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CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING: KJ AT 140 YEARS AND RAMAZ AT 75 YEARS

JOEL KATZ NAMED PRESIDENT AS ERIC FELDSTEIN COMPLETES TENURE

The venue of the 140th Annual Synagogue Meeting, the Falk Auditorium of the Gottesman Center, was filled to capacity on March 28, 2012, when Rabbi Elie Weinstock ascended the stage to offer his meaningful words of invocation and welcome. (The complete text of which can be found on page 13.)

It was to be an evening that marked change in a congregation and celebrated a venerable institution's positive influence on the members of said congregation: The induction of new members, the celebration of milestone anniversaries of longstanding members, the election of trustees, and a memorial to departed members were a cornerstone of the meeting, while a special

tribute to the KJ women of Ramaz upon the occasion of the school's 75th anniversary made for a compelling focal



An attentive audience

point of the meeting.

Following a moving video presentation which featured remarks from Suzanne Doft, Wendy Greenbaum, Sandy Magid,

and the late Lillian Jacobs, who collectively attested to the influence that Ramaz has had on the lives of our congregant families, Ariel Groveman Weiner captivated the audience with a personal recollection of her younger life and the impact Ramaz had on her becoming a Jewish woman committed to Torah, chesed, and social action.

It was a memorable evening, in no small way with thanks to Deedee Benel, Educational Director of Activities at the Ramaz Upper School, for the many hours she spent on the production of an unforgettable film, whose message will resonate in all who saw it for a long time to come.

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88 SENIORS ARE GRADUATED FROM THE JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN UPPER SCHOOL OF RAMAZ 52 TO SPEND NEXT YEAR IN ISRAEL

WE WISH OUR GRADUATES CONTINUED SUCCESS AND PERSONAL GROWTH AS THEY ENTER
THE FOLLOWING YESHIVOT AND SCHOOLS TO PURSUE THEIR PASSION FOR LEARNING
AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO TORAH, MITZVOT, AND AHAVAT YISRAEL

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

AISH Machal	Midreshet Moriah
Ein Hanatziv	Midreshet Yeud
Israel Experience at Bar Ilan	Migdal Oz
Kivunim	Nativ
Maaleh School of Television, Film and the Arts	Sha'alvim for Women
Machal/Israel Defense Force	Tochnit Shalem
Machon Ma'ayan	Sheirut Leumi
Michlelet Esther	Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush)
Midreshet Amit	Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh
Midreshet HaRova	Yeshivat Orayta
Midreshet Lindenbaum	Yeshivat Torat Shraga

The seniors also earned a wonderful record of college acceptances:

Babson College	University of Michigan
Bar-Ilan University	MIT
Barnard College	Muhlenberg College
Boston University	New York University
Brandeis University	Ohio State
University of Chicago	University of Pennsylvania
Columbia University	Princeton University
Cornell University	Rutgers University
CUNY - Baruch, Queens	Stern College for Women
Emory University	SUNY - Binghamton
George Washington U.	SUNY - Stony Brook
Harvard University	USMA at West Point
IDC Herzliya	Washington U., St. Louis
- Raphael Recanati Int'l School	Wesleyan University
University of Maryland	Yale University
Yeshiva University	

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NEW MEMBERS

Fifty-one new households joined the Congregation this past year and were officially inducted and welcomed at the 140th Annual Meeting by Jonathan Wagner, Treasurer of the Congregation:

