

# HIGH HOLY DAY ISSUE

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## KEHILATH JESHURUN BULLETIN

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### TOLERANCE AND LOVE AT A TIME OF STRIFE AND DIVISIVENESS

#### *A Rosh Hashanah Message*

BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

Election campaigns in the United States and in Israel, particularly when so much is at stake in both countries, may lead to divisiveness, intolerance and even hatred between people who should be able to get along together despite passionate differences in viewpoint. In this connection, I thought it would be helpful to present an excerpt from a radio address by

Rabbi Shlomo Aviner in Israel in 1995, at a time of severe divisiveness in Israel:

"A friend said to me, 'How can I not hate certain people who have terrible, indeed catastrophic, views which place our people, our country and our state in danger? Must I be their friend, get along with them and agree with their views?'"

No! There is here a blurring of issues.

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### TOVA AND NORMAN BULOW SHABBAT SCHOLAR NOVEMBER 21-22

Rabbi Yechiel Z. Eckstein, founder and president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, has devoted the past 30 years to building bridges of understanding and cooperation between evangelical Christians and Jews and support for the State of Israel and other shared concerns. In recent years, The Fellowship has provided more than \$400 million from Christians to programs helping Jews make aliyah to Israel from around the world; fight poverty and aid victims of war and terrorism in Israel; and provide aid for poor elderly Jews and orphans in the former Soviet Union. Prior to founding The Fellowship, he was national co-director of interreligious affairs for the Anti-Defamation League. A noted author of five books, he received Orthodox Rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University and holds master's degrees from Yeshiva University and Columbia University where he also taught and studied for his doctorate. Rabbi Eckstein serves on the executive committee of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and on the board of directors for the Joint Distribution Committee and Keren Hayesod, and has been honored by dozens of groups.



Our Guest Scholar

**RABBI YECHIEL ECKSTEIN**

**November 21st- Following Friday Evening Dinner**  
**"The Christian Right: Jews Best Friends or Greatest Adversaries?"**

**November 22nd- Following 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Services**  
**"Is it 1938 Again?"**

#### FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT DINNER PRICING

Members: Non-Members:

Adults	\$35	\$40
Junior (age 12-18)	\$30	\$35
Children (age 2-11)	\$18	\$30

Call 212-774-5600 for more information

All members of the community are invited to attend the lectures, gratis.

### PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

#### SELICHOT SERVICES

Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 PM  
*Preceded by a Collation at 9:15 PM*

#### HIGH HOLY DAY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 23 at 8:00 PM  
**RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK and**  
**RABBI SAM SHOR**

#### SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK

*"The Yom Kippur Singles Scene,  
1st Century CE"*

Saturday, October 4  
at the conclusion of 9:00 AM services

#### SUKKOT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 PM  
**RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK and**  
**RABBI SAM SHOR**

#### FIRST ANNUAL TESHUVAH LECTURE IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE FISHEL COHEN "The Evaluation of Halakhic Conduct in Shopping"

**RABBI SAUL BERMAN**

Sunday, October 5 at 7:30 pm  
(see page 3)

### Rav Hershel Schachter



**NATHAN AND VIVIAN FINK  
MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES**

*"Insights Into the Yamim Noraim"*  
Wednesday, September 24 at 8:00 PM  
Wednesday, November 19 at 8:00 PM

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## A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

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Differences of opinion are legitimate and sometimes necessary. You must oppose with all of your strength views which are inimical to the well-being of the House of Israel. However, that is not a reason to hate the person who expresses those views. Differences of opinion - yes; hatred - no! The view can be repugnant but the person who expresses the view is not repugnant. There must be a distinction between the expresser and what is being expressed.

But, you might say: it is very difficult to make this distinction; I identify the person with his views. Nevertheless, one must make such a distinction. One may not confuse the two. A person who holds

political views with which you disagree is not automatically reduced to being a "political wild animal." He is a person. First of all, he is another Jew and only after that is he the holder of a political view. He is a living being, breathing, working, loving, married, a parent to children who does chesed for others. His personality should not be confused with his political views.

This distinction is essential. When one ignores it, stereotypes are created; others are painted with a grotesque image, exaggerated, caricatured, in a way that is greatly flawed. The "object" is stripped of his or her humanity, and then there is license to hate, to hit, and, who knows,

even to murder."

These words, tragically, turned out to be prophetic. They were spoken by Rav Aviner on the radio one week before the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin.

As we begin a new year in which there will be critical conflicts between people, here in America and there in Israel, let us remember this message. Differences of opinion - even sharp differences - are legitimate; hatred of those who hold opinions which we oppose is not acceptable for a Jew and for a mensch.

May the coming year bring to all of us health, happiness, tolerance, love, safety and peace.



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### RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK TO DELIVER SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA

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SUZY'S FATHER EMANUEL GOLDBERGER

*"The Yom Kippur Singles Scene,  
1st Century CE"*

Saturday, October 4  
At the conclusion of 9:00 AM services

## SPIRITUAL EXERCISE: NO GYM MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

We start each day thanking God for restoring our souls. So, once we have them back for the day, what do we do with them? The first section of morning worship is called "Birchot HaShachar." It teaches us that we are both physical and spiritual beings, and as such, we must live our day accordingly. For those of us who start our day at the gym - and even for those who do not - these prayers are a form of spiritual stretching, preparing us to live our days as *mentschen*.

*Gemilut Chasadim*, acts of kindness, are mentioned many times in Birchot HaShachar. They are described as behaviors that have no bounds:



A volunteer visits the elderly

אלו דברים שאין להם שעור... גמילות חסדים

There are so many opportunities to help others and, this year, the Sisterhood will make it easy for us all. Come Yom Kippur, a chesed card will be distributed at all the services giving everyone nine different opportunities to engage in spiritual stretching - any of which will help transform not only our individual bodies and souls, but will fashion the KJ community into a vital whole even greater than the sum of its parts. All without breaking a sweat!

## WELCOME

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

Hedieh & Navid Aminzadeh  
Nancy & Marc Badner  
Audrey & Michael Frankel  
Gabiella & David Fridman  
Daniel Kaswan & Nathaly Haratz  
Laurie Margolies & Jason Horowitz  
Annie & Avery Katz  
Chanie & Joseph Lesches  
Susan & Jeffrey Rand  
Stephanie & Romano Pulver-Fichman  
Phylise & Richard Sands  
Jack and Miriam Simony

## KJ GUEST SPEAKER

SHABBAT MORNING

NOVEMBER 8

RICHARD JOEL

PRESIDENT

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

**BIKUR CHOLIM:*****When You Care Enough to Give Your Very Best***

by Riva Alper

With two working parents, when my sister or I were not feeling well, it was my grandmother -- my father's mother -- who would spend the day with us, using her "bubby" magic to nurse us back to health. What I remember most clearly is her coming on one of those "sick day" mornings and assessing the seriousness of our illness. Unless we were bedridden with fever she would always admonish us to get dressed. "You'll feel less sick than if you walk around in your pajamas all day." She was right. Wearing clothing instead of pajamas brought us one step closer to feeling better--even if that first feeling of wellness was psychological.

