



# KEHILATH JESHURUN

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### ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

**April 3rd-4th**

Sponsored by Suzanne and Dr. Norman B. Javitt



*Our Guest*

#### Malcolm Hoenlein

Executive Vice Chairman, Conference of Presidents  
of Major Jewish Organizations

April 3rd - Friday Evening Dinner

**"THE POISONING OF THE ELITES IN AMERICA:  
WILL THE U.S. GO THE WAY OF EUROPE?"**

April 4th- Saturday Lunch

**"WHAT PESACH TEACHES US  
REGARDING THE CHALLENGES OF 2009"**

The Executive Vice Chairman of the coordinating body on international Jewish concerns for 50 national Jewish organizations, Malcolm Hoenlein received his BA in Political Science from Temple University and his Masters degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Department of International Relations, where he completed his doctoral course work. At the University of Pennsylvania he taught International Relations and served as a Middle East specialist at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. Mr. Hoenlein has traveled the globe meeting with world leaders and members of Jewish communities and has lectured in the United States and abroad on a wide range of Jewish and general topics.

He has been the recipient of many awards and honors, including honorary doctorate degrees from Touro College and Yeshiva University. Mr. Hoenlein serves as an advisor to many government officials and is frequently consulted on public policy issues.

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### YOM HASHOAH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY - Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

We are proud to remain a community with a meaningful Yom Hashoah program, which this year will take place in the KJ Main Synagogue on Monday evening, April 20th at 7:30. Our special guest speaker that night will be Ms. Louise Von Dardel, the niece of the most famous Righteous Gentile, Raoul Wallenberg, who saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the death camps.

The very articulate and engaging Ms. Von Dardel is extremely knowledgeable about her uncle's daring on behalf of Jews, and we are delighted to welcome her from her native France.

This year's program will also introduce a new feature at the outset to complement our traditional candle lighting processional. We are inviting adults and children who are named for those who either perished in the Shoah or who survived it, to announce to the audience their English name, their Hebrew name, the person for whom they are named, and their relationship to that person. These pronouncements will be made during the lighting of candles in memory of victim relatives by survivors and descendants of the Holocaust generation.

This new feature will bring together many community families for an important night of collective recollection. These adults and children, named for those who perished in, or survived the Holocaust, are a living testament to the continuity of the Jewish people.

The commemoration will also include poetry readings by Ramaz Middle School students and a musical performance by its chorus.

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

### 137TH ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE MEETING

**Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

**7:30 P.M.**

**KJ TO HONOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE BY BELOVED SUPERINTENDENT**

#### RUDY ARJUNE

*Rather than playing his usual role behind the scenes at our Annual Synagogue Meeting, this year Rudy Arjune will be front and center as he is recognized for the devoted service he has so lovingly bestowed upon our Congregation for the past twenty-five years.*

*Presented to the membership for voting that evening will be a new set of governance documents. The program will also include a tribute to anniversarians, memorials to departed members, the*

*induction of new members, and the election of new officers and trustees. The program will conclude with a supper of frankfurters, sauerkraut and ice cold beer, courtesy of Foremost Caterers.*

December 5, 1983: the fateful day then-KJ Treasurer Stanley Gurewitsch, made a shidduch that has been cause for simcha ever since. He recognized the superior ability of Rudy Arjune when Rudy was employed as a superintendent for an 852-unit apartment complex run by

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## AUDREY LOOKSTEIN TO RECEIVE SEVENTH ANNUAL JUDITH KAUFMAN HURWICH KETER TORAH AWARD ON SHAVUOT

*The Officers and Executive Committee of the Congregation are pleased to announce that the Seventh Annual Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Award will be presented to Audrey Lookstein on the second day of Shavuot. The practice of conferring such an award is to appropriately recognize women in our congregation on the holiday when we celebrate the lives of two great Jewish heroines, Naomi and Ruth. It offers us an opportunity, as part of a religious ceremony, to express our appreciation for the services rendered to our community by women.*

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

Audrey Lookstein entered the Ramaz/KJ community in September 1958, three months after her graduation from Stern College. She taught second grade General Studies that year and on June 21, 1959 she and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein were married in our main synagogue. She, therefore, has been part of this community for fifty-one years. Some of her students in her two years of teaching at Ramaz included our members:



Dr. Alvin Adler, Barry Applebaum, Nancy Linzer Freedman, Dr. Beverly Gribetz, Shira Nadich Levin, the late Adina Solomon Levine, Joey Low, the late Joan Licht Mantel, Marilyn Smilow Schwartz, Alvin Smilow and Lewis Trencher, all of whom have a relationship with the KJ/Ramaz community.

Mrs. Lookstein (she prefers to be known as Audrey and when someone used to address her as Mrs. Lookstein she would respond "Mrs. Lookstein is my mother-in-law") is the daughter of the late Esther and Morris Katz. She grew up in Crown Heights and attended the Yeshiva of Crown Heights where she got a splendid Jewish and general education. She continued her education in Yeshiva University High School for Girls (then known as Central Brooklyn) before pioneering with thirty-two other young women in the first class of Stern College. She received a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Religious Education from Stern. After the birth of her four children, she went back to school and earned an MA at Teachers College of Columbia University. She went on to teach for fifteen years at the English Language Institute of Queens College where she taught English as a Second Language.

She has been deeply involved in all aspects of life here at KJ and in Ramaz. She served as an officer of the Sisterhood for many years and eventually as its President. She is present at every event, at every wedding and at every shiva home. The KJ family is in the fullest sense her extended family. Her greatest joy in life are her children and grandchildren: Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon and Michael, Rebecca, Marissa, Amanda and Daniel; Debbie and Dr. Shelly Senders and Tammie, Susie, Ruthie and Joey; Shira and Dr. Larry Baruch and David, Erica, Joseph and Jeremy; and, of course, Joshua Lookstein.

In the wider community she has devoted years of service to AMIT, formerly American Mizrahi Women. She served as a founder and first President of the Gayl Shechter Chapter on the Upper East and West Side of Manhattan. She served as Chairman of the National Board of AMIT and also as a National Vice President. Currently, she is co-chair of AMIT's Presidents Council.

She has a special feeling for AMIT not only because of the extraordinary work it does on behalf of the education of tens of thousands of children in Israel and cares for some of the most needy children in Israel, but also because of the fact that she and her husband first met - and he fell in love with her - when they were officers of Mizrahi Hatzair which was the organization supported and sustained by American Mizrahi Women and the Mizrahi Men's Organization.

