



# KEHILATH JESHURUN

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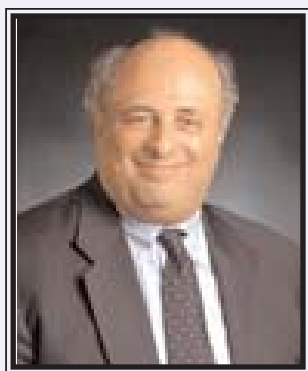
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#### ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON March 30th - 31st



*Our Guest*

**DR. DAVID PELCOVITZ**

March 30th - Friday Evening Dinner  
in Memory of Cynthia K. April:

**"THE PSYCHOLOGY OF HAPPINESS: PSYCHOLOGICAL  
AND JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON HAPPINESS"**

March 31st- Saturday Morning  
in Honor of Suzanne and Dr. Norman B. Javitt  
**"MONEY AND YOUR CHILD: HOW TO INSTILL THE  
PROPER VALUES ABOUT MONEY IN YOUR CHILDREN"**

Dr. Pelcovitz holds the Gwendolyn and Joseph Straus Chair in Psychology and Education at Yeshiva University's Azrieli Graduate School, where he also teaches pastoral psychology courses and serves as the Special Assistant to the President of Yeshiva University. He has served as a clinical professor of psychology and psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine and as the director of psychology at North Shore University Hospital-NYU School of Medicine. Dr.

Pelcovitz has published and lectured extensively on a variety of topics relating to family psychology.

**DINNER AND/OR LUNCH  
The Shabbat Before Passover  
NO COOKING FOR YOU!**

**Prices are per person, per meal**

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**135TH ANNUAL  
SYNAGOGUE MEETING  
Wednesday, April 25, 2007  
8:00 PM**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF  
"VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR"  
AWARD TO  
SUSAN AND SCOTT SHAY**

**Featuring Remarks  
by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein  
on Scott's recently published  
book "Getting our Groove Back:  
How to Energize American  
Jewry"**

### YOM HASHOAH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY - Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

**FEATURING A SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION ON THE JEWISH PARTISANS WHO FOUGHT THE NAZIS DURING WWII**

This year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration, which will be held in our Main Synagogue on Sunday evening, April 15, at 7:30, will have a very special feature in addition to a program of commemoration with a candle lighting ceremony for survivors, their children, and their grandchildren; poetry readings by Ramaz Middle School students; and songs by the Ramaz Middle School Chorus.

This year's program will feature a special focus on the Jewish Partisans. During World War II, some 30,000 Jews in Europe, most of them teenagers, male and female, fought against the Nazis as part of an armed resistance. The majority were regular folks who escaped the ghettos and work camps and joined organized resistance groups in the

forests and urban underground. We will feature a short film on this compelling element of history, and hear comments from special guests. In this regard, we invite the KJ membership who may have a personal relationship with partisan history to contact Rabbi Hillel Rapp at 212-774-5652 or rapp@ckj.org so that we can incorporate the community's lore into our program.

Those who wish to participate in our emotional candle lighting ceremony are urged to contact Event Co - Chairs Caroline Massel at 212-861-7178 or Morris.Massel@verizon.net or Elisa Gage at 212-831-9816 or ElisaBGage@yahoo.com



## UJA at KJ



This past fall was an exciting kick-off for the new partnership between UJA-Federation and the KJ Community. **UJA at KJ's** unique collaboration offers KJ members special opportunities to connect with the Jewish community on a personal as well as on a communal level.

For example, during KJ's Thanksgiving mission to Israel, UJA arranged for our participants to meet with the Mayor of Haifa and its former Chief of Police, who now heads all civil defense in the north of Israel. Both meetings were highly informative and greatly appreciated. UJA also arranged an extraordinarily enlightening visit to "Birth to Bagrut," a program designed to educate and acculturate young Ethiopian children into Israeli society and to help them develop from the time they are born until the time they enter university.

On December 3rd, **UJA at KJ** held our first Mitzvah Sunday. KJ families visited UJA headquarters where we had a Chanukah celebration and chesed project with Holocaust survivors from SelfHelp, a UJA agency. Together, we made heart-shaped pillows for children from Cancer Care, another UJA agency. The room was filled with laughter and joy as we worked together making others happy. The chemistry of the groups was so dynamic that we have "adopted" SelfHelp. Don't be surprised in the future to see these seniors visiting KJ and Ramaz and enjoying rehearsals of our children's Zimriot or joining KJ's Lunch and Learn program.

On January 20th, **UJA at KJ** presented Ms. Peninnah Schram, an internationally known storyteller, teacher, author and recording artist, to the children of our Young Peoples Minyan, who were delighted by her Jewish folktales concerning Shabbat, tzedekah and mitzvot.

Our next Mitzvah Sunday will be held on February 25th, when we will hold a pre-Purim carnival and mishloach manot packaging program for children from the JCC of Canarsie, a UJA agency which serves disadvantaged youth. Ramaz students will create and staff the carnival booths while serving as hosts to these youngsters. Together we will also make mishloach manot to be distributed by our guests to homebound seniors in Canarsie. To

volunteer as an individual or family, please email **UJA at KJ** Co-Chairs Elisa Bryskin Gage at [ElisaBGage@yahoo.com](mailto:ElisaBGage@yahoo.com) or Stacy Scheinberg at [Stacyron@aol.com](mailto:Stacyron@aol.com)

**UJA at KJ** has also organized a special opportunity for our community not only to clean house, but to donate as well. The week of March 5th is being designated Furniture Donation Week. Email us at [KJDonation@aol.com](mailto:KJDonation@aol.com) to request an appointment and Met Council's Machson Mobile will come to your home, take any unwanted furniture you may have and make certain it goes to a needy family. Upcoming donation weeks include: food, clothing, books and toys.

May 2nd will be a BBQ and briefing at the home of Stacy and Ron Scheinberg. Join us for an exciting update on the work of UJA-Federation and our annual appeal with Rabbi Lookstein.

*Kol Hakavod* to Elly Katz and Rachel Huebner for choosing to mark their bat mitzvahs in a meaningful way. Both participated in UJA's Give a Mitzvah, Do a Mitzvah Program. Elly collected baby clothing for Shalva's Mommy and Me Program in Israel. Rachel donated a portion of her bat mitzvah gifts to build a new playground in Kiryat Shmona; a project with particular significance as the playground will be named in memory of her 26-year-old cousin who was killed fighting Hezbollah in Lebanon this past August.

In celebration of her upcoming bat mitzvah, Risa Schwartz will channel her interest in fashion towards a project with the Machson Mobile from Met Council. Classmates Nina Rohr and Natalie Frohlinger have also joined UJA's Give a Mitzvah, Do a Mitzvah Program: Natalie is volunteering at the Sam Field Y on Sunday mornings in their Beit Chinuch Program and visiting a senior citizen with Nina on Friday afternoons. Nina is also working on supporting a youth program for underprivileged children.

We hope that you will join us at upcoming **UJA at KJ** activities to learn first-hand about the incredible work of UJA-Federation. Together, our chesed activities will certainly add special meaning to our everyday lives.



*Zachary Rochlin(l) and Leora Huebner(r) break the ice with Holocaust Survivors from UJA sponsored SelfHelp*

## RIVA ALPER AND EVELYN ROCHLIN TO RECEIVE FIFTH ANNUAL JUDITH KAUFMAN HURWICH KETER TORAH AWARDS ON SHAVUOT

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

### RIVA ALPER

Born in Newark, Riva attended JEC high school, earned a B.A. in English with a Jewish Studies Certificate from Stern College, and holds an M.A. in English/Secondary Education from Seton Hall University.