I don't know how many people learned a similar lesson at any point in their lives, but I was recently reminded of my grandmother's advice on a recent Shabbat visit to Memorial Sloan Kettering hospital, where as a member of KJ's Bikur Cholim group, I visit every three or four weeks.

On that particular Shabbat, I walked into one of the rooms to spend time with a patient who requested a visit. Most of the patients I visit wear pajamas or hospital-issue gowns, but in one particular room I beheld a sight that took my breath away. Both patients, who happened to be *chassidishe* men, were each sitting on their beds dressed for Shabbat in white shirts and dark trousers. The hospital tables at each of their bedsides were covered with white cloths. On the tables were grape juice and cake -- remnants of kiddush. Both men had sefarim on their tables, as well. One was discussing the parsha with his wife. The other was learning on his own.

These men were not dressed because they were going to be discharged that day.

The IV's and other signs of serious illness were also near their beds, but despite their respective illnesses, they got dressed and brought Shabbat into their room. In this room, Shabbat trumps cancer--at least for the hours of Shabbat. The diagnosis of cancer can wreak havoc in many ways, but they were not going to let the illness govern every aspect of their lives.

Not every patient has the spiritual strength of these two men. Performing the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim provides us with the opportunity to bring a smile to the faces of some very sick people. They are so grateful for the visit. Whether it's a brief Hello or a lengthy visit, the volunteer learns to respond to the needs of the patient. Regardless of the length of the visit, the idea that someone would take time out of their day to visit a stranger brings thanks galore, but the truth is that one who performs this special mitzvah gets so much more than he or she gives.

Becoming a part of the Bikur Cholim team does require an investment of time. There is an interview at the volunteer office of Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital and a preparatory class, then TB and blood tests. Jane Mather, the Director of Chaplaincy Services and Pastoral Care, is available for support and counsel after a difficult visit. She is always happy to hear about a volunteer's experiences.

Most of us take good health for granted. In addition to the many rewards one gleans from visiting at Memorial Sloan Kettering, part of my walk home is always filled with gratitude for the ability to leave the hospital.

Do you have a listening ear and a ready smile? Can you spare a few hours a month? Share these qualities! Contact Judge Jerome Hornblass at 212-861-0208.

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**RABBI SAUL BERMAN  
TO DELIVER  
FIRST ANNUAL TESHUVAH  
LECTURE:  
"THE EVALUATION OF  
HALAKHIC CONDUCT IN  
SHOPPING"  
IN MEMORY OF  
FLORENCE FISHEL COHEN**



*Florence Fishel Cohen, z"l*

We are pleased to announce that the annual Teshuvah Lecture, which will be given this year by Rabbi Saul Berman on Sunday evening, October 5 at 7:30, will henceforth be known as the Florence Fishel Cohen Teshuvah Lecture.

The naming of the lecture in memory of Florence was made possible by a generous commitment from the Nathan and Louise Goldsmith Foundation. The Directors of the Foundation knew Florence personally because all of its meetings are held in Rabbi Lookstein's office. They appreciated the special kind of devotion and love that Florence demonstrated toward the Rabbi, toward the congregation, toward Ramaz and toward the Nathan and Louise Goldsmith Foundation Board Members. They felt it would be appropriate to memorialize her at KJ in this special way.

We are proud that the annual Teshuvah Lecture will be a memorial to Florence who gave forty years of her professional life to the KJ/Ramaz family. We invite everyone to attend Rabbi Berman's meaningful lecture.

*Do you have a favorite mitzvah?  
Tell us about it for possible future publication  
in the KJ Bulletin.  
Submit your response to [riva@ckj.org](mailto:riva@ckj.org)*

**TWO MODERN MIKVAHS**

are located in our community at:  
419 East 77th Street (between 1st & York Avenues)  
Telephone: 212-359-2020

*and*

234 West 74th Street (between Broadway and West End Ave)  
Telephone: 212-579-2011



### ROSE AND DR. CHARLES LANGER LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM

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

#### Lunch & Learn 2008-2009 Schedule

*The program takes place at 12:00 PM in the Riklis Social Hall*

<b>2008</b>			
October 26	Israel Max	February 18	Rabbi Alexander Kaye
November 5	Simon Feldman	February 25	Israel Max
November 12	Dr. Roy Feldman	March 4	Dr. Gil Kahn
November 19	Dr. Gil Kahn	March 11	Surie Sugarman
November 26	Israel Max	March 18	TBD
December 3	Dr. Gil Kahn	March 25	Israel Max
December 10	Janie Schwalbe	April 1	Dr. Gil Kahn
December 17	Dr. Gil Kahn	April 8	Erev Pesach
December 24	Winter Break	April 15	Pesach
December 31	Winter Break	April 22	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
		April 29	Rabbi Elie Weinstock
<b>2009</b>		May 6	Rabbi Alexander Kaye
January 7	Surie Sugarman	May 13	Marc Herman
January 14	Hon. Jerome Hornblass	May 20	Israel Max
January 21	Israel Max	May 27	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
January 28	Rabbi Elie Weinstock	June 3	Rabbi Elie Weinstock
February 4	Hon. Jerome Hornblass	June 11	Janie Schwalbe
February 11	Dr. Gil Kahn	June 17	Hon. Jerome Hornblass

### SHABBAT AT KJ

#### LEARNERS SERVICE WITH GEORGE ROHR

Weekly at 9:30 AM  
Third Floor Dining Hall

#### INTERMEDIATE SERVICE WITH RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK

Weekly at 9:30 AM  
Riklis Social Hall

#### HASHKAMA MINYAN

7:15 AM  
Max. J. Etra Chapel  
Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 11 & 25,  
Nov. 1 & 15, Dec. 6 & 20

#### KESHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN

9:15 AM  
Falk Auditorium  
Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 25, Nov. 15,  
Dec. 13

#### WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP

9:15 AM  
Max J. Etra Chapel  
Oct. 11, 22 & 25, Nov. 15

#### TOT SHABBAT

Third Floor Dining Hall  
Nov. 7

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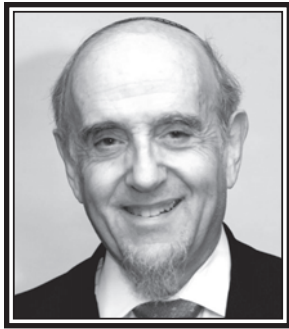
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## RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN, RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK AND RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK CHOSEN FOR TORAH HONORS ON SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH

The Officers of the Congregation are very pleased to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik will be honored as chatanim for the celebration of the completion of the Torah on Simchat Torah. Their installation will take place before the Musaf service on Shemini Atzeret. This special choice of our senior Rabbi and our Associate Rabbis is part of the celebration of Rabbi Lookstein's 50th anniversary at KJ.



