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As Rosh Hashanah Approaches

BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, it occurred to me that the 30th Yahrzeit of my father, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, of blessed memory, came during the summer when very few of us were around. He died on the 18th of Tammuz, Friday, July 13, 1979 at the age of 76. He had been the Rabbi of our congregation for fifty-six years. The actual thirtieth Yahrzeit was July 9-10.

Three weeks before the Yahrzeit, I delivered a sermon reflecting on my father's

life and accomplishments. Although we sent out that sermon over the internet, I thought that a permanent record of what my father meant to the Modern Orthodox world warranted publishing the sermon in our first Bulletin of the New Year. The sermon, then, is herewith presented along with a very famous picture of my father, taken in a nursery class of Ramaz in 1977 as we were planning the new Upper School building on East 78th Street.

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TOVA AND NORMAN BULOW SHABBAT SCHOLAR NOVEMBER 6-7

Israel-born Rabbi Dr. Benjamin (Benny) Lau is the director of the Center for Judaism and Society as well as the Institute for Social Justice at Beit Morasha of Jerusalem. Rabbi Lau also serves as rabbi of the Ramban Synagogue in the Katamon neighborhood of Jerusalem. He lectures on halakhah and social justice at Beit Morasha's Robert M. Beren College and Bar-Ilan University. Prior to initiating the Institute for Social Justice, Rabbi Lau founded the Moshe Green Beit Midrash for Women's Leadership at Beren College.

Rabbi Lau studied at Har Etzion Yeshiva and the Yeshiva of the Kibbutz HaDati. Awarded a PhD and MA from Bar-Ilan, Rabbi Lau has extensive experience in both formal and informal education. A charismatic community leader and social activist, Rabbi Lau serves as consultant for a number of leading organizations, is widely published, and has been cited frequently by the media for his role in recent attempts to reform the rabbinic establishment in the State of Israel.



Our Guest Scholar

RABBI DR. BENJAMIN LAU

November 6th- Following Friday Evening Dinner

"Living a Modern Orthodox Life in Israel:

The Tension Between Noah's Ark and Avraham's Tent"

November 7th- Following 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Services

"What a Mincha!"

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

NATHAN AND VIVIAN FINK MEMORIAL LECTURE

"Sounds of Silence: When Rosh Hashanah Falls on Shabbat"

RABBI HERSHEL SCHACHTER

Thursday, September 10 at 8:00 PM

SELICHOT SERVICES

Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 PM

Preceded by a Collation at 9:15 PM

ROSH HASHANAH WORKSHOP

Monday, September 14 at 7:00 PM

YOM KIPPUR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM

RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK

SECOND ANNUAL TESHUVAH LECTURE

IN MEMORY OF

FLORENCE FISHEL COHEN

*"Why Do We Have So Much Trouble
Doing Teshuva:*

Reflections from Rambam Hilchot Teshuva"

RABBI SAUL BERMAN

Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 pm

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SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA

"Time for a Tone-up:

Why Do We Shout Barukh Shem?"

RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK

Saturday, September 26

at the conclusion of 9:00 AM services

SUKKOT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM

RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK

AS ROSH HASHANAH APPROACHES: REFLECTIONS ON THE 30TH YAHRZEIT OF RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN (SERMON FOR PARSHAT SHELACH, JUNE 20, 2009)

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There is a story behind the picture [see photo right]. The children knew me (I had been Principal for ten years at the time). They didn't really know him. We both sat down and I asked the children: "Do you know who this man is? They looked somewhat perplexed. One of them - her name then was Lilly Eisenstat - said: "That's Rabbi Lookstein!" I said: "How could he be Rabbi Lookstein if I am Rabbi Lookstein?" One little boy replied: "Well you both have black shoes!" Another commented: "Well you both have black suits with stripes!" A third opined: "But he has hair up here (pointing to my father's mustache) and you have hair down here (pointing to my Viennese beard)." I finally got them off the concrete and onto the subject of relationships. One child then said: "He's your brother!" My father was thrilled at that response, as you can see from his delighted smile in the picture; that's exactly when the photographer snapped the picture. The next child said: "He's your grandfather!" My father did not even hear that answer (by that point in his life he had selective hearing). Finally, another child said: "He's your father!"

In a very real sense, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein was all three for this community: he was our brother, our father, and our grandfather.

May God bless all of us with a year of health, happiness, safety and peace.

What made Calev unique, set apart from all of the scouts? The Torah addresses that question

ועבדי כלב עקב היתה רוח אחרת עמו,
והביאותיו אל הארץ אשר בא שמה וזרעו
יורשנה

"But my servant Calev, inasmuch as he had a different spirit, and he followed me faithfully, therefore I will bring him to the land to which he is going and his descendants will inherit it."

On the words *ruach acheret* - "different spirit," Rashi, quoting the *Midrash Tanchuma*, comments "he had two spirits, one expressed with his lips and one in his heart. To the scouts he said: 'I am with you,' but in his heart he was determined to speak the truth."

Unless we are to assume that Calev was a charlatan, a devious person who appeared one way to one group and another way to a different group-- something which doesn't fit with our general understanding of Calev and which is unlikely to be Rashi's interpretation of him-- we must assume that there were two aspects to Calev's behavior and personality. It is those two aspects that I would like to explore with you.

First, Calev got along with the establishment. He was at one with his fellow Jews. He was on speaking terms with them all. He respected others whose views he did not share, because he knew that-- as Rav Kook used to say-- "that which unites us is far greater than that which divides us." This was one aspect of his personality and his MO.

But he had another side to him.

ובלבו היה לומר האמת

"In his heart he spoke the truth" and he would not compromise on it. He knew that God would bring Israel to the Promised Land and that

his fellow scouts had brought back a false report, a report from which he dissented publicly.

...ויהם כלב את העם. "And Calev silenced the people". As Rashi explains, only he could silence the people because they knew that he was one of them. Only he could say *עלה נעלה וירשנו אותה כי יכול לה נוכח לה* "Let us go and inherit the land because we are capable of doing that."

This dual approach of Calev mirrors the pattern of behavior of my father, of blessed memory. He was very much a part of the Jewish people, beloved, respected and appreciated by all streams: Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, Chabad, Yiddishist, Zionist, Secularist - every group and every person. For a week after his passing on Friday, July 13, 1979, from Sunday until the next Friday, there were no less than fifty-seven death notices

in the The New York Times, representing the total Jewish community. A partial



listing will illustrate how much of a persona grata he was to all Jews. Aside from the notices of KJ and Ramaz, there were extended obituaries from Federation, UJA, the New York Board of Rabbis (of which he had been a President), the Rabbinical Council of America (of which he was a past President), the JDC on whose board he sat for decades, Bar Ilan University of which he had been President and then Chancellor, Yeshiva University in which he took a major leadership role, especially during the period between the death of Dr. Bernard Revel and the appointment of Dr. Samuel Belkin as the new President, American Mizrahi Women, the Religious Zionists of America, Emunah Women of America, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, The National Conference on Soviet Jewry, The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, the Jewish Welfare Board, The United Synagogue of America, (Conservative) the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization, The World Federation of Bergen Belzen Association, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, the Park Avenue Synagogue, the Synagogue Council of America of which he had been a President only a few years before his passing, the Board of Jewish Education, Yeshiva Torah Vadaath, The Rabbi Jacob Joseph School, the Israel Bond Organization and many local synagogues.