Audrey Lookstein is a model of what an elegant, well-educated and deeply committed Jewish woman can be, in addition to being the friend of every member of the KJ community. She was also a loving and beloved friend of the late Judith Kaufman Hurwich. It is, therefore, a special honor and privilege for the congregation to bestow upon her the Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Award on the second day of Shavuot this year.

We honor this extraordinary woman for her service to our community and to the Jewish People in general. We pray that God reward her with many years of health and happiness and with much nachas from her children and grandchildren. May she continue to serve as a stellar example of Jewish commitment and service to this entire community, which loves her and blesses her.

**KJ SISTERHOOD SAVE THE DATES**

**“LADIES NIGHT OUT” AT EDIT  
FOR AN INSIDER SHOPPING AND COCKTAIL PARTY  
TUESDAY, MAY 12TH  
ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE  
THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH**

**KESHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5  
PRE-PESACH CHESD EVENT  
SUNDAY, MAY 3  
HALAKHIC FAMILY OUTING  
WITH RABBI SOLOVEICHIK  
SATURDAY, MAY 16  
SPRING LUNCHEON**

**MEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS**

**KIDDUSH DISCUSSION**  
Massimiliano Szulc

**A TRAVELOGUE OF LESSER-KNOWN ITALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES AND THE  
RABBINIC LUMINARIES THEY PRODUCED, INCLUDING THE SFORNO, THE  
BARTENURA AND THE RAMCHAL (RABBI MOSHE CHAIM LUZZATTO).  
March 28**

**SUPPER LECTURE**  
Jews of Latin America: Venezuela and Mexico  
**ARIEL KWACZ MODERATES**  
**RABBI PYNCHAS BRENER**

**CHIEF ASHKENAZI RABBI OF CARACAS, VENEZUELA  
AND RABBI NISSIM ELNECAVE, FORMERLY OF MEXICO CITY, MEXICO  
ASSISTANT RABBI, SEPHARDIC SYNAGOGUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
April 26**

**KIDDUSH DISCUSSION**  
Scott Shay, Chairman of the Board of Signature Bank of New York,  
and a partner and co-founder of Hyperion Partners and Ranieri Partners  
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A PERSPECTIVE FROM JEWISH TEXTS”  
May 2**

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**Crash Course in Basic Judaism  
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Tuesdays at 7:00 pm  
May 12, 19, 26

**Hebrew II  
with Sara Rosen**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
Starting May 6

**Explorations in Hebrew Reading  
with Shilo Kramer**  
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

**Living Judaism  
with Rabbi Yossi Weiser**  
Thursdays at 7:15 pm  
*Passover: What it Means to be Free*  
March 26, April 2

*Nice Guys Finish First:  
Chesed in the Jewish Tradition*  
April 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21

*Male and Female He Created  
Them: Gender in Judaism*  
June 4, 11 18

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## KJ's SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIAN

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Glenwood Management, and thought that having Rudy come to KJ would be of benefit to the Synagogue, its members - and to Rudy!

It was just a question of time before Rudy met with Dr. Noam Shudofsky and came on board - already an act of faith for Rudy, since he was giving up a union job to work at KJ. Initially, Rudy felt his former job, replete with soap opera-worthy tenants, was akin to working at a casino compared to the more sedate atmosphere at KJ, but he had a feeling he would not be sorry. He believed in his ability to run the Synagogue House in a manner that would benefit its spirit and its place in the community.

So Rudy came to run our beloved building. He was soon tending to all things mechanical and electrical. Plumbing and ventilation were also within his purview. Room management was added to his portfolio of responsibility, and handled efficiently. Chair set-up for the High Holy Days. Sukkah building. Décor for the multiple zimriyahs. Kiddush for 1,000. Overseeing the preparation of the Heyman Auditorium for a bris, a Ramaz oneg, and a Shabbaton, all within the short Friday hours. The list is endless. Heat wave? The big chill? Rudy takes that all into consideration as he and his able staff maintain the building.

Rudy's first years at KJ provided him with an intense Jewish education. It was not just knowing what the holidays were and how they were celebrated, or what time Shabbat started and ended, or how meat and milk products are always kept separate. There was a whole new language to be learned, a new calendar by which time would be measured. And Rudy certainly rose to the occasion!

So what exactly does Rudy do? Everything that we take for granted regarding the operation of the building. Commuting from New Jersey, Rudy arrives at work before 5:00 weekday mornings to ready the building for the start of the school day and all Synagogue programming.

Rudy is a deeply religious personality who recognizes that life's joys and blessings derive from a beneficent being who is the "Super Superintendent" of the world. Every morning, after performing a thorough building walk-through to troubleshoot and identify problems, Rudy makes time in the Max J. Etra Chapel to offer personal prayers that God should continue to shower him with health and vigor to serve the Chosen People. There,



long before most of us have even thought of starting our day, Rudy prays for those in need of healing, those in need of financial support, and those in need of understanding.

Although stressful, Rudy lives for the High Holy Days and especially Sukkot. The idea that he plays a role in making it possible for the Congregation to pray to our Creator is a blessing to him. He calls it a gift to God's House. In fact, many years ago, Rudy suffered a torn cartilage in his knee that required surgery. He told the surgeon that he could not possibly undergo surgery until two weeks after Sukkot, at which time things at the Synagogue would have returned to normal! Who knows what kind of weather we would have had to suffer in the Sukkah had Rudy not been here to take care of all matters meteorological. As if this were not enough, he even owns all of our chametz on Passover!

In return, he feels that God takes care of him. He has been married to his life partner, Savitri, for forty-five years, and together they have four children: Marvin is an accountant; Ray, like his father before him, works for Glenwood Management; Maliki is in business, as is his daughter Samantha.

Over the past quarter century, Rudy has developed close personal friendships with many community veterans who have come to treasure his advice and wisdom. Always available to share on Shabbat mornings, Rudy's office has become a destination of sorts for those seeking companionship and a kind, listening ear.

We at KJ have been blessed these 25 years to have our building's needs administered by Rudy's capable hands, his vast knowledge of things mechanical and electrical, and his sense of humor. We look forward to sharing many more anniversaries with him, and we wish him the peace and joy that comes with doing God's work in God's house.

### WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, December 15, and this Bulletin, which went to press on March 9.