Our Chatan Torah, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, has been the Rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun since 1958 and Principal of the Ramaz School since 1966. He is Joseph H. Lookstein Professor of Homiletics at Yeshiva University, and also serves as a Vice President of the Beth Din of America. He is a member of the Board of Directors of UJA Federation of New York.

Rabbi Lookstein, a graduate of Ramaz ('49), received his BA from Columbia College, his MA in Medieval Jewish History and his Ph.D. in Modern Jewish History from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University. Ordained by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Dr. Samuel Belkin as a graduate of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1958, he has been married to Audrey since 1959 and is blessed with seven children and children-in-law and thirteen grandchildren.

The Rabbi's doctoral dissertation was published in 1985 under the title *Were We Our Brothers' Keepers: The Public Response of American Jews to the Holocaust 1938-1944*. Most recently, his biography under the title *Rav Chesed* was published by Ktav Publishing Company under the authorship of Dr. Rafael Medoff. As was most evident at the celebration of the Rabbi's 50th anniversary at KJ this past June 14th, the Rabbi has touched the lives of thousands of members of the congregation and families of Ramaz over the past fifty years. It is a privilege and a pleasure for us to accord to him one of the highest Torah honors of the year as our Chatan Torah on Simchat Torah.



Rabbi Elie Weinstock is Associate Rabbi of the congregation. Serving as a Rabbi at KJ for the past five years, he is also our Director of Education and Outreach and as the professional leader of our highly developed Beginners Program. Rabbi Weinstock is a member of the Talmud faculty in the Ramaz Middle School.

Rabbi Weinstock received his BA from Yeshiva University and a Masters in Jewish Philosophy from Yeshiva's Bernard Revel Graduate School. He was ordained by Yeshiva's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. "Rav Elie," as he is affectionately known, is married to Dr. Naama Weinstock, and they are the parents of four children: Meira, Yona, Aviva and most recently, Yakira. Their two eldest children are already students in Ramaz.

Rabbi Weinstock is a beloved figure in our congregation who is exceptionally committed, not only to beginners but to all members of the community. He genuinely cares about everybody and makes sure that the religious and ritual life of the congregation runs in the manner which is expected here at KJ. Indeed, during the past five years, he has become an indispensable religious leader in our community. Rabbi Weinstock, along with Naama, just received the Rabbinic Alumnus Award from Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh.

It is particularly appropriate that Rabbi Weinstock serve as Chatan Bereishit, honored with the beginning of the new cycle of Torah reading, inasmuch as he has been responsible for hundreds of people beginning their connection with Judaism through our many outreach and educational programs.



Rabbi Meir Soloveichik is beginning his fifth year as a Rabbi at KJ. He is a graduate of Yeshiva College, summa cum laude, and he was ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva where he was also a member of the Kollel Elyon. Our Associate Rabbi serves also as an Associate Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem, for which he is currently working on a book about Judaism and Christianity.

Rabbi Soloveichik studied philosophy of religion at Yale University's Divinity School. He is currently a doctoral candidate in philosophy of religion at Princeton University. At a very young age, he has already published widely read articles in such journals as *Azure*, *Commentary*, and *First Things*. We at KJ know of his extraordinary intellectual and inspirational gifts from the sermons he delivers, the shiurim he presents and the lectures and special drashot that he offers to our community. He is widely acknowledged as a rising star in the Jewish world.

Rabbi Soloveichik is the grandson of the late Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, from whom he learned much of his Torah. Another of his greatest mentors is his father, Rabbi Eliyahu Soloveichik, who serves as a Rosh Yeshiva at Touro Rabbinical College. He is married to Layaliza and they are the parents of three children: Aharon, Pinchas Tanhum and Serach.

It is a privilege for us to honor Rabbi Meir Soloveichik as Chatan Maftir and to anticipate his reading the first prophetic portion of the year on Simchat Torah.

***Our Chatanim will be officially installed on Shemini Atzeret, Tuesday, October 21. We invite the entire congregation to rejoice with them and with us on Shemini Atzeret and on Simchat Torah, night and day, as we celebrate the three religious leaders of our congregation. Who more than they justify the highest Torah honors of the year?***

## SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS

### ROSH HASHANAH

#### Monday, September 29, Rosh Hashanah Eve

Selichot Service (Z'chor Brit) .....6:30 AM  
Candle Lighting ..... 6:22 PM  
Evening .....6:35 PM

#### Tuesday, September 30, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning .....8:00 AM  
Beginners Service .....8:00 AM  
Tashlich .....5:30 PM  
Evening .....6:30 PM  
Candle Lighting ..... After 7:15 PM

#### Wednesday, October 1, Rosh Hashanah II

Morning .....8:00 AM  
Beginners Service .....8:00 AM  
Evening .....6:30 PM  
Conclusion of Yom Tov .....7:14 PM

### TSOM (FAST OF) GEDALIAH

#### Thursday, October 2

Fast begins .....5:41 AM  
Morning .....6:45 AM  
Mincha .....6:15 PM  
Fast ends .....7:10 PM

### SHABBAT SHUVA

#### Friday, October 3

Evening .....6:30 PM

#### Saturday, October 4

Morning .....9:00 AM  
Shabbat Shuva Discourse by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik  
Intermediate Service .....9:30 PM  
Evening .....6:05 PM  
Shabbat ends .....7:09 PM

### DAILY SERVICES:

#### Friday-Wednesday, October 3-7

Friday Morning .....7:00 AM  
Sunday Morning .....8:00 AM  
Monday Morning .....6:45 AM  
Tuesday Morning .....7:00 AM  
Sun.-Tues. Evenings .....6:20 PM

### YOM KIPPUR

#### Wednesday, October 8, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning .....7:10 AM  
Mincha .....2:30 PM  
Candle Lighting .....6:08 PM  
Kol Nidre .....6:05 PM  
Beginners Kol Nidre .....5:50 PM