Right out of college, Riva became a proofreader/editor for ArtScroll, and then went on to teach junior high school English at the American International School in Kfar Shmaryahu. This was not only a great teaching experience, it also became a great life experience because it was there that she met her future husband, Joe Bierman, who was a faculty member teaching social studies.

Joe and Riva married in 1989 and moved to the Upper East Side in 1990. Sarah and Josh were born shortly thereafter. They are the jewels in the Bierman family, and in KJ and Ramaz as well. About living in our community, Riva says "If I can't live in Israel, there is nowhere else I would rather live than right here. There are so many opportunities in this community to do good."

Riva Alper has certainly made the most of those opportunities. Starting out in Keshet, the Young People's group, she then became active in the Sisterhood and eventually assumed the post of President. She remembers, however, that her greatest success as Sisterhood President was getting Stacy Scheinberg to be her Vice President. In Stacy she found a kindred spirit and they became partners in so many projects for the benefit of humanity and to the glory of our Congregation.

Her greatest achievement was conceiving and leading the Midrachov Project, which involved bringing a group of merchants from Ben Yehuda Street in 2002 to New York, housing them and then providing a market for their goods on that memorable Sunday when 5,000 people came through our doors in just eight hours and the merchants sold out, making in one day more money than they had made the entire year in tourist-starved Israel (which was then under siege by suicide bombers) at the height of what became known as Intifada II.

Riva has been involved in *bikur cholim* through the inspiration of Tova Bulow, and in the women's *chevra kadisha* through the inspiration of Sue Robins. She is currently Liaison Chair of the Middle School, and Parents Council Vice President of the Upper School. She also coordinates the Women's Tefilah Group of KJ, providing an opportunity for women - and benot mitzvah - to be active participants in *tefilah* and *kri'at ha-Torah*.

To support her volunteer endeavors, Riva works full time: two days a week at a marketing agency, and three days-a-week for Reuth - a nonprofit network of medical and social welfare organizations in Israel.

What a glory to the Congregation to be able to honor Riva Alper with a Keter Torah Award!



services rendered to our community by women.

The award is named in memory of Judith Kaufman Hurwich, the daughter of Rita and Benjamin Kaufman, of blessed memory, the mother of our member - yibadeil l'chaim - Adam Hurwich, and the grandmother of some of our finest Ramaz students. Her family continues her tradition of association with KJ and Ramaz in fostering opportunities for women to study Torah.

### EVELYN ROCHLIN

Evelyn was born in Williamsburg and was raised there and in Crown Heights by parents whose home served as a model of *hachnassat orchim* and community service, which inspired her from her teenage years to emulate them. How privileged we were to have her parents in our community many times!

She attended the Yeshiva of Crown Heights together with her good friend Audrey Lookstein. Forty-two-and-a-half years ago she joined the KJ community together with her immortal husband, the late Martin Rochlin. Their home was literally a center of hospitality and activity in the KJ community. Everyone felt comfortable there, particularly those who didn't have families with which to enjoy Shabbat. There are so many in our community who were brought closer to KJ and Ramaz by Evelyn and Marty.

She was one of the founders of the Chavura Program in the 1970's. She was one of the founders of what was then known as the Young Married Group in the congregation. She was actively involved in *bikur cholim* and adult education. For a time, she directed the KJ Talmud Torah program. She continues to participate in outreach, including providing hospitality for our annual Turn Friday Night Into Shabbat program. Whenever we need a home for a visitor to the community or a family in need of a place to stay while visiting patients in local hospitals, Evelyn's home is wide open.

In the wider community, Evelyn is very active in AMIT, serving at one time as President of the Gayle Schechter Chapter and running programs and special events. She is a Founder and Board Member of the Yeshiva University Women's Manhattan Junior League.

A graduate of Brooklyn College with an M.A. from Columbia University's Graduate School of Political Science, Evelyn built a reputation as a master teacher and Chairperson of the Social Studies Department at Yeshiva University's High School for Girls over a period of 30 years. She was the recipient of Yeshiva University's Centennial Faculty Recognition Award in 1985, and was again honored as Yeshiva University High School for Girls' Educator of the Year in 1998. She is currently on the faculty of Touro College's Graduate School of Education.

Undoubtedly, her greatest achievements are her children, Kenny and Josh Rochlin, and her grandchildren, all of whom are in yeshivot and two of whom, Zachary and Jacob, are regular fixtures at KJ on Shabbat and weekdays. One should add in particular that her son, Kenneth Rochlin, as Administrator of Ramaz, reflects the extraordinary commitment and devotion to community, to people, and to all Jewish causes that he learned in his parental home - quite a tribute to a blessed mother. What a blessing it is for us to be able to honor Evelyn Rochlin with the Keter Torah Award!



We honor these two extraordinary women for their service to this community and to the Jewish People in general. We pray that God reward them both with many years of health and happiness and with much *nachas* from their children and grandchildren.  
May they continue to serve as stellar examples of Jewish commitment and service to this entire community which loves them and blesses them.



## COMING UP FROM THE KJ SISTERHOOD

### SISTERHOOD MINI MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH AT KJ

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### PRE - PASSOVER BOUTIQUE

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH AT KJ

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH AT ABIGAIL'S RESTAURANT

7:30 PM

FEATURING CHANI KRASNIANSKI

FOR RESERVATION CALL:

Michele Hering at 212-988-0681

Eden Fischman at 212-628-7958

Mindy Miller at 212-410-3334

SPACE IS LIMITED

Reservations with Check Only - \$100 per Person

### GERTRUDE LOOKSTEIN MEMORIAL TEA

SHABBAT AFTERNOON, APRIL 28TH AT KJ

Hosted by Audrey Lookstein and Shira Baruch

This event is open to all women of the Congregation who wish to celebrate grandmothers, mothers, and daughters

### ANNUAL PROJECT EZRA LUNCH

MONDAY, APRIL 30TH

12:00 PM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CALL

DEDE ALPERT AT 212-734-3395

## SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL SISTERHOOD SPRING LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH AT SOLO RESTAURANT

(located at 550 Madison Avenue)

12:00 PM

BUSING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM KJ

FEATURING HAT SHOW BY KOKIN

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## SPRING TIME LEARNING AT KJ

Topics in Judaism with

Rabbi Yossi Weiser

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Studies in the Weekly Torah

Portion with

Rabbi Yossi Weiser

Thursdays at 8:00 pm

Prayer Book Hebrew with

Dovid Green

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Crash Course in Hebrew  
Reading with Shilo Kramer

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Cycle III - Feb. 28-March 28

Cycle IV - May 30-June 27

Jewish Essentials with

Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

~Issues of Faith

March 6-20

~Jewish Life Cycle

May 1, 8, 15

Foundations in Hebrew  
Reading with Sara Rosen

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

April 18-June 27

Crash Course in Basic  
Judaism with

Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Tuesdays - May 1, 8, 15

7:00 pm

Crash Course in Jewish  
History with

Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Wednesdays, May 30-June 21

7:00 pm

# PURIM SCHEDULE



## FAST OF ESTHER, Thursday, March 1

Fast begins at 5:18 a.m. and ends at 6:20 p.m.  
Shacharit at 6:50 a.m. & Mincha at 5:15 p.m.  
Please remember to bring Tzedaka for *machatzit ha-shekel* and the other holiday obligations.



## MINCHA, MAARIV & MAIN MEGILLAH READING Saturday Evening, March 3

Mincha is at 5:20 p.m. in the Main Synagogue. The readings of Megillat Esther should begin in both the Main Synagogue and the Falk Auditorium at 6:40 p.m. The reading in the Main Synagogue will be followed by a Purim Pizza and Ice Cream Party in the Heyman Auditorium, featuring Rabbi Avrumi Sacks and his 'Magical Keyboard,' which costs \$5.00 per person. (We will bill anyone who, because of Shabbat, does not have cash in hand.)