**Sarah & Eric Abitbol**  
**Elana Kandel-Burg & David Burg**  
**Levi & Jessica Dulitz**  
**Deborah & Asher Labendz**  
**Howard J. Levy**  
**Anat & Louis Menaged**  
**Eliza & Alan Pines**  
**Sara Rubenstein &**  
**Yaniv Ben-Ari**  
**Valerie & Theodore Schweitzer**  
**Dr. Sherry and Joel Wiener**

### SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME

To support synagogue programs, we invite prospective Kiddush and Seudah Shlishit sponsors to contact Riva Alper in the synagogue office at 212-774-5670 or Riva@ckj.org. The base cost of a cake-and-wine Kiddush sponsorship is \$350, to which is added the cost of any extra catered food ordered through Foremost Caterers. Multiple Kiddush sponsors may, at their discretion and initiative, agree to share the expense of extra catered food, but every co-sponsor must pay, separately and individually, the \$350 base fee. Similarly, sponsoring Seudah Shlishit costs every co-sponsor \$250.



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## The Time to Give to Passover Relief is Now

### By Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

With Purim behind us, the first order of business in preparing for Passover is Maot Chitim - Passover Relief. In our case, this is the major appeal for the KJ Benevolent Fund for the year. Contributions come in during the rest of the year especially around the High Holy Days and Chanukah, but the major effort which enables us to serve the needy and the deserving throughout the year is our Passover Appeal. Last year it brought in a little over \$100,000. It is our one appeal for the year. We do not conduct appeals for individuals and institutions. The Benevolent Fund is our way of reaching all who need our help.

During the past year, we have been able to make substantial grants from our Benevolent Fund in the following categories.

- ♦ Assistance to the poor and needy at Passover time - \$25,000. There are more poor Jews today in New York than at any time in our memory.
- ♦ Specific help for individuals in need throughout the year, both here and in Israel - \$50,000. This includes giving money for food, clothing, rent, education for children and psychological help for children whose parents cannot afford it. This is what we have given in the past. We anticipate that the calls upon us will be greater this year.
- ♦ Communal institutions which depend upon our philanthropy to help them serve the Jewish people - \$35,000. This includes support of our Bikur Cholim program (including an apartment near the hospitals in our community), supporting our local mikveh, educational programs like NJOP and Drisha and Columbia Hillel among others.
- ♦ Institutions in Israel including chesed organizations, life-saving programs, yeshivot and helping the victims of terror - \$75,000. This is in addition to our special campaign for the Sderot community and Yeshivat Hesder in Sderot.

In order to give you an idea of the range of our philanthropic work, here is a list of some of the institutions that we have helped during the past year with contributions of at least \$1,000 and usually \$5,000 or more. This list, of course, does not include individuals whom we have helped but who remain anonymous.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Met Council</li> <li>♦ Joint Passover Association</li> <li>♦ Columbia Hillel</li> <li>♦ The Upper East Side Mikveh</li> <li>♦ NJOP</li> <li>♦ Drisha</li> <li>♦ HOD Society</li> <li>♦ Project ORE (for the blind)</li> <li>♦ Ohel</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Hazon Yeshaya</li> <li>♦ SHALVA</li> <li>♦ NISHMAT</li> <li>♦ ITIM</li> <li>♦ Beit Elezrahi</li> <li>♦ Efrat Emergency Medical Center</li> <li>♦ Hatzolah Darom</li> <li>♦ Soroka Hospital</li> <li>♦ Tzedakah Vacheshed (A Fund to help physically abused children)</li> <li>♦ Jacob's Ladder</li> <li>♦ Livnot Ulhibanot</li> <li>♦ Yad Assaf</li> <li>♦ Reuth</li> </ul> |
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- ♦ Yeshivat Har-Etzion
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## PASSOVER SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, April 7

*Search for Chametz* . . . . .After 8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 8, *Passover Eve*

Morning Services and

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

Chametz may not be eaten after 10:48 a.m.

Burn chametz no later than . . . . .11:53 a.m.

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

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

Start Seder . . . . .After 8:04 p.m.

### Thursday, April 9, *Passover I*

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

Evening Services. . . . .7:25 p.m.

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

### Friday, April 10, *Passover II*

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

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

*An Eruv Tavshilin Should be Prepared*

Candlelighting . . . . .7:12 p.m.

### Saturday, April 11, *Passover III*

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

Evening Services . . . . .7:05 p.m.

Conclusion of Shabbat . . . . .8:08 p.m.

## SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED

### Sunday, April 12, *Passover IV*

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

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

### Monday, April 13, *Passover V*

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

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

### Tuesday, April 14, *Passover VI*

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

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

Candlelighting . . . . .7:16 p.m.

## CONCLUDING DAYS OF PASSOVER

### Wednesday, April 15, *Passover VII*

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

Evening Services . . . . .7:30 p.m.

Candlelighting . . . . .After 8:13 p.m.

### Thursday, April 16, *Passover VIII*

*(Yizkor is recited)*

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

Evening Services . . . . .7:30 p.m.

Conclusion of Yom Tov . . . . .8:14 p.m.

# A PASSOVER TIMELINE

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

### STEP #2: Kashering Appliances

Gas ovens, both the stove-top and inside (racks as well), should be cleaned with an oven cleaner, and then not used for 24 hours. After 24 hours, invert the metal spiders and turn the burners on to the highest setting for 15 minutes. (If using an electric oven, turn the burners on the highest setting for 15 minutes as well.) After this is done, cover the stovetop with aluminum foil for the duration of Pesach. The inside oven should be turned on to broil for one hour.

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

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

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

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

### Kashering Utensils

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

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

The easiest way to kasher utensils is to bring them to the 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon April 5th KJ Kasher-In where Rabbi Meir Soloveichik will supervise the immersion of metal utensils in a large sink of rapidly boiling water.

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

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

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

### STEP #3: The Search For Chametz

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

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

5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Tuesday evening, April 7, after nightfall, 8:00 p.m. The disposal should be on Wednesday morning, April 8. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

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

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

### Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on Wednesday morning, April 8 after 10:48.

### STEP #4: The Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Wednesday morning, April 8. There are those who prefer to perform the ritual in person. For those who cannot attend to the matter in person, there is a form provided on page 7 of this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Soloveichik to sell our *chametz*. THIS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 8, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 a.m.

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



## RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK TO DELIVER THE SHABBAT HA-GADOL DRASHA

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Saturday Afternoon, April 4th  
following Mincha at 6:30 p.m.



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

On Wednesday morning, April 8, it is customary to burn chametz. The synagogue provides a large, contained fire for this purpose. No bracha should be said, since the one said before the search applies to the burning as well.

