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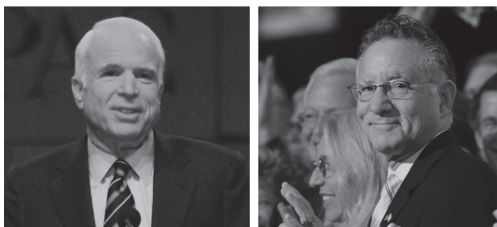
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Shhh! Bringing the Quiet Back to KJ COMMUNAL PRAYER AND THE FUTURE OF OUR KEHILLAH

Two of the hallmarks of Kehilath Jeshurun have been a dedication to tefillah that is both halakhic and dignified, and a commitment to Ahavat Yisrael and to the wellbeing of all members of Am Yisrael. The purpose of a new pamphlet available in the Synagogue vestibules and online is to stress that these two values are inextricably linked, and that it is only through enhancing everyone's tefillot that our own will be answered as well. Let us be a synagogue whose services are suffused with communal unity and with Ahavat Yisrael. This is the tzibbur that we have always been; this is the community that we are called to be.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF COMMUNAL PRAYER?

Why go to shul? Why pray as part of a community, inside the confines of a crowded building? Why are synagogue services so central to Jewish religious life? Is it not easier to concentrate on personal prayer in the privacy of one's own home? Is one not more easily inspired outside than indoors, alone rather than in a crowd? Our Sages' explanation for the importance of communal prayer only seems to confuse matters. One who prays in a minyan, the Talmud tells us, ensures that his prayers will be heard, and received by the Almighty. Is the

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SAMUEL S. SILVERSTEIN SHABBATON

FEBRUARY 5-6, 2010

OUR FEATURED SCHOLAR:

DR. DANIEL GORDIS

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SHALEM CENTER

February 5 - Friday Evening Dinner
immediately following 5:10 pm Shabbat Services:

COMING TOGETHER, COMING APART:

**WHAT THE GAZA DISENGAGEMENT TAUGHT US ABOUT ISRAEL
AND WHAT IT HERALDS FOR OUR FUTURE**

February 6 - At the Conclusion of 9:00 am Shabbat Services:

**WHY GOD IS MAKING A COMEBACK: MODERN JEWS
AND THE RELIGIOUS SEARCH FOR MEANING**

Following 4:55 pm Mincha:

EVIL IN GOD'S WORLD: IS THERE A JEWISH EXPLANATION?

FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT DINNER

Members Non-Members

Adults:	\$35	\$40
Juniors (ages 12-18):	\$30	\$35
Children (ages 2-11):	\$18	\$30

Arrangements for Dr. Gordis made through Bnai Brith Lecture Bureau

UPCOMING KESHER EVENTS

Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 8

Melave Malka with Jody Prusan

Saturday Evening, January 23rd

Saturday Night Social Event

Saturday, February 6th

Parenting Lecture

Pre-Pesach Chesed Event

Sunday, March 21st

WINTER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

December 12-

Open Gym Night for Grades 2-4

December 13 - KJBL

December 19 - Family Seudah Shlishit

**December 19 - Family Mishnayot learning
with Rabbi Soloveichik for Grades 2-4**

December 19 -

Open Gym Night for Grades 7-8

December 20 - KJBL

January 8 - Tot Shabbat

January 9 - Open Gym Night for Grades 2-4

January 10 - KJBL

**January 16 - Family Mishnayot learning
with Rabbi Soloveichik for grades 2-4**

January 16 - Open Gym Night for Grades 5-8

January 17 - KJBL

January 23 - Open Gym Night for Grades 2-4

January 24 - KJBL

January 29 - Bnei Akiva Shabbaton

January 30 - Open Gym Night for Grades 5-8

January 31 - KJBL

February 6 - Open Gym Night for Grades 5-8

**February 6 - Family Mishnayot learning
with Rabbi Soloveichik for grades 2-4**

February 7 - KJBL and Super Bowl Party

February 20 - Open Gym Night for Grades 2-4

February 21 - KJBL

February 27 - Purim Bash

February 28 - Purim Carnival

**March 6 Family Mishnayot learning
with Rabbi Soloveichik for grades 2-4**

March 6 - Open Gym Night for Grades 5-8

March 7 - KJBL

March 13 - Family Seudah Shlishit

March 13 - Open Gym Night for Grades 2-4

March 14 - KJBL

KJ TO PRESENT BAR MITZVAH PROGRAM FOR FATHERS AND SONS

KJ is happy to offer a learning program for fathers and sons from our community reaching Bar Mitzvah age. The KJ Bar Mitzvah program is an opportunity to explore, in creative and interactive ways, the challenges and opportunities of reaching Bar Mitzvah.

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.

The Bar Mitzvah program is led by Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Effy Braun, meeting on Sundays between 9:30 and 11:00 am on January 24 and 31 and February 7 and 21. To register or inquire, please contact Rabbi Weinstock at ravelie@ckj.org or 212-774-5636.

WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, September 5, and this Bulletin, which went to press on November 23:

Carmit and Georges Archibald
Jennifer Gross and Saul Burian
Debbi and Erez Chaovat
Jamie and David Chubak
Hindy and Samuel Ciner
Masha Evelson
Jill and Gabriel Fischbarg
Renee Fishman
Sonia Gardner
Pamela Geller
Florence Golly
Janet and Jared Mann
Dr. Dana Mannor
Tzivia and Gabriel Moreen
Tanya Meyers and Mark Meckler
Roni and Robert Y. Pick
Reina M. Potaznik
Emily and Harry Rim
Marci Heit and Joshua Schopf
Susan Steinthal
Jennifer and Samuel Sultan
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Abigail and Seth Weiss

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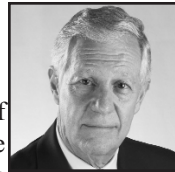
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ADL APPOINTS BOB SUGARMAN



KJ member Bob Sugarman has been elected National Chair of the Anti-Defamation League. ADL, founded in 1913, is the preeminent organization dedicated, in the words of its mission statement, to "stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment for all." It pursues its mission through a national office in New York, a government affairs office in Washington, twenty-eight regional offices across the United States and an office in Jerusalem.