Ari Ackerman	Jessica and Jonathan Harooni	Yifat and Robert Milloul
Samuel Archibald	Rachel & Eliot Hoff	Jennifer and David Millstone
Deborah and Isaac Ash	Kenneth Jacobson	Judy and Donald Olenick
Ilene and Michael Ausubel	Judith Fischman Johnson	Yevgen Ariel Olevskiy
Karen and Mark E. Benson	Alyssa and Aaron Kapito	Sarina and Albert Palacci
Susanne Brody	Zipporah and Danny Khalil	Satya Laren and Robert Pollock
Graciela and Marcelo Broitman	Stacey and Richard Klass	Lee'at Sharoni & Aharon Rabinowitz
Gila and David Cohen	Jeffrey Kleinhaus	Dan Raz
Lisa and Richard Cohen	Jonathan Kobrin	Eleanore Reznik
Chaiki and Ziel Feldman	Emily and Aaron Krawitz	Susan Rosenbaum
Jessica and Joshua Fensterstock	Daniele Kurzweil	Anna and Emmanuel Sanders
Elyssa and William Friedland	Philippe Kurzweil	Alison and Marc Schulder
Gealia and Matthew Friend	Ivanka and Jared Kushner	Eyal Seinfeld
Vanessa and Joseph Gad	Leonard Lazar	Geraldine and Moses Stein
Virginie and Andre Ghighi	Eileen Wachter and Joseph Malki	Judith and Mark Tykocinski
Amy and James Haber	Michael Mann	Janet Vogel
Kornelia and Daniel Harari	Mary and Gerald Millman	Sarah and Jonathan Wainberg

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WWW.CKJ.ORG

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of the
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212-874-6100 ext. 452

(Recorded Message)

ISRAEL ACTION

Check out "Artzeinu"
The Weekly Israel News Update

<http://artzeinu.org>

edited by fellow
KJ members
Joshua Glatt,
Jonathan Hornblass,
Dan Ottensoser and
Erica Schwartz.

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

KJ FOOD PANTRY

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

WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who joined the Congregation between March 29 and the date on which this Bulletin went to press, June 20:

Vanessa and Raymond Chalme

Maureen Cronin

Claire and Stuart Koshner

Rebecca and Aryeh Levin

Charles Muhlbauer

Hilary and Barry Ness

Robin Rothman and Lanny Schwartzfarb

KJ ANNUAL DINNER

Save the Date:

Saturday Night

December 1, 2012

at 8:00 pm

"Home on the Range"

Ramaz Upper School

60 East 78th Street

SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JULY 8 – JULY 29

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

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

Our mourning for the destroyed Temples

and for the other calamities which occurred on these days extends beyond the fasts themselves. The period between these two fasts, traditionally called The Three Weeks, includes several practices of mourning. During these three weeks we do not get our hair cut, attend weddings or involve ourselves in large joyous gatherings. During the nine days which begin on the first of Av, July 20, and continue until the night of the tenth of Av, July 29, we are additionally forbidden to eat meat and drink wine (except on Shabbat), to go swimming, or bathe for pleasure and to do any laundry or dry cleaning that is not absolutely necessary. The Talmud writes that when the month of Av begins, our mood should reflect our mourning for the destruction of the Temples. On Tisha B'Av itself, besides fasting, we are prohibited from washing our bodies, wearing leather shoes, anointing ourselves and having marital relations. It is forbidden, as well, to study Torah on this day excepting the sections of the prophets and the Talmud that discuss the destruction. We do not wear *tefillin* until Mincha and the custom is to sit on low chairs as mourners do until midday. Our observance of mourning also forbids us from greeting friends on Tisha B'Av.

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

WHEN TISHA B'AV COINCIDES WITH SATURDAY EVENING

If observed correctly, the nine days of Tisha B'Av can greatly enhance one's experience on Tisha B'Av itself. Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, z"l, pointed out that it is not human nature to mourn appropriately for tragedies that occurred 2,000 years ago and, therefore, a system was devised to help us gradually enter a state of mourning.

We begin a moderate period of mourning three weeks before Tisha B'Av. The mourning intensifies on Rosh Chodesh Av, nine days prior to Tisha B'Av. In this manner when we arrive at Tisha B'Av, we are ready to commemorate the destruction of the Temples with the proper mind set.

This year is unique in the sense that Tisha b'Av falls on Shabbat. The observance of Shabbat takes precedence over a fast day, so with the exception of Yom Kippur, any fast day which falls on Shabbat is observed on Sunday. And so it is this year. The fast begins immediately after the conclusion of Shabbat. Therefore some of the laws are different and should be noted.

1. There is no traditional *Seudah Mafseket*. The pre-fast meal, which in this case will be *Seudah Shlishit*, can consist of anything, including meat and wine. Mincha on July 28 will take place at 3:00 p.m. to allow everyone time to eat a leisurely *Seudah Shlishit*.

