

HIGH HOLY DAY ISSUE

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AN EXTRAORDINARY AND COMMENDABLE RESPONSE

A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

In late July, about two weeks after the IDF's defensive struggle against Hezbollah began, I received the following letter from a member of the Congregation:

"Dear Rabbi Lookstein: In this time of crisis, I know that KJ will do everything it can to assist Israel and its citizens. We pray for a speedy end to the

conflict and the removal of all threats to Israel's security. Please accept our contribution to that cause." Accompanying that letter was a \$2,500 contribution to the Benevolent Fund.

I had been thinking about what we could do to help our brothers and sisters in Israel in an unbearable situation that was destroying homes, lives, livelihoods

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PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

SELICHOT SERVICES

Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 PM
Preceded by a Collation at 9:15 PM

ROSH HASHANAH WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 19 at 8:00 PM
RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK

YOM KIPPUR WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 26 at 8:00 PM
RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK

TESHUVA SHIUR

RABBI HERSHEL SCHACHTER

Rosh Yeshiva of

The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan

Theological Seminary

Wednesday, September 27 at 8:00 pm

SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA

SPONSORED BY SUZY AND LARRY PRESENT
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EMANUEL GOLDBERGER

RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK

*"So Near, Yet Shofar: God's Presence
and the Yom Kippur Tekiyah"*

Saturday, September 30

At the conclusion of 9:00 AM services



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Prof. Halbertal is the recipient of the Bruno Award of the Rothschild Foundation, and the Goren Goldstein award for the best book in Jewish thought in the years 1997-2000.

Our Scholar

PROF. MOSHE HALBERTAL

Professor of Jewish Thought

and Philosophy at Hebrew University.

Fellow, The Shalom Hartman Institute

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Members:

Non-Members:

Adults \$35 \$40

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

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

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A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

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and morale. The cause seemed so immense that our small part struck me as potentially insignificant. That letter, along with a few oral inquiries by congregants, led to our appeal on Tisha B'Av night. The results of that appeal, which included two e-mails to the KJ/Ramaz family, led to contributions amounting to over \$191,000 dollars - truly an extraordinary and commendable response on the part of our family - and contributions are still coming in.

As of Erev Shabbat Re'eh, August 18, we have disbursed almost half of what we have received. We gave large gifts to the Yeshivat Hesder in Kiryat Shmoneh, whose students were providing meals to people in shelters; to L'Ma'an Achai in Bet Shemesh, where "hundreds of refugees" were being accommodated; to Livnot U'I'hibanot in

Tzfat, a major social service agency in that beleaguered city; to Hazon Yeshaya, a soup kitchen whose capacity had to greatly increase because of the needs of people who came from the North without resources; to Yeshivat B'nai Chayil, which was preparing to accommodate "seventy-five refugees" for an extended period; to a manufacturer for a large supply of bullet-proof vests for reservists who were on active duty but who did not have this life-saving equipment; and to a charity in Carmiel which normally takes care of poor people in that city but whose needs greatly expanded because of the terrible damage during the war.

Audrey and I have just returned from Israel where we celebrated several Bar and Bat Mitzvahs in the KJ/Ramaz family. While there, we actively

investigated other worthy causes which need extraordinary help in order to provide extraordinary help to Israelis. I hope to give you an update in the near future.

In the meantime, I wanted to express my admiration to the entire KJ/Ramaz family for a most commendable response to a huge crisis. We cannot physically fight for Israel, but we certainly can, and must, help others who are fighting, and give aid to those who are victims of the fighting. I hope that our response, along with the courageous response of the Israelis, will bring God's blessings to our People for health, well-being, peace and safety in the coming year.

Haskel Lookstein

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RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK TO DELIVER SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA

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and the Yom Kippur Tekiyah"*

Saturday, September 30
At the conclusion of 9:00 AM services

Tekiat shofar is popularly interpreted as the strident peal of an alarm clock that God has set for us, a clarion call startling us from our complacency and alerting us to the fact that the time has come to repent. The *shofar* is blown a hundred times on Rosh Hashanah; the Yom Kippur service, however, has but one sounding of the shofar, and that, famously, occurs at the conclusion of *neila*. How odd. If we are

to choose a moment for sounding the *shofar* on Yom Kippur, why would we choose the close of the services, when the importance of *teshuva* is all too obvious, when we are already acutely aware of the fact that the period of repentance is coming to an end? This seeming oddity, however, is key to a more nuanced understanding of the purpose of the *shofar* and of the Days of Awe themselves.

WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, June 26, and this Bulletin, which went to press on August 25:

Shirley Abel
Yaira Singer & Matthew Binstock
Caroline Born
Jennifer Born
Daniel J. Bursky
Judy and Dr. Maurice Khosh
Susy Sarfaty and Jonathan Levin
Robye and Allen Margolius
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OPERATION L'HITRAOT XVI THANKSGIVING MISSION IN ISRAEL

NOVEMBER 21 - 28

In view of the recent war between Israel and Hezbollah, Operation L'Hitraot XVI Thanksgiving Mission to Israel will be transformed into a solidarity mission. In addition to our spending time in Jerusalem at the Inbal Hotel, we will also travel to the North and stay overnight in two locations. We will visit Haifa, Kiryat Shmoneh, Metulla, Tzfat and other places in the North of Israel which were severely damaged by rockets and missiles sent by Hezbollah with civilians as their exclusive target. The mission will take

on special importance because of this added dimension.

There are still a few places left for those who would like to join us. The mission will leave on Tuesday evening, November 21, and return early in the morning on Tuesday, November 28. For further information and reservations, please contact the special website for this mission at <http://www.arieltours.com/kj>, & email inquiries to kjmission@arieltours.com or call Ariel Tours directly at 718-633-6194, ext. 272.

**RAV HERSEL SCHACHTER
TO SPEAK AT TESHUVA SHIUR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
AT 8:00 PM**

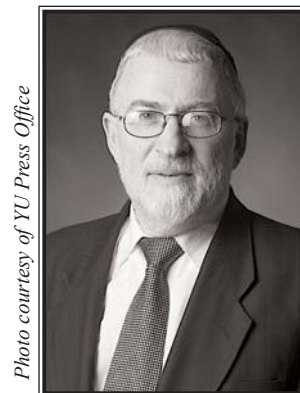


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Rav Hershel Schachter will deliver the Congregation's annual Teshuva Shiur on Wednesday evening, September 27 at 8:00 PM in the Riklis Social Hall.

Rabbi Schachter has had a distinguished career at Yeshiva University for nearly 40 years. He joined the faculty in 1967, at the age of 26, the youngest Rosh Yeshiva at RIETS. Rabbi Schachter has been Rosh Kollel in the Marcos and Adina Katz Kollel (Institute for Advanced Research in Rabbinics) and is also the Nathan and Vivian Fink Distinguished Professorial Chair in Talmud.

A prolific author, he has written extensively for such scholarly publications as *HaPardes*, *Hadarom*, *Beth Yitzchak*, and *Or Hamizrach*, and has authored works including *Eretz HaTzvi*, *B'ikvei HaTzon*, *Nefesh HaRav* and *MiPinei HaRav*. At age 22, Rabbi Schachter was appointed assistant to Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik zt"l. Rabbi Schachter earned his B.A. from Yeshiva College, and an M.A. in Hebrew Literature from the Bernard Revel Graduate School in 1967, the same year that he was ordained.

The Congregation is deeply honored to present Rav Schachter as this year's special Teshuva Shiur speaker. The entire community is urged to attend.

**Rav Hershel Schachter speaks on
"Insight Into
the Laws of Shabbat"**

Wednesday, November 15
at 8:00 PM

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WELCOME TO ALEXIS BERKOWITZ, MSW

A NEW SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM FOR THE KJ COMMUNITY



Alexis Berkowitz, MSW

We are proud to announce that the Congregation will offer a new service to the Community in the person of Alexis Berkowitz, a graduate social worker who will spend Tuesdays at KJ during business hours or by appointment. She will assist the rabbinic staff on a broad range of social and communal issues, and she will also be available to members of this community to help with a variety of personal needs. During the course of the year, she will present

workshops on several issues such as loss and bereavement, care of children and of senior citizens, general family issues, adoption and the like.

Ms. Berkowitz earned her Masters in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. Her professional career began at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women as the Resident Supervisor. She spent four years working for the Jewish Family and Career Services in Atlanta, Georgia, specializing in working with battered women and providing many services to women and children in crisis.

She comes to KJ as part of a program sponsored by the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCF) of UJA-Federation. We are very happy to have her as part of our professional team, and we look forward to many contributions that she will make which will benefit members of this community.

ROSE AND DR. CHARLES LANGER LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM

The Rose & Dr. Charles Langer Lunch and Learn Program for seniors, hosted by Donna Silverman, will commence once again this fall. The free program for seniors is made possible by an endowment created by the Buchwald, Edelsburg and Stern Families.