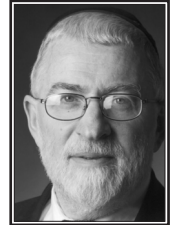
Bob has been active in ADL for decades, having previously chaired its National Civil Rights, Intergroup, Leadership and Regional Operations committees. Bob's goal is to keep ADL vibrant during these difficult economic times so that it can continue its wide range of programs and activities, which include: vigilant monitoring and exposure of anti-Semitic activity throughout the world; research on and investigation of extremists both on the left and right; training law enforcement officers to deal with extremists and be sensitive to the use and abuse of authority; prejudice reduction, respect and diversity programs from pre-school through college and in the workplace; and training public and Catholic school teachers to teach the Holocaust.

We wish Bob much success in these important endeavors.

NATHAN AND VIVIAN FINK MEMORIAL LECTURE RAV HERSHEL SCHACHTER Wednesday, January 27 8:00 PM

"IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN: JUDAISM
AND THE ENVIRONMENT"

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



NEXT LECTURE: MARCH 3

WHAT'S THE POINT OF COMMUNAL PRAYER?

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Almighty not omnipresent? Can He not hear us wherever we choose to address Him?

The answer is that an individual's choosing to join the community in prayer tells the Almighty something significant about the type of person who is praying. By choosing to pray among others, we are indicating that we care not only about ourselves, but others; that through our tefillot, we are imploring the Almighty to show mercy not only to ourselves, but to our friends, our neighbors, and those whom we do not know. We are indicating that we wish to join our own prayers to theirs, and theirs to ours. Those who attend synagogue services show themselves to be not just individuals addressing God, but members of Klal Yisrael. And that is why praying as part of a community helps ensure that one's personal prayers be received.

Inside a shul, one says the very same prayers, reciting the same liturgy that one would say at home. But the surroundings in which one has chosen to speak those prayers speak volumes in themselves, and say the following: Master of the Universe: perhaps I am, as an individual, unworthy of Your attention. Perhaps, in my own life, I have not accrued enough merit to ensure that You heed my personal pleas, that You address my concerns about my career, or the well-being of my family. But I am no mere individual; I am a member of the Jewish people, for whom You have a special, extraordinary love. By joining other Jews in prayer, I am attempting to make manifest that same love. In merit of that love, please answer not only my prayers - answer *our* prayers.

DECORUM AND CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

The Rav remarked that Maimonides' choice of words when it comes to communal prayer is noteworthy. "The prayers of the community (tefillat ha-tzibbur) are always heard by God," the Rambam writes in his Laws of Prayer, "therefore one should always attempt to pray as part of a community." The Rambam

does not refer to synagogue prayer as tefillah be-tzibbur, personal prayer that takes place in a community. Rather, in joint tefillah, our concern for each other helps unite every personal plea into tefillat ha-tzibbur, the prayer of the community. A tzibbur, said the Rav, is formed by friendship and "nurtured by chesed;" it involves "a merger of personal experience and a mutual sharing in distress and joy."

It is for this reason that the Jewish codes of law speak so critically of one who acts less than reverently during the repetition of the Amidah - when the chazan prays on behalf of the community. When one engages in unrelated conversation while the chazan prays, Rabbi Joseph Karo informs us in his *Shulhan Arukh*, "his sin is greater than one can bear." Even more striking is the fact that Rabbi Karo does not even speak so severely about one who interrupts one's own dialogue with the Divine. Greater than one can bear? If one's personal prayer is already over, what difference does it make if one is otherwise engaged? We are now able to understand that speaking during services makes manifest a lack of compassion for community. It indicates that we are only interested in our own prayers and concerns; that we do not care whether we are disturbing the prayers, pleas, and meditations of others. Unlike interrupting our own tefillah, conversation during public prayer demonstrates not merely a deficient fear of Heaven, but a woeful lack of Ahavat Yisrael. And if, in today's day and age, we have come to take such laws lightly, and readily talk to each other during communal prayer, and are no longer shocked by disturbances that affect the entire tenor of our tefillah, it is, sadly, not because we have grown less religious, but because we have come to care less about others. Such actions inform the Almighty that we wish to be judged not as members of the Jewish people joined in prayer, but by our own individual actions alone. And who among us is able to endure such scrutiny?

CHANUKAH BEGINS FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11

Chanukah celebrates the miracles of the spiritual and military victories of the Maccabees against the Hellenist tyrants that imposed anti-religious rule and desecrated the Holy Temple in 165 BCE. The 25th of Kislev was the day the Maccabees entered the Temple following the battle and wanted to restart the Holy Service that had ceased under the foreign rule. The Maccabees found only one day's supply of oil that they could use to rededicate the Menorah. Yet that tiny flask lasted until they were able to create new, pure oil – a delay of eight days.

The victory established Jewish religious and political sovereignty in Israel during the second Temple times. This miracle of Jewish independence had not been seen since the destruction of the First Temple and the assassination of the then governor, Gedalyah.

Primarily, we celebrate Chanukah with spiritual expressions: (1) lighting candles in commemoration of the miracle of the rededication of the Temple, (2) singing Hallel in praise of God's deliverance from our enemies, and (3) adding *Al Ha-Nisim* in our prayers of thanksgiving in recognition of both aspects of the miracle of Chanukah. We also have physical pleasures and celebrations by having (4) special foods, (5) gift giving, and even (6) parties.

