take place on October 16 in the Main Synagogue. Lena will deliver a Dvar Torah on Parshat *Noach*.

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



JONATHAN MESSING

Mazel Tov to Noemi and Danny Messing on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan, which will take place on October 23 in the Main Synagogue. Jonathan will read Parashat *Lech Lecha* and the Haftorah.

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



RACHELLE "ROSIE" YADID

Mazel Tov to Wendy and Rami Yadid on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachelle Rose, which will take place on October 23 at the Women's Tefillah Group in the Max J. Etra Chapel. Rachelle will recite Parashat *Lech Lecha* and will deliver a Dvar Torah.

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



SAMANTHA SHARON

Mazel Tov to Diane Sharon on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Samantha, which will take place on October 30 at the Women's Tefillah Group in the Max J. Etra Chapel. Mazel Tov as well to Samantha's proud grandparents, Fran and Arnold Lederman. Samantha will read Parashat *Haye Sarah*, lead the mincha service, and deliver a Dvar Torah.

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



MAX FELDSTEIN

Mazel Tov to Miriam and Eric Feldstein on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max Jacob, which will take place on Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Sunday morning, November 14 in the Main Synagogue. He will lead the davening, read the Torah and deliver a *shiur* on Parashat *Vayeitzeyi*.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel Tov to:

Anita and Jordan Abowitz on the birth of twin grandsons, Asher Craig and Jacob Meyer, to their children Allison and Evan Sasson.

Ruth and Rabbi Moshe Corson on the birth of a granddaughter, Tamar Penina Gittel, to their children Aliza and Dave Chameides of Los Angeles, California.

Rebecca and Rabbi Joshua Cypess on the birth of a son, Benjamin Mordechai.

Sean and Lils Fogarty, on the birth of a daughter, Hana Leah.

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

Susan and Jason Klein on the birth of a daughter, Naomi Dina.

Alissia and Andrew Kofman on the birth of a son, Henry Sebastian (Akiva Simcha).

Gail and Seymour Kramer on the birth of a granddaughter, Rebecca Sarah, born to their children Temmi and David Kramer.

Hon. Michael and Susan Mukasey on the birth of a grandson, Benjamin Mukasey Barkoff, to their son-in-law and daughter, Corey and Jessica Barkoff.

Monique and Andrew Rechtschaffen on the birth of a son, Jordan Paul. Mazel Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Manfred Rechtschaffen.

Abbe and Michael Serphos on the birth of a son, Brayden Michael.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel Tov to:

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Cohen on the engagement of their son, Roger, to Amanda Fischer, daughter of Susan and Anthony Fischer of Beverly Hills, California.

Rebecca Katsh, daughter of Ethan Katsh (Ramaz '63) and Dr. Beverly Schwartz Katsh, of Needham, MA, on her engagement to Jordan Singer, son of Dr. Stuart and Sylvia Singer, of Denver, Colorado. Congratulations to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Estelle Katsh.

Esther and Jonathan Messeloff on the engagement of their daughter Julie Messeloff to Jonathan Schwartz, son of Betty and Howard Schwartz of Livingston, New Jersey.

Grace and David S. Weil on the engagement of their granddaughter, Adina Weil, to Tuvia Grossman, in Israel.

May their weddings take place in

happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazel tov to:

Jessica Joseph on her daughter Alexandra's marriage to Haskel Zeke Rabbani. Mazel Tov as well to Jessica's grandmother, Soeurette Joseph.

Ceil and Dr. Bernard Kabakow on the marriage in Israel of their granddaughter Chasdaya Leah, daughter of Batya and Rabbi Daniel Kohn of Bat Ayin in Gush Etzion. The Chatan is Yonah Yeshayahu Bitcover, a Yeshivat Hesder student who is also a seargent in the Israel Defense Forces.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Aaron Lauchheimer, a second year student at Brooklyn Law School, who just made the Brooklyn Law Review.

Rochelle (a graduate of Ramaz) and the Hon. Norman Ryp, on their daughter Margaux D. Ryp's graduation summa cum laude from Stern College and her receiving the Excellence Award in Art History. She is now a law assistant in the Intellectual Property Department of Skadden, Aarps, Slate, Meagher and Flom. Congratulations as well to the Ryps on their daughter Elisheva C. Ryp's graduation with honors, Dean's List and Arista, from Manhattan High School for Girls. She is now attending Yavneh

Teacher's College in Cleveland, Ohio.

David S. Scharfstein, son of Barbara and Bernie Scharfstein, has been appointed Edmund Cogswell Converse Professor of Finance and Banking at Harvard Business School.

Claire Wolinsky, daughter of Dr. Harvey Wolinsky and Pamela Field, upon her graduation magna cum lauda from Tufts University in Art History and Biomedical Engineering. She is presently applying to Medical School.