Lunch & Learn 2006-2007 Schedule

The program takes place at 12:30 PM in the Riklis Social Hall, with the exception of dates when Rabbi Meir Soloveichik is speaking, which will take place at 12:00 noon.

2006		February 7	Hon. Jerome Hornblass
October 18	Dr. Roy Feldman	February 14	Alexis Berkowitz
October 25	Rabbi Elie Weinstock	February 21	Rabbi David Flatto
November 1	Rabbi David Flatto	February 28	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
November 8	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik	March 7	Rabbi Hillel Rapp
November 15	Dr. Jay Rothschild	March 14	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
November 22	<i>Erev Thanksgiving</i>	March 21	Rabbi Hillel Rapp
November 29	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik	March 28	Rabbi Elie Weinstock
December 6	Surie Sugarman	April 4	<i>Pesach Break</i>
December 13	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn	April 11	<i>Pesach Break</i>
December 20	Hon. Jerome Hornblass	April 18	Rabbi David Flatto
December 27	<i>Winter Break</i>	April 25	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
		May 2	Rabbi Hillel Rapp
		May 9	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
		May 16	Hon. Jerome Hornblass
		May 23	<i>Shavuot</i>
January 3	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik	May 30	Rabbi Hillel Rapp
January 10	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn	June 6	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
January 17	Janie Schwalbe	June 13	Janie Schwalbe
January 24	Rabbi David Flatto	June 20	Rabbi Elie Weinstock
January 31	Rabbi Elie Weinstock		

SHABBAT AT KJ

KESHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN
9:15 AM
Falk Auditorium
Sept. 9, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

HASHKAMA MINYAN
7:15 AM
Max. J. Etra Chapel
**Sept. 16, Oct. 21 & 28,
Nov. 11 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16**

WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP
Max J. Etra Chapel
Oct. 15 (Simchat Torah), Nov. 19

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Nov. 3, Dec. 15

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MORTIMER J. PROPP, MITCH KREVAT AND JONATHAN M. WAGNER CHOSEN FOR TORAH HONORS ON SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH

The Officers of the Congregation are very pleased to announce that three outstanding members of the community will be honored as Grooms of the Law for the celebration of the completion of the Torah on Simchat Torah. Their installation will take place before the Musaf service on Shemini Atzeret.



CHATAN TORAH
Mortimer J. Propp

Mortimer J. Propp and his wife Enia have been members of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun for 60 years - just one of Morty Propp's lifelong commitments to Judaism and Jewish causes. At age 16, he founded Habonim, the Interscholastic League of Jewish Youth, forerunner of the Orthodox Union's NCSY. His tireless efforts since 1938 to rescue the Yemenite Jews - predating Operation Magic Carpet by ten years - were commemorated by the Yemenite Jewish Federation of America at a 1999 gala. As the last living founder of the United Jewish Appeal, he was honored by its leadership in 2002 at a special UJA-Federation luncheon. Since 1983, Morty has proudly served as a senior officer on the Advisory Council of the New York Board of Rabbis.

A born New Yorker, he received his Masters degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business. In 1942, Morty married Eugenie Alter, an émigré from Vienna. During World War II he served in the Signal Corps. Following the war, he joined his family's real estate and manufacturing business. The couple moved to Mamaroneck, NY, where in 1947 Morty led the founding of the Westchester Day School, which has become an American yeshiva of worldwide renown and a great feeder for Ramaz High School.

Now in his mid-nineties, Morty Propp maintains his midtown office. He and his brothers Ephraim and the late Seymour have long supported Jewish charities in the United States and abroad. Father of Helen, Anne and Morris, and grandfather of Jack and Adrienne, Morty is a devoted family man and loyal friend who enjoys mathematical puzzles and walking. With so much he still wants to do, he complains only that "the hours go by too fast."

The Congregation is proud to be able to honor a distinguished son of a distinguished family for his service to this community and the Jewish People.



CHATAN BEREISHIT
Mitch Krevat

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, a graduate of Brockport College with a B.S. in Marketing and Business Management, Mitch Krevat and his wife, Randy Shusterman Krevat, are one of the nicest things that have happened to this Congregation in recent history. Everybody loves Mitch and his family, and cherishes their friendship.

With a 25 year history as a professional in advertising, his clients have included Polo/Ralph Lauren, Fuji Photo Film, and Liz Claiborne, among others. He and Randy have designed many wonderful logos and invitations for the Congregation, perhaps none more significant than this past spring's "First Pitch" on May 24 when five hundred KJ/Ramaz people wore a T-shirt to Shea Stadium with their slogan, "Lookstein puts the RBI back in RABBI."

His penchant for fun and humor is matched by his extraordinary commitment to volunteer service in this community. He is an active leader in the KJ Men's Club. He chaired the KJ Annual Dinner. He provided an 18-wheeler for Katrina victims and helped to fill it. He is a regular at *shiva minyanim*. A Gabbai at our Beginners High Holy Day services, he designed and built the Aron Kodesh for that service. Wherever there has been an important project for KJ and Ramaz, Mitch has taken a leading part. Behind the scenes, he also did *pro bono* advertising work for Soroko Hospital, Nishmat, and ORA.

The most precious part of Mitch's and Randy's life is their three daughters, all of whom are students in Ramaz: Rebecca ('08), Sarah ('12) and Julia ('16). Together they make up an absolutely wonderful Modern Orthodox Jewish family.

It is a privilege to honor Mitch for his dedication, devotion, and generosity to our community.



CHATAN MAFTIR
Jonathan M. Wagner

To find Jonathan Wagner in our synagogue, you have to look way in the back on the left. There you will see a reserved and humble young man with a shy smile on his face reflecting his love of KJ, Ramaz, and Jewish life. He has never said no to any request. He has responded with generosity of time and substance.

A graduate of Columbia Law School where he was an editor of the Law Review, Jonathan clerked for a year for United States District Judge Charles Sifton of the Eastern District of New York. He then joined Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, where he is now a partner specializing in commercial litigation. He has done extraordinary *pro bono* work for many Jewish organizations, most recently representing the Congregation in a litigation that was unavoidable. In that capacity, he showed brilliance as a professional, sensitivity as a Jew, and compassion in advocating a reasonable solution. Jonathan has also been actively involved in UJA campaigns at his firm.

He and his wife, Phyllis, have been active members of KJ for over twenty years. He has served as a member of the Bikur Cholim Society for the past five. Phyllis, a business reporter at the New York Daily News, joins Jonathan as parents of three absolutely wonderful girls: Arielle (Ramaz '04), now a junior at Barnard, Lauren (Ramaz '08), and Anna, an 8th grader in the Middle School. The Wagners also represent the kind of family that we are so proud to have in our Congregation and school. In their own unostentatious way, they serve as a model for what a Jewish family ought to be.

It is a privilege to be able to honor Jonathan on the High Holy Days this year.



Our Chatanim will be officially installed on Shemini Atzeret, Saturday, October 14. We will rejoice with them at that time and then again on Simchat Torah, night and day. We are happy to honor three families whose love and commitment to Torah and the Jewish People are so outstanding.

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 22, Rosh Hashanah Eve

Selichot Service (Z'chor Brit)	6:30 AM
Candle Lighting	6:36 PM
Evening	6:45 PM

Saturday, September 23, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning	8:00 AM
Beginners Service	8:00 AM
Evening	6:30 PM
Candle Lighting	After 7:28 PM

Sunday, September 24, Rosh Hashanah II

Morning	8:00 AM
Beginners Service	8:00 AM
Tashlich	5:30 PM
Evening	6:40 PM
Yom Tov ends	7:26 PM

TSOM (FAST OF) GEDALIAH

Monday, September 25

Fast begins	5:52 AM
Morning	6:45 AM
Mincha	6:20 PM
Fast ends	7:21 PM

DAILY SERVICES:

Tuesday-Thursday, September 26-28

Tuesday Morning	7:00 AM
Wednesday Morning	7:00 AM
Thursday Morning	6:45 AM
Tues.-Thurs. Evenings	6:40 PM

SHABBAT SHUVA

Friday, September 29

Morning	7:00 AM
Candle Lighting	6:24 PM
Evening	6:35 PM

Saturday, September 30

Morning	9:00 AM
Shabbat Shuva Discourse by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik Sponsored by Suzy and Larry Present in memory of Suzy's father Emanuel Goldberger	
Evening	6:10 PM
Shabbat ends	7:15 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, October 1, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning	8:10 AM
Mincha	2:30 PM
Candle Lighting	6:21 PM
Kol Nidre	6:15 PM
Beginners Kol Nidre	6:00 PM

Monday, October 2, Yom Kippur Morning

Main Synagogue	8:30 AM
Heyman Auditorium	9:00 AM
Gottesman Center Falk Auditorium	9:00 AM
Beginners	9:00 AM
Fast ends	7:13 PM