The Candles

The prevailing custom is for each member of the family to light his or her own menorah which will have as many candles as that night of the holiday plus the shamash. Since the Chanukah candles are to commemorate the Menorah of the

Temple, we apply the same rules to both: the candles and their flames become holy and as such cannot be used for any other purpose. With the exception of the Shamash, we cannot read by their lights or use them to light another candle.

Time for Lighting

Candles must be lit after nightfall (about 40 minutes after sunset) and last for at least a half-hour. On Friday afternoon, Chanukah candles should be lit before Shabbat candles, and should be of a type that will last over an hour (this leads to many adopting the custom of using olive-oil based lamps). On Saturday night, the candles are lit after Havdalah.

Candle Arrangement

The candles are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candle lighter faces it. The Menorah should be placed in an area where it will not need to be moved after being lit. **Safety is also a major concern, so please do not leave the home with the candles unattended.**

Lighting the Candles

The lights are lit from left to right – starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the shamash, then we say the blessings: (1) *ner shel Chanukah*, (2) *she-asa nisim*, and on the first night we add (3) *shehecheyanu*. Once the blessings are said, we light the first candle and begin singing the songs "Hanerot Hallalu" – which explains the reasons for the ceremony – and "Maoz Tzur" which describes all the salvations wrought by God for the Jewish People.

Publicizing the Miracle

We light the Menorah so we can publicize the miracle to as many people as

possible. We start with our own family but we often place the Menorah in the window to proclaim our belief to others.

Moreover, we publicize the miracle by singing the complete Hallel in the morning service and by adding *Al Ha-Nisim* in our daily *Shemona Esrei* and in *Birkat ha-Mazon*.

Material Pleasures

In addition to the spiritual nature of the holiday, we have added, in later times, the physical pleasures of special foods (latkes, jelly donuts), gift-giving (never a bad idea, especially Jewish books), and parties (that serve as a means for fellowship and for publicizing the miracle).

Chanukah is a time when we should renew our commitment and devotion to God. The brave Maccabees who risked their lives for religious freedom should serve as a model for us to celebrate those freedoms and our joy in service to God.

YACHAD SHABBATON

March 5-6

Join the Ramaz Upper School and KJ and give of yourself by reaching out to the special members of Yachad.

Come discover how they bring happiness and joy to so many.

SHABBAT AT KJ

KESHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN

Gottesman Center - 9:15 AM

December 19, January 9 & 30

February 27, March 13

HASHKAMA MINYAN

Max. J. Etra Chapel - 7:15 AM

December 12 & 26, January 9 & 23

February 6 & 20, March 6 & 20

WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP

Max J. Etra Chapel - 9:15 AM

January 9 & March 13

TOT SHABBAT

January 8

FAMILY SEUDAH SHLISHIT

December 19, March 13

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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Chanukah in the Park

Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 pm



Join KJ Beginners and Chabad - Lubavitch of the Upper East side as we celebrate and publicize the miracle of Chanukah at the 86th Street promenade in Carl Schurz Park.

- Giant Menorah lighting
- Chanukah treats
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Why is This Light Different From the Lights of Past Years?

The KJ Benevolent Fund has traditionally mailed Chanukah candles to the KJ family as a way of inviting people to contribute to the charitable work the Synagogue does. Since it became apparent that people were using the many better alternatives to the kind of candles that were sent in the past, we will not be sending the candles this year.

Yet, the needs of people in our community and beyond are great. The current economic climate has only served to increase the number of calls we receive requesting help with housing costs, medical care, and other special needs which we endeavor to fill in a manner that preserves the dignity of those who are so hard-pressed.

Please ensure a bright and light-filled Chanukah to the many who need the help of the KJ Benevolent Fund by remitting a tax-deductible check (indicate your contribution is for the Benevolent Fund in the memo field) or by using your preferred credit card and earning miles and "points" in the process at www.ckj.org/pay. Just indicate that your gift is for the Benevolent Fund. You will earn "points" not only in this world, but in the World to Come!

FUN WITH BNEI AKIVA

Spending a fun-filled afternoon before Sukkot 5770 preparing all sorts of Sukkah decorations and hanging them in the KJ Sukkot!



Planning strategic moves at the Bnei Akiva Army night. Be a part of the plan at the January 29 Bnei Akiva Shabbaton!



Sleepover? Yes! Sleep? Probably not! Sixth grade girls gathered at the Bnei Akiva Bayit for a night of food, fun and the wonderful spirit provided by Bnei Akiva Shlichot Bina Lipschutz and Tsahala Swissa.



PURIM SCHEDULE



FAST OF ESTHER, Thursday, February 25

Fast begins at 5:24 a.m. and ends at 6:15 p.m.

Shacharit at 6:50 a.m. & Mincha at 5:20 p.m.

Please remember to bring Tzedaka for machazit *ha-shekel* and other holiday obligations.



MINCHA, MAARIV & MAIN MEGILLAH READING Saturday Evening, February 27

Mincha is at 5:20 p.m. in the Main Synagogue. The readings of Megillat Esther will begin in both the Main Synagogue and the Gottesman Center at 6:40 p.m. The reading in the Main Synagogue will be followed by a Purim Pizza and Ice Cream Party in the Heyman Auditorium, featuring beloved Lower School music teacher Morah Chaya. The cost: \$5.00/person: We will gladly bill anyone who may not have cash in hand because of Shabbat.



CHILDREN

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

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



SECOND EVENING READING

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



THIRD EVENING READING

6:40 p.m. - Megillah reading for parents and infants in KJ's third floor dining hall with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik.



BEGINNER'S MEGILLAH READING

7:45 p.m. - Beginners Megillah Reading with Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Shilo Kramer in the Gottesman Center, followed by a Purim Party.



MORNING SERVICES AND MEGILLAH

Sunday, February 28

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

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



PURIM YOUTH CARNIVAL

In the Gottesman Center from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., 114 East 85th Street. Contact KJ Youth Director Eytan Zadoff at Eytan@ckj.org to purchase tickets in advance.



