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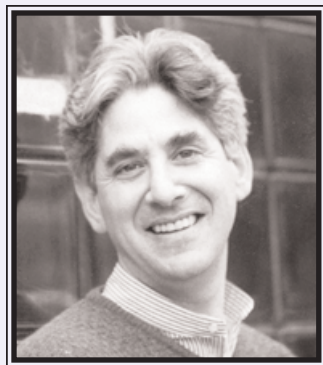
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ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON APRIL 15-16, 2005



Our Guest

TOBI KAHN

Painter and Sculptor

*Recipient of the 2004 Jewish Cultural
Achievement Award in the Visual Arts*

April 15th - Friday Evening Dinner
in Memory of Cynthia K. April:

"WHAT IS JEWISH ART?"

April 16th - Saturday Morning
in Honor of Suzanne and Dr. Norman B. Javitt's
50th Wedding Anniversary:

"SEEING AS PRAYER: AN ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE"

Tobi Kahn is a highly acclaimed artist whose work has been shown in over 40 solo exhibitions and over 60 museum and group shows since he was selected as one of nine artists to be included in the 1985 Guggenheim Museum exhibition, *New Horizons in American Art*. Mr. Kahn's work has been a quest to distill memory into elemental images that allow the past to be transformed by imagination. A volume about his ceremonial art, *Objects of the Spirit: Ritual Art and the Art of Tobi Kahn*, was published in 2004. Tobi Kahn was the

recipient of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture's 2004 Jewish Cultural Achievement Award in the Visual Arts. He is the parent of three Ramaz students.

DINNER & LUNCH The Shabbat Before Passover THIS MEANS NO COOKING FOR YOU!

	Members	Non-Members
Adults:	\$70	\$80
Juniors (ages 12-18):	\$60	\$70
Children (ages 2-11):	\$36	\$60

133rd ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE MEETING Wednesday, April 13, 2005 8:00 PM

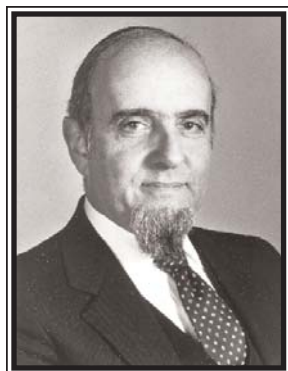


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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER **PROF. JEFFREY S. GUROCK** *"American Judaism's Scorecard at 350"*

Jeffrey S. Gurock, a graduate of Ramaz ('67), is the Libby M. Klaperman Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University. He is the author and editor of thirteen volumes, including *A Modern Heretic and a Traditional Community: Mordecai M. Kaplan, Orthodoxy and American Judaism*, which was awarded the Saul Viener Prize. Prof. Gurock's next book, *Judaism's Encounter with American Sports*, will be released later this year.

YOM HASHOAH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

*"60 Years Ago The Inmates
of Nazi Death Camps Were Liberated:
How Did American Jewry React?"*

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

Author of *Were We Our Brothers' Keepers?:
The Public Response of American Jews
to the Holocaust, 1938-1944*

The program will begin with a candle lighting ceremony by survivors and second, third and fourth generation offspring. Participants are urged to call Event Co-Chair Caroline Massel at 212-861-7178 to inform us of their family history and to confirm their participation. Ma'ariv, readings for a Holocaust Service, appropriate songs by the Ramaz Middle School Chorus and poems written about the Shoah by students of the Ramaz Middle School will complete the evening.

WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, November 8, and this Bulletin, which went to press on February 17:

Shulamith and Michael Appell
 Stacy and Dr. Thomas Behm
 Shani and Gavri Butler
 Emanuil Gelfand
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 Celeste and Asher Hackel
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NEWS FROM THE KJ SISTERHOOD

An important focus of the Sisterhood's programs for 2005 will be bringing to light the enormous problem of Jewish hunger and poverty in the New York metropolitan area. Throughout the year we will be channeling our efforts to educate our community on this critical issue and engaging our families to help the poor. This new initiative will be launched on Sunday, April 10th, with our "KJ Family Mitzvah Day." We hope all will join us in a day of community service. Members of the KJ community will be able to sign up for activities both on-site and off to help us help the less fortunate. Activities will include serving a Chinese food dinner at the only kosher soup kitchen in New York and visiting homebound senior citizens to brighten their day. We will also offer the opportunity to perform with Rabbis Avrumi and Penn for the patients at The Jewish Home and Hospital. Among the many features of the KJ Family Mitzvah Day will be opportunities to donate new and gently used clothing for the poor and meet representatives from different social agencies which help the needy. We hope that community members will find an agency for their children to do a mitzvah project, whether in connection with an upcoming bar/bat mitzvah or simply to partake in community service on an ongoing basis. We will also be having our Traditional Boutique with a mitzvah flare. Come buy an afikomen gift or an article of clothing for your child and then donate another to a needy youngster. 10% of the proceeds from the boutique will be donated to charity.

For a cultural activity, we offered our second Museum Event, featuring brunch at the home of Ray Lindenbaum followed by a tour at the Jewish Museum, entitled: "The Power of Conversation: Jewish

Women and Their Salons," led by art historian Cynthia Nachmani.

Please also mark your calendars for our final and largest fundraiser of the year, our Annual Spring Boutique and Luncheon on Tuesday, June 7th. We are proud to present Momsense, a musical comedy cabaret-style review about the trials and tribulations of motherhood. We are looking forward to a spectacular event. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to help feed New York's hungry.

Funds raised by Sisterhood events directly benefit the KJ community. This year we are happy to be spearheading the renovation of the Max J. Etra Chapel. We also support ongoing projects such as providing Shabbat and holiday meals for less fortunate families and social action projects such as visiting the sick and delivering food to the elderly. One of the most important mitzvahs we perform is the preparation of a local shiva home and providing the first meal to the family. By supporting our events, you can help us continue to carry out these important projects.

For more information on any of our 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.

MITZVAH SHOPPING

The KJ Sisterhood Presents the
 Mitzvah Day Boutique on April 10
 Children's Clothing and Pajamas,
 Socks, Hair Accessories,
 Israeli Jewelry, Picture frames,
 Passover foods

*Featuring new and exciting vendors
 never before at KJ!*

Stop in and "Shop to Give"

YESHIVAT HAR ETZION HONORS RABBI & MRS. LOOKSTEIN

Yeshivat Har Etzion will be honoring **Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein** with its Rabbinic Tribute and Educational Leadership Award at its annual dinner on Wednesday, April 6, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The Yeshiva has had a long affiliation with Ramaz School; many Ramaz alumni have studied there over the years, including an increasing number of young women at Migdal Oz. A number of top Ramaz teachers are alumni of the Yeshiva. In addition, Ramaz has been a recipient of Judaic studies curriculum materials as part of a special program with the Yeshiva's Herzog Teachers College.

For information, please call 212-732-4874 or email: etzion@att.net

TOVA BULOW AND SHERRY COHEN TO RECEIVE THIRD ANNUAL JUDITH KAUFMAN HURWICH KETER TORAH AWARDS ON SHAVUOT

The Officers and Executive Committee of the Congregation are pleased to announce that the Third Annual Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Awards will be presented to Tova Bulow and Sherry Cohen on the second day of Shavuot. The practice of conferring such awards on two women is to appropriately recognize women in our Congregation on the holiday when we celebrate the lives of two great Jewish heroines, Naomi and Ruth. It offers us an opportunity, as part of a religious ceremony, to express our appreciation for the services rendered to our community by women.

The award is named in memory of Judith Kaufman Hurwich, the daughter of Rita and Benjamin Kaufman, of blessed memory, the mother of our member - *yibadeil l'chaim* - Adam

Hurwich, and the grandmother of three current Ramaz students.

Judy used to travel from the Bronx to the Ramaz Elementary School from which she was graduated in 1947. She taught American history in our Upper School and, subsequently, made aliyah with her family to Israel, where her passion for Jewish education, and particularly Jewish education for women, was expressed through her active involvement in MaTaN and her association with Rabbanit Malke Bina. Her home in Jerusalem was a *beit va'ad la-chachamim* and other Jewish leaders. She died, tragically, in a car crash but her family continues her tradition of association with KJ and Ramaz in fostering opportunities for women to study Torah.



SHERRY COHEN

Sherry Cohen is ecstatically married to her husband of nearly nine years, Neil. Their biggest joy is their daughter, Beekie, a first grader at Ramaz. The daughter of Beatrice Milberg and the late Paul Milberg, Sherry earned a Bachelors degree in elementary education from Glassboro State College. Her entire teaching career has been spent in yeshivot and her greatest love was her last teaching position, first grade general studies in the Ramaz Lower School.

An Associate Trustee of the Congregation and a member of the Sisterhood Board, Sherry has become a one-woman chesed gang with a specialty in care for the elderly. When she co-chaired the Sisterhood luncheon three years ago she made sure that the event would honor the senior members of the Sisterhood.

She started the "Good Company" program two years ago, arranging pick-ups for elderly members who need extra help getting to and from shul. Her superstars are Amanda Sugarman and Sam Roth, but she has other helpers, especially those in the 10th grade at Ramaz.

Last year, she added another feature to Good Company by arranging weekly phone calls and/or home visitation to over 30 of KJ's senior members. She calls on Friday no matter where she is - at home or far away on vacation. The recipients look forward to that erev Shabbat call.

In honoring Sherry we are highlighting her passion for doing for others. That is what she loves, and she is beloved because of it.

We are proud of her and her service to this community. She certainly has earned for herself the crown of a good name.



TOVA BULOW

If KJ is known today as a place in which many chesed activities are carried out, a major portion of the credit should go to Tova Bulow, because in a very real sense it all started with her.

Born in Brooklyn, Tova is a graduate of the Yeshiva of Flatbush Elementary School (there was no high school at that time). She received her B.A. in Philosophy from Barnard in 1952, a Masters from Teachers College, and a second Masters degree in Health Advocacy from Sarah Lawrence College. That second degree was the result of her volunteer bikur cholim service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital. It was in the '70's that she started to volunteer there which led her to create the Bikur Cholim Society of KJ which to this day runs a Shabbat service at Sloan-Kettering (see page 15). Through the efforts of Sue Robins, whom Tova enlisted in this work, our bikur cholim service soon expanded to Lenox Hill Hospital.

Tova was also the founder of our women's chevra kadisha. At the time, in the early '80's, there was only a men's chevra. She saw the need for a women's group and she enlisted the service of the late Linore Ward and Nathalie Friedman and, *tibadelna l'chaim*, Sue Robins and Judy Tanz, to make the project work.

Long before it was fashionable for college students to study abroad, Tova spent the summer between her sophomore and junior years at Barnard studying in a program headed by Prof. Abraham Katsch, the late husband of our member Estelle Katsch, in Kfar Saba. The third woman named to KJ's Board of Trustees, Tova has been one of the stalwarts at shiurim given in our synagogue, and she and her husband, Norman, celebrated their 50th

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Your gift to UJA Federation is feeding the Jewish homeless in Manhattan, providing counseling for terror victims in Jerusalem, building a hospice for the aged in the Bronx, bringing Jewish children to Israel for the first time, and teaching Russian immigrants how to speak English and Hebrew.

**Please join us at the annual
KJ / UJA COCKTAIL RECEPTION
March 28, 6:00 p.m.
at the home of
Bertha and Dr. Henry Kressel
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For additional information or to pledge to the KJ / UJA campaign, please write its Chair Andrew Kofman at UJA@ckj.org

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wedding anniversary by endowing our Shabbat Scholar Program in the fall. They are blessed with four children (one of whom, Shoshana, is a Ramaz alumna) and fourteen grandchildren, all either in Hebrew Day Schools or graduates of Hebrew Day Schools, and two currently at Ramaz.