2. Birkat Hamazon may be recited as a *mezuman* (a group of three men or three women) if the opportunity arises.

3. The prayer *Tzidkatcha Tzedek* is not said during Mincha.

4. Regular Havdalah is not said. The blessing on the fire is said on Saturday night. The blessing on the wine and haMavdil are said on Sunday. No blessing at all is made on the spices.

5. Maariv and the reading of Megillat Eichah will take place at 9:20 p.m. in the Kaufman Auditorium of the Ramaz Upper School, Newman Education Center, 60 East 78th Street. Attendees should wear their non-leather footwear to services, and bring tzedakah to donate during the offertory.

The Jerusalem Talmud affirms that "one who mourns for Jerusalem will yet see its glorious reconstruction."

May our observance of Tisha B'Av this year help to bring about that blessed outcome.

Tisha B'Av, Sunday July 29 (observed) All Services and Programming at 114 East 85th Street

- 8:30 a.m., Morning Services
- 10:30 a.m., Shiur by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik:
"The Many Tisha B'Avs of Isaac Abarbanel"
- Films: 11:45 a.m. - 6:10 p.m. film schedule below
- 6:45 p.m., Shiur by Rabbi Lookstein
- 7:45 p.m., Evening Services
- 8:53 p.m., fast concludes



11:45 a.m. - Defiance: An account of the Bielski partisans, led by three Jewish brothers who saved and recruited Jews in Poland during the Second World War. They saved 1,200 lives and organized the largest Jewish resistance during the war. (running time, 137 min.)

2:10 p.m. - In Darkness: Nominated for Best Foreign film at the most recent Academy Awards, this film tells the true story of Leopold Soha, a thief, who risks his life to save 12 Jewish refugees from certain death by hiding them for 14 months in the sewers of Lvov. (Running time, 145 min.)

4:40 p.m. - The Boy in the Striped Pajamas is a 2008 historical drama based on the novel of the same name by Irish writer John Boyne. The film explores the horror of a death camp through the eyes of two 8-year-old boys; one the son of the camp's Nazi commandant, the other a Jewish inmate. (Running time, 94 min.)

תשס"ט

Keter Torah Awards Bestowed Upon

At the conclusion of the morning service on the second day of Shavuot, Monita Buchwald and Caroline Massel were presented by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein with the Tenth Annual Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Award.

These are their remarks:

REFLECTION ON A KETER TORAH

Thank you so much for this honor. When Rabbi Lookstein told me of my selection, he said that was the good news he was sharing. The bad news, he said, was that I was the “older” woman. That Caroline Massel was the “younger” woman was truly the good news. I couldn’t be more delighted to share this award with such a deserving “younger” woman. Mazal Tov to you, Caroline.

I’m in shul nearly every Shabbat and holiday. But I have a confession to make - while davening is important, it’s not the primary reason I come. The real reason I am a faithful shul goer is because I find comfort, support, and enjoyment from being a part of the KJ/Ramaz community. Participation and belief in community is what colors all my non-professional life. And for me, this is what the Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah award is all about.

I’m touched by being part of the KJ/Ramaz community in big and small ways. When I was sitting shiva for my mother, of blessed memory, the community stepped in to make sure our shiva home was prepared; breakfast was set up for morning daveners; and Ramaz students filled in at evening prayers. When I’m saying Kaddish, the minyan is supportive and comforting. In times of medical crises, countless community members have made themselves available for consultation and recommendations. I

feel the communal impact in small ways too. With Fairway now on 86th Street I’m always bumping into someone from the community with whom I can share an anecdote or offer culinary advice. Sukkot is an extra special holiday because I get to share it with fellow KJers who live in my building.

So what does community really have to do with receiving The Keter Torah award? For me, it is an intrinsic part of the award, both for who it truly honors - Judith Hurwich, of blessed memory - and for what a Keter Torah means to me.

