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## KJ AND RAMAZ PLAN MAJOR BUILDING PROJECT LOWER SCHOOL AND SYNAGOGUE HOUSE TO BE ENTIRELY REBUILT

In an historic meeting of the Boards of Trustees of the Congregation and Ramaz - a first in the history of this community - and an open session for the entire community, a major plan was presented which will affect the future of this community for the next 50 years and beyond. The plan calls for the demolition of the Synagogue House and Ramaz Lower School building at 125 East 85th Street and its replacement by a 10-story Synagogue House and Ramaz Lower

School structure with 18 floors of condominium apartments above. These apartments, which will be sold by a developer who will build the building, will defray close to half the cost of the new community structure.

The current Synagogue House - as opposed to the main synagogue building which will remain intact - is over 80-years-old. It no longer serves the needs of a vastly expanded congregation or the Ramaz Lower School and Early Childhood

Center which need a different kind of structure to provide the proper education for children in the 21st Century. The new building will provide, among other things, the following:

### FOR THE CONGREGATION

- 1.A greatly expanded Chapel and a new Beit Midrash.
- 2.An enlarged social hall.
- 3.A significantly enlarged auditorium for meetings and both

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## 99 SENIORS ARE GRADUATED FROM THE JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN UPPER SCHOOL OF RAMAZ 57 TO SPEND NEXT YEAR IN ISRAEL SENIORS AND LOWER CLASSMEN WIN MANY ACADEMIC HONORS

Once again it has been an amazing year for the students in Ramaz! Here are some of the impressive results:

57 seniors will be spending next year in Israel at the following Torah institutions and programs:

<u>Women's Schools</u>	<u>Men's Programs</u>
Machon Maayan	Machon Lev
Midreshet HaRovah	Yeshivat Eretz
Midreshet	HaTzvi
Lindenbaum	Yeshivat HaKibutz
Midreshet Moriah	Hadati Ein Tzurim
MMY	Yeshivat HaKotel
Sha'alvim for Women	Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush)
Tiferet	Yeshivat Maale Gilboa
	Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh
	Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim
	Yeshivat Sha'alvim
	Yeshivat Torat Shraga

<u>Co-ed Programs</u>
Bar Ilan University
Nativ
Shalem
Shevet
Tel Aviv University

The seniors also earned a wonderful record of college acceptances. Our students had impressive admissions numbers in:

Bard	U. of Maryland	Tufts
Barnard	U. of Mass.	Vassar
Boston Univ.	McGill	Washington U.
Brandeis	MIT	Wesleyan
Brown	U. of Michigan	U. of Wisconsin
Bucknell	NYU	Yeshiva College/
Carnegie Mellon	Northwestern	Stern College
Univ. of Chicago	Oberlin	
Clark	Penn State	<i>(Continued on page 9)</i>
Columbia	U. of Penn.	
Cornell	U. of Pittsburgh	
Dartmouth	Princeton	
Emory	U. of Rochester	
Franklin & Marshall	Rutgers	
G. W. Univ.	Skidmore	
Goucher	SUNY-Albany	
Harvard	SUNY-Binghamton	
Johns Hopkins	Syracuse	

## NEW MEMBERS

Seventy-three new households joined the Congregation this past year and were officially inducted and welcomed at the 135th Annual Meeting by Dr. Diana Heller Friedman, Financial Secretary of the Congregation:

Shirley Abel	Jay Kitograd
Barry & Deborah Berg	Ronald Klein
Michael & Marisa Bevilacqua	Daniel & Sepi Koren
Matthew & Yaira Binstock	Ellen & David Korn
Caroline Born	Joanne Krupp
Eli & Laurie Bryk	David & Suri Landerer
Daniel J. Bursky	Susy & Jonathan Levin
Vitor & Alexandra Cepelowicz	Elias & Livia Marcovici
Kenny & Suri Cohen	Allen & Robye Margolius
Paul & Emily Dauber	David Marks
Jack & Phyllis Diamond	Lori & Michael Mehler
Harriet Edleson	Linda Michelson
Avi Erbst	Nathaniel & Michaela Muller
Anton & Jessica Feingold	Justin Oberman
Albert & Marjorie Fortinsky	Aaron & Chrissie Packles
Debbie & David Freedman	Alex Pollak
Sagi & Elana Genger	Elliot & Ronit Porter
Michael & Naamit Gerber	Anna Michelle Propp
Benjamin & Jennifer Gerut	Alexandra & Haskel Rabbani
Daniel & Michelle Gewanter	Brian & Ayelet Rosen
Eric & Tamar Goldstein	Samantha & Jonathan Rubenstein
John A.I. & Jacqueli Grossman	Rami & Rebecca Sasson
Mary & Ralph Gut	Sari Scheinberg
Hanan Halili	Michael & Arlene Schulder
David & Victoria Harrison	Jonathan & Julie Schwartz
Zeev Hechter	Mal & Shirley Serure
Joseph & Hedwig Heller	Daniel & Danielle Shamah
Isaac & Rebecca Herschkopf	Lauren & Seth Silberstein
David & Aviva Hiltzik	Ezri & Miri Silver
Howard & Laurie Horowitz	David & Bonnie Silvera
Bonnie Jacobson	Richard & Paula Smith
Mitchell & Ilana Kahn	Michael & Judy Steinhardt
David & Stacey Kanbar	Rita Weinberger
Robert & Ellen Kapito	Chaim & Anya Wiebke
Max & Nina Karpel	David & Jannine Zucker
Martin & Gladys Kartin	David & Rebecca Zwilling
Maurice & Judy Khosh	

## WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who joined the Congregation between the 135th Annual Meeting on April 25th and this Bulletin, which went to press on July 3:

Yardena and David Brickman  
 Vivian and Bernard Falk  
 Tobette Feinberg  
 Leah and Zev Frankel  
 Dyan and Ezra Levy  
 Odelya Edith Pagovich  
 Jane and Marc Resnick

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## KJ Food Pantry

The KJ Food Pantry provides kosher food weekly to New York's hungry. Clients are referred to us through the synagogue, and local service agencies. Each week clients come to KJ to receive food staples tailored to their diets, as well as a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. Ramaz students pack the bags and staff the booth in the lobby of KJ, and Ramaz/KJ members also deliver packages to those who are homebound. For further information or to volunteer, please contact Stacy Scheinberg at [Stacyron@aol.com](mailto:Stacyron@aol.com)

## DEDICATE

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

**CHUMASHIM** - \$45 each

**SIDDURIM** - \$25 each

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## SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JULY 3 – JULY 24

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

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

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

occurred on these days extends beyond the fasts themselves. The period between these two fasts, traditionally called The Three Weeks, includes several practices of mourning. During these three weeks we do not get our hair cut, attend weddings or involve ourselves in large joyous gatherings. During the nine days which begin on the first of Av, July 16, and continue until midday on the tenth day of Av, July 25, we are additionally forbidden to eat meat and drink wine (except on Shabbat), to go swimming, or bathe for pleasure and to do any laundry or dry cleaning that is not absolutely necessary. The Talmud writes that when the month of Av begins, our mood should reflect our mourning for the destruction of the Temples. On Tisha B'Av itself, besides fasting, we are prohibited from washing our bodies, wearing leather shoes, anointing ourselves, and having marital relations. It is also forbidden to study Torah on this day with the exception of the sections of the prophets and the Talmud that discuss the destruction. We do not wear *tefillin* until Mincha and the custom is to sit on low chairs like mourners until midday. Our observance of mourning also forbids us from greeting friends on Tisha B'Av.

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

### TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE Monday night, July 23

Mincha Services.....	8:10 PM
Fast Begins.....	8:20 PM

Followed by Ma'ariv and Eicha

### Tuesday, July 24

Morning Services.....	7:00 AM
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Followed by Kinot

Shiur by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik.....	9:00 AM
Film Screening of "Schindler's List" .....	10:00 AM

1993 Academy Award for Best Picture

Film Screening of "The Quarrel".....	5:15 PM
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1990 Winner of Eight International Awards

Shiur By Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.....	7:00 PM
Mincha / Maariv.....	7:55 PM
Conclusion of Fast.....	8:58 PM

### SHABBAT LEARNERS SERVICE

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9:30 AM

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# KETER TORAH AWARDS BESTOWED ON EVELYN ROCHLIN AND RIVA ALPER SHAVUOT II – MAY 24, 2007

*At the conclusion of the morning service on the second day of Shavuot, Evelyn Rochlin and Riva Alper were presented by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein with the Fifth Annual Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Awards. These are their remarks:*

## KETER TORAH AWARD ADDRESS BY EVELYN ROCHLIN

Chag Sameach.

This is truly a great honor for me. I am humbled and grateful to be the recipient of the Keter Torah award, and to join the list of previous worthy recipients. I am particularly proud to share this honor with Riva Alper, a veritable mitzvah machine. Riva, may you and Joe and Sarah and Joshua continue to energize the community for many years.

I did not earn this award on my own. Rather, I accept this honor on behalf of my family in the spirit of hakarat hatov to the KJ-Ramaz community, which we have been privileged to help enrich for almost 43 years.

Pirkei Avot enumerates three Ketarim - three crowns -- and specifies that a fourth crown, Keter Shem Tov, "oleh al gebaihen," is above all. So allow me to focus on the Keter Shem Tov.

It is particularly significant for me that this award is in memory of Judy Kaufman Hurwich. Judy and I shared a warm friendship and a passion for teaching. Judy, the consummate history teacher, and I often discussed methodologies of teaching history. We strived to excite our students and enrich the usual rote learning. We both agreed this could be done more effectively by engaging them in the CAUSE -EFFECT- and FLOW of history.

Cause - what influences the distinguishing marks of a generation.

Effect - the results of these influences on that generation.

Flow - the impact on the next generation.

So, in tribute to Judy's memory, I will attempt to present a short history of these 43 years in the community and analyze the cause, effect, and flow that have resulted in my standing before you this morning.

### Cause I: My Parents' Home.

In my parents' home, chesed was a bedrock of our upbringing. Yes, chesed was a central theme in our davening. Yes, in school we were taught about the chesed of Hashem to B'nei Yisrael and the chesed of the Avot and Imahot. But of greatest impact was the chesed I witnessed in my home; in the relationship of my parents to each other, to their friends and in their outreach to their community. My parents emphasized the importance of a Shem

Tov - a good name. They lived the words of two of the greatest statesmen of history, one ancient -- Shlomo Hamelech - and the other of their time - Winston Churchill. Shlomo in Kohelet teaches "tov shem mishemen tov." Better is a good name than good oil. And Winston Churchill observed in the same spirit: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

My parents and siblings earned their Shem Tov and the respect and admiration of the Williamsburg and Crown Heights communities by making these adages their mantra and passing them on to me. "Evy," my mother would tell me, "whatever you give will come back kefel kiflayim," a thousand fold. The crown you have bestowed on me with this honor today is adorned with these values, without which I would not be standing before you.

### Cause II: Our Communal Leaders.

A second cause of this morning's honor are the values instilled in me by Rabbi Joseph Lookstein and Gertrude Lookstein (zichronom livracha) and (yibadlu l'chaim) Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Audrey. As the primary chesed role models during my adult years, the Rabbis Lookstein provided the soil - this community - in which our own family could plant and nurture these values.

