



# KEHILATH JESHURUN

## BULLETIN

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### REFLECTIONS ON THE 133<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

The 133rd Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on Wednesday evening, April 13. An extraordinary number of synagogue members and friends of the Congregation filled up the Heyman Auditorium for this exciting and important event.

#### 62 NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

We were proud to induct sixty-two new member households, comprising 108 people, into the KJ family. (A listing of the new members appears on page 8 of this Bulletin.) All of them joined the Congregation since our last Annual Meeting in April of 2004.

The new members saw very touching presentations for a group of KJ families observing their 50th, 40th and 25th anniversaries of affiliation with us. (A listing of those families appears on pages 6-7 of this Bulletin.) They also saw the Congregation



*Prof. Jeffrey Gurock Informs and Inspires  
With a Thoughtful Discourse  
on 350 Years of Jewish Life in America*

take care of its business, elect Trustees, approve the President's appointment of Associate Trustees, and the Ramaz School hold its Annual Meeting with the election of Trustees.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

BY PROF. JEFFREY S. GUROCK

Professor Gurock, the Libby M. Klaperman Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, delivered a special presentation entitled "American Judaism's Scorecard at 350," in honor of the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America. Prof. Gurock, a Ramaz graduate (Class of '67) who is the author and editor of thirteen books, spoke about the progress and achievements of the Jewish community that took place over the last three centuries in this wonderful country.

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### 125 SENIORS ARE GRADUATED FROM THE JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN UPPER SCHOOL OF RAMAZ EIGHTY-FIVE TO SPEND NEXT YEAR IN ISRAEL

#### HART LEVINE CELEBRATES SIYUM HA-SHAS

#### MANY ACADEMIC HONORS AWARDED TO SENIORS AND LOWER CLASSMEN TEN SPORTS AND ACADEMIC TEAMS WIN YESHIVA LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

What a year it has been for the students in Ramaz! They have showered themselves, their families, and the school with glory.

Here are some of the amazing results:

85 seniors will be spending next year in Israel in a variety of Torah institutions and programs. From year to year, the number of students and the percentage of the class studying in Israel has been increasing. This year the students outdid themselves. Sixty-eight percent of the class will be in Israel next year at the following institutions and programs:

*Women's Schools*  
Ein Hanatziv  
Harovah  
Machon Gold  
Migdal Oz  
Midreshet  
Lindenbaum  
Midreshet Moriah  
Nishmat  
Tiferet

*Men's Programs*  
Birkat Moshe  
Eretz Hatzvi  
HaKotel  
Har Etzion  
Kerem B'Yavneh  
Ma'ale Gilboa  
Mevaseret  
Netiv Aryeh  
Reishit

*Co-ed Programs*  
Bar Ilan  
Hebrew University  
IDF  
Nativ  
Shalem  
Sherut Leumi  
Young Judea

The seniors also earned a wonderful record of college acceptances in a period when the competition in colleges has been greatly increased because of the arrival at college age of the children of the baby boom generation. Our students had impressive admissions numbers in:

Barnard  
Binghamton  
Boston University  
Brandeis  
Brown  
Carnegie Mellon  
U. of Chicago  
Columbia  
NYU  
Northwestern  
U. of Pennsylvania  
Princeton  
Stanford

Cornell  
George Washington  
Harvard  
Johns Hopkins  
U. of Maryland  
McGill  
MIT  
Wellesley  
Wesleyan  
U. of Wisconsin  
Yale  
Yeshiva College & Stern College

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## HONORS FOR THE SENIOR CLASS *(Continued from Page 1)*

### A SIYUM HA-SHAS SENIOR

We are proud to announce and to congratulate Hart Levine (son of KJ members Dr. Rosalind and Daniel Levine) who, together with his father and his brother, Shawn (Ramaz, Class of 2004), completed the entire Shas in time for the celebration this past March. What a wonderful accomplishment for a high school student and his family! Hart was also the Hebrew valedictory speaker at the recent Ramaz commencement exercises.

### ACADEMIC HONORS

Ramaz students had the following results in the prestigious National Merit competition:

- 3 Winners
- 6 Finalists
- 1 Semi-Finalist
- 23 Letters of Commendation

This represents more than a quarter of the graduating class!

In addition, students in the Upper and Middle Schools were responsible for the following achievements:

A Gold Crown Award (the highest award in the country) from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for Parallax, the Upper School literary publication.

A Columbia Scholastic Press Association Silver Medal for the Upper School Yearbook.

A second place winner in the National Chidon HaTanach High School Hebrew Division.

First place winners in the New York City and New York State History Days.

First and second place winners in New York State in the National Spanish Exam.

2005 National French Contest winners.

Gold awards and a silver award in the New York region of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition.

### AND OUTSIDE OF THE ACADEMIC AREA...

Ramaz won a record number of Yeshiva League championships this year. The following teams were champions:

- The boys varsity basketball team
- The girls varsity basketball team
- The boys varsity tennis team
- The girls varsity tennis team
- The girls varsity volleyball team
- The boys varsity softball team
- The boys varsity soccer team
- The chess team
- The college bowl team
- The model congress team
- The Middle School boys basketball team

Congratulations to all our students, to the faculty, to the parents and to the community on the wonderful record established by the senior class of 2005 and many other students in the school. May they continue to bring honor and credit to themselves and their families.

## "EUREKA!"



Photo by Joel Ney

Having spoken on the subject of cloning, Rabbi Meir Soloveichik takes his interest in the subject one step too far...  
(The Four KJ Rabbis on Purim.)

**RAMAZ**  
ישיבת רמז

### RAMAZ FALL 2005 ADMISSIONS

Should you have a child who will be of age to enter the Ramaz Nurseries, Kindergarten and/or First Grade (other grades as well) at Ramaz in September of 2006, the Admissions Office will be open for inquiries after the 15th of August. Please call 212-774-8045 to set up an appointment or e-mail [Admissions@ramaz.org](mailto:Admissions@ramaz.org)

We look forward to hearing from you this summer.

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## KETER TORAH AWARD ADDRESS BY TOVA BULOW - June 14, 2005

*At the conclusion of the morning service on the second day of Shavuot, Tova Bulow and Sherry Cohen were presented by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik with the Third Annual Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Awards, following which Tova delivered this inspiring address:*

Some time ago, my husband, Norman, was talking to Rabbi Haskel and jokingly asked, "So Rabbi, when do you think I'll be able to get an aliyah at KJ?" the Rabbi retorted, "Let me put it this way. Tova has a better chance of getting an aliyah than you do." Today I've been given this aliyah to the pulpit. Tomorrow...

It is a special privilege for me to be getting this award which is given in memory of Judith Hurwich. I spent the summer of '89 in Israel studying at MaTan. I saw Judy on the first day of classes and, although I didn't know her, she reminded me of the Kaufman sisters, Carol Newman and Belda Lindenbaum. I approached her to ask if they were related and, of course, she told me they were her sisters. It will come as no surprise to anyone who knew Judy that she then invited me, a stranger, to her home. We spent many hours together that summer. It was in this way that I got to know, and to love, this wonderful woman who was a founder of MaTan and who I am proud to say I could call my friend.

Sherry Cohen and I are being honored today by KJ, but it is we who thank KJ for giving us the vehicles for works of chesed, works which have enriched our lives, indeed our very souls.

Chesed is an integral part of Jewish life. Today we read *Megillat Ruth* which is filled with acts of kindness. When we study about *Avraham Avinu*, we learn that when he was recovering from his circumcision, it was God himself who came for bikur cholim, to pay a comforting call on the ailing Abraham. From this our sages learn that at the head of every sick person, there is God himself. And so, when a sick person accepts us as visitors, it is they who bestow upon us the privilege of standing close to the shechina, to God's presence.

We all have our stories. It is these interrelated stories which make up our lives. Sherry has her Good Company stories and I have my Bikur Cholim stories. It is the early experiences which remain in memory and are everlastingly with us.

When we first started at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital, we came to provide a Shabbat service to Jewish patients and their families. When we canvassed the patients to invite them down to the service, we were told not to go into rooms where the patient was in extremely poor condition, where there were those who could not be brought down to the service even if they wanted to go. One Shabbat I walked into a room and once inside I knew I was where I should not be. In bed was an older woman, small, bald, and hooked up to

all kinds of equipment. I was intimidated, frightened, and wished I could just disappear. But I was already in the room so I approached the bed and wished her a "Good Shabbos." To my surprise she looked at me and smiled and replied, "*Gut Shabbos, Gut Yahr.*" We chatted briefly and I promised that I would come back later to make Kiddush for her. When I returned she had a scarf on her head and was wearing something other than the hospital gown. She was sleeping and so I asked her nurse to tell her when she woke that I had returned but found her asleep. "Oh no," the nurse said. "I'll wake her. She's been waiting for you." And so we made Kiddush and enjoyed an oneg Shabbat together. She had taught me that I had come to visit *her*, and not her illness, her paraphernalia, her debilitation. There was nothing I could do about her medical condition. I was her Bikur Cholim visitor and this was our bond. We found common ground. And so we learned that KJ Bikur Cholim volunteers should visit all Jewish patients, if just to say, "Good Shabbos." And this is what we do to this day.

Some time later I had a patient on my list on the Neurological service. When I came to the room, her nurse was there and I asked if I could greet her patient. She said that would be okay but that this woman was completely unresponsive. I went up to her, called her by name and wished her a good Shabbos. Again I was surprised to hear "*Gut Shabbos, gut yahr,*" when I hadn't thought it possible. She looked at me and asked, "*Heint is Shabbos?* [Is today Shabbos?]" I told her it was and that I would be back so that we could have Kiddush together. When I returned, she did not respond at all. I made Kiddush for her knowing that in that body and damaged brain, there was a Jewish woman for whom it was Shabbos.

I have been privileged to get to know many KJ people through Bikur Cholim, people who have enriched my life and are role models in chesed.

There is the volunteer who befriended a man who came from abroad for treatment here. The extraordinary support offered and the friendship which developed extended way beyond the hospital stay.

Our volunteers have not been stopped by blizzards nor have they allowed child bearing and infant care to get in the way of their Bikur Cholim jobs. One whose job was on the phone moved to New Jersey. She was hurt when I asked her if she'd like me to find someone else to make those weekly calls. Didn't I think she could call from New Jersey? And she did for about 20 years.

We once came to the hospital and met the family of someone who had just passed away. The only thing they asked of us was to please have the KJ volunteer who had been visiting them come to be with them now at this difficult time. There are members of this Congregation who spend part of their Yom Tov at the hospital so that the Jewish patients there can hear the shofar blown or the megillah beautifully read.

There was once a little boy who came to Memorial from B'nai Brak. The people of that community had raised the airfare money for him and his pregnant mother. He arrived with a nasty tumor and a mother filled with determination to find help for her little boy but little else. When I met them, the mother had the child's clothes hanging out to dry in the hospital bathroom. She hand laundered them there in order to have a clean change of clothes for him. The call went out to young KJ mothers that we needed to outfit a 3 ½ year old boy. The next time I saw him, Boaz had a complete wardrobe and he proudly showed me the new designer jeans he was wearing.

But help for this family didn't end with clothes for mother and child. Community help brought over the rest of the family from Israel. Doctors in across-the-board specialties took care of the multiple medical needs of this family who were without funds and without health insurance. Our Congregation gave considerable financial support, and has not forgotten this family to this day.

This year, on Shabbat Zachor, we read *zachor et Amalek*, remember Amalek, remember how they attacked us from behind. Our strong were in front ready for confrontation, but our weak were behind, unprotected, vulnerable, exposed to this dangerous, ruthless enemy. The Torah is telling us that, yes, we must always remember and beware of Amalek, but I'd like to suggest that perhaps it is also reminding us that the weak must not be left to bring up the rear, that they should be kept in the center where they can be embraced, supported and protected by all of us. *Zachor et Amalek* and don't allow that to happen again. *Kol Yisrael araivim zeh lazeh*. We have the responsibility of taking care of one another.

Sherry and I are being honored today, but in truth we have already been greatly rewarded for any chesed we have done. The Keter Torah, the crown of our Torah, is a crown of many jewels, among which are acts of chesed. As a community, it is our privilege and good fortune as Jewish men and women to have these jewels within our reach.

Chag Sameach.





These photos show Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and participants in KJ's Operation L'Hitra'ot XIII Pesach Israel Mission with members of an elite Military Intelligence unit stationed at a *TzaHaL* base near Shechem (Nablus). After learning of the vital security contributions made by this unit, KJ participants took just 10 minutes to raise close to \$14,000 in an impromptu appeal to outfit their base with a recreation center for soldiers - men and women - to relax when not on duty.

Ariel Tours is now preparing KJ's Thanksgiving Mission to Israel, which includes a special extension to Budapest. Information will become available towards the end of the summer.