I didn’t know Judith Hurwich, but I have the privilege of knowing her son, Adam, and daughter-in law, Meryl. Through them, their relatives and Judith’s friends I learned what an extraordinary woman Judith was. She was passionate about education and encouraged her children not only to learn academically but experientially. She was a feminist who enabled women not only to meet their expectations but to exceed them. She was motivated by art, in all shapes and forms, and provided spotlights for Israeli artists needing greater exposure. But more than anything, Judith simply cared about people and how she could help them in whatever they needed.

An American friend’s son was on leave from the army over Shabbat. She invited him for Friday night dinner but he felt he couldn’t abandon his unit also on leave. So Judith invited them all for dinner. Her son’s school couldn’t afford a library, so she and her husband helped them create one. Today, there lives a vibrant and devoted Judith Hurwich community because she selflessly invested in every individual who forms that community.

The literal “Keter Torah” - the crown of the Torah - also has a link to community. If we look at the Keter Torah, we see a beautiful silver crown perched on top of two wooden handles that keep the Torah scroll together. The Torah is the essence of all that we are as Jews and provides guidance in our relationship with God and with each other. I see these two scroll tops as representing individuals or groups who are brought together in one community when the Keter, the crown, is placed on top of them. The Keter sparkles atop the Torah as did Judith Hurwich when she was pleased with what she could set in motion. I think women are communal drivers. Giving women the Keter Torah award on Shavuot, a holiday which celebrates the impact of women, is very fitting. It is the women of our community who take on the responsibility, for example, of setting up a shiva home; delivering food to a new mom; and making sure there is a communal Kiddush every Shabbat.

But you can’t have a community without individuals, like Judith, who are willing to nurture, contribute and support the community. It is a two-way street. I believe one must give and do.

I am grateful that my husband, Charles, and children, Sarah and Natan, have always supported the volunteer work I’ve done. Even to the extent of becoming my street reporters and photographers when I edited the Ramkol. I *shep nachas* from seeing my dad stand at the bima in his role as Vice President. I appreciate the support my sister and brother, and their families have given to the causes I champion. And I’m so thankful to be a part of the KJ/Ramaz community where there is no end to the help provided or the means for offering that assistance. We should all be so proud of the Keter Torah we represent, no one more so than Rabbi Lookstein.

Thank you again for this wonderful honor. Chag Sameach.



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Monita Buchwald & Caroline Massel

TAKE WISDOM AND IMPROVE ON IT

תן לחכם ויחכם עוד

The Gemara in Masechet Shabbat describes Ruth as a person who took wisdom and improved upon it. Ruth listened to every instruction and suggestion Naomi offered. When it came time for Ruth to meet Boaz, Naomi strategized and suggested that Ruth first bathe herself and put on her finest clothes and then go to the threshing floor where she would encounter Boaz. But that was not what Ruth did. According to the text, Ruth first went down to the threshing floor and only then did she change into her finest, lest she be mistaken for a prostitute. The Gemara cites this as an example of being willing to receive wisdom and being able to improve upon it.

In preparation to stand here today, I thought long and hard about the wisdom I have received and what I have done with it. I have been blessed with inspiration from so many people in my life, particularly my family, my community and my school.

One of my greatest sources of inspiration and wisdom are the words shared each year by the recipients of this beautiful award. I feel deeply humbled to be here because of the remarkable accomplishments of Judith Kaufman Hurwich as well as the accomplishments of the prior recipients of KJ's Keter Torah award. I am honored to stand here with Monita Buchwald, who, truly in the mold of the past recipients, touches the lives of so many people through her communal work. Monita, may you and your family continue to do good with your hallmark mix of humility and commitment.

Another major source of wisdom has been my family.

After escaping from Europe before the outbreak of the Holocaust, my father's father, Morris Arfa z'l, together with my grandmother, Gertrude Arfa, *yibadail l'chaim*, began a program to foster Hebrew literacy in Queens in order to create a deeper connection to Judaism for those that lacked it.

My maternal grandparents, Salo and

Regina Gutfreund z'l, were unable to escape before the Shoah. What has always been astounding to me is that despite witnessing the worst horrors in the concentration camps, my grandparents never wavered in their commitment to Torah, their compassion for other people, their softness and warmth and their love of helping others. My grandparents became leaders in their community and raised their daughter, my mother, in a home filled with warmth, love and security.