I do not recall such a wall-to-wall response of mourning, grief and appreciation - not before nor since. All of this was indicative of how he embraced the

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ISRAEL ACTION

Check out "Artzeinu" -
The Weekly Israel News Update
edited by fellow KJ members

Joshua Glatt
Jonathan Hornblass
Dan Ottensoser
Erica Schwartz

This site provides easy access to
numerous news sources and videos,
and is well organized
by general topic.

<http://artzeinu.org>

WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, June 20, and this Bulletin, which went to press on August 20:

Gila Yarmish Dworkin
and Marc Dworkin
Melanie and Jason Kollander
Sheryl Miller
Jessica and Andrew Levinson
Melanie Englese and Steven Sisskind

UJA-Federation Introduces Mental Health GPS: *Guiding Parents through Services*

UJA-Federation recently introduced a new program for families who are seriously concerned about the emotional well-being of their child, but aren't sure where to turn.

Mental Health GPS matches families with professional Family Resource Specialists who can help them navigate the often complex mental health system, from evaluation and diagnosis to treatment and follow-up. Eligible families include, but are not limited to, those whose child, adolescent or teenager (under the age of 18) shows signs of:

- Anxiety or depression
- Bi-polar or schizophrenic diagnoses
- Substance abuse, eating disorders or other self-destructive behavior
- Extensive bullying occurrences
- Serious behavioral problems

Trained Family Resource Specialists, all of whom are experienced social workers, will serve as an advocate and supportive voice during the family's journey through the mental health system. In addition to helping families identify the best course of intervention, they can link them with one or more of the following:

- Qualified public and private mental health practitioners
- Mentoring programs such as Big Brother/Big Sister
- School-based programs
- Community-based programs
- Hospitalization

This consultation service is free, thanks to the sponsorship of UJA-Federation of New York.

Family resource specialist can be reached as follows:

Region-Wide:

UJA-Federation of New York's J11 Information and Referral Center:
1-877-UJA-NYJ11 (852-6951)

Westchester:

Brooke Johnson, Westchester Jewish Community Services:
914-761-0600, ext. 318

Long Island and Queens:

Miriam Turk, FECS Health and Human Services System:
646-483-7859

Brooklyn:

Melanie Pearce, Jewish Child Care Association:
718-859-4500, ext. 111

Manhattan, Staten Island, Bronx:

Meredith Levine, Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services:
212-632-4668

RABBI SAUL BERMAN

TO DELIVER

SECOND ANNUAL

TESHUVAH LECTURE:

**“Why Do We Have So Much
Trouble Doing Teshuva: *Reflections
from Rambam Hilchot Teshuva*”**

IN MEMORY OF

FLORENCE FISHEL COHEN



Florence Fishel Cohen, z'l

We are pleased to announce that the second annual Florence Fishel Cohen Teshuvah Lecture, will be given this year by Rabbi Saul Berman on Tuesday evening, September 22 at 7:30.

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.

The annual Teshuvah Lecture is 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.

TWO MODERN MIKVAHS

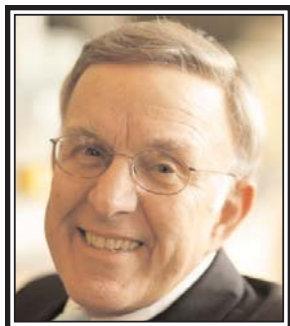
are located in our community at:
419 East 77th Street
(between 1st & York Avenues)
Telephone: 212-359-2020

and

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

ISAAC SHERMAN, ROBERT SUGARMAN AND MORRIS MASSEL CHOSEN FOR TORAH HONORS ON SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH

The Officers of the Congregation are very pleased to announce that Isaac Sherman, Robert Sugarman and Morris Massel 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.



Chatan Torah - Isaac Sherman

It is a special pleasure to salute Isaac Sherman as Chatan Torah inasmuch as, throughout his life, in whatever community he has resided, Isaac has been a leader in service to the Jewish community.

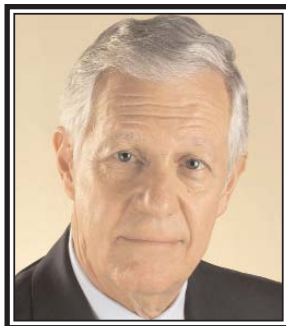
Born in Boro Park, he was educated at Yeshiva Eitz Chaim, Talmudical Academy of Brooklyn, Yeshiva University and Brooklyn College. He received his JD from New York University and he practices law as a partner in Sherman & Gordon with a specialization in real property tax value litigation.

He and his wife Judy, who are in their 53rd year of loving marriage, have been devoted servants of the Jewish community throughout their married life. Isaac has been an Officer and Trustee of the Flatbush Park Jewish Center, Congregation Kneseth Israel (known as the "White Shul") and of course, KJ, where he has served as a Vice President and Trustee with great distinction. He is a past Chairman of the Hillel School (HAFTR), a past Vice President, Trustee and delegate to UJA Federation and he is currently an Honorary Trustee of the Jewish Child Care Association.

Isaac and Judy have been particularly active and generous to AMIT and the Israel Cancer Research Fund of which Judy is currently a Vice President. Isaac is also a Board Member of the One Israel Fund.

They are the proud parents of Joanne and Jeff Ingerman and Jonathan and Sharon Sherman and they are loving grandparents of Jennifer and Dr. Adam Yedlin, Jason and Dena Ingerman and Lauren, Matthew and Michael Sherman.

What is so special about Isaac, however, is his very loving and sweet



Chatan Bereishit - Robert Sugarman

Born and bred in the Bronx, Bob Sugarman received his BA from Yale and his JD from Yale Law School. He has been happily married to Surie, a Vice President of our congregation, for 24 years. He is the father of three married daughters (Dana, married to Marc Zimmerman, Alison, married to Daniel Brown and Amanda, married this past June 28th to Jonathan Klatt), a son (Jason) and he is a proud grandfather of five grandchildren. What is particularly noteworthy for us is that Amanda and Jason are both Ramaz alumni.