#### Thursday, October 9, Yom Kippur Day

All Services .....9:00 AM  
Fast ends .....7:01 PM

### SUKKOT

#### Monday, October 13, Sukkot Eve

Morning .....7:15 AM  
Candle Lighting .....6:00 PM  
Evening .....6:15 PM

#### Tuesday, October 14, Sukkot I

Morning .....9:00 AM  
Evening .....6:10 PM  
Candle Lighting .....After 6:52 PM

#### Wednesday, October 15, Sukkot II

Morning .....9:00 AM  
Evening .....6:10 PM  
Conclusion of Yom Tov .....6:51 PM

### DAILY SERVICES - CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

#### Thursday, October 16

Morning .....6:50 AM  
Evening .....6:05 PM

#### Friday, October 17

Morning .....6:50 AM  
Evening .....6:05 PM

#### Sunday, October 19

Morning .....8:30 AM  
Evening .....6:00 PM

### CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

#### Monday, October 20, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Services .....6:30 AM  
Candle Lighting .....5:49 PM  
Evening .....6:00 PM

#### Tuesday, October 21, Shemini Atzeret

Morning Services .....9:00 AM  
Mincha followed by  
Ma'ariv and Simchat Torah Hakafot .....5:55 PM  
Candle Lighting .....After 6:44 PM

#### Wednesday, October 22, Simchat Torah

Morning .....9:00 AM  
Women's Tefilah Group .....9:15 AM  
Evening .....5:55 PM  
Conclusion of Yom Tov .....6:43 PM

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCHEDULE

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

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades)

Nursery - Kindergarten (Ages 3-6)

#### YOM KIPPUR KOL NIDRE NIGHT ..... 6:05 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades only)

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

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades)

Nursery - Kindergarten (Ages 3-6)

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

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

## HIGH HOLY DAY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

### The Month of Elul

- Sounding of the Shofar each morning after Shacharit.
- Recitation of the entire Book of Psalms at KJ.
- Selichot Services Saturday Night, September 20, 10:00 PM in the Main Synagogue, preceded at 9:15 PM by a collation in the Heyman Auditorium.
- Selichot Services each morning beginning Monday, September 22, a half hour before morning services.

### ROSH HASHANAH

- Beginning of God's judgment.
- Sounding of the Shofar around 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 1. (Those ill at home or hospital should contact Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for special arrangements.)

### Rituals to Remember

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

### First Night

- Rosh Hashanah greeting upon leaving shul:

### לשנה טובה תכתבו

“May you be inscribed for a Good Year.”

- Dipping of apple into honey with blessing over fruit and “May it be Thy will to grant us a good and sweet year.”

יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו  
שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה

### First Day

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

### Second Night

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

### Tsom Gedaliah (Fast of Gedaliah)

- Thursday, October 2.

### 10 Days of Repentance

#### (Rosh Hashanah - Yom Kippur)

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

## THE MIKVAH ON THE EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

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

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

Our practice at KJ is that we observe this custom as a group before the morning service. All MEN are invited to assemble at the mikvah, 419 East 77th Street (between First and York Avenues) at 6:30 AM on Wednesday, October 8. Everyone will have the opportunity to immerse and then we will return to KJ for Shacharit services.

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

### YOM KIPPUR

- Avoidance of food, drink, washing, lotions and oils, and marital relations.
- Refraining from wearing leather shoes (wear a pair of non-leather footwear).
- Men are strongly encouraged to wear a white *kittel*.
- Candlelighting available prior to 6:00 PM in the Synagogue House and Gottesman lobbies before Kol Nidre on Wednesday, October 8.

### SUKKOT

- All meals with bread or *mezonot* should be eaten in a Sukkah.
- Lulav and Etrog will be used beginning on Tuesday, October 14, but are not used on Shabbat.

You may purchase a Lulav and Israeli Etrog through KJ by contacting Rabbi Elie Weinstock in the synagogue office. (Reservation forms have been sent to all members under separate cover.) Deadline is Thursday, October 2.

### Sukkah Meals in the KJ Sukkah

Monday, October 13 – Dinner

Tuesday, October 14 – Lunch and Dinner

Wednesday, October 15 – Lunch

Friday, October 17 – Dinner

Saturday, October 18 – Lunch

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

Deadline, *space permitting*, is Sunday, October 5

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

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

\*Ages 12-18 \*\*Ages 2-11

*You must reserve space for a non-catered meal in the Sukkah as well.*

### Hoshanah Rabbah

- Monday morning, October 20 at 6:30 AM.
- Close of the penitential season.
- High Holy Day melodies. Seven circuits around the shul with *Lulav* and *Etrog* and beating of the *Aravot*.
- President's breakfast sponsored by Miriam and Eric Feldstein.

### Shemini Atzeret

- Yizkor recited.
- Chatanim presented to the congregation.

### Simchat Torah

#### I Evening – Tuesday, October 21

- BRING CHILDREN AT 6:00 PM  
Nursery through 2nd Grade – Riklis Social Hall  
3rd-6th Grades - Max J. Etra Chapel  
Teens – Main Synagogue
- Hakafot Unlimited – Singing and dancing celebration in the Heyman Auditorium following services. A light meal and Torah discourses will conclude the evening. All are invited!

#### II Simchat Torah Day - Wednesday, October 22

- Youth groups after the Kol Hannarim aliyah
- Hakafot with singing and dancing
- Chatanim called to the Torah
- Women's Tefilah Group meets in Chapel at 9:15 AM
- Memorable performance by Chazan Mayer Davis and the "Shul Tones"
- Buffet kiddush following services



## WELCOME TO KJ'S NEW RABBINIC ASSISTANT, RABBINIC INTERN, YOETZET HALAKHAH, AND ADMINISTRATOR



### Rabbi Alexander Kaye

Our Rabbinic Assistant grew up in Manchester, UK, in an Orthodox household. Through attending a secular high school, he became aware at a young age of the tensions associated with being a practicing Jew in the wider world. He still, to this day, carries with him that sensitivity to the challenges of being a part of a Jewish minority, and the responsibilities and privileges that being Jewish entails. Following high school he studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel. Rabbi Kaye pursued a BA and then a Master's degree in history at the University of Cambridge. It was there that he met his wife, Lynn, who is currently the Director of Jewish Life and Learning at Congregation Shearith Israel (the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue) and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Talmud at New York University.