**STEP #6: After Pesach**

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

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

If you are able to host guests at your Seder table, please contact KJ Hospitality Coordinator Rabbi Meir Soloveichik at 212-774-5630 or rms@ckj.org

**SHMURAH MATZAHs**

Kehilath Jeshurun is again pleased to offer to its membership the opportunity to purchase Shmurah Matzah through the synagogue. The Matzahs are available at \$18.00 per pound.

The pick up will be on Sunday morning, April 5th in the synagogue lobby. That is the same day as the Kasher-In: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**All orders must be prepaid and ordered by Friday, April 3th.**

Make checks payable to the KJ Special Projects Fund.

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**PASSOVER PREPARATIONS AT KJ:**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH  
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**Holiday Workshops at KJ  
with Rabbi Elie Weinstock  
and Rabbi Sam Shor****PASSOVER**

Monday, April 6

**ISRAELI HOLIDAYS**

Monday, April 27

**SHAVUOT**

Tuesday, May 26

**THREE WEEKS**

Monday, July 14

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

The cost is \$90 per person. (Children under 3 may be seated with parents at no charge without their own meal.)

Reservations can be made by forwarding a check to the synagogue office covering all those planning to attend. The deadline for reservations is Friday, April 3.

**FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ**

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

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

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

*Please return to the Synagogue office by Wednesday, April 8th, by 8:30 AM.*

# Presidential Moments:

## Yeshiva University Confers Honorary Degree on Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

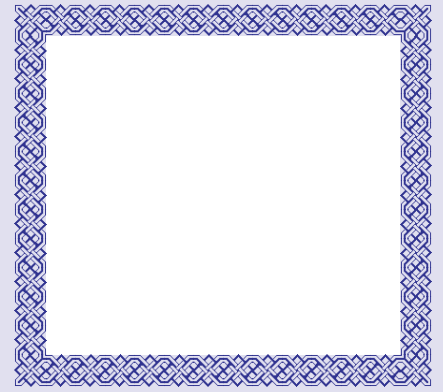
In the presence of over 700 people, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, beloved leader of KJ and principal of the Ramaz School, was recognized for his commitment to chesed, education, and advocacy, and was the recipient of an honorary doctorate at Yeshiva University's 84th Annual Hanukkah Dinner and Convocation on Sunday, December 14, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

In addition to the degree presented to

Rabbi Lookstein, YU President Richard M. Joel, with humor and warmth, also conferred an honorary Doctor of Law degree on New York Governor David Paterson. In his acceptance speech, the governor emphasized the importance of public service by highlighting the generosity of spirit imbued in the work of Rivka and Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg, the Chabad emissaries who had been killed in the recent Mumbai terrorist attacks.



*l-r: KJ Board Member, YU Trustee, Dr. Henry Kressel; Rabbi Lookstein; YU President, Richard M. Joel*



## Eliyahu HaNavi Guest of Honor Virtual Dinner to Benefit Met Council

On March 1st, in myriad locations, KJ/Ramaz held its first Virtual Dinner to Benefit the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. In a video made expressly for the Dinner, Willy Rapfogel, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the organization expressed his thanks on behalf of the thousands of people who will benefit from its food pantry, career counseling, job training, and crisis management in these difficult financial times as a result of the funds raised that evening.

With a special guest appearance by Eliyahu Hanavi and a moving musical performance by Cantor Mayer and Ruby Davis and Elliot Weiss, the evening was deemed a huge success!

Dinner Chair Stacy Scheinberg reports that the 793 guests raised \$14,274 as of this printing. If you haven't already supported this worthy cause, it's not too late to send your \$18 check made out to "Met Council" to the KJ office.

## Hail to the Chief(s)

On January 21, the newly inaugurated President, Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, together with Vice President and Mrs. Joe Biden, pictured here with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, joined with dignitaries and Americans of diverse faith to celebrate the inauguration through readings and song at Washington's National Cathedral. This prayer service traces its origins to a Congressional proclamation delivered three days before George Washington took the oath of office in New York City.





## MEET KIM SCHNEIDERMAN KJ SOCIAL WORKER

We are delighted to welcome Kim Schneiderman, LCSW, MSW, as the new Jewish Connections Social Worker at KJ. Ms. Schneiderman will assist the rabbinic staff on a broad range of communal and social issues, and she will be available to members of this community for assistance with a variety of personal needs.

Ms. Schneiderman joins our staff at an unprecedented time in KJ's history, and in the global economy. Recognizing that some people in our community have lost their jobs and their life savings, Ms. Schneiderman seeks to create programs in collaboration with the rabbinic team that thoughtfully respond to the community's emotional, practical, and spiritual needs.

"In times of crisis, people need to know that they can turn to the synagogue for help with their heads held high," Ms. Schneiderman said. "No matter how successful, we all face loss in one form or another at some point in our lives, whether it is the loss of a job, status, financial security, or a loved one. The stages of grief are the same, as are the opportunities to re-examine our lives and start afresh."

In addition to facilitating psycho-educational workshops, Ms. Schneiderman's primary role will be to link members of the community to

services like career counseling, bereavement groups, caregiver support, entitlement assistance, food packages,



home care, domestic violence programs, and Shabbat hospitality for relatives visiting ill family members in local hospitals.

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 clinics, where she facilitated individual and group therapy, and led psycho-educational programs.

A native of Westchester who lived in Vermont, San Francisco, and Maryland before returning to New York, Ms. Schneiderman has worked in various capacities at a wide range of Jewish organizations, including UJA-Federation of New York. She has written about many issues facing the community in New York, Baltimore, and Israel including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Nazi victims, palliative care, substance abuse, caregiver support, and the post-Bar Mitzvah teenage exodus from Jewish life.

She is also a member of UJA-Federation's Spiritual Care Professional Advisory Board, and has facilitated self-help workshops at the 92nd Street Y.

Ms. Schneiderman comes to KJ as part of a program sponsored by UJA-Federation of New York (see this issue, pp. 12-13). She fills the position vacated by Alexis Berkowitz, who left in 2008. She holds office hours on Wednesdays and is available by appointment from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. She can be reached at 212-774-5620, or SocialWorker@ckj.org, and welcomes your ideas and suggestions.

### 2009 - 2010 Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Book of Remembrance

Once again during the spring, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will publish a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite Yizkor for them four times a year. At the Yizkor service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom Yizkor was recited. Members of the congregation and the community-at-large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of \$18 or more for each name to be memorialized. Please use the form below if you wish us to record names for you.

The Book will go to press on Friday, May 8, so that it will be ready in time for Shavuot.

Enclosed please find my Yizkor offering\* for the entire year in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the KJ BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE published by the congregation.