SUKKOT

Friday, October 6, Sukkot Eve

Morning	7:30 AM
Candle Lighting	6:12 PM
Evening	6:25 PM

Saturday, October 7, Sukkot I

Shabbat Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	6:10 PM
Candle Lighting	After 7:05 PM

Sunday, October 8, Sukkot II

Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	6:20 PM
Yom Tov ends	7:03 PM

DAILY SERVICES - CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Monday, October 9

Morning	6:50 AM
Evening	6:15 PM

Tuesday, October 10

Morning	6:50 AM
Evening	6:15 PM

Wednesday, October 11

Morning	6:50 AM
Evening	6:15 PM

Thursday, October 12

Morning	6:50 AM
Evening	6:15 PM

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Friday, October 13, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Services	6:30 AM
Candle Lighting	6:01 PM
Evening	6:15 PM

Saturday, October 14, Shemini Atzeret

Shabbat Morning Services	9:00 AM
Mincha followed by Ma'ariv and Simchat Torah Hakafot	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting	After 6:52 PM

Sunday, October 15, Simchat Torah

Morning	9:00 AM
Women's Tefilah Group	9:15 AM
Evening	6:10 PM
Yom Tov ends	6:51 PM

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCHEDULE

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

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

YOM KIPPUR KOL NIDRE NIGHT 6:15 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades only)

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

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

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

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

HIGH HOLY DAY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The Month of Elul

- Sounding of the Shofar each morning after Shacharit.
- Recitation of the entire Book of Psalms at KJ.
- Selichot Services each morning beginning Sunday, September 17, a half hour before morning services.

ROSH HASHANAH

- Beginning of God's judgment.
- Sounding of the Shofar around 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 24. (Those ill at home or hospital should contact Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for special arrangements.)

Rituals to Remember

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

First Night

- Rosh Hashanah greeting upon leaving shul:

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 "May you be inscribed for a Good Year."
- Dipping of apple into honey with blessing over fruit and
 "May it be Thy will to grant us a good and sweet year."

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Second Night

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

Second Day

- **Tashlich** - Sunday, September 24, 5:30 PM, at Central Park's "Turtle Pond" just south of the Great Lawn near 85th Street, or at Carl Schurz Park at the East River and 86th Street.

Tsom Gedaliah (Fast of Gedaliah)

- Monday, September 25.

10 Days of Repentance

(Rosh Hashanah - Yom Kippur)

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

THE MIKVAH ON THE EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

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

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

Our practice at KJ is that we observe this custom as a group before the morning service. All MEN are invited to assemble at the mikvah, 234 West 78th Street (East of Broadway) at 7:10 AM on Sunday, October 1. Everyone will have the opportunity to immerse and then we will return to KJ for Shacharit services.

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

YOM KIPPUR

- Avoidance of food, drink, washing, lotions and oils, and marital relations.
- Refraining from wearing leather shoes (wear a pair of non-leather footwear).
- Men are strongly encouraged to wear a white *kittel*.
- Yizkor recited.

SUKKOT

- All meals with bread or *mezonot* should be eaten in a Sukkah.
- Lulav and Etrog will be used beginning on Sunday, October 8, but are not used on Shabbat.

You may purchase a Lulav and Israeli Etrog through KJ by contacting Rabbi Elie Weinstock in the synagogue office. (Reservation forms have been sent to all members under separate cover.) Deadline is Monday, September 25.

Sukkah Meals in the KJ Sukkah

Friday, October 6 – Dinner

Saturday, October 7 – Lunch and Dinner

Sunday, October 8 – Lunch

(Reservation forms have been sent to members under separate cover.)

Deadline, *space permitting*, is Thursday, September 28

Members: **Adults \$35** **Juniors* \$30** **Children** \$18**

Non-Members: **Adults \$40** **Juniors* \$35** **Children** \$30**

*Ages 12-18 **Ages 2-11

*You must reserve space for a non-catered meal
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Hoshanah Rabbah

- Friday morning, October 13, at 6:30 AM.
- Close of the penitential season.
- High Holy Day melodies. Seven circuits around the shul with *Lulav* and *Etrog* and beating of the *Aravot*.
- President's breakfast sponsored by Miriam and Eric Feldstein.

Shemini Atzeret

- Yizkor recited.
- Chatanim presented to the congregation.

Simchat Torah

I Evening – Saturday, October 14

• BRING CHILDREN AT 6:15 PM

Nursery through 2nd Grade – Riklis Social Hall

3rd-6th Grades - Max J. Etra Chapel

Teens – Main Synagogue

- Hakafot Unlimited – Singing and dancing celebration in the Heyman Auditorium following services. A light meal and Torah discourses will conclude the evening. All are invited!

II Simchat Torah Day - Sunday, October 15

- Youth groups after the Kol Hannarim aliyah

- Hakafot with singing and dancing

- Chatanim called to the Torah

- Women's Tefilah Group meets in Chapel at 9:15 AM

- Memorable performance by Mayer Davis and the "Shul Tones"

- Buffet kiddush following services

KESHER CONTINUES TO CONNECT YOUNG PEOPLE

Kesher is the organization at KJ that offers an array of programs and events for individuals, couples and families who are in their twenties, thirties and forties. As its name suggests, Kesher's main goal is to create a "connection" among the younger KJ members in order to make them feel a part of this large, and sometimes overwhelming, community.

One of the most popular Kesher programs is the Young People's Minyan (YPM), where Kesher members can daven together, enjoy a delicious hot kiddush together, and most importantly get to know each other in an intimate shul environment. Another signature Kesher program, which will be offered this year, and has enjoyed huge success over the past few years, is the Kesher Lecture Series, where Kesher members can explore a wide range of interesting topics including an Adult/Child/Infant CPR class, a halacha class, and a parenting class.

Kesher offers other interesting events as well over the course of the year—both social and meaningful—such as our Shemini Atzeret Kick-off Lunch and Spring Lunch. Also on the calendar this year for Kesher's community of young children is the always popular Uncle Moishy Concert as well as the Melave Malka featuring the community's own celebrity keyboardist "Rabbi Avrumi." And for adults, our Progressive Dinner offers a fun night out on the town and a chance to meet and mingle with other Kesher members outside of a shul setting.

In addition to its social programming, Kesher is committed to continuing its important chesed project, the delivery of a Shabbat dinner to the parents of every new baby born into the KJ family. This project is aimed at making the first Shabbat home with a new baby as easy as possible. And making the first few months a little easier for every new mother, Kesher will once again offer its New Mother's Breakfast, which was a big success last year, and gives new mothers the

opportunity to mingle as well as hear interesting insights from various child specialists. Kesher is also determined this year to continue its tradition of reaching out to new members of the shul by sending them a welcoming email and extending them an invitation to spend a Shabbat meal at the home of a Kesher board member.

And finally, to further its commitment to chesed, this year Kesher introduces the Kesher Chesed Series, an effort to involve more young members of the shul, and their children, in a variety of interesting chesed projects over the course of the year.

Both the Shabbat meal programs and the other extensive programming that Kesher runs throughout the year are made possible and successful because of the determined and energetic group of Kesher leaders. This year Kesher welcomes two new co-presidents; Erica Schwartz and Jillian Wieder, who together with returning co-president Daniella Muller, treasurer Judith Ottensoser, newly appointed secretary Jennifer Agus and, of course, the growing number of active Kesher board members, hope to make this year at Kesher another exciting one.

We bid farewell to past co-presidents Sara Shemia and Robyn Price Stonehill and thank them for their years of hard work and leadership. Sara Shemia will remain on Kesher's Executive Board as President Emeritus.

Most importantly, Kesher is determined to constantly respond to the needs of its members and keep them involved in both the Kesher and KJ communities. Kesher does this most effectively through the Kesher email, which gives members an easier and more up-to-date way of staying informed of Kesher events. It also provides a way for Kesher members, or those interested in learning more about Kesher, to communicate their questions or concerns with the Kesher presidents. To find out more about Kesher, to get more involved, or to simply have your name added to the Kesher email, please

feel free to email us at kesher@ckj.org

We look forward to another great year at Kesher and hope you will join us for all of our exciting events!

KESHER EVENTS

Kesher Chesed Series
Pre-Rosh Hashanah Activity

September 17

Shemini Atzeret Kick-off Lunch

October 14

Fall New Mother's Breakfast

Week of October 22

Kesher Lecture Series

Parenting topic

Week of November 5

Kesher Chesed Series
Pre-Thanksgiving Activity

November 19

Uncle Moishy Concert

December 10

Melavah Malkah

January 20

Progressive Dinner

February 10

Kesher Lecture Series

Halacha class

Week of March 11

Kesher Chesed Series

Pre-Pesach Activity

March 25

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Week of April 22

Kesher Lecture Series: CPR Class

Week of April 29

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Identity - December 8

Spirituality - January 19

Community - March 9

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We are thrilled to welcome our new Assistant Youth Director Miriam Kahn. A graduate student in the Wurzweiler school of Social Work, Miriam has a great deal of hands-on experience running innovative and educational programs for young children, and we are looking forward to her contributions to Shabbat morning groups. Miriam will be joined by several other college-aged youth leaders, many of whom are also returning staff members. Together, they will add depth, maturity and experience to the Youth Department's proven lineup of outstanding high school volunteers. In addition, for the past two years we have enjoyed strong leadership from our growing Bnei Akiva program, and we are excited for their continued growth this

year.