## CHILDREN

At 6:15 p.m. children in 3-year-old Nursery through 1st grade should assemble in the Max J. Etra Chapel, while children in 2nd through 6th grade should assemble in the KJ Gym. All children will receive groggers, and will be escorted by Youth Department staff from their respective assembly locations into the Main Synagogue for Megillat Esther. Throughout the service, children are expected to be either participating in their special youth groups or sitting quietly next to an adult. We ask that you communicate this policy to your children so that the mitzvah of hearing Megillat Esther can be fulfilled and enjoyed by both young and old.

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



## SECOND EVENING READING

6:40 p.m. - Second reading (quiet, no children) of Megillat Esther with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik in the Falk Auditorium of the Gottesman Center, 114 East 85th Street.



## BEGINNER'S MEGILLAH READING

8:00 p.m. - Beginners Megillah Reading with Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Shilo Kramer in the Falk Auditorium of the Gottesman Center, followed by Purim Party with live music.



## MORNING SERVICES AND MEGILLAH

### Sunday, March 4

Morning Services at 8:00 a.m. in the Main Synagogue followed by Megillah reading and breakfast in the Heyman Auditorium.

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



## PURIM YOUTH CARNIVAL

This will take place in the Gottesman Center from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., 114 East 85th Street. Buy tickets in advance by contacting our Youth Director: Eytan@ckj.org



## PURIM SEUDAH

The Purim Seudah is at 4:00 p.m. in the Heyman Auditorium, celebrating Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's 75th Birthday. Mincha is at 5:45 p.m. in the Max J. Etra Chapel.

## WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, December 8, and this Bulletin, which went to press on February 9:

Karine and Eric Attias  
Suri and Kenny Cohen  
Jessica and Anton Feingold  
Naamit Kurshan and Michael Gerber  
Dr. Victoria and David Harrison  
Hedwig and Dr. Joseph Heller  
Rebecca and Dr. Isaac Herschkopf  
Laurie and Howard Horowitz  
Ilana and Mitchell Kahn  
Stacey and David Kanbar  
Jay Kitograd  
Sepi and Daniel Koren  
Livia and Elias Marcovici  
David M. Marks  
Brian and Ayelet Rosen  
Shirley and Mal Serure  
Danielle and Daniel Shamah  
Miri and Ezri Silver  
Judy and Michael Steinhardt  
Anyah and Chaim Wiebke

## MEGILLAH READERS - 5767

The readers for the "silent" Megillah reading on Saturday night and for the 8:00 am Sunday morning service will be:

David Baruch and Jason Sugarman

Purim readers for the Main Synagogue on Saturday night are:

Ben Ascherman	Gabi Magid
Jonathan Davis	Cal Major
Josh Levine	Sammy Major
Evan Lieberman	Jonathan Rapaport

Michael Zimmerman

Purim readers for the Main Synagogue  
on Sunday Morning at 9:30 am are:

Andrew Aryeh	Mark Rapaport
Josh Bierman	Dani Rubin
Max Feldstein	Jeremy Schwartz
Aaron Lunzer	Mikey Snow

Jacob Wilner

# PURIM: THE JEWISH WAY TO REJOICE - March 3 & 4, 2007

## WHAT IS PURIM?

Purim, the holiday on the 14th of Adar, is one of the happiest days of the Jewish calendar. The Talmud (Taanit 29b) states "when Adar begins we increase in Joy" because Adar and Purim are hallmarks of God's salvation of the Jewish people.

Even though Purim is not a Torah holiday, there is a Biblical book (The Scroll of Esther) which details the action of the holiday and the history of the events. Being of *Biblical* level gives the holiday a great deal of importance, emphasis and authority.

## MESSAGE OF THE HOLIDAY

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

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

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

The name of the holiday, Purim, comes from the Persian word for randomness: *pur*. Our enemies used a lottery (*purim*) to determine the date for the Jewish extermination. In the earthly realm, our enemies see randomness and chaos, but we see God's intervention especially in those events that go beyond human power. The holiday of Purim is, as a result, a holiday where we in the Diaspora learn how God interacts and communicates within the hidden.

## THE HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY

### The Story of Esther

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

### Action of the Megillah

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

## HOW WE COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE

### Shabbat Zachor

The preceding Shabbat of Purim (this year, March 3, 2007) is called Shabbat Zachor. We choose this Shabbat to observe the commandment to remember the evil of the nation of Amalek who are central to Purim as well. In Exodus 17:8-16, we read about their terror war against the Jewish people when they attacked us without mercy. The command in Deut. 25:17-19 states: "*Remember what Amalek did to you, on your way as you departed from Egypt... you shall obliterate the memory of Amalek, you shall not forget.*" According to most authorities, it is a Torah level commandment to hear this portion read in

synagogue.

### Taanit Esther (13th of Adar)

The day preceding Purim is a thematically connected fast day (this year Thursday, March 1, because, themes aside, we push off a fast from Shabbat to the preceding Thursday). The 13th of Adar is mentioned in the Megillah as the day chosen by Haman to destroy the Jewish people. We fast in memory of the war that took place on that day and, like the fast of the first born, we use the fast to recognize our salvation. (cf. Esther 9:31). Taanit Esther is unlike the other fasts of the Jewish calendar, insofar that it is a day of thanksgiving and not sadness.

### Customs of the Fast Day

Normally we go straight from the fast to the Megillah reading - only eating after we have fulfilled that mitzvah. This year, 5767, we treat the fast day like any other.

The "half-shekel" is donated at the afternoon service (in commemoration of the half-shekel census, cf. Exodus 25:11-16, we use the half currency of the realm, e.g. three half-dollars.) The money is used for communal funds and synagogue repair.

## PURIM (14TH OF ADAR)

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

### Night

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

### Day

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

**Mishloach Manot** Sending gifts of food to friends: Two foods to one person is the minimum. The foods must be ready-to-eat.

**Matanot l'evyonim:** Gifts of money to the poor. Two coins to each of two poor people. Money can be collected ahead of time with the intention that it will be dispensed on Purim day. We have a special collection in synagogue for this purpose.

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**Seudah:** Festive meal with rejoicing. Invite family and friends to your home or join our catered community celebration.

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

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

#### Purim Customs

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

made noisemakers.

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

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

#### SHUSHAN PURIM (15TH OF ADAR)

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

**חמש סירופ גח!**

### KESHER UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CHESED SERIES - PRE PESACH ACTIVITY

Sunday, March 11th At KJ

Open to Children and Adults

RSVP to Nicole Fisher at [nfisher@spenceschool.org](mailto:nfisher@spenceschool.org)

#### SPRING NEW MOTHER'S BREAKFAST

Week of April 22nd at KJ

#### LECTURE SERIES - CPR LECTURE

Week of April 29th

Details to Follow

#### LAG B'OMER ACTIVITY WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK

Sunday, May 6

Zoo Tour

#### SPRING LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 19th at KJ



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# PURIM NEWS

## Ramaz and Hogwarts to Merge: Finally, a Yeshiva for "Magic Orthodoxy"



Separated at birth? The gedolim of Modern and Magic Orthodoxy: The Ramaz and Albus Dumbledore

Ramaz Dean Judith Fagin announced yesterday that in order to deal with a budget crisis, the Ramaz School would soon merge with another school experiencing difficulties of its own: the Hogwarts School for Wizards, which recently lost its beloved Rosh Yeshiva, Albus Dumbledore, *zecher tzaddik livracha*. "Each of our institutions provides opportunities crucial for the training of young educated Jewish wizards," she continued. "Hogwarts has a quiddich team, while we have a women's tefila group." When one reporter for The KJ Bulletin pointed out that magic is explicitly forbidden by the Torah, one prominent

Ramaz faculty member replied that the new school embodied the principle of *koach de-heteira adif* (leniency is always preferable): "While it is all too fashionable nowadays to worry about *chumras* based on obscure sources like *pesukim* in the Torah, at Ramaz we have always clung to the center. Besides, once everyone learns to fly brooms, they won't have to take elevators on Shabbat anymore." Sources confirm that Ramaz and Hogwarts have agreed upon a new school motto: "*Derekh Eretz Kadma Le-Kishuf*."