PURIM SEUDAH is at 5:00 p.m. in the Heyman Auditorium.

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

FILM

Desperate Hours

An extraordinary film which explores how Turkish diplomats risked their own lives by rescuing Jews during the Holocaust.

With Filmmaker Victoria Barrett and a representative of the Turkish Consulate in New York
Sunday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL LECTURE

Jews of Latin America: Cuba and Argentina

With Dr. Bernardo Kliksberg
Chief Advisor for the UN Development Programme
for Latin America and Caribbean Affairs
and Dr. Samuel Rapoport
Moderated by Ariel Kwacz
Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT

Third Annual KJ Mens Club Salon For the Entire KJ Community

Featuring Bonnie Dietrich (event organizer),
Dr. Robert April
and other talented musicians of all ages
Saturday evening, January 30 at 8:00 p.m.
at a location to be announced

SPECIAL MEN'S CLUB SEUDAH SHLISHIT

with noted political consultant Hank Sheinkopf
February 13th
Topic: "America's Moral Moment - Religion, Politics
and the Obama Administration"

Men's Club Shabbaton
In Memory of Stephen Stowe
Saturday, February 20

KIDDUSH DISCUSSION

Shabbat, January 16
Shabbat, February 20

CHUG IVRI

HEBREW CONVERSATIONALIST CLUB

Shabbat, December 12, featuring Victor Mintz
Topic: "Current Issues Facing Israel's Defensive Posture"
Shabbat, January 30
Shabbat, February 27
Shabbat, March 13

AM HASEFER

March 7

With Fordham University Professor Ayala Feder,
author of *Mitzva Girls: Bringing up the Next Generation*
of Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn

PURIM: THE JEWISH WAY TO REJOICE - February 27 & 28, 2010

WHAT IS PURIM?

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

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

MESSAGE OF THE HOLIDAY

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



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

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

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

interacts and communicates within the hidden.

THE HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY

The Story of Esther

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

Action of the Megillah

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

HOW WE COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE

Shabbat Zachor

The Shabbat preceding Purim (this year, February 27, 2010) is called Shabbat Zachor. We choose this Shabbat to observe the commandment to remember the evil of the nation of Amalek who are central to Purim as well. In Exodus 17:8-16, we read about their terror war against the Jewish people when they attacked us without mercy. The command in Deut. 25:17-19 states: "*Remember what Amalek did to you, on your way as you departed from*

Egypt... you shall obliterate the memory of Amalek, you shall not forget." According to most authorities, it is a Torah level commandment to hear this portion read in synagogue.

Taanit Esther (13th of Adar)

The day preceding Purim is a thematically connected fast day (this year, Thursday, February 25, because themes aside, we push off a fast from Shabbat to the preceding Thursday.) The 13th of Adar is mentioned in the Megillah as the day chosen by Haman to destroy the Jewish people. We fast in memory of the war that took place on that day and, like the fast of the first born, we use the fast to recognize our salvation. (cf. Esther 9:31). Taanit Esther is unlike the other fasts of the Jewish calendar, insofar that it is a day of thanksgiving and not sadness.

Customs of the Fast Day

Normally we go straight from the fast to the Megillah reading - only eating after we have fulfilled that mitzvah. This year, 5770, we treat the fast day like any other.

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

PURIM (14TH OF ADAR)

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

Night

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

Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

Purim Customs

During the readings of the Megillah, we fulfill the commandment to "blot out" the name of Amalek by making loud noises whenever Haman's name is read aloud.

Historians tell us that the custom started when people would write Haman's name on the soles of their shoes and then stamp their feet during the Megillah reading. Nowadays, we use **groggers**: specially made noisemakers.

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

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

SHUSHAN PURIM (15TH OF ADAR)

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

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A Terrific Mitzvah Partnership

This year, UJA at KJ got off to an exciting start with our High Holy Day season clothing drive in September. We sent a truckload of new and gently used winter wear to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, a beneficiary agency of UJA Federation. Our community responded with overwhelming generosity, filling the empty boxes in the KJ lobby every day for over two weeks. We thank all of you who contributed so generously to this drive and will keep you posted on our Spring drive which will take place before Pesach.

Another successful UJA at KJ event took place during Chol Hamoad Sukkot. A group of KJ families gathered together for a pizza party in the KJ sukkah and a bus ride across town to visit the senior residents of Jewish Home and Hospital on the Upper West Side. We were accompanied by a wonderful group of children and parents, together with Rabbi Weinstock and his family as well as the Ramaz Lower School's very own music teacher, Morah Chaya. Together with the residents, we made decorations for the Jewish Home's sukkah, and shared in some Jewish and American melodies led by Morah Chaya on the guitar. The evening ended with an inspiring Dvar Torah from Rabbi Weinstock about the importance of Sukkot, while all of our children and adults mingled with the seniors. All in all, it was

an evening filled with great warmth that gave all attendees the rewarding experience of celebrating Sukkot through a meaningful act of chesed. We thank all those who joined us that night and look forward to holding more family events like these throughout the year.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, December 6th-Annual Keshet concert, joined by children from the Kingsbay Y

January-Site visit to a UJA agency led by Rabbi Joshua Lookstein

February 21-A pre- Purim fun day including packaging mishloach manot for members of a UJA agency

March-KJ annual Spring Reception and Pre-Pesach drive

April 21-KJ lunch and learn program joined by seniors from Selfhelp, a UJA agency that aids victims of Nazi persecution

May-UJA's Backpacks for Success and KJ families will package and donate summer camp supplies

To find out more about any of our upcoming events or to become more involved with UJA at KJ, please contact

Erica Schwartz ericaschac@aol.com
or Sara Shemia
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The Rose & Dr. Charles Langer Lunch and Learn Program for seniors, hosted by Donna Silverman, will continue through June 2010. The free program for seniors is made possible by an endowment created by the Buchwald, Edelsburg, and Stern Families.