An exciting array of new and familiar programs lies in store this year, including a kickoff barbecue which will be great fun for kids and their families, Saturday night family learning with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, and revamped Shabbat morning groups for kids of all ages.

Perennial sports league favorites like hockey ("KJHL"), basketball ("KJBL") and softball ("KJSL") will be back, as will the popular Saturday night Open Gym program, "Hello Yellow" arts-and-crafts classes, and fall and spring Shabbatonim.

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

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Oct. 21	Open Gym Night for grades 5-6
Oct. 22	KJHL
Oct. 28	Open Gym Night for grades 7-12
Oct. 29	KJHL
Nov. 3	Tot Shabbat program
Nov. 4	Open Gym Night for grades 1-4
Nov. 5	KJHL
Nov. 11	Fall Youth Shabbaton
Nov. 11	Family Mishnayot Learning with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for grades 2-4
Nov. 11	Open Gym Night for grades 5-6
Nov. 12	KJHL
Nov. 18	Open Gym Night for grades 7-12
Nov. 19	KJHL
Dec. 2	Open Gym Night for grades 1-4
Dec. 3	KJBL
Dec. 9	Open Gym Night for grades 5-6
Dec. 9	Family Mishnayot Learning with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for grades 2-4
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their children. The Jewish Youth Connection (JYC) is the Sunday morning Hebrew school founded by KJ members Susan and Scott Shay ten years ago with the goal of providing a substantive and meaningful Jewish education to unaffiliated families. The Shays have nurtured JYC with a single-minded devotion for a decade and have seen the school grow from just a few students to over fifty during this past academic year. Over a dozen JYC students have moved on to Jewish Day Schools or High Schools - a tribute to the caring, dedication and support of Susan and Scott.

A few months ago, the Shays made the decision to turn the management of JYC over to KJ. Rabbi Elie Weinstock will oversee JYC with the help of Scott, Susan, and the dedicated JYC staff.

JYC's curriculum includes Bible, Jewish history, customs, and holidays. Students participate in small classes, and there are also modules on Jewish

History, the Holocaust, and the State of Israel for older participants. Students from second through sixth grade are paired with a Big

Brother/Sister for individualized Hebrew study, and there is a special track for students preparing for Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

"JYC has been great for our kids," enthused one parent. "They actually remind us to take them to Hebrew school and are excited to go to school on a Sunday. It is incredible!"

The new school year begins on September 10th at 9:30 am. All are welcome to sample JYC's start-of-the-year sessions and programs on that day and on September 17th. Enrollment is open to all, and no synagogue affiliation or Jewish background is required to participate in JYC. No one is turned away due to lack of funds.

JYC is located at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, 125 East 85th Street, between Lexington and Park. For more information or questions, please contact Miriam Marcus, JYC's director, at JYC@ckj.org or 212-794-1592, or see www.jyc.info

KJ COLLEGE CONNECTION NEEDS YOUR CHILD'S INFO

With the fall season upon us, we have once again begun collecting the dormitory addresses of the children of KJ Members who are studying at a college or graduate school away from home.

The KJ College Connection sends free gift packages during Chanukah and Purim each year, containing candies, Chanukiahs, Mishloach Manot and other holiday-related items. The initiative, spearheaded by the program's Co-Chairs Monita Buchwald and Barry Kluger, is provided at no cost to KJ Members whose children are currently out-of-town students.

The program is a wonderful reminder

to our families' students that they are thought of and wished a Chag Sameach. "Thank you very much for all the packages you've sent over the past couple of years," one graduating student recently wrote KJ. Another recent graduate emailed: "I love the KJ Mishloach Manot packages!"

If your child is studying away from home at a college or university in the United States, please update their mailing information (even if you think we already have it) by e-mailing Eva@ckj.org with each student's name and exact dormitory mailing address or campus package delivery address.

KJ B'NEI MITZVAH PROGRAM

KJ is happy to offer a newly expanded learning program for boys and girls from our community reaching bnei mitzvah age. The KJ B'nei Mitzvah program is an opportunity for parents and children to explore, in creative and interactive ways, the challenges and opportunities of reaching bar and bat mitzvah.

The Bat Mitzvah program follows a curriculum developed by MaTaNa, the world-renowned Jerusalem academy for women's Torah scholarship, which focuses on Jewish female role models from the Matriarchs to Nehama Leibowitz.

The Bar Mitzvah program, developed specifically for KJ, explores the Jewish sources on daily living and ritual practice in a way which is hands-on, exciting and meaningful.

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BAT MITZVAH

Led by Rachel Kraus

October 22, November 5, November 19, December 3, December 17, January 7, January 21, February 4, February 11

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THE KJ SISTERHOOD 2006-2007: *Olam Chesed Yibaneh - The World is Built on Chesed*

The KJ Sisterhood is off to an exciting start, with many new events planned for the coming year. Before we can clue you in to the many new and exciting things we have planned, we must give credit to our outgoing Presidents Stacy Scheinberg, Karen Gurewitsch and Sheera Moffson, under whose leadership we all helped make the world a better place.

During their two year tenure, the KJ Sisterhood launched its Annual Mitzvah Day program, a full day of activities that brought attention to the plight of New York's Jewish hungry and homeless. In trying to continue their initiative, we have decided to dedicate the Sisterhood's next two years to *Tikun Olam* - repairing the world.

The Sisterhood provides the community with many important resources. We prepare the home and the first meal in each local Shiva house, and we sponsor the congregational Kiddush every Shabbat when there is no private sponsor. We run the Mitzvah Day, a wide reaching effort to combat Jewish Poverty; and we send a welcome bottle of wine and two Challahs to every new member in the community. We give *tzedakah* to many worthy causes, here at home and in Israel, from the monies we raise during the year. Some of those receiving organizations include Hatzolah, Magen David Adom, Meir Panim, Dorot, Sharsheret, Aleh, Shalva; and the list goes on.

Two programs that we are sponsoring again this year are the **Team Sharsheret Race for the Cure Breast Cancer Run/Walk**, which will take place on Sunday, September 10 at 8:30 a.m., and the **Project Ezra Luncheon for Seniors**, which will be held on April 30, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

Our first event this year will be our new format **Pre-Rosh Hashanah "day-into-evening" Boutique** on Tuesday, September 12, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Starting at 5:00 p.m., sip some wine and enjoy hors d'oeuvres while you shop an array of vendors for all your Rosh Hashanah needs - Hats by Hedy, beautiful table linens, Judaica for your holiday table and much, much more.

McCabe's Wines and Liquors will once again be on hand to take your holiday orders.

Most importantly, all the proceeds that we raise from this event will be going to support a number of charities in Israel at this time of need. For further details, or to participate as a vendor, contact Sharon Levitsky at 212-628-2380.

Join us on Tuesday, October 24 for our first **Open Meeting** of the year at 11:00 a.m., to be followed by lunch and a Book Review by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of Philip Roth's *Everyman*. The Rabbi will speak about the book in detail and how mortality affects all of our lives.

Our first **Cooking Class** of the season will be taught by *The Kosher Palette II: Coming Home* author Sandra Blank on Wednesday, November 1. Bring your appetites but space is limited, so please reserve early by contacting Elisa Bryskin Gage, at 212-831-9816, or Sheera Moffson, at 212-410-6026.

November 15, at 7:00 p.m. will be the first in a series of four **Ladies Night Out** evenings: dinner at a fabulous kosher restaurant and shuir/lecture given by Rebbetzin Chani Krasnianski, of Chabad of the Upper East Side. These events, at rotating restaurants throughout the year, are designed to give women a lovely evening out with friends, a taste of Torah and a gourmet meal, all at the same time.

Sunday, December 3 is reserved for our annual **Pre-Chanukah Boutique and Blood Drive** - a great time to do a Mitzvah and take care of your holiday shopping needs.

A sell-out event every year is Cynthia Nachmani's **Museum Tour**, which will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 "*El Greco to Picasso: Time, Truth, and History*" at the Guggenheim Museum, preceded by a lovely brunch at the home of our board member, Randy Krevat.

We are pleased to announce the **first annual Gertrude Lookstein Mother/Daughter/Granddaughter Tea**, which will be hosted by Audrey Lookstein and Shira Baruch on Shabbat afternoon, April 28, 2007. We hope to bring together the different generations of the Sisterhood in a unique setting.