The most sparkling jewel in the crown you are presenting to me today, however, reflects the values of my late husband, Martin, who believed that you should strive to do all the things you can to make a beneficial difference for the community. He was the personification of -- and I paraphrase Pirkei Avot -- "emor harbeh v'aseh harbeh," say a lot, but do a lot. To put it another way, he advocated a hands-on, "tachlis" approach to transforming visions of chesed into concrete reality. The truth is, I was merely the enabler for Martin's extraordinarily zealous pursuit of chesed. I laugh when I reflect on why Martin told me he wanted to live in Manhattan. "Evelyn," he said, "in Manhattan we can live in a community as small fish in a big pond." Martin never quite remained a small fish even as our community became an ever bigger pond.

So there we have the causes leading to this

honor: the chesed of my parents, of Rabbis Joseph and Haskel Lookstein, of Martin, as well as that of other role models within the KJ family who are too numerous to mention. And I do have in mind the link with the Yom Tov we are celebrating; for according to Midrash Rabah the significance of reading the book of Ruth is to impart to us how great is the reward for those who do deeds of chesed.

After CAUSE- the influences and inspirations - we have EFFECT - the results growing out of cause. For me and my family, the effects were numerous, and they continue to exist and resonate.

During our years here, Martin and I influenced and took part in the flourishing of the KJ community with new activities and outreach. The chevra kadisha became invigorated, the bikur cholim program at Sloan Kettering became one of the community's hallmarks; a revived men's club became a reality; the Young Marrieds' Club surfaced on the scene; and the Succoth program expanded to become a true communal happening. A chavurah program was initiated that motivated and inspired many members to take an active part in community activities. The example of home hospitality was followed by many other families.

One effect stands above all - namely, the home that Martin and I were privileged to establish. We were blessed to be able to practice hachnasat orchim in the purest sense. Our home was always open - not only for friends, but also for strangers, many who happened to be in the area because of hospitalized loved ones, who just needed some warmth and comfort. We often were an incubator for ba'alai teshuva, who joined us as they took their first steps in becoming Shomrei Shabbat. Lifelong friendships have endured from these contacts and encounters.

We did not wait for a chesed opportunity to present itself. Rather, in the tradition of Abraham, "vayaratz likratam," we chased after the opportunity. An example: some years ago, on a Shavuot afternoon, as we were looking out the window of our home, then a few blocks from Mount Sinai Hospital, we noticed a Chasid walking haltingly. He



appeared to be overheated and exhausted. Martin immediately ran down to check out the situation. Of course he brought the man up to the house. Finding him dehydrated, hungry, and distraught, we calmed our visitor, fed him, and accompanied him to the hospital. As he turned to leave, he thanked us for our time and asked in his broken English, "Could I come back again? The eats here is good!"

On another occasion, one Erev Shabbat, there was a knock on the door. There stood a man, visibly agitated. "My wife went into labor," he said excitedly, "but I must go home and make Shabbat for my girls. Would you sit with my wife?" And so we did. What a joy it was for us to call him after Shabbat to tell him that she had given birth to their first son.

There are many other memories I could recount, each one forming an effect by itself. But overall, I think the greatest effect I've

witnessed is seeing the community thrive and nurture all of us, and particularly our next generation - our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. For me, there is no greater joy than seeing Josh and Robin and their children, Michael, Samuel and Abigail, Kenny and Debbie and their children, Zachary, Jacob and Daniela, and Surie and Bob and their children, Amanda and Jason, carrying on the spirit of chesed, articulated, espoused and exemplified by this community and everyone within it. My mother was right - I have been rewarded "kiflayim."

CAUSE and EFFECT- the evidence is clear. That leaves one element in today's history lesson -FLOW. I can only speculate about the impact of cause and effect on our future. Will the lessons learned, the examples set, continue to manifest themselves, to inspire and to teach?

As we know, history does tend to repeat itself. And so, I implore you to find the means, the ways, the enthusiasm, the motivation, the courage, to build on each act of chesed, to create new ones - first fruits, as it were, today on Chag Habikurim -- that, in flourishing, will strengthen our families, our community and Klal Yisrael for the present and in the future.

I conclude with one of my mother's favorite sayings: "the past is history, the present is a present, the future is a mystery." Thank you, KJ community, for the past. Thank you for the present's present. Thank you for a future that is a lesser mystery, because you are an exceptionally unique community.

Chag Sameach!

## KETER TORAH AWARD ADDRESS BY RIVA ALPER

It is an honor to be mentioned in the same paragraph as Judith Kaufman Hurwich, and I consider it a privilege to honor her memory in this way.

Before I begin, I want to offer Hakarat haTov to the women who make up the KJ Sisterhood, and in particular, its Board. They are the true crown and the glory of KJ. The chesed initiatives they have introduced and supported over the years have bettered us all and I could not be prouder to be one of their own.

A special Yishar Kochech to my co-honoree Evelyn Rochlin. You are a tough act to follow in so many ways, and it is because of the good example you and women like you have set, that I share this pulpit with you today.

I believe we learn what we live. Growing up, whenever my father would ask me to do something, no matter how minor, he would frequently preface his words by saying zai a zey gut, "if you would be so kind" or "if you would be so good to do x, y, or z". I always associated doing for others as doing something good because of that verbal cue.

The fact is that if we hear it enough, eventually our brains can be wired to do good. Why else would we spend so much time as parents urging our children to do the right thing, teaching them courtesy, and compassion-- and hopefully practicing it ourselves-because they are watching.

There is a song lyric by Steven Sondheim that says

Careful the things you say  
Children will listen  
Careful the things you do  
Children will see and learn

Children may not obey, but children will listen

Children will look to you for which way to turn...

What do you leave to your child when you're dead-only whatever you put in its head"

And it's true. The brain that fills our heads and our children's heads is such an interesting organ. We can't see how it operates-at least not in the way we can see a beating heart or the blink of an eye-but we can tell by a person's actions-their behavior, their judgment, their values-- that it is working. And that they have learned.

Like Sondheim's song suggests, there are studies which indicate that we can program ourselves to do good. And there is research that demonstrates that we are in fact pre-programmed-to do good. Well, my own childhood seems to support this study-and furthermore, (Pirkei Avot Perec vav, Mishna bet) teaches us that mitzvah goreret mitzvah-one good deed leads to another. Isn't that the way we program ourselves to do good-by performing one mitzvah, and then another.

Despite the reputation this city-any city-may have for being cold - hearted and insulating, when a person falls on the sidewalk, don't we all rush to help? When we see a blind person at a street corner, don't we automatically ask if they would like help crossing? Whenever we confront any kind of pain and suffering, we react. We have, thank God, been taught to. Because we listened, and looked on, and learned.

As this idea percolated in my mind and I was thinking about ways on which to expand upon it, I realized that much of the chesed we perform really comes from a mindset. There

is a dual benefit to doing good-it revives and rejuvenates us as individuals, and of course, benefits those we seek to help. But there is another benefit of doing good deeds-it forces us out of ourselves and allows us to gain better understanding of the lives of others.

I read an article recently in the Science Section of the New York Times in which a woman, a health writer, ironically, learns that she has breast cancer. This piece really resonated with me because as part of the KJ Bikur Cholim, I visit people like this writer and observe, in a very small way, some of their struggle. On any given Shabbat, KJ volunteers make their way to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital. They offer to make Kiddush or a mi sheberach -- and talk with the patient if he or she wishes. The degree to which these visits matter to the patients never ceases to amaze me.

In the article, the afflicted writer grapples with the age old question of WHY ME. There was no history of cancer in her family, no major risk factors; she exercised, ate healthfully, had yearly mammograms. And yet all she got from her doctors was "It just happens. You can do everything right and still get breast cancer."

As a health writer, she set out to find answers and spent long hours pouring over articles in medical journals and still could not find a satisfactory answer to her questions. And then, not long after her treatment ended, she found herself in an elevator with another obvious chemotherapy patient. They exchanged medical histories and the writer learned that the other woman had stage IV ovarian cancer.

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## KETER TORAH AWARD ADDRESS BY RIVA ALPER (*Continued from page 5*)

They both knew that the prognosis wasn't good, but the writer noticed that this woman wasn't grieving. In fact, she seemed happy. How do you do it, the writer asked. How do you live each day with that hanging over your head? The woman replied, 'I treat each day as an adventure, and I refuse to let anything make me sad, angry, or worried. I live for the day, which is something I never did before. Believe it or not, I'm happier now than before I was diagnosed.'

This chance meeting led the writer to realize that bad stuff can happen to anybody and this is what happened to her. Asking WHY ME wouldn't change anything but she knew that the sooner she let go of the need to find someone or something to blame, the sooner she would be able to enjoy her life.

The spirit of this woman who was able to find happiness despite a world-shattering diagnosis brought to mind one of my favorite mishnayot in Pirkei Avot (perek daled, mishnah aleph). It contains the words of Ben Zoma: Aizeh hu asheer, hasameach b'chelko - Who is wealthy-one who is happy with his portion. A simple aphorism on the surface, and yet, so difficult to achieve.

It is not difficult for one to be happy with one's life when it is compared with someone's whose life is less fortunate. We all know the saying, I cried because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet." How do you learn to be happy when your life has sharp limitations?

And then, there's the flip side. We might think that one who lacks for nothing, one who has every material wish imaginable, would have no problem being happy, either-and yet they are not. They may have a room full of treasure, but no key to unlock the door.

The key that unlocks the door is the ability to be happy with whatever you have been given. In our lives, it is the Torah - whose giving we celebrate today - which imbues our lives with meaning and which permits us to aspire to-- and fulfill goals and ideals-- which gives all life value.

It is when we see ourselves and our lives as part of a greater plan that we can be happy with what we have-whatever that may be.

We should not have to wait for something terrible to befall us before we realize how valuable our lives are, and how much we can offer others. We also learn in Pirkei Avot that we should repent the day before we die. Of course, we do not have this information about ourselves. This is the mishnah's way of instructing us to make each day count.

Whether it is sitting at the bedside of a person fighting cancer, bringing a Shabbat meal to an elderly, homebound person, recording books for the blind, or sending winter clothing to the former residents of Gush Katif - these simple acts bring rewards much greater than the acts themselves.

The payoff is so much greater than what you put into it. It's not just for us and the personal rewards that acts of chesed may bring: It's for the next generation as well. As I said earlier, our children learn by example. If we give back to our community, so will they.

I must state here, however, that there are times I look at our Ramaz students and think that we can learn from them as well. Whether they are davening outside the Iranian mission in every kind of weather in an effort to call attention to the plight of the Israeli soldiers who were kidnapped last summer, or attending the funeral of Professor Liviu Librescu, a Holocaust survivor gunned down while

protecting his class at Virginia Tech last month, they are already giving back.

There are so many ways in which to do chesed. Some require very little time-others require a more substantial commitment. But as Layaliza Soloveichik illustrated so beautifully on Shabbat T'Lamdeini regarding a spiritual journey: it begins with small steps. The same is true with any kind of social action -- from civil rights, to standing up for Israel, to fighting poverty, to raising awareness of the perils of abusing our environment.

We live full lives. Our families, our jobs, our children's educations and extracurricular activities, going to the gym, preparing for Shabbat guests. Our responsibilities are endless it seems, and it's easy to think that there's just no time for one more addition to our overscheduled lives. But it is possible to make the time-and I offer my heartfelt thanks to my husband Joe, and my children Sarah and Josh for giving up a little of their time with me so I can give some of my time to others. I believe I am a better wife and mother-a better person-for doing so.