Lunch & Learn Schedule

December 9 - Israel Max	January 27 - Israel Max
December 16 - Rabbi Meir Soloveichik	February 3 Judge Jerome Hornbliss
December 23 - Dr. Gil Kahn	February 10 - To be announced
December 30 - Winter Break	February 17 - To be announced
January 6 - Rabbi Elie Weinstock	February 24 - Surie Sugarman
January 13 - Judge Jerome Hornbliss	March 3 - Rabbi Elie Weinstock
January 20 - Dr. Gil Kahn	March 10 - Israel Max

*The program takes place at noon in the Riklis Social Hall
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SISTERHOOD NEWS: EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Educational. Cultural. Spiritual. And just plain fun. The KJ Sisterhood offers something for everyone, as is evidenced by a full calendar of events which is in full swing.

The KJ and Orach Chaim Sisterhoods came together to offer to the community a free educational seminar focused on childhood sexual abuse

within the Orthodox population. Entitled *How to Protect Our Children*, a panel of psychologists and social workers from The Mount Sinai SAVI (Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention) Takanot Project, and Beth Israel's Victim Services Program's SOVRI Helpline, facilitated a frank discussion about sexual abuse and domestic violence. As the name implies, the purpose of the SAVI Takanot Project is *L'takain*, or to make better, to heal that which has been harmed within the survivor's spirit as a result of his or her experiences of sexual assault or domestic abuse. The organization offers free and confidential support to rape, sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, and domestic violence survivors, their families, and friends. The panel presented many different aspects of the problem, made recommendations to help victims, and educated the audience about the prevalence of this behavior within our community. Thanks to Yvonne Koppel for coordinating the details with all the groups involved and for arranging such a worthwhile evening. The event, which was held on October 14, was co-sponsored and underwritten with a grant from UJA Federation.

More than 40 people enjoyed the Kandinsky exhibit at the Guggenheim Museum with the guidance of art history expert Cynthia Nachmani. The October 27th event began with brunch at the beautiful home of Suzanne Doft, who

graciously hosted twice the number of people originally expected. Special thanks to her, as well as to Brenda Bernstein who

oversees the Sisterhood museum events, and to the chair people, Rita Woldenberg and S u z z y Appelbaum.

An evening of cooking with former Turquoise Restaurant chef,

Jack Cohen, took place November 3rd. More than 20 people learned how to make delicious seafood recipes with a Mediterranean flavor. Kudos to Michele Hering who coordinates the Sisterhood cooking events, and to the chairs: Jen Agus, Jody Levine, and Danielle Shamah.

On November 19th, the Sisterhood were once again guests of our own Jennifer Roth for a special tour of Sotheby's Important Judaica and Israel Art Auctions. Thanks to Ronnie Slochowsky and Fran Lederman for chairing the event.

The December 6th pre-Chanukah Boutique presented the community with a terrific opportunity to do Chanukah gift buying. Thanks to boutique chairs Roberta Stetson and Elizabeth Schultz-Zimmer for organizing this perennial event.

On the burner for 2010 is another cooking class, chaired by Elisa Gage, Gaby Weinreich and Mindy Miller, which will take place on March 2. Plans are also underway for an art event and another free-educational seminar. Calendar now the annual Sisterhood luncheon to be held on Thursday June 3rd: It is truly an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon-and it's for a great cause!

If you would like to get involved in helping make these kinds of events come to life, contact

Sisterhood president, Susan Blinken
(sj.blinken@verizon.net)
or Sisterhood vice president
Monita Buchwald (monitab@aol.com)

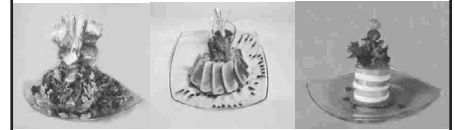


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J-1-1, UJA-FEDERATION'S NEWLY EXPANDED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL CENTER

UJA-Federation of New York recently launched J-1-1, a newly expanded information and referral service that utilizes trained professionals to help people navigate New York's maze of non-profit agencies and organizations as well as government services and entitlements.

Previously known as Resource Line, J-1-1 offers comprehensive information and referral services addressing every type of request for help, whether for life cycle and personal crisis and for finding Jewish connection.

Currently, J-1-1's database lists more than 6,000 programs, and stores relevant information about these services, which are constantly updated. Calls are fielded by BSW- and MSW-level Information and Referral specialists who elicit enough information to make a viable initial referral and determine other areas where help might be appropriate. Then, reviewing the resources of UJA-Federation network agencies and the broader not-for-profit community, these trained professionals find the programs and services best tailored to the situation and discuss these recommendations with the caller. If necessary, they will advocate for the caller with UJA-Federation agencies and other service providers; and follow up to make sure the problem has been addressed effectively.

J-1-1's information and referral specialists can make referrals to programs that address such areas as employment, legal assistance, seniors, financial aid, mental health, substance abuse, children with special needs, caregiving, Jewish camps, day schools, and Israel travel.

J-1-1 is also the appropriate number to call if you are not sure whether you or someone you care about is eligible for free employment, legal, financial, and support services through Connect-to-Care, UJA-Federation's response to the economic crisis. J-1-1's MSW-level social workers will ask intelligent questions to determine whether the person would be best helped by Connect-to-Care or through a combination of other assistance programs that are available to the general community.

Finally, J-1-1 is also a portal to UJA-Federation's Mental Health GPS: Guiding Parents through Service, a new program which pairs up families struggling with child or adolescent mental illness with an experienced MSW-level case manager who can handle the child's complex needs.

The following is just a small sample of J-1-1 calls received on any given week:

Connect to Care

I've been working in real estate for 30 years. My company went bankrupt in February and there are limited jobs, most of which are going to people almost half my age. Where can I get some help finding employment and possibly training for a different career?