It is our pleasure and privilege to honor this *ba'alat chesed* with the Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah award.

MEMORIES OF L'HITRAOT XII THANKSGIVING ISRAEL MISSION

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein led a stalwart group of 70 participants on KJ's "Operation L'hitra'ot XII" Thanksgiving Israel Mission, which featured for the first time an optional tour of Prague.

The Prague excursion featured Dr. David Bernstein (Director of the Pardes Institute and a former instructor at Ramaz School) as a guest scholar who expertly guided the group through five full days of sightseeing at the city's famous art and Jewish museums, as well as in Terezin and Karlovary. Shabbat davening in the Alta Neuvi Synagogue was an especially moving experience, as was honoring the dead at Terezinstadt and the Jewish cemetery.



An inscription on the wall of a secret synagogue in Terezinstadt, from the Tachanun prayer:

"Despite our horrific suffering, God, we have not forgotten Your Name - we beg You not to forget us."

The absolute highlight was a day spent at the IDF's Tzrifin base as the guests of IDF Brigadier General Yair Naveh, head of the Home Front Command and former Deputy Chief of all IDF ground forces. At Tzrifin, trip participants enjoyed special English language briefings, equipment and tactics demonstrations, interaction with active duty soldiers, and even lunch in the mess tent!



Rebecca Krevat and Rabbi Lookstein enjoying a relaxing moment with residents of the "Bat Melech" shelter for runaway girls.

Those who experienced Prague then flew on to join the remaining "Operation L'hitra'ot XII" participants for an unforgettable Israel trip featuring two full days of special touring, a festive gala Thanksgiving dinner complete with Dixieland band and more than 65 Ramaz graduates now studying in Israel, and fascinating addresses by famous author and scholar Michael Oren and Prime Minister Sharon's Security Council Chairman Giora Eiland (Maj. Gen. Res.).



Rabbi Lookstein flanked by IDF Brigadier General Yair Naveh, head of the Home Front Command, and KJ President Chaim Edelstein.



Rabbi Lookstein greeting a charedi soldier, Yitzhak Nissenson, serving on the IDF's Tzrifin base in the Home Front Command.

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YOM HAATZMAUT - ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 57th Anniversary of the State of Israel

YOM HAATZMAUT

Thursday, May 12

Services and Breakfast

7:00 AM

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Monday, June 6

Services and Breakfast

7:00 AM

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE - SUNDAY, JUNE 5

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

On 5th Avenue from 57th Street to 79th Street

We are pleased to report that KJ members have so far purchased \$1.82 million in Israel Bonds.

We would like to hit the \$2 million mark for the first time, so please call our representative Robert Lunzer at 212-446-5835 and help the State of Israel which needs our support more than ever.

PURIM SCHEDULE



FAST OF ESTHER, Thursday, March 24

Fast begins at 4:41 a.m. and ends at 6:45 p.m.
Morning services begin at 6:55 a.m.
Afternoon services begin at 5:50 p.m.
Please remember to bring Tzedaka for *machatzit ha-shekel* and the other holiday obligations.



MINCHA, MAARIV

AND MAIN MEGILLAH READING

Thursday Evening, March 24

Mincha is at 5:50 p.m. in the Main Synagogue. The readings of Megillat Esther should begin in both the Main Synagogue and the Falk Auditorium at 6:45 p.m. The reading in the Main Synagogue will be followed by a Purim Pizza and Ice Cream Party in the Heyman Auditorium, featuring Rabbi Avrumi Sacks and his 'Magical Keyboard.' Cost: \$5.00 per person.



CHILDREN

At 6:25 p.m. children in 3-year-old Nursery through 1st grade should assemble in the Max J. Etra Chapel, while children in 2nd through 6th grade should assemble in the Riklis Social Hall. All children will receive groggers, and will be escorted by Youth Department staff from their respective assembly locations into the Main Synagogue for Megillat Esther. Throughout the service, children are expected to be either participating in their special youth groups or sitting quietly next to an adult. We ask that you communicate this policy to your children so that the mitzvah of hearing Megillat Esther can be fulfilled and enjoyed by both young and old.

After dropping children off, parents are asked to join the regular service in the Main Synagogue until its conclusion, at which time they may pick up their children from the specially designated child seating areas in the front of the Main Synagogue. Once reunited, families should proceed from the Main Synagogue into the Heyman Auditorium for the Purim Pizza and Ice Cream Party.



SECOND EVENING READING

6:45 p.m. - Second reading (quiet, no children) of Megillat Esther with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik in the Falk Auditorium of the Middle School.



BEGINNER'S MEGILLAH READING

8:00 p.m. - Beginners Megillah Reading with Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Shilo Kramer in the Riklis Social Hall, followed by Purim Party with live music.

MEGILLAH READERS - 5765

David Baruch	Rafi Magid
Zach Charles	Cal Major
Jonathan Davis	Alex Meiowitz
Steven Davis	Sam Roth
Natan Edelsberg	Yitzy Rubin
Aaron Gordon	Mikey Snow
Daniel Gordon	Isidor Stein
Avi Grumet	Jason Sugarman
Josh Levine	Andy Tuchman
Evan Lieberman	Jake Wilner
Gabi Magid	Michael Zimmerman



EARLY MORNING SERVICE

AND MEGILLAH, Friday, March 25

Morning Services at 7:00 a.m. in the Main Synagogue followed by Megillah reading and the Vice President's breakfast in the Heyman Auditorium, which constitutes the Purim Seudah this year.

Second shacharit and Megillah reading starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Synagogue followed by Youth Carnival.



PURIM YOUTH CARNIVAL

This will take place in the Gottesman Center from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



CANDLELIGHTING & MINCHA

Candle Lighting at 5:56 p.m. Mincha at 6:10 p.m, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat.

PURIM NEWS!

KJ TO BE FIRST SHUL TO INSTALL "DECORUM ENFORCER"

By Robert J. Leifert

In recognition of its 133rd anniversary year, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun has been selected as the first synagogue in the world to install the newly created "Decorum Enforcer," commonly called the SHUSHER. It was developed at the acclaimed Weizmann Institute in Rehovot in cooperation with the Jerusalem Institute of Technology that has developed such inventions as the emergency "Shabbat phone" used by doctors throughout the world.

Rabbi Lookstein will be leaving for Israel immediately after eating his first prune hamentashen of this Purim to confer with scientists and rabbinic authorities on the Halachik details of this new invention. What we do know now is that it is a voice activated SHUSHER. It will have a sensor at each worshipper's seat in the Main Synagogue. When a congregant talks, the SHUSHER will automatically emit a shushing sound. The SHUSHER can distinguish between fervent davening with real *kavana*, half hearted davening, and, best of all, *divrei chol*, or idle talk.

Each time the SHUSHER is activated, the name of the offender will be flashed on a mini computer screen that, unbeknownst to the congregation, will be secretly installed in Rabbi Lookstein's *shtender*. Those speaking *lashon hara* will have their names flashed in red.

Assistant Rabbis Meir Soloveichik and Elie Weinstock announced a fundraising program to finance the SHUSHER. Rabbi Eliezer Rubin will head the committee to talk it up loudly in shul each Shabbat.

We are proud to announce that our own cantor, Mayer Davis, has been awarded an endorsement contract to sing the praises of the SHUSHER.

Rabbi Lookstein will devote his forthcoming Shabbat Hagadol discourse to explaining the Halachik limitations of this new invention, and how to get around them.

Former President Benjamin Brown disagrees with the project. In a prepared statement he said, "We can accomplish the same goal of quiet decorum in the synagogue by limiting Shabbat attendance only to those who come to the daily minyan on a regular basis."

The new SHUSHER comes with a special *lashon hara* software package. Such conversations picked up by the sensors will automatically be transmitted to our computer printers. The juiciest comments will be printed in a gold glitter version of the Shabbat Announcements on the back page of the following week's edition. Thus, there will be no reason to talk in shul as everything now worth hearing will be in gold print. We expect we may need a parallel service on Saturdays to accommodate all those who will now come to shul just to get a copy of the Shabbat Announcements.

PURIM: THE JEWISH WAY TO REJOICE - March 24 & 25, 2005

WHAT IS PURIM?

Purim, the holiday on the 14th of Adar, is one of the happiest days of the Jewish calendar. Adar is the last month of the Jewish calendar, roughly corresponding to the feeling we have in March of coming in like a "lion" and leaving like a (Pesach) lamb. The Talmud (Ta'anit 29b) states "when Adar begins we increase in Joy" because Adar and Purim are hallmarks of God's salvation of the Jewish people.

Even though Purim is not a Torah holiday, there is a Biblical book (The Scroll of Esther) which details the action of the holiday and the history of the events. Being of *Biblical* level gives the holiday a great deal of importance, emphasis and authority. The Talmud designates the holiday as *Divrei Kabbalah* (note, Kabbalah in the Talmud means "Tradition" or, in this context, the Prophets, and not the modern meaning of "mysticism").

MESSAGE OF THE HOLIDAY

Purim is a festive day because God rescued us from our enemies. Yet, as seen in the ancient work *Megillat Ta'anit*, there were hundreds of days of the year that were considered minor festivals of thanksgiving. Only two, Purim and Chanukah, were applied to all Jewish communities at all times because the inherent messages of the days were considered all encompassing.

Tradition teaches us that Purim is about how God rescues the Jews in the Diaspora - where God needs to operate in a hidden manner with hidden miracles. A popular lesson about the name *Megillat Esther* is that the word Esther means "hidden" (like *hester panim*) and Megillah means "revealed." Hence *Megillat Esther* is the "revelation of what's hidden."

God is hidden in the Megillah; the story is a set of confounding coincidences that appear to be catastrophes until the critical turnabout when the Jews emerge mighty and victorious. God's name is not mentioned in the megillah, but God's invisible touch is active throughout.

The name of the holiday, Purim, comes from the Persian word for randomness: *pur*. Our enemies used a lottery (*purim*) to determine the date for the Jewish extermination. In the earthly realm, our enemies see randomness and chaos, but we see God's intervention especially in those

events that go beyond human power. The holiday of Purim is, as a result, a holiday where we in the Diaspora learn how God interacts and communicates within the hidden.

THE HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY

The Story of Esther

The story of Esther takes place while the Jews lived in the Persian empire, during the exile of 70 years (circa 366-355 BCE). The main characters are: **Mordechai** (rabbi, hero), **Esther** (his cousin, becomes queen of Persia), **Achashverosh** (king of Persia, easily swayed to either side), and **Haman** ym"sh (from Amalek; hates Jews, tries to commit genocide).

Action of the Megillah

The life for the Jews in exile is precarious. Achashverosh holds a party where he kills his wife in response to her insolence. The king then searches for a new queen and chooses the youthful Jewess Esther (who was counseled by her uncle Mordechai). Later on, Haman (bad guy) is insulted that Mordechai does not pay him proper respect and Haman convinces Achashverosh to allow him to kill all the Jews. Haman chooses the date of warfare by rolling dice (which are called *pur* in Aramaic, see above). He rolls the date of the 13th of the month of Adar. Mordechai hears of the plot and impresses on Esther to plea to the King to spare her people. At first she refuses, for fear of her life, but then risks everything to appeal to the king. The appeal is successful, Haman is thwarted, and the favor of the king is such that he allows Esther's people (the Jews) to fight back on the 13th of Adar. We were able to fight back so successfully, that we created a holiday on the day afterwards as a remembrance of God's miraculous salvation that worked behind the scenes.