An Early Black Magic Class at Ramaz, 1955



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### Man's Tallit Catches Fire During Musaf; Keeps It On Until Rabbi Says Kiddush

Shabbat morning davening was more exciting than usual this week when KJ member Yankel "Jack" Bauer's tallit caught fire during *kedusha*. KJ Ya'amoder Dr. Larry Baruch immediately rushed over to remove the flaming tallit, but was waved away by Rabbi Lookstein. "Maybe in other shuls people feel a burning desire to take off their taleisim before the end of davening," Rabbi Lookstein commented, "but this is KJ, and only after I say *Kiddush* are the men invited to remove their talleisim." When Dr. Baruch pointed out that the man's life was in danger, and that *pikuach nefesh* was a very important mitzvah in the Torah, Rabbi Lookstein replied that "*Derekh eretz kadma La-Torah*."

As Mr. Bauer sat smoldering in his seat, davening proceeded apace. After *Adon Olam*, the Rabbi, seeing that the burning man sitting in the synagogue was in great pain, announced that "we will now recite *Shir La-Ma'alot* on behalf of Mr. Bauer, who is currently in a period of crisis." Rabbi Lookstein then recited *Kiddush*, and doused Mr. Bauer's flames with the wine from his *becher*. Seeing that Mr. Bauer was still alive, Rabbi Lookstein invited him to say *ha-tov ve-hameitiv* for his good fortune.



## WHEN YOU GIVE FOR PASSOVER RELIEF, WHO WILL RECEIVE IT?

**By Rabbi Haskel Lookstein**

As we launch the Passover Relief Appeal for this year, I thought it would be helpful to give an accounting of some of the monies that are distributed by the Benevolent Fund as a direct result of what you and I contribute each year to Passover Relief.

Herewith, then, is a partial list of recipients over the last few months. It includes contributions of at least \$1,000, many of \$5,000, and in some cases, \$10,000 or more.

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\$3,000 for our share of maintaining a Bikur Cholim apartment on the Upper East Side.

A young man who grew up in our community, who now lives in Jerusalem with a large family, and who needs periodic assistance.

An international hotline for questions posed to *yo'azot halakha* in Israel.

A major commitment to help Israelis who were uprooted from Gaza.

Major help to families in financial distress because of illness - here in New York and in Israel.

A new Modern Orthodox school for girls which is being created by a Ramaz alumna.

A major effort to provide bulletproof vests for a reserve unit in the IDF.

An ongoing commitment to Chabad of the Upper East Side for the creation and maintenance of a mikvah in our community.

This is all in addition to more than \$200,000 that was contributed and disbursed for relief to Israelis who suffered during the war in Lebanon and whose plight was eased by an incredible response to our *Tisha b'Av* appeal last summer.

The Benevolent Fund, therefore, is both a source and an inspiration for helping many people in need and many organizations that provide chesed and education to Jews here and in Israel.

At Passover time, our first priority is helping poor people celebrate the holiday. We do this by individual contributions as well by contributing to Met Council on Jewish Poverty and the Joint Passover Association.

Please, therefore, send us your gift now, before Passover, and recognize that this gift will enable the Benevolent Fund to help others throughout the year without our engaging in individual appeals for specific causes. Please be as generous as you can and send us your contribution now, earmarked "PASSOVER RELIEF."

As we take care of the first responsibility listed in the *Shulchan Arukh* in the laws of Passover - *ma'ot chitim* - we pray that we will all be blessed with a happy and kosher Passover and a year of sustenance and support for ourselves and for the entire Jewish People.

### NATHAN AND VIVIAN FINK MEMORIAL LECTURE

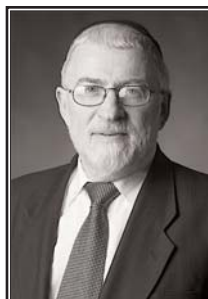
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*Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University*

**"Laws of Shabbat"**

**Wednesday, March 7 at 8:00 PM**

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



## PASSOVER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, April 1

*Search for Chametz* .....After 7:56 p.m.

### Monday, April 2, *Passover Eve*

Morning Services -

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

Chametz may not be eaten after 10:52 a.m.

Burn chametz no later than ...11:56 a.m.

Candlelighting .....7:04 p.m.

Evening Services .....7:15 p.m.

Start Seder .....After 7:57 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 3, *Passover I*

Morning .....9:00 a.m.

Evening .....7:15 p.m.

Candlelighting & Seder ...After 7:58 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 4, *Passover II*

Morning .....9:00 a.m.

Evening .....7:15 p.m.

Conclusion of Yom Tov .....8:00 p.m.

### SERVICES DURING

### THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED

### Thursday, April 5, *Passover III*

Morning .....7:00 a.m.

Evening .....6:45 p.m.

### Friday, April 6, *Passover IV*

Morning .....7:00 a.m.

Evening .....6:45 p.m.

Candlelighting .....7:08 p.m.

### Saturday, April 7, *Passover V*

Morning .....9:00 a.m.

Evening .....7:00 p.m.

Conclusion of Shabbat .....8:03 p.m.

### Sunday, April 8, *Passover VI*

Morning .....8:30 a.m.

Evening .....6:45 p.m.

Candlelighting .....7:10 p.m.

### CONCLUDING DAYS OF PASSOVER

### Monday, April 9, *Passover VII*

Morning .....9:00 a.m.

Evening .....7:20 p.m.

Candlelighting .....After 8:06 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 10, *Passover VIII*

*(Yizkor is recited)*

Morning .....9:00 a.m.

Evening .....7:20 p.m.

Conclusion of Yom Tov .....8:07 p.m.

# A PASSOVER TIMELINE

## STEP #1: Removal of Chametz – Cleaning the House

### STEP #2: Kashering Appliances

Gas ovens, both the stove-top and inside (racks as well), should be cleaned with an oven cleaner, and then not used for 24 hours. After 24 hours, invert the metal spiders and turn the burners on to the highest setting for 10 minutes. (If using an electric oven, turn the burners on the highest setting for 10 minutes as well). After this is done, cover the stovetop with aluminum foil for the duration of Pesach. The inside oven should be turned on to broil for one hour.

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

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

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

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

### Kashering Utensils

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

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

The easiest way to kasher utensils is to bring them to the March 25th KJ Kasher-In where Rabbi Meir Soloveichik will supervise the immersion of metal utensils in a large sink of rapidly boiling water.

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

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

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

### STEP #3: The Search For Chametz

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

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

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Sunday evening, April 1, after 7:56 p.m. The disposal should be on Monday morning, April 2. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

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

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

### Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on Monday morning, April 2 after 10:52 AM.

### STEP #4: The Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Monday morning, April 2. There are those who prefer to perform the ritual in person. For those who cannot attend to the matter in person, there is a form provided on page 11 of this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Soloveichik to sell our *chametz*. **THIS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 1, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 A.M.**

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

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## RABBI DAVID FLATTO TO DELIVER THE SHABBAT HA-GADOL DRASHA

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**STEP #5: The Burning of Chametz**

On Monday morning, April 2, chametz must be burned by 11:56 AM. The synagogue provides a large, contained fire for this purpose. No bracha should be said, since the one said before the search applies to the burning as well.