Shabbat can come in at 4:00 or 8:00. And speaking for myself, I can be busy until the last minute, regardless of how early or how late candle lighting is. I sometimes wonder: if I can be ready by 4:00, why do I need 'till 8:00?

We all have these pockets of time. As we consider the role happiness makes in our lives, the real question is with what will we fill these pockets? Is it just a good question - or a question of good?

Chag Sameach!



*Fun with Bnei Akiva. Our community says "thank you and farewell" to Shelichot Yael Orquin and Chaggit Heinneman, and "welcome" to Shelichot Revital Brownstein and Pirchit Edri.*

## **KJ/Ramaz Building Project (Continued from page 1)**

communal and family celebrations.

4. Dedicated spaces for our Beginners services and Intermediate services, and for our youth groups.

### **FOR RAMAZ**

1. Expanded facilities to provide for a larger Early Childhood Center and Lower School.

2. Special areas for individualized learning in enrichment and special education.

3. Multipurpose rooms for the different classes.

4. An enlarged lunchroom area and faculty facilities.

5. An expanded gymnasium facility equipped for a Lower School but available also to the community.

Demolition and construction are scheduled to begin after the close of school in June of 2008 and to last

approximately two years, with an expected reopening of the new facility in time for September 2010. During the intervening two years the Ramaz Lower School and Early Childhood Center will relocate to a

former school on East 91st Street, between First and Second Avenues. It is an appropriate facility which will be enhanced and upgraded prior to occupancy by our community's children.

This entire project is under the leadership of Steven Gross, a past Chairman of the Ramaz Board of Trustees and a second generation member of the Congregation. He was the leader in the building of the Middle School six years ago on the south side of East 85th Street. Spearheading this project together with Steven Gross is Richard Born, a KJ Trustee and a member of the Executive Committee of the Ramaz Board, who has provided extraordinary leadership in the Middle School project and now, once again, in this historic venture. It will be recalled that it was Richard who conceived of the exchange of buildings which enabled Ramaz to acquire the Middle School site. He has brought the same kind of creative leadership to both the Congregation and the School in enabling the School to find a

facility to house it properly during the two-year construction period.

During the period of construction the Main Synagogue will continue to operate normally - except for the summers of 2008 and 2009. The Congregation's offices will be relocated to the apartment building on the northwest corner of 85th Street and Lexington Avenue which lies just to the east of the construction site. Daily services will be held in the Falk Auditorium of the Gottesman Center building, across the street from the Main Synagogue.

We are in for some dislocation during the two years beginning next June but, with God's help and the outstanding leadership of both KJ and Ramaz, along with the generosity of the community, we hope to complete the project successfully and provide strength and inspiration for a thriving Modern Orthodox community on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.



### **KJ MEN'S CLUB FILM SERIES**

**For The Entire Community  
"Home Game"**

**Featuring Producer Avi Abelow  
Sunday, September 9, 7:00 pm at  
Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun**

"Home Game" documents the story of graduating 12th graders from the Israeli Gazan village of Netzer Hazani during their last vacation before adulthood. Until then, their ritualized summers of beach, ball and fun focused on the annual local Final Four basketball competition, but their 2005 summer vacation turned into something else entirely when the Israeli government began implementing its plan to remove them from their homes in Gush Katif as part of the Middle East peace process. Instead of just competing on the basketball court, these youngsters soon find themselves competing on their 'home' court as well.

### **KJ Annual Dinner**

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE 135th ANNUAL MEETING

### SUSAN AND SCOTT SHAY RECEIVE "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR" AWARD



*50th anniversarian Jean Blumenthal*



*50th anniversarian Harriet Kalischer*



*40th anniversarians Fran and Benjamin Brown*



*Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients  
Susan and Scott Shay*

The 135th Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on Wednesday evening, April 25. An impressive number of synagogue members and friends of the Congregation gathered in the Heyman Auditorium for this important event, opening Kehilath Jeshurun's 136th year of service to the community.

#### **73 NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED**

We were proud to induct into the KJ family seventy - three new member households, comprising 126 people, all of whom joined the Congregation since our last Annual Meeting in April of 2006. (A listing of the new members appears on page 2 of this Bulletin.)

After hearing the national anthems beautifully sung by Cantor Mayer Davis, our new members observed very moving presentations for a number of KJ families observing their 50th, 40th and 25th anniversaries of affiliation with us. (A listing of those families appears on page 17 of this Bulletin.) They also saw the Congregation take care of its business, elect Trustees and Officers, and saw the Ramaz School hold its Annual Meeting with election of Trustees.

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Rabbi Lookstein awarded Susan and Scott Shay the "Volunteer of the Year" award, and reviewed Scott's new book "Getting our Groove Back: How to Energize American Jewry."

#### **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Leonard Silverman was appointed Executive Director after serving the community with distinction for the past six years as its Administrator.

#### **NINE NEW KJ OFFICERS**

President	Eric Feldstein
Vice President	Surie Sugarman
2nd Vice President	Robert Kurzweil
3rd Vice President	Elias Buchwald
Secretary	Jacob Doft
Treasurer	Joel Katz
Assistant Treasurer	David Lobel
Financial Secretary	Dr. Diana Friedman
Recording Secretary	Riva Alper

#### **TRUSTEES**

The following Regular Trustees were eligible for re-election, and were re-elected:

Raanan Agus  
Dr. Richard Born  
Armand Lindenbaum  
Irwin Shapiro

Special thanks were relayed to the following Regular Trustees whose terms expired and who were ineligible for re-election:

Andrew Charles  
Abe Esses  
Natalio Fridman  
Robert Schwalbe

Six dedicated members of the Congregation were elected as new Regular Trustees:

Dan Bettinger  
Ted Edelman  
Dr. Henry Kressel  
Morris Massel  
Anne Schwartz  
Jonathan Wagner

#### **ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES REAPPOINTED**

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

Barry Best  
Jonathan Blinken  
Aryeh Bourkoff  
Sherry Cohen  
Eric Gomberg  
Nicole Gruenstein  
Jonathan Hornblasse  
Randy Krevat  
John Lieberman  
Robin Mehl  
Sara Shemia  
Lee Snow

#### **THREE NEW ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES**

President Feldstein appointed Abby Doft, Evan Farber and Robert Schwartz to the Associate Board.

#### **DECEASED MEMBERS**

With warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein paid tribute to sixteen members of the Congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 134th Annual Meeting:

Mildred Avner  
Rabbi Seymour Brickman  
Goody Dane  
Dr. Allen Gribetz  
Charles Guttman  
Berl Janowski  
Toby Joseph  
Miriam Kahn  
David Khaghan  
Robert Leifert  
Ursula Merkin  
Viviane Paris  
Martin Perlberg

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

### ACADEMIC HONORS

In the prestigious National Merit competition, Ramaz students had the following results:

- 2 National Merit Winners
- 4 National Merit Finalists
- 14 Letters of Commendation

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

Gold Medal recipients of Columbia University's Scholastic Press Association for *Parallax*, Ramaz's literary and art magazine.

Silver medal recipients of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the 2006 yearbook.

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

Ramaz won many championships this year. The following teams were champions:

- College Bowl
- Girls varsity basketball team
- Girls JV volleyball team
- Boys JV basketball team

1st and 2nd place winners in the Yeshiva League Model Congress

1st place winner in the New York Society Library's Young Writers Award - Prose Category.

Two Honorable Mention Winners in the New York Society Library's Young Writers Awards - Poetry Category.

Ramaz also made it to the semi-finals in the Mock Trial competition.

Congratulations to all the students, to the faculty, to the parents and to the community on the wonderful record established by the senior class of 2007 and many other students in the school. May they continue to bring honor and credit to themselves and their families.

## MAY THEY GO HIGHER AND HIGHER

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

### ANDREW ARYEH

*son of Nancy and Benjamin Aryeh*

### ZACHARY HERING

*son of Michele and Benjamin Hering*

### GABRIEL MERKIN

*son of Lauren and J. Ezra Merkin*

### JONATHAN ASCHERMAN

*son of Drs. Corinne and Jeffrey Ascherman*

### CHLOE IFRAH

*daughter of Michele and Stephane Ifrah*

### JENNIFER OHEBSHALOM

*daughter of Shireen and Alfred Ohebshalom*

### ERICA BARUCH

*daughter of Shira and Dr. Lawrence Baruch  
and granddaughter of Audrey and Rabbi  
Haskel Lookstein*

### WILLIAM JEMAL

*son of Jeanne and Samuel Jemal*

### DANIELLA SAKHAI

*daughter of Victoria and Daryosh Sakhai*

### ADAM JOFFE

*son of Diane and Ashley Joffe*

### CARLY SCHEINBERG

*daughter of Stacy and Ronald Scheinberg  
and granddaughter of Sidney Scheinberg*

### AVITAL BENSON

*daughter of Ilana and Daniel Benson*

### ALEXANDER KLUGER

*son of Hon. Judy and Barry Kluger*

### JEREMY SCHWARTZ

*son of Anne and Sam Schwartz and  
grandson of Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch*

### JOSHUA BIERMAN

*son of Riva Alper and Joseph Bierman*

### CAROLINE KOPPEL

*daughter of Lynette and Steven Koppel*

### ISAAC SHEINKOPF

*son of Dr. Debra and Henry Sheinkopf*

### BENJAMIN BOLNICK

*son of Dr. Taryn and David Bolnick*

### SAMUEL LASSNER

*son of Mara and James Lassner and  
grandson of Daniele and Jules Lassner*

### LENA STEINBERG

*daughter of Sharon and Elan Steinberg*

### SARAH EPSTEIN

*daughter of Rachel and Dr. Gerald Epstein*

### TALIA LEFKOWITZ

*daughter of Elena and Jay Lefkowitz*

### MICHAEL STROMER

*son of Shoshana and Dr. Saul Stromer*

### SARAH EMMERICH

*daughter of Pamela and Adam Emmerich*

### CHANTAL LOW

*daughter of Lisa and Nathan Low*

### DAVID TARNOFSKY

*son of Sarah and Mark Tarnofsky*

### BENJAMIN FENSTER

*son of Jan and Dr. Daniel Fenster*

### AARON LUNZER

*son of Elisa and Jay Lunzer*

### ANNA WAGNER

*daughter of Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner*

### JOSHUA GEISLER

*son of Junko and Dr. Edward Geisler*

### SAMUEL MAJOR

*son of Rochelle and Eugene Major and  
grandson of Gabriella Major*

### RACHELLE YADID

*daughter of Wendy and Rami Yadid*

### ALEXANDRA GUTTMAN

*daughter of Gilda and the late Charles  
Guttman and granddaughter of Rachel  
Waldman*

### HENRY MEDINE

*son of Laura and Mois Medine and  
grandson of Haim Medine*

# ACADEMIC HONORS

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

**Brandon Aryeh**, son of Nancy and Benjamin Aryeh, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, where he received the Sports Award. He will be attending Emory in the Fall.

**Lara Barak**, daughter of Dana and Dr. Jacob Barak, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award. She will be attending New York University in the Fall.

**Harry Baumgarten**, son of Fred Baumgarten and Ellen Baumgarten, is currently finishing up his first year at The George Washington University after taking a year off to learn and volunteer in Israel as part of Young Judea's "Shalem" program. In Israel, he served as the gabbai for Shalem and was asked to address PM Ariel Sharon in his office shortly before his debilitating stroke. In college, Harry has become a leader in the Jewish/Israel community and is involved in several on and off campus organizations, including serving as President of the Hebrew Honors Society.