- ☐ Please duplicate last year's listing(s)  
Offering \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
Please add the following:

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- ☐ Please check here if you did not have a listing last year.

*\*This offering is a token of reverence and is designed to be within reach of all.  
We suggest a contribution of \$18 or more for each name.*

This form should be returned to our office by Friday, May 8.

### A Cheerful Epidemic

I am not a member of KJ but I am an admirer. I attend Sabbath services when I can (it's a very long walk) and enjoy the service, the sermon, the Kiddush and the Rabbi and congregants. I also am fortunate to get a copy of your newsletter and from there I read the blurb, "Do you have a favorite mitzvah?" The following is my submission:

I live in a high rise apartment building in a large city. One of the gentlemen who live in my building is an older, angry person. He walks with his head down and never acknowledges or speaks to anyone. He grunts under his breath loud enough to be heard. Neighbors are afraid to talk to him.

One day I saw him with his leg in a cast. I asked him, "What happened?" He only grunted an unintelligible answer. For me, it was an opportunity.

I purchased a bouquet of flowers, and

having sworn the doorman to secrecy, had him deliver the bouquet to our unhappy tenant's apartment. I signed the bouquet's card, "We all wish you a speedy recovery" and signed it, "All your neighbors and staff at (our address)."

My formerly grumpy neighbor now smiles at everyone he meets because he doesn't know which of these people thought him special enough to send the bouquet. As unhappy as he was, he was still grateful for the get well message.

It is fun for me to see him talking to all his neighbors, welcoming people into the building and being totally social with everyone.

None of my neighbors understand what made the change but I know and so does God. Now the readers of this newsletter know and I hope each of you helps make this practice of anonymously spreading cheer a full fledged "epidemic." It is contagious, you know.

## SHAVUOT AND TIKUN LEYL

**THURSDAY NIGHT, MAY 28**

*An Eruv Tavshilin Should Be Prepared*

Candlelighting 8:00 p.m.

Evening services at 8:15 p.m.

Shavuot Dinner at 9:15 p.m.

Opening Class at 11:30 p.m.

followed by All-night Learning  
and Sunrise Minyan at 5:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

Morning Services at 9:00 a.m.

Evening Services at 6:45 p.m.

Candlelighting before 8:01 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

Morning Services at 9:00 a.m.

Evening Services at 7:55 p.m.

Yom Tov ends at 9:01 p.m.

KJ BEGINNERS PRESENTS

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

**GUEST SPEAKER: RAY BINNY FRIEDMAN**  
**APRIL 24TH**

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## KJ SISTERHOOD BRINGS GOOD THINGS TO LIFE

The Sisterhood of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun is committed to good works and improving the lives of people. Funds raised through our programming are used to support social action projects that benefit families and individuals in our community and around the world. The Sisterhood is also responsible for preparing a local Shiva home, including the first meal; and contributing to KJ programs and activities, such as the communal Sukkah, Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts, and funding any unsponsored Shabbat kiddushim.

Through the KJ Sisterhood, you can also demonstrate unflagging support of Israel during these critical times. The Sisterhood has launched an initiative to replace -- for the foreseeable future -- Shabbat and Yom Tov "host gifts" like wine and flowers with Hospitality Gift Cards designed to raise money for Israel. The purpose of the \$20.00 card is not to accompany a host gift, but rather to BE the gift. The text of the handsome card reads: "In appreciation of your warm hospitality, the Sisterhood of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun has made a contribution in your honor to directly support humanitarian efforts in Israel." Every penny raised by these cards will be donated by the

Sisterhood to a charitable cause in Israel which will help improve the quality of a Jew's life -- certainly a meaningful gift in and of itself. Sisterhood Hospitality Cards can be purchased from the KJ synagogue office by calling 212-774-5670, or e-mailing Riva@ckj.org. Blank cards are also available for condolences, get well wishes, birthdays, births, graduations, anniversaries, and just to say "hello."

There are many ways to get involved in the Sisterhood - chair an upcoming event; open your home for a luncheon or cooking class; or simply participate in one of the many activities we undertake over the course of the year. Since September we have held two holiday boutiques; hosted Asian and Indian cooking classes; had a private screening of Israeli and Judaica art at Sotheby's; and visited both the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of the City of New York for exclusive tours. Funds raised through these activities have gone to support a wide-range of charities. Upcoming events include:

May 12 - "Ladies Night Out" at Edit for an "insider" shopping and cocktail party.

June 4 - Annual Sisterhood Luncheon and Boutique.

If you would like to get involved in the Sisterhood please contact one of the following:

Susan Blinken, President  
(sj.blinken@verizon.net)  
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(chavive@rcn.com)  
Karen Hershkowitz, Social Secretary  
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**Great Museum Days  
With KJ Sisterhood!**



## UPCOMING YOUTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

**April 5** - Hello Yellow  
**April 26** - KJSL Opening Day  
**May 2** - Youth Shabbaton  
**May 3** - KJSL  
**May 10** - KJSL  
**May 17** - KJSL  
**May 28** - Shavuot Learning  
**May 31** - KJSL  
**June 7** - KJSL  
**June 14** - KJSL

## SHABBAT AT KJ

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN

9:15 a.m., Falk Auditorium

**April 25, May 16, & June 13**

### HASHKAMA MINYAN

7:15 a.m.

Max. J. Etra Chapel

**April 18, May 2 & 16,  
June 6 & 20, July 11 & 25,  
August 8 & 22**

### WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP

9:15 a.m. May 16

### LEARNERS SERVICE

9:30 a.m. Every Shabbat  
Third Floor Dining Hall

### INTERMEDIATE SERVICE

9:30 a.m. Every Shabbat  
Riklis Social Hall



## UJA @ KJ

We are pleased to announce what is happening with UJA at KJ this spring! We would like you to know that we are the new chairs and are in the process of planning some wonderful programs.

This spring, remember those in need. As we clean out our cupboards for Passover, we welcome you to join our Spring Cleaning Drive. We'll be collecting both chametz products and Kosher-for-Passover foods for those in need. We're also accepting new and gently used clothing in both adult and children sizes, which can be dropped off in the KJ Lobby until April 5. Everything will be given to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, a leading organization addressing the needs of New York City's Jewish poor and a beneficiary agency of UJA-Federation. For more information about Met Council, please visit [www.metcouncil.org](http://www.metcouncil.org).

Thank you to David and Robyn Stonehill for graciously agreeing to

host this year's spring cocktail reception in their home on Monday, March 30th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. As always, there will be a terrific speaker and we hope that you will join us that evening.