HOW WE COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE

Shabbat Zachor

The preceding Shabbat of Purim (this year, March 19, 2005) is called Shabbat Zachor. We choose this Shabbat to observe the commandment to remember the evil of the nation of Amalek who are central to Purim as well. In **Exodus 17:8-16**, we read about their terror war against the Jewish people when they attacked us without mercy. The command in **Deut. 25:17-19** states: "*Remember what Amalek did to*

you, on your way as you departed from Egypt... you shall obliterate the memory of Amalek, you shall not forget." According to most authorities, it is a Torah level commandment to hear this portion read in synagogue.

Taanit Esther (13th of Adar)

The day preceding Purim is a thematically connected fast day (this year Thursday, March 24). The 13th of Adar is mentioned in the Megillah as the day chosen by Haman to destroy the Jewish people. We fast in memory of the war that took place on that day and, like the fast of the first born, we use the fast to recognize our salvation. (cf. **Esther 9:31**). There was also a fast by Queen Esther (cf. **Esther 4:16**) but that was on a different day (most likely on Pesach). Taanit Esther is unlike the other fasts of the Jewish calendar, insofar that it is a day of thanksgiving and not sadness.

Customs of the Fast Day

We go straight from the fast to the Megillah reading - only eating after we have fulfilled that mitzvah.

The "half-shekel" is donated at the afternoon service (in commemoration of the half-shekel census, cf. Exodus 25:1116, we use the half currency of the realm, e.g. three half-dollars.) The money is used for communal funds and even synagogue repair.

PURIM (14TH OF ADAR)

Work is not forbidden on Purim, but we also have no *tachanun*, eulogies or fasting; a mourner displays no outward signs, like on Shabbat. There are a number of commandments to fulfill on Purim (that apply equally to men and women):

Night

Megillah: The sages tell us we must hear every word of the Megillah reading. Please help others fulfill this mitzvah by following the instructions of the community leaders as to when to cease noisemaking.

Day

Megillah: The obligation is both at night and during the day. We cannot hear two at night or two during the day to count for the whole holiday.

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Mishloach Manot Sending gifts of food to friends: Two foods to one person is the minimum. The foods must be ready-to-eat. There is a custom to give two separate "brachot." Another custom is to bake hundreds of Hamantaschen and force people to eat them.

Matanot l'evyonim: Gifts of money to the poor. Two coins to each of two poor people. Money can be collected ahead of time with the intention that it will be dispensed on Purim day. We have a special collection in synagogue for this purpose, but don't be dissuaded from giving to a live person who asks on this day.

Seudah: Festive meal with rejoicing. This year, because Purim falls on a Friday, the seudah takes place as a brunch in the morning.

Intoxication: We are enjoined to drink intoxicating spirits on Purim. Many authorities limit the drinking to the *seudah*, and even then, the command is just to drink more than we are used to. In no fashion should we become so intoxicated that we would harm ourselves or others.

Special Prayers: We add *Al Ha-Nisim* to our *shemona-esrei* and to *bircat hamazon*. Yet, we do not say Hallel on Purim. Three reasons are given for the lack of Hallel. The first is that the Megillah acts as Hallel; the second is that the miracle of the day occurred secretly and outside the land of Israel; the third is that (in the words of the Talmud): "we are still servants to Achashverosh."

Purim Customs

During the reading of the Megillah, we fulfill the commandment to "blot out" the name of Amalek by making loud noises whenever Haman's name is read aloud. Historians tell us that the custom started when people would write Haman's name on the soles of their shoes and then stamp their feet during the Megillah reading. Nowadays, we use **groggers**: specially made noisemakers.

Another custom is to recite a few specific verses aloud as a congregation before the reader recites them. We read aloud four verses: **2:5, 8:15, 8:16, 10:3** and the list of the ten sons of Haman, **9:7-9**.

Another widespread custom is to wear **costumes**, while some authorities hold that "yom-tov" clothing should be worn (because it is called a Yom Tov in Esther 9:19). Costumes are to depict the "hiddenness" of the miracle of Purim, and also to lighten the "turnabouts" of the day.

SHUSHAN PURIM (15TH OF ADAR) Any city with walls since the time of Joshua celebrates Purim one day later on Adar 15. The Megillah relates how the war against our enemies lasted one day later in the city of Shushan. Nowadays, Shushan Purim only applies to Jerusalem (although a few other cities in Israel have taken on both days as a longstanding custom, e.g. Acco, Yaffo, Tiberias). May you have a healthy, happy, *freilichen* Purim!

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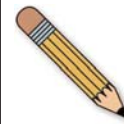
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PURIM NEWS

FROM PLANTERS TO KJ: NUT JUST A RUMOR?

According to rumors spreading like wildfire at the KJ Kiddush, a new possible candidate has emerged to succeed Rabbi Haskel Lookstein: Mr. Peanut, the official mascot of Planters. Peanut, while not a rabbi, is admired by the congregants for having the most important qualification to serve as the leader of Kehilath Jeshurun: he looks fabulous in a top hat.

In an interview, KJ Gabbai Jay Lunzer admitted that Peanut's top hat, monocle and cane were impressive, but he noted that the prospective new rabbi lacked striped pants, and in fact, did not wear any pants at all. "Our standards have sunk so low," he lamented. "In the good old days, someone who came to shul without pants would never have gotten an *aliyah*."



The esteemed Mr. Peanut.

Communal speculation has also focused on another top-hat-sporting luminary: Rich Uncle Pennybags, the Monopoly mascot. Pennybags, however, is rumored to be intensely disliked by Rabbi Lookstein. "The Rabbi was furious when Pennybags donated

colored Monopoly money to the Annual Synagogue Appeal," said a secret synagogue source, who asked to be known only as Lenny S., or, if that was too obvious, as L. Silverman: "For a man who owns a boardwalk, two utility companies, four railroads, and has won second prize in a beauty contest, you'd think he could be more generous." Others, however, argue that Rabbi Lookstein harbors no animus for Pennybags, and note that when the latter gave the fake money to the recent ASA, Rabbi Lookstein smiled and said gratefully, "thank you very, very much; that's double what you gave last year."

Some concerned congregants have noted that being *kitniyos*, Mr. Peanut would be unable to attend shul on Pesach. Peanut, however, in a statement to the press, dismissed such concerns as further signs of a shift to the right. "I may be a nut," he said, "but I'm not a right-wing nut."



Rich Uncle Pennybags, shl"ita.

THE CENTER HOLDS: CARDINAL JEAN-MARIE LUSTIGER CHOSEN AS RAMAZ HEAD OF SCHOOL

In a move certain to reassure many about the future vitality of Modern Orthodoxy, Ramaz recently announced that it has selected a widely respected Jewish religious luminary to lead their school into the next century: Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Jewish archbishop of Paris. One member of the Ramaz search committee concurred, noting that Lustiger was a model of centrist pluralism: "He's fully involved in the modern world: attending plays, movies, masses, etc.," he explained; "but he remains proudly Jewish: he wears his yarmulke everywhere."

Though his Hebrew name is Aharon Dov, Lustiger assured Ramaz's board that his Hebrew name would be reserved only for *aliyot* to the Torah, and that he would professionally be known as Jean-Marie. "After all," he commented, "I don't want

people to think that we're shifting to the right." In his preliminary interview with the search committee, the Cardinal also assured the board that he fully endorsed keeping the Ramaz winter vacation in the Christmas season.

For much of his life, Lustiger would never have guessed that he would have worked in Jewish education. "I was always taught that the rabbinate is no job for a nice Jewish boy, so I became a priest instead." But on his recent visit to Ramaz, he fell in love with the school. Asked why he would give up being Archbishop of Paris in order to become Ramaz's principal, Lustiger responded that Modern Orthodoxy's flagship educational institution is more important than any archdiocese. "Besides," the Cardinal added, "France is no place for Jews."

KJ MOVIE REVIEWS

THE AVI-ATOR - Documentary follows the life and times of Avi Ohel-Akshav, on his journey to becoming "The Avi-ator," the world-champion of Matzah Ball eating contests.

ALIEN VS. PREDATOR - A shabbat guest sits in a member's seat. Watch out!

RAISE YOUR VOICE - Rabbi Lookstein advises a visiting lecturer.

I, ROBOT - The disgruntled Gabbai feels ignored by the world and loses his mind amongst his Shabbat chores.

SHALL WE DANCE? - A shul dinner committee ponders its place on the religious spectrum.

FINDING NEVERLAND - A riveting thriller: Mr. Schutzberger and Mr. Hooper always share the same park bench and argue on every subject. But - is it possible? Have they found something they agree on?

AFTER THE SUNSET - James Bond needs to find ten men quick - it's time for Maariv!

13 GOING ON 30 - The morning after Dovid's Bar Mitzvah, he wakes up to find he is an adult Jewish man! "Nu, so?," his Rabbi says, "What else did you expect?"

THE SEA INSIDE - Oy! Reb Shmuel has had one too many helpings of Raizel's delicious chicken soup before Yom Kippur.

ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND - Mystical teachings on how we are born with everything we need to know. Really, it's all true.

GOODBYE LENIN!

Hello Orthodox Judaism!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Football, Shmutball! It's time to light the Shabbos candles!

THE INCREDIBLES - All about the tzaddikim who give to the KJ Benevolent Fund. 'Nuff said.



Cardinal Lustiger being congratulated by Chief Rabbi of France Rene-Samuel Sirat.

SPECIAL PRACTICES FOR AN EREV PESACH WHICH OCCURS ON SHABBAT

On rare occasions, the eve of Passover comes out on Shabbat. This year is one of those rarities. There are a number of changes in our practices when the calendar falls this way. Therefore, please note the following:

Thursday, April 21st - Fast of the Firstborn

This year's fast of the firstborn takes place on Thursday, three days before Passover instead of on Erev Pesach. *Our services will begin at 7:00 A.M.* A *siyum* will take place immediately following the services in order to absolve the firstborn of the need to fast.

B'dikat Chametz

The search for *chametz* should take place on Thursday night. It is performed in the usual fashion, with the blessing and recitation of *Kol Chamira*.

The Burning and Selling of Chametz

Although *chametz* may still be eaten all of Friday and until 10:38 a.m. Saturday morning (Erev Pesach), it is customary to burn any *chametz* not specifically designated for consumption on Friday

night and Shabbat, on Friday morning before 11:47 a.m. The *Kol Chamira* which is usually said after the burning is *not* recited this year until Shabbat morning because we are still going to use *chametz* until that time.

The Procedure on Shabbat

The meals at home on Shabbat should be Passover meals. A *motzi* should be made over bread on Friday and Shabbat morning (before 10:38 a.m.) but the bread should be kept separate from all of the Passover utensils. This means that the *motzi* should be made on several napkins in such a way as not to affect the rest of the house which is already cleaned for Passover. Whatever is not used should be discarded either by flushing down the toilet or placing it in the garbage disposal outside of the house. Remember that matzah should not be used on Erev Pesach. This means that you have to make a *motzi* on bread or challah, being careful as explained above.

All consumption of *chametz* must be completed before 10:38 a.m. on Shabbat morning and all *chametz* used as *motzi*

must be disposed of by 11:47 a.m. In order to make things easier for everyone, our Shabbat morning service will begin at 8:45 a.m. and we will have a break about 9:30, after Shacharit, and go down to the Riklis Social Hall where challah will be available and a light breakfast will be served. We will have to complete our eating before 10:38 a.m. After that we will return to the synagogue for the reading of the Torah and Musaf.