**Jacob Benson**, son of Ilana and Daniel Benson, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the English Award and a Finalist of the National Merit Scholarship Award. He will study at Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim next year and will later attend Harvard.

**Jonathan Chetrit**, son of Nancy and Joseph Chetrit, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will study at Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim next year.

**Adam Cohen**, son of Myra and Dr. Edmond Cohen, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award. He will be attending Bard in the Fall.

**Andrew Doppelt**, grandson of Hannah and Edward Low, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will study at Shevet next year, followed by Emory.

**Sarah Edelsburg**, daughter of Monita Buchwald and Charles Edelsburg and granddaughter of Elias Buchwald, upon her graduation, Cum Laude, from George Washington University.

**David Saul Ellenberg**, son of Linda Ossad and Robert Ellenberg, graduated from Cornell University with distinction, receiving a BA in Religion. While at Cornell, David was co-founder of a pluralistic Jewish learning initiative. Before pursuing his ultimate goal of medical school in August 2008, David will study Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

**Simon Dov Feldman**, son of Drs. Penny and Roy Feldman, on receiving his Ph.D. in Moral Philosophy from Brown University.

**Rachel Friedman**, daughter of Drs. Diana and Robert Friedman, and granddaughter of Hedwig and Dr. Joseph Friedman, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Rifka Rosenwein Journalism Award, the Beatrice and Murray Kirschblat Holocaust Awareness Award and the School Service Award. She will study at Tifferet next year and will later attend New York University.

**Esther Gibofsky** (Ramaz '03), daughter of Karen and Dr. Allan Gibofsky, upon her graduation from Northwestern. She has accepted a position with Google in San Francisco.

**Rose Goldberg**, daughter of Dale and Saul Goldberg, and granddaughter of Lili Goldberg, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Tzedakah Award. She will attend George Washington University in the Fall.

**Max Grozovsky**, grandson of Dr. Inna Bakker, is a third grader who has been accepted to the National Society for the Gifted and Talented and will be attending a summer program at Fairfield University, where he will be taking three courses.

**Jessica Kestenbaum**, daughter of Ruth and Dr. Gerald Kestenbaum, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the David Kagan Memorial Award. She will study at Midreshet Lindenbaum next year and later attend Barnard College.

**Samuel 'Sam' Lassner**, son of Mara and James Lassner and grandson of KJ Members Daniele & Jules Lassner, upon graduating the Ramaz Middle School where he was a founder of the R.H.L.M.S. Ramaz RAMS Hockey Team. Sam served as team captain in 7th and 8th grade and was the team's all-time leading scorer.

**Evan Lieberman**, son of Dr. Andrea Thau and John Lieberman, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the David Franklin Memorial Award. He will study at Machon Lev next year and later attend SUNY Binghamton.

**Tanya Low**, daughter of Carol and Joseph Low, and granddaughter of Hannah and Edward Low, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She will study at Shevet next year and later attend the Lab Institute of Merchandising.

**Alexander Luxenberg**, son of Rhonda and Jeffrey Luxenberg, and grandson of Alice Smokler, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Morris S. Arfa Keter Shem Tov Award and the Aron and Leah Swergold Memorial Award. He will study at Yeshivat Hakotel next year and later attend Yeshiva University.

**Cal Major**, son of Rochelle and Eugene Major, and grandson of Gabriella Major, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award. He will study at Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi and later attend the University of Maryland.

**Nathan Jacob Marcus**, son of Jacqueline and Jeffrey Marcus, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will attend Hofstra University in the Fall.

**Michelle Marcus**, daughter of Jacqueline and Jeffrey Marcus, upon her graduation summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania where she majored in Political Science and minored in Urban Education and Spanish. She will be teaching at the Park Avenue Synagogue's Early Childhood Center in the Fall.

**Ian Seth Mark**, son of Dr. Vivian and David Mark, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will attend the University of Michigan in the Fall.

**Leandra Medine**, daughter of Laura and Mois Medine, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She will attend Eugene Lang, New School in the Fall.

**Michael Meltzer**, son of Marilyn and Dr. Sheldon Muhlbauer, upon his graduation from Fordham Law School.

**Jesse Mermelstein**, grandson of Thelma and Dr. Larry Steinberg, upon his graduation with honors from Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and the Science Dept. of Cognitive Science at Johns Hopkins University. Jesse plans to spend this summer studying Spanish and the fall in Israel studying Arabic.

**Ariella Messing**, daughter of Noemi and Daniel Messing, upon her graduation from the Riverdale Country School. She will be attending the University of Pennsylvania after spending next year in Israel.

**Ilana Messing**, daughter of Noemi and Daniel Messing, upon her graduation from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Daniel Ohebshalom**, son of Shireen and Alfred Ohebshalom, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Jesse Deutsch Tefillah Award. He will attend Boston University in the Fall.

**Julian Olidort**, son of Nadia and Joseph Olidort, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award and the Drs. Gerald and Vicki Platt Award. He will attend Brandeis University in the Fall.

**Romy Oltuski**, daughter of Dr. Ilona and Paul Oltuski, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the English Award and the Band Award. She will attend Tufts University in the Fall.

**Odelya Edith Pagovich**, daughter of Talia Pagovich and the late Dr. Benjamin Pagovich, upon her graduation from The Sackler School of Medicine. Odelya will begin her Residency in Internal Medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

**Gideon Platt**, son of Dr. Vicki Deutsch and Dr. Gerald Platt, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Walter Koppel Jewish Political Action Award and the Drs. Gerald and Vicki Platt Award. He will study at Bar Ilan University next year and later attend New York University.

**Ophira Platt**, daughter of Rivka and Dr. Morris Platt, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award. She will study at Midreshet HaRovah and later attend Barnard College.

**Joshua Ring**, son of Louise and Frank Ring, upon his graduation with High Honors from Wesleyan University.

**Alexander Rohr**, son of Pamela and George Rohr, and the grandson of Helen and Jack Nash, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Gilda Silverman Memorial Award and a Letter of Commendation. He will attend Harvard University in the Fall.

**Adam Rosner**, son of Marian and Bill Rosner, upon graduating in May from Princeton University, magna cum laude.

**Michal Rubin**, daughter of Carolyn and Rabbi Eliezer Rubin, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award and the Chorus Award. She will attend FIT in the Fall.

**Rebecca Rubin**, daughter of Deborah and Sheldon Rubin, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Chorus Award. She will study at Nativ next year, followed by New York University.

**Brittany Rumeld**, daughter of Elysee and Myron Rumeld and granddaughter of Brenda and Albert Bernstein, upon her graduation with honors from the Hillel Yeshiva in Deal, New Jersey. She will be attending Binghamton University in the Fall.

**Kelly Schwab**, daughter of Ronit and Lawrence, upon her graduation from Oberlin College with honors. She will be attending Cardozo Law School in the Fall.

**Ariel Shay**, daughter of Susan and Scott Shay, upon receiving the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association's Scholar Team Award/Silver Level, which goes to top performing swim teams who collectively earn academic honors at the same time as being competitive athletes. Ariel is a sophomore at the American Hebrew Academy.

**L.J. Spaet**, son of Dr. Margery Kalb, upon graduating from Binghamton University with a degree in Communications and Media Studies. He served on the Hillel-JSU executive board as Vice President of Finance, as Assistant Sports Editor for the school paper, as Student Association Treasurer and chairman of Financial Council, and as editor of the sports section of the yearbook. He also worked as sports programming coordinator for Hillel, had a sports marketing internship and worked in the Student Ambassador program. For his efforts this year, the University awarded L.J. with the 2007 Paul J. Battaglia Memorial Award as the Outstanding Overall Student Organization Leader of the Year.

**Lauren Springer**, daughter of Dr. Barbara Sandberg and Steven Springer, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as recipient of the Renee Margareten Berger Award for the highest academic average in General Studies, the Gilda Silverman Memorial Award for her commitment to learning, the Isaac Rapaport Bible Award for her study of Bible and commitment to its principles, the David Franklin Memorial Award for her outstanding work and dedication to the scientific method, and the Yearbook Award as Editor-in-Chief of the 2007 Yearbook. Lauren is a National Merit Scholarship Winner and will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the Fall.



## ACADEMIC HONORS

(Continued)

**Samantha Springer** (Ramaz '02), daughter of Dr. Barbara Sandberg and Steven Springer, upon her election to the Executive Board of the Fordham School of Law Dispute Resolution Society as Symposium Editor.

**Emanuel and Arianne Storch**, son and daughter of Elana and Dr. Daniel Storch and grandchildren of Brenda and Albert Bernstein, upon their graduation from grade school. Next year they will attend The Jess Schwartz Jewish Community High School in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Julianna Storch**, daughter of Elana and Dr. Daniel Storch and granddaughter of Brenda and Albert Bernstein, upon her graduation with honors from The Jess Schwartz Jewish Community High School in Phoenix, Arizona. She will be learning next year at Midreshet Lindenbaum and thereafter will be attending Barnard College.

**Lauren Wagner**, daughter of Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Jesse Deutsch Tefillah Award and the Chorus Award. She will study at Midreshet Lindenbaum next year followed by Barnard College.

**Grace and David ("Sigi") Weil** upon their grandson's selection in Israel as one of seven winners of the coveted Ramon Educational Scholarship Award. Named in memory of Israeli Astronaut Ilan Ramon - one of seven members of the ill-fated Columbia Space Shuttle mission - the award is bestowed annually on high school seniors who excel at scholarship, personality, volunteerism and leadership. Netanel Weil of Jerusalem's Ramot neighborhood was chosen from among 20,000 applicants nationwide, and is the first religiously observant recipient in the award's history. Netanel, along with triplet siblings Binyamin and Miriam, are providing their KJ-based grandparents with additional nachas because they will all soon be serving the Jewish State; Netanel and Binyamin in I.D.F. Hesder units, and Miriam in a National Service program for developmentally challenged children.

**Steven Weinreich**, son of Gabrielle and Howard Weinreich, upon his graduation from the Frisch School. Steven will be attending the Shalem Program in Israel next year and plans to attend the University of Maryland upon his return.

**Gabrielle Wilner**, daughter of Judy and Dr. Philip Wilner, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as the recipient of the Morris S. Arfa Keter Shem Tov Award, the Beatrice and Murray Kirschblat Holocaust Awareness Award, and a Letter of Commendation. She will study at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Israel next year, followed by Barnard College.

**David Michael Weiss** (Ramaz '98), the son of Barbara and Jerry Weiss, upon graduating Duke University School of Law.

**Michael Zimmerman**, son of Gail Suchman and Dr. Jerald Zimmerman, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will attend the University of Rochester in the Fall.

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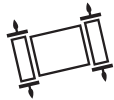
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Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

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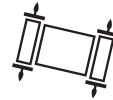
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## SUMMER 2007

### A TASTE OF TORAH AT KJ

Classes with **Rabbi Yossi Weiser**  
*Senior Faculty Member, Ramaz Upper School*



#### TUESDAYS - JULY 10 & 17

##### THE BOOK OF RUTH

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Don't miss the legal and philosophical insights from the story of the Mother of the Messiah.