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## SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JULY 24 – AUGUST 14

During the summer months, we mourn the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, which took place on the ninth of Av, and the events that led to their destruction. We fast on the seventeenth day of the month of Tammuz, *Shivah Assar B'Tammuz*, because, according to tradition it was on that day that the enemy penetrated the walls of Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the Second Temple. The Talmud, however, writes that these were not the only tragedies that befell the Jewish people on this day. On the seventeenth of Tammuz four more tragedies occurred: the first tablets containing the Ten Commandments were broken by Moses after the sin of the Golden Calf, the daily sacrifice was suspended during the time of the First Temple, the wicked Apostomos burned the Torah, and an idol was erected in the Temple.

Additional tragedies also befell the Jewish people on the ninth day of the month of Av – *Tisha B'Av*. On this day, the spies (*meraglim*), returned to the Jews in the desert with a negative report about the Land of Israel. In addition, it was on this day that the city of Betar was destroyed and tens of thousands of Jews were killed, and the wicked Turnus Rufus plowed the site of the Temple and its surroundings. Tradition asserts that the expulsion of the Jews from England in 1290 and the expulsion from Spain in 1492 also took place on Tisha B'Av.

Our mourning for the destroyed Temples and for the other calamities which

occurred on these days, extends beyond the fasts themselves. The period between these two fasts, traditionally called The Three Weeks, includes several practices of mourning. During these three weeks we do not get our hair cut, attend weddings or involve ourselves in large joyous gatherings. During the nine days which begin on the first of Av, August 6, and continue until midday on the tenth day of Av, August 15, we are additionally forbidden to eat meat and drink wine (except on Shabbat), to go swimming, or bathe for pleasure and to do any laundry or dry cleaning that is not absolutely necessary. The Talmud writes that when the month of Av begins, our mood should reflect our mourning for the destruction of the Temples. On Tisha B'Av itself, besides fasting, we are prohibited from washing our bodies, wearing leather shoes, anointing ourselves, and having marital relations. It is also forbidden to study Torah on this day with the exception of the sections of the prophets and the Talmud that discuss the destruction. We do not wear *tefillin* until Mincha and the custom is to sit on low chairs like mourners until midday. Our observance of mourning also forbids us from greeting friends on Tisha B'Av.

We mourn the Temples that were destroyed over nineteen hundred years ago and we pray that we will be worthy to see God rebuild the Temple in our lifetime.

### FAST OF 17<sup>TH</sup> OF TAMMUZ

**Sunday, July 24, 2005**

Fast Begins ..... 4:33 AM  
Shacharit ..... 8:30 AM  
Mincha ..... 7:55 PM  
Fast Ends ..... 8:58 PM

### TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE

**Saturday night, August 13**

Mincha Services ..... 7:35 PM  
Fast Begins ..... 7:57 PM

Followed by Ma'ariv and Eicha

**Sunday, August 14**

Morning Services ..... 8:30 AM  
Followed by Kinot  
Mincha / Maariv ..... 7:25 PM  
Conclusion of Fast ..... 8:31 PM

On Tisha B'Av day, following the conclusion of kinot, screenings of appropriate films will be presented throughout the day, including a special presentation of:

#### Paper Clips (2004)

The acclaimed documentary  
and winner of 15 film awards.

#### Hiding and Seeking: Faith and Tolerance After the Holocaust (2004)

From the documentary filmmakers of  
*A Life Apart: Hasidism in America*

#### Passport to Life (Documentary, 2003)

#### Partisans of Vilna (Documentary, 1986)

#### Life is Beautiful (1997)

...and other films.

## WHEN TISHA B'AV COINCIDES WITH SATURDAY EVENING

If observed correctly, the nine days prior to Tisha B'Av can greatly enhance one's experience on Tisha B'Av itself. Rabbi Joseph D. Soloveitchik, z"l, pointed out that it is not human nature to be able to mourn appropriately for tragedies that occurred 2,000 years ago and, therefore, a system was devised to help us gradually enter a state of mourning.

We begin a moderate period of mourning three weeks before Tisha B'Av. The mourning intensifies on Rosh Chodesh Av, nine days prior to Tisha B'Av. In this manner, when we arrive at Tisha B'Av, we are ready to commemorate the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem with the proper mind set.

This year is unique in the sense that Tisha B'Av falls on a Saturday night and Sunday. Therefore, some of the laws pertaining to the fast are different, and should be noted:

1. There is no traditional Seudah Mafseket. The pre-fast meal, which in this case will be Seudah Shlishit, can consist of anything, including meat and wine, and should be eaten prior to coming to shul for Mincha. There will be no KJ Seudah Shlishit.
2. Birkat HaMazon may be recited as a Mezuman (a group of three men or three women) if the opportunity presents itself.
3. If one is planning to be in the synagogue for Mincha and Maariv on Saturday night, sneakers or other non-leather shoes should be brought to the synagogue before Shabbat.
4. During Mincha, the prayer *Tzidkatcha Tzedek* is not said.
5. Those in synagogue for Maariv should wait until after *Barechu* to change from their Shabbat shoes into non-leather shoes. Alternatively, one could also say the abbreviated Havdalah, *Baruch MaMavdil Bein Kodesh L 'Chol*, then change shoes, and then join the congregation for *Barechu*.

6. Regular Havdalah is not said. The blessing on the fire is said on Saturday night. The blessing on the wine and HaMavdil are said on Sunday night. No blessing is said on the spices at all.

The Jerusalem Talmud affirms that "one who mourns for Jerusalem will yet see its glorious reconstruction." May our observance of Tisha B'Av this year help to bring about that blessed outcome.

# 133<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

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Rabbi Meir Soloveichik delivers invocation



Rabbi Haskel Lookstein



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## 7 OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

President	Chaim Edelstein
1st Vice President	Isaac Sherman
2nd Vice President	Rae Gurewitsch
3rd Vice President	Robert Kurzweil
Secretary	Dr. Larry Baruch
Financial Secretary	Dr. Diana Friedman
Recording Secretary	Jacob Doft

## TWO NEW OFFICER POSITIONS

Former Treasurer Eric Feldstein was promoted to the newly created "4th Vice President," Joel Katz assumed the duties of Treasurer, and Surie Sugarman became the newly created "Assistant Treasurer."

## TRUSTEES

### THREE NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED

With the elevation of Trustees Joel Katz and Surie Sugarman to officer positions, two positions on the Regular Board of Trustees became available. Furthermore, Reuben Davis' Trustee position was vacated, his having served the constitutional limit on the Board.

Three dedicated members of the Congregation were elected as Regular Trustees:

Richard Linhart  
Stacy Scheinberg  
David Stonehill

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

Jane Gol  
Marshall Huebner  
Richard Kobrin  
Edward Low  
Eugene Major  
Bill Rosner  
Bob Rothman  
Scott Shay  
Deena Shiff

### ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES REAPPOINTED

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

Barry Best  
Dan Bettinger  
Jonathan Blinken  
Sherry Cohen  
Nicole Gruenstein  
Howard Katz  
John Lieberman  
Morris Massel  
Robin Mehl  
Anne Schwartz  
Lee Snow

## NEW ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES

Thanks were relayed to Brett Zuckerman, who completed his term as an Associate Trustee and is moving with his family to Hollywood, Florida. With the elevation to the Regular Board of Richard Linhart, Stacy Scheinberg and David Stonehill, a total of four Associate Trustee positions became vacant. To fill the vacancies, President Edelstein appointed Aryeh Bourkoff, Eric Gomberg, Jonathan Hornblass and Randy Krevat to the Associate Board.

## DECEASED MEMBERS

With warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein paid tribute to twenty members of the Congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 132nd Annual Meeting:

Joseph Arenson  
Sylvia and Lewis Braff  
Charles Censor  
Muni and Dorothy Hammer  
Nathalie Herman  
George Jacobs  
Ida Katz  
Arleen Rubin Klores  
Miriam Levine  
Martin Liebert  
Sunny Salzman  
Mary Scheffler  
Shirley Schulder  
Herbert K. Shipper  
Dr. Noam Shudofsky  
Ralph Spencer  
Harold Udell  
Murray Warshavsky

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIANS

Thirty-four households were recognized for observance of milestone anniversaries of membership in Kehilath Jeshurun. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein paid fitting tributes to the following members:

### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Helen and Norman Halper  
Tessie and Hon. George Postel

### FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Brenda and Albert H. Bernstein  
Ann Davenport  
Elizabeth and Dr. Leon A. Feldman  
Hannah and Edward Low  
Gabiella Major  
Evelyn Rochlin

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*(Continued from Page 6)***TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS**

Diane and Hon. Robert Abrams  
 Dr. Mona Ackerman  
 Sharon Dane  
 Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein  
 Frieda and Dr. Sasha Englard  
 Roselyn and Ernest Friedman  
 Dale and Saul Goldberg  
 Milton M. Gottesman  
 Robert W. Gottesman  
 Pearl and Zev Hack  
 Diane Hodges  
 Estelle Katsh  
 Evelyn and Gregory Katz  
 Joseph Katz  
 Vivian and Joshua Kestenbaum  
 Hannah and Jacob Kostenbaum  
 Gail and Seymour Kramer  
 Fran and Arnold Lederman  
 Drs. Deborah and Robert Lipner  
 Leslie and Charles Maurer  
 Janet and Mark Mittler  
 Talia Pagovich  
 Francine and David Perlman  
 Lynn and Wolf Scheck  
 Doris and Arnold Schulman  
 Grace and David Weil

**RAMAZ SCHOOL MEETING**

Steven J. Schacter, Chairman of the Board of the Ramaz School, conducted its brief annual meeting. The only item on the agenda was the Nominating Committee report and the Election of Trustees.

Warm appreciation was extended to three Trustees who will no longer serve on the Board:

Karen Gibofsky  
 Reuben Leibowitz  
 Jeffery Markowitz

The following Regular Trustees were re-elected for three-year terms:

Judy Abel  
 Dina Huebner  
 Steven Rudolph  
 Ronald Scheinberg  
 Janie Schwalbe

The following Parent Trustees were re-elected for three-year terms:

Jeffrey Parker  
 Vivian Shulman

Phil Wilner, an Alumni Trustee, was also re-elected for a three-year term.

**NEW TRUSTEES**

New Regular Trustees elected were:  
 Diana Friedman  
 Sam Jemal

Jane Lewittes

Michael Lustig was elected as a new Parent Trustee, and Jeffrey Verschleiser was elected as a new Alumni Trustee.

**COMMUNITY TRUSTEES**

The following eight Trustees were elected as Community Trustees:

Barry Bryer  
 Robert Capito  
 Eugene Farber  
 Isaac Herschkopf  
 Marrick Kukin  
 Robert Kurzweil  
 Elliot Peyser  
 Moshael Straus

The following were re-elected as Honorary Trustees:

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

Two Honorary Trustees were newly elected:

Harvey Beker  
 Fred Distenfeld

**THE ORWASHERS GIVE THE GIFT OF A TORAH**

In February, Louis Orwaser and his children dedicated a Sefer Torah in honor of his wife and their mother, Nellie Orwaser. There was a beautiful ceremony of completion of the Torah which was held in our Max J. Etra Chapel together with a lovely dedication speech by Rabbi Lookstein, followed by a brunch. The Torah is used regularly in our daily Chapel services.