Rabbi Kaye worked in business for some time in England, and then moved with his wife to New York where he learned for 18 months in the semicha program at RIETS before joining Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. It was there that the love of the rabbinate took hold and he was trained not only in the details of halakhah and traditional learning but also in the pastoral aspects of rabbinic work which especially fulfilled him.

Alongside his work at KJ, Rabbi Kaye is studying for a Ph.D. in Jewish history at Columbia University. His doctoral studies enable him to achieve a deeper perspective on the questions and challenges that face us today as individuals and as a people.

For Rabbi Kaye, Judaism is about a commitment to halakhah, devotion to the depths of the wisdom of the Jewish tradition, intellectual searching, spiritual awareness, sensitivity and openness to all people, dedication to the ideals of social justice for Jews and all of humankind and, through all of this, a profound connection to God. Because of all this, he considers his Rabbinic task to have three central elements: exploring the word of God and its applications to life today; supporting each member of the community in times of joy and sorrow thus helping all to grow spiritually; and the pursuit of righteousness and justice. He looks forward to working towards these goals in partnership with the KJ community. Please introduce yourself - he can't wait to meet you.



### Marc Herman

Our Rabbinic Intern is originally from Toronto. Marc is an alumnus of Brandeis University, Yeshivat Hamivtar, and Yeshivat Har Etzion, and is currently studying for ordination at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary while simultaneously pursuing a Master's degree in medieval Jewish history at the Bernard Revel Graduate School for Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University. Outside of his education, he is an avid sports fan, displaying great affection for hockey's Toronto Maple Leafs.

Aside from considering a career in the rabbinate, Marc is also interested in education and teaching. Thus far, he has tremendously enjoyed his teaching experiences at KJ, and hopes to continue his graduate studies in Jewish history, with a strong focus on how halakhah confronts modern challenges within the Jewish community and the entire world.

Marc has been moved by the warmth and commitment of the KJ community. He has especially enjoyed getting to know people, hearing their thoughts about their Jewish experience, and being part of their lives. For Marc, the most attractive aspect of the rabbinate is the thought of participating in the exciting points in the lives of community members, and supporting them in times of need. Marc is excited about the opportunity KJ provides to learn and grow with its members and the rest of the rabbinic team.

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### Atara Eis

Atara Eis graduated from Yeshiva University's Stern College, completed its Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies for Women, and received an M.S. in Jewish Education from its Azrieli Graduate School for Jewish Education. While living in Jerusalem and learning at Nishmat's Keren Ariel Institute to become a Yoetzet Halakhah, she also served on the Midreshet Lindenbaum faculty. Atara currently teaches Talmud and Tanach at Stern Hebrew High School in Philadelphia, PA and, in addition to her Manhattan activities, works as a Yoetzet Halakhah in Silver Spring, MD.



### Riva Alper

KJ's Administrator has been on the job for six months and finds the challenge both gratifying and all-encompassing, whether helping people plan their smachot, offering comforting words at a time of loss, or coordinating shul programming.

Riva is a graduate of Stern College and Seton Hall University. Her professional career began as a proofreader and editor for Artscroll Publications. Riva entered into the education profession as a junior high English teacher (both in the U.S. and in Israel, where she met her husband, Joe Bierman) and then worked for many years with a New York marketing agency and as director of development at *Reuth*. She comes to KJ with the perspective and dedication which comes with years as a member of the Congregation and a lay leader. Riva is the proud mother of Sarah and Joshua.



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## EYTAN ZADOFF, KJ YOUTH DIRECTOR, LOOKS BACK AND AHEAD

5768 was a tremendously successful year for the KJ Youth Department, and with the addition of new programs and talented new staff members to our professional team, we are excited to build upon our past accomplishments with an eye towards an amazing 5769!

We are thrilled to welcome back our diverse and talented college-aged youth leaders. Many of the college leaders are returning staff members, and they all possess a passion for informal Jewish education. They will add depth, maturity and experience to the Youth Department's proven lineup of outstanding high school leaders. Last year, we were very fortunate to have outstanding leadership in our growing Bnei Akiva program, and we are excited for the program's continued growth this year under the direction of Adi and Tamar.

An exciting array of new and familiar programs lies in store this year, including the KJ Youth Department's opening rooftop barbecue which will be great fun for kids of all ages, Shabbat morning groups which now begin earlier at 10:00 A.M., and Saturday night learning with Rabbi Soloveichik for all children in grades 2-6. KJHL hockey league, KJBL basketball and KJSL softball leagues, will return, as will our popular Saturday night Open Gym program. "Hello Yellow" arts-and-crafts classes at holiday times, and fall and spring Shabbatonim are also part of our line-up!

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

*Yoni Piolet will be our special guest. The son of KJ Members Nechama and Michael Piolet, he served in the very IDF unit, in the very fort that is the subject of this film.*

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## 5769 YOUTH DEPARTMENT FALL SCHEDULE

- Sept. 14** Season Opening Rooftop Bar-B-Q Bash
- Sept. 21** Hello Yellow
- Oct. 5** KJHL
- Oct. 12** KJHL
- Oct. 25** Open Gym Night for grades 2-4
- Oct. 26** KJHL
- Nov. 1** Open Gym night for grades 5-6
- Nov. 2** KJHL
- Nov. 7** Tot Shabbat program
- Nov. 8** Family Mishnayot Learning with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for grades 2-4
- Nov. 8** Open Gym Night for grades 7-12
- Nov. 9** KJHL
- Nov. 15** Fall Youth Shabbaton
- Nov. 15** Open Gym Night for grades 2-4
- Nov. 16** KJHL
- Nov. 22** Open Gym night for grades 5-6
- Dec. 6** Open Gym Night for grades 2-4
- Dec. 7** KJBL
- Dec. 13** Family Mishnayot Learning with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for grades 2-4
- Dec. 13** Open Gym Night for grades 7-12
- Dec. 14** Hello Yellow
- Dec. 14** KJBL
- Dec. 20** Open Gym Night for grades 5-6
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For the past 12 years, KJ has been the address for unaffiliated families looking for a Jewish education for their children.

The Jewish Youth Connection (JYC) is the Sunday morning Hebrew school founded by KJ members Susan and Scott Shay twelve years ago with the goal of providing a substantive and meaningful Jewish education to unaffiliated families. They nurtured JYC with a single-minded devotion for a decade and saw the school grow from just a few students to almost ninety during this past academic year. Over a dozen JYC students have moved on to Jewish Day Schools or High Schools - a tribute to the caring, dedication and support of Susan and Scott.

Two years ago, the Shays decided to turn the management of JYC over to KJ. Rabbi Elie Weinstock now oversees JYC with the help of Scott, Susan, and the dedicated JYC staff.