##### THE STRUGGLE FOR A JEWISH STATE

8:20 PM - 9:30 PM

Explore the efforts of Israel's pioneers to build a state and their lessons for us and Israel today.

#### WEDNESDAYS - JULY 11-25

##### MORE THAN "JUST SAY NO":

##### THE IMPERATIVE OF HALAKHA (JEWISH LAW)

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Jewish people constantly face challenges to which we must respond. Come learn how to deal with the issues of today using the eternal wisdom of the Torah.

##### STUDIES IN THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

8:20 PM - 9:30 PM

Join us in exploring the profound insights and relevance of our tradition as derived from the weekly parsha through the classical commentaries of the last 2,500 years.

#### TUESDAYS - AUGUST 7 & 14

##### MOSHIACH, MOSHIACH, MOSHIACH!

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

What does Judaism really say about the Messiah and the Messianic Era? Compare the Jewish view with that of other religions. A perfect post-Tisha B'Av exploration.

##### HERETICS, SCOUNDRELS & WASTRELS

8:20 PM - 9:30 PM

Notwithstanding our heroes, Jewish history is replete with people we'd rather forget. Explore some of those of whom we are less proud so that we can learn from their mistakes.

#### WEDNESDAYS - AUGUST 8 & 15

##### MORE THAN "JUST SAY NO":

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### "MAZAL TOV! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHUPAH!"

With the wedding season in full swing, we wanted to remind the community that the KJ Chupah is available for use at your special simcha. A gorgeous, hand needlepointed piece of art, the KJ Chupah measures 84" long, by 73" wide, by 90" high, and is supported by four ornately decorated poles. Its floral motif was designed by world renowned needlepoint expert Pauline Fischer, and the actual work was performed by a dedicated group of 28 members of the KJ Sisterhood. Originally dedicated at the Congregation's 106th Annual Meeting in April 1978, the KJ

Chupah was recently cleaned and restored to its stunning original condition. Once a closely guarded community heirloom that was only rarely used, the Executive Committee determined that the KJ Chupah should enjoy greater exposure and become a part of as many community weddings as possible. To learn more about how the KJ Chupah might enhance your simcha, please contact Eva Erlich in the Synagogue Office at 212-774-5670 or e-mail [Eva@CKJ.org](mailto:Eva@CKJ.org)

## “THE RAV: HIS IMPACT ON MY LIFE”

BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

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It was March of 1956. I was nearing the completion of my first year in the Rav's shiur. According to the rules, I was eligible to study Chulin the next year and Yoreh Deah the following year and present myself for my semikha bechina. However, it was exactly at that time that the Rav announced the three-year plan by which he expected to teach the senior students for three years: Gitten and its counterpart in the Shulchan Arukh, Hilchot Geirushin; Kiddushin and Hilchot Kiddushin; and then Yoreh Deah along with Chulin. I was a little older than most of the students because I had gone to Columbia College and begun my rabbinic studies later than they did. Could - or should - I afford the extra year? I went to consult with Dean Samuel Sar, of blessed memory, who gave me the best advice I could possibly have received. He told me that I had had only one year with the Rav at that point and that Providence had given me an opportunity to have three more years. It was certainly worth the extra year I would have to spend in the Yeshiva. To this day I am grateful to Dean Sar. My whole life was different because of his advice.

As a personality, the Rav affected me more than any other human being except for my father. They both modeled for me what it was to be a learned Jew, devoted to God and committed to the Jewish people. To have been brought up by one and taught by the other was a double blessing that has profoundly influenced my life.

I remember the Rav very well as a teacher. How could it be otherwise? Four years, and then many shiurim and lectures and listening to tapes and reading the Rav's written works; all of this was entirely transformative for me. I remember vividly when I managed to struggle through "Ish Ha-Halakha" in the original. It was extremely hard work but it was also thrilling. I found myself marveling at how closely his thought, his perceptions, and his conclusions paralleled my own thinking. Then I remember laughing at myself. It wasn't he who was agreeing with my weltanschauung; it was I whose whole thought process had been molded by him over the years so that I actually thought these ideas were mine when I read them in "Ish Ha-Halakha." That's how powerful his influence was as a Rebbe.

I learned many things from him as a teacher. Among them was his striking integrity and his impeccable honesty. During my four years in his shiur I recall three

occasions when a student - it happened to be me in one case - respectfully pointed out to the Rav that a whole analysis of his (sometimes two hours long) was at variance with something that we had learned sometime before. Think of it: a young student challenging the greatest mind of our generation. He could have destroyed the student with a look or with a word and easily defended his position. But he didn't. I can still hear him saying: "Lookstein is correct; I am incorrect. Do you hear this class?: He is correct, I am incorrect. I have to go home and relearn the whole sugia and present it again." I have no difficulty, when teaching a class, to be able to say to a student "What a great point! You are absolutely right. I made a mistake." I saw the greatest teacher of our generation do exactly that three times.

I was fortunate to have had a number of close encounters with the Rav which left me with indelible memories and, in a way, a world view. Let me cite three of them.

On one occasion, in the early 1980s, I went to him with a list of questions that had been bothering me. The first on the list was the use of an elevator, operated by a non-Jew, on Shabbat. When I asked him the question he looked at me and said: "What did your father do?" I said that my father lived on the 11th floor and when he came into his apartment house on Shabbat the doorman knew to operate the elevator for him. He looked at me again and said: "So why do you have to be more religious than your father?" I was stunned and somewhat embarrassed. I told him that I certainly used the elevator in my father's house and I was not trying to be impudent by asking the question. I reminded him that in the year after I received semikha I used to attend his shiurim on Masechet Shabbat and I had actually heard his heter for the use of an elevator when it's not possible otherwise (he said above the fifth floor) and it was for a d'var mitzvah. Under those circumstances, since he paskened that the operation of an elevator was only a rabbinic violation, it was permissible to ask a non-Jew to operate it for a Jew. I explained that, in view of the fact that most of the religious world doesn't use an elevator, I was just trying to find out whether he still felt the same way, especially since elevators in the days of the shiur (the 1950s) were manually operated while by 1980 most of them were automatic. He said his views had not changed and that the p'sak remained the same. But in his initial

response to me: "Why do you have to be more religious than your father?" I heard in one question the essence of Dr. Hayim Soloveitchik's article on the Mimetic tradition. That's exactly what he was saying to me. He knew that I grew up in a religious home and he didn't feel that I had to be more frum than my parents.

On another occasion, in the late '70s, I also went to him with a series of questions. After listening attentively and answering them, the Rav asked me: "Tell me, Chatzkel, how is Ramaz?" I understood the question was motivated by his being the founder of the Maimonides School in Boston. I told him that Ramaz was doing very nicely. He asked me: "How is your enrollment?" I replied: "Fine, thank God." He pressed further and asked: "Do you have more applicants than you have spaces?" I replied that "Yes, thank God, we have more applicants than we have places." He then said to me: "That's because you haven't changed." I was perplexed and asked him: "Rebbe, what do you mean we haven't changed?" He looked at me and said: "You haven't moved to the right; don't let them pull you to the right." Ramaz was always a centrist, Modern Orthodox institution. That's the way my father founded it and that's the way it has continued. But those words from the Rav gave me further confirmation that we were on the right track. I have had occasion to quote them many times in my talks to Ramaz parents.

A particularly poignant exchange between us occurred after I had attended a Rabbinic Alumni convention and heard a very prominent rabbinic scholar discuss the issue of Tay-Sachs testing. That scholar advised against any kind of testing for reasons which he explained. Furthermore, he said, once a woman was pregnant there is certainly no reason to test because even if the fetus were found to have Tay-Sachs disease there is nothing that can be done about it. One may not abort. I was concerned about that approach and, as luck had it, I had been invited to have dinner that evening at the home of a member of the Rav's family at which the Rav was going to be present. He was scarcely in the door when I described to him the view that had been expressed earlier that day and I asked him what his opinion was. He said very firmly: "You can abort a Tay-Sachs fetus through the sixth month." I said nothing but he must have noticed a quizzical look on my face as if to say - which, of course, I would not -



what was the basis for the p'sak? I will never forget what he told me. He said: "Chatzkel, did you ever see a Tay-Sachs baby?" I replied that I had not. He said: "We had a Tay-Sachs baby in Boston. I tell you that you can abort a Tay-Sachs fetus through the sixth month." I saw at that moment a gadol in action, deciding a difficult question of Jewish law with absolute confidence and courage, based upon his scholarship and experience.

A final recollection. On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, my father invited the Rav to give a public lecture in our Main Synagogue. Over one thousand people sat in rapt attention for more than an hour listening to the Rav expound on his theory of community - kneset Yisrael. My father and I were sitting in the front row. I was busy, as usual, stenographically transcribing every word of the Rav so that I would have his thoughts permanently available to me. When he finished his lecture, he said: "Now I would like to say a few words about my friend, Rabbi Lookstein," referring, of course, to my father. He proceeded to praise my father for his pioneering efforts in Jewish education, in religious Zionism, in homiletics, and in a number of other important areas. When he had finished his beautiful tribute he looked at me and said: "Chatzkel: You want me to say something about you too?" I lowered my head in embarrassment and wished there had been a trap door through which I could disappear. But I will never forget his next words. "Chatzkel: your father I respect; you I love." I knew what he meant and I will forever be grateful to him and to God for those feelings.



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For information regarding Israel Bonds, contact our synagogue representative Robert Lunzer, at 212-446-5835 or [robert.lunzer1@israelbonds.com](mailto:robert.lunzer1@israelbonds.com)

### **PAMELA ROHR ELECTED CHAIR OF RAMAZ BOARD**

*First Woman Chair in the School's 70-Year History*

We are proud to announce that our member, Pamela Rohr, was elected Chair of the Ramaz Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 7. Along with her, the following members of the congregation were elected to office:

Jacob Doft	Vice Chair
J. Ezra Merkin	Vice Chair
Wendy Greenbaum	Secretary
Raanan Agus	Treasurer

We congratulate all of the newly elected officers, but we are particularly delighted to recognize Pam as Chair because this is the first time in the 70-year history of Ramaz that the Chair of the school is a woman. It certainly fits the philosophy of Ramaz since its founding by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, of blessed memory, that the school is designed to give male and female students the same educational opportunities.

May all of the officers enjoy their terms of service.

### **Pesach Israel Mission Memorable Moment**



*Rabbi Lookstein working hard at Project "Job Katif"*

## HIGH HOLY DAY SEAT RESERVATIONS NOW DUE

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

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

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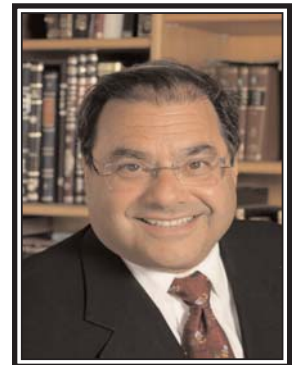
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## Reminder Notice

Kosher wine that is not "Mevushal" is prohibited at events catered by KJ's exclusive house caterer, Foremost. This is mandated by the kashrut organization that supervises Foremost and is not a rule of Foremost's making. Nevertheless, it is a rule that must be strictly enforced, whether at congregation sponsored meals like Friday night dinners and meals in the KJ Sukkah, or at private simcha meals. Non-Mevushal wine at these events must be confiscated.