**STEP #6: After Pesach**

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

*"Let all who are hungry,  
come and eat..."*

If you are able to host guests at your Seder table, please contact KJ Hospitality Coordinator Rabbi Hillel Rapp at 212-774-5652 or rapp@ckj.org

**SHMURAH MATZAH**

Kehilath Jeshurun is again pleased to offer to its membership the opportunity to purchase Shmurah Matzah through the synagogue. The Matzahs are available at \$15.00 per pound.

The pick up will be on Sunday morning, March 25th in the synagogue lobby. That is the same day as the Kasher-In: 9AM-12 PM.

**All orders must be prepaid and ordered by Friday, March 16th.**

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**PASSOVER PREPARATIONS AT KJ:**

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Wednesday, March 28  
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**KJ BEGINNERS PROGRAM TO HOST COMMUNAL SEDER**

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

Under the leadership of Rabbis Elie Weinstock and Hillel Rapp, and with the sweet melodies of KJB Chazan Shilo Kramer, KJ will once again host a Seder designed and planned as a learning experience. It is intended for those who wish to understand more about the content and meaning of the Seder and how to conduct it properly. This special Seder will be held on the first night of Passover, Monday, April 2, at 8:00 PM.

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

Reservations can be made by forwarding a check to the synagogue office covering all those planning to attend. The deadline for reservations is Monday, March 26.

**FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize **RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK**, of 125 East 85th Street, City, State and County of New York, to sell, transfer and assign all *Chametz* of whatever kind and nature which I possess, or in which I may have an interest, wherever situated, in my residence at: \_\_\_\_\_ or in my place of business at: \_\_\_\_\_ or in any other place, without reservation and limitation. I further authorize him to lease all places in which chametz might be found.

If you plan to spend Passover in Israel or Europe, please check this box: ☐

If you plan to spend Passover in another US time zone, please circle below:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the Synagogue office by Sunday, April 1st, at 8:30 AM.*



## PLUTO: A HESPED

### SERMON GIVEN BY RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK ON JANUARY 27, 2007

My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas. This was repeated by generations of schoolchildren, as a means of memorizing the nine planets in our solar system: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto. Now, it appears that we have been misled, for an international union of astronomers has just informed us that Pluto is not a planet. Apparently, Pluto was for decades thought to be bigger than it really is, and we now know that there are other orbiting objects that approach it in size. If so, they argued, we have to be consistent; if Pluto is big enough to be a planet, so are several other clumps of rock and mineral currently orbiting the sun. And so Pluto was demoted, and now there are officially only eight planets in our solar system.

The decision was greeted with a storm of protest by people who, as children, painstakingly constructed model solar systems out of basketballs, baseballs and golf balls, making nine planets, not eight, and from people who had learned that they had been served nine pizzas by my very excellent mother, only to learn now that My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us...Nuts. But though I claim no expertise in astronomy, to me the decision appears intellectually honest, one guided by attention to scientific detail rather than by sentiment. Indeed, the approach taken by these astronomers is very similar to that taken by the halakha. You see, one can wrap oneself in a *tallit* with all the devotion in the world; but if the strings are not long enough, then no fulfillment of *tzitzit* has taken place. One can recite the *kiddush* with all the awe that the Sabbath Queen deserves, but if the *kos* is not the proper size, or does not contain enough wine, no *kiddush* has occurred. If one nibbles on one's *challah*, without eating at least an olive-sized piece, than one cannot *bench*; and, no matter how enthusiastically one sings the *bentching*, what he or she is saying is not *birkat hamazon*; indeed it is a *brakha levatallah*, the pronouncement of God's name in vain. All of our fond memories of pneumonic devices lovingly learned cannot turn the tiny rock that is Pluto into a planet; in a similar sense, all the sincerity in the world cannot endow halakhic significance to a Jewish ritual improperly performed.

And I would add the importance of detail in halakha relates not only to size, but to time as well. My grandfather once related a remarkable insight regarding the contrast between the Jewish calendar, which first appears in our parsha, and the secular method

of marking the passing of time. In American society, he said, the day is divided into twenty-four hours, and each hour is divided into sixty minutes. For *Chazal*, on the other hand, the day is divided into twenty-four hours, and each hour into 1,080 *chalakim*, with each *chelek* being three and one-third seconds long. My grandfather noted that the word "minute" implies something small, insignificant, while *chelek*, a word utilized to connote a period of time that is much shorter than a minute, implies that we are speaking of something substantial. (For example, our Sages say that "every Jew has a *chelek*, a portion, in the World to Come.") The lesson learned from my grandfather is that for Judaism no period of time is unimportant.

Justice Stephen Breyer of the Supreme Court tells a story of a professor who was grading exams and he saw that in one page of an exam booklet, his student wrote: "Professor, I want you to know that if I had only one hour left to live, I would want to spend it in your class." The teacher was quite flattered. He then turned the page and saw that the student had continued as follows: "Because an hour in your class feels like an eternity." To paraphrase Prof. Breyer, for Jewish law, one hour, or even less, can make an eternity of difference in Judaism. As an example of what I mean, let us take the mitzvah of *neirot Shabbat*. The kindling of a candle on Friday, five minutes before sundown? One of the most spiritually sublime acts in Judaism. The lighting of a candle on Friday, five minutes after sundown? A sadly sinful act, a desecration of the very Sabbath sanctity being celebrated. These two acts seem similar, they appear aesthetically equivalent, but in a very real sense they are fundamentally different. Two *challot* eaten on *Shabbat erev Pesach* in the morning? A mitzvah of *lechem mishna*, a glorious commemoration of the *manna*. *Challot* eaten two hours later? No longer *lechem mishna*, but rather forbidden leaven. The *shema* recited at 10:30 AM? A nice thing to do, but in no way the same mitzvah as *shema* recited before 9:40, which is, today, the deadline for the morning *shema*. For the halakha, intricate details such as size and time make a very great deal of difference; and it is often these smaller details that affect the larger picture. When it comes to Jewish ritual, it is not only the sincerity with which an act is performed that is critical, but how, when and where the act is performed.

And we should ponder why this is so. My maternal grandfather, Rav Shmuel David Warschavchik, once went to a largely

Chasidic minyan for *mincha-maariv*. Arriving for *mincha*, he requested that they begin davening before sundown, which is when *mincha* is supposed to halakhically occur. A Chasid said to my grandfather "You know what the difference is between Chassidim and Mitnagdim, meaning non-chasidic Jews?" "Chasidim," he said, "*haben moireh fun Hakadosh Barukh Hu*. Mitnagdim *haben moireh fun di Shulchan Arukh*. Chasidim fear Almighty God, whereas you Mitnagdim instead fear the *Shulchan Arukh*, the code of Jewish law." My grandfather responded: "*Ahz me-hat nit moireh fun di Shulchan Arukh, hat men nit moireh fun Hakadosh Baruch Hu*; If you don't fear the *Shulchan Arukh*, you don't fear God."

So why wasn't the Chasid right? Isn't it only our intentions that are important to the Almighty? Why should a few seconds, or inches, make such a difference? Why should halakhic minutae matter so much, and why is detail so inextricably connected to our relationship with *Hakadosh Barukh Hu*? As long as I love God and my fellow man, as long as my Jewish heritage is important to me, as long as I find my mode of observance meaningful, who cares how, or when, I choose to observe the Torah? The answer, I think, is that while it is important that we find religious life personally meaningful, a Jew is meant to live a life motivated first and foremost by the concept of mitzvah: what lends our lives true meaning is that we engage in actions that are commanded by God. And if we perform these actions because they are commanded by God, then it only makes sense that they be performed in accordance with the Almighty's detailed instructions. It is this concept that I would like to examine briefly today.