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



of Israel for older participants. Students from second through sixth grade are paired with a

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

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

The new school year began on September 14th at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to sample JYC's start-of-the-year sessions and programs on September 21st. Enrollment is open to all, and no synagogue affiliation or Jewish background is required to participate in JYC. No one is turned away due to lack of funds.

JYC is located at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, 125 East 85th Street, between Lexington and Park. For more information or questions, please contact Tzivia Kramer, JYC's director, at [JYC@ckj.org](mailto:JYC@ckj.org) or 212-794-1592, or see [www.jyc.info](http://www.jyc.info)

## KJ B'NEI MITZVAH PROGRAM

The KJ B'nei Mitzvah program is a unique opportunity for parents and children to explore, in creative and interactive ways, the challenges and opportunities of reaching Bar and Bat mitzvah.

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

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

Through text study, projects and interactive learning, each parent/child "chavruta" will connect with these Jewish sources and become partners on the spiritual journey of what it means to be a Jewish adult today.

### BAT MITZVAH

Led by Rachel Kraus

January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 22;  
March 1, 8, 15, 22

### BAR MITZVAH

Led by Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Rabbi

Jeffrey Kobrin

March 1, 8, 15, 22

## KJ COLLEGE CONNECTION NEEDS YOUR CHILD'S INFO

We are once again collecting the dormitory addresses of the children of KJ members who are studying at a college or graduate school away from home.

The KJ College Connection sends complimentary gift packages during Chanukah and Purim, containing candies, Chanukiot, Mishloach Manot and other holiday-related items. Spearheaded by the program's co-chairs Monita Buchwald and Vivian Mark, it benefits KJ Members whose children are currently out-of-town students.

The program is a wonderful reminder to our families' students that they are thought of and wished a Chag Sameach.

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

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### Chug Ivri

October 25  
November 8

### Sunday Supper Lecture Program

"Jews of Latin America"

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### Films

"Children of the Sun" November 16

"Eyes Wide Open" November 23

### Kiddush Discussions

Landmark Holocaust Art Litigation, November 15

The State of the US/Israel Relationship, December 13



## Getting To Know The KJ Sisterhood

*Small acts of kindness combine to form a large total of good (Talmud: Baba Batra)*

- The KJ Sisterhood is committed to good works and improving the lives of people.
- Funds raised through our programming are used to support social action projects that benefit families and individuals in our community and around the world.
- The Sisterhood is also responsible for preparing a local Shiva home, including the first meal.
- We send a bottle of wine and two challahs to every new member in the community.
- We contribute to KJ programs and activities, such as the communal Sukkah, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts.
- The KJ Sisterhood funds all unsponsored Congregational Shabbat kiddushim.
- The organizations we have supported charitably in the past include: the Chabad Mikvah of the Upper East Side, the Community of Sderot, Dorot, Hatzolah, the Israeli Defense Forces, Magen David Adom, Project Ezra, Sharsheret, and UJA, among many others.

The KJ Sisterhood has much in store for the coming year.

### Annual Sisterhood Luncheon

June 4

### Boutiques

December 7 (Pre-Chanukah),

June 4 (Spring Luncheon)

### Evening Cooking Classes

November 3, March 17

### Ladies Night Out

December 17, May 12

### Museum Events

November 11, February 24

### Open Board Meetings

### With Guest Speaker

December 10, April 29

*By taking advantage of all the KJ Sisterhood has to offer, we can build lasting relationships while helping our community, and Jews near and far.*

*Would you like to chair one of our events or get involved in the Sisterhood? Then please contact one of the following officers:*

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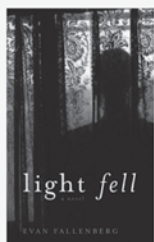


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*If you are making a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at KJ between September 2009 and June 2010, please contact Riva Alper in the synagogue office at 212-774-5670 to reserve specific rooms for your services, celebratory meals/kiddushim, and other functions.*

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

## KESHER CONTINUES TO CONNECT YOUNG PEOPLE

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

One of the most popular Kesher programs is the semi-monthly Young People's Minyan (YPM), where Kesher members can daven as a group, enjoy a delicious hot kiddush together, and most importantly get to know each other in an intimate shul environment. Another signature Kesher program is the Kesher Lecture Series, where Kesher members can explore a wide range of interesting topics.

Kesher offers many interesting events over the course of the year, such as our Shemini Atzeret Kick-off Lunch and Spring Luncheon. Also on the calendar this year for Kesher's community of young children is a Funkey Monkeys Concert, a Melave Malka featuring the community's own celebrity keyboardist "Rabbi Avrumi," and a Halachic Outing led by Rabbi Soloveichik. And for adults, our Saturday Night Social offers a fun night "out on the town" and a chance to meet and mingle with other Kesher members outside of a shul setting.

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

the synagogue by sending them a welcoming email and extending them an invitation to spend a Shabbat meal at the home of a Kesher board member.

In an effort to involve more young members of the shul, and their children, in Chesed Events, Kesher will partner with the Youth Department's popular "Hello Yellow" arts and crafts program for the Kesher Chesed Series.

Both the Shabbat meal programs and the other extensive programming that Kesher runs throughout the year are made possible and successful because of the determined and energetic group of Kesher leaders. This year Kesher welcomes two new co-presidents: Rina Kestenbuam and Bonnie Silvera, who together with returning co-president Sherri Libin, treasurer Jill Brickman, newly appointed secretary Livia Marcovici and, of course, the growing number of active Kesher board members, hope to make this year at Kesher another exciting one.

We bid farewell to past co-presidents Erica Schwartz and Jillian Wieder, and thank them for their years of hard work and leadership. Both Erica and Jillian will remain on Kesher's Executive Board as Presidents Emeritus.