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Hon. George Postel  
Morton Rubin  
Eleanor Scheinberg

### **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIANS**

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

#### **FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS**

Jean Blumenthal  
Harriet Kalischer

#### **FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS**

Francine and Benjamin Brown  
Karen and Meyer Gross  
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Yvette and Robert Hyman  
Evelyn Mandelker  
Gloria Mosesson  
Laurel and Lawrence Rosenbluth  
Frances and Rabbi Isaac Trainin  
Diane Wassner

#### **TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS**

Marcia and Arthur Brody  
Bernard Cohen  
Ellen and Samuel Dawidowicz  
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Ruthe and Heinz Eppler  
Rose and Dr. Mark Friedman  
Karen and Dr. Allan Gibofsky  
Shelley and Martin Kaufman  
Elli and Israel Krakowski

Leah and Barrie Modlin  
Sara and Joseph Nathanson  
Rebecca and Noah Nunberg  
Helene and Michael Wolff

### **RAMAZ SCHOOL MEETING**

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

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

Joseph Low  
Nathan Kahn  
Robert Kurzweil

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

Raanan Agus  
Adam Emmerich  
David Gruenstein  
Jerry Kestenbaum  
Nathan Low  
Mitchell Presser

The following Alumni Trustee was re-elected for a three-year term:

Ilana Benson

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

Mark Fessel  
Mitchell Sabshon  
Moshael Strauss

### **NEW TRUSTEES**

New Alumni Trustee:  
David Stonehill  
New Parent Trustees elected were:  
Eli Bryk  
Faye Koschitzky

### **COMMUNITY TRUSTEES**

The following were elected as Community Trustees:

Barry Bryer  
Eugene Farber  
Dr. Isaac Herschkopf  
Robert Kapito  
Marrick Kukin  
David Muschel  
Jeffrey Parker  
Vivian Shulman

The following were re-elected as Honorary Trustees:

Harvey Beker  
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## ***A Letter from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center***

**To become active in KJ Bikur Cholim, contact Chairman Hon. Jerome Hornblass, at [jerome.hornblass@ssa.gov](mailto:jerome.hornblass@ssa.gov)**

Dear Friends and Neighbors at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Bikur Cholim Society,

Pinpointing an exact 'target' of our appreciation will be impossible. There are too many reasons to be appreciative that have been generated by too many individuals. But the end result to the patients, families and staff of Memorial Sloan - Kettering Cancer Center represents such great blessing that the thanks must be attempted and appreciation expressed - even if inadequately.

First let me say that I have never worked with a group of such diligent, respectful and selfless individuals - and I have trained and supervised hundreds of volunteers in my many years as a Department Director for Chaplaincy. The volunteers from Kehilath Jeshurun's Bikur Cholim Society are the best! Together they see hundreds of patients a month - offering simple-but-life-giving services to those who are hospitalized and thus unable to join other congregants at worship.

These volunteers provide opportunity for some community to come to the bedside - with a smile, a prayer and a friendly, supportive face. These are healing gifts that cannot be scripted by physicians or ordered from our pharmacy!

In addition to the gift of care and compassion, these volunteers must conform to the many rules of this highly-regulated hospital environment. The rules and regulations imposed on the hospital and, by default on the volunteers, make spontaneity a challenge. Nevertheless, they manage and the current members of the Bikur Cholim Society have set the standard for other groups with regard to positive-spirited compliance.

Patients at Memorial are surrounded by technology and isolated from most of what is familiar - facing their most challenging enemy in a relatively stark environment. The "KJ BC" (as it gets abbreviated on my calendar) eases their fears and brings them comfort, hope, blessing and a sense of home-away-from-home. From a logistical perspective, their work is remarkable, given the demands on their time and restrictions of the Sabbath; from a spiritual perspective, their visits are vital nourishment for hungry souls.

Some of our patients have commented about the visits:

"This beautiful lady came and made Kiddush. It was the highlight of my week - and I didn't even know her. But she was

my friend!"

"Someone came by today to give me a flyer. He listened to my fears and when he left - even though he didn't "do" anything - I felt so much better!"

"It might be raining outside but the sun shone in here today! Someone came and spoke to me in Yiddish! Here! Imagine!" (This came from a woman whose first language was not English, and for whom hearing Yiddish was such a comfort.)

These are just a few of the responses we have received to those KJ visitors who make the rounds each Thursday handing out flyers announcing the option of a Shabbat visit and who then come again on Shabbat to make the visits. Clearly, the presence of the Bikur Cholim Volunteers relieves suffering.

There are no words rich or profound enough to describe the spiritual, emotional and existential pain our patients often experience - and likewise no words to express our heartfelt gratitude for those whose time and love help to mitigate that suffering. We could never thank you enough!

Blessings and peace -

Jane A. Mather  
Director, Chaplaincy Services  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

## **YOM HASHOAH**

This year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration, held in our Main Synagogue on Sunday evening, April 15th, featured 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.

The evening, led by Ramaz Junior Rachel Shnay, featured a short film on this compelling element of history, a keynote address from Rachel's cousin and Partisan fighter, Frank Blaichman (pictured at left), and a special presentation to other Jewish Partisans in attendance. All who attended were moved by the program, as well as by choral selections performed by the Ramaz Middle School chorus under the direction of Randi Wartelsky.

## **CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY**

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- ◆Dr. David Pelcovitz
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- ◆Hank Sheinkopf
- ◆Rabbi Dov Fendel, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Hesder in Sderot
- ◆Ramaz ACappella Group
- ◆Rav Binny Freedman, Director of Israelight
- ◆Eli Beer from Israelife Hatzalah
- ◆Rabbi Aryeh Leifert
- ◆Josh Ross of ORA
- ◆Isaac Pollak
- ◆HaRav Shaul Feldman, Chief Rav of Bnei Akiva of North America
- ◆IDF Col. Geva Rapp and Rabbi Yoram Turner of Operation "Panim El Panim"

### HOLIDAY EVENTS

Teshuva Shiur  
by Rabbi Hershel Schachter  
Shabbat Shuva Drasha  
by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik  
Sukkot Meals  
Purim Mishloach Manot  
Purim Seudah  
Shabbat HaGadol Drasha  
by Rabbi David Flatto  
Yom Hashoah Program  
Yom HaZikaron Program  
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Zimriah and Services  
Shavuot Dinner & Tikkun Leyl  
Yom Yerushalayim Services & Rooftop Bar-b-que

### MEN'S CLUB

Kiddush Discussions:  
*Jews, Genetics, & Genius*  
with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

and Dr. Martin Grumet  
*Borat - Comedy or Antisemitic Tragedy*  
with Barry Frohlinger  
and Dr. Mark Meirowitz  
*The Evangelical Coup in America's Military*  
with Michael Weinstein  
*The Other War: Israelis, Palestinians & the Struggle for Media Supremacy*  
with Stephanie Guttman  
Film Series:  
*The Forgotten Refugees*  
with Lesley Patterson  
*The Journey of Vaan Nguyen*  
with director Duki Dror  
*Pru U'rvu*  
with director Shosh Shlam  
*More Precious Than Pearls*  
with director Naftali Robert Friedman  
*The Last Jews of Libya*  
with Executive Director Aryeh Bourkoff

Sunday Supper Lecture:  
*The Movement Among Universities & Corporations to Divest from Financial Holdings in Israel* with Alex Joffe  
Dr. Stephen Stowe Annual Shabbaton  
Annual Sukkah Supper  
with special guest Jay Zeidman  
Yom Hashoah Candle Project  
Sponsorship of weekly Seudot Shlishit  
Monthly Chug Ivri

### SISTERHOOD

Pre-Holiday Boutiques  
Book Review by  
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein:  
*Everyman* by Philip Roth  
Cooking Class  
with author Sandra Blank  
Sephardic Cooking Class  
with Yvette Sand Catering  
Museum Tours of  
*"AMERICANS IN PARIS"*  
at the Metropolitan Museum of Art  
*"EL GRECO TO PICASSO: TIME, TRUTH, & HISTORY"*  
at the Guggenheim Museum  
Ladies Night Out & Lecture  
with Chanie Krasnianski at Mike's  
Bistro & Domani Restaurant  
Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

at Carnegie Hall  
Gertrude Lookstein Memorial Mother / Daughter / Grandmother Tea  
Project Ezra Lunch  
Annual Spring Luncheon and Raffle  
Sponsorship of Weekly Kiddushim  
Preparations of Local Houses of Mourning & Mourner's First Meal

### KESHER

Challah Baking  
Menorah Making  
Shemini Atzeret Lunch  
Uncle Moishe Concert  
Melave Malka with Rabbi Avrumi  
Progressive Dinner at Park East  
CPR & First Aid Seminar  
Spring Luncheon  
Keshet New Mom's Breakfast  
Zoo Tour  
Shabbat Meal for New Parents

### AM HASEFER

*In Their Own Image*  
with the author Ted Merwin  
*Roosevelt and the Holocaust*  
with the author Robert Bier  
*Up, up, and o' y vey! How Jewish History, Culture, and Values Shaped the Comic Book Superhero*  
with the author Rabbi Simcha Weinstein  
*Getting our Groove Back: How to Energize American Jewry*  
with the author Scott Shay  
Book Review with author Hanoch Teller  
*Piano: The Making of a Steinway Concert Grand*  
with the author James Barron  
*The Mystery of the Kaddish and its Profound Influence on Judaism*  
with the author Leon Charney  
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with the author Mark Klempner  
*The U.N. Exposed: How the United Nations Sabotages America's Security and Fails the World*  
with the author Eric Shawn  
**GUEST SPEAKERS**  
◆Dore Gold  
◆Win Robins  
◆Micah D. Halpern

- ◆Honorable Tevi D. Troy

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Packages sent to soldiers in Iraq  
Yachad Shabbaton  
Mitzvah Mall and Blood Drive  
Annual Synagogue Meeting  
Pre - Slichot Film "Obsession"  
Panel Discussion on Mekudeshet featuring Rabbi Haskel Lookstein  
AIPAC Conference  
Wexner Memorial Lecture with Professor Robert Aumann  
Fink Memorial Lectures featuring Rav Hershel Schachter  
Operation L'Hitraot Israel Trips  
Chevra Kadisha Seudah Shlishit  
KJ Annual Dinner  
Israel Bond Shabbat  
"UJA at KJ" Reception and Briefing

### BEGINNERS

Jewish Youth Connection  
Holiday Workshops  
*Friday Night Live!* Service & Dinners  
Hebrew Reading Crash Courses  
NJOP Shabbat Across America  
Rosh Hashanah New Year's Eve Bash  
Sukkah Dinner Under the Stars  
Melave Malka  
Israelight Shabbaton  
Shabbat Lunches  
Passover Seder  
Basic Judaism Crash Course  
Crash Course in Jewish History  
Shabbat Oneg  
Jewish Learning Institute  
Purim Party

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Kick off Barbecue on the roof  
Tot Shabbat  
Bnei Akiva Shabbaton  
Purim Carnival  
Fall and Spring Shabbatonim  
Open Gym and Movie Nights  
Shabbat morning and afternoon  
Youth Groups  
Bnei Akiva "Snif" Youth Groups  
Super Bowl Party  
Chelsea Pier Outing  
Mishnayot Learning  
with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik  
KJBL, KJSL, and KJHL sports leagues

## Having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 5768?

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## **“WHY WE NEED TO SPEAK FRANKLY ABOUT OUR FAITH”**

**A SERMON DELIVERED BY HILLEL RAPP ON JUNE 16, 2007**

Water, water everywhere nor any drop to drink. This saying almost became a scary reality a few years back when many rabbis in the world of kashrut began to question whether New York City tap water was kosher. For a time, this was all the rage in the Yeshiva University beit midrash, with lists of rabbinically approved water filters posted on the hallway bulletin boards. While there were rabbis who maintained that our water was, in fact, kosher, the question itself surely left its mark. No longer was water out of the realm of kashrut scrutiny. Could it really be? Faucets which need a mashgiach? Brita filter's stamped by the OU? For many in the Modern Orthodox world, the idea of trief water was not an easy drink to swallow.