We would also like to extend a Mazal Tov to Rabbi Joshua Lookstein upon his recent appointment as UJA's Director of Foundations Relations. In his new position, Josh will help enable foundations to actualize their funding missions through UJA-Federation of New York and its network agencies, co-invest with foundations who share common funding interests with UJA-Federation of New York and its network agencies, and develop a shared funding agenda among foundations and UJA-Federation of New York. He is looking forward to leading the KJ community on a site visit to a UJA agency in the near future. We wish him good luck and look forward to strengthening our

partnership with UJA through his expertise.

Did you know?

Based on a survey of UJA-Federation's network of 100 beneficiary agencies, below are just a few of the new or increased demands that have been identified:

- ♦30 percent increase in food pantry demand - Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty
- ♦17 percent increase in demand for meals in senior centers - Jewish Association for Services for the Aged
- ♦20 percent increase in the number of participants requesting employment assistance -F.E.G.S. Health and Human Services System
- ♦To begin to meet some of these needs, UJA-Federation allocated close to an additional \$1 million to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish

## Bnei Akiva Programming: B'simcha!



*Upper left and lower photos: Sleep over fun at the Bnei Akiva "bayit."*



*Bnei Akiva shelichot, Adi Hershkovitz and Tamar Weiss, know how to show kids a good time while instilling love for Eretz Yisrael!*



*Upper right photo: Bowling night in Times Square*

Poverty, including an emergency grant of \$400,000 last September to keep food pantries stocked. Without this support, major increases in food prices and reductions in government food supplies would have left pantry shelves bare. Additional funds will strengthen the capacity of Met Council and its 25 community councils to serve the elderly, immigrants, the poor, and near poor.

♦UJA-Federation has launched a \$1 million scholarship program for families who seek to provide Jewish day school education for their children and who are unable to make tuition payments.

♦The New York Legal Assistance Group is helping homeowners avert foreclosures.

♦When rockets were raining down on southern Israel, UJA-Federation mobilized our community to demonstrate its solidarity with Israel. Recognizing the need for decisive action, UJA-Federation turned to its endowment, reserved for crises just like this, and sent \$2 million to Israel. These funds helped provide immediate aid to the most vulnerable; mobilize volunteer and respite programs, and increase hotlines and Internet sites that offered information and trauma relief.

To find out more about some of our upcoming events, or to learn about volunteer opportunities for you and your children, please contact:

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Sara Shemia  
(sara.shemia@poloralphlauren.com)

For free, confidential information and referrals on everything from employment & vocational training to legal services, to support groups and family counseling, please call the UJA-Federation Resource Line:  
1-800-852-3337.

## BNEI MITZVAH



**ALIZA Yael HORNBLASS**

Mazal Tov to Chani and Jonathan ("JJ") Hornblass upon the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Aliza Yael, during Chol Hamoed Pesach on April 13, in Jerusalem. Aliza will deliver a Dvar Torah on Mishna Masechet Brachot. She will also host a day of chesed at the Jerusalem branch of Hazon Yeshaya, a network of soup kitchens. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Ann and Judge Jerome Hornblass. Aliza is in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**EDWARD TUCKMAN**

Mazal Tov to Kathy and Bruce Tuckman, upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Edward, which will take place on May 9 at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, where he will read Parashat Emor and present a Dvar Torah. Edward is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**DANI SCHEINBERG**

Mazal Tov to Stacy and Ron Scheinberg upon the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Dani, on Shabbat, May 16, at which time she will read the Torah at a Women's Tefilah Group at KJ. She will also deliver a Dvar Torah on the week's Parasha, Behar-Bechukotai. Dani is a sixth grader at the Ramaz Middle School. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandfather, Sidney Scheinberg.



**DUVI GRUMET**

Mazal Tov to Judy and Dr. Marty Grumet upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Duvi, who will read the Torah at KJ on Sunday, May 24, Rosh Chodesh Sivan. He will also read Parashat Ba'halotcha on Shabbat, June 13 at Orach Chaim. Duvi is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

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## In Memoriam

### AARON CHASIN

We lost one of our most respected elder members in the passing of Aaron Chasin. Everyone in shul loved him and gloried in his coming to services Shabbat after Shabbat, accompanied by his wife Florence, and wheeled into shul by Kenneth Rochlin and his sons, Zachary and Jacob. It was a joy to see how happy he was at KJ.

A loving husband and father, he was cared for with so much love by Florence who literally gave him years of extra life and kept him active and going until the end.

Those of us who were in shul a couple of months ago when he received an aliyah for yahrzeit will never forget how members of the congregation lifted him up onto the bimah and how Aaron refused to let go of the shulchan as if to demonstrate that he did not want to let go of the Torah and the shul which he loved so much. We will all miss him and revere his memory.

### BERNARD LACHER

He passed away in his nineties, having lived a long life marked by an intense love of Judaism and of his family. A holocaust survivor, originally from Lemberg, Poland, he spent the war years in hiding and then in Italy in displaced persons camps. Mr. Lacher emigrated to Syracuse, New York, where he and his wife Sima were pillars of the Jewish community, raising two children there. Mr. Lacher was gabbai of the Young Israel of Syracuse, a member of the Vaad

Hakashrut, and a board member of the Syracuse Talmud Torah.

We at KJ had the joy of having him in our community for the last five years of his life. He was always in shul; his love of davening, Shabbat and Yom Tov radiated from his face, compounded by the joy that he could experience these moments with his family. Our members, his daughter Goldie and son-in-law David, and his grandchildren Benjamin, Aaron and Daniel, were always in shul with him, returning his love with their own. They have lost a beloved father and grandfather and the shul has lost a devoted servant of God.

### LOUIS SMIGEL

He died much too soon. Lou was a member of KJ for almost forty years. Together with his wife Lois, he reared two children, Steven and Beth in KJ and watched with great pride as they each completed a full Ramaz education.

A lawyer of great integrity and competence, he served admirably in governmental agencies where he established many warm and enduring friendships. He sat in the back of the shul with characteristic humility and grace. On very short notice, there was an overflowing crowd at his funeral. Together with Lois and the children, he fought his illness as best he could until the clock simply ran out. He received great love from his family and he was especially delighted with his grandson.

We loved Lou in life and we will remember him in death.

### AMI TEXON

Ami Texon and her late, beloved husband, Dr. Meyer Texon, were members of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun for over fifty years. Dr. Texon passed away a little over three years ago and Ami died last month after a long, debilitating illness.