**Nellie and Louis Orwaser writing a letter completing the Torah. Between Louis and Nellie is their son, Stanley. Between Nellie and KJ Scribe Rabbi Lasdun is another son, David.**



**Left to right: Rabbi Lookstein, Louis Orwaser, his sons Abram and Stanley, Nellie, son David, and Rabbi Lasdun.**

## NEW MEMBERS

Sixty-two new households joined the Congregation this past year and were officially inducted and welcomed at the Annual Meeting by Dr. Diana Heller Friedman, Financial Secretary of the Congregation:

Stephanie Anson  
Shulamith and Michael Appell  
Julia and Michael Beck  
Stacy and Dr. Thomas Behm  
Jodi Bleier  
Shani and Gavri Butler  
Hayley and Randy Corwick  
Robert Druck  
Sally and Dr. Joe Dwek  
Elyse and David Efron  
Saar and Daniel Erlichman  
Rebecca and Evan Farber  
Dr. Lauren and Michael Feit  
Danielle and Jason Friedman  
Emanuil Gelfand  
Rose Gerszberg  
Dr. Natalie Gluck  
Dr. Jonathan Greenblatt  
Faith and Dr. Jay Greenfield  
Judith and Dr. Martin Grumet  
Celeste and Asher Hackel  
Lori and Dr. Alan Harris  
Dr. Shirley and Stephen Harrison  
Marci Heit  
Netti and Ari Herman  
Helene and Michael Kalish  
Drs. Faye and Jonathan Kellerman  
Joy and Judd Kleeger  
Lori and Liron Kronzon  
Nadia and Jonathan Kule  
Seryl and Charles Kushner  
Bernard Lacher  
Elena and Jay Lefkowitz

Bella Samuels Lesch  
and Dr. Michael Lesch  
Margaret and Andrew Levy  
Esther Lobel  
Sharon and Anton Loew  
Emma and Samy Mahfar  
Dr. Sheryl R. Miller  
Karen Horowitz  
and Daniel Nadelmann  
Rina and Michael Nessim  
Maya and Sam Nimroody  
Kelli and Darren Novak  
Viviane Paris  
Shannon and Andrew Penson  
Anna Angert  
and Alexander Popivker  
Miriam Rand  
Lauren and Samuel Rascoff  
Mina and Ted Rein  
Alexandra and David Ringler  
Michele and Dr. Joseph Shams  
Yael and Jeffrey Simpson  
Eva Lipner Sokol  
and Dr. Jason Sokol  
Suzy and Joseph Sokol  
Perri and Akiba Stern  
Roberta and Curt Stetson  
Yuli Tartakovsky  
Dr. Anna and Ed Wachtel  
Jennifer and  
Dr. Jared Wasserman  
Jillian and Jon Wieder  
Anne Yi  
Martin Zukerman

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation since the 133rd Annual Meeting on April 13:

Lynne and Joshua Fishman  
Richard Gallis  
Marissa and Daniel Katz  
Elena and Jed Resnick  
Rina and Amnon Shalhov

## A Note from Mrs. Audrey Lookstein

Dear KJ/Ramaz Family,

I want to thank you for your generous participation in the recent Sharsheret luncheon. Whether by your actual presence at the luncheon or by your generous donations, your response to this very special cause was wonderful. I am personally grateful, and the women who benefit from Sharsheret appreciate your generosity and support. Best wishes for a happy, healthy summer.

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## MAY THEY GO HIGHER AND HIGHER

We extend a warm Mazal Tov to the following young members of the Congregation who participated in Advancement Day Exercises as they completed the Ramaz Middle School:

**FRANCES ADAMS**

*daughter of Renee and Leon Adams*

**SANDRA ALTMAN**

*daughter of Judith Altman*

**JACOB ARONOW**

*son of Victoria and Marshall Aronow*

**LEXI ARYEH**

*daughter of Nancy and Benjamin Aryeh*

**JEREMY BANON**

*son of Louise and Sidney Banon*

**DAVID BARUCH**

*son of Shira and Dr. Larry Baruch  
grandson of Mrs. Gladys Baruch and  
Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein*

**SARAH BIERMAN**

*daughter of Riva Alper and Joseph Bierman*

**RACHEL BOLNICK**

*daughter of Dr. Taryn and David Bolnick*

**ZACHARY COOPER**

*son of Deborah and Mark Cooper*

**JONATHAN DAVIS**

*son of Helen and Reuben Davis  
grandson of Esther & Cantor Avram Davis*

**JASON EDELMAN**

*son of Jewel and Theodore Edelman*

**ARYEH FRIEDMAN**

*son of Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman*

**REBECCA FRIEDMAN**

*daughter of  
Drs. Diana and Robert Friedman  
AMANDA GLAUBACH  
daughter of Ms. Kirsten Glaubach  
and Mr. Baruch Glaubach*

**MAX GOLDSTEIN**

*son of Amy and Alex Goldstein*

**DANIEL HARTIG**

*son of Helene and Michael Hartig*

**DAVID HOFFMAN**

*son of Vicki and Isaac Hoffman*

**ZEV HURWICH**

*son of Dr. Meryl Jaffe and Adam Hurwich*

**NICOLE JASPAN**

*daughter of Terry and Michael Jaspán*

**ALEXANDRA KAHN**

*daughter of Judith and Dr. Hirshel Kahn*

**ELIAS LBOVITS**

*son of Judith and Dr. Pinkas Lebovits*

**JOSHUA LEVINE**

*son of Sheila and Jeffrey Levine*

**DANIELLE LEVITE**

*daughter of Juliana and Dr. Howard Levite*

**MILLIE MARCUS**

*daughter of Renata and Robert Marcus*

**ISABELLE NUNBERG**

*daughter of Rebecca and Noah Nunberg*

**JULIA OHEBSHALOM**

*daughter of Shireen and Alfred Ohebshalom*

**STEPHAN SAKHAI**

*son of Victoria and Daryosh Sakhai*

**LILLY SASSOON**

*daughter of Evelyn and Salomon Sassoon*

**LAUREN SCHWARTZBERG**

*daughter of Diane Greenfield Schwartzberg  
and Marc Schwartzberg*

**MICHAEL SNOW**

*son of Lisa and Lee Snow*

**ISIDORE STEIN**

*son of Arlene and Daniel Stein*

**NATALIE STEIN**

*daughter of  
Dr. Meg Rosenblatt and David Stein*

**REBECCA STEIN**

*daughter of Arlene and Daniel Stein*

**ALEXANDRA STROMER**

*daughter of  
Shoshana Bookson and Dr. Saul Stromer*

**TALIA THURM**

*daughter of Deena and Dr. Jonathan Thurm*

**JACOB WILNER**

*son of Judy and Dr. Philip Wilner*

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*daughter of Wendy and Rami Yadid*

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# ACADEMIC HONORS

## CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN EXTENDS A MAZAL TOV TO....

**GAIL ALTMAN**, daughter of Judith Altman, upon graduating from Harvard Law School.

**HARRY BAUMGARTEN**, son of Ellen Baumgarten and Fred Baumgarten, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He will attend George Washington University next fall, after first experiencing Young Judea's "Shalem" program in Israel.

**RAFI BERNSTEIN**, upon his receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The School of Visual Arts where he majored in Graphic Design and 3D Graphic Design.

**TALI BERKOWITZ**, granddaughter of Tova and Norman Bulow, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Tali is a recipient of the Gilda Silverman Memorial Award, presented to seniors who, "with energy and good humor, have demonstrated a commitment to learning as the language of our daily lives." Tali also received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. She will study next year at Nativ in Israel, and upon her return attend Barnard College at Columbia University.

**NANCEE BLOOM**, upon receiving her doctorate from the Department of Organization and Leadership at Columbia University's Teachers College. Dr. Bloom's thesis was on "Developing Trainer Resources for Non-Professional Trainers."

**JASON BRENNER**, son of Ruth and Ray Brenner, upon his graduation from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. Degree in Economics.

**DANIELLE COHEN**, daughter of Iris and Ilan Cohen, upon her graduation summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania.

**HARLAN G. COHEN** (Ramaz '94; BA, Yale '98; MA, Yale '00; JD, NYU Law '03), son of Hollace and Steven Cohen, upon being awarded a Furman Fellowship to NYU Law School where Harlan will continue his studies.

**JORDANA COHEN**, daughter of Iris and Ilan Cohen, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall.

**LAUREN C. COHEN** (Ramaz '98, University of Wisconsin-Madison '01), daughter of Hollace and Steven Cohen, upon her graduation from Stanford Law School. Lauren will join Willkie Farr & Gallagher as an associate in the fall.

**ROGER A. COHEN**, son of Carole and Dr. Seymour M. Cohen, upon his graduation cum laude from Fordham University Law School. Roger will be an associate at Proskauer Rose this September.

**SARA COOPER**, daughter of Rachel and Barry Cooper, on her graduation from Cornell University with honors. She now holds a Visual Merchandising position at Intermix.

**MICHAEL DISTENFELD**, son of Rita and Fred Distenfeld, upon his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. He began work at Bear Stearns, in the commercial mortgaged backed securities group, in June.

**DAYNA EDELMAN**, daughter of Jewel and Ted Edelman, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Dayna will be attending Machon Gold next year and has been accepted at George Washington University.

**ILANA GILA ELLENBERG**, daughter of Linda Ossad and Robert Ellenber, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She will spend next year at the Nativ College Leadership Program in Israel, after which she will attend Johns Hopkins University.

**JENNIFER FISHBEIN**, daughter of Dr. Cheryl Fishbein and Phil Schatten, on graduating from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. She has moved to Bangkok to edit ThaiDay, a new daily paper distributed with the International Herald Tribune.

**DR. NATHAN FOX** for completing his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mount Sinai Hospital. Natie will be starting his fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at New York Hospital this July.

**Yael FRIEDMAN**, daughter of Rosie and Mark Friedman, upon her graduation with honors from Stern College. Yael will be studying for her Master's degree at Yeshiva University's Azrieli Graduate School for Jewish Education and Administration.

**MICHAEL FRIEDMAN**, son of Drs. Diana and Robert Friedman, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Sherut Award for his contributions to school programs. Michael will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

**MARISA GALBUT**, daughter of Ronalee and Russell Galbut, upon her graduation from the Hebrew Academy of Greater Miami. She will study next year in Israel at Midreshet Moriah and then attend Stern College.

**LEWIS GIBOFSKY**, son of Karen and Dr. Allan Gibofsky, on graduating from Northwestern University and commencing employment at AIG's NY office.

**BENJAMIN GOBER** (Ramaz '01), son of Rachell Maidenbaum Gober and son of Ira Gober, upon his graduation summa cum laude from Brandeis University.

**JONATHAN GOL**, son of Jane and Ishaia Gol, on winning the First Place in Level IV (Advanced) in the National Spanish Exam under the auspices of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, a New York State honor. He is a student in the eleventh grade at Ramaz.

**SAMUEL GOLDBERG**, son of Dale and Saul Goldberg, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as recipient of the Tzedakah award and the Sports award. He will attend the University of Pennsylvania. Mazal tov as well to Samuel's grandmother, Lili Goldberg.

**DAVID GREENBAUM**, son of Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum, on graduating from the University of Pennsylvania. He will be working at Bear Stearns in investment banking.

**RACHEL GREENBERG**, daughter of Dr. Rona Greenberg and granddaughter of Rita and Dr. David Woldenberg, on graduating from the North Shore Hebrew Academy Middle School.

**ANNA GRIBETZ**, daughter of Jessica and Dr. Allen Gribetz, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Tzedakah award. She will study next year at Machon Gold in Israel, and later attend the University of Maryland. Mazal tov as well to Anna's grandfather, Israel Friedman.

**KATE GRIBETZ**, daughter of Jessica and Dr. Allen Gribetz, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Gabba'ei Tefila award. Kate is also the recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award for outstanding personal growth. She will study next year at Tiferet in Israel, and later attend New York University. Mazal tov as well to Kate's grandfather, Israel Friedman.

**AVI GRUMET**, son of Judith and Dr. Martin Grumet, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Avi is the recipient of the Richard E. Kobrin Award for Excellence in Community Service, having demonstrated great sensitivity to the value and importance of community service, and the Debby Sacks Award for performing arts. Avi also received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. He will study next year at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel, and later attend Columbia University's School of Engineering.

**LISA GUTTMAN**, daughter of Gilda and Charles Guttman, upon her graduation from Stern College with honors.

**JONATHAN HARTIG**, son of Helene and Michael Hartig, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, his acceptance to the Dual Degree Program between Columbia University and List College, and his having received the "Winning Writer" award.

**NETTI MINSKER HERMAN**, on her graduation cum laude from Princeton University with a concentration in Comparative Literature. She also received certificates in Chinese Language and Judaic Studies and was the second prize winner of the Carolyn L. Drucker senior thesis Award in Jewish Studies.

**ELIZABETH HEYMAN**, daughter of Ronnie and Samuel Heyman, upon receiving an MSW from New York University's School of Social Work.

**TALIA HURWICH**, daughter of Dr. Meryl Jaffe and Adam Hurwich, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Gabba'ei Tefila award. Talia is also the recipient of the Drs. Gerald and Vicki Platt Award for demonstrating a love of Am Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael as expressed in the philosophy of religious Zionism. She plans to spend a year of community service either here or in Israel before attending the University of Chicago.

**JOSEPH JASPAN**, son of Terry and Michael Jaspán, who graduated summa cum laude with honors in Philosophy and a minor in Business from Brandeis University in May. He was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society and to The National Dean's List. He wrote his senior honors thesis on the Ethical Implications of Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions. Joseph will be working as an investment banker for Bear, Stearns & Co.

**NICOLE JASPAN**, daughter of Terry and Michael Jaspán, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Middle School where she received the Keter Shem Tov Award. Nicole will attend Magen David Yeshiva in the fall.

**STEVEN JASPAN**, son of Terry and Michael Jaspán, upon receiving a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Steven is pursuing a career in corporate or securities law.

**TALIA JOSEPH** (Ramaz Class of 2004), daughter of Jessica Joseph, upon making the Dean's List in her Freshman year at the University of Pennsylvania. Talia is double-majoring in Communication and Hispanic Political Science. She is interning this summer at Nickelodeon, where she will be conducting market research on children's programming. Mazal tov as well to Talia's grandmother, Mrs. Soeurette Joseph.