Other important 2007 events include: back by popular demand, *Sushi and Solly*, a sushi preparation class and shiur taught by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik; a February evening cooking class featuring desserts extraordinaire by a celebrated cookbook author; the March 18th Pre-Pesach Boutique and Annual Mitzvah Day; a Jewish Harlem Tour preceded by a brunch; and our biggest event and fundraiser of the year, our Annual Spring Luncheon and Boutique, which will take place on Tuesday, June 5.

We invite everyone to participate in our events and programs throughout the year, all the while assisting us in reaching our goal of making the world a better place by doing *Chesed*.

Our new Sisterhood Officers for the 2006-2008 term are as follows:

- ♦ Susan Blinken, President
- ♦ Shira Baruch, Vice President
- ♦ Abby Doft, Treasurer
- ♦ Vivian Mark, Recording Secretary
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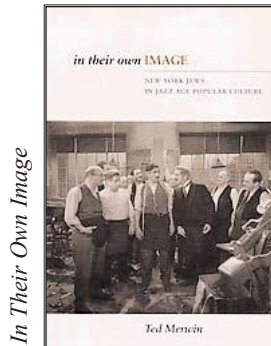
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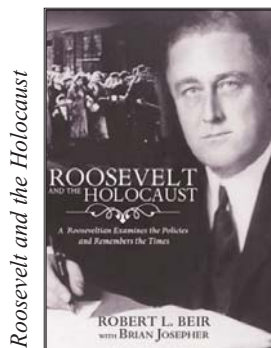
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UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE AM HASEFER BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

KJ's Am HaSefer Book Discussion Club is launching another year with an outstanding series of community reviews of important new books, featuring in-person discussions with their authors.



On Sunday, September 17 at 8:00 pm in the Heyman Auditorium, the synagogue will host the author Ted Merwin, Chief Theater Critic of *The Jewish Week*, who will deliver a special multimedia presentation on the birth of American Jewish culture, and discuss his new book *In Their Own Image: New York Jews in Jazz Age Popular Culture*. The cultural scene of the 1920's was also the period during which second-generation Jews began to emerge as a significant demographic presence in New York City. From vaudeville routines about Jewish life and silent films that showed immigrant families struggling to leave the ghetto, images of Jews became staples of popular culture. This event will be moderated by Am HaSefer's Chair Dr. Mark Meirowitz.



Roosevelt and the Holocaust will be the focus of our discussion with the author Robert Beir on Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 pm. President Franklin Delano

NEW KJ ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Team KJ is proud to introduce two new members of the synagogue office:



EVA ERLICH

Eva graduated from Penn State University in 2003 with a degree in Criminal Justice. While in school, Eva was involved in the Justice Association. She then interned at the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office as a mediator. Before moving to New York, Eva worked for an Import Company. She joined the KJ staff in July 2006. Eva can be reached at Eva@ckj.org or 212-774-5654.

Roosevelt's actions during the Holocaust are an issue of concern for historians. Was FDR the hero that defeated the Germans, or did he turn a blind eye to the plight of the Jews as long as he possibly could? The review will be moderated by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and will take place at a location to be announced.



The next book to be reviewed is *Up, Up and Oy Vey! How Jewish History, Culture and Values Shaped the Comic Book Superhero*, with the author Rabbi Simcha Weinstein. While the Jewish contribution to popular culture has been well-documented, the Jewish role in the creation of the All-American superhero has not been - until now. The author will join us on Sunday, December 10 at 8:00 pm at a location to be announced.



ARONA SCHNEIDER

Arona Schneider, a graduate of Yeshiva University, came to KJ in January of 2005. While at Stern College, Arona was very active in student life on campus, where she was editor-in-chief of the student handbook, *The Guide to the Perplexed*. In addition, she produced two major productions for the Stern College Dramatic Society, and organized monthly Rosh Chodesh Minyanim and breakfasts for the students. Arona has also established a part-time business creating monograms for wedding invitations and benchers. Arona incorporates her many talents to perform her full-time responsibilities at KJ, which include membership, publicity, and creative design work. She can be reached at Arona@ckj.org or 212-774-5674.

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“THE YESHIVA SHEL MA'ALA AND THE IVY LEAGUE”

BY RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, Associate Rabbi of the Congregation, delivered the following sermon on Parshat Vayera, January 28th:

November 21, 1925 ought to have been a wonderful weekend for Harvard alumnus W. F. Williams, who had traveled from his home in Greenwich Connecticut to watch his alma mater play in the 44th Harvard-Yale football game. Yale was favored to win, but Harvard's defensive line kept the score to 0-0, or what the Harvard Crimson called “a scoreless victory.” But when he arrived at the campus, he found with dismay that his beloved school had changed since he had attended Harvard in 1900. Where, he wondered, had all these Jews come from? He headed home in disgust, and wrote a letter of complaint to Harvard's president: “Being uncertain what stadium entrance to use,” he recounted in this correspondence, “I stopped a boy, evidently a student, to ask directions - he was a Jew. I was ushered to my seat at the game by a Jew, and another of the same “breed” followed me to my seat and required me to sign my ticket.”

“Naturally,” he wrote elsewhere in his letter, “after 25 years, one expects to find many changes, but to find that one's University had become so Hebrewized was a fearful shock. There were Jews to the right of me, Jews to the left of me, in fact they were obviously everywhere that instead of leaving the Yard with pleasant memories of the past I left with a feeling of utter disgust of the present and grave doubts about the future of my Alma Mater.”

Leaving aside his abrasive anti-Semitism, Williams was on to something; Harvard of the 1920's did have a significantly higher Jewish population than any time earlier; in fact Jewish undergraduate enrollment was fully 28

percent of the student body. Williams' letter and the history of Jewish enrollment in the Ivies, is discussed in a recent book that I have begun reading by historian Jerome Karabel, entitled *The Chosen: The Hidden History of Admission and Exclusion at Harvard, Yale and Princeton*, to which I was first referred by an excellent review by Jonathan Kay in *Commentary*. Karabel depicts an early twentieth-century Ivy League in which intellectual achievement was less celebrated than were extracurricular activities and social class. In fact, in 1904 the Yale yearbook boasted that their university had “more gentlemen and fewer scholars than any other class in the memory of man.” Because it was assumed that only the “right people” would apply, describes Karabel, no quotas were needed. And this system worked, Karabel writes, until the arrival of Eastern European Jews in America. “In those days,” writes David Brooks in an article on the book, “people who applied to schools like Harvard were admitted because people who weren't from the right social class didn't bother applying. But Jews, for reasons that are not clear, never got the message. They applied to Harvard, Yale and Princeton even though they weren't really wanted. And because many were so academically qualified, they increasingly got in.” It was in response to this increased Jewish attendance that a form of quotas were subsequently instituted, drastically limiting Jewish enrollment.

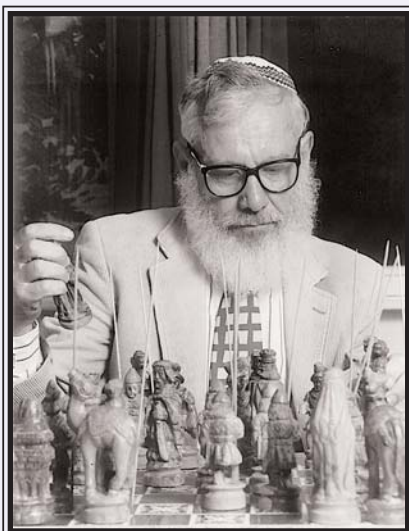
Now, the Jews who applied to the Ivies were under no illusions that the social stigma surrounding Jewish students would dissipate

over the course of their four years; in the three decades between 1900 and 1930, 1,200 Jews attended Yale, but not a single one of them was admitted into a senior society. But what drove Jews to apply, to attend, in ever increasing numbers, was an eagerness to experience the highest degree of academia. That they would not avail themselves of the best educational opportunities America had to offer was unthinkable.

And there is no question that a love of education, and a thirst for knowledge, has been an essential aspect of Jewish tradition for thousands of years. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once took note of an extraordinary passage in the book of Shoftim. The Jewish judge Gidon is described as seeking to punish the elders of the Jewish city of Sukkot: “*Vayilkod naar meianshei sukkot*,” we are told, Gidon captured one of the youths of *sukkot*, and ordered him to write down the names of the people Gidon sought. The youth complied: “*vayichtov eilav et sarei sukkot ve-et zekeineha*.” The story doesn't seem all that interesting, writes Rabbi Sacks, until we realize the following: In ancient Israel, it was logical for someone to assume that a random youth seized on the road could read and write. One implication is that this was not a society in which only the priests, or the nobles, were literate, but one where education was compulsory; *veshinantam levanecha*. H.G. Wells wrote that “the Jewish religion, because it was a literature-sustained religion, led to the first efforts to provide elementary education for all the children in the community.” In contrast, writes Rabbi Sacks, “universal literacy is a relatively recent idea in the West. Compulsory education was not instituted in Britain until 1870.”