I was recently perusing the New York Times' metropolitan diary and discovered that someone wrote in the following little story:

"Dear Diary: My husband, John, and I had taken our three children...to the...Children's Zoo at Central Park. We were happily giving feed pellets to the goats when I noticed a little boy (equally happily) shoveling the pellets into his own mouth. Before I could warn him that he would make himself sick, his mother grabbed his hand out of his mouth, and upbraided him with the following words: "Don't eat those, silly; they're not kosher.""

Now we find this funny because of course one need not take recourse to the halakha in order to refrain from eating goat pellets. But the fact is that Jews speak this way all the time; in every part of life we give a halakhic rationale for a desired course of action by

calling it a mitzvah, a command. An articulation of this idea was made by Ari Goldman in his book "The Search for God at Harvard." Goldman writes how for Orthodox Judaism, "doing mitzvahs is all that matters. There are 613 mitzvahs in the Torah and thousands more added by the rabbis in the Talmud. Mitzvahs shape the life. Upon waking, immediately wash your hands. Prayer, either individual or communal, comes before breakfast. Put on your prayer shawl and bind the tefillin. Breakfast is of course, kosher. If you are having bread, wash your hands. After eating say grace." But Goldman notes that while mitzvah means command, and seems to have a uniquely religious connotation, Jews refer to everyday good deeds by the term mitzvah as well. Mitzvahs, Goldman writes, "don't end there. Being honest in business, telling the truth, sharing with a friend, honoring one's parents, visiting the sick, giving charity to the poor, all these are mitzvahs too. When my mother wasn't pushing *brachas*, she was making sure I would do my *mitzvahs*. 'Ari, honey, do a mitzvah,' she would implore in all seriousness, 'take out the garbage.'"

And I would add that this is a uniquely Jewish parlance. As Rav Ahron Lichtenstein notes in an essay on the concept of mitzva, could you ever imagine a non-Jew saying something like, "you should do this because it's an important command." It sounds ludicrous. But we Jews speak that way all the time. The Jewish equating of command on the one hand, with good deed on the other, indicates, Rav Lichtenstein writes, how intertwined we view the good with the will of God. "On the one hand," he writes, "this means that we assume that something which is commanded is good; on the other hand, we also reason that the good is commanded." To put it another way, the good and perfect God who tells us to love the orphan and help the widow also tells us to observe from evening to evening the Shabbat, Yom Tov, and Yom Kippur, to keep kashrut and to observe the entire Torah in all of its intricacy. All of these are mitzvot, performed in the way that the Almighty instructed, all are essential to a life premised on the inherent goodness of God's commandments, a life seeking a relationship with the divine commander.

It is with this in mind that that we can understand the first Rashi ever written. The great commentator begins by quoting a bizarre midrash that states that *reuyah hayta haTorah lehatchil be-hachodesh hazeh lachem rosh chadashim*. Really the Torah could have begun with *Parshat Bo*, with the commanding of the Jewish calendar and all the mitzvahs that followed; for all that we read previously is just a story; it is only now that the Jews first

receive mitzvot as a nation. There could really have been four books of Moses, and God could just as easily have jettisoned Sefer Bereishit. And this is a troubling statement. Could the Torah really have omitted any mention of the *Avot*? Could the education of our children involve only the study of Jewish law, with no discussion of how the Jewish People came to be in the first place?

I recently read in the journal *First Things* about a study done by the University of Connecticut, which administered a multiple choice test in American history to a broad group of college students across the US. The results are not encouraging. Fewer than half could name the source of "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." More than 75 percent of seniors were not familiar with the Monroe Doctrine. But here's the really fascinating point. On the whole, seniors scored just 1.5 percent higher on average than freshmen, and at prominent schools such as Brown, Georgetown and Yale, seniors know less about American history than freshmen. In other words, as the journal put it, students are not only not being educated in American history; they are, in a sense, being de-educated, for as they turn their attention to other disciplines, they remember less and less the civics classes of their childhood. Could that really be what the Midrash, what Rashi, wants from us? That we pursue the study of the halakha exclusively and thereby deliberately de-educate ourselves of our history? Surely not. The Midrash is not meant literally, and of course our lives would be hollow without knowledge of our heritage. But the sages are saying that all of the parshiot read thus far: The creation of the world, Noach and the flood, Avraham encountering the Almighty, Isaac and the *akeidah*, Yaakov, Yosef, *yetziat mitzraim*, all this was a prelude to the central moment in Jewish history: the giving of the Torah, the commanding of the mitzvot, and the living of Jewish lives in accordance with the will of God.

And so we bid farewell to Planet Pluto, *alav hashalom*. But it did not die in vain. First, those of us who play scrabble picked up a new word from Pluto's passing. The American dialect society announced as its new word for 2006 the verb "to be plutoed," which means to be demoted, declared invalid. Here's how you use it in a sentence: I thought my *etrog* was large enough, but it was plutoed by my *posek*. But for Jews who aspire to a life lived according to the Torah, something more important can be learned from this astronomical saga. When it comes to observing Judaism, details matter. None of us are perfect, and none of us follow the *Shulchan Arukh* perfectly; but if we are

serious about our heritage, then we must realize that it is the intricacy of the halakha that provides the most authentic pathway to God. I recently came upon an interview that the Rav gave to *Time Magazine* in 1972, to my knowledge the only interview that he gave to a mainstream media organization, and I close by quoting his words.

A pre-eminent Talmudic authority at Manhattan's Yeshiva University, Soloveitchik sees the "divine disciplines" of Orthodoxy as part of a "great romance between man and God."... "Detail is important," says Soloveitchik. "Some people call us pedantic. Perhaps we are. But if you pay attention to detail you cannot be misled."

The Rav's point, I think, is that just as in science it is first and foremost our attention to detail that kept us on the right track to finding the truth, so too it is halakha that guides us in our encounter with God. As we get used to living in a solar system with only 8 planets, it behooves us to realize that we can learn from the passing of Pluto's planetary status that while sincerity and sentiment are important, it is often the details that make all the difference in the universe.

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Monday, April 16, 7:30 pm at KJ

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Shacharit at 9:00 AM

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THURSDAY, MAY 24

Morning Services at 9:00 AM

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Zimriah

Monday Evening, April 23

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### March 3 - Purim Night

### March 4 - Purim Carnival

March 10 - 7-12 grade Open Gym

March 11 - KJBL

### March 16 - Tot Shabbat

### March 17 - Mishnayot Learning with Rabbi Soloveichik

March 17 - 5-6 grade Open Gym

March 18 - KJBL

March 24 - 2-4 grade Open Gym

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March 25 - KJBL

### April 20 - Tot Shabbat

### April 22 - Parent Child Minyan

### April 28 - Spring Youth Shabbaton

April 29 - Picnic in the Park

April 29 - KJSL

May 6 - KJSL

### May 11 - Tot Shabbat

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**NINA ROHR**

Mazal Tov to Pamela and George Rohr on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Nina, which will take place on March 18th at the Capitale. Nina will deliver a Dvar Torah on the themes of Megillat Esther and Parshat Vayikra. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Helen and Jack Nash. Nina is a 6th grader at the Ramaz Middle School.



**ADAM KAHN**

Mazal Tov to Judy and Dr. Hirshel Kahn on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam, which will take place on March 31 in the Main Synagogue. Adam will read Parshat Tzav for Shabbat HaGadol. On Friday, April 6, he will be leading Shacharit and Iaining at Beit Shmuel in Jerusalem. Adam is in the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**ALLY GOLDSTEIN**

Mazal Tov to Amy and Alex Goldstein on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ally, which will take place on April 4th at Mercaz Shimshon in Jerusalem, where Ally will deliver a Dvar Torah related to Pesach. Ally is a 6th grader at the Ramaz Middle School.