I recall this issue because of a very interesting interaction I had at the time. I was listening to a rabbi of the OU speak about the potential halakhic hazards of H<sub>2</sub>O, when a colleague sitting next to me, then a doctoral candidate in biology, remarked: "I've always said, the day someone tells me water isn't kosher is the day I'm outta here. I just never really thought that day would come. But not kosher water has to be one of the most ridiculous things I've ever heard." I chuckled, but the comment stuck with me. You see, on the one hand, I could totally relate to his frustration. We live in a time where, within our community, there seems to be a culture of chumra that at times can seem more self-inflicting than rational. On the other hand, this issue, as far-out as it seemed to be, was actually quite rational within the structure of halakhic thinking. These concerned rabbis were not looking to be thieves of thirst quenching, but were concerned when they became aware that a certain organism called a Copepod inhabited much of the city's tap water, and was apparently visible to the naked eye. It is, of course, prohibited by the most ancient precepts in Jewish law to knowingly ingest any sort of living organism that one can see.

Now, there was a debate on this issue. What are the standards for something being visible? Is the halakhic situation somehow different when it comes to water? But those questions all recognize the legitimacy of the issue. My friend, myself, and I think many others in the Modern Orthodox community - some with the best academic training from the top ivy league schools - were offended by the very notion that water may not be kosher, and were impatient to listen to any academic explanation. I often find that, despite investing

5 of the last 9 years of my life to full-time Torah study, I become easily annoyed by the suggestion that halakha could actually be more imposing than I originally thought.

Why is this so? Why do we often find it so difficult to conceptualize new halakhic reality? The world of Talmudic law is an academically rigorous discipline, complete with case law, debates on original intent, a basic system of logic, and a forum for interpretation and implementation by recognized legal scholars. Why wouldn't we welcome new halakhic realities as part of the evolving system we have chosen to guide our lives - even if these realities are sometimes in the places where we least expect (or would like them to be), like a cup of water?

The criticisms of Modern Orthodox communities have, for a long time, centered on a perceived lack of concern for rigorous halakhic observance. I had the unique experience of growing up in a Modern Orthodox home while attending charedi yeshivot for much of my early educational career. This came with many advantages and disadvantages, but it made one issue very clear to me: The yeshiva world is wrong about Modern Orthodoxy, but not entirely off base in their critique. The basic issue that sets the Modern Orthodox Jew apart from his or her "yeshivish" sibling is the respect and recognition given to values and ethics that exist outside the world of halakha. The pursuit of happiness, equal protection for men and women under the law, civil rights, patriotism, all represent values that are woven into the fabric of the Modern Orthodox Jew in the same stitch as kashrut and Shabbat and tiflin. However, while it is one thing to wax poetic on the symbiosis of the sacred and secular, it is quite another to handle the resulting conflicts of values. In a perfect world, we value both ethics equally. In the real world, we gravitate toward the ethic which strikes a chord in our conscience as just being right. And, as we know, that is not always the halakhic ethic.

And that's ok. I am proud to say that as a Modern Orthodox Jew, I am dedicated to a progressive approach in halakha, while being meticulously careful to maintain the system's integrity. If we are going to be progressive, something must be pushing that progressivism. Maybe it is the agunah who has not found equal protection in the halakhic system, or the potential convert who has his or her freedom of individual choice curtailed. It is these external ethics which strike a chord in our collective conscience and push our

scholars toward more progressive thinking. But when we become dismissive of halakha, of rabbinical concerns and decisions, we are neutralizing the power of progressivism and resting in the comfort of resolution. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heshel warned: "Vitaly important as it is for Judaism to reach out into non-Jewish cultures in order to absorb elements which it may use for enrichment of its life and thought, it must not be done at the price of giving up its intellectual integrity. We must remember that the attempt to find a synthesis of prophetic thinking and Greek meta-physics, desirable as it may be in a particular historic situation, is not necessarily valid..." Jerusalem and Athens may have been geographically close, but spiritually, they were and remain worlds apart.

Something still isn't right. Kosher water? I mean, seriously, how ridiculous does that sound? Or maybe it's another issue in halakha that we just don't want to explore all that carefully, something that just seems a little bit ridiculous, makes us a little uncomfortable.

So we need to ask ourselves, what is really going on here? What about halakha makes us uncomfortable, annoyed, sometimes dismissive? I think the answer lies in a very difficult place to go - in the basic assumption upon which all of halakha rests - in our faith - in the very nature of what we believe and how we've gotten there. Every halakhic ruling, each maskana in the Gemara, has with it, roughly, three basic assumptions, each of which is layered with intellectual and emotional depth. These assumptions are: 1- a belief in God; 2- a belief that God revealed a set of obligations and ethics to the Jewish people; and 3- a belief in the authenticity of the oral law and its mesora (the lineage of rabbis dating back to Moses at Sinai). When we put on tiflin each morning, wash our hands before bread, make Kiddush on Friday night, we are taking for granted these three very weighty beliefs. Don't we owe it to ourselves to talk about them? Do we, in fact, believe them? If we embrace the idea that Modern Orthodoxy is built on a progressive halakha born of conflicting value sets, we must be confident in the core assumptions of each value set. If we believe in some notion of the American ideal, in democracy, capitalism, or any of the basic cultural assumptions of western thinking, we must also believe in God, in revelation, and in the oral tradition. Writes Rav Lichtenstein: "If we take seriously the idea of revelation - and of halakha as its explication - we cannot look for ways of



transcending [halakha]." We must confront it. Alternatively, if we see our Judaism as simply a set of cultural norms or traditional practices which fall in our comfort zone, those issues will always be pushed aside for an ethical norm or societal value that makes us more comfortable. If kashrut is just a tradition we are comfortable with so long as we live in New York City, when we leave the city, and the tradition and comfort are gone, what keeps us kosher? It is when we see our Judaism as its own authentic system of rules and ethics, that it is raised to the level of conflict and can contend with the best of society's ethics, vying for our intellectual attention and begging our interpretation and extrapolation.

But we don't really talk about faith. The pulpit preaches greater observance; the chalk board checks to see that each student knows the hava-amina and maskana. But what about the premise which precedes halakha and is presupposed by the Gemara? What about faith?

While faith may have escaped our attention, it has not been overlooked by our scholars. So much has been written for the world of Modern Orthodoxy on this very issue. From Heshel to Buber to Berkowitz to the Rav, and even to Wyschgrod or Lichtenstein or Liebowitz, there is ample academic material to discuss and dissect, to share and sharpen, to enable and to inspire. The problem is that, for the most part, we have not done that. We've left these books in their raw, often esoteric, and always academic, form. They are accessible mostly to those predisposed toward philosophy, a general reader of academia, a motivated high school student looking for a senior elective, or an intellectually curious college student willing to take time from his or her major. That's really not enough exposure for what are critical concepts in our faith. We need to find ways to organize and edit the basic strands of thought in Jewish philosophy, especially in modern Jewish philosophy, into a coherent curriculum that begins in middle school and into short digestible articles that inspire Shabbat table conversations.

Rabbi Lamm raised this issue years ago in his essay Faith and Doubt: "Teaching the intellectual content of Judaism, hashkafa, in a manner relevant to the concerns of modern men must assume a new role in Jewish education.... We live in an open, pluralistic and secularist society [with values that do not always harmonize with halakha]. Modern Orthodox Judaism can no longer continue to ignore this fact of life and act as if instruction in religious [practice] and education in talmudic law will, by themselves, keep the secularist wolf at the door." After all, the rabbis who compiled the Talmud did not

exclusively record the halakha, but filled it with pages of aggada, rich with hashkafa and the earliest precepts of Jewish philosophy. Yet aggada is almost entirely ignored in most yeshiva day school Talmud curricula.

Rabbi Lamm continues: "Jewish religious leadership must not fear [the] honest questioning [that comes when we explore faith]. In fact, we may consider ourselves fortunate when we find the signs of doubt. When we find questioning, even of a hostile variety, Judaism stands a chance. Doubt acknowledges implicitly a faith-affirmation with which it is engaged." In other words, a frank discussion about faith, complete with challenge, concerns, questions, and doubts, is in and of itself the positive experience of belief. As he cites in the words of the Hebrew poet:

"I once thought my faith depends upon my reward, but now I know that my faith itself is my reward."

It is only a through a serious investment in our faith that we will provide halakha with the place of prominence and pride which says - this is my belief. Just as I am a proud American, just as I am a proud Jew, I am also a proud observant Jew, and these, all these - secular and sacred, are my values. They conflict, and I struggle, but I believe in both at their core.

A cup of water that is not kosher? Well that's something I'd like to discuss.



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## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Randi and Zahi Ashkenazi upon the birth of their first child, Jady Elia. Mazal tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents Ira Gober and Rachell Maidenbaum Gober.

Debra and Shlomo Baruch on the birth of their third child, a daughter, Olivia Chloe.

Shani and Gavri Butler on the birth of their first child, a son, Isaac.

Alexandra and Vitor Cepelowicz upon the birth of their second child, a son.

Cantor Mayer and Rochelle Davis upon the birth of their first grandson, Joshua Elijah, born to their children Daniel and Kate Davis of Riverdale. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ great - grandparents, Cantor Emeritus Avram and Esther Davis.

Barbara and Eric Eigen on the birth of their granddaughter, Violet Zahava, born to their children Reina and Zev Eigen.

Jodi and Fabian Eliasson upon the birth of their first child, Anna Rebecca.

Drs. Penny and Roy Feldman on the birth of their granddaughter, Mina Zipporah, born to their children Drs. Jeannie and Noah Feldman.

Debbie and David Freedman upon the birth of twin girls, Ayelet Sara and Mia Sophie.

Helen & Elliot Freilich upon the birth of their daughter, Lily Rand (Leah Aidel Beileh).

Danielle and Jason Friedman on the birth of their daughter, Micol Amanda.

Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman on the birth of a grandson, Moshe Simcha, born to their children Yael and Pinchas Farkas of Far Rockaway.

Naamit Kurshan and Michael Gerber upon the birth of their first child, a daughter, Shira Leora. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents Francine and Morry Gerber.

Drs. Lori and Alon Gitig upon the birth of their first child, a son.

Dr. Carin and Eric Gribetz on the birth of their second child and first son.

Karen and Meyer Gross upon the birth of their grandson, Harry Charal, born to their children Dana Gross and Jeffrey Gandel.

Lynn and Irving Hershkovitz on the birth of a grandson, Cory, born to their children Cara and Lewis.

Kim and Larry Heyman, the children of Ronnie and Samuel Heyman, upon the birth of their first child, a boy. This is, thank God, the Heyman's fifth grandchild and first grandson.

Drs. Aviva and David Hiltzik upon the birth of twins, Stella Rose and Nathan Alexander.