My parents, Barbara and Harvey Arfa, learned the lessons of responsibility from their parents. My parents have always been active in Jewish charities and organizations but also stressed the importance of "quiet chesed" -- helping a friend who is confronted with a new illness, welcoming new members to the community or just remembering to call someone who has suffered a loss or setback. The lesson from my family was clear -- be responsible because you are responsible.

My parents enrolled me in Ramaz because they believed that the values of the school coincided with their values. As a student at Ramaz, there was always a chesed project which was as important as any schoolwork. In 1988, Ramaz provided me the opportunity to visit refuseniks in the Soviet Union. As my mother put it at the time, "if someone had visited my parents in Europe, maybe things would have been different." That trip underscored Ramaz's message of social responsibility and made an everlasting impression on me. Today, Ramaz is teaching the same values to my children, Rebecca, Alexander and, soon enough, Michael.

I was given an opportunity to try to implement the wisdom I had received shortly after graduating from college. Eli Zborowski, a close friend of my grandparents and the founder of the American Society for Yad Vashem, asked me to attend a Yad Vashem board meeting. At the time, I did not know what I could add to the organization but soon it became

clear what I was responsible for -- younger people needed to understand that the cause of Remembrance was as relevant, if not more relevant, to the lives of the succeeding generations than it is to the lives of the survivors. Not only do crazed people on the fringes of today's society deny the history of the Holocaust, but leaders of powerful countries and even mainstream members of society challenge the historical truth of the Holocaust as a way of attacking Jews and Israel.

In 1997, a few friends and I began the Young Leadership Associates of the American Society for Yad Vashem. From humble beginnings, we have grown to hosting events with close to a thousand participants. Of all of the organization's accomplishments, the most important achievement to me has been our annual teacher's conference. In 1999, the Young Leadership started a teacher's conference to teach public and private school teachers how to teach their students about the Holocaust. The first conference was held here at KJ. When I asked Rabbi Lookstein to host the event, I could barely finish my sentence before he enthusiastically agreed. Over the last thirteen years, our annual conference has educated thousands of teachers and, as a result, touched hundreds of thousands of students. We have a professional staff of educators who now run the conference, which is led by an esteemed KJ member, Dr. Marlene Warshawski Yahalom. This year, the conference is expanding to other areas of the country so we can further the reach of this important mission.

I am deeply honored to be standing before this community and to be the recipient of this award. I am overwhelmed with gratitude to Rabbi Lookstein and the entire congregation.

The sugya in Masechet Shabbat about Ruth concludes by describing the blessing Ruth received for her acts of chesed--

ותאכל בעולם הזה ותשב
לימות המשיח ותותר לעתיד לבא.

Like Ruth, may we all merit to receive wisdom in this world and enjoy the fruits of that wisdom forever thereafter.



THE 140th ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE MEETING

A NEW PRESIDENT; FIVE KJ WOMEN REFLECT ON THEIR RAMAZ EXPERIENCES

85 NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

With little more than a week before the first Seder, Rabbi Elie Weinstock invoked the differences a year can make and gave thanks for the myriad blessings for which we should be so grateful. Following that solemn moment of invocation and an equally moving rendition of the national anthems by Cantor Mayer Davis, the congregation inducted fifty-one new member households comprising eighty-five people. (A listing of the new members appears on page 2 of this Bulletin.)

The first order of business which immediately followed was the celebration of milestone anniversaries of affiliation for twenty-six households. Rabbi Lookstein, with incomparable warmth, recalled the family histories and communal contributions of each of the celebrants.

The following members celebrated milestone anniversaries and were honored by the Congregation:

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Fred Baumgarten
George Baumgarten
Caryl and Israel Englander
Georgie and Steven Gross
Gail and Seymour Kramer
Sara Mandelbaum
Carol and Melvin Newman
Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim
Rochelle Rubin
Donna and Arthur Silverman
Rebecca and John Steindecker
Leila and Fred Zuckerman

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