## BNEI MITZVAH



**DANIEL ROTHMAN**

Mazal Tov to Florence and Robert Rothman on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, which will take place on April 14th in the Main Synagogue. Daniel will read Parshat Shmini and the Haftarah and will deliver a Dvar Torah. Daniel is a 7th grader at the Ramaz Middle School.



**TAMARA FASTENBERG KAHAN**

Mazal Tov to Andrea Fastenberg and Prof. Marcel Kahan on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Tamara, which will take place on June 2nd. She will be reading Parshat Behaalotcha and the Haftarah at Darkhei Noam, as well as giving a Dvar Torah on the Parsha. Tamara is a 6th grader at the Abraham Joshua Heshel Middle School.



**JOSHUA SCHWARTZ**

Mazal Tov to Debbie and Daniel Schwartz on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua, which will take place on June 9 at KJ. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandmother, Gaby Major. Joshua, a 7th grader at SAR Academy, will read Parshat Shlach.



**SARI FLOMENBAUM**

Mazal Tov to Meredith and Dr. Neal Flomenbaum on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sari, which will take place on May 18 at the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach, where Sari will deliver a Dvar Torah on "613 and Counting." Sari is a 6th grader at the Ramaz Middle School.



**NATALIE FROHLINGER**

Mazal Tov to Debra and Barry Frohlinger on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Natalie, which will take place on June 2nd in a Women's Tefila Group Maariv and Havdalah Service in the Max J. Etra Chapel. She will deliver a Dvar Torah related to twins in the Torah. Natalie is a 6th grader at the Ramaz Middle School.



**RISA SCHWARTZ**

Mazal Tov to Anne and Samuel Schwartz on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Risa, which will take place on June 19 at the Hudson Theatre in NYC. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch. Risa will deliver a Dvar Torah on her personal interests and their relation to the Torah. Risa is in the 6th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**TALIA SCHULDER**

Mazal Tov to Drs. Lu Steinberg and Michael Schulder on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Talia, which will take place on May 27. She will complete the study of Megillat Rut, on which she will give a Dvar Torah. She will also complete a siyum mishnayot on Masekhet Bikurim. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandfather, Paul Schulder. Talia is a 6th grader at the Ramaz Middle School.



**ALISON SHAY**

Mazal Tov to Susan and Scott Shay on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Alison, which took place on November 23 at the Pratt Mansion. There she led a "Shira Chadasha" style service and read from the Torah. Alison also delivered a D'var Torah on the key role of women in Tanach. Alison is a 7th grader at SAR Academy.

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## In Memoriam

### SEYMOUR BRICKMAN

In the passing of Rabbi Seymour Brickman, we lost a wonderful friend and a model Jew.

As a congregation, we had the privilege of his association with us for only ten years, but the blessings that he brought to us make the time feel much longer. He was a regular *davener* in *shul*, a very involved participant in classes and *shiurim*, and a wonderful, smiling presence in our midst. It was very clear that he enjoyed KJ from his moments in our synagogue.

He was a gentle man who never raised his voice in public or in private. His life was devoted to the service of the Jewish People, first as a pulpit rabbi and then at the Board of Jewish Education. He was a loving husband to his dear wife, Devora, who cared for him in the most extraordinary way, and he was a very beloved and

respected father and grandfather.

His family will miss him and so will all of us at KJ.

### MIRIAM KAHN

Miriam Kahn was a member of our congregation for over fifty years. She and her late husband, Fred Kahn, raised two sons in our community and in Ramaz - David Kahn who served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz, and Richard Kahn who is very active in Jewish communal life in New Jersey. She was extraordinarily proud of her two sons, about whom she said to many people: "I am the luckiest woman in the world; I have had a wonderful life; I have the best sons and daughters-in-law that anyone could have."

Thirty-seven years ago Miriam Kahn was widowed when her husband, Fred, was struck down by a taxi on his way home from a

Talmud shiur. Another person might have simply given up, but she didn't. She had a positive outlook on life; she was fun-loving and endowed with a great sense of humor; and she was a bundle of determination. All of this helped her not only to survive but to flourish.

She loved KJ and Ramaz and everybody associated with them. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and by this community which cherished her.

### MARTIN PERLBERG

A quiet and dignified man, Martin Perlberg very much enjoyed this community and appreciated being part of the KJ family. We appreciate the opportunity we had to enjoy him in our midst and we pray that his soul will be forever bound up among the living.



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### YOM HASHOAH CANDLES

Through the generosity of Star Candles, the KJ Men's Club will again be distributing to each KJ member, by mail, a Candle of Remembrance. It is hoped that each person, upon returning home after the April 15th Yom Hashoah service, will light this candle as a means of remembering the Yahrzeit of those who perished in the Holocaust as the victims of Nazi terror.

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

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Mazal Tov to:

Rebecca and Rabbi Josh Cypess on the birth of their son, Joseph Moshe Eliezer.

Lorraine and Leonard Dauber on the birth of their granddaughter, Chloe Samantha, born to their children, Emily and Paul Dauber.

Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein on (i) the birth of their grandson, Yaakov, born to their children, Shira and Daniel Edelstein; and (ii) the birth of their granddaughter, Pnina, born to their children, Elizabeth and Ariel Edelstein.

Jessica and Anton Feingold on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Ella Ziona. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ grandparents Ann and The Honorable Judge Jerome Hornblass.

Lils and Sean Fogarty on the birth of their second child and daughter.

Karen and Michael Herschkowitz on the birth of their third child, a boy, Joseph Adam.

Ronnie and Samuel Heyman, and to Eve Propp, upon the birth of a granddaughter, Clara Arden, born to their children Eleanor and Rodney Propp. Mazal tov also to Gabrielle Propp upon this simcha in her family.

Deborah and David Kahn on the birth of a grandson, Zvi Mordechai, born to their children Tamar and Rabbi Joshua Kahn.

Jane and Robert Katz on the birth of their son, Joseph.

Esther and Jonathan Messeloff and Judy and Dr. Fred Tanz on the birth of their granddaughter, Lillian Claire, born to their children Sara and Larry Tanz.

Daniella and Jonathan Muller on the birth of their son, Benjamin William.

Jessica and Jason Muss on the birth of their son, David Gabriel.

Rachelle and Hon. Norman Ryp on the birth of their first grandson, Isaac Kalman, born to their children Shoshanna and Benjamin Ryp.

Hannah and Dr. Jonathan Shapiro on the birth of their son, Charles Alexander. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ grandparents, Ruth and Irwin Shapiro.

Bonnie and David Silvera on the birth of their daughter, Bianca.

Lizzy and Josh Trump on the birth of their son, Simon Benjamin. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ grandparents, Sheira and Steven Schacter, and to the proud great-grandfather, Israel Friedman.

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

### BAT MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to:

Nechi Shudofsky and her family on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Chani Shalev, daughter of Miriam and Binny Shalev, which will take place in Hoshaya, Israel on Purim.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Gladys Baruch on the engagement of her grandson, Ari Baruch to Sarah Singer.

Bonnie and Isaac Pollak on the engagement of their son, Zamir (Ramaz 2000), to Avital Herman, daughter of Irene and Michel Herman of Melbourne, Australia.

Caroline and Rabbi Eliezer Rubin on the engagement of their daughter, Taire, to Avishai Shraga, of Biryah, Israel.