The only child of the late Rabbi Dr. Henry Raphael Gold, a prominent Rabbi, psychiatrist and Zionist, Ami's Hebrew name was Atidat Ami, meaning, the future of the Jewish people. In her life she reflected that hope of her parents. She reared two children, Stephen Texon and Sylvia Rogers in our community and saw them become alumni of Ramaz. She was blessed with four grandchildren and she was adored and revered by a very loving family including, and especially, a son-in-law, Tom Rogers.

In 1976, when KJ last revised its by-laws, and for the first time enabled women to become official members of the congregation and board of trustees, Ami Texon was elected as the first woman trustee of our congregation. There was some controversy in those days and we had to pick someone whom everyone would recognize as a worthy choice for such an honor and responsibility. Ami Texon was unanimously celebrated as the right choice.

The President of the KJ Sisterhood, the President of the Ramaz Parents Council, and an extremely well spoken person, Ami was beloved and respected by our entire community. We mourn the passing of a great American Jewish lady.

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## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Lauren Birenbaum and Julian Hammond upon the birth of their first child and son, Micah Liam.

Amanda and Roger Cohen upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Isabella. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Carole and Dr. Seymour Cohen.

Karen and David Cole upon the birth of their third child and first daughter, Talia Rebecca.

Lauren and Alexander Crane upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Sophie Rachel. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Leslie Crane and Daniel Crane.

KJ grandparents Rochelle and Cantor Mayer Davis upon the birth of their second grandchild, a baby girl, Rivka Leah (Layla Amelie). Mazal Tov to proud KJ great-grandparents, Esther and Cantor Avram Davis.

Elisabeth and Alan Dof, upon the birth of their grandson, Alexander Luca, born to their children Jonathan and Dr. Melissa Dof.

Suzanne and Jacob Dof upon the birth of their fifth child and second son, Caleb. Mazal Tov also to proud KJ grandparents Arlene and Avrom Dof.

Jessica and Levi Dulitz upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Ella Yaffa.

Elizabeth and Ariel Edelstein upon the birth of their second daughter and third child, Rachel. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents, Shlomit and Chaim Edelstein.

Marilyn and Dr. Len Feingold upon the birth of their fourth grandchild, Trulie Collier, born to their children Kirsty and Jason Feingold.

Lils and Sean Fogarty upon the birth of their third child and daughter, Hava.

Lara and Dorian Fogel upon the birth of their first child and son, Aidan Sage.

Francine and Morry Gerber upon the birth of a granddaughter, Amalia Gila, born to their children Naamit and Michael Gerber.

Faith and Dr. Jay Greenfield upon the birth of their third and fourth children, twins, Joshua Avery and Rebecca Hailey.

Lynnette Gruenhut upon the birth in Israel of her first grandchild, Yosef, born to children Jonathan and Esther Gruenhut.

Dr. Victoria and David Harrison upon the birth of their second and third children, twin boys, Avi Shlomo and Ezra Dov.

Jessica and Adam Kaplan upon the birth of their third child and second son, Charles Robert. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Dr. Sherry and Joel Wiener.

Sharon and Howard Katz upon the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, Nathaniel Duncan Harris, born to their children Amber and Jonathan Harris.

Rina and Zachary Kestenbaum upon the birth of their first child and son, Gabriel Harry. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Ruth and Gerry Kestenbaum.

Tzivia and KJB Chazan Shilo Kramer upon the birth of their third child and son, Aharon Yehudah. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents, Ziva and Rabbi Avraham Kramer.

Ziva and Rabbi Avraham Kramer on the birth of a granddaughter to their daughter Talia Kahn.

Bertha and Dr. Henry Kressel upon the birth of their first great-grandchild, a girl, Leora, born to grandchildren Ariel and Chana Gila of Efrat, Israel.

Drs. Jessica and David Lefkowitz upon the birth of their second child and son, Eli.

Mindy and Dr. Fred Miller upon the birth of their second child and son, Jared Samuel.

Randi Moore and Brian Moore upon the birth of their first child, Max Carter.

Jeanne and Adam Peldman upon the birth of their first child, Daniel Evan.

KJ grandparents Bonnie and Isaac Pollak upon the birth of a son to their children Avital and Zamir Pollak of Jerusalem.

Jane and Marc Resnick upon the birth of twin boys, their second and third sons.

Miriam and Jack Rudman upon the birth of a grandson. Mazal Tov to proud parents Jenny (Morah Yehudit at Ramaz) and Joel Kruger.

Julie and Jonathan Schwartz upon the birth of their second child and first son, Mason Philip. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Esther and Jonathan Messeloff.

Suzy and Robert Schwartz upon the birth of their third child and second son, Adam Joseph.

Ariel and Albert Sebag upon the birth of their third child and second son, Noah Shalom. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Jean and Armand Lindenbaum.

Michele and Dr. Joseph Shams upon the birth of their fourth child and second son, Samuel Joseph.

Hannah and Dr. Jonathan Shapiro upon the birth of their third child and first daughter, Natalie. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Ruth and Irwin Shapiro.

Bonnie and David Silvera upon the birth of their second child and first son, Mayer.

Miriam and Jack Simony upon the birth of their first child, a boy, Julian.

Eva Jenny and Dr. Jason Sokol upon the birth of their first child, a daughter, Ruby Eleanor. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Deborah and Robert Lipner.

Marcia Wolfson and Dan Drake upon the birth of a daughter to their children Alan and Miera Rechtschaffen.

Rebecca and David Zwillinger upon the birth of their second child and son, Benjamin Zakkai.

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

### BAR MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to:

Evelyn Rochlin upon the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Samuel Aaron Rochlin, son of Robin and Joshua Rochlin of Teaneck.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Helen and Reuben Davis upon the engagement of their daughter, Erica, to Joshua Elsant, son of Gail and Dr. Martin Elsant of Woodmere. A special Mazal Tov to the proud KJ grandparents Esther and Cantor Avram Davis.

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

Marc Heit upon her engagement to Joshua Schopf.

Terry and Michael Jaspan upon the engagement of their son, Steven, to Hila Reich, daughter of Mina Reich, from Edison, New Jersey. Steven is the fifth generation of the Jaspan family to call KJ "home."

Sheira and Steve Schacter upon the engagement of their daughter, Margot, to Joshua Kaplan-Marans, son of Shirley and Hillel Kaplan-Marans of Lawrence.

Surie and Bob Sugarman upon the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Jonathan Klatt, son of Brad and Robin Klatt of Livingston, NJ.

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

### MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

Ellen and Robert Kapito upon the marriage of their son, Aaron, to Alyssa Bryk, daughter of fellow KJ members, Eli and Laurie Bryk.