**ABIGAIL KAHN ARCHIBALD**, daughter of Bernice and Dr. Gilbert Kahn, upon graduating from Columbia Business School with an MBA.

**JASON KATZ**, son of Dr. Karin and Joel Katz, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Chorus Award. He will study next year at Shalem in Israel, and later attend George Washington University.

**JESSICA KOBRIK BERNSTEIN**, daughter of Gloria and Richard Kobrin, upon receiving her Masters degree in English and American Literature from New York University, and her Masters degree in Childhood Education and Reading and Literacy from the Bank Street College of Education. Jessica, a Ramaz graduate, will continue to teach at the Hannah Senesh Community Day School in Brooklyn where she has been a teacher in their Middle School since the Fall of 2004.

**ERICA KESTENBAUM**, daughter of Ruth and Gerald Kestenbaum, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the History Award. She was also a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She will study next year at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Israel.

**NAOMI KOHEN** (Ramaz Class of 2000), daughter of Zahava and Abraham Kohen, upon graduating from MIT, where she majored in Materials Science and Engineering and minored in Biomedical Engineering. In the fall, Naomi will join the Materials Science and Engineering PhD program at the University of California, Berkeley.

**ALEX KOHL**, son of Samuel Kohl, and grandson of Mina and Ted Rein, on receiving his MBA from Columbia Business School.

**SHILO KRAMER**, son of Ziva and Rabbi Avraham Kramer, upon his graduation from Yeshiva University with honors, with a BA in Economics and a BS in Biology. In the fall, Shilo will start their Smicha program, RIETS, and has future plans to attend medical school.

**AARON KRAWITZ**, son of Ira and Esther Krawitz, who will be clerking this summer for Federal Judge Sidney H. Stein, having completed his first year at the University of Michigan Law School.

**MATTHEW DANE KULE**, son of Wilma and Stephen Kule, upon his graduation from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in History. Mazal tov as well to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Goody Dane.

**NEIL LEIBOWITZ**, son of Jane and Reuben Leibowitz, on his graduation from New York Medical School. He is going on to a residency in psychiatry at Long Island Jewish Hospital.

**JASON LEIBOWITZ**, son of Jane and Reuben Leibowitz, on his graduation from NYU Medical School. He is going on to a residency in ENT at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

**ETHAN LEIBOWITZ** (Ramaz '01), son of Jane and Reuben Leibowitz, on his graduation magna cum laude from Princeton with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

**CALLEY LEVINE**, daughter of Adina and Howard Levine, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as recipient of the Senior Video Award. She also received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Calley will attend the University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations to her proud grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Levine.

**HART LEVINE**, son of Dr. Rosalind and Daniel Levine, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Hart is the recipient of the Meyer Appleman Memorial Award for excellence and commitment to religious studies, and the David Franklin Memorial Award for outstanding work and dedication to the scientific method. He was also a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Hart completed the study of the entire Talmud in March. He will study next year at Yeshivat HaKotel in Israel, and later attend the University of Pennsylvania.

**DEBRA KOBRIK LEVY**, daughter of Ruth and Lawrence Kobrin, upon her graduation from Fordham University Law School. She had previously received her MSW degree from the Fordham School of Social Work, and plans to work in private legal practice in New York.

**LOUIS A. LIPNER**, son of Drs. Deborah and Robert Lipner, who was awarded the A.B. degree, with honors, in Urban Studies from Brown University. He will attend New York University Law School in the fall.



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(Continued)

**DANIEL LOW**, son of Carol and Joseph Low, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He will study next year at Cornell University. Mazal tov as well to Daniel's grandparents, Hannah and Edward Low.

**RAFAEL MAGID**, son of Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Gabbai Tefila award, the Aron and Leah Swergold Memorial Award for excellence in the study of Talmud, and the Jesse Deutsch Tefila Award for demonstrating a commitment to Tefila. He will study next year at Yeshivat Birkat Moshe in Israel, and later attend the University of Maryland.

**HAIM MEDINE**, son of Laura and Mois Medine, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Gabbai Tefila award. He will be attending the George Washington University School of Business. Mazal tov as well to Haim's grandparents, Leyla and Hayim Medine.

**ALEX MEIROWITZ**, son of Jennifer and Dr. Mark Meirowitz, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as recipient of the Sports Award, and the Sherut Award for his contributions to school programs. He was President of the school's Government Organization and will study next year at Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim in Israel, and later attend the University of Maryland.

**JESSE MERMELSTEIN**, grandson of Thelma and Dr. Larry Steinberg, upon receiving a 2005 Fall Provosts' Undergraduate Research Award in his sophomore year at Johns Hopkins University.

**JENNIFER and DAVID MILSTONE**, upon both graduating from Harvard Law School on June 9, their third wedding anniversary. Jennifer is the daughter of Ronnie and Samuel Heyman.

**JOEL NEY**, son of Liz and Alexander Aryeh Ney, upon being the New York awardee in the Partnership 2000 Jerusalem-New York art project. Joel's project was exhibited at Baruch College and the NYU Bronfman Center for Jewish Life; it is now on display at the Hillel International Center. A senior at Baruch, Joel is on the National Dean's List and is Hillel's incoming University Relations V.P.

**ALEXANDRA PIKE**, daughter of Dr. Sheldon Pike, and daughter of Mrs. Susan Blinken, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She will be spending next year in Israel at Midreshet HaRova, and attending the S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program at Yeshiva University's Stern College in the fall of 2006.

**MATTHEW PLATT**, son of Drs. Vicki and Gerald Platt, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He will study next year at Bar Ilan University in Israel, and later attend SUNY Binghamton.

**ANDREW RADIN**, son of Harriet and Dr. Allen Radin, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Andrew will study next year at Pace University.

**EZRA RAPOPORT**, son of Dr. Samuel Rapoport and KJ Trustee Sandra Rapoport, upon winning First Prize in the 2005 Harvard Entrepreneurial Contest sponsored by the Harvard Center for Enterprise. Ezra, a third-year engineering student at Harvard, founded a company that is designing and marketing innovative medical devices.

**SARAH RAPOPORT**, daughter of Dr. Samuel Rapoport and KJ Trustee Sandra Rapoport, on winning the 2005 Neuroscience Creativity Prize sponsored by the American Academy of Neurology. Sarah, a junior at the Horace Mann School, won for her research at Rockefeller University that described how neurons migrate in the human brain. Sarah is one of 26 North American high school juniors selected to spend part of this coming summer in Israel as a Bronfman Fellow.

**ERIC J. RECHTSCHAFFEN**, son of Pamela and Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen, a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, who was elected President of the UP Historical Society. As president of the College Republicans, he will spend the summer as an intern in the office of Senator Arlen Specter in Washington.

**JOSHUA ROMANO**, son of Michele and Joseph Romano, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Gabbai Tefila award. Josh is going to Israel next year in the Shalem study program, which includes a semester in the army, another at Hebrew University and a third at a kibbutz. The following year he will attend the University of Albany.

**YITZCHAK RUBIN**, son of Carolyn and Rabbi Eliezer Rubin, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as recipient of the Sports award, and the Dr. Irving and Dubby Shulman Derekh HaYashar Citizenship Award. He will study next year at Reishit Yerushalayim in Israel, and later attend the University of Maryland.

**TALIA SADRES** (Ramaz '01), daughter of Dina and Jacques Farhi, upon graduating from Stern College with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

**BETH SAMUELS**, wife of Ari Tuchman, upon receiving her PhD in Mathematics from Yale University. She plans to teach mathematics at Berkeley in the fall.

**EMMANUEL SANDERS**, son of Susan and Martin Sanders, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Emmanuel is the recipient of the Aron and Leah Swergold Memorial Award for excellence in the study of Talmud, and the Jesse Deutsch Tefila Award for demonstrating a commitment to Tefila. He was also a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He will study next year at Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh in Israel, and later attend Yeshiva University.

**JOANNA SCHACTER**, daughter of Sheira and Ramaz School Chairman Steven Schacter, upon her graduation from Columbia College. Mazal Tov as well to Joanna's grandfather, Israel Friedman.

**MARGOT SCHACTER**, daughter of Sheira and Ramaz School Chairman Steven Schacter, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the History Award. She will study next year at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Israel, and later attend Columbia College. Mazal Tov as well to Margot's grandfather, Israel Friedman.

**RYAN SCHWAB**, son of Ronit and Dr. Lawrence Schwab, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He will study next year at Brandeis University.

**EVAN SHAFFER**, son of Helene and Lloyd Shaffer, who graduated from Boston University School of Management with a Bachelor of Science and a concentration in Entrepreneurship.

**ARIEL SHAY**, daughter of Susan and Scott Shay, upon her graduation from S.A.R. Academy. She will be attending the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz in the fall.

**ALISON SHAY**, daughter of Susan and Scott Shay, upon receiving a State Award from the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, for her achievements in Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning.

**BARUCH SHEMTOV**, son of Dr. Menachem Mendel Shemtov, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Baruch is the recipient of the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award, the Danièle Gorlin Lassner French Award for outstanding ability in French, and the Debby Sacks Award for performing arts. He also received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. He will study next year at Harvard.

**DEBORAH SHNAY**, daughter of Gabriela and Jack Shnay, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. She will study next year at the University of Pennsylvania.

**JEREMY KARL SIGALL**, son of Roberta and Michael Sigall, upon receiving his BA, summa cum laude, from NYU and being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was awarded the Emmanuel Stein Memorial Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Economics, the NYU Founders Day Award, and was chosen to speak at the NYU Undergraduate Research Conference. He will be attending Harvard Law School in the fall.

**JESSICA SARAH SIGALL**, daughter of Roberta and Michael Sigall, upon receiving her MBA in Entrepreneurship from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College.

**YAIRA SINGER**, daughter of Dr. Adina Cimet and Michael Singer, upon her graduation from the Harvard Design School with a Masters in Architecture. Yaira received first prize in the international architectural competition of The Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

**NEIL SOLINSKY**, son of Paula and Leonard Solinsky, upon his graduation from Franklin and Marshall College with a degree in Art.

**PETER SPAET**, son of Dr. Margery Kalb and Jonathan Spaet, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Peter is the recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award for outstanding personal growth, and the Sidney Scheinberg Award for Politics and Law. He was an active member of the Mock Trial Team and Mishmar Club. Peter will attend Binghamton University's Scholar's Program in the fall.

**LAUREN SPRINGER**, daughter of Dr. Barbara and Steven Springer, on being awarded First Place in the New York City and New York State History Days for her paper "Camera on Trial: Communicating Images of Justice." She also received a special commendation of "Best in Borough" in recognition of her outstanding achievement in comparison to all first place winners in all categories of both the junior and senior divisions. Lauren is a student in the tenth grade at Ramaz.

**JOSHUA STERN**, son of Ralou and Ronald Stern, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. He will attend Boston University next year.

**RUTH ARIEL STORCH**, granddaughter of Brenda and Albert H. Bernstein, upon her graduation from the Jess Schwartz Jewish Community High School in Phoenix, Arizona. Ruth was designated class speaker for the school's first graduation ceremony. She will be attending Bryn Mawr College in the fall.

**AMANDA SUGARMAN**, daughter of Surie and Robert Sugarman, upon her graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as a recipient of the Sports Award. Amanda is also the recipient of the Boris Z. Gorlin Tikkun Olam Award, presented to students who strive through acts of tzedakah and chesed to repair the world. She will study at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Jerusalem next year, and attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall of 2006.

**GIDEON ANDREW TUCHMAN**, son of Drs. Shera Aranoff-Tuchman and Alan Tuchman, upon his graduation from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as the recipient of the Liselotte Samuel Gorlin Mathematics Award. He also received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Gideon plans to attend Cornell University in the fall.

**MICOLE TUCHMAN KOSLOWE**, daughter of Drs. Shera Aranoff-Tuchman and Alan Tuchman, who received her M.D. from New York Medical College. She plans to conduct research in clinical trials at Beth Israel Hospital.

**LAURA FAYE WEISS** (Ramaz 2001), daughter of Barbara and Jerome Weiss, upon graduating summa cum laude from George Washington University with a B.A. in English. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and plans to attend Cardozo Law School in the fall.