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

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

### KESHER EVENTS

**Kesher Chesed Series**  
**Pre-Rosh Hashanah Activity**  
September 21

**Shemini Atzeret Kick-off Lunch**  
October 21

**Kesher Lecture Series**  
**Parenting topic**  
November 17

**Funkey Monkeys Concert**  
December 14

**Melave Malka**  
January 24

**Saturday Night Social**  
February 28

**New Mother's Breakfast**  
March 24

**Kesher Chesed Series**  
**Pre-Pesach Activity**  
April 5

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## BNEI MITZVAH



**HANNAH SWIECA**

Mazal tov to Estee and Henry Swieca upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Hannah. At a Kiddush Lunch this summer in Atlantic Beach, Hannah presented a Dvar Torah on the topic She-asani Kirtzono. Further celebration took place in Hevron and Susiya on July 27. Hannah is a seventh grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



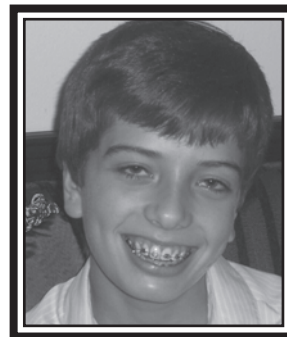
**HANNAH SHAMS**

Mazal Tov to Alissa and Howard Shams upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Hannah, which was celebrated on the evening of August 17th in the Judean Desert in Israel. She also delivered a D'var Torah on the topic of "Exploring Jewish Heroines" at a kiddush in her honor at the Edmond J. Safra Synagogue on September 6th. Hannah is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



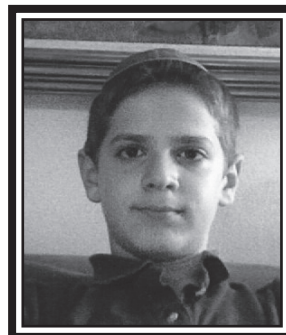
**PHYLLIS SHAMS**

Mazal Tov to Michele and Dr. Joseph Shams upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Phyllis in Jerusalem on August 17th. She delivered a Dvar Torah on the origins of Pirkei Avoth, which she has been studying as her Bat Mitzvah project. A Shabbat kiddush was also held in her honor at the Edmund J. Safra Synagogue on September 6th. Phyllis is a seventh grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



**JONATHAN SILVERMAN**

Mazal Tov to Adrian and KJ Executive Director Leonard Silverman upon the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan on September 27th. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Donna and Arthur Silverman. Jonathan will read Parashat Nitzavim and its Haftarah, and present a D'var Torah. Jonathan is a seventh grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



**BENJAMIN de SOLA MARKS**

Mazal Tov to Eliza de Sola Mendes and Kevin Marks upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Benjamin Hayim on September 27th at Shearith Israel, The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. He will read Parashat Nitzavim and its Haftarah. Benjamin is in the eighth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**TALIA MENCHE**

Mazal Tov to Aliza and Aaron Menche upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Talia Chen on September 28th at the Jewish Children's Museum. She will deliver a Dvar Torah based on Jewish women in history which was inspired at KJ's Matan class. As part of the celebration, Talia and her classmates will create games for hospitalized children in Israel which Talia will personally distribute during Sukkot. Talia is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**LEORA HUEBNER**

Mazal Tov to Dina and Marshall Huebner on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Leora, which will take place at the KJ Women's Tefilah service on October 25th. Leora will read Parashat Bereishit and the Haftarah, and will deliver a Dvar Torah. Leora is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**CORY SHOSHANY**

Mazal Tov to Rolyn and Ron Shoshany upon the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Cory on November 1st, Shabbat Parashat Noach, in the Main Sanctuary of KJ. Cory is a seventh grader at the Ramaz Middle School.



**OLIVIA HERSHKOWITZ**

Mazal Tov to Karen and Michael Hershkowitz upon the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Olivia, on November 8th, Shabbat Parashat Lech Lecha, at which time she will deliver a D'var Torah. Olivia is a sixth grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



**BNEI MITZVAH cont.****MATTHEW GROSS**

Mazal Tov to Jennifer Gross and Micheal Gross upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Matthew, who will read Parashat Toldot on November 29th in Jerusalem. Matthew is a seventh grader at the Ramaz Middle School.

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****BIRTHS**

Mazal Tov to:

Gladys Baruch upon the birth of her first great grandchild, Yehudit Aliza Baruch.

Barry and Gayle Berger upon the birth of their second grandson, Samuel Reuben, born to daughter Allyson and husband Barry Duran.

Marie and Robert Briefel upon the birth of their first grandchild, Joshua Louis Briefel Hecht, son of Aviva Briefel and David Hecht.

Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman upon the birth of a granddaughter, Miriam, to their children, Yael ('01) and Pinchas Farkas.

Elisa and Avi Gage upon the birth of their third child, Andrew Joseph. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ grandparents, Doina and Dr. Larry Bryskin.

Fran and Morry Gerber upon the birth of a grandson, Yitzchak Yechiel born to their children Rachel and Aaron Wertentheil.

Sarah and Joshua Glatt upon the birth of their second child and first daughter.

Nathaly Haratz and Daniel Kaswan upon the birth of their first child, David.

Terry and Michael Jaspan upon the birth of their first grandchild, Yakira Atara born to Arielle and Joseph Jaspan.

Dr. Leon & Rhea Landau and Reuben & Jane Leibowitz upon the birth of a granddaughter, Ava Claire, born to Dr. Neil and Dana Leibowitz.

Sharon and Asher Levitsky on the birth of a

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY**

granddaughter, Kayla Barrie, born to their children, Lily and Steve Markowitz.

Sherri & Alexander Libin upon the birth of their third child and son. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Margery and Dr. Barry Libin.

Esther and Jonathan Messeloff upon the birth of twin (a boy and a girl) grandchildren, born in Cleveland to their son Daniel and his wife, Wendy.

Carol and Mel Newman upon the birth of a grandson, Michael Howard, born to Tali and Josh Newman.

Dawn and Rich Rosencrantz upon the birth of their third child and first son, Noah Daniel.

Bernie Cohen on the birth of a grandson, Theodore (Aryey Lev), and to the parents, Adam and Dara Cohen ('89) Freed. Bernie is a divorced widower. In the last edition of this Bulletin, we inadvertently indicated he had a spouse.

Ilana and Aaron Wallenstein upon the birth of their second child and first son, Noam Marc.

Dr. Naama and Rabbi Elie Weinstock upon the birth of their fourth child, Yakira Bat-Tzion.

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

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Mazal Tov to:

Vivian & Bernard Falk upon the engagement of their daughter Talia, to Mr. Elie Hassenfeld, son of Joan & Daniel Hassenfeld, of Newton MA.

Ellen and Sandy Ward upon the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Daniel Steinhagen, the son of Gail and Dr. Randall Steinhagen of Tenafly, New Jersey.

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

**MARRIAGES**

Mazal tov to:

Janice and Saul Linzer upon the marriage of their grandson Daniel Ari Freedman to Diana Zaft.

Janice and Saul Linzer upon the marriage of their grandson Michael Joseph Freedman to Jennifer Chan.

Talia and Eric Mann upon their recent marriage.

Alexandra Pike, daughter of Susan Blinken and Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Pike, upon her marriage to Mordechai Lerner.