Entitlements Counseling

I've been working part-time sporadically for the past three years because I have chronic pain. My friends tell me I should apply for disability. How do I do go about doing that?

Mental Health GPS

I am feeling overwhelmed and very concerned about my teenage daughter. She has a history of depression and lately her grades are slipping and she seems extremely withdrawn. My husband and I have been arguing about what is best for her. We've taken her to a private therapist in the past, but money is tight lately and I'm not sure we can afford to pay out of pocket anymore. Where can I turn for help?

Senior Aid

My 86-year old mother has been taking care of my 94-year old father by herself for years. Now she has to go to the hospital. What's the best agency to call to help my dad? I'm in California. How do I arrange this long distance? What will happen to my father if my mother dies?

Children with Special Needs

I think our two-year-old may be autistic. Where do we go to have her tested?

Bereavement

My husband died three months ago. Are there any bereavement groups in Queens? I'm only 50. I need to find a group where there are other people like me.

Jewish Information

I just moved to New York. Do you know how I can meet other young Jewish professionals?

*J-1-1 can be reached Monday to Friday
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In Memoriam

ESTHER DAVIS

For 32 years she brightened the firmament of Kehilath Jeshurun. She came as the life's partner of Cantor Avram Davis in 1977, and since that time she became one of the most beloved and involved members of our community.

Esther Davis was as musical as any of the men in her family, which is no small feat. She loved to sing in shul, at the table and everywhere else. She was a maven on chazzanut and served as a mentor to her son, Cantor Mayer Davis, and was a loving supporter of her husband.

She was a *balabosta* in the fullest sense of that term, running an open home for friends and strangers alike. Her Shabbat table was a thing of beauty, from her culinary skill to her exquisite taste in presentation.

The proud and loving mother of Mayer, Ruby, Yigael and Ruthie and a doting *Bubby* to her grandchildren and great grandchildren, she was the matriarch of her family and a powerful presence in the community.

She was buried in Israel on Rosh Chodesh Elul. Her epitaph, drawn from the psalm for Rosh Chodesh, could very well be: "I will sing to God with my life; I shall chant to my Lord with my being." Her life ended, but the memory of her song will remain forever.

SAMUEL HEYMAN

The Jewish and general community lost a very high impact personality in the untimely passing of Sam Heyman. A man of brilliance, competence and generosity, he was a powerful influence in the fields of public service, general and Jewish philanthropy and higher education.

For us at KJ, however, and at Ramaz, his greatest blessing was his family, his loving and devoted wife, Ronnie, and his four children and children-in-law and, thank God, eight grandchildren. As one listened to eulogies by Ronnie and the four children - and those of friends and colleagues - including Senator Joseph Lieberman, one sensed that of all of Sam's accomplishments, he was most proud of his role as a husband, father and grandfather. He considered his family to be his ultimate legacy.

He and Ronnie were particularly generous to KJ and Ramaz. We are proud that the Heyman Auditorium bears their name. It is one further reminder of his concern for us, for the Jewish world in general and for the United States of America, of which he was so proud.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Ronnie and the entire family. May his memory be a blessing for them and for us all.

MILDRED HOROWITZ

One of the oldest members of our congregation, a very close friend of the late Toni and Alfred Kahn and their family, Mildred Horowitz was an intellectual, reading widely and thinking deeply.

Mildred was very proud of her relationship with KJ. Until she could no longer walk across the park, she was a regular at our Shabbat services and she enjoyed the ambiance of our congregation very much.

She lived well into her 90's with a smile on her face and a love of life and people that made her such an interesting person and such an admirable human being.

HILDA RIBACK

She was proud to be a daughter of the Skidelsky family and prided herself on being a bearer of an intellectual tradition that prized knowledge and learning as the hallmarks of a pious Jew. She quoted freely from the Bible, the Talmud, the prayer book and world literature. It seemed as if there wasn't a subject you could discuss with her which did not elicit a thoughtful, memorable quotation from these sources. It was a privilege to converse with her.

She was a very proud and loving mother to our member, Gaby Propp, and to Debbie Zwang, and she was a beloved grandmother to all of her grandchildren, especially to our member Amory Propp. She loved to come to shul; she loved to listen to sermons and to comment on them. She was a personality to be reckoned with, and to be admired and loved.

PAUL SCHULDER

He was a *balabos* from the old school. A Lieutenant in the Navy during World War II, he and his late wife, Shirley, formed a smashing couple, loved by all and admired by all.

An outstanding communal leader in Flatbush where he served as a Trustee of the Young Israel and as President of the Yeshiva of Flatbush where his four children were educated, Paul lived to see all of his grandchildren educated in day schools and carrying on a tradition which he had received from his parents.

For the last eighteen years we were privileged to have Paul in our midst. He came early to shul and he was a dignified and refined presence in our community. He was the essence of a Modern Orthodox Jew: learned, pious and a proud citizen of the United States of America.

We extend our condolences to all of his children and grandchildren and to our members, Lynnette Gruenhut and Dr. Michael Schulder.

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We thank Rabbi Haskel and Audrey Lookstein, Rabbis Weinstock, Soloveichik and Kaye, and the KJ Sisterhood. The KJ Community, friends and family brought great comfort with the constant flow of visitors during Shiva and beyond, showed exemplary *kavod hamet* by participating in the *kvira* on *Har Hamenuhot* in Jerusalem and shared *chizuk* in the emotional musical tribute on Simchat Torah.

With gratitude and admiration,
Cantor Emeritus Avram Davis
Cantor Mayer and Rochelle Davis & Family
Yigael & Sally Davis & Family
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Dan and Ruth Kalb & Family

BNAI MITZVAH



ARIELLA KAHAN

Mazal Tov to Andrea Fastenberg and Prof. Marcel Kahan upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ariella, on October 17 at Darkhei Noam. Ariella read Parashat Bereishit, the Haftarah, and presented a Dvar Torah on "The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil." Ariella is in the sixth grade at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School.