Preparing the Seder

Inasmuch as it is forbidden to prepare on Shabbat for Yom Tov, one should not prepare for the Seder on Shabbat. On the contrary, one should have a good solid rest on Shabbat afternoon and enter the Seder in a far more relaxed state than usual. The egg and the shank bone should be broiled prior to Shabbat. Romaine lettuce or horseradish and *charoset* should be prepared before Shabbat. If one forgets to prepare the shank bone, one may cook them on Saturday night and they should be consumed sometime during the first day of Yom Tov.

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FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

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Signature _____ Date: _____

Please return to the Synagogue office by Thursday, April 21, at 8:30 AM.

A PASSOVER TIMELINE

STEP #1: Removal of Chametz – Cleaning the House

STEP #2: Kashering Appliances

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

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

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

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

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

Kashering Utensils

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

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

The easiest way to kasher utensils is to bring them to the April 17th KJ Kasher-In where Rabbi Meir Soloveichik will supervise the immersion of metal utensils in a large sink of rapidly boiling water.

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

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

cleaning oven during the self-clean cycle.

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

STEP #3: The Search For Chametz

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

1. Reciting a special blessing over the mitzvah of the removal of *chametz*.
2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of *chametz*.
3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.
4. The burning or disposal of any *chametz* found during the search.
5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

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RABBI DAVID FLATTO TO DELIVER THE SHABBAT HA-GADOL DRASHA SPONSORED BY SUZY AND LARRY PRESENT

On the Subject

"Being Here, Being There"

Saturday Afternoon, April 16th, following Mincha at 6:40 p.m.

The celebrated anthropologist Clifford Geertz once described the difficulty that a modern, Western scholar faces in writing penetrating studies about distant civilizations. According to Geertz, the heart of the writer's challenge lies in trying to be in two places at once: here—the immediate world that he or she inhabits and is intimately familiar with; and there—the distant world that the scholar is trying to investigate and introduce to the readers. The effective ethnographic writer succeeds if he or she is able to translate distant ideas into terms that are intelligible to their proximate audience.

The challenge of balancing the aims of being "here" and being "there" also resonates on Pesach night. We are firmly grounded in the contemporary world that we live in. Yet, we are charged to transcend our present reality and view ourselves as if we have just experienced deliverance from the Egyptian oppressors who lived in a different world more than three thousand years ago.

The Seder allows us to build a bridge between these two loci—here and there—by affirming our present reality even as it enables us to return to a world that is far away. Further, the Seder essentially makes the additional claim that only by constructing such a bridge can we fully understand the past, succeed in the present, and anticipate a redemptive future that will be the crowning era in our collective destiny.

In this year's Drasha we will explore how the Seder helps us build this bridge by its deliberate structure, rich biblical and rabbinic passages, diverse ritual commandments, and the progression of themes that they help us explore. All men and women are invited to attend in the Main Synagogue.

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Thursday evening, April 21, after nightfall, 8:17 p.m. The disposal should be on Friday morning, April 22. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

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

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

Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on Shabbat morning, April 23 after 10:38 A.M.

STEP #4: The Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Friday morning, April 22. There are those who prefer to perform the ritual in person. For those who cannot attend to the matter in person, there is a form provided on page 9 of this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Soloveichik to sell our *chametz*. THIS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 21, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 A.M.

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

STEP #5: The Burning of Chametz

On Friday morning, April 22, *chametz* must be burned by 11:47 A.M. The synagogue provides a large, contained fire for this purpose. No bracha should be said, since the one said before the search applies to the burning as well.

STEP #6: After Pesach

According to Jewish Law, *chametz* that was owned by a Jew during Pesach may never be eaten by a Jew. Therefore, it is preferable that after Pesach one buys food from establishments owned by non-Jews, establishments owned by Jews who properly sold their *chametz* before Pesach, or after a month (time that a store's stock has been used up) from any establishment.

DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY PROGRAM

Deliver a holiday package and visit an older person. Sunday, April 10th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 171 West 85th Street. Volunteers are asked to pre-register by calling Dorot at 212-769-2850.

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PASSOVER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 21

Morning Services -

Siyum B'chor (Firstborn)7:00 a.m.

Search for ChametzAfter 8:17 p.m.

Friday, April 22

Morning Services7:30 a.m.

Burn chametz no later than11:47 a.m.

Evening Services6:45 p.m.

Candlelighting7:25 p.m.

Saturday, April 23, Passover Eve

Morning8:45 a.m.

Chametz may not be eaten after 10:38 a.m.

Evening7:25 p.m.

Candlelighting & Start Seder

.....After 8:22 p.m.

Sunday, April 24, Passover I

Morning9:00 a.m.

Evening7:40 p.m.

Candlelighting & Start Seder

.....After 8:24 p.m.

Monday, April 25, Passover II

Morning9:00 a.m.

Evening7:40 p.m.

Conclusion of Yom Tov8.25 p.m.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED

Tuesday, April 26, Passover III

Morning7:00 a.m.

Evening6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27, Passover IV

Morning7:00 a.m.

Evening6:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 28, Passover V

Morning7:00 a.m.

Evening6:45 p.m.

Friday, April 29, Passover VI

Morning7:00 a.m.

Evening6:45 p.m.

Candlelighting7:32 p.m.

CONCLUDING DAYS OF PASSOVER

Saturday, April 30, Passover VII

Morning9:00 a.m.

Evening7:30 p.m.

CandlelightingAfter 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 1, Passover VIII

(Yizkor is recited)

Morning9:00 a.m.

Evening7:45 p.m.

Conclusion of Yom Tov8:31 p.m.

AN ABUNDANCE OF CHESSED OPPORTUNITIES

A Gemara in Sotah asks a very important question: What does the Torah mean when it says in Deuteronomy "You shall walk after the Lord your God." How do we walk in the way of God? The answer, the Gemara tells us, is as follows: "As he clothed the naked, so shall you clothe the naked. As the Holy One, blessed be He, visited the sick, so shall you visit the sick. As the Holy One, blessed be He, comforted mourners, so shall you comfort mourners. As the Holy One, blessed be He, buried the dead, so shall you bury the dead."

In other words, we walk in the way of God by doing *chesed*, by engaging in these many wonderful acts of kindness towards people who are in need.

We know that doing chesed is easier said than done. With busy work and family schedules, it is often hard to find the time to do chesed or even to find a particular form of chesed that really speaks to each person's particular concerns. But the truth is, thanks to the commitment of so many dedicated KJ members there are a tremendous number of chesed initiatives available right here through the shul, and they cover a wide range of interests and time commitments. These projects can actually make doing chesed quite easy - you only need to find the program that works for you.

This article provides a comprehensive list of all the volunteer opportunities available at the shul and whom to contact if you would like to get involved. Please take the time to read this list carefully and find that specific program which appeals to you. You can choose one or you can

choose ten. You can spend an hour a day or an hour a year, but our hope is that everyone can find some compelling project to which they would like to contribute some amount of time and energy. Only this way, through cultivating our commitment to chesed as a community, can each one of us come that much closer to walking in the way of Hashem.

BIKUR CHOLIM

For over 25 years, this dedicated group of KJ members have been visiting patients at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital on Shabbat, enhancing Shabbat for both the volunteer and the very ill. For more information please contact Lenna Perlman at (212) 860-2743.

BLOOD DRIVE

At this year's annual blood drive, 69 pints of blood were donated, including many double red cell donations. All donors received free cholesterol tests and participated in one of the most important ways to do a mitzvah. Next year's blood drive will take place November 20th. For more information please contact Nicole Fisher at (212) 744-1648 or Michael Lustig at (212) 873-8702.

CHEVRA KADISHA

This dedicated group of men and women perform this sacred mitzvah for which no thanks is received for all the members of the shul and their families. Doing this act of chesed in the most quiet fashion, and showing the utmost respect and care for each and every deceased member of our community, this group puts into wonderful perspective what life is all

about. For more information contact Sue Robins (women's Chevra Kadisha) at (212) 737-1431 or Isaac Pollak (men's) at (212) 831-2066.

CLOTHING DRIVES

Organized by Victoria Ginsberg's Middle School Chesed Club, this energetic group of kids collect clothing daily, sorting it, bagging it and getting it ready for various organizations to distribute. To find out more about the clothing drive or some of the other exciting chesed initiatives that this young group is involved in, please contact Victoria Ginsberg at (212) 774-8000 ext. 6266.

COFFEE, TEA AND TEHILLIM

Every Tuesday, these devoted women in the community participate in an extraordinary act of chesed when they come together to recite Tehillim on behalf of those who are sick in the shul family. You can come for a few minutes or you can stay for as long as you'd like. English translations are available. The group meets every Tuesday from 9-10:30 a.m. in KJ's Jess Ward Library. To get more involved please contact Jenny Tawil at (212) 987-3306.

DOROT'S SHABBAT MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM

This group of volunteers stop by the shul every Thursday to pick up pre-packaged Shabbat meals and deliver them to a Dorot resident in the neighborhood. Whether the delivery lasts 10 minutes or an hour, this act of chesed is guaranteed to create a very special relationship between the volunteer and the senior. For more

SEFER TORAH DEDICATED TO NELLIE ORWASHER BY HER HUSBAND, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

On Sunday, February 6, a new Sefer Torah was ushered into the synagogue, in our Max J. Etra Chapel. The Torah was contributed to the Congregation and dedicated by Louis Orwaser in honor of Nellie, his wife of 58 years. Their children and grandchildren participated in this dedication, as did members of the family, friends and trustees of KJ.

When Rabbi Lookstein asked Louis Orwaser how many years they were married, Louis answered "58." The Rabbi then said "I bet it only feels like 57,"

whereupon Louis answered "No, it feels like it was yesterday." What a glorious tribute to a husband and wife, and what a wonderful way in which to honor a lady who has been such an integral part of our Congregation for over half a century.

The Torah will be used on a regular basis in our Chapel. Please God, it will be the Torah from which Aaron Orwaser, the son of Nina and Abram Orwaser and the grandson of Nellie and Louis, will read at his bar mitzvah this coming Parshat *Lech Lecha* in the fall.

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GOOD COMPANY

The brainchild of KJ member Sherry Cohen, this program was started as an escort service to enable senior members of the community to come to shul. Today, however, Good Company does much more. While continuing to escort seniors to KJ and even doctor's appointments, these committed volunteers also reach out to the shul's senior community through weekly phone calls and house visits to those that are homebound. To get involved please contact Sherry Cohen at (212) 288-4571.

HAPPY MEALS

One of the newer chesed initiatives at KJ, this project was created to provide paper bag lunches for the city's large homeless population. This energetic group of volunteers gets together for an hour or two monthly to prepare and package these meals which are then distributed by City Harvest, Project Ore and other agencies fighting hunger. For more information and to get involved please contact Erica Schwartz at (212) 410-5585 or Lizzy Trump at (212) 423-5866.

KJ COLLEGE CONNECTION

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. For more information contact Monita Buchwald at (212) 831-9245 or Barry Kluger at (212) 879-0973.

KJ CAREER NETWORK

The highest form of tzedakah outlined by Maimonides is helping someone to become self-sufficient. This network aims to do just that, helping anyone from recent college graduates to more senior members of the shul find a job, or fill a vacancy with a qualified shul member. It is intended as a career development, business and professional reference and general business resource. For more information please contact Larry Kassman at (212) 876-9899.