The Jewish focus on education brings to mind that old joke about the anti-Semite who walked into a Jewish fish store in a shtetle and asked the proprietor “Tell me, what makes you Jews so clever? Why are you so smart?” “Well,” responded the store owner, “it's because we eat a lot of herring.” The anti-Semite immediately bought an enormous amount of herring and spent the night ingesting the smelly fish. The next morning, cross-eyed and green, he stumbled into the fish store and said to the owner, “This is ridiculous. Eating herring doesn't make you any smarter.” “See,” said the Jew, “it's working already!”

To the extent that there is a connection between Judaism and intellectual achievement, some have suggested that the



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link can be found first and foremost in the Jewish focus on education. Many of you have read recently of Robert Aumann, the religious Jew and the new Nobel laureate in economics, and someone whose success can make all Jews proud. Aumann brought his children and 19 grandchildren with him to the ceremony; he arrived late at the Nobel dinner, because it was scheduled on Saturday; of course, the fact that *shkiah* was at 2:30 PM in Sweden helped things a bit. And it goes without saying, he didn't partake in the salmon mousse with crayfish sauce served at the Nobel banquet, and probably had to order one of those triple-wrapped airline meals. And he even had his required tuxedo and tails flown from Sweden to Israel to be tested for *Shatnez*; it tested positive, by the way. In an interview with *The New York Sun*, Aumann was asked whether there was any connection between the Jewish love of learning and the fact that while Jews make up a mere 0.25 percent of the world's population and a mere 3 percent of the United States, they account for 27 percent of all American Nobel Prize winners. Aumann answered that there may be something to this: "One of the reasons may be that there is an ingrained love of learning in Jews. It's not ingrained in genetics, its ingrained in tradition," he said. "Study for its own sake has become a prime value, a religious commandment, like eating kosher, like keeping the Sabbath."

And yet, if Jews always believed in the importance of the intellect, if Jewish child after Jewish child was taught that a mind was a terrible thing to waste, it was also assumed that Jewish minds were meant to be utilized first and foremost for intellectual achievement in Torah study. Rashi on our *parsha* quotes one of the strangest statements in the midrashic corpus. Noting that at times *parshat va'eira* places Aharon's name before his younger brother Moshe, and at times the reverse, the Sages comment that *melamed she-shneiheim shekulim*, this teaches us that Moshe and Aharon were equals: intellectually, ethically and spiritually. What is this, a bit of rabbinic blasphemy? Is it not one of the deeply held doctrines of our faith that Moshe was of an unsurpassed intellectual achievement in Torah and spiritual relationship with the Divine? Did we not proudly proclaim last night that *lo kam beYisrael keMoshe od navi umabit et temunato*? Did not God later sternly inform Aharon and Miriam that *lo kein avid Moshe*, my servant Moses is utterly unlike you, that *peh el peh adaber bo*, that he alone is able to speak to God face to face? Is not the truth of our Torah at least partially premised upon the fact that he who received it and transmitted it to us was the greatest prophet alive? How,

then, can Moshe and Aharon be compared, placed on the same spiritual pedestal?

Rav Ahron Lichtenstein once offered a striking explanation: Moshe and Aharon are depicted in our *parsha* as equals because at this point, when they stood before Pharaoh, they were equal. Both were prophets, both righteous, both religious role models. But what made Moshe so special is that he always sought to grow in his understanding of God and his Torah. Even after serving as our intermediary in communicating God's law to the Jewish people, still Moshe sought to improve his spiritual understanding. *Hodieini na et dirachecha*, Moshe implores the Almighty: Teach me more about You. It is because Moshe wished to dedicate his mind toward sacred knowledge, because he thirsted to better comprehend God, that God chose Moshe to receive and communicate the Torah, to achieve more intellectually than any other human being before him, to know more about God and His Torah than any human being that followed. If the Jewish intellectual hero is Moshe, and if we have always revered his intellectual heirs, Rabbi Akiva, the Rambam, all the great Torah scholars through the millennia - it is not just because they were brilliant people who happened to be Jewish, but because they devoted their awesome intellects to the study of God's Torah, and because, through their insights, they enhanced our own intellectual appreciation of the Almighty.

My father once went to a classical music concert with my mother. Following the performance, the crowd rose to its feet and yelled "*Encore! Encore!!*," asking for one more piece of music before they returned home. Following the performance, my father commented to my mom that it's funny how you never see that happen after a *shiur*. When a Rosh Yeshiva teaches a *blatt gemara* for 2 hours, after the Rambam had been explained and the class comes to a close, the students rarely rise from their seats shouting *Encore! Encore!* Ten more minutes of Torah! One more *chidush!* But the truth is that those who have been so fortunate as to sit spellbound in the presence of an extraordinarily brilliant *magid shiur* realize that one is experiencing not only an astounding display of human creativity, but also insights into God's words, and thereby insights into God himself; if, in Reagan speechwriter Peggy Noonan's felicitous phrase, astronauts aspire to slip the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God, we Jews have treasured the Torah because it allows us to experience the mind of God. It is no coincidence that Chazal describe the afterlife in academic terms; heaven was called the *Yeshiva shel Maala*, the Almighty's academy, where God is the only instructor,

where we are all eager students, and as, with "*Encore!*" on our lips, we ask to learn more and more about ourselves, about the Torah, and about Him.

None of us can be Moshe; but we are all expected to imitate him. All of us are expected to sanctify our own intellect, to grow, day by day, bit by bit, in our own knowledge of Torah, in our own intellectual engagement of God, at whatever level we may be. And though our tradition has always embraced many forms of intellectual endeavor, we are all expected to devote a little of our daily schedule to grow in Torah learning. Our insistence on education was always meant to assure the ability of all Jews to progress in Torah learning whatever other endeavors they pursue: "Should any one of our nation be asked about our laws," writes Josephus proudly in the 1st century C.E., "he will repeat them as readily as his own name. The result of our thorough education in our laws from the very dawn of intelligence is that they are, as it were, engraved on our souls."

In the 1960's, Karabel concludes, America found itself in a space race, and all of a sudden its intellectual and national prestige were intertwined. Quotas were disbanded, universities became more meritocratic. Now, Jews in America are offered everything our grandparents sought and more; educational opportunity, and also social acceptance. Today, the challenge facing religious Jews who are also engaged with the modern world is not to overcome admission hurdles but in some way almost the reverse: to refrain from making these schools the standard of Jewish intellectual achievement. We rightly hope for the best educational opportunities for our children; but we must always remember that their attending Ivy League schools is a lot less important than their growth, day by day, as knowledgeable Jews, and that their admission to Harvard, Yale or Princeton, Cornell or Penn, Columbia, Dartmouth or Brown is a lot less important than their aspiring to ultimate admission to the *Yeshiva shel Maala*. And whether we are doctors or lawyers, artists, scientists, businessmen, musicians, or rabbis, we are never allowed to be satisfied with the Jewish knowledge we have achieved thus far, but must seek to constantly improve our knowledge of the Torah, our knowledge of God. The Almighty's heavenly academy is one school to which none of us want to apply early admission, but I have heard that once you get there, it features one incredible class.



Note: I am indebted to reviews of the book discussed, published in *The New York Times* by David Brooks and in *Commentary* by Jonathan Kay.

A TIME FOR HEALING AND REBUILDING

UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK AND THE AFTERMATH OF WAR

After weeks of being glued to our TV sets pretty much 24/7, we are getting at least a momentary breather. We are certainly all aware how tenuous the current ceasefire is; even though the barrage of rockets has stopped, we still have a sense of anxiety and concern for what needs to be done and how we can truly help.

Now that we have had a chance to survey the extent of the damage, we are acutely aware just how staggering the needs are. Now is when the healing and the rebuilding must begin - all with the backdrop of knowing that things could change again on a dime. There is the enormous pain and devastation that we see - and then there is the immense and as yet unseen psychological and emotional toll that this war and its aftermath are taking. While the bombs fell, UJA-Federation had to concentrate on the immediate needs of equipping outdated bomb shelters, providing a safe place for over 23,000 children, providing services for the most vulnerable in the population - the handicapped, the elderly, and the Holocaust survivors - and giving direct aid to the families of terror victims and soldiers who had been injured or killed.

But what are the needs in the aftermath of the fighting? Fully one-third of all Israelis were either living in bomb shelters or had to relocate to other parts of the country. Imagine - that's roughly the equivalent of the entire East Coast of the United States having their lives disrupted, for over a month. And what did they come home to? Apartments

and homes damaged, businesses destroyed, jobs lost, community centers, absorption centers, and other key parts of the infrastructure of society either damaged or gone. And perhaps most insidious of all, the trauma of having lived through this war and now having to live with the fear and stress and sense of vulnerability that never quite disappear.