**JESSE WOLFF**, son of Merle and David Wolff, on his graduation from the Abraham Joshua Heschel Middle School.

## SUMMER 2005 A TASTE OF TORAH AT KJ

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7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

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IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE EXPULSION

8:20 PM - 9:30 PM

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## KJ HONORS ITS WORLD WAR II HEROES

*Memorial Day is a national holiday set aside to honor members of America's armed forces who lost their lives in wartime. In advance of Memorial Day 2005, dovetailing with the 60th anniversary of the close of World War II, KJ undertook to investigate the role its membership played in World War II, and to pay tribute to members of the congregational family who proudly wore a military uniform so many years ago. The following address was prepared through veteran interviews and delivered by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein before a full Main Synagogue at the conclusion of Shabbat morning services on May 21, 2005. When it ended, the entire Congregation rose to sing the Star Spangled Banner, followed by Adon Olam sung to the stirring melody of the U.S. Marine Corps Hymn:*

At every Shabbat morning service, our community stands and listens respectfully as the rabbi recites the Prayer for the Well-being of America's Fighting Men and Women:

*"May He who has blessed our Patriarchs and our Matriarchs, bless the members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. May God cause all our enemies who rise up against us to be defeated by them. May He preserve our brave men and women from all difficulties and distress; from all illness and weakness. May He lead them to swift victory over all their adversaries, and let us say Amen."*

It is a prayer that resonates with particular meaning today, as we mark the 60th anniversary of the close of World War II by publicly expressing gratitude to members of the congregational family still with us who served their country and who let us know of their service by responding to a notice in the March 7, 2005 issue of the KJ Bulletin.

KJ's involvement in World War II was extensive. As my father summarized in the shul's 1946 Yearbook: "[KJ members] were infantrymen, parachutists, bombardiers, and pilots, ranging in rank from Privates to Colonels. They served with distinction and valor, winning presidential citations, air medals, bronze and silver stars."

Some 16.5 million Americans served in uniform during World War II, and of them, more than 407,000 died in battle or from other causes, 672,000 returned wounded, and 140,000 went missing in action or were captured. Though some would have good reason to, none of KJ's World War II veterans here today consider themselves heroes. To a person, they self-effacingly feel that they did what everyone else in their generation was doing, no more, no less. Those who witnessed the horrors of combat believe that their sacrifices in the fight against evil and fascism pale in comparison with the ultimate sacrifice made by buddies who never came home. Briefly, these are their tales:

### Arthur Brody

Sent over the Atlantic Ocean in early 1943, Arthur's entire Army unit was unexpectedly transferred to the Air Force soon after landing in Casablanca. As a trained radio and radar maintenance technician, Arthur served in the 20th Air Force based in Calcutta, India, from which B-29 Superfortress bombers "flew over the hump" of the Himalayas and China to bomb Japanese targets. When the American heavy bombers incurred battle damage, Arthur was responsible for repairing their radar and

electronics to keep them operational.

With the War in the Pacific turning in America's favor, Arthur's unit was relocated from Calcutta to Tinian in the Marianas Islands, from which massive B-29 raids were being mounted on Japan's main islands. The two atomic bombs that finally brought Japan to her knees were flown by B-29 bombers operating out of Tinian, which by then had become the world's largest airfield. When the war ended, Arthur was shipped east across the Pacific Ocean and honorably discharged in San Francisco. As only he could put it, "I went around the world, no charge, courtesy of Uncle Sam."

### Ruth Jotkowitz

As a Registered Nurse, Ruth volunteered in early 1945 to help the many terribly wounded American soldiers. After caring for amputees in Atlantic City, her medical unit was sent to Tinian - the same Pacific Island where Arthur Brody was based - to join American forces mustering for a planned invasion of Japan's main islands. The assault planners conservatively projected that the invasion would yield one million American casualties, but the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki preemptively brought swift and unconditional surrender. One of the first of its kind to land in occupied Japan, Ruth's medical unit quickly set up a field hospital in the city of Hiro. Ruth witnessed first-hand the devastation in Hiroshima.

### Jules Lassner

In February, 1943, Jules enlisted in the Marine Corps just as the tide of war in the Pacific was shifting. A demolitions and munitions expert assigned at times to the 3rd or 5th Amphibious Corps, Jules participated in three beach assault landings as part of the Marine's "island hopping" campaign: Saipan, Tinian (the same Tinian on which Arthur and Ruth later served) and Okinawa.

Jules' combat skills proved effective at countering the Japanese tactic of fighting from concealed bunkers, pillboxes, caves and tunnels. Once, on Saipan, an enemy artillery barrage hit his unit as they were assembling on the beachhead to push inland. His knapsack was destroyed, but thank God, Jules was unscathed, as was his tefillin, which he donned every single day.

When asked to reflect on his World War II experiences, Jules had this to say: "Out of the 200 or so men in my demolitions unit, more than 40 states of this great country were represented. We ate together, sang together, drank together, and mourned together. Having grown up in a

predominantly Jewish neighborhood of Brooklyn where no one had meaningful social contact with gentiles, I quickly learned to love and appreciate my Marine mates regardless of their race, religion or background."

After V-J Day, Jules obtained his college degree and was inspired by his war experiences to continue serving God, country and community with distinction for several more decades.

### Sidney Scheinberg

Volunteering for the Air Force in 1942, Sid wanted badly to become a pilot. The Air Force, however, wanted him to become a Navigator. Sid protested. A protracted stint of "KP Duty" soon convinced Sid that maybe being a Navigator wasn't so bad after all.

He was assigned to the 8th Air Force whose mission was knocking out Germany's ability to produce war material through a strategic campaign of massive bombings directed against military industrial targets. Flying in dangerously tight formations with hundreds of heavy B-17 "Flying Fortress" bombers, Sid's plane participated in some of the most harrowing bombing runs of the war. The crew dubbed their plane the "Sans Souci," which means "Without Care," but as you will hear, they had a great deal to worry about.

Deadly accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire, tenacious attacks by Luftwaffe fighters defending German airspace, and accidents aplenty resulted in the loss of untold friends. Sid's job as Navigator required him to sit alongside the bombardier in the B-17's totally exposed, freezing cold nose, surrounded by a clear plexiglass canopy, and insure that the bomber formation stayed on its flight path and arrived on target. He was so good at his job that he became the lead Navigator for his entire Bomb Group, meaning that Sid's plane was out in the formation's point, drawing the enemy's heaviest fire.

On one mission, Sid's plane was badly shot-up and rapidly losing altitude. The pilot successfully executed a wheels-up "belly landing" in a field outside Paris, and no sooner did the crew escape the ruined aircraft than, to their dismay, they were surrounded by machine-gun wielding soldiers. Lucky for Sid and his crewmates, the soldiers turned out to be Free French moving towards Paris as the Germans withdrew. So, Sid and his mates jumped aboard the French trucks and participated in the triumphant liberation of Paris, barreling down the Champs d'Elysee as millions of exultant Parisians ran out into the streets to welcome their



liberators. As Sid tells it: "We managed to get ourselves 'lost' in Paris for the next couple of days, while back at our airbase in England they wrote us off as Missing In Action. Eventually, we gave up the party and found our way back to England."

One of Sid's last flights was in December, 1944, when advancing American ground forces in Belgium were overrun by the last great German counterattack dubbed "The Battle of the Bulge." For days the Air Force was grounded by poor weather and zero visibility, unable to support America's badly demoralized and decimated troops. When the weather finally cleared on Christmas Eve, Sid's plane led the entire 8th Air Force, a 2,000 plane air armada, on a punishing ground support mission to destroy everything German on the ground. That flight remains to this day the largest air armada ever assembled in aviation history. Highly decorated, Sidney was discharged in May, 1945, soon after V-E Day.

#### Paul Schulder

Paul enlisted in the Navy after Pearl Harbor. After receiving his Officer's Commission, he was dispatched to the Florida Keys from which he coordinated anti-submarine patrols in support of American oil tankers steaming north from

Venezuela, who were all-too-frequently torpedoed by German U-Boat "Wolf Packs." He was promoted to Lieutenant (Sr. Grade) and sent to gunnery school where he learned to command gun crews servicing 3" and 5" deck batteries. Paul was commanding his crew aboard an armed merchant vessel heading towards the Philippines when word broke out mid-voyage that the war had ended.

#### Siggy Weil

In September, 1943, 18 year-old Siggy enlisted in the Army where he served as an infantry combat medic providing first-aid care to soldiers wounded during the intense jungle campaigns fought in Burma, China and India; places where fever, disease and wild animals were as deadly as the Japanese. Because of the enemy's cruel tactic of singling-out battlefield medics so as to undermine the Americans' fighting morale, Siggy's medical unit was virtually annihilated. Out of 450 men, only 37 returned home after the war; the rest were killed or listed as Missing in Action in the impenetrable jungle. He bore arms, lost many close friends, and was eventually called upon to take over the unit's Aid Station when its Commanding Officer was killed. When interviewed, Siggy marveled how he ever survived that brutal, horrifying ordeal.

As grateful as we are to Arthur, Ruth, Jules, Sidney, Paul, and Siggy, they are but six members of the broader congregational family who served America during World War II, when more than 175 KJ men and women proudly wore uniforms of the United States Armed Forces, serving every branch of the military and fighting on every front. 175 uniformed congregants was a huge percentage of the relatively small membership in those years, around 250 households total, compared with over 1,000 households today. Anyone at the time who was ineligible for military duty nonetheless did their part on the Home Front.

After preparing this presentation, I learned that **Elias Buchwald** served at a uranium enrichment plant in Tennessee that made the atom bomb possible, **Herbert Lukashok** treated

wounded soldiers in England for three years, **Ben Milstein** took part in three Pacific Theater invasions, and world-class baker **Louis Orwasher** made sure that America's troops did not march on empty stomachs. There are probably many more untold stories.

Five KJ boys made the supreme sacrifice and are lying in hallowed ground near the areas where they fell:

#### 1. Army Pvt. Theodore Tibor Hoch.

2. 1st Lt. James Kaplan Levy, who led a squadron of fighter planes in the Mediterranean and whose memorial plaque is mounted here in the Main Synagogue. His parents were notified of his death just before Rosh Hashanah, 1944, as you can see from the KJ Bulletin excerpt that is today's handout.

3. Army Sgt. Herbert Ratnoff, who died on Saipan, one of the islands where Jules Lassner fought.

4. Army Pvt. Julius Schultz, who died in a German prisoner of war camp, and whose memorial plaque is also mounted here in the Main Synagogue.

5. Second Lt. Harold J. Rocketto, a B-17 Navigator in the 8th Air Force just like Sidney Scheinberg, who was killed on his very first combat mission on November 26, 1943 when three German fighters jumped his bomber and peppered its vulnerable nose canopy with machine guns. Just one month earlier, while navigating a flight of four B-17 bombers taking off for England from New York City, Harold had participated in an unsanctioned low-level "buzzing" of Yankee Stadium during the opening game of the 1943 World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. Writing years later about the infamous stunt, Harold's nephew speculated that perhaps it was masterminded by Navigator Harold, a Brooklyn Dodgers fan, seeking revenge against the Yankees for their 1941 victory over his beloved Dodgers.

On April 6, 1946, the KJ Men's Club sponsored a "Veteran's Shabbaton" in honor of the shul's returning servicemen and women. My father's sermon that morning was entitled "From the Military to the Civilian - A Psychological Transition," and returning soldiers recited a collective Birkat HaGomel during services.

Very few World War II KJ servicemen and women are with us today to share their stories, and of them, just a handful responded to the KJ Bulletin notice to tell us of their service, but our veterans' legacy of sacrifice and duty to this great country is personified by the veterans we have honored. May God bless our surviving World War II veterans and the memories of our departed veterans.

It is appropriate at this time to stand for a moment of silence and reflection, following which I will read the "Prayer For Our Boys" that

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### ROSH HASHANA BULLETIN

#### LT. JAMES K. LEVY

Our dear members, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Levy received word this week that their son, First Lieut. James K. Levy was killed in action over the Island of Elba. He had been previously reported missing in action.

Young Jimmy is a nephew of our esteemed members, Samuel M. Emanuel, and Ira I. Kaplan. He grew up in Kehilath Jeshurun. Many will recall him as the red haired, bright faced boy who sat in the section of our synagogue occupied by his family for many years. Jimmy loved Kehilath Jeshurun and everyone in Kehilath Jeshurun who knew Jimmy loved him.

The reports that we received confirmed the fact that he met a hero's death. He was the leader of a squadron of fighter planes that earned the reputation as "The Block Busters of the Mediterranean." He fought through the entire North African campaign and the entire Italian campaign. He had earned a furlough, but voluntarily stayed behind to train a fresh crew of fighter pilots. His last mission was a recon-

naissance of gun enplacements on the Island of Elba. He swooped low to view the target better and thus exposed himself to flak. Thus ended his heroic life but a few days before his twenty-first birthday.

Jimmy Levy was a credit to the Service and an honor to the Jewish people. He always gloried in his name and proudly bore his Jewish heritage. He was known throughout the Mediterranean area as a big brother to the members of his squadron. "When Jimmy was around," said the Major of his squadron, "we never went hungry." Under the most dangerous conditions he always provided for those with him. Indeed a young descendent of the Macabees.