A retired partner of the law firm of Weil, Gotshal and Manges, he was, for many years, a nationally recognized trial lawyer specializing in Intellectual Property litigation. He has been extremely helpful, as a lawyer, in providing KJ with critical legal services, most recently his arrangement and coordination of his law firm's pro bono representation of KJ in the very extensive revision of KJ's by-laws and governance documents, a gift of enormous legal and economic value to the congregation. Several years ago, he arranged for the firm to advise the congregation in connection with its position concerning a member who refuses to give his spouse a get.

In the broader Jewish community, Bob Sugarman has been active in the Anti-Defamation League for four decades, serving as chair of most of its national committees. He is slated to become National Chair of ADL next month. He has also served as President of Hillel of New York and a member of the Executive Committee of the Lawyers' Division of UJA-Federation of Greater New York.



Chatan Maftir - Morris Massel

Anyone who comes to our morning minyan will spot a young man davening fervently and modestly in the corner seat of the first row in the Max J. Etra Chapel. The visitor or regular worshipper will invariably receive a smile and a greeting from Morris Massel. The scene will be the same winter and summer, no matter the weather, no matter the date. That is the kind of consistency and dedication one sees in our Chatan Maftir.

The son of Elihu and the late Matilda Massel, Morris was raised in Scarsdale and grew up attending the Young Israel of Scarsdale. He was graduated with a BA in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D., Order of the Coif, from the New York University School of Law. Currently, Morris is an attorney at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, specializing in bankruptcy and business restructuring.

Whatever goes on in KJ will have Morris' involvement. He is one of the leaders of our Daf Yomi learning cycle, and the siyum held in honor of the completion of each tractate of the Talmud has traditionally taken place in the Massel home. For many years he was a leader in our Young People's Minyan. Morris is also a Trustee of KJ and a co-founder and Co-Chair of the Next Generation Board of the Bankruptcy Division of UJA.

He would be the first to say that the most inspirational event in his life came in 2001 when Morris married Caroline Arfa, a born and bred KJ and Ramaz product. Caroline herself, among her many professional and communal activities, is the founder and Chair of the Young Leadership Associates of the American Society for Yad Vashem and a very active

***Our Chatanim will be officially installed on Shemini Atzeret, Shabbat, October 10.
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 three families whose love of, and commitment to, Torah merit our honor and tribute.***

Isaac Sherman continued

personality. He has many friends in the KJ community in which he and Judy have lived for the past fifteen years. They have been a gift to our synagogue just by their presence. Whatever one asks of them is accepted with a smile, happiness and a joy just to serve. They are splendid examples of how to live a Modern Orthodox Jewish life.

What a pleasure to bestow the honor of concluding our reading of the Torah on Isaac Sherman who lives a complete Torah life.

*Robert Sugarman continued*

Currently, he is counsel to the Collections and Exhibitions Committee of the Museum of the Jewish Heritage. As a sports enthusiast, he is probably the first of all Chattanim in our history to win the silver medal, in his age group, in the triathlon in the Maccabiah Games in Israel which he did this past July.

Something of a renaissance man in the Jewish community, Bob has helped his wife Surie in her leadership role at KJ serving as the man in the background behind every successful woman. At Ramaz, he served on the Lower School Liaison Committee and the Upper School Integrity Committee. Bob and Surie also sing in Kol Ram, the KJ/Ramaz Community Chorus.

Ever since he married Surie he has been deepening his commitment to Jewish ritual and practice. As such, it is particularly appropriate that we honor him as Chatan Bereishit, the Groom of the Beginning, at KJ, this High Holy Day season.

Morris Massel continued

member of Keshet and the Sisterhood. She has supported and inspired Morris in all of his astonishing religious growth and development. They and their two precious children, both Ramaz students, Rebecca, a first grader and Alexander, a Pre-K'er, form the most idyllic KJ/Ramaz family, quietly serving as an example to their peers and opening their home to friends, members and fellow students in a demonstration of beautiful hospitality.

What a privilege and pleasure it is for us to be able to honor Morris with the reading of the first Haftarah of the year and its timeless message of chazak, ve'ematz - be strong and resolute.



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At the KJ Annual Dinner

Save the Date!

Saturday night
December 5, 2009
8:00 p.m.

Ramaz Upper School
Morris & Ida Newman
Educational Center
60 East 78th Street

Dinner Chairs

Karen & Steven Gurewitsch
Janie & Bob Schwalbe
Robyn Price Stonehill & David Stonehill

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 18, Rosh Hashanah Eve

Selichot Service (Z'chor Brit)6:30 AM
Candle Lighting 6:41 PM
Evening6:45 PM

Shabbat, September 19, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning8:00 AM
Beginners Service8:00 AM
Evening6:35 PM
Candle Lighting After 7:34 PM

Wednesday, September 20, Rosh Hashanah II

Morning8:00 AM
Beginners Service8:00 AM
Tashlich5:45 PM
Evening6:45 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov7:33 PM

TSOM (FAST OF) GEDALIAH

Monday, September 21

Fast begins5:30 AM
Morning6:45 AM
Mincha6:35 PM
Fast ends7:28 PM

DAILY SERVICES:

Tuesday-Friday, September 22-25

Tuesday Morning7:00 AM
Wednesday Morning7:00 AM
Thursday Morning6:45 AM
Friday Morning7:00 AM
Tues.-Fri. Evenings6:40 PM

SHABBAT SHUVA

Friday, September 25

Evening6:40 PM

Saturday, September 26

Morning9:00 AM
Shabbat Shuva Discourse by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
Learners and Intermediate Services9:30 AM
Evening6:20 PM
Shabbat ends7:22 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 27, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning8:10 AM
Mincha2:30 PM
Candle Lighting6:25 PM
Kol Nidre6:25 PM
Beginners Kol Nidre6:10 PM

Monday, September 28, Yom Kippur Day

All Services9:00 AM
Conclusion of Yom Tov7:18 PM

SUKKOT

Friday, October 2, Sukkot Eve

Morning7:30 AM
Candle Lighting6:18 PM
Evening6:30 PM

Shabbat, October 3, Sukkot I

Morning9:00 AM
Evening6:15 PM
Candle LightingAfter 7:11 PM

Sunday, October 4, Sukkot II

Morning9:00 AM
Evening6:25 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov7:09 PM

DAILY SERVICES - CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Monday- Thursday, October 5 - 8

Morning6:50 AM
Evening6:20 PM

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Friday, October 9, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Services6:30 AM
Candle Lighting6:06 PM
Evening6:20 PM

Shabbat, October 10, Shemini Atzeret

Morning Services9:00 AM
Mincha followed by
Ma'ariv and Simchat Torah Hakafot6:05 PM
Candle LightingAfter 6:59 PM

Sunday, October 11, Simchat Torah

Morning9:00 AM
Women's Tefilah Group9:15 AM
Evening6:15 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov6:57 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..... 6:25 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades only)

YOM KIPPUR DAY11:00 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 her new space right off 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 12, 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 14, a half hour before morning services.