The war's economic consequences for Israel's population are just beginning to be understood - early estimates are \$2 billion in the north alone. **What can we, as committed, caring, American Jews do?** The Prime Minister of Israel made it clear in a special satellite news conference - vast sums of money are needed, and they are needed now. That is why the United Jewish Communities launched the **Israel Emergency Campaign** in early August, with a national goal of \$300 million, and why UJA-Federation of New York has committed to raising at least \$54 million of that total.

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we all hope and pray for a lasting peace in Israel, and for the healing of our People who have suffered so much in the past two months. There will be a special appeal on **September 9th** (see sidebar) to hear more and to have an opportunity to show the people of Israel how deeply we all care. If you cannot attend services on September 9th, please consider making a donation on line at the UJA-Federation website, www.ujafedny.org

L'shanah tovah tikatevu.

***The Co-Chairs of this year's KJ-UJA Campaign
are Elisa Bryskin Gage and Stacy Scheinberg.***

On Saturday, September 9th, Congregation KJ will hold a special appeal on behalf of the Israel Emergency Campaign. Rabbi Lookstein will have just returned from Israel and will be able to share firsthand what he has seen. A special guest speaker will join him as well to provide insights into the situation as of that point in time.

How will these funds raised for the **Israel Emergency Campaign** help? First of all, **one hundred percent of the funds will be used to provide support for victims of the violence.**

♦The 21 organizations that comprise the UJA-Federation-created Israel Trauma Coalition will continue to help individuals, families, and communities reconstruct their lives and recapture hope for the future.

♦Tens of thousands of people who have returned to their homes need our help to rebuild their lives and salvage a livelihood.

♦As the school year in Israel begins, we will continue to be there for the children and to help in their healing process.

♦With our help, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), will provide:

- ♦Direct emergency assistance
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- ♦The rebuilding of communal infrastructure, such as community centers, youth and senior centers, and early-childhood centers

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THE KJ ISRAEL ACTION COMMITTEE WANTS YOU

For decades, Kehilath Jeshurun has been at the forefront of advocacy and support for our brethren in Israel - organizing semi-annual trips to Israel, fiscally supporting important causes and hosting important speakers at our synagogue.

With the recent tragic events taking place in Israel, the KJ Israel Action Committee (IAC) leapt into action, sending out a weekly e-mail newsletter to members and friends in our community, urging grassroots advocacy and activism during

these pivotal moments in Jewish history. With IAC Chair Michael Kagan leading the effort, we are truly making a difference at this time when the people of the State of Israel so desperately need our help - both morally and financially.

To become more active in the KJ Israel Action Committee, contact Israel@ckj.org with your ideas, suggestions or questions on how you, too, can make a difference.

In Memoriam

BERL JANOWSKI

He occupied a seat in the front pews of the Congregation on the right side of the synagogue. A *mechutan* of Esther and Chazan Emeritus Avram Davis, he was the adoring and devoted father of two children, including Helen Davis of our community. He was the very proud grandfather of three Ramaz alumnae who are very involved in the services and youth work at KJ, and he was the dear brother of our members Rachel Waldman and Hannah Kostenbaum.

Berl Janowski was a quiet, reserved, proud Jew and Zionist. He was generous to all worthy Jewish causes including our Congregation. He was beloved by all who came within the orbit of his personality, sweet and gentle of character, pious toward God and committed to the Jewish People. A treasure to his family, who were so devoted to him and his late wife Selma, he was also a source of honor and pride to our community, which was privileged to have him in our midst.

URSULA MERKIN

A member of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun for over half a century, together with her late husband Herman, Ursula Merkin was one of the outstanding Jewish

women of our day. She was the unofficial First Lady of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, which she and her husband founded after davening at KJ for many years. She was deeply involved in, and supportive of, many important Jewish causes, both here and in Israel.

She was the matriarch of a beautiful family. All of her children are alumni of Ramaz. Many of her grandchildren are either alumnae or current students in our school in which her son, Ezra, serves as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Above and beyond all else, Mrs. Merkin was a shining example of a religious, modern, cultured and deeply-committed Jewish woman. Her elegance, fineness, and gentility, along with her beautiful smile, endeared her to generations of Jews here in America and all over the world.

HON. GEORGE POSTEL

A longtime member of the Congregation, and a Trustee of KJ, Judge George Postel, together with his wife, Tess, was part of this community for more than half a century. He was a proud Jew and jurist, who was a very respected member of the bench for many years.

He absolutely loved coming to shul.

Seated in the left front pew section, wrapped in his Tallit, he gloried in his association with our shul and he was extremely devoted to the Rabbis and to the membership. We will all remember that he was the first one to respond to a call for a vote or a second at an Annual Meeting or a session of the Board of Trustees. It was his way of saying, "I am here; and I love it!"

We shall all miss him in shul and at those meetings.

MORTON RUBIN

The father of two Ramaz alumnae, Morton Rubin was a proud member of KJ for over thirty years. He was quiet and reserved towards the outside world, but loving and warm to his wife Rochelle and his daughters Suzy and Caroline. He was very proud of his association with KJ and Ramaz, and never failed to demonstrate his support for these communal institutions. In the middle of the summer, it was quite a tribute to him and his family that so many turned out to recall him at his funeral.



KJ Men's Club Film Series

FILM SCREENINGS FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY



The Forgotten Refugees

Featuring Lesley Patterson of The David Project

The Forgotten Refugees explores the history and destruction of Middle Eastern Jewish communities, some of which had existed for over 2,500 years. It chronicles the impact of the Arab Muslim conquest, the development of Judeo-Arab culture, and the modern rise of Arab nationalism that drove hundreds of thousands of Jews from their homes and communities. **Sunday, October 29 at 6:30 pm at KJ**

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In her painful blog, Vaan Nguyen unfolds the absurdities of her life as an Israeli-born Vietnamese. Her father was one of the many "boat-people" who fled Vietnam after the fall of Saigon in 1975 and one of the few who were given asylum in the "Land of the Jews." The film chronicles their return to Vietnam, with the hope of reclaiming their confiscated lands. Their journey becomes a parable on loss of identity and on the fate of refugees. *Presented in conjunction with the Consulate of Israel.*

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ELIZABETH "LILY" ABRAHAMS

Mazal Tov to Stacey and Harvey Abrahams on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elizabeth, which will take place on October 29 at the Mamaroneck Beach and Yacht Club. She will deliver a Dvar Torah on the significance and tradition of names in Judaism. Lily is entering the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



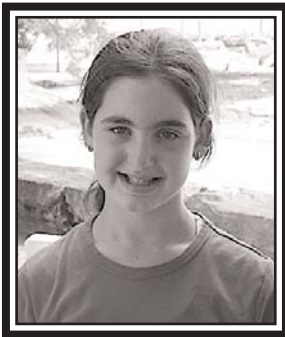
SAMARA BERGSTEIN

Mazal Tov to Bonnie and Joel Bergstein on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Samara, which will take place on November 4 at 9:15 AM at a Women's Tefilah Group in the Max J. Etra Chapel. Samara will read *Parshat Lech Lecha* and will deliver a Dvar Torah. Samara is entering the 6th grade at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School.



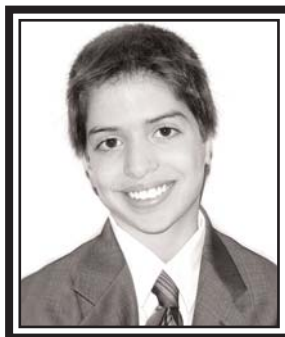
REUBEN ADOLF

Mazal Tov to Amy and Larry Adolf on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Reuben, which will take place on November 11 at our sister Congregation Orach Chaim. Reuben will read *Parshat Vayeira* and the Haftarah, and will also deliver a Dvar Torah. Reuben is entering the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



DALIA LIPMAN

Mazal Tov to Matthew Lipman and to Evan Lipman-Parnell on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Dalia, which will take place on November 11 at the Ramaz Middle School. Dalia will deliver a Dvar Torah relating to *Hoshanah Rabbah*, which is her actual birthday. Dalia is entering the 6th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



MAC ROBERT HADDAD

Mazal Tov to Esther and Alan Haddad on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Mac Robert, which will take place on November 16 at the Edmond J. Safra Synagogue. He will read *Parshat Chayei Sarah*, followed by a speech. Mac Robert Haddad is entering the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



ELLY KATZ

Mazal Tov to Dr. Karin and Joel Katz on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elly, which will take place on November 23-25 in Jerusalem, with a Kabbalat Shabbat & Dvar Torah service at Yad Vashem and a reception at Shalva. In February 2007, she will read *Parshat Beshalach* at a Women's Tefilah Group service at Kehilath Jeshurun. Elly is entering the 6th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



ANNA ASCHENDORF

Mazal Tov to Wilma and Kenneth Aschendorf on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Anna, which will take place on Friday night, December 1, at Kehilath Jeshurun. She will deliver a Dvar Torah on Chana. Anna is entering the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



RACHEL ASCHENDORF

Mazal Tov to Wilma and Kenneth Aschendorf on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel, which will take place on Friday night, December 1, at Kehilath Jeshurun. She will deliver a Dvar Torah on our Matriarch, Rachel. Rachel is entering the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

If you are making a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at KJ between September 2006 and June 2008, please contact Alice Smokler in the synagogue office at 212-774-5670 to reserve specific rooms for your services, celebratory meals/kiddushes, and other functions.