Jimmy gives to Kehilath Jeshurun its first gold star and a bright and glistening star it is. Together with his beloved parents and the entire Kaplan family, Kehilath Jeshurun stands with bowed heads in honor of and in tribute to an American hero and a noble son of Israel.

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**RABBI LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH BOTH DAYS OF THE HOLIDAYS**  
**AT 10:30 A.M.**  
**I: "REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSAGE OF TIME"**  
**II: "TRIUMPHANT JEWISH LIVING"**

The cover article of the Sept. 15, 1944 edition of the KJ Bulletin.

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my father composed in March, 1945 and urged be recited in every KJ home at the Passover Seder.

**PRAYER FOR OUR BOYS**

*"Father of mercy, into Thy keeping do we give our sons. Do Thou shelter and protect them. Be Thou their refuge and fortress. Endow them with strength and courage, with firmness and fortitude. Let them not flinch nor falter in the performance of their duty to God, to country and to mankind. Make us worthy of their heroism and humble for their many sacrifices. Let them know that the prayers of fathers and the blessings and tears of mothers attend them always. Grant unto them and their companions-in-arms a speedy and complete victory. Bring them back to us safe in body, sound in mind and strong in spirit. Let our loving arms welcome them back to a world in which shall reign brotherhood and peace forevermore. Amen."*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TOVA AND NORMAN BULOW  
SHABBAT SCHOLAR AND DINNER  
SEPTEMBER 23-24**

**Rabbi J.J. Schachter**

Senior Scholar at Yeshiva University's  
Center for the Jewish Future

**September 23**

*Dinner with advance reservations:*  
**"Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:  
Holidays or Days of Awe?"**

**September 24**

*following morning services:*  
**"U-Netaneh Tokef  
Kedushat Ha-Yom: Medieval Story  
and Modern Significance"**

**KJ-DOROT****SHABBAT MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM SOARS**

The following article appeared in Dorot's 29th Anniversary Gala Journal. We are exceedingly proud of Volunteer Coordinator Karen Hershkowitz and her troupe of dedicated KJ volunteers, and encourage anyone interested in participating to contact Karen at 212-717-2826.

In January, 2003, DOROT initiated a pilot East Side Shabbat Meals program in partnership with Kehilath Jeshurun and Park East Kosher Butchers and Caterers, where volunteers from the synagogue deliver Shabbat meals to seven seniors each week and remain for an hour-long visit. In September, 2004, KJ congregant Karen Hershkowitz took over from KJ's first coordinator, Nicole Gruenstein. Karen works with DOROT Coordinator of Community Outreach Reeva Mager. "I enjoy bringing the meals and knowing that it makes my senior feel so special," said Karen. "It's a great mitzvah. All of the seniors look forward to it." Mrs. Audrey Lookstein is one of the KJ volunteers.

Park East Kosher Butchers and Caterers and KJ's Benevolent Fund support the cost of the meals. "We were asked if we could help," said Michael Kane of Park East Kosher Butchers and Caterers. "We find it gratifying to know that we can give something back. We feel good about it, and we hope we're making a difference." Each

week the seniors receive a package large enough to furnish them with Shabbat dinner and lunch, including chicken vegetable soup, onehalf roasted chicken, challah, a starch such as barley or potatoes, steamed seasonal vegetables, cookies or cakes, and grape juice.

During Passover and other holidays, when people's schedules change, Park East takes over the deliveries. "The program is about companionship and the meaning of the Shabbat meal," said Reeva Mager. "Park East is a committed partner. Their food is ample and tasty. They are accommodating of individual needs. The seniors appreciate the program, and it is a wonderful experience to work with the KJ volunteers, who have become an important part of the seniors' lives. We are also grateful that KJ congregants Doris Travis, Nicole Gruenstein, and Karen Hershkowitz have taken active roles in the East Side Committee, strengthening the ties between KJ and DOROT."

**KJ MEN'S CLUB AND AM HASEFER CLUB EVENTS**

On February 27, the KJ Men's Club presented a special screening for the entire community of the acclaimed new documentary, *Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust*. Pictured, first row from left to right: the film's Co-Producer Susan Kim, Men's Club President Dr. Mark Meirowitz, and Director Daniel Anker, as well as Men's Club volunteers.

Irwin Robins moderates an Am HaSefer Book Discussion Club event on April 3, on *The Passions of the Matriarchs* with the authors Dr. Shera Aranoff Tuchman and Sandra Rapoport.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

SUNDAY EVENING, SEPT. 18  
**SOSUA:**  
**HAVEN IN THE CARIBBEAN**  
FILM SCREENING

SUNDAY EVENING, SEPT. 25  
**THE ORIENTALIST**  
WITH AUTHOR TOM REISS



**SHABBAT BEGINNERS SERVICE**

Saturdays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30  
9:30 AM

Add some soul to your Shabbat. Torah reading! Plenty of learning and explanation! Lots of singing led by KJB Chazan Shilo Kramer and questions and answers about the prayers and the parsha packed into what could have been an "ordinary" Shabbat morning. Kiddush following services.

## **KJ BEGINNERS SUMMER 2005**

**THREE WEEKS WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, July 20 at 8:00 pm  
Examine the historical events  
that commemorate this time period,  
and the laws and customs related to it.  
Taught by Shilo Kramer.

**CRASH COURSE IN HEBREW READING**

Mondays, July 11, 18, 25  
August 1, 8  
6:30 PM

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essential  
foundation upon  
which our love for  
Judaism is built.  
Taught by Shilo  
Kramer.



In June, KJ Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education and Outreach Rabbi Elie Weinstock traveled to Germany as a guest of the Goethe Institute and the German Foreign Ministry. While there, he visited Berlin, Frankfurt, Worms, and the town where his maternal grandfather was from, Sprendlingen. Here, he is pictured speaking to a group of German high school students about Jewish life and Holocaust remembrance.

## **LUNCH AND LEARN FOR SENIORS**

Virtually every fall, winter and spring Wednesday afternoon, under the care and supervision of longstanding KJ member Donna Silverman, a group of community seniors gather to enjoy lunch and the opportunity to learn from a broad array of presentations. The following letter from a "Lunch and Learn" regular attests to the positive impact of this program:

Dear Donna,

Just a few words to thank you for your guidance and understanding throughout our class year, for it was under your leadership that the "Lunch and Learn" class of 5765 dramatically increased in size.

In the olden days professors evaluated students, but today students evaluate their faculty. With that in mind, I think we would all agree that, collectively and individually, our teachers deserve an "A+"

Our faculty boasts many highly trained professionals with advanced degrees in political science, art history, medicine, law, education and rabbinics. Our 32-session syllabus this year highlighted many political, religious and social issues, and we are always eager to know how these issues relate to the State of Israel. Thanks to KJ Rabbis David Flatto, Aaron Kaplan, Hillel Rapp, Meir Soloveichik and Elie Weinstock, we enjoyed a number of

compelling lectures on the Talmud, the Torah, and Jewish history and the holidays. In addition, we were exposed to a variety of issues regarding health care, conventional and alternative medicine, many fascinating political and legal discourses, and several lively art presentations exploring the nexus between contemporary museum exhibitions and Jewish culture. For their volunteered time and thoughtfulness, we are particularly indebted to KJ members Hon. Jerome Hornblass, Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn, Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Dr. Paul Poppers and Janie Schwalbe.

By the way, Donna, we also enjoy the delicious luncheon that Annie May works hard to prepare every week. You even know who is not permitted to eat certain foods! Thank you as well for the individual care packages that you put together at the conclusion of every class. You always encourage us to be active participants by asking questions and voicing our opinions, as a result of which the presenters respect our opinions, and we, in turn, are motivated to learn more.

In conclusion, we are grateful to the synagogue for providing this very meaningful program. We look forward to seeing you next semester. *L'hitraot*, with much love.

## **HIGH HOLY DAY SEAT RESERVATIONS NOW DUE**

Kehilath Jeshurun will once again be holding High Holy Day services in four locations. In addition to the Main Synagogue, parallel services will be conducted in the Heyman Auditorium and in the Gottesman Center's Falk Auditorium. The Beginner's Service will again be held in the Lindenbaum Recreation Center, located in the Gottesman Center.

High Holy Day seat reservation cards have already been sent to all congregants. **We ask you to please return the card with your requests as soon as possible, whether or not you plan to be with us this year.**



## BNAI MITZVAH



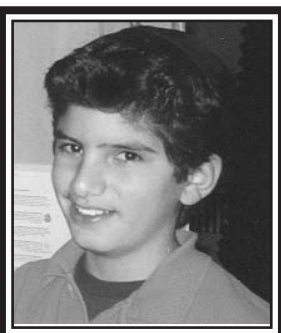
**ALEXANDRA THURM**

Mazal Tov to Deena and Jonathan Thurm on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Alexandra, which took place on June 26th at the Jewish Children's Museum. She delivered a Dvar Torah on *Megillat Ruth*. Alexandra is going into the seventh grade at the SAR Academy.



**CHANTAL LOW**

Mazal Tov to Lisa and Nathan Low on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Chantal, which will take place on August 26th in Jerusalem, Israel. Chantal will lead the *Kabalat Shabbat* service and read from the Haftorah for *Parshat Eikev*. She will also deliver a Dvar Torah on the subject of light and its relevance in Judaism. Chantal is going into the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**LAURENCE KHAKSHOURI**

Mazal Tov to Kate and Paul Khakshouri on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Laurence, which will take place on September 17th at the Sephardic Society of Manhattan at Park East Synagogue. He will read *Parshat Ki Tezta*. Laurence is going into the eighth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



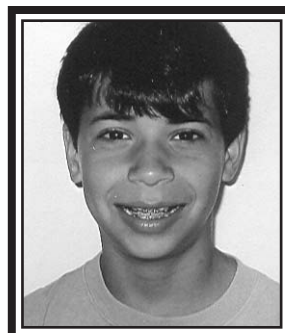
**JENNIFER OHEBSHALOM**

Mazal Tov to Shireen and Alfred Ohebshalom on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jennifer, which will be celebrated with a family gathering on July 30th at the Kotel in Jerusalem. Jennifer is going into the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**JAKE GOLDSTEIN**

Mazal Tov to Amy and Alex Goldstein on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jake, which will take place on Shabbat *Parshat Eikev*, August 27, at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem. He will lead *Parshat Eikev* and the Haftorah and will deliver a Dvar Torah related to the Parsha. Jake is going into the eighth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**DANIEL AARON GRAFSTEIN**

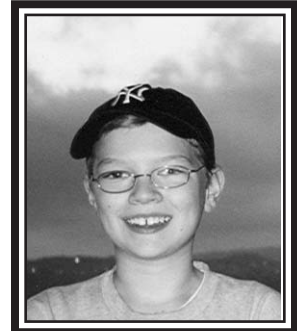
Mazal Tov to Rebecca and Larry Grafstein on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Daniel, which will take place on September 24th in the Main Synagogue. Daniel will read *Parashat Ki Tavo* and the Haftorah, and will deliver a Dvar Torah on "*Themes of Thankfulness and Responsibility in Ki Tavo*."

Daniel is going into the eighth grade at Horace Mann School and is a proud graduate of the Ramaz Lower School.



**JACK LIECHTUNG**

Mazal Tov to Louisa and Dr. Marc Liechtung on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Jack, which will take place on August 18th at the Kotel in Jerusalem. He will read *Parshat Vayetchanan*. Jack is going into the eighth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**RICHARD LIEBERMAN**

Mazal Tov to Dr. Andrea Thau and John Lieberman on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Richard, which will take place on Monday September 5 in the Main Synagogue. He will read the Torah for Rosh Chodesh Elul and will deliver a Dvar Torah. Richard will also be called to the Torah on Shabbat Chol Hamoed Succot at KJ where he will read the Torah portion and the Haftorah. Richard is going into the eighth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**ERICA BARUCH**

Mazal Tov to Shira and Dr. Larry Baruch on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Erica, which will take place on September 25 at Kehilath Jeshurun. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Mrs. Gladys Baruch and Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. Erica has been studying Masechet Rosh Hashana with her grandfather and they will be making a Siyum together. Erica will be a student in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School in September.

## KJ FAMILY MITZVAH DAY A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Taking to heart the commandment in the Torah which bids us to look out for the less fortunate, the KJ Sisterhood, under the guidance of Co-President Stacy Scheinberg, organized our synagogue's first ever Family Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 10, turning it into a day devoted to community service. The day's activities were focused on educating the community about Jewish poverty in our midst, encouraging family-wide participation, and raising money for worthy causes which help the needy. Agencies participating in the event included the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, the Kraft Clothing Pantry at Columbia's Hillel, The Educational Alliance, Project Ore, Jewish Board for Family & Children's Services, The Jewish Home and Hospital, Dorot, City Harvest, UJA - Federation of New York, Project Ezra and others.