KESHER

This group makes it a point of sending a Shabbat meal to each and every KJ family blessed with a new child. The act serves as both a wish of mazel tov from the

entire community as well as an effort to make that first Friday night home from the hospital an easier transition for the whole family. Kesher is also proud to introduce this year a new chesed initiative--a day to package mishloach manot for Dorot seniors. For more information about Kesher's chesed projects please contact Kesher co-presidents Daniella Muller (212) 289-6156, Sara Shemia (212) 369-3644, or Robyn Price Stonehill at (212) 439-8531.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Hosted by Donna Silverman, and open to members of the congregation 55 years of age and older, participants are invited to lunch and learn from an impressive array of teachers offering presentations on a broad variety of topics of Jewish interest. For more information please call Donna Silverman at (212) 744-2391.

MITZVAH TOY CAMPAIGN

This heartfelt program encourages children in Nursery School through Grade 8 to donate one or more of their birthday presents to children who are less fortunate than they. Every month another volunteering mother takes charge of the program, collecting the toys and donating them to a Jewish charity of her choice. To get involved, please contact Eve Attias at (212) 439-9282.

SHABBAT HOSPITALITY

No shul would be complete without a group of volunteers committed to making sure every member of the community, and every visitor to the community, has a place to spend a warm, friendly Shabbat meal. To open up your home and get more involved please contact Rabbi Elie Weinstock at (212) 774-5636.

SISTERHOOD INITIATIVES

From sending a bottle of wine to every new member of the shul, to arranging shiva houses and shiva meals for local mourners, when it comes to chesed, the Sisterhood knows no bounds. And this year, they are planning something even bigger, with the first ever "Family Mitzvah Day" on April 10th, where members of the shul together with their children will have a smorgasbord of chesed activities to choose from all helping to combat hunger and poverty. For more information and to get involved, please contact Stacy Scheinberg

at (212) 410-9195.

As you can see, this is an exciting time for chesed at KJ. Chesed is on people's minds. Some wish to know more about existing programs, some are proposing new chesed projects of their own, and some are simply trying to weave chesed more thoroughly and consistently into the very fabric of our synagogue life. And all of these forces have the potential to make this a dramatic turning point in the shul's history as we watch our commitment to chesed flourish as a community. Chesed is as essential to synagogue life as are prayer services and Torah study, a pillar without which no shul can stand secure. We hope that all of us can join together on these chesed initiatives and make both our synagogue and our community that much stronger and vibrant.

For more information in general about anything related to chesed, to get more involved in KJ's Chesed Committee, or to launch a new chesed project of your own, please contact Chesed Committee co-chairs Erica Schwartz 212-410-5585 or Lizzy Trump 212-423-5866.

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May 28**TOT SHABBAT & SHABBAT RUACH**

Third Floor Dining Hall

March 18, April 15, May 13**BEGINNERS SERVICE**9:30 AM every Shabbat
Third Floor Dining Hall**INTERMEDIATE SERVICE**9:15 AM every Shabbat
Riklis Social Hall**KESHER RISES TO NEW HEIGHTS**

This has been a very exciting year for Keshet. As more young people continue to move into our Upper East Side community, Keshet's events always provide them with the perfect welcome. Our kickoff event, the Shemini Atzeret Luncheon, was a wonderful mingling opportunity for both newcomers and oldtimers alike, with everyone enjoying a delicious barbecue in the Sukkah. The Uncle Moishe Concert in December was another huge hit, where parents and children enjoyed dancing together in the aisles and clapping along to their favorite Jewish music entertainer. Or "second favorite," we should say - after our very own Rabbi Avrumi Sacks, who once again made this January's Melave Malka a fun-filled night to remember. And, of course, the Progressive Dinner on March 5, made sure that Keshet members could enjoy some fun without the kids, while also giving new members the perfect social event to get to know the community. Still to come this year is our annual Spring Luncheon scheduled for May 21st.

But there's a lot more on Keshet's calendar these days. After the huge success of our Keshet Lecture Series last year, we are once again offering an array of interesting classes for the community. We've already held our annual Adult/Child/Infant CPR class, as well as a parenting lecture given by pediatrician Dr. Stephanie Freilich, and we look forward to future lectures on such topics as cooking and the importance of giving tzedakah.

Complementing the Keshet Lecture Series is our ongoing "Torah in the Towers" series, a project offered in conjunction with KJ's Adult Education Program. Taught by Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, these monthly shiurim cover a wide range of important religious topics and, like the Keshet Lecture Series, are held mostly in the intimate environment of a member's home. Both these series have attracted great turnouts and provide the Keshet community with a perfect opportunity to do something educational in a casual and social setting.

And of course Keshet continues to offer its signature services to the community, like the monthly Young People's Minyan, where Keshet members

can daven together and enjoy the fabulous Kiddush that always follows - with mini hot dogs and chicken nuggets galore. Keshet also proudly sponsors the "Welcome Home New Mother" program, which sends a Shabbat meal to every mother on her first Shabbat home from the hospital after having a baby. Talk about a meaningful and thoughtful gesture from the synagogue to every family blessed with a new child!

Keshet's commitment to this type of chesed is only growing. Keshet members take it upon themselves to invite every new young member of the shul to their home for a Shabbat meal. And most recently, Keshet, in conjunction with the KJ Chesed Committee's "Happy Meals" Program, is giving everyone an opportunity to package mishloach manot for Dorot seniors on the Sunday before Purim, March 20th. This is guaranteed to be a very special event.

There's no doubt that Keshet's growth is largely attributable to the wonderful Keshet leadership, whose three presidents, Daniella Muller, Sara Shemia, and Robyn Price Stonehill, together with treasurer Judith Ottensoser, Secretary Erica Schwartz and the energetic Keshet Board, make all of Keshet's programming possible and successful. And now thanks to a recently launched Keshet email, we can keep our Keshet members constantly up-to-date with all our upcoming events and programs. If you do not currently receive Keshet emails and would like to, or to get more involved in Keshet, please email us at keshet@ckj.org. We'd love to hear from you!

YOM HASHOAH CANDLES

Through the generosity of Star Candles, the KJ Men's Club will again be distributing to each KJ member, by mail, a Candle of Remembrance. It is hoped that each person, upon returning home after the Yom Hashoah service, will light this candle as a means of remembering the Yahrzeit of those who perished in the Holocaust as the victims of Nazi terror.

May these lights throughout the Kehilath Jeshurun community illuminate our hearts and the hearts of the entire world in order to assure that the memory of the Jewish men, women, and children who perished will never be forgotten.

**KJ BEGINNERS PROGRAM
TO HOST COMMUNAL SEDER**

Want to experience a Seder with great food, insightful explanations, and all the trimmings? Want to be in a warm, friendly environment on Seder night? Don't want to hassle with preparing a Seder on Saturday night? Well, have we got the answer!

Under the leadership of Rabbi Elie Weinstock, KJ will once again host a Seder designed and planned as a learning experience. It is intended for those who wish to understand more about the content and meaning of the Seder and how to conduct it properly. This special Seder will be held on the first night of Passover, Saturday, April 23 at 8:30 PM.

The cost is \$80 per person. (Children under 3 may be seated with parents at no charge without their own meal.)

Reservations can be made by forwarding a check to the synagogue office covering all those planning to attend. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, April 19.

KJ BIKUR CHOLIM HONORS LILLIAN ADAMI

One of the first and most important KJ Bikur Cholim volunteers, a righteous Christian dedicated to the mitzvah of enabling prayer, was honored by KJ at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital on January 1. She was presented with a framed rendition of Aishet Chayil by representatives of the KJ Bikur Cholim Society.

When, in 1976, KJ first established a Bikur Cholim presence at Memorial by offering Shabbat services for Jewish patients, it was Lillian Adami who came forward to help us. A devout Catholic, she had been active in bringing both Catholic and Protestant patients to their respective prayer services. Now she was ready to extend her mitzvah to Jewish patients.

Lillian taught us what to do and gave us a base on which to grow in order to meet the needs of the population we continue to serve. She has been with us every Shabbat, taking upon herself the responsibilities of opening the Chaplains' Office for us, preparing small shopping bags with the

wherewithal for reciting Kiddush at patient bedsides, setting out lists of Jewish patients for us to visit, and more. If a patient expressed the desire to attend the Shabbat service, Lillian was able to overcome all obstacles. She has brought patients to our services with their IVs, in wheelchairs, and on stretchers. She did all these things and taught us to do them as well.



Left to right: Harry Kleinhaus, Tova Bulow, Lillian Adami, and Sue Robins.

Lillian Adami is always there when we arrive at the hospital and remains to put things away and lock up after us. She has befriended every member of the KJ Bikur Cholim and each of us feels a special relationship with her.

With love and gratitude, we inscribed the plaque on her award:

*"Let Her Deeds Praise Her in the Gates"
To Our Dear Lillian Adami
In Profound Appreciation of More Than
25 Years of Devoted Service
KJ Bikur Cholim*

TAHARAT HAMISHPACHA FAMILY PURITY RESOURCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

We are happy to inform our members that there is a *Yoetzet Halacha* available to the KJ community. Zemira Ozarowski was trained in the Keren Ariel Yoetzet Halacha program at Nishmat, the Jerusalem Center for Advanced Jewish study for women. As a certified *Yoetzet Halacha*, she is available to provide discreet answers to questions regarding *taharat hamishpacha* (family purity). You may reach her at 646-266-4054.

The Keren Ariel program is two years long and requires in-depth study of the laws of *taharat hamishpacha*, concluding with an examination and certification as a *yoetzet halacha*. Further information about the program may be found by visiting Nishmat's website: www.nishmat.net/ariel.php

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PROF. SUZANNE LAST STONE



Suzanne Last Stone is Professor of Law at the Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University, and Director of its new Program in Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies. She is currently a Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where she taught civil procedure in the fall and is currently serving as the Gruss Professor of Jewish Law.

Prof. Stone has written and lectured on a wide variety of topics relating to the intersection of Jewish legal thought and contemporary legal theory. She has also taught Jewish Law at Hebrew University Law School, Haifa Law School, and Columbia University Law School.

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KJ BEGINNERS PROGRAM: A JEWISH CONNECTION FOR ALL

THE BEGINNING OF BEGINNERS

It all started with a page-one article in the September 6, 1991 issue of the KJ Bulletin. There was an announcement for a no-Hebrew-necessary High Holy Day service for Jews with little or no synagogue experience. This coincided with the launch of a weekly Shabbat Beginners Service and a slew of Hebrew, Basic Judaism, and other introductory courses. It was an initiative led by KJ member George Rohr and a host of dedicated volunteers from the Congregation. Close to 150 people came that first year for the High Holy Days, and the rest, as they say, is history.

GROWTH - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The program continued growing. From 200 to 400 to now over 600 attendees this year, the KJ High Holy Day Beginners Service is quite possibly the largest such service in the world! Other programs were introduced. Turn Friday Night into Shabbat evenings attracted close to 200 participants, people were learning Hebrew, parsha, Jewish history, and other subjects. There were Rabbinic interns, educators, and, ultimately, directors for the Beginners Program. Thousands of Jews came through the various programs. Some stayed at KJ while, for others, the Beginners Program was the first taste of Judaism that would be further explored elsewhere.

TRANSFORMING KJ

Within the KJ community, the effects of the Beginners Program were impossible to miss. Beginners became members. Some are raising families in the community today. What began at the High Holy Day service or around a friendly Shabbat table transformed an individual, a family, and an entire shul. In words that appeared on these very pages more than 13 years ago:

We are proud that Kehilath Jeshurun is making available to the Congregation and the wider community a service of this nature. It merits the support and encouragement of all members of the community...