ROSH HASHANAH

- Beginning of God's judgment.
- Sounding of the Shofar around 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 20. (Those ill at home or hospital should contact Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for special arrangements.)

Rituals to Remember

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

First Night

- Rosh Hashanah greeting upon leaving shul:

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"May you be inscribed for a Good Year."

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

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Second Night

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

Second Day

- *Tashlich* - Sunday, September 20, 5:45 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.

Tsom Gedaliah (Fast of Gedaliah)

- Monday, September 21.

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 7:10 AM on Sunday, September 27. 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 6:25 PM in the Synagogue House and Gottesman lobbies before Kol Nidre on Sunday, September 27.

SUKKOT

- All meals with bread or *mezonot* should be eaten in a Sukkah.
- Lulav and Etrog will be used beginning on Sunday, October 4, because they 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 Friday, September 25.

Sukkah Meals in the KJ Sukkah

Friday, October 2 – Dinner

Shabbat, October 3 – Lunch and Dinner

Sunday, October 4 – Lunch

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

Deadline, *space permitting*, is Friday morning, September 25

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

- Friday morning, October 9 at 6:30 AM.
- Close of the penitential season.
- High Holy Day melodies. Seven circuits around the shul with *Lulav* and *Etrog* and beating of the *Aravot*.
- President's breakfast sponsored by Miriam and Eric Feldstein.

Shemini Atzeret

- Yizkor recited.
- Chatanim presented to the congregation.

Simchat Torah

I Evening – Saturday, October 10

- 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 - Sunday, October 11

- 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

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total community and how he was in turn embraced by it.

But he had another *ruach* too. A *ruach balev*, a spirit in his heart which reflected the fact that although he was a practical pluralist who respected all Jews and who knew that different Jews would worship differently and think differently, he was not a theoretical pluralist. He believed in his heart that Modern Orthodox Judaism was the right way to live and he was determined to implant in our community something very special. That something, that *ruach*, was caught by the Rav, of blessed memory, in a centennial lecture which he delivered at KJ in the winter of 1973 before a packed synagogue. At the end of an hour's presentation on "The Synagogue: Institution and Idea", the Nature of the Jewish Community, the Rav added something about my father that captured his *ruach baalev*, his essence, the qualities and vision that made him unique and that impacted so decisively, not alone upon this community, but on the entire Orthodox world.

I have a liking for pioneers, for experimenters, for people who do not follow the crowd. I have always admired the first ones, the early ones, the beginners, the originators. Even in my *derashot* I prefer to speak about those who defied public opinion, disregarded mockery and ridicule, and blazed new trails leading man to God.

I accepted without any hesitation the invitation to be present here tonight. I did not tell young Rabbi Lookstein, "Come back, I'll think about it, I'll consult my calendar." I said, "Do you want me? I'll be there." My presence here tonight is only

due to my profound respect for your rabbi, your illustrious rabbi, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein.

Your Rabbi - I don't know whether he knows it himself - is a courageous pioneer. I have watched Rabbi Lookstein. He has performed an almost superhuman task in representing the Orthodox Jewish community vis-à-vis the outside world - I mean the Jewish outside world, the non-Orthodox, nontraditional community, as well as the gentile world - with tact, dignity, and wisdom. He has enhanced our prestige.

When I came to the United States so many years ago, Orthodoxy was at a low ebb. People, including Orthodox Jews themselves, laughed at Orthodoxy, greeted the Orthodox rabbi, and the so-called Orthodox Shul, with disdain and contempt. As a matter of fact, twenty-five or thirty years ago we were not confronted by opponents, for we meant nothing. We did not arouse enmity; no one fought us. We simply did not exist. We were met with laughter and ridicule, not with opposition. The situation is different now. And the change is due to a few people, among whom Rabbi Lookstein is the most outstanding pioneer. He showed the American Jew that it is possible to have a synagogue conform to the *Shulchan Arukh* both architecturally and ritually. As an example, I mean that this type of *Bimah*-- which reminds me of my youth, of my childhood years, and I feel kind of nostalgic about it-- conforms to the *Shulchan Arukh*, and at the same time, this Shul excelled as far as good behavior, cultivated manners, and beautiful sermons were concerned. Rabbi Lookstein contradicted the accusation hurled at us-- and I heard this accusation many times-- that Orthodoxy is synonymous with slovenliness, vulgarity, ignorance, lack of culture, lack of refinement. I believe that we owe Rabbi Lookstein a *yasher koach* for it.

He was not satisfied with a house of worship. He built the Ramaz School. To build a day school in the New York East Side nearly forty years ago bordered on the heroic.

Rabbi Lookstein is fully responsible for the survival, growth, and development of Bar-Ilan University.

What else can I say? I can only pray that your illustrious rabbi should continue for many, many years to build, to quest for greater and greater things, to reach out for the impossible; however, as far as Rabbi Lookstein is concerned, I do not know whether "impossible" is the proper description.

Was my father successful? Did he establish a lasting legacy? There are many ways to answer those questions. One way, however, is to cite the two valedictory addresses delivered at the Commencement Exercises of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Upper School of Ramaz on Wednesday, June 17.

The first was delivered by Talia Thurm of our congregation who was both the President of the student-body and the captain of the undefeated Ramaz Girls Varsity Basketball team - undefeated until the finals of the Yeshiva League Playoff in which we were upset. She said: "We know the importance of being a mensch and exemplifying true Jewish values. We are Torah observant men and women with a strong commitment to Israel and helping, not just our fellow Jews but anyone in need. We can quote Shakespeare or Shas. We leave with a clear sense of who we are as both keepers of tradition and citizens of the modern world." My father would have kvelled.

The second valedictory address was delivered in a beautiful Hebrew by my father's great-grandson, David Baruch, who was the second third generation graduate in the history of Ramaz. There was also a third that night, Daniele Deluty, the daughter of alumna Rebecca Schub, and the granddaughter of alumna, Frances Durst Schub.

David's speech was all about making a difference in the world and the capacity that each of us has to change the world. He credited Ramaz with inspiring this conviction in him and he cited one example of how a Ramaz program strengthened that conviction.

In February 2008, when David was a Junior, he went with DeeDee Benel and twenty students from Ramaz to work over President's weekend for Habitat for Humanity in York, Pennsylvania, building and renovating houses for the poor. For two days the students worked tirelessly to improve the lives of people whom they had never met. One of their co-workers was a retiree by the name of Gary with whom they established a warm relationship. David asked Gary: "Why are you doing this after you have retired from your previous work?" Gary answered: "Because there is a job to do." David concluded that the most important thing he learned during those two days was just that: "There's a job to do".