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The June issue of *USA Hockey Magazine* (the official magazine covering U.S. Amateur and Olympic Hockey) named The NyICECATS PeeWee Division Team as "Ice Team of the Month." Founded in 1999, the NyICECATS was created exclusively for orthodox Jewish players. The team, which has already grown to 65 members, plays at the Lasker rink in Central Park, where the PeeWee team recently won the coveted Lasker Cup. We are proud of the team and its leaders, Captain Joshua Lewittes, the son of KJ members Jane and Michael Lewittes, and Assistant Captain Sam Lassner, the grandson of KJ members Danièle and Jules Lassner. Mazal Tov!

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## In Memoriam

### NOAM SHUDOFSKY

For over forty years he was a linchpin in Ramaz and, behind the scenes, in KJ as well. A friend and confidant for many in this community, Dr. Noam Shudofsky spent the greatest part of his professional and personal life in the KJ/Ramaz family.

He started out as a youth director in KJ while teaching in the high school. He gradually expanded his role to be the Administrator of Ramaz, in which capacity he helped to make the institution the outstanding one that it is today. He had a great impact on the education program, extracurricular activities, love of Israel, music, art and just about every facet of the school. Along the way, he became a master fund-raiser and helped to assure the financial stability of Ramaz.

It is very difficult to imagine the KJ/Ramaz community without the profound contributions made to it by this extraordinary professional whose hallmarks were excellence, effectiveness, efficiency and development of leadership among lay people.

We mourn him as a great contributor to our past and present and as the head of a wonderful family which grew up in our synagogue. Our condolences are offered profoundly to his dear wife and colleague, Nechi, and to his children, Binyamin and Miriam Shalev, Rachel and Dr. Stuart Chesner, and Leora Shudofsky, along with eleven grandchildren in Israel. His wonderful deeds in life and their continuing his tradition will ensure his immortality.

### JOSEPH ARENSON

A specialist in legal education and an outstanding lawyer himself, Joseph Arenson is mourned by a wide community of students and admirers.

He was also a warmhearted Jew who was proud of his Jewish tradition and of the development of his son, our member, Steven Arenson, to whom he gave a comprehensive Jewish education. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Steven, his sister Lois Kressel, and to Mrs. Lucille Arenson.

### HARVEY FIELDS

A quiet and unassuming man, Harvey Fields was a member of our Congregation for about a quarter of a century. He was a person of impeccable character and profound love of Judaism and the Jewish people.

He had a number of good friends in our Congregation and he greatly enjoyed his association with us.

### SHIRLEY SCHULDER

She was a grand dame of the Jewish community, an outstanding leader in AMIT, a proud graduate of one of the first classes of the Yeshivah of Flatbush, and a veritable dynamo who took on any responsibility for the Jewish community and for her family.

An outstanding *balabosta*, she was gracious, elegant and optimistic in the face of circumstances that might have adversely affected a less resilient personality. Shirley was the queen of a wonderful and adoring family of children and grandchildren who loved her and who continue to emulate her outstanding principles of Jewish commitment and communal responsibility.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to her husband, Paul, and to all the members of the bereaved family, including our member Lynnette Gruenhut.

### HERBERT SHIPPER

He was quietly and unassumingly a wonderful member of our Congregation who loved his time at KJ. When illness enfeebled him, he insisted on being brought to shul on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, rising before dawn in order to make this possible.

He always had a smile on his face. His glass was always half full. His optimism was infectious. His children and his dear wife, Judy, were incredibly supportive of him and caring for him.

He set a wonderful example for his sons, David and Andrew, who are the leaders of the Hatzolah organization of the Upper East Side. They, his daughter Sandra, and his wife, along with all of us, will dearly miss him.

### MARTHA BLOCK

She was the widow of the late Sidney Block and a member of what once was a very large family at KJ. She was consistently generous to the Congregation throughout her life. She was a gracious, almost aristocratic, woman who made a wonderful home for her husband and who supported him in all of his endeavors.

### MILTON GOTTESMAN

Though he lived in Washington, D.C., he was very proud of his association with KJ. He loved being here on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur together with his brother, Sandy Gottesman, and his nephew, Robert Gottesman. For many years they occupied the family seats first occupied by the late Benjamin Gottesman. Milton was a very proud Jew, devoted to Jewish causes. Quietly, he was the leading supporter of the Keshet Israel Synagogue in Georgetown and a generous contributor to a host of causes in Israel, whose value and services he studied carefully and in which he had a very personal involvement. He was a loving son to his mother, the late Esther Gottesman, in whose footsteps he walked. A man of intellect and wisdom, Milton maintained an optimistic attitude until the very end and left a wonderful legacy for his family and friends.

### MARC NORRIS

He came to our Congregation late in life, but he very much enjoyed his association with KJ. He sat in the right pew, with members of his extended family and he loved the time that he spent in our House of God.

Marc Norris was a Jewish gentleman, refined, considerate, thoughtful, gracious, and very proud of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY

Please consider participating in the Congregation's Endowment and Planned Giving Program, through which you can create an enduring legacy of active participation in KJ. Contact Leonard Silverman at 212-774-5680 or [LSS@CKJ.org](mailto:LSS@CKJ.org) for information.



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## A RETROSPECTIVE 2004-2005

### SPECIAL SHABBAT PROGRAMS

Beginners Service  
Hashkama Minyan  
Women's Tefilah Group  
Young People's Minyan  
Intermediate Service  
Carlebach Shabbat Services  
Teen Minyan

### SHABBAT SCHOLARS

- ♦ Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot
- ♦ Rabbi Yosef Blau
- ♦ Tobi Kahn
- ♦ Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman
- ♦ Prof. Suzanne Last Stone

### SEUDAH SHLISHIT GUEST SPEAKERS

- ♦ IDF Col. Bentzi Gruber
- ♦ Surie and Bob Sugarman  
ADL Leadership Mission to Jerusalem
- ♦ Daniel Edelstein
- ♦ U.S. Ranger  
Captain Moshe Scheinfeld
- ♦ Ramaz Students  
who attended Heritage Tour
- ♦ Rabbi Pinchus Goldschmidt of Moscow
- ♦ Maurice Sonnenberg
- ♦ Rabbi David Aaron of Isralight
- ♦ Pnina Neuwirth of Bnei Akiva
- ♦ Yachad Guests
- ♦ Rav Bigman  
Yeshivat Ma'aleh Gilboa
- ♦ Deedee Benel  
with students Rachel Friedman and Gabrielle Wilner
- ♦ Hank Sheinkopf
- ♦ Rabbi Moshe Zauderer  
Jewish Interactive Studies
- ♦ T'eyna Akerman
- ♦ Dr. Ellen Isler, Jewish Braille Institute International
- ♦ Scott Shay  
Jewish Youth Connection
- ♦ Rochelle Schoretz of Sharsheret
- ♦ Dr. Cheryl Fishbein and Philip Schatten
- ♦ Rabbi Ben-Tzion Krasnianski

### HOLIDAY EVENTS

Teshuva Shiur  
by Rabbi Saul Berman  
Shabbat Shuva Drasha  
by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik  
Purim Mishloach Manot  
Shabbat HaGadol Drasha  
by Rabbi David Flatto  
Yom Hashoah Program  
Yom HaZikaron Service  
with film screening of  
*Adjusting Sights*  
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Zimriah  
and Service  
Shavuot Dinner & Tikkun Leyl  
Yom Yerushalayim Service  
& Program with special guest  
IDF Lt. Col. Yehuda Cohen

### MEN'S CLUB

Film Screening of *Divan* with  
the filmmaker Pearl Gluck  
Film Screening of *Imaginary  
Witness: Hollywood  
and The Holocaust*  
with the filmmakers  
Annual Sukkah Supper  
with guests Mayor Michael R.  
Bloomberg and Jay P. Lefkowitz  
Kiddush Discussion  
*Stem Cells:*  
*The Torah and the Science*  
with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik  
and Prof. Martin Grumet  
Yom Hashoah Candle Project

### SISTERHOOD

Pre-Holiday Boutiques  
Family Mitzvah Day  
*Walk the Walk*  
in Carl Schurz Park  
Group Outing  
to Neil Sedaka Concert  
Cooking Class  
with Chef Jessica Lassner  
Israeli Art Exhibit & Sale  
Museum tours:  
*"Cultural Politics:  
The Nude in Art"* at the  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
and *"The Power  
of Conversation: Jewish Women  
and Their Salons"*  
at The Jewish Museum  
The KJ Kosher Cookbook  
Annual Luncheon and Boutique  
with *Momsense* Musical Revue

### KESHER

TORAH IN THE TOWERS  
Lecture Series  
Kick Off Sukkah Kiddush  
Uncle Moishy Concert  
Wine Tasting  
CPR/First Aid Course  
Spring Luncheon  
Melave Malka  
Shabbat Meal for New Parents  
Keshet Parenting Workshop  
with Dr. Stephanie Freilich  
*"Transitions: Negotiating Tricky  
Crossroads"*  
Keshet Lecture Series:  
*"Sake, Maki & More"*  
*"The Importance of Tzedakah:  
How Young People  
Can Make a Difference"* with  
George Rohr and Josh Lookstein  
Friday Night Shabbat  
Dinner & Shiur

### AM HASEFER

*Banking on Baghdad*  
with the author Edwin Black  
*The Outside World*  
with the author Tova Mirvis  
*In The Image*  
with the author Dara Horn  
*The New Anti-Semitism*  
with the author Phyllis Chesler  
*The Case for Democracy*  
by Natan Sharansky; reviewed  
by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein  
*The Passions of the Matriarchs*  
with the authors  
Sandra E. Rapaport  
and Dr. Shera Aranoff-Tuchman  
*A Strange Death: A Story  
Originating in Espionage,  
Betrayal, and Vengeance,  
in a Village in Old Palestine*  
with the author Hillel Halkin  
*God on the Quad: How Religious  
Colleges Are Changing America*  
with the author  
Naomi Schaefer Riley  
*Bashert: A Granddaughter's  
Holocaust Quest*  
with the author Andrea Simon

### GUEST SPEAKERS

- ♦ IDF Brig. Gen. Yair Naveh
- ♦ John S. Ruskay,  
Exec. V.P. & CEO  
UJA Federation of New York
- ♦ Rabbanit Chana Henkin  
of Nishmat
- ♦ Prof. Yossi Olmert
- ♦ Ambassador Dore Gold
- ♦ IDF Major General Elazar Stern
- ♦ *Israel At Heart*
- ♦ Rav Hershel Schachter
- ♦ Hon. Natan Sharansky
- ♦ Arnold Roth of Keren Malki

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall Mitzvah Mall  
and Blood Drive  
KJ-AIPAC Breakfast Briefing  
*A Night in Venice*  
- KJ Annual Dinner  
Tribute to World War II Veterans  
"Jewish Outsider Art"  
Benefit Exhibition

### BEGINNERS

Holiday Workshops  
*Friday Night Live!*  
Service & Dinners  
Super Bowl Party  
Jazz and Klezmer Rooftop BBQ  
Rosh Hashanah  
New Year's Eve Bash  
Sukkah Party  
*SOUL IN THE CITY:*  
*AN URBAN AWAKENING*  
Isralight Shabbaton  
Shabbat Lunches  
Beginners' Passover Seder  
Trip to Matzah Factory  
Purim Party  
Chaim Dovid Concert

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Ruach  
Sukkot and Chanukah  
Hospital Visits  
Purim Carnival  
Bnei Akiva Shabbaton  
Year Opening and Ending  
Shabbatonim  
Open Gym and Movie Nights  
Shabbat morning and afternoon  
groups  
*Kinder Konfections:*  
*A Baker's Beginning*  
Cooking Class

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Debra and Shlomo Baruch on the birth of a son, Noah Isaac.

Sara and David Berman on the birth of a daughter, Talia.

Sara and Dr. Josh Bleier on the birth of a son, Joseph Zev.

Eugenia and Dr. Ira Davis on the birth of twins, a son, Elliot Ephraim, and a daughter, Jenny Tova.

Suzanne and Jacob Dofit on the birth of a son, Joseph Emanuel. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Arlene and Avrom Dofit.

Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein on the birth of a grandson, David, to Daniel and Shira Edelstein.

Jennifer and Jason Eichenholz on the birth of a son, Matthew Evan.

Suzie and Sandy Eisenstat on the birth of a grandson, Solomon Baruch, to Abe and Tamar Eisenstat of Riverdale; and on the birth of a granddaughter, Ella Rachel, to Lilly and David Weisz.

Elizabeth and Mallory Factor on the birth of a daughter, Creagh.

Abbi and Jeremy Halpern on the birth of a daughter, Jasmine Sienna.

Deborah and David Kahn on the birth of a granddaughter, Liana, to Joshua and Tamar Kahn.

Amy and David Kirschenbaum on the birth of a daughter, Julia Faye. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Georgette and Steven Gross.