In the words of Rabbi Lookstein, "The KJ Beginners Program helps provide an essential vitality that keeps the Congregation vibrant and youthful. It is a reminder to us all of the need to continue growing religiously." Under the careful supervision of the KJ rabbinic leadership and professional staff, the Beginners Program has made a difference in our beloved shul and beyond.

NEW DIRECTIONS

In the summer of 2003, Rabbi Elie

Weinstock joined the Congregation as Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education and Outreach. Under his stewardship, record crowds have been attracted to the High Holy Day services with innovative advertising, creative marketing, and a personal touch where each participant is made to feel like an integral part of the community. He introduced a Rosh Hashanah/New Year's Eve Dinner for 150+, which now turns dozens away due to lack of space. The Friday Night Live series of Beginners Carlebach services and dinners has seen over 180 people join together for joyous Shabbat meals with singing and dancing. New series of classes and programs in the shul and in homes have brought a renewed sense of community to all who have participated. "The goal has been to ensure that the KJ Beginners Program is a place for all Jews - no matter their background or affiliation - to find a Jewish home. There are a multitude of programs out there, but when you come to KJ, you're part of the family," commented Rabbi Weinstock. This approach has attracted a surge in interest in the Beginners Program - with a reputation that is spreading far and wide. "They have the best Friday night dinners in town, and you really feel a sense of belonging when you're at KJ," said one participant.

SYNERGY

One of the recent innovations in the KJ Beginners Program has been working with other organizations to provide the best events to meet the religious needs of the participants. Chabad of the Upper East Side, NJOP, One Family Fund, and others have run events with KJ to enhance the level of programming. A special bond exists with Isralight, the Israeli-based educational organization. Isralight's leadership - including Rabbi David Aaron and Rav Binny Freedman have headlined KJ events and spoken in the community, and "Soul in the City" - a series of events and lectures - was launched this year. Events included lectures on provocative topics, a Chanukah Bash, and a Chaim Dovid concert. "The goal has been to liven up our events with an element of spirituality that Isralight provides. It's been great for our programs and the entire community," notes Rabbi Weinstock.

AND YET...

In the words of the Beginners Program's founder, George Rohr, "We have barely scratched the surface. For every beginner who has enjoyed a positive

experience at KJ, there are hundreds more who are completely estranged from Jewish life - who at some level are curious about their heritage, but who have no access to the beauty of Torah. Everyone at KJ has a friend, a relative, a neighbor or a business associate who can benefit from a Beginners Program at KJ or elsewhere. As Jews, we have the duty to take him or her by the hand and show that the door is wide open." The program strives to find new ways to reach out to more Jews. "It must be a community-wide effort," observes Rabbi Weinstock. "It's a matter of the entire KJ community realizing that each one can be an ambassador in our outreach endeavors. It will be good for themselves as Jews as well as those they can reach."

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Beginners Program tries to offer programming to serve the needs of Jews of all levels. Many KJ members have taken "Beginners" classes, participated in the Beginners or Intermediate Service, or attended a Friday Night Live service and dinner. One recent dinner attendee remarked, "Why can't all shul dinners have this much energy?" This year marked the inauguration of the weekly Intermediate Service in addition to the Beginners Service. The Intermediate Service is a full service with Torah reading. It is much more user-friendly with more announcements to help participants follow along, time for questions and answers, some explanation, and a lot of singing led by the inimitable Shilo Kramer. It is perfect for those who want to improve their abilities in following the davening or who want a more informative and song-filled service. "The idea is to offer something for everyone. We're all beginners - each of us is simply at a different stage of the journey. We're all starting from somewhere and, hopefully, progressing," remarked Rabbi Weinstock.

BE A PART OF IT

The KJ Beginners Program is a force in our Congregation, in the Jewish community of the Upper East Side, and beyond. It is a positive force working to raise Jewish knowledge and awareness and inspire others to be a part of that mission. All are encouraged to try a class, attend the Beginners or Intermediate Service, and host a beginner for a Shabbat meal. You may just find that it's more than just a program; it can change your life - and the lives of countless others, too.



KJ YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Led by its innovative and organized Youth Director, Aaron Kaplan, the KJ Youth Department provides the community's children with a multiplicity of Jewish interactive learning experiences which are simultaneously fun and meaningful. The three-way partnership between children, parents and staff makes KJ the place "Where Torah and Fun are One." Some programming highlights:

1) "KJBL," our annual winter basketball league, tipped-off its season with over 100 participating children from grades 1-8, all of whom honed basketball skills with friends while learning to appreciate teamwork and fair play.

2) The Purim Carnival on March 25th is a favorite event, what with inflatables, booths (many of which made and staffed by the community's teens), prizes, snacks, and, of course, a costume contest.

3) Hello Yellow is a great opportunity for families to learn about the holidays through art. Children make some projects to take home, and others that are brought to hospital patients. Don't miss the Pesach session on April 10th!

4) "KJSL," our spring softball league, looks forward to Opening Day under the sun in Central Park on May 8th.

5) On Sunday night, June 12th, we will study Shavuot Torah together at the Tikun Leyl - fortified by loads of ice cream - until the wee hours of the following morning.

Assistant Youth Director Mickey Blechner continues to contribute mightily in her capacity as Director of the Early Childhood Program, joined by several other Stern College students who run Shabbat groups and other programs while serving as role models for our young children. We are also fortunate to have two outstanding Bnei Akiva Shlichot, Hana Dafna and Michal Ben-Shabat, whose Bnei Akiva Shabbaton in January enabled the Youth Department -- and through it the broader community -- to reach new heights in regards to developing ruach and a love for Israel.

Many parents have generously contributed in 5765 by way of coaching, supervising, chaperoning, offering helpful advice and proffering constructive feedback, and to all we say "thank you" for partnering with us for the betterment of our community's children.

A NIGHT IN VENICE: A LOOK BACK AT KJ'S ANNUAL DINNER

On Saturday night, December 4, 2004, KJ's members enjoyed an exciting Venetian evening in the Ramaz Upper School to socialize and raise money for our synagogue. Nearly 300 congregants attended this exciting evening which was one of KJ's most profitable dinners to date.

Dinner co-chairs Doina Bryskin, Caroline Massel and Sheera Moffson broke new ground for the KJ dinner while building on the success of last year's format change. The co-chairs believed that the informality of last year's dinner met the community's demand for a more relaxed evening. Aside from creating an elegant and fun evening, the co-chairs worked to increase community attendance and were particularly proud that the dinner was attended by congregants of all ages.

The atmosphere of this year's dinner was upbeat and lively from the start. The excitement began weeks beforehand with a postcard from Venice and invitations to all KJ members, designed by Randy Krevat. Andy Charles transformed the Upper School into an authentic Piazza by

the Venetian canals. Foremost Caterers served an Italian feast, while KJ member Josh Glatt and his firm, The New York Fun Factory, provided games of chance and music. The highlight of the evening was the Casino Auction, chaired by Marilyn Adler and Mark Todes, which offered guests the chance to win more than two dozen raffle prizes, including vacations, jewelry and tickets to coveted sporting events. The solicitation committee, chaired by Deena Shiff and Barbara Zimet, built attendance and raised funds. There was something for everyone at this "Evening in Venice."

The co-chairs wish to thank the dozens of people who helped solicit attendance, gather raffle prizes and arrange the prizes on the evening of the event. Most importantly, thank you to all of KJ's members who supported and attended the dinner. The event helps the shul continue to provide the wide array of programming and services that our community is fortunate to enjoy.

ISRAEL ACTION COMMITTEE: SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

KJ's Israel Action Committee is soliciting volunteers to help with 2005 programming. Our goal is to inform and galvanize the KJ community in particular, and the New York Jewish community in general, to take action in support of Israel across the spectrum of its economic, political, cultural, educational, social, and public relations activities.

In years past, under the leadership of outgoing chairman Raanan Agus, the Committee helped KJ members stay informed on Israel-related news; promoted mentoring of Israeli businesses;

rallied the community to support terror victims; and did much to empower KJ members to help Israel.

We have ambitious goals for 2005 and need your help to make a significant difference for Israel. Getting involved, be it a little or a lot, with the KJ Israel Action Committee is a good way to channel your desire to do something to help Israel in these challenging times.

Please contact Chairs Michael Kagan 212-701-7993 and Barry Best 212-816-9214, or write to Israel@ckj.org



Kehilath Jeshurun Youth Basketball League.

KJ AM HASEFER BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

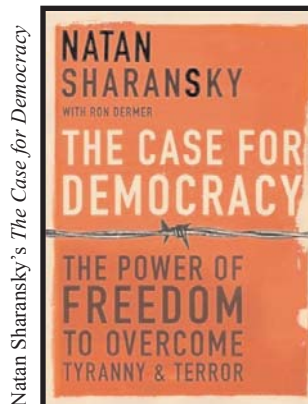
Following a number of stimulating fall programs at which books of importance to the Jewish community were discussed and where, on a number of occasions, distinguished authors presented their books (Dara Horn, *In The Image*; Tova Mirvis, *The Outside World*; and Phyllis Chesler, *The New Anti-Semitism*), KJ's Am HaSefer Book Discussion Club is pleased to announce its upcoming programming schedule:

On Sunday evening, March 13, we are honored to present Rabbi Haskel Lookstein reviewing Natan Sharansky's critically acclaimed new book, *The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny & Terror*. Sharansky (Israel's Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs, and an awardee of the Congressional Gold Medal of Freedom) examines nondemocratic societies to reveal the mechanics of tyranny that sustain them. President George W. Bush read the book and has urged others to do so as well, apparently even making it required reading for his administration (Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice quoted the book during her Senate confirmation hearings). Sharansky explains why democracy is not beyond any nation's reach. The program will begin at 8:00 PM at the home of Adele and Ronald Tauber, 885 Park Avenue at 78th Street, Apt. 2A.

KJ Members and authors Dr. Shera Aranoff-Tuchman and Sandra Rapoport will be our special guests when the Am HaSefer Club presents a review of their new and exciting book *The Passions of the Matriarchs* on Sunday evening, April 3rd, at 8:00 PM at the home of Sue and Irwin Robins, 177 East 77th Street. Drawing extensively upon classical biblical commentaries and Talmudic & Rabbinic

writings, *The Passions of the Matriarchs* reveals the underlying emotions of the mothers of the Jewish People, and provides a fascinating analysis of a vitally important subject. Irwin Robins will be the moderator. Parenthetically, Dr. Aranoff-Tuchman leads a women-only class on Ecclesiastes at KJ each Thursday morning at 8:30 AM and has done so for many years.

On Sunday evening, May 15th, at 8:00 PM, at the home of Drs. Diana and Robert Friedman at 1075 Park Avenue #10D, Am HaSefer is pleased to present Andrea Simon, author of *Bashert: A Granddaughter's Holocaust Quest*. A loving eulogy to lost family, *Bashert* follows the author's personal search for



Natan Sharansky's *The Case for Democracy*

information about her grandmother's family who were tragically killed in the Holocaust. Through her extensive research, Ms. Simon's volume uncovers groundbreaking facts about the little-publicized 1942 massacres of 50,000 Jews in the Belarus forest of Brona Gora.