One hundred and seven years ago, on the first night of Chanukah, a Yosef was born who had two *ruchot* within him: One, a love for and a commitment to all Jews; and the second, to change the Jewish world, to make a difference, to affect decisively the face and essence of American Orthodox Judaism. He left his lasting imprint on our community - KJ and Ramaz - and on the total Jewish community. He knew he had a job to do and, because of him, so do we: his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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EYTAN ZADOFF, KJ YOUTH DIRECTOR, LOOKS BACK AND AHEAD

5769 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 5770!

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 Bina Lipschutz and Tshala Swissa.

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 begin at 10:00 A.M, Saturday night learning with Rabbi Soloveichik for all children in grades 2-6 and Tot Shabbat Friday Night Dinners and Seuda Shlishit. 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!

5770 YOUTH DEPARTMENT FALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 18	KJHL
Oct. 18	Season Opening Rooftop Bar-B-Q Bash
Oct. 24	Open Gym Night for grades 2-4
Oct. 25	KJHL
Oct. 31	Family Seudah Shlishit
Oct. 31	Open Gym Night for grades 5-8
Nov. 1	KJHL
Nov. 7	Fall Youth Shabbaton
Nov. 7	Open Gym Night for grades 2-4
Nov. 8	KJHL
Nov. 13	Tot Shabbat
Nov. 14	Family Mishnayot Learning with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for grades 2-4
Nov. 14	Open Gym Night for grades 5-8
Nov. 15	KJHL
Nov. 21	Open Gym night for grades 2-4
Nov. 22	KJHL

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Three 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 begins on September 13th at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to sample JYC's start-of-the-year sessions and programs on that date. 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 Tzivya Kramer, JYC's director, at JYC@ckj.org or 212-794-1592, or see www.jyc.info

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.

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WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE KJ SISTERHOOD

For over a century American Jewish women have banded together to form sisterhoods, according to Felicia D. Herman, Executive Director of Natan and author of *American Synagogue Sisterhoods: Jewish Women Serving Congregation, Denomination, American and World Jewry*.

"Sisterhoods," Herman writes, "serve as philanthropic organizations, pursuing a community-oriented vision of uplift of the poor; they have provided innumerable services to their own congregations, raised much-needed funds, maintained religious schools, fostered congregational unity, and sponsored educational programs for adult women and men. Sisterhoods offered Jewish women a place to gather as women and as Jews, to socialize with each other, and to strengthen the bonds that connect them. Even the word "sisterhood" indicates a certain type of relationship that members have always striven for among themselves: a closeness, a sisterliness, a familiar, familial feeling."

This is all certainly true of the Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood which is committed to good works and improving the lives of people. The Sisterhood does this in many ways, sometimes publicly and sometimes quietly. Members of the Sisterhood prepare a Shiva home and arrange for the first meal to be delivered to those in mourning. New KJ members receive a welcome package, courtesy of the Sisterhood. Funds the Sisterhood raises contribute to KJ programs and activities, such as the communal Sukkah, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts. In addition, the Sisterhood funds any unsponsored Shabbat kiddushim.

To bring women in the community together, the Sisterhood offers diverse programming from visits to museums and themed boutiques to free educational

seminars and cooking classes. The annual Spring Luncheon and Boutique is the Sisterhood's largest fundraiser. Funds raised through our programming are used to support social action projects that benefit families and individuals in our community and around the world, either directly or through the KJ Benevolent Fund. For example, last year an Indian-themed cooking class helped support the Mumbai Chabad House. Another beneficiary is a Ramaz student. Each year the Sisterhood supports a Ramaz scholarship, enabling a student to attend Ramaz from kindergarten through high school. The Sisterhood also provides support to the Jacques & Hanna Schwalbe Mikvah.

The organizations we have supported charitably in the past include: the Community of Sderot, Dorot, Hatzolah, the Israeli Defense Forces, Magen David Adom, Project Ezra, Sharsheret, and UJA, among many others.

The events we have planned for 2009-2010 include:

Annual Sisterhood Luncheon

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Boutiques

December 6 (Pre-Chanukah),

June 3 (Spring Luncheon)

Evening Cooking Classes

November 3, March

Museum Events

October 27, Kandinsky Exhibit at the

Guggenheim Museum

February TBD

Sotheby's Judaica and Israeli Art

Exhibition

November 19

Free Educational Seminars on Social

Issues

October 14, How to Protect Our Children

Spring 2010 TBD

Workshop: How To Protect Our Children

Sexual abuse and domestic violence are issues that even the Orthodox community faces today. Learning how to recognize the signs, and what to do if you suspect someone is being harmed, are among the topics to be covered at the "How to Protect Our Children" workshop which will be held on Wednesday, October 14th, 7:30 pm, at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. The event is co-sponsored by the Sisterhoods of KJ and Cong. Orach Chaim.

The workshop will introduce The Mount Sinai Savi Takanot Project and Beth Israel's Victim Services Program's SOVRI Helpline to the Community population. It will include a panel of experts in this field from both hospitals who will provide answers to concerns and questions. This crucial program should not be missed.

For more information contact:

Yvonne Koppel (yvonne121@aol.com)

Your support can help us reach more people in need. You can get involved by chairing, volunteering or attending an event. Contact one of us if you would like to get involved in the Sisterhood:

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If you are making a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at KJ between September 2010 and June 2011, 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.

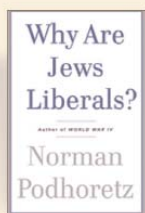
If your child attends Ramaz and you are a member of KJ planning a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Riva Alper must be notified directly of your plans. Reserving a date with Ramaz does not imply that it is reserved at KJ.

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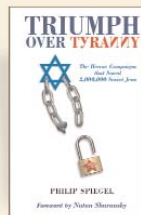


Why Are Jews Liberals?

OCTOBER 25

with author Norman Podhoretz

Norman Podhoretz is now Editor-at-Large for Commentary magazine, of which he was Editor-in-Chief for thirty-five years. He is also an adjunct fellow of the Hudson Institute and the author of numerous bestselling books, including *Making It*, *Breaking Ranks*, *My Love Affair with America*, *The Prophets*, and *World War IV*. Mr. Podhoretz holds the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.



Triumph over Tyranny

NOVEMBER 22

with author Phil Spiegel

Triumph over Tyranny is the first book in English to describe the clandestine activities of the Chabad movement to keep Judaism alive in the Soviet Union during the regimes of Stalin and Khrushchev. It discloses the dramatic story of the Israeli government's secret missions to contact and aid Soviet Jews in their quest to emigrate and live as Jews in Israel.

HERE TO HELP: KIM SCHNEIDERMAN

The primary role of our part-time social worker is to link members of our community to services like career counseling, bereavement groups, caregiver support, emotional support, entitlement assistance, food packages, home care, domestic violence programs, and Shabbat hospitality for relatives visiting ill family members in local hospitals. Ms. Schneiderman can also conduct initial evaluations for Connect to Care, a comprehensive set of services established by UJA-Federation to help those directly impacted by the economic crisis. Ms. Schneiderman creates programs in collaboration with the rabbinic team, responding to the community's emotional, practical, and spiritual needs.