Dr. Barbara Brafman and Ben Klapper on the birth of a son, Daniel Bernard.

Sherri and Alexander Libin on the birth of a son, Noah Benjamin.

Chaya and Lorne Lieberman on the birth of a daughter, Olivia.

Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum on the birth of a grandson, Jeremy Isaac, to Bennett and Rebecca Lindenbaum.

Barbara and Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Tzahala, to their granddaughter Sari and her husband Mordecai Holtz (Ramaz '98), in Jerusalem.

Jessica and Jason Muss on the birth of a daughter, Mia Lily.

Kelli and Darren Novak, on the birth of a daughter, Erika.

Ingeborg and Ira Rennert on the birth of a granddaughter, Eliana Rivka, to Nina and Mitch Davidson.

Anne and Sam Schwartz on the birth of a daughter, Daniella Sophie. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch.

Dr. Adina Cimet and Michael Singer, on the birth of a granddaughter, Eliza Netiya, to Yaira Singer and Matthew Binstock.

Layaliza and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik on the birth of a son, Pinhas Tanhum.

Michelle and Dr. William Spielfogel on the birth of a son, Andrew Caleb. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Rebecca and John Steindecker.

Randi and David Sultan on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth.

Adele and Ron Tauber on the birth of a granddaughter, Flora Beatrix (Shana Ruth), to Natasha and Daniel Tauber.

Ariel Groveman Weiner and Joshua Weiner, on the birth of a son, Ilan.

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

### BNAI MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to:

Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein on the Bat Mitzvah in Atlanta of their granddaughter, Amanda Cinnamon, daughter of Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon.

Mrs. Gloria Mosesson on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Daniel Mosesson, son of Rachel and Carl Mosesson.

### ENGAGEMENT

Mazal Tov to:

Judy Altman, on the engagement of her daughter Laura to Dr. Joshua Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wolf of Baltimore.

Janet and Michael Fried, on the engagement of their daughter Miriam Leah (Ramaz '96) to Dr. Aaron Klein, son of Carla and Jeff Klein, of Boca Raton.

Elisabeth and Alan Dofit, on the engagement of their son Jonathan to Dr. Melissa Kazanowski, daughter of Colleen and David Kazanowski, of Athol, MA.

Michael and Terry Jaspan, on the engagement of their son Joseph (Ramaz '01) to Arielle Wolfson (Ramaz '01), daughter of Amy and Dr. Joel Wolfson, of New Rochelle.

Paula and Dr. David Menche on the engagement of their daughter Livia to Elias Marcovici, son of Etella and Haim Marcovici of Lido Beach.

Susan and Dr. Robert Taub on the engagement of their daughter, Aimée, to Jonathan Bandler, son of Leah and Michael Bandler, of Silver Springs, MD.

*May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.*

### MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

Marie and Robert Briefel, on the marriage of their daughter Aviva to David Hecht, in Cambridge, MA on May 29. Both Dr. Aviva Briefel and Dr. David Hecht are teaching; Aviva at Bowdoin College and David at Harvard. David is the son of Dr. Sidney Hecht of Charlottesville, VA and Dr. Sandra Hecht-Ouzer of Rochester, NY.

Carole and Dr. Seymour Cohen on the marriage in Los Angeles of their son, Roger, to Amanda Fischer, daughter of Susan and Anthony Fischer of Beverly Hills, CA.

Rachel and Jimmy Davidson, on the marriage of their son Daniel to Adrienne Wecksell, daughter of Joel and Marjorie Wecksell, of East Rockaway.

Lynnette and Jerry Gruenhut on the marriage of their son Jonathan to Esther Sternfield, daughter of Myrna and Allan Sternfield, of Jerusalem. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandfather, Paul Schulder.

Dr. Shaun Honig, on his marriage to Elizabeth Heller, daughter of Debra and Mark Heller, of NY.

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

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

Estelle Katsh, on the marriage of her granddaughter Rebecca Katsh to Jordan Singer, son of Sylvia and Dr. Stuart Singer, of Denver. Rebecca is the daughter of Beverly Schwartz Katsh and Ethan Katsh (Ramaz '63), of Needham, MA.

Drs. Faye and Jonathan Kellerman on the marriage of their daughter Rachel to Jonathan Kessler.

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

Ziva and Rabbi Avraham Kramer on the marriage of their daughter Talia (Ramaz '01) to Yosef Kahn, son

of Drs. Bina and Bert Kahn.

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

Esther and Jonathan Messeloff on the marriage of their daughter Julie to Jonathan Schwartz, son of Betty and Howard Schwartz of Livingston, NJ.

Jon Staiman on his marriage to Lisa Isabella of Brooklyn.

Perri and Akiba Stern on the marriage of their daughter Tamar Michal to Ari Freundlich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freundlich, of Lawrence.

### COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Neal and Meredith Flomenbaum, honorees at the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach's 56th Anniversary Dinner Dance on August 21st.

Steven Howard Goldberg, who was a Guest of Honor at the State of Israel Bonds' 21st Annual Holocaust Remembrance Dinner.

Allen Liebb, who will be a USA Member of the Masters Half-Marathon Team at the 17th Maccabi Games in Israel in July.

Rochelle Stern Major, who was the guest of honor along with Dr. Norman Lamm at the 15th Anniversary Gala Scholarship Dinner of Nishmat.

Wolf A. Popper, on being honored at Fleet Week's Commanding Officers Reception Dinner.

Merle and David Wolff, for being honored at the Annual Abraham Joshua Heschel School Dinner.

### PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Dr. Jenny Batlay, who gave a paper at the 44th Annual Names Institute Conference.

Rabbi Moshe and Ruth Corson on the graduation of their daughter Rishona Yael from Medical School.

Dr. Martin Finkel, who has been appointed for the second year in a row as a Physician of the Year for the State of New York by National Physicians Advisory Committee.

Esther Amini Krawitz who will have an exhibition of her most recent oil paintings at Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan from August through mid-October.

Andrew Lassner (Ramaz '84), son of Danièle and Jules Lassner, who won his 4th Daytime Emmy Award for his work as Co-Executive Producer of The Ellen DeGeneres Show, at the National Television Academy's 32nd Annual Daytime Emmy Awards.

Dr. Rebecca Mannis, who was recruited this autumn to develop a 9-hour training workshop for 250 special educators at the New York City Department of Education.

U.S. Ranger Captain Moshe I. Scheinfeld, son of Ellen and David Scheinfeld, on receiving a flattering Officer Evaluation Report stating: "Captain Moses Scheinfeld is an outstanding officer who performed superbly during combat operations...Possessing unlimited potential, Cpt. Scheinfeld will make an outstanding company commander. Promote ahead of peers because he already has the maturity and competence to work at higher levels. Cpt. Moses Scheinfeld is 1 of the 3 best captains assigned to this battalion and clearly in the top 2% of his peers. He is bright, articulate, and the most intelligent officer in his battalion. He is always sought after for information and knowledge from other staff members...Cpt. Scheinfeld's contributions have been immense and he clearly possesses unlimited potential for service at the highest level. Assign a company command now."

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Jason Aaron Sokol, husband of Eva Jenny Sokol and son-in-law of Drs. Robert and Deborah Lipner, on the completion of his internship at Mount Sinai Hospital. He begins his residency in Ophthalmology at Montefiore Medical Center.

Dr. Andrea Thau, who was awarded Optometrist of the Year by the New York State Optometric Association.

Philip J. Wilner, M.D., who has been elected President of the Mesorah Society for Traditional Judaism of the American Psychiatric Association.

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Judith Ballan on the passing of her mother, Kathryn Silber.

Paul Bochner on the passing of his mother, Rachel Bochner.

Dina Farhi on the passing of her father, Theodore

Baumgold.

Lynne Fishman on the passing of her mother, Edythe Kriger.

Dr. Roy Feldman on the passing of his mother, Fannie Feldman.

Anne Fridman on the passing of her mother, Eva Oksenberg.

Dr. Mark Friedman on the passing of his father, Rabbi Morris S. Friedman, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Hillel in North Woodmere, L.I.

Ira Gober on the passing of his father, Jerome Gober.

Trudy Gottesman on the passing of his father Izak Elbaum.

Janet Gushin on the passing of her mother, Etta Shillman

Martin Kaufman on the passing of his mother, Hilda Kaufman

Hon. Judy Kluger on the passing of her father Murry Harris.

Dr. Howard Levite on the passing of his father, Julius Levite.

Dr. Steven Lorch on the passing of his uncle, Eric Lorch.

Noah Nunberg on the passing of his father, Simon Nunberg.

David Sarna on the passing of his father, Professor Nahum Sarna.

Barbara Waitman on the passing of her father, Simon Eisdorfer.

Grace Weil on the passing of her brother, Mendy Pollack.

Barbara Zimet on the passing of her mother Helen Romanoff.

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

## ONCE IN A LIFETIME CEMETERY PLOT SALE

The Congregation owns cemetery sections at Mount Carmel in Glendale, Queens, and Beth El in Paramus, New Jersey. Both are well maintained cemeteries that offer tranquil and dignified settings as a final resting place for loved ones.

For years, the prices of KJ burial plots have remained unchanged, to the point where they no longer reflect fair market value. Accordingly, and beginning January 1, 2006, KJ will dramatically increase burial plot prices to bring them into contemporary alignment. Below are the current prices, and the new prices effective January 1st.

### CURRENT PRICES

Single Grave - \$750  
2 Grave Plot - \$1500  
4 Grave Plot - \$2,800  
6 Grave Plot - \$4,000  
8 Grave Plot - \$5,000  
10 Grave Plot - \$6,000  
12 Grave Plot - \$7,000

### NEW PRICES

*(effective January 1st)*

Single Grave - \$1,250  
2 Grave Plot - \$2500  
4 Grave Plot - \$4,500  
6 Grave Plot - \$6,500  
8 Grave Plot - \$8,250  
10 Grave Plot - \$10,000  
12 Grave Plot - \$11,500

Purchases placed now will be accepted at the lower price. If you would like to speak with someone about this opportunity, please contact Hattie in the synagogue office at 212-774-5653 or [Hattie@ckj.org](mailto:Hattie@ckj.org)

Economics aside, here are some additional reasons why purchasing KJ burial plots at this time makes good sense:

- You have insurance for virtually everything in life that most likely will not occur (e.g., fire, disability, theft, etc.), so it stands to reason that you ought to address this inevitability.

- Plan ahead by purchasing KJ burial plots while your family is in good health. Waiting for the moment when the necessity of arranging a plot is immediate can be stressful for loved ones who are already under great emotional duress, and creates unnecessary financial pressure for your family during an already difficult time.

- It is in keeping with Jewish tradition to provide a

common burial ground for one's family. In fact, the very first property purchase of which there is a biblical record features our Patriarch Abraham buying a family plot.

- The final resting place is a religious sanctuary. When located on the grounds of an established congregation like KJ, now in its 134th year, you have good reason to believe that by contracting for maintenance with the cemetery, your burial plots will be maintained with dignity and propriety.

- Put your house in good order by purchasing KJ burial plots, filing the paperwork with your other important records, and never thinking about the matter again until after 120 years of joy and blessing.



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### SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		<i>Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Friday Evening Services</i>	<i>Saturday Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
<b>July</b>					
8-9	Chukat	8:12 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:13 PM
15-16	Balak	8:08 PM	6:45 PM	7:55 PM	9:08 PM
22-23	Pinchas	8:04 PM	6:45 PM	7:50 PM	9:02 PM
29-30	Mattot	7:57 PM	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:55 PM
<b>August</b>					
5-6	Masei (Rosh Chodesh Av)	7:50 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:46 PM
12-13	Devarim	7:40 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:36 PM
19-20	Va'etchanan (Tu B'Av)	7:30 PM	6:45 PM	7:15 PM	8:24 PM
26-27	Ekev	7:20 PM	6:45 PM	7:05 PM	8:14 PM
<b>September</b>					
2-3	Re'eh	7:09 PM	6:45 PM	6:55 PM	8:03 PM
9-10	Shoftim	6:58 PM	6:45 PM	6:40 PM	7:50 PM
16-17	Ki Tetze	6:46 PM	6:45 PM	6:30 PM	7:38 PM
23-24	Ki Tavo	6:34 PM	6:45 PM	6:20 PM	7:26 PM

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

### EVENING SERVICES

July 10-14 ..... 6:50 PM July 17-September 22 ..... 6:45 PM

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Thurs-Fri, July 7-8

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz  
Morning Services 7:00 AM

#### Sunday, July 24

Fast of 17th of Tammuz  
See schedule on Page 5  
**Sat-Sun, August 13-14**  
Fast of Tisha B'Av  
See schedule on Page 5

#### Sun-Mon, Sept. 4-5

Rosh Chodesh Elul  
Morning Services 8:30 AM

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