Nechi Shudofsky on the marriage of her grandson Hillel Shalev to Tal Ben-Yitach in Israel on September 3rd.

Dr. Harvey Wolinsky upon the marriage of his daughter Elise to Daniel Kasell. Both the bride and the groom are Ramaz Alumni.

**MILESTONES**

Happy 90th birthday to Bernard Lacher. Mazal Tov to the entire Gordon-Lacher family.

Curt and Roberta Stetson proudly welcome Michelle "Michal" Collins into their family.

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to:

Yael Friedman Farkas ('01) upon receiving a Master's degree from the Yeshiva University Azrieli School of Jewish Education.

Gavriella (Alexandra Pike) Lerner, daughter of Susan Blinken and Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Pike, upon being named to the Dean's List with distinction at Stern College.

Raffi Magid, son of Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid, who matriculated at Bar Ilan University Law School this fall.

Rachel and E. Magnus Oppenheim upon daughter Michelle's completion of work toward a Certificate in Art Therapy by Yellin College in Israel; daughter-in-law Dr. Elissa Gross Oppenheim's being awarded a Master of Public Health degree by the University of Minnesota Medical School; son Jay Joshua Oppenheim's being awarded a Fellowship for a Doctoral Program in Sociology by the Graduate Center of the City University; and Jonathan Oppenheim's being awarded a Master of Philosophy in Ibsen Studies degree by the University of Oslo, Norway.

Rebecca Rohr ('03), daughter of Pamela and George Rohr and granddaughter of Helen and the late Jack Nash, upon her graduation with honors from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and American Literature. She was a Harvard College Scholar, served as Editor-in-Chief of *Current Magazine* (*Newsweek's* national college newsmagazine), and was President of Harvard Students for Israel. She is now teaching at a charter school in lower Manhattan.

**CONDOLENCES TO**

Dan Bettinger, upon the passing of his father, Louis Bettinger.

Allen Fagin, upon the passing of his mother, Frieda Fagin.

Dr. Allan Gibofsky, upon the passing of his mother, Sally Gibofsky.

Gail Suchman Zimmerman, upon the passing of her father, Robert Suchman.

Martin Zukerman, upon the passing of his sister, Edith Sirota.

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

**IN MEMORIAM****LEON A. FELDMAN**

Dr. Feldman was a highly respected and beloved member of our congregation for close to fifty years. He and his first wife Caroline, who had been President of the Sisterhood, raised their children, Howard and Peter, in our community. Peter is an alumnus of Ramaz. The family was very involved in the life of KJ. Dr. Feldman held several doctoral degrees in Jewish history and literature. He was the founder and Chairman of the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers. He was a leading figure in interfaith dialogue during the critical years following the Six Day War, serving in particular in the Synagogue Council of America. He was the author of many books and scholarly articles with a particular expertise on the writings of the Ran. In his later life he was married for thirteen years to Elizabeth Small. They gave each other companionship

and devotion and she was particularly caring for him in his last years of handicapped life. The Jewish world has lost an outstanding scholar and a marvelous Jew. We extend our condolences to Elizabeth and the entire family.

**JACK NASH**

The congregation lost one of the pillars of the KJ/Ramaz community in the passing of Jack Nash, the beloved husband of Helen and the devoted father of Pamela Rohr and Joshua Nash. He died after almost five years of being incapacitated by illness. Jack, a very successful investor, was a powerful force in the Jewish community in general where his gifts greatly supported UJA Federation and a host of worthy Jewish and general causes. He was innovative in his philanthropic activities, founding the kosher division of City Harvest and a breast cancer diagnosis program in Israel which

brought the benefits of mammography to a wide population of Jews who might otherwise never have benefited from it. Closer to home, he and Helen have been major supporters of KJ and Ramaz on an annual basis and in all of our building activities. He was of particular help to the late Dr. Noam Shudofsky is designing an annual giving program to benefit Ramaz, where his two children were educated and of which three of his grandchildren (Rebecca, Daniella and Alex) are alumni and one, Nina, is in the eighth grade. So much of what has happened in KJ and Ramaz over the years has been positively affected by Jack. He was a dear and devoted husband, father and grandfather who will be greatly missed by his family, by our community and by the entire Jewish world. We extend our heartfelt condolences to all the members of the bereaved family.



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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>September</b>					
19-20	Kee Tavo	6:39 PM	6:45 PM	6:30 PM	7:33 PM
26-27	Nitzavim	6:27 PM	6:40 PM	6:20 PM	7:21 PM
<b>October</b>					
3-4	Vayeilekh Shabbat Shuvah	6:16 PM	6:30 PM	6:05 PM	7:09 PM
10-11	Haazinu	6:04 PM	6:15 PM	5:55 PM	6:57 PM
17-18	Sukkot	5:54 PM	6:05 PM	5:45 PM	6:47 PM
24-25	Bereshit	5:44 PM	5:55 PM	5:35 PM	6:38 PM
31-1	Noah	5:35 PM	5:45 PM	5:25 PM	6:30 PM
<b>November</b>					
7-8	Lekh Lekha	4:27 PM	4:40 PM	4:20 PM	5:22 PM
14-15	Vayera	4:20 PM	4:30 PM	4:15 PM	5:17 PM
21-22	Chaye Sara	4:15 PM	4:25 PM	4:10 PM	5:13 PM
28-29	Toledot	4:12 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:10 PM
<b>December</b>					
5-6	Vayetze	4:11 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:08 PM
12-13	Vayishlah	4:11 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:09 PM

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

### EVENING SERVICES DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 1-25 .....6:45 PM  
Sept. 28 .....6:35 PM  
Oct. 5-7 .....6:20 PM  
Oct. 12-13 .....6:15 PM

Oct. 19-20 .....6:00 PM  
Oct. 23 .....5:55 PM  
Oct. 26-30 .....5:50 PM  
Nov. 2-6 .....4:40 PM

Nov. 9-14 .....4:35 PM  
Nov. 16-20 .....4:30 PM  
Nov. 23-Dec. 25 .....4:25 PM

**Tues.-Wed., Sept. 30-Oct. 1**  
Rosh Hashanah  
See schedule on Page 6  
**Thursday, October 2**  
Fast of Gedaliah  
See schedule on Page 6

**Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 8-9**  
Yom Kippur  
See schedule on Page 6  
**Tuesday-Wed., Oct. 14-Oct. 22**  
Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah,  
Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah  
See schedule on Page 6

**Wed.-Thurs., Oct. 29-30**  
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan  
Morning Services at 7:00 AM  
**Friday, Nov. 28**  
Rosh Chodesh Kislev  
Morning Services at 7:00 AM

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