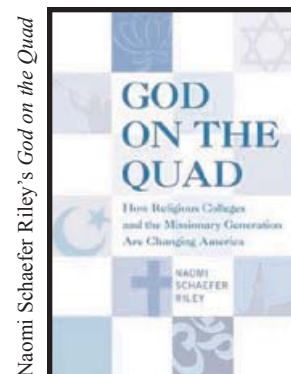
We are also delighted to announce that on Sunday evening, June 19th, KJ's Am Hasefer will have the privilege of hearing from Naomi Schaefer Riley, the author of *God on the Quad: How Religious Colleges Are Changing America*. Ms. Riley's new book presents a "fascinating anthropological glimpse" (Publishers Weekly) into the growing world of religious higher education. The author, a frequent contributor to *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Boston Globe*, and *National Review*, is an adjunct fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, and also happens to be the sister of Mrs. Rebecca Cypess. Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn will moderate the

discussion, which will take place at the home of Susan and Robert Blinken, 440 East 79th Street, between 1st and York Avenues.



Andrea Simon's *Bashert*

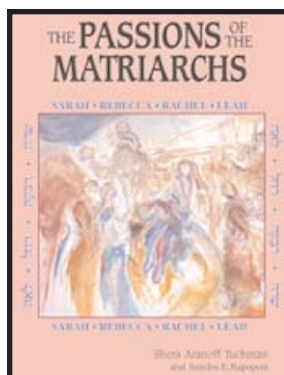
The entire KJ community is urged to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to discuss some of the most provocative contemporary books of importance to the Jewish People. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those KJ members who have served as program moderators in the past, as well as those who have generously offered the use of their homes for these programs.



Naomi Schaefer Riley's *God on the Quad*

ATTENTION ALL KJ MEMBERS WHO ARE WORLD WAR II VETERANS

With the upcoming 60th anniversaries, in May and September respectively, of V-E and V-J days, the Congregation is planning a program to honor living synagogue members who served in the armed services in World War II. If you are, or know of, a KJ Member who is a veteran of World War II, please call KJ's Administrator Leonard Silverman at: **212-774-5680** by April 30.



The *Passions of the Matriarchs*

SHAVUOT AND TIKUN LEYL

SUNDAY NIGHT, JUNE 12

Candlelighting 8:09 PM

Evening services at 8:20 PM

Shavuot Dinner at 9:00 PM

Opening Class at 11:00 PM
followed by **All-night Learning**
and **Sunrise Minyan at 4:40 AM**

MONDAY, JUNE 13

2nd Shacharit at 9:00 AM

Evening Services at 8:25 PM

Candlelighting after 9:11 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Morning Services at 9:00 AM

Evening Services at 8:25 PM

Yom Tov ends at 9:12 PM

DEDICATE

Members of the Congregation and others are invited to honor a friend or relative, celebrate a milestone event or memorialize a loved one by dedicating *Chumashim* or *Siddurim*.

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2005 - 2006 Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Book of Remembrance

Once again during the spring, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will publish a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite Yizkor for them four times a year. At the Yizkor service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom Yizkor was recited. Members of the congregation and the community-at-large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of \$18 or more for each name to be memorialized. Please use the form below if you wish us to record names for you.

The Book will go to press on Monday, May 9, so that it will be ready in time for Shavuot.

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

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This form should be returned to our office by Monday, May 2.

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Many people believe that gifts to charity, including simple bequests under a Will, are driven primarily by tax considerations. We do not agree. We believe that the desire to do good for others, the fulfillment of the mitzvah of tzedakah, and not taxes or financial considerations, is the primary impetus for charitable donors. Nevertheless, there are tax and financial benefits that can be obtained through the careful structuring of charitable donations, and these benefits should not be ignored.

KJ has therefore established a charitable Planned Giving Program under which you may make a contribution that will benefit KJ and at the same time provide you with valuable tax or financial benefits. "Planned Giving" generally refers to a plan of benefiting a charity while at the same time obtaining income, annuity or tax benefits. For example, you can establish a charitable remainder trust that can provide you or a relative with a lifetime income or annuity interest, and at the end of the trust term, the trust remainder will be payable to the synagogue. Depending upon how the trust is structured, you should be able to obtain a charitable income or estate tax deduction.

Alternatively, you can donate an insurance policy on your life to KJ. You

may be able to obtain an income tax charitable deduction based upon the fair market value of the insurance policy. Thereafter, your contributions to the synagogue of funds that will be used to pay the policy premiums will be deductible by you for income tax purposes.

You can also simply leave a legacy to KJ under your Will. Your legacy may be expressed as a dollar amount or as a percentage of your estate. You can also designate the synagogue as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, IRA or annuity. After death, IRAs, pension and 401(k) plan accounts, and annuities are frequently subject to onerous estate and income taxes. Leaving such an account to KJ can benefit the synagogue at minimal after-tax cost to your heirs.

KJ has a Planned Giving committee consisting of professionals knowledgeable in the estate, tax and charitable giving areas who can speak to you or your financial advisor about the benefits of your participating in KJ's Planned Giving Program. Please contact the Synagogue Administrator, Leonard Silverman, at 212-774-5680 or LSS@CKJ.ORG to find out more about being a part of the KJ Planned Giving Program.

BNAI MITZVAH



DAVID ERRICO-NAGAR

Mazal Tov to Penny and Moshe Errico-Nagar on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David, which took place on December 10 at the KJ Intermediate Service. David read Parashat *Miketz* in the style of his father's family from Yemen. Marking the occasion, all in attendance were given a special gift of a handmade book explaining the service. David is a student in the seventh grade at Manhattan Day School.



ALEXANDER SWIECA

Mazal Tov to Estee and Henry Swieca on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alexander, which will take place on May 21, at Atlantic Beach. Alexander, a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School, will read Parashat *Behar*.



MIRIAM CLEEMAN

Mazal Tov to Deborah and Dr. James Cleeman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Miriam, which took place on Parashat *B'Shalach*, Jan. 21-22, at the Marriot Hotel in Washington, DC. Mazal tov also to the proud grandfather, Mr. Abe Cleeman. In addition to *leyning* the entire Parsha, Miriam delivered two Divrei Torah, on Kriat Yam Suf and on the personality of Miriam HaNeviah. Miriam is a seventh grade student at the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy in suburban Maryland.



SARAH EPSTEIN

Mazal Tov to Rachel and Dr. Gerald Epstein on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah, which will take place on May 28 at the Women's Tefilah Group in the Max J. Etra Chapel. Mazal tov as well to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Jean Blumenthal. Sarah will *leyn* Parashat *Bechukotai* and read the Haftorah. She is a student in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



JULIA MENCHE

Mazal Tov to Paula and Dr. David Menche on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Julia, which will take place on Sunday, April 3, at Kehilath Jeshurun, where a Torah will be dedicated in her honor. Julia, who will deliver a Dvar Torah on "*The Torah as a Tree of Life*," is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



JOSHUA BRILL

Mazal Tov to Judith Abel and Michael Brill on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua, which will take place on June 4 in the Main Synagogue. He will read Parashat *Bamidbar* and the Haftorah, and will deliver a Dvar Torah. Joshua is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

A. J. BANON

Mazal Tov to Louise and Sidney Banon on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alexander, which will take place on June 20 at the Kotel in Jerusalem. A.J. will read Parashat *Shelach* and will deliver a Dvar Torah. Alexander is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

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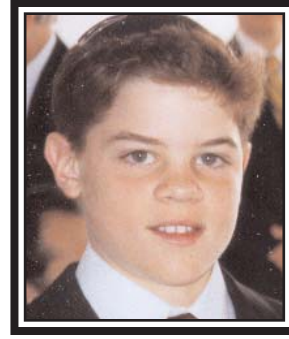
AARON BERGMAN

Mazal Tov to Dr. Lisa Handler Bergman and Barry Bergman on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron, which will take place on April 9 in the Main Synagogue. Aaron will read Parashat *Tazria* and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to the Parsha. Aaron is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



CAROLINE KOPPEL

Mazal Tov to Lynette and Steven Koppel on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Caroline, which will take place on April 25, at Robinson's Arch at the Kotel in Jerusalem. Mazal Tov as well to Caroline's proud grandmother, Yvonne Koppel. Caroline will read the Torah on the first day of Chol Hamoed Passover, and will also present a Dvar Torah on our matriarch Rivkah. Caroline is a student in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



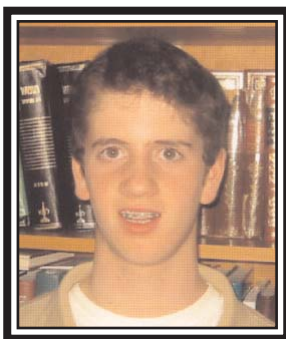
JOSHUA LEWITTES

Mazal Tov to Jane and Michael Lewittes on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua, which will take place on May 14, at Congregation Orach Chaim. Joshua will read Parashat *Emor*, the Haftorah, daven Musaf and will deliver a Dvar Torah. Joshua is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



TALIA LEFKOWITZ

Mazal Tov to Elana and Jay Lefkowitz on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Talia, which will take place on June 11 at Congregation Darkhei Noam. Talia will *leyn aliyot*, read the Haftorah and lead part of the davening. She will also deliver a Dvar Torah related to her Haftorah, which is the story of the birth of Samson. Talia is a student in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



DANIEL RUBIN

Mazal Tov to Carolyn and Rabbi Eliezer Rubin on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, which will take place on June 11 in the Main Synagogue. Daniel will read Parashat *Naso* and the Haftorah. Daniel is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



HUGO UVEGI

Mazal Tov to Clarissa and Harry Uvegi on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Hugo, which will take place on the first day of Shavuot, June 13, at the Abraham Joshua Heschel High School. Mazal tov as well to the proud grandparents, Anita and Robert Payne. Hugo will read the Torah as well as the Haftorah, and will also deliver a Dvar Torah. Marking the occasion, Hugo will also read Parashat *Naso* on June 9 at the Abraham Joshua Heschel Middle School, where he is a student in the seventh grade.



MARK RAPAPORT

Mazal Tov to Drs. Charmaine and David Rapaport on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Mark, which will take place on June 25 in the Main Synagogue. He will be reading from Parashat *Shelach* and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to the Parsha. Mark is a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

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In Memoriam

CHARLES CENSOR

At an age close to 100, Charles Censor had been a fixture in our Congregation for many years. He loved KJ and he was very proud of the education that Ramaz offered to his son.

A man of exceptional intellect and erudition, he was one of the most consistent in attendance at adult education classes and Am HaSefer meetings. He always came with his late wife, Theresa. He was also very generous to the Congregation year in and year out through our Annual Synagogue Appeal.

A European gentleman, he was pious, dignified and impeccably mannered. He was widely respected in the Congregation by young and old alike.

MUNI HAMMER

Muni Hammer died in February, barely six months after the passing of his beloved wife, Dorothy. He was 92 years of age and it was clear that life without his beloved could not be meaningful. Muni was a stalwart of our Congregation and Ramaz for just about half a century, since his two children began in our kindergarten.

The Hammers were generous contributors to Ramaz School, active in the Parents Council Dinners, and also generous in their support of the Congregation. There was never a cause in this community in which they were not very actively involved.

A refugee of the Holocaust, Muni had to start from scratch here in the United States and he used all of his resourcefulness and intelligence to become a success in the garment industry. He was respected in the business world even as he was beloved by his children, his children-in-law, and his grandchildren. We shall all miss him greatly.

NATHALIE HERMAN

At the age of 92, Nathalie Herman, one of the granddaughters of Rabbi Moses Z. Margolies (the RaMaZ), was the oldest continuous worshiper in our synagogue. She occupied the same seat that she sat in as a young girl. She was extraordinarily proud of her ancestry.