NATHALIE KAHN

Mazal Tov to Judy and Dr. Hirshel Kahn upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Nathalie, on December 19 at the Jewish Community Center, at which time she will deliver a Dvar Torah relating to Chanukah. Nathalie is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



TALIA LORCH

Mazal Tov to Susanna and Dr. Steven Lorch upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Talia, on December 29 at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, where she will lead a Women's Tefilah and read Parashat Vayigash and its Haftarah. Her Dvar Torah will address the reunion between Yaakov and Yosef. Talia is in the sixth grade at the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ grandmother, Hannah Lorch



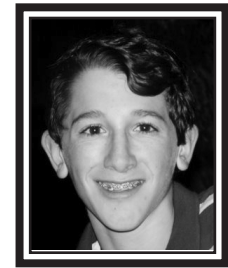
JOSHUA TEPPER

Mazal Tov to Fran and Dr. Alex Tepper on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua, which will take place on December 31st in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he will read Parashat Vayechi. Joshua is in the seventh grade at SAR Academy.



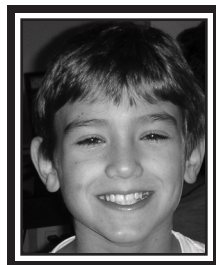
LEO BEVILACQUA

Mazal Tov to Marisa and Michael Bevilacqua upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Leo Tamir, on Shabbat, January 23 in the Main Synagogue at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. He will read Parashat Bo and deliver a Dvar Torah. Leo is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ grandfather Dr. Martin Fox.



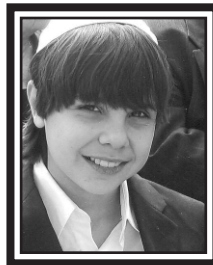
BENJAMIN JASPAN

Mazal Tov to Michele and Ronald Jaskan on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin, which will take place on February 6th in the Main Sanctuary of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Benjamin will read Parashat Yitro and deliver a Dvar Torah. Benjamin is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



DAVID MAJOR

Mazal Tov to Rochelle and Eugene Major, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David, which will be celebrated on Purim day, Sunday February 28th, at the Ramaz Upper School. David will read Megillat Esther and deliver a Dvar Torah on Massechet Megillah. David is in the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ grandparents Gabriella Major and Rudolph Dresdner.



JAKOB KAYE

Mazal Tov to Sheryl Miller upon the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Jakob Josef Kaye, which will take place on March 13 at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Jakob will read from Parashat Vayakel-Pekudei and will deliver a Dvar Torah on the meaning of the Parasha and its personal connection to him. Jakob is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



EMILY SINENSKY

Mazal Tov to Dr. Sara Babich upon the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Emily Sinensky, which will take place at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun on March 13 at a Women's Tefilah where she will read from Parashat Vayakel-Pekudei and deliver a Dvar Torah. Emily is in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Emily and Bennett Epstein, upon the birth of a grandson, Asher Moe Sacks, born to their children Sarah and Alan Sacks.

Sarah and David Berman, upon the birth of their sixth child and fourth son, Theodore. Mazal Tov, as well, to proud KJ grandparents Judy and Michael Steinhart.

Brenda and Albert Bernstein upon the birth of their seventeenth grandchild, Ethan Cole, born to their children, Rena and Ephraim R. Bernstein of Teaneck.

Suri and Kenny Cohen upon the birth of their third child and second daughter, Ava Alexa.

Jennifer and Benjamin Gerut, upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Julia Rose. Mazal Tov, as well, to proud KJ grandparents, Debbie and Dr. Richard Born.

Dina and Jacques Farhi upon the birth of a grandson, Gavriel Shem (Gabriel Sam), born to Talia and Joshua Sadres.

Jessica and Anton Feingold upon the birth of their second child and first son, Ezra Max. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Ann & Hon. Jerome Hornblass.

Ilana and Mitchell Kahn, upon the birth of their third child and second son, Gabriel Ely.

Rhea and Leon Landau, upon the birth of a grandson, Benjamin Netanel, born to their children Steve and Dahlia Oppenheimer.

Janice and Saul Linzer upon the birth of a great grandson.

Edith and Salomon Lipiner upon becoming great-grandparents for the first time with a baby boy born to their children Ariana and Adam Reich, both Ramaz alumni.

Meredith and Lyon Marcus upon the birth of their second child and first daughter, Magnolia Jade.

Carey and Jonathan Miller upon the birth of their second child and first son, Benjamin Lior.

Tziviva and Gabriel Moreen, upon the birth of their second child and first son, Boaz.

Francine and David Perlman upon the birth of their first grandchild, Jacob Louis, born to their children Jason and Chris Perlman.

Diana and Ira Riklis, upon the birth of their grandson, Zachary Joseph, born to their children Talia and Andrew Day.

Dr. Ilana and William Schubert upon the birth of their first child, a son, Leo David.

Danielle and Daniel Shamah upon the birth of their second child and first daughter, Marlena Lily.

Dr. Melanie Englese and Steven Siskind upon the birth of their third child and second daughter, Lila Ruth.

Randi and David Sultan upon the birth of

their third child and second son, Daniel Meyer.

Maiera and Michel Werthenschlag upon the birth of their second son, Ezra Louis.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Eve and Sammy Attias upon the engagement of their daughter, Anaëlle, to Jakob Nawotny, son of Claudia and Shaya Nawotny of Raanana.

Laurie and Dr. Eli Bryk upon the engagement of their daughter, Diana, to Joseph Straus, son of Joyce and Daniel Straus of Englewood.

KJ Outreach Administrator Rachie Lichtenstein, daughter of Aviva and Nathan Lichtenstein of Skokie, Illinois, upon her engagement to Steven Lefkowitz, son of Linda and Harvey Lefkowitz of Southfield, Michigan.