Elise Wolinsky, daughter of Dr. Harvey Wolinsky and Pamela Field, who finished her first year at Fordham Law School and was selected to Law Review.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Leslie and Michael Kule, and Wilma and Stephen Kule, on the passing of their daughter and granddaughter, Chana Kule.

Esther Lobel, on the passing of her sister, Golda Myers. Our condolences as well to nephews David, Robert and Rick.

Muni Hammer, on the passing of his wife, Dorothy Hammer.

Dr. Alan Tuchman, on the passing of his mother, Marian Tuchman.

Rabbi Elie Weinstock, on the passing of his grandfather, Arthur Goldschmidt.

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

In Memoriam

GEORGE JACOBS

We lost our most senior member in June at the age of 96. He was the oldest living signatory of the Articles of Incorporation of Ramaz School. But George Jacobs was not just a signatory; he actually wrote the Articles of Incorporation as the first volunteer counsel to the School in which his two daughters, Nicky Manning ('49) and Ruth Kamerman ('53), were among the first students.

Together with his beloved and loving wife, Lillian, they shared 72 years of marriage and played a leading role in the development of the KJ/Ramaz community. Lillian served for 34 years as the Assistant to the Principal and the School's founder, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. George was a Life Trustee of the School and provided invaluable assistance and counsel in its formative

years.

He was the recipient of great love, devotion and support from his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One of the latter, Jonathan Ganzarski, is an entering student in the 9th grade of our Upper School, representing a third generation of students, following his mother, Debra Kamerman Ganzarski ('82), his uncle, Larry Kamerman ('79), his aunt Judy Kamerman Weingarden ('77), and his grandparents, Ruth Jacobs Kamerman ('53), and his late grandfather, Norman Kamerman ('51).

His life's work and the continuity of commitment of his family represent both his greatest legacy and most glorious tribute. May his soul be forever bound up among the living.





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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> |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| September | | | | | |
| 3-4 | Ki Tavo | 7:06 PM | 6:45 PM | 6:55 PM | 8:01 PM |
| 10-11 | Nitzavim-Vayelekh | 6:55 PM | 6:45 PM | 6:40 PM | 7:49 PM |
| 17-18 | Haazinu (Shabbat Shuva) | 6:43 PM | 6:45 PM | 6:05 PM | 7:36 PM |
| 24-25 | Yom Kippur | 6:31 PM | 6:30 PM | | 7:24 PM |
| October | | | | | |
| 1-2 | Hol Hamoed Sukkot | 6:19 PM | 6:30 PM | 6:05 PM | 7:13 PM |
| 8-9 | Bereshit | 6:08 PM | 6:20 PM | 5:55 PM | 7:01 PM |
| 15-16 | Noah | 5:57 PM | 6:10 PM | 5:45 PM | 6:50 PM |
| 22-23 | Lekh Lekha | 5:47 PM | 6:00 PM | 5:35 PM | 6:41 PM |
| 29-30 | Vayera | 5:38 PM | 5:50 PM | 5:15 PM | 6:33 PM |
| November | | | | | |
| 5-6 | Haye Sarah | 4:29 PM | 4:40 PM | 4:20 PM | 5:24 PM |
| 12-13 | Toledot | 4:22 PM | 4:35 PM | 4:15 PM | 5:18 PM |
| 19-20 | Vayetze | 4:17 PM | 4:30 PM | 4:10 PM | 5:14 PM |
| 26-27 | Vayishlach | 4:13 PM | 4:25 PM | 4:05 PM | 5:10 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

October 3-6.....6:25 PM October 24-28.....5:50 PM November 21-30.....4:25 PM
October 10-14.....6:15 PM Oct. 31-Nov. 4.....4:45 PM December 1-23.....4:25 PM
October 17-21.....6:00 PM November 7-11.....4:35 PM December 26-30.....4:30 PM
November 14-18.....4:30 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 6

Labor Day
Morning Service at 8:30 AM

Wednesday-Friday, September 15-17

Rosh Hashanah
See schedule of services on Page 6

Sunday, September 19

Fast of Gedaliah
Fast begins at 5:46 AM
Morning Service at 8:00 AM
Afternoon Service at 6:30 PM
Fast ends at 7:31 PM

Friday-Saturday, September 24-25

Yom Kippur
See schedule of services on Page 6

Wednesday-Friday, September 29-October 8

Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah,
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah
See schedule of services on Page 6

Monday, October 11

Columbus Day

Friday-Saturday, October 15-16

Rosh Chodesh Heshvan

Tuesday, November 2

Election Day

Sunday, November 14

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day
Morning Services at 8:30 AM

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