When one thinks of Nathalie Herman one thinks of first-class: beauty, elegance, style. On Seventh Avenue where she worked for decades into her mid 80's, she was a grande dame - pint-size but grande, respected and beloved by all.

Her greatest love was her family at which she stood at the very center. She was always the first one to help, to counsel, and simply to be there whenever needed. In her own way, she was also deeply religious. Many of us can recall her standing for most of Yom Kippur at the front of the balcony praying for her loved ones.

Her Hebrew name was Nechama and we pray that her son, KJ member Jonathan Herman, together with her entire family, will be consoled by the memories of her wonderful standards in life.

LOLA KATZ

After an illness of several years, Lola Katz, a hero who survived the Holocaust, passed from this world leaving her beloved husband Joseph Katz, her son Gregg Katz, and two other children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to grieve over the loss.

Lola Katz was born in Poland and was a refugee for much of her life in Manchuria, Shanghai, Paris, Switzerland, and Cuba before finally coming to America. She was an elegant, regal lady who liked nothing more than to serve others and offer help when needed. She was a wonderful wife to her husband, making a kosher home for him and preparing a Shabbat table every week. She made sure that her children receive a yeshiva education and she was so gratified that her grandchildren in New York were graduated from Ramaz.

Her signature was the beautiful smile on her face which radiated warmth and love to all. We shall all miss her.

SUNNY SALZMAN

She was a woman of unusual beauty and elegance, and the wife of the late Nathan Salzman, himself a beloved President of our Congregation. She was always dressed magnificently as she accompanied her husband to congregational activities.

Sunny Salzman was also well read and highly intelligent. She had very definite opinions on politics, and she was passionate about her love for Israel and her concern for its well-being. She was very proud of the fact that her daughter and granddaughter were both Ramaz students from kindergarten through graduation.

We have all lost a very good friend.



80 YEARS AGO AT CONGREGATION KJ....



This invitation, dated 1924, reads: "You are cordially invited to be the guest of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun at the Banquet in honor of Chief Rabbi Abraham J. Kook of Palestine, Chasan Torah, and our worthy Rabbi M. S. Margolies, Chasan Breshith, Saturday afternoon, October the twenty-fifth at three thirty o'clock."

CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Alan and Shera Aranoff Tuchman on the birth of a granddaughter, Natalia Meshi, to their children Beth Samuels and Ari Tuchman.

Tali Rosenblatt and Sender Cohen on the birth of a son, Aron Binyamin.

Michelle and Eric Creizman on the birth of a son, Judah Leonard. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Vivian and Lawrence Creizman.

Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein on the birth of a grandson, Moshe Nachum, to their children Elizabeth and Ariel Edelstein, in Boston.

Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman on the birth of a grandson, Shlomo Dovid, to their daughter Davida (Ramaz '95) and Marc Yehaskel.

Allen and Elisa Gage on the birth of twins, a girl and a boy, Lauren Esther and Alexander Samuel. Mazal tov as well to the proud grandparents, Doina and Dr. Larry Bryskin.

Dr. Carin and Eric Gribetz on the birth of a daughter, Alexa Malia.

Nancy and Edward Karan on the birth of a son, Jordan Samuel.

Caren and Sam Kohl on the birth of twin boys, Abraham Nathan and Ezra Phillip. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Mina and Ted Rein.

Sharon and Michael Koppel, and to our very special Yvonne Koppel, upon the birth, respectively, of a son and grandson, Jeremy Andrew, whose Hebrew name is Shimon, in memory of the late Walter Koppel.

Alyssa and Michael Mandel on the birth of a daughter, Mia Tanya.

Esther Edelstein Mazor on the birth of a granddaughter, Elinoar Rose, born to her daughter Tanya Leora and Chanan Posner.

Mrs. Gloria Mosesson on the birth of a granddaughter, Chloe Rose, to her children Carol and Joseph Teig.

Anna Angert and Alexander Popivker on the birth of a son, Arthur Abraham.

Heather and Jerry Siegelman on the birth of a son, Leo Maxwell.

Carla and Steven Tanz on the birth of a son, Max Samuel. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Judith and Dr. Alfred Tanz.

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

BNAI MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to Tovah and Maurice Kaufman on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Aviah, which will take place in Israel on Shabbat Hagadol.

ENGAGEMENT

Mazal Tov to:

Marie and Robert Briefel on the engagement of their daughter, Aviva, to David Hecht, son of Dr. Sidney Hecht and Dr. Sandra Ouzer-Hecht of Charlottesville and Rochester.

Rachel and Jimmy Davidson on the engagement of their son, Daniel, to Adrienne Wecksell, daughter of Joel and Marjorie Wecksell, of East Rockaway, NY. The wedding is planned for July 3rd, after his graduation from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University.

Lynnette and Jerry Gruenhut on the engagement of their son, Jonathan, to Esther Sternfield, daughter of Myrna and Allan Sternfield, of Jerusalem. Mazal tov as well to the proud grandparents, Shirley and Paul Schuder.

Sharon and Asher Levitsky on the engagement of Asher's son, Joshua, to Amy Feigelman, daughter of

Howard and Helene Fiegelman of New City, NY.

Jonathan Staiman on his engagement to Lisa Isabella of Brooklyn.

Dr. Phyllis and Mark Speiser on the engagement of their son, Eliyahu David (Ramaz Class of 2000), to Eva Amsellem, daughter of Miriam and Lucien Amsellem, formerly of Nice, France, now of Ashdod, Israel. The couple are students at Bar Ilan University, and are planning to live in Israel.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

Josh Abelson on his marriage to Susanna Leigh.

Steven Arenson on his marriage to Brenda Bowen. Mazal Tov as well to Steven's parents, Lucille and Joseph Arenson.

Andrew Duell on his marriage to Karen Lieber.

Mrs. Gloria Mosesson on the marriage of her son, Neil, to Dr. Regina Zimmerman, daughter of Nina and Manuel Zimmerman, of Tucson, Arizona.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris Platt on the marriage of their daughter, Leora, to Dr. Daniell Mishan.

Ellen and David Scheinfeld on the marriage of their son, Capt. Moses Scheinfeld, to Rivka Levin, daughter of Mrs. Deborah Levin, of Los Angeles.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Dr. Jenny Batlay Block and her daughter Marcelline Block were invited to a special reception honoring England's Princess Royal.

Karin Katz will be honored on Sunday, May 15 by Sharsheret, a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing support for young Jewish women with breast cancer. Mrs. Audrey Lookstein is one of the chairs of the luncheon. For more information on the event, please call 866-474-2774.

Janie Schwalbe will be honored as "Alumna of the Year" at the forthcoming dinner of her alma mater, The Yeshiva of Flatbush.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Marcelline Block, daughter of Dr. Jenny Batlay Block, who was awarded a M.A. in French literature from Princeton University where she is a Ph.D. candidate and where she taught two courses.

Jonathan (Yoni) Oppenheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Magnus Oppenheim, who was a presenter at the "International Conference of Jewish Education" sponsored by The Joseph Lookstein Center for Jewish Education of the Diaspora of Bar-Ilan University. Yoni is a 2004 graduate of the N.Y.U. Tisch School of Arts.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Israel Friedman, the son of the sainted Boyaner Rebbe and brother-in-law of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, who was honored by the Rivhiner Yeshiva at its annual dinner on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Iris Margolin, who was appointed Manager of the UJA Manhattan Women's Campaign. Ms. Margolin joins UJA-Federation after a successful career serving in the capacity of Chief Operations Officer and Chief Information Officer in both the public and private sectors.

Charmaine Rapaport, M.D., has been named Trustee of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry, a 3-year term.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Neal Boyarsky on the passing of his father, and

Nicole Fisher and Jonathan Boyarsky on the passing of their grandfather, Irving Boyarsky.

Rachell Maidenbaum Gober on the passing of her mother, and Randi, Rebecca and Benjamin Gober on the passing of their grandmother, Esther Maidenbaum Schreiber.

Rachel ("Rae") Goldman on the passing of her daughter, Barbara Ostow.

Isaac Herzog, on the passing of his mother, Penina Herzog.

Marko Issever on the passing of his grandmother, Dudu Barokas Erbes.

Benjamin Klapper on the passing of his father, Bernard Klapper.

Dr. Jeffrey Margolin on the passing of his mother, Alice Margolin.

Israel Max on the passing of his father, Rabbi Kalman Max.

Kami Merabi on the passing of his grandfather, Baba Mousa Cohen.

Barrie Modlin and Adam Modlin, on the passing of Barrie's father and Adam's grandfather, Joe Modlin.

Judy Podell on the passing of her mother, Ann Rothenberg.

Hannah Rosenbaum Shapiro on the passing of her mother, Nette Rosenbaum.

Brigitte Rosenthal and Nadine Rosenthal, on the passing of Brigitte's mother and Nadine's grandmother, Suzanne Jacob Roos.

Sandra Rothschild on the passing of her father, Meyer Simon.

Bonnie Stern on the passing of her father, Dr. Samuel Berson.

Steven Stern on the passing of his mother, Irene Stern.

Gerard Tugendhaft on the passing of his brother, Manfred "Freddy" Tugendhaft.

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

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
March					
11-12	Pekudei (Shabbat Shekalim)	5:41 PM	5:55 PM	5:25 PM	6:35 PM
18-19	Vayikra (Shabbat Zachor)	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
April					
1-2	Shemini (Shabbat Parah)	6:03 PM	6:15 PM	5:45 PM	6:57 PM
8-9	Tazria (Shabbat HaChodesh)	7:10 PM	6:45 PM	6:55 PM	8:06 PM
15-16	Metzora (Shabbat HaGadol)	7:18 PM	6:45 PM	6:40 PM	8:14 PM
22-23	Acharei Mot (Erev Pesach)	7:25 PM	6:45 PM	7:25 PM	8:22 PM
May					
6-7	Kedoshim	7:40 PM	6:45 PM	7:20 PM	8:37 PM
13-14	Emor	7:46 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:45 PM
20-21	Behar	7:52 PM	6:45 PM	7:40 PM	8:53 PM
27-28	Bechukotai	7:58 PM	6:45 PM	7:50 PM	9:00 PM
June					
3-4	Bamidbar	8:04 PM	6:45 PM	7:55 PM	9:06 PM
10-11	Naso	8:08 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:10 PM
17-18	Behaalotecha	8:11 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:14 PM
24-25	Shelach	8:13 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:15 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday mornings.....7:30 AM Sunday mornings.....8:30 AM
Mondays and Thursdays.....7:15 AM Rosh Chodesh Weekdays.....7:00 AM
Sabbath mornings.....9:00 AM

EVENING SERVICES

March 6-105:50 PM March 20-236:05 PM May 2-June 9.....6:45 PM
March 13-175:55 PM March 27-316:10 PM June 15-306:50 PM
April 3-21.....6:45 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 (See schedule on page 5) Friday, March 25 Purim (See schedule on page 5)	Sunday, April 10 Rosh Chodesh Nisan Morning Service 8:30 AM Thurs., April 21 - Sun., May 1 Passover (See schedule on page 11) Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day Monday-Tuesday, May 9-10 Rosh Chodesh Iyar Morning Services 7:00 AM	Wednesday, May 11 Yom Hazikaron Thursday, May 12 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Morning Service 7:00 AM Friday, May 27 Lag B'Omer Monday, May 30 Memorial Day Morning Service 8:30 AM	Monday, June 6 Yom Yerushalayim Morning Service 7:00 AM Wednesday, June 8 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Morning Service 7:00 AM Mon.-Tues., June 13-14 Shavuot (See schedule on page 19)
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