Ms. Schneiderman earned her Masters in Social Work at the

University of Maryland. Her social work career began in Baltimore, Maryland, where she interned at



Jewish Family Services and a government agency providing supportive counseling and career direction for women. She then went on to work at outpatient mental health and substance abuse clinic, where she facilitated individual and group therapy, and led psycho-educational programs. She is also a member of UJA-Federation's Spiritual Care Professional Advisory Board.

Ms. Schneiderman is one of several synagogue-based social workers with the Jewish Board of Children and Family Services' (JBFCF) Partners in Caring program, which is made possible by a grant from UJA-Federation of New York. She can be reached at 212-774-5620 and socialworker@ckj.org.

To find out more of what UJA has to offer, see their ad on page 19.

EXCITING, NEW ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Prophetic Women

Shera Aranoff Tuchman will resume her Thursday morning class beginning October 15. The Topic this year will be "Prophetic Women"--an in- depth analysis, by way of the Talmud and Orthodox commentaries, of the scarce, but very special women depicted in the books of the Prophets--Joshua, Judges, Samuel I & II and Kings I & II.

Jewish Messianic Movements

Rabbi Alexander Kaye will resume his exciting History at Home series on November 14.

This year, History at Home will explore the many Messianic movements--from Bar Kochba to Shabetai Sevi, from ancient times to modern. Participants will see what kinds of Messianic beliefs Jews have held through the ages and think about their impact on Jewish history as a whole. The consequences of these movements for us as Jews today will also be explored.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR YOETZET HALAKHAH

Thanks to Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center, Atara Eis, KJ's female advisor on matters of Jewish Family Law and Women's Health, will continue to offer her expertise to KJ members. The laws of Jewish family purity can seem intimidating and confusing, especially for those who are newly married and/or observant. Atara Eis, a trained Yoetzet HaLakha, has recognized expertise on this important subject. We look forward to greeting her at Seudah Shlishit on October 24th where she will speak on relevant topics. She can be contacted via phone at 610-639-7474 or by email at atareis@gmail.com.

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2009 Calendar

SEPTEMBER: New or gently used winter wear will be donated to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, a beneficiary agency of UJA-Federation.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6: Celebrate Sukkot with the seniors of Jewish Home Lifecare. Gather at KJ for a family-friendly Sukkah dinner and then head together to the Manhattan Jewish Home for dessert, make sukkah decorations, sing songs, and listen to inspiring words about Sukkot from Rabbi Elie Weinstock.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: Serve and share a Thanksgiving meal at a Manhattan-based UJA-Federation beneficiary agency.

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, Keshers 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 Keshers programs is the Young People's Minyan (YPM). At YPM, Keshers 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 program is the Keshers Lecture Series, where members can explore a wide range of interesting topics including an Adult/Child/Infant CPR class, a halacha class and a parenting class.

Keshers offers other unique and meaningful social events over the course of the year, such as our Shemini Atzeret Kick-off Luncheon and Spring Luncheon. Also on the calendar this year for Keshers community of young children are a Concert, Tot Shabbats, a Melave Malka, and a Halachic Outing led by Rabbi Soloveichik. For adults our Saturday Night Social, back by popular demand, will be a "Progressive Dinner" that will give members a chance to meet and mingle outside of a shul setting.

In addition to its social programming, Keshers is committed to continuing its important chesed projects. Keshers will continue 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. In addition, Meals for New Moms (spearheaded by Keshers Board Members Nicole Meyer and Alexandra Cepelowicz) ensures that new moms receive three additional weekday meals for the family. Keshers has scheduled two New Mother's Breakfasts, where new mothers connect and hear interesting insights from various

child specialists. This year Keshers is committed to reaching out to new members of the synagogue by welcoming them with a Special Friday Night Oneg scheduled for October. In addition, each new member of Keshers will receive a welcome email extending an invitation to spend a Shabbat meal at the home of a Keshers board member.

In an effort to involve more of the young shul members and their children in Chesed Events, Keshers will partner with Hello Yellow and UJA at KJ for the Keshers Chesed Series that include a variety of interesting projects and events over the course of the year.

Both the Shabbat meal programs and the other extensive programming that Keshers runs throughout the year are made possible and successful thanks to the determined and energetic group of Keshers leaders. This year Keshers welcomes a new co-president, Ariel Weiner, who joins returning co-presidents Rina Kestenbaum and Bonnie Silvera, treasurer Jill Brickman, newly appointed assistant treasurer Yael Simpson and secretary Linda Esses. Keshers Executive Board, together with the growing number of active Keshers board members, hope to make this year at Keshers another exciting one.

We bid farewell to past co-president Sherri Libin, and thank her for her years of hard work and leadership. Sherri will remain on Keshers Executive Board as President Emeritus.

Most importantly, Keshers is determined to continually respond to the needs of its members and keep them involved in both the Keshers and KJ communities. Keshers maintains an email newsletter, which gives members an easy and up-to-date way of staying informed of Keshers events. To find out more about Keshers, to get more involved, or to simply subscribe to the Keshers email, please feel free to email us at keshers@ckj.org.

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

KESHER EVENTS

Shemini Atzeret Luncheon

October 10

Halachik Outing - Apple Picking

October 25

New Member's Oneg

October 30

New Mom's Breakfast

November 10

Tot Shabbat

November 13

Chanukah Concert

December 6

Tot Shabbat

January 8

Melava Malka

January 23

Saturday Night Social/

Progressive Dinner

February 6

Parenting Lecture

TBD

Chesed Pre-Pesach Event

March 21

New Mom's Breakfast

April 18

Spring Luncheon

May 8

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BNEI MITZVAH



LAUREN GROSS

Mazel tov to Jennifer Gross and Micheal Gross upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lauren, on Sunday night, June 14th, at Midtown Loft. Lauren spoke about Megillat Ruth. Lauren is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



LEE and DAN KORFF-KORN

Mazel tov to Janice Korff and Justin Korn upon the Bnei Mitzvah of their sons, Lee and Dan Korff-Korn, which took place on Shabbat morning, June 27th, at Congregation Orach Chaim. Lee and Dan shared the reading of Parashat Korach, read the haftarah and shared the Shabbat davening. Their D'verei Torah focused on the parasha's themes of conflict and peace.

Lee and Dan are students in the eighth grade at Park East Day School.



REBECCA HERING

Mazel tov to Michele and Ari Hering on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rebecca, which will take place on September 7th at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

Rebecca will deliver a Dvar Torah on the special meaning of Tfillah and Elul. Rebecca is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



MICHAEL ROSENBERG

Mazel tov to Sari and Wilhelm Rosenberg upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael, on Shabbat morning, October 17th, at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Michael will read Parashat Bereishit and present a D'var Torah.