Dr. and Mrs. Laurence A. Weiss on the marriage of their daughter, Jessica, to Joseph Ainsberg, the son of Arthur Ainsberg and Judith Usdan.

### PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Dr. Scot Glasberg received the President's Award of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons for his

advocacy efforts on behalf of the specialty. ASPS is the largest plastic surgery organization in the world. Only three of these awards are given annually, and he is the youngest to ever receive one. Dr. Glasberg was also selected by Governor Patterson to serve on the New York State Task Force on Patient Safety.

Esther Amini Krawitz was appointed President of The Society of The New York School For Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, (NYSPP). where she is also Director of Continuing Education for the graduates. Esther is on the faculty of NYSPP and has a private practice in Manhattan.

The Ramaz Fifth Grade Chess Team, who tied first in the country at the Chess Nationals in Florida. Jacob Berman and Alex Eisenstein tied 13th in the Nation with 5/7 wins. Each game can be three hours and is played over three days. Matthew Levy and Sarah Ascherman also excelled by winning 4/7 games.

Brigitte and Tommy Rosenthal upon their daughter, Nadine, receiving her Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree from Case Western University. Dr. Rosenthal also has a BA in Economics, a BS in Nursing, and an MS in Nursing from Columbia University. She is certified in both critical nursing and as an advanced nurse executive. She is the Director of Nursing for Surgical Medical Specialties and Emergency Services at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

David Bernstein, upon the passing of his mother, Natalie Bernstein.

Robert Bloom, upon the passing of his father, Dr. Martin H. Bloom.

Judith Fagin, upon the passing of her father, Max Rosenberg.

Phyllis and Andrew Fier, upon the passing of their grandson, David Gitlin.

Terry Jaspan, upon the passing of her father, Joseph Harary.

Jaclyn Leifert, upon the passing of her father, Dr. Ben Zion Kirschenbaum.

Dr. Vivian Mark, upon the passing of her mother, Aranka Mauskopf.

Monica Meislin, upon the passing of her mother, Sarah Engle.

Jonathan Miller, upon the passing of his mother, Helene Miller.

Dr. David Rapaport, upon the passing of his mother, Lea Rapaport.

Aliza Raskas Major, upon the passing of her mother, Sheri Grauer Raskas

David Sarna, upon the passing of his mother, Helen Sarna.

Miquette Schrader, upon the passing of her father, Henri Viterbo, in Nice, France.

Scott Shay, upon the passing of his mother, Helene Shay.

Isaac Sherman, upon the passing of his brother, Joseph Sherman.

Suzy Sokol, upon the passing of her brother-in-law, Sam Aharonoff.

Herman Smilow, upon the passing of his sister, Shaindy Moskowitz.

Stephen Snell, upon the passing of his father, Philip Snell.

Adele Tauber, upon the passing of her mother, Florence Lieberman.

Doris Travis, upon the passing of her loved one, Dr. William David Drucker.

Gaby Weinreich, upon the passing of her father, Ernest Wohlfarth.

Leila Zuckerman, upon the passing of her brother, Daniel Glassman.

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



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### SHABBAT SCHEDULE

|              |                      | <i>Lighting<br/>of Candles</i> | <i>Friday<br/>Evening<br/>Services</i> | <i>Saturday<br/>Afternoon<br/>Services</i> | <i>Sabbath<br/>Ends</i> |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| <b>March</b> |                      |                                |  |  |                         |
| 27-28        | Vayikra              | 6:57 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 6:50 PM                                    | 7:52 PM                 |
| <b>April</b> |                      |                                |  |  |                         |
| 3-4          | Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol | 7:05 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 6:30 PM                                    | 8:00 PM                 |
| 10-11        | Shabbat Chol Hamoed  | 7:12 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:05 PM                                    | 8:08 PM                 |
| 17-18        | Shemini              | 7:19 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:15 PM                                    | 8:16 PM                 |
| 24-25        | Tazria-Metzora       | 7:27 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:20 PM                                    | 8:25 PM                 |
| <b>May</b>   |                      |                                |  |  |                         |
| 1-2          | Aharei Mot-Kedoshim  | 7:34 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:30 PM                                    | 8:32 PM                 |
| 8-9          | Emor                 | 7:41 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:35 PM                                    | 8:40 PM                 |
| 15-16        | Behar/Behukotai      | 7:48 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:45 PM                                    | 8:47 PM                 |
| 22-23        | Bamidbar             | 7:55 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:50 PM                                    | 8:55 PM                 |
| 29-30        | Shavuot              | 8:01 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:55 PM                                    | 9:01 PM                 |
| <b>June</b>  |                      |                                |  |  |                         |
| 5-6          | Naso                 | 8:06 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 8:00 PM                                    | 9:07 PM                 |
| 12-13        | Behaalotekha         | 8:10 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 8:05 PM                                    | 9:11 PM                 |
| 19-20        | Shelah               | 8:12 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 8:05 PM                                    | 9:14 PM                 |
| 26-27        | Korah                | 8:13 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 8:05 PM                                    | 9:15 PM                 |
| <b>July</b>  |                      |                                |  |  |                         |
| 3-4          | Hukkat-Balak         | 8:13 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 8:05 PM                                    | 9:14 PM                 |
| 10-11        | Pinhas               | 8:11 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 8:05 PM                                    | 9:12 PM                 |
| 17-18        | Mattot-Mase          | 8:07 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 8:00 PM                                    | 9:07 PM                 |
| 24-25        | Devarim              | 8:02 PM                        | 6:45 PM                                | 7:55 PM                                    | 9:00 PM                 |

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

### EVENING SERVICES

March 29-June 18.....6:45 PM June 21-July 8.....6:50 PM July 12-28.....6:45 PM

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday-Thursday, April 8-16

Passover (See schedule on page 5)

Friday, April 24

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Saturday, April 25

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Morning Services at 9:00 AM

Tuesday, April 28

Yom Hazikaron

Wednesday, April 29

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Tuesday, May 12

Lag B'Omer

Friday, May 22

Yom Yerushalayim

Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Sunday, May 24

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Morning Services at 8:30 AM

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Morning Services at 8:30 AM

Thursday-Saturday, May 28-30

Shavuot (see schedule on page 10)

Monday-Tuesday, June 22-23

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Friday, July 3

Morning Services at 8:30 AM

Thursday, July 9

Fast of 17th of Tammuz

Fast begins 4:20 AM

Morning services at 6:50 AM

Afternoon services at 8:05 PM

Fast ends 9:10 PM

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