If your child attends Ramaz and you are a member of KJ planning a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Alice Smokler must be notified directly of your plans. Reserving a date with Ramaz does not imply that it is reserved at KJ.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Stacy and Dr. Thomas Behm on the birth of a daughter, Ashley Rose (Ahava Rachel).

Sara and Danny Berger on the birth of a son, Dylan Caleb.

Jessica and Rafael Bernstein on the birth of a son, Ian Robert Bernstein. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Gloria and Richard Kobrin.

Hayley and Randy Corwick on the birth of a daughter, Mia Rose.

Deborah and David Kahn on the birth of two grandchildren: a grandson, Akiva Nechemiah, born to Adi and Fred Kahn in Ramat Bet Shemesh, Israel; and a grandson, Simcha Eliyahu, born to Rachel and Jona Rechnitz in NY. Mazal Tov as well to the proud great-grandmother, Mrs. Miriam Kahn.

Helene and Michael Kalish on the birth of a son, Zachary Spencer (Yitzchak Alexander).

Judy and Maurice Khosh on the birth of a son, Ethan Daniel.

Alissia and Andrew Kofman on the birth of a son, Miles Miller. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Irene and Martin Kofman.

Rachel and Alexander Kohl on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Natalie. Mazal Tov as well to the proud grandparents, Caren and Samuel Kohl, and the proud great-grandparents, Mina and Ted Rein.

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

Mrs. Jackie Leifert, on the birth of a granddaughter, Ahuva Shoshana, to Michal and Rabbi Aryeh Leifert.

Drs. Jessica and David Lefkowitz on the birth of a son, Eitan Chaim.

Gloria R. Mosesson on the birth of a granddaughter, Maya Nichole, to her children Carol and Joseph Teig.

Judith and Daniel Ottensoser on the birth of a son, Alexander Max.

Lauren and Michael Schwartz on the birth of a daughter, Jayden Elizabeth.

Esther and Marc Sholes on the birth of a son, Ezra Aron.

Yael and Jeff Simpson on the birth of a son, David Abraham.

Naomi Smook on the birth of a son, Jonathan William.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Lois and Louis Smigel upon the engagement of their son, Stephen Smigel, to Julie Luchs of Potomac, MD.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov to:

Brenda and Albert Bernstein upon the marriage of their son, Ephraim, to Rena Cole, daughter of Diane and Howard Cole of Oceanside.

Jodi Bleier upon her marriage to Fabian Eliasson.

Alexander Crane upon his marriage to Lauren Baime of North Caldwell, NJ.

Martine and Leo Fox upon the marriage of their daughter, Talia (Ramaz '02), to Abraham Shulman (Ramaz '98), son of Vivian and Yale Shulman of Englewood, NJ.

Rhea and Dr. Leon Landau upon the marriage of their daughter, Joanna, to Jordon Lipstadt, son of Wendy and Nathaniel Lipstadt.

Audrey and Jesse Rubin upon the marriage of their daughter, Janet (Ramaz, 2000) to Jared Mann, son of Caren and Stephen Mann of Jericho, NY.

Nancy Samotin upon her marriage to Larry Price of Forest Hills.

Adele and Ron Tauber upon the marriage of their daughter, Miriam, to Zachary Rubinstein, son of Gail and Mark Rubinstein of Providence, Rhode Island.

Dorothy Trencher upon the marriage of her granddaughter, Elana Jaffe, to Chanan Weissman, son of Pamela and Neil Weissman of Baltimore, MD. Mazal Tov as well to Elana's mother, our former member Janie Perlstein.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Natan Edelsburg, son of Monita Buchwald and Charles Edelsburg, and grandson of Elias Buchwald, who will spend the year in Israel at Young Judea.

Talia Kohen (Ramaz '02), daughter of Abraham and Zahava Kohen, who graduated in May from Cornell University, where she majored in Electrical and Computer Engineering and received the Alice Cook Award. She is living in the metropolitan Boston area and working for a major defense contractor.

Jonathan (Yoni) Oppenheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Magnus Oppenheim, just completed a one-year Dorot Foundation Fellowship in Israel consisting of study and community service. He is now the recipient of a fellowship from the University of Oslo for study towards a Master of Philosophy degree in Ibsen studies and drama.

Eric Rechtschaffen, upon graduating the University of Pennsylvania *summa cum laude* with a major in Diplomatic History and a minor in Political Science. He was President of the History Honor Society. Eric also served as the Chairman for College Republican Jewish Outreach and as the treasurer for Penn Pro Israel Activism Committee. He will be working as an analyst for BlackRock.

Andrew Rubin (Ramaz '04), son of Deborah and Sheldon Rubin, was recently named Chair of the Jewish Cultural Collective, an independent student organization of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The JCC contracts major speakers, artists, and performers to come to the Madison campus and share their talents with the university community. The JCC's budget for fiscal year 2006-07 is approximately \$110,000, and it is currently planning a slate of fall events, tentatively including Commissioner Bud Selig of Major League Baseball.

CONDOLENCES

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun mourns the passing of our longtime member, Mrs. Toby Joseph. An "In Memoriam" notice will appear in our Chanukah issue.

Our condolences to:

Sandy April on the passing of her father, Marcus Klein.

Dr. Hirshel Kahn on the passing of his mother, Helene Kahn.

Joshua Kestenbaum on the passing of his father, Joseph Kestenbaum.

Dr. Barbara Braffman Klapper on the passing of her father, Lazarus Braffman.

Larry Krause on the passing of his father, Arthur Krause.

Susy Sarfaty on the passing of her father, Roberto Sarfaty Salouf.

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



ARIEL BROOME

Mazal Tov to Aliza and Alvin Broome on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ariel, which will take place on December 9 in the Main Synagogue. He will also have a Shabbat Bar Mitzvah celebration over Washington's Birthday weekend on February 16-17, 2007 at the Mt. Zion Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel. Ariel will read *Parshat Vayishlach* at KJ. Ariel is entering the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



REBECCA EMMERICH

Mazal Tov to Pamela and Adam Emmerich on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rebecca, which will take place on December 9 at the New York Historical Society, featuring a "Darkhei Noam" style service at which Rebecca will leyn *Parshat Vayishlach*, and deliver a Dvar Torah related to the Parsha. Rebecca is entering the 6th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
September					
1-2	Ki Teze	7:11 PM	6:45 PM	6:55 PM	8:05 PM
8-9	Ki Tavo	6:59 PM	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	7:52 PM
15-16	Nitzavim-Vayeilech	6:48 PM	6:45 PM	6:30 PM	7:40 PM
22-23	Rosh Hashanah I	6:36 PM	6:45 PM	6:30 PM	7:28 PM
29-30	Haazinu Shabbat Shuva	6:24 PM	6:35 PM	6:10 PM	7:15 PM
October					
6-7	Sukkot I	6:12 PM	6:25 PM	6:10 PM	7:05 PM
13-14	Shemini Atzeret	6:01 PM	6:15 PM	6:00 PM	6:52 PM
20-21	Bereishit	5:51 PM	6:00 PM	5:40 PM	6:44 PM
27-28	Noah	5:41 PM	5:50 PM	5:30 PM	6:35 PM
November					
3-4	Lekh Lekha	4:32 PM	4:45 PM	4:20 PM	5:26 PM
10-11	Vayera	4:25 PM	4:35 PM	4:15 PM	5:19 PM
17-18	Chaye Sara	4:19 PM	4:30 PM	4:10 PM	5:15 PM
24-25	Toledot	4:14 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:11 PM
December					
1-2	Vayetze	4:11 PM	4:20 PM	4:05 PM	5:09 PM
8-9	Vayishlach	4:10 PM	4:20 PM	4:05 PM	5:08 PM
15-16	Vayeshev Chanukah I	4:11 PM	4:20 PM	4:05 PM	5:10 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

Sept. 5-216:45 PM	Oct. 16-196:05 PM	Nov. 12-164:30 PM
Sept. 26-286:40 PM	Oct. 23-265:55 PM	Nov. 19-234:25 PM
Oct. 3-56:25 PM	Oct. 30-Nov. 24:45 PM	Nov. 26-Dec. 214:20 PM
Oct. 9-126:15 PM	Nov. 5-94:40 PM	Dec. 24-284:25 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 23-24

Rosh Hashanah

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Monday, September 25

Fast of Gedaliah

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Sun.-Mon., Oct. 1-2

Yom Kippur

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Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-15

Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah,

Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah

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Sun.-Mon., Oct. 22-23

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Tues.-Wed., Nov. 21-22

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

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