He is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



ANDREW LOBEL

Mazel tov to Judy and David Lobel upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Andrew on Shabbat, October 31st in the Main Sanctuary of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

He will read Parashat Lech Lecha, the Haftarah, and deliver a Dvar Torah entitled "The Essential Greatness of the Patriarch Abraham-An Alternative View." Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother Esther Lobel. Andrew is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



NES SCHWARTZ

Mazel tov to Leana and Bernard Schwartz upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Nes on Shabbat morning, November 21st at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun where he will read Parashat Toldot and deliver a D'var Torah.

Nes is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School

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Judaica Classics leaves its former habitat to accommodate a new day care facility for Ramaz faculty being constructed out of the former Judaica store and the synagogue's adjoining coat room. The Science Laboratory adjacent to the lobby bathrooms is also part of this new venture designed to comply with New York State Law requiring school day care facilities to be located on street level.

Doina is looking forward to greeting friends and customers in KJ's new, improved Judaica Classics with new inventory for the upcoming holidays. Follow the signs in KJ's lobby leading to Judaica Classics-- Doina's hideaway and treat yourself to a unique aesthetic experience.

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 2009 Schedule

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

2009

October 14	Rabbi Elie Weinstock
October 21	Surie Sugarman
October 28	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
November 4	Israel Max
November 11	Kim Schneiderman
November 18	Rabb Meir Soloveichik
November 25	Rabbi Elie Weinstock
December 2	Janie Schwalbe
December 9	Israel Max
December 16	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
December 23	Dr. Gil Kahn
December 30	Winter Break

2010 Calendar will appear in the December Bulletin.

NEW! THE KJ SINGLES NETWORK

KJ is currently in the process of organizing Shabbat dinners, cultural events, and other activities for Jewish singles. Unmarried men and women in their 20s through 70s are invited to create a vibrant singles community.

Get involved! Learn about events for singles in their:

- 20s and 30s. Contact Ariel Kwacz at 646-675-0952.
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- 60s and 70s. Contact Sharon Garfunkel at 917-670-7814

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KESHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN

9:15 AM
Falk Auditorium
Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 14

WOMEN'S TEFILLAH GROUP

9:15 AM
Max J. Etra Chapel
September 12, (Mincha)
October 11, Simchat Torah

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazal tov to:

Devora Brickman upon the birth of a grandson, Samuel, to her children Sharon and Sinclair Haberman.

Bernie Cohen upon the birth of a granddaughter, Rachel Arlene, born to Stephanie Cohen Shalit, a Ramaz graduate, and Damon Shalit.

Sally and Joe Dwek upon the birth of a grandson, Oliver.

Linda and Charles Fisch upon the birth of their first granddaughter, Nava Ahuva Neuman, born to their children Zipporah and Michael Neuman.

Adriana and Yehuda Fruchter upon the birth of their first child, a son, Davi.

Drs. Karen & Howie Goodman upon the birth of their third child and second daughter Einav.

Lynette Gruenhut upon the birth of a grandson, Jerry David, named for her late husband, Jerry Gruenhut. He the first child of her children Johanna Gruenhut and her husband Jonathan Flombaum. Mazal Tov also to proud KJ great-grandfather Paul Schulder.

Wendy and Sidney Ingber upon the birth of their 7th grandchild, Baer Leib Eliyahu, to their children Ariel Rosen Ingber and Rabbi David Ingber.

Gail and Carl Kanter, upon the birth of their seventh grandchild, Adam, born to their children Aaron and Andrea Kanter.

Amy and Absalom Kotulski upon the birth of their third child and second son. Mazal tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Dr. Shirley and Stephen Harrison.

Perla and Dr. Julio Messer, upon the birth of their grandson, Eli Marcos, born to their children Michelle and Jonas Heymann.

Ruth and David Musher are pleased to announce the birth of a their grandson, Henry Sidney Brenner, born to their daughter Sarah and son-in-law Matthew Brenner of Newport Beach, California.

Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim upon the birth of a granddaughter, Bella Ohaliva, born to their children Dr. Elissa Gross and Shimon Oppenheim of Teaneck.

Barbara and Dr. Terry Plasse, upon the birth in February of a grandson, Bezalel, to their children Gila and Ori Plasse of Moshav Sde Yaacov in Emek Yisrael.

Lauren and Sam Rascoff upon the birth of their first child, a son.

Janie and Dr. Robert Schwalbe upon the birth of a granddaughter, Annie Grace, the first child born to their children Aliza and Joshua Schwalbe.

Carol and Jesse Schwartz, upon the birth of a grandchild, Jamie Emma, born to their daughter, Laura Schwartz and her husband Phillip Konieczny.

Perri and Akiba Stern upon the birth of their second grandchild, Asher Gabriel, born to their children Tamar and Ari Freundlich of Riverdale. Mazal Tov to the great grandparents, Adina and Menachem Stern, the parents of Akiba Stern and Rochelle Major, and survivors of the Shoah, on the birth of their second great grandchild.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Dale and Saul Goldberg upon the engagement of their son Benjamin to Elyse Friedman, daughter of Amy and Corey Friedman of Hewlett. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother Lili Goldberg.

Dr. Shoshana Goldman upon the engagement of her son Yosef, to Annie Lewis, daughter of Dr. Neil and Nancy Lewis, from Princeton, N.J.

Margery Kalb, upon the engagement of her son, LJ Spaet, to Caryn Goldstein.

Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein upon the engagement of their granddaughter Rebecca, daughter of Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon of Atlanta, to Noam Green, son of Marjorie and Gershon Green of Toronto.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

Dr. and Mrs. Morris Platt upon the wedding of their daughter Yardanna to Mordechai Koppel, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Koppel.

Perri and Akiba Stern upon the marriage of their daughter, Meredith Victor, to Michael Rishty, son of Susan and Harold Goldman and the late Joel Rishty, on September 13, 2009.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Robert Abrams, who served our state with such distinction as Attorney General, was honored on August 26th at a special ceremony presided over by Governor David A. Paterson, at which time the Justice Building at the Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza was renamed in his honor. We congratulate Robert and Diane Abrams on this great honor accorded to a magnificent public servant.

Elana and Aryeh Bourkoff, upon being honored at the Chabad of Southampton Jewish Center Dinner.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Elisha Baumgarten, daughter of Ellen Baumgarten and Frederic Baumgarten, who recently made Aliyah with the Nefesh B'Nefesh program. Elisha is participating in Garin Tzabar, part of the Tzofim program and is currently learning and working on a kibbutz. From there she will serve two years in the IDF and then return to the kibbutz. Elisha attended Ramaz through the 8th grade and graduated from The Beekman School in 2008.