Roni and Bob Pick, upon the engagement of their son, Ben, to Judith Glaser (Ramaz '97), daughter of Linda and Bob Glaser of Great Neck.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov to:

Rita and Fred Distenfeld upon the marriage of their son, Michael, to Erica Pollock, daughter of Sandy and Martin Pollock of Marlboro, NJ.

Louise and Frank Ring upon the marriage of their son, Adam, to Rachel Dobkin, daughter of Toby and Dr. Jay Dobkin of Forest Hills.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Harriet Edleson, upon the launch of her web site, www.worldphotonotes.com, which features her photographs taken throughout the world, and travel news and reviews. Her photographs also will be on view at the Carnegie Hill Gallery, 1377 Lexington Ave. (between 90th and 91st) through the end of 2009. She has written for *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

Dr. Scot Glasberg, upon being elected Vice President of Finance for the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, the largest society of plastic surgeons in the world, and President-Elect of the New York Regional Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Gloria Kobrin upon publishing her first cookbook as an App on the iPhone and iPod Touch.

Gail H. Javitt JD, MPH, director of Law and Policy at the Genetics and Public Policy

Center and a research scientist in the Berman Bioethics Institute at Johns Hopkins University, and daughter of Suzanne and Dr. Norman Javitt, upon delivering a lecture entitled "Direct to Consumer Genetic Testing" at the University of Pittsburgh.

Prof. Alan Rechtschaffen upon the publication of his book *Capital Markets, Derivatives and the Law* and its prominent placement on Amazon's list of best selling business/law books.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Robert S. April MD, received an MA in French Literature from NYU in September, and may be the oldest graduate in the NYU Graduation Ceremonies of Spring 2010. He also participated in a colloquium in June 2009 on "Writing the Shoah" about Jonathan Littell's novel *The Kindly Ones*. His article can be read by looking at "Afterview" on this website: <http://bienveillantes.huji.ac.il/>

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Dr. Michel Amzallag, upon the passing of his father, Moise Amzallag.

Ronald Bernard, upon the passing of his father, Bernard Bernard.

Joseph A. Bierman, upon the passing of his mother, Marie Bierman.

Emily Epstein, upon the passing of her mother, Marion Kaplan.

Hadassah Goldring, upon the passing of her father, Shlomo Barzily.

Abby Ellison Kanarek and Dr. Irwin Kanarek, upon the passing of her son, Gil Ellison.

Malvine Lampell, upon the passing of her sister, Natalie Friedman.

Ruth Lewittes, upon the passing of her mother, Herta Sulzbach.

Victor Mintz, upon the passing of his father, Herman Mintz.

Rivka Platt, upon the passing of her father, Yisrael Freiman.

Susan Saslaw, upon the passing of her father, Joseph Saslaw.

Salomon Sassoon, upon the passing of his father, Rahmo Sassoon.

Ronit Schwab, upon the passing of her mother, Yehudit Avshal.

Dr. Michael Singer, upon the passing of his brother, Jonathan Singer.

Bonnie Stern, upon the passing of her mother, Mrs. I. Berson.

Ronald Tauber, upon the passing of his mother, Lillian Tauber.

Wendy Yadid, upon the passing of her mother, Lorraine Kruger.

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



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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
December					
11-12	Vayeshev	4:10 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:09 PM
18-19	Miketz	4:12 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:11 PM
25-26	Vayigash	4:16 PM	4:30 PM	4:10 PM	5:14 PM
January					
1-2	Vayehi	4:21 PM	4:35 PM	4:15 PM	5:20 PM
8-9	Shemot	4:27 PM	4:40 PM	4:20 PM	5:26 PM
15-16	Vaera	4:35 PM	4:50 PM	4:30 PM	5:33 PM
22-23	Bo	4:43 PM	4:55 PM	4:35 PM	5:41 PM
29-30	Beshalach	4:51 PM	5:05 PM	4:45 PM	5:49 PM
February					
5-6	Yitro	5:00 PM	5:10 PM	4:55 PM	5:56 PM
12-13	Mishpatim	5:09 PM	5:20 PM	5:00 PM	6:04 PM
19-20	Terumah	5:17 PM	5:30 PM	5:10 PM	6:13 PM
26-27	Tetzaveh-Zachor	5:25 PM	5:35 PM	5:20 PM	6:20 PM
March					
5-6	Ki Tisa	5:33 PM	5:45 PM	5:25 PM	6:29 PM
12-13	Vayakhel-Pekudei	5:41 PM	5:55 PM	5:35 PM	6:36 PM
19-20	Vayikra	6:49 PM	6:45 PM	6:40 PM	7:43 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

Dec. 7- 244:25 PM	Jan. 17-214:50 PM	Feb. 21-245:35 PM
Dec. 28-314:30 PM	Jan. 24-285:00 PM	March 1-45:40 PM
Jan. 3-74:35 PM	Jan. 31-Feb. 45:10 PM	March 7-115:50 PM
Jan. 10-144:45 PM	Feb. 7-115:15 PM	March 14-186:45 PM
	Feb. 14-185:25 PM	

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. - Wed., December 14-16
Chanukah Service at 7:10 am
Thurs.-Fri., December 17-18
Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh Tevet
Morning Service at 7:00 am
Friday, December 25
Morning Service at 8:30 am

Sunday, December 27
Fast of the 10th of Tevet
Fast Begins at 6:07 am
Morning Service at 6:50 am
Afternoon Service at 4:15 pm
Fast Ends at 5:12 pm
Friday, January 1
Morning Service at 8:30 am
Saturday, January 30
Tu B'Shevat

Monday, February 15
Rosh Chodesh Adar
Morning Service at 7:00 am
For Purim Schedule see page 6
Tuesday, March 16
Rosh Chodesh Nisan
Morning Service at 7:00 am

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