Marissa and Daniel Katz upon the birth of their second child and daughter. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Evelyn and Greg Katz, and to the proud KJ great-grandfather, Joseph Katz.

Tzivia and Shilo Kramer upon the birth of their second child and son, Eliyahu. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Rabbi Avraham and Ziva Kramer.

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Fran & Arnold Lederman on the birth of a granddaughter, Malka Naomi, born to their children Michael & Nancy Cohen of West Orange.

Sharon and Asher Levitsky upon the birth of two granddaughters, Sophie Rae Levitsky, born to Amy and Joshua Levitsky, and Maya Markowitz, born to Lily and Steve Markowitz.

Lori and Michael Mehler on the birth of their second child and second son.

Barbara and Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Odella Bracha, born to their grandchildren Sari Moskowitz Holtz and Mordecai Holtz.

Gabrielle and Michael Muller on the birth of their third child, a son, Moses.

Danyelle and Joshua Neuman upon the birth of their second child, a daughter, Eden Dvorah.

Dr. Terry and Barbara Plasse upon the birth of twin grandsons born to their children Amital and Judy Plasse.

Monique and Andrew Rechtschaffen on the birth of their daughter, Ashley Miriam. Mazal tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Rabbi Manfred and Pamela Rechtschaffen and Dr. Julio and Perla Messer.

Lynn and Wolf Scheck on the birth of a granddaughter, Sophia Rose, born to their children Lizzy Scheck and Max Calne.

Julie and Jonathan Schwartz on the birth of their first child, a girl. Mazal tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Jonathan & Esther Messeloff.

Drs. Ora and Michael Singer on the birth of their son, Jonas Nadav.

Randi and David Sultan upon the birth of their second child and first son, Alexander Aaron.

Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer on the birth of their fourth child, a boy, Ethan Max.

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

### BNEI MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to:

Faye and Josh Deutsch on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Benjamin Deutsch.

Eugenia and Mortimer Propp on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Adrienne Margaret Propp.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Sandy & Dr. Robert April on the engagement of their daughter, Sara, to Joshua Koolyk, son of Adele & Judah Koolyk of Monsey.

Linda and Charles Fisch upon the engagement of their daughter, Zipporah, to Michael Neuman, son of Barbara and Craig Neuman of Baltimore.

Dr. Mark and Rosie Friedman on the engagement of their son, Yoseph, to Rivkah Geller, daughter of the late Jack Geller z"l and Judy and Marty Blachman of Jamaica Estates.

Rose Gerszberg upon the engagement of her daughter, Naomi, to Benji White.

Terry and Michael Jaspan upon the engagement of their son, Steven, to Deena Bloom, daughter of Ora and Ira Bloom of West Orange.

Jessica Joseph upon the engagement of her daughter, Michaela, daughter of the late Jean-Paul Joseph, and stepdaughter of Mr. Leon Kroll, to David Biltekoff, son of Judi and Peter Biltekoff of Buffalo.

Gail and Carl Kanter upon the engagement of their son, Aaron, to Andrea Bolten, daughter of Marsha and David Bolten of Philadelphia.

Drs. Barbara Kapelman and Larry Koblenz upon the engagement of their son, Adam, to Jessica Rainbow, daughter of Dr. Barrett Rainbow and the late Dr. Anne Zuckerman Rainbow of Skokie.

Evelyn and Greg Katz on the engagement of their son, Philip, to Janie Weiner, daughter of Roberta and Alan Weiner of New City. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandfather, Joseph Katz.

Alexandra Jordan (Gavriella Adina) Pike, daughter of Susan Blinken and Dr. Sheldon Pike, and step

daughter of Robert Blinken Jr. and Janelle Pike, to Mordechai Ephraim (Marc Eric) Lerner, son of Rochel and Dr. Sheldon Lerner of Woodmere.

Bonnie and Isaac Pollak on the engagement of their son, Zamir, to Avital Herman of Melbourne.

Roberta and Dr. Michael Sigall on the engagement of their son, Jeremy, to Shayndi Raice, daughter of Pinchus and Deborah Raice-Fox of Monsey.

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

### MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

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

Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim on the marriage of their daughter, Michal, to Michael Simon, son of Deborah and Leon Simon of London.

Ilna and Paul Oltuski on the marriage of their daughter, Alicia, to Uri Pasternak, son of Sue and Jerry Pasternak of Silver Spring.

Francine and David Perlman on the marriage of their son, Jason, to Christine Zawistowski.

Carol and Jesse Schwartz on the marriage of their daughter, Laura Beth, to Phillip Leo Konieczny, son of Marleen and Kevin Konieczny of Denver.

Judy and Isaac Sherman on the marriage of their granddaughter, Jennifer Ingerman, daughter of Joanne and Jeff Ingerman, to Adam Yedlin, son of Bonnie and Mark Yedlin.

### COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Miriam and Alan Goldberg who were honored by Yeshiva University High Schools at their recent dinner.

Toby Gotesman Schneier on being Guest of Honor at the WIZO luncheon.

### PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Dr. Jenny Batlay who lectured on Albert Camus at Baruch College.

Marcelline Block, daughter of Jenny Batlay, who recently published three articles on literary and film theories.

Roberta Caplan on becoming a Major Gifts Officer at The Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University.

Harlan Cohen, son of Hollace and Steven Cohen, who received an appointment as Professor of International Law at the University of Georgia Law School.

Harriet Edleson on publishing her first book, "The Little Black Book of Washington, DC: The Essential Guide to America's Capital."

Dara Freed, daughter of KJ Member Bernard Cohen, on joining the American Democracy Institute as their V.P. for Strategic Planning.

Ezra Dan Feldman, the son of Drs. Penny and Roy Feldman, on winning the Cornell University Prize for Poetry for 2007.

We are very proud to announce that our member, Dr. Ruth L. Gottesman, Professor Emerita of Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, was elected Chairperson of the Medical School's Board of Overseers. Dr. Gottesman is the first faculty member and first woman in the school's 52-year history to be named Chair of the Board. Dr. Gottesman is the wife of David S. Gottesman who served with distinction as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University. She is also the mother of our members, Trudy and Robert Gottesman. We wish Ruth Gottesman much success and satisfaction in her new leadership role.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Dr. Jonathan Javitt upon the publication of his thriller novel, "Capitol Reflections," by Sterling & Ross. Illustrating the potentially deadly problems with the safety of America's food supply, the book's release coincides with recent real-life revelations about toothpaste containing poison and pet-food contaminated with a chemical found in pesticides and plastics. Dr. Javitt, a physician who has long worked in the public-health arena and who has published more than 200 scientific articles, has much experience in the area of food safety: He headed the Health Subcommittee of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee, and served as a member of the White House Health Reform Task Force.

KJ Trustee Dr. Henry Kressel upon the publication of his book "Competing for the Future: How Digital Innovations Are Changing the World." Henry is a Managing Director of Warburg Pincus.

Daniele Gorlin Lassner and Jules Lassner, upon their son Andy receiving his 6th Emmy Award as the Executive Producer of The Ellen Degeneres Show.

W.W.II veteran Ben Milstein and wife Judy on their four IDF - serving grandsons.

Sue and Win Robins upon the swearing-in to the Israel Defense Forces Paratroop Brigade of their grandson, Amichai Goldstein, son of Frannie and Jackie Goldstein of Hashmonaim.

KJ Trustee Lee Snow upon being elected President of the Estate Planning Council of New York City.

Dr. Rona Woldenberg on being inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology, one of only 11 women nationwide to receive this honor.

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Anne Addison on the passing of her brother, Abe Cleeman.

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Helene Hartig on the passing of her father, Harry Wasserheit.

Bernard Lacher on the passing of his brother, Yehoshua Lacher.

Dr. Barry Libin on the passing of his mother, Paula Libin, as well as on the passing of his sister, Margery Serkin.

Morris Massel on the passing of his mother, Matilda Massel.

Barbara Gerstel Moskowitz on the passing of her mother, Ray Frank.

Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz on the passing of his sister, Bluma Leibovich.

Alfred Ohebshalom on the passing of his father, Yousef Shalom Ohebshalom.

Dr. Terry Plasse on the passing of his mother, Sherley Plasse.

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Seymour Zises on the passing of his mother, Ruth Zises.

Dr. Frederick Zuckerman on the passing of his brother, Dr. Matthew Zuckerman.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun also mourns the passing of Frieda Goldsmith, widow of the late A. Phillip Goldsmith, who was a great KJ/Ramaz community builder.

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

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She was a loving mother and a wonderful and gracious member of her family. She loved KJ and, together with Jack, they were both regular in their attendance in shul and very active in all of the activities of the congregation.

### GOODY DANE

She was the elegant matriarch of a wonderful family, a loving and supportive wife to her late husband, Oscar, with whom she partnered in all of his charitable ventures. She was an adoring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to a family that is precious to us at KJ and whose influence is felt

throughout the Jewish community.

She was a grande dame, first in Connecticut, then in Riverdale where she and her husband founded a synagogue, and finally here at KJ where her daughters and the rest of the family became leaders in the community.

### CHARLES GUTTMAN

He was taken from his family and from us suddenly. A brilliant lawyer and a wonderful friend, he was the rock of his family upon whom everybody depended.

He and Gilda had an idyllic marriage, and he absolutely adored his four wonderful daughters, three of them Ramaz Alumnae and one a current student. They looked to him as the king of the family; dependable, wise, gracious and loving.

In shul he was a regular, quietly pious and a good friend of many. Without any ostentatiousness, he was a person of great religious principle and exceptional

generosity. His family grieves for him and his congregational family misses him greatly.

### VIVIANE PARIS

She grew up here as the daughter of our past President, the late Nathan Salzman, and was the apple of his eye: He absolutely adored her. She saw her daughter, Nicole, educated in Ramaz and maintain lifelong friendships with members of her class.

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### SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		<i>Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Friday Evening Services</i>	<i>Saturday Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
<b>July</b>					
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
28-29	Vaetchanan	7:59 PM	6:45 PM	7:50 PM	8:57 PM
<b>August</b>					
3-4	Eikev	7:52 PM	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:49 PM
10-11	Re'Eh	7:43 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:38 PM
17-18	Shoftim	7:34 PM	6:45 PM	7:25 PM	8:28 PM
24-25	Ki Tetze	7:23 PM	6:45 PM	7:10 PM	8:17 PM
31-1	Ki Tavo	7:12 PM	6:45 PM	7:05 PM	8:06 PM
<b>September</b>					
7-8	Nitzavim-Vayelech	7:01 PM	6:45 PM	6:50 PM	7:54 PM
14-15	Haazinu	6:49 PM	6:45 PM	6:40 PM	7:42 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  
Shabbat mornings.....9:00 AM

### EVENING SERVICES

July 15 - September 12..... 6:45 PM

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Monday, July 16

Rosh Chodesh Av

Morning Services at 7:00 AM

#### Monday-Tuesday, July 23-24

Fast of Tisha B'Av

Monday Night Services at 8:10 PM

Fast Begins at 8:20 PM

Tuesday Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Tuesday Night Services at 7:55 PM

Fast ends at 8:58 PM

#### Tuesday-Wednesday, August 14-15

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Morning Services at 7:00 AM

#### Thursday-Friday, September 13-14

Rosh Hashanah

#### Friday-Saturday, September 14-15

Shabbat Shuvah

#### Sunday, September 16

Fast of Gedaliah

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