Ron Eigen and his business partner Gabriel Landau were interviewed about their work for their production company Diligent, LLC in a feature in the on-line magazine: LAist.com.

Caryl and Israel Englander, upon the publication of their son-in-law Daniel Levin's debut novel, *The Last Ember*.

Elie Hirschfeld, who proudly competed in the 18th Maccabiah Games in Israel on July 17, 2009 in the Triathlon. The race involved a 1 mile swim in the Kineret, a 25 mile bike ride along the Kineret near Tiberias and a 6.2 mile run. This is Elie's 25th consecutive year of triathlon and finishing this race in Israel with

other Jews from around the world.

Gabriel Javitt, grandson of Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt, was named Outstanding Soldier for his platoon at the awards ceremony marking the conclusion of his basic training in the IDF. Gabriel serves in the ABC (atomic biological chemical) Warfare Unit of the Combat Engineering (Handasa HaKravit) Corps of the IDF.

Bob Sugarman, who won the silver medal in his age group in the triathlon in the 18th Maccabiah Games in Israel.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Becky Schulder Abrams upon graduating from Columbia College in May, and will be pursuing a Masters Degree in Jewish History, for which she has a fellowship and a scholarship to attend the Bernard Revel Graduate School at Yeshiva University.

Congratulations to Zev Eigen upon earning a PhD from MIT's Sloane School of Management and will begin teaching labor law at Northwestern University Law School in the fall.

Samuel Goldberg, son of Dale and Saul Goldberg, upon his June graduation, summa cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandmother Lili Goldberg.

Rachel Schulder Abrams Pear upon the completion of her first year as a Presidential doctoral fellow in Bar Ilan University's Science Technology and Society program. Her thesis is tentatively entitled "And it was Good?: Contemporary American Modern Orthodox Engagement with Darwinism."

Barbara and Dr. Terry Plasse upon the recent achievements of their son Eitan, a Hebrew valedictorian graduate of Ramaz and a summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brandeis University. He was awarded a Master's of Arts degree from Harvard University in East Asian Studies. Eitan, who is fluent in Chinese, Uighur, Uzbek, Russian and Hebrew and has worked and studied in China and Central Asia for a number of years, is pursuing a career in International Affairs. He will begin an Uzbek language fellowship in Osh, Krygzstan in September.

CONDOLENCES TO

Barry Apfelbaum, upon the passing of his father, Ernest.

Naomi Ickovitz (Dr. Steven Rudolph), upon the passing of her brother, Asher Ickovitz.

Hoffer Kaback, upon the passing of his father, Bernard Kaback.

Jackie Leifert, upon the passing of her mother, Sylvia Kirschenbaum.

Helen Heller, upon the passing of her mother, Enia Propp.

Richard and Tyler Rosenzweig, upon the passing of their wife and mother, Andrea.

David (Sigi) Weil, upon the passing of his sister, Liesel Neuschloss.

Dr. Philip Wilner, upon the passing of his mother, Frieda Wilner.

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

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In Memoriam

ERNEST APFELBAUM

Mr. Apfelbaum was a member of this congregation for many years. He sat in the rear of the synagogue out of a sense of modesty and humility. He was proud of his children and grandchildren who attended Ramaz, and he gloried in his life as a Jew.

He was a gentleman of the old school who taught his children and grandchildren morality and ethics, diligence and hard work, class and dignity more by example than by mere words. They and we will all miss his presence in our midst.

TESSIE POSTEL

Tessie Postel, together with her beloved husband, Hon. George Postel, of blessed memory, was a member of this congregation for almost fifty years. She was a regular at every Sisterhood function and very often occupied her seat in the ladies balcony. She was a woman of charm and elegance, a very devoted wife and mother who loved her association with KJ and the Jewish community.

ENIA PROPP

Enia Propp, together with her beloved husband, Mortimer Propp, of blessed memory, was a member of this congregation for decades. Together with her husband she

was a major supporter of the Westchester Day School and the synagogue that is associated with it.

She was a woman of style, flair and exceptional creativity. In her later years, she began to paint seriously and produced artwork that was appreciated by many. She was a loving wife and mother to her two children, Helen Heller and Morris Propp and an adoring grandmother.

ANDREA ROSENZWEIG

Andrea was called to her eternal reward, tragically, long before her time. She died as a young woman who had embraced Judaism voluntarily and joyously. She was an incredibly devoted wife to Richard and an unbelievably loving mother to her six-year old son, Tyler.

Andrea was a consummate professional as a businesswoman, cherished and respected by her colleagues in the business world for her acumen, diligence and wisdom. The chapel at her funeral was filled to overflowing by family and friends who felt bereft and devastated by the demise of this young woman in her early forties.

We pray for the health and well-being of Richard and Tyler and for their being able to enjoy happy times in the future at which they will feel the love, happiness and joy of Andrea.



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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
September					
4-5	Kee Tavo	7:05 PM	6:45 PM	6:55 PM	7:59 PM
11-12	Nitzavim	6:53 PM	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	7:48 PM
19-20	Rosh Hashanah	6:41 PM	6:45 PM	6:35 PM	7:34 PM
26-27	Haazinu	6:29 PM	6:40 PM	6:20 PM	7:22 PM
October					
2-3	Sukkot	6:18 PM	6:30 PM	6:15 PM	7:11 PM
9-10	Shemini Atzeret	6:06 PM	6:20 PM	6:05 PM	6:59 PM
16-17	Bereshit	5:55 PM	6:05 PM	5:45 PM	6:49 PM
23-24	Noah	5:45 PM	5:55 PM	5:35 PM	6:39 PM
30-31	Lekh Lekha	5:36 PM	5:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:32 PM
November					
6-7	Vayera	4:28 PM	4:40 PM	4:20 PM	5:23 PM
13-14	Chaye Sara	4:21 PM	4:30 PM	4:15 PM	5:18 PM
20-21	Toledot	4:16 PM	4:30 PM	4:10 PM	5:13 PM
27-28	Vayetze	4:12 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:10 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

Sept. 1-17 6:45 PM	Oct. 12-15 6:10 PM	Nov. 8-12 4:35 PM
Sept. 22-24 6:40 PM	Oct. 18-22 6:00 PM	Nov. 15-Nov. 19 4:30 PM
Sept. 29 -Oct. 1 6:30 PM	Oct. 25-29 5:50 PM	Nov. 22-26 4:25 PM
Oct. 5-8 6:20 PM	Nov. 1-5 4:40 PM	

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20 Rosh Hashanah
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Monday, September 21 Fast of Gedaliah
See schedule on Page 6
Sunday-Monday, September 27-28 Yom Kippur
See schedule on Page 6
Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-Oct. 11 Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah,
Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah
See schedule on Page 6
Sunday-Monday, October 18-19 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 17-18 Rosh Chodesh Kislev

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