Sheira and Steven Schacter on the engagement of their daughter, Joanna (Ramaz 2000), to David Parker (Ramaz 2000), son of Naava and Jeffrey Parker of

Englewood. Mazal Tov to the proud grandfather, Israel Friedman, on his granddaughter's engagement.

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

### MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

Lyon Marcus on his marriage to Meredith Lee Lampert of Sommerville, NJ.

A special Mazel Tov to Alan Rechtschaffen's mother, Marcia Wolfson, and to her husband, Dan Drake, on Meira and Alan's wedding.

Perri and Akiba Stern on the marriage of their son, Ilan, to Carrie Scharf, daughter of Fran and David Scharf of Cedarhurst.

### COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Judy Abel Brill and Michael Brill on receiving the Keter Shem Tov Award from Yeshiva Chovevei Torah.

Judy and Dr. Martin Grumet on receiving the Boris Z. Gorlin Community Service Award at the Congregation Orach Chaim Dinner.

Randy and Mitch Krevat on receiving Shalva's Keter Shem Tov Award.

Daniele and Jules Lassner for being honored at the Congregation Orach Chaim Dinner for a lifetime of service to our sister congregation, and to the broader Upper East Side Jewish community.

The family of Dr. William Major, of blessed memory. Eugene Major and Steven Major, who studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion in 1980 and 1986, respectively, will be honored by the Yeshiva at its annual dinner.

Sidney Weingarten, who received The Circle of Life Award from Reuth at its annual dinner.

Rita and Dr. David Woldenberg upon the honoring of their children, Dr. Rona Woldenberg (Ramaz '79) and Reuben Askowitz (Ramaz '78), by the North Shore Hebrew Academy.

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Michaela Joseph (Ramaz 2000) upon graduating from Touro College Magna cum Laude with a dual master's degree in Early Childhood and Special Education.

### PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Dr. Jenny Batlay on appearing in the Encyclopedia of Feminists Who Changed America.

Marcelline Block, daughter of Jenny Batlay, on giving a paper at Bucknell University: "Poetics of the Faun in Antiquity and Mallarme." Marcelline received a Princeton University Graduate Fellowship and the Armstrong Prize for 2006-2007.

Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt and their daughter, Gail (Ramaz '86), on the release of Gail's first CD: "Like a Braided Candle: Songs for Havdalah." It contains a unique collection of havdalah and motzei Shabbat songs, spanning the centuries and the globe with songs both traditional and contemporary, in Hebrew, English, Yiddish and Ladino. The CD is available in our lobby "Judaica Classics by Doina" shop.

Dr. Henry Kressel on publishing his book "Competing for the Future - How Digital Innovations are Changing the World."

Sanford Wexler on becoming president of the Metro New York Toastmasters Club, a public speaking organization.

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Joe Bierman on the passing of his brother, Philip Bierman.

Ruth Brenner on the passing of her father, Martin Fisher.

Dr. Alan Brennglass on the passing of his father, Samuel L. Brennglass.

Roberta Caplan on the passing of her mother, Gertrude Forman Caplan.

Pamela Emmerich on the passing of her father, Joseph Y. Nadler.

Elie Hirschfeld on the passing of his mother, Zipora Hirschfeld.

The Honorable Judge Jerome Hornblass on the passing of his brother, Dr. Albert Hornblass.

Dr. Margery Kalb on the passing of her mother, Marilyn Tenen.

Sharon Kramer Loew on the passing of her father, Melvin Kramer.

Jay Lunzer on the passing of his father, Julius Peter Lunzer.

Dr. Julio Messer on the passing of his father, Mordko Messer.

Paula Solinsky on the passing of her father, Moshe Skorecky.

Shera Aranoff and Alan Tuchman on the passing of their daughter in law, Dr. Beth Samuels.

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

Dear KJ-Ramaz Family,

The recent Ramaz Dinner at which I was honored was most heartwarming, and I did enjoy it, after all. I want to thank all of you for your wonderful support, good wishes and participation. Both Ramaz and I are truly grateful.

Sincerely,  
Audrey Lookstein

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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>March</b>					
2-3	Tetzaveh	5:30 PM	5:40 PM	5:20 PM	6:26 PM
9-10	Ki Tisa	5:38 PM	5:50 PM	5:30 PM	6:33 PM
16-17	Vayakhel / Pekudei	6:46 PM	6:45 PM	6:35 PM	7:40 PM
23-24	Vayikra	6:53 PM	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	7:48 PM
30-31	Tzav	7:00 PM	6:45 PM	6:25 PM	7:55 PM
	Shabbat HaGadol				
<b>April</b>					
6-7	Shabbat Pesach	7:08 PM	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	8:03 PM
13-14	Shemini	7:15 PM	6:45 PM	7:05 PM	8:12 PM
20-21	Tazria/Metzora	7:22 PM	6:45 PM	7:15 PM	8:20 PM
27-28	Aharei Mot/Kedoshim	7:30 PM	6:45 PM	7:25 PM	8:28 PM
<b>May</b>					
4-5	Emor	7:37 PM	6:45 PM	7:30 PM	8:35 PM
11-12	Behar/Behukotai	7:44 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:43 PM
18-19	Bamidbar	7:51 PM	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:51 PM
25-26	Naso	7:57 PM	6:45 PM	7:50 PM	8:58 PM
<b>June</b>					
1-2	Behaalotekha	8:03 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:04 PM
8-9	Shelach	8:07 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:09 PM
15-16	Korah	8:11 PM	6:45 PM	8:10 PM	9:13 PM
22-23	Hukkat	8:13 PM	6:45 PM	8:10 PM	9:15 PM
29-30	Balak	8:13 PM	6:45 PM	8:10 PM	9:15 PM
<b>July</b>					
6-7	Pinhas	8:12 PM	6:45 PM	8:10 PM	9:13 PM
13-14	Mattot-Masei	8:09 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:10 PM
20-21	Devarim	8:05 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:04 PM
27-28	Vaetchanan	7:59 PM	6:45 PM	7:50 PM	8:57 PM

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## EVENING SERVICES

March 4-8 .....5:45 PM May 1-31 .....6:45 PM July 1-12 .....6:50 PM  
March 11-30 .....6:45 PM June 3-7 .....6:45 PM July 15-31 .....6:45 PM  
April 11-30 .....6:45 PM June 10-28 .....6:50 PM

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Thursday, March 1</b> Fast of Esther (See schedule on page 5)	<b>Sunday, April 22</b> Yom Hazikaron	<b>Monday, May 28</b> Memorial Day
<b>Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4</b> Purim (See schedule on page 5)	<b>Tuesday, April 24</b> Yom Ha'Atzmaut	<b>Morning Services at 8:30 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 20</b> Rosh Chodesh Nisan	<b>Morning Services at 7:00 AM</b>	<b>Saturday-Sunday, June 16-17</b> Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
<b>Morning Services at 7:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, May 6</b> Lag B'Omer	<b>Tuesday, July 3</b> Fast of 17th of Tammuz
<b>Monday-Tuesday, April 2-10</b> Passover (See schedule on page 9)	<b>Wednesday, May 16</b> Yom Yerushalayim	<b>Fast begins 4:17 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday-Thursday, April 18-19</b> Rosh Chodesh Iyar	<b>Morning Services at 7:00 AM</b>	<b>Morning services at 6:50 AM</b>
<b>Morning Services at 7:00 AM</b>	<b>Tuesday-Thursday, May 22-24</b> Shavuot schedule on page 14	<b>Afternoon services at 8:05 PM</b>
		<b>Fast ends 9:11 PM</b>
		<b>Wednesday, July 4</b> Morning Services at 8:30 AM
		<b>Wednesday, July 16</b> Rosh Chodesh Av
		<b>Morning Services at 7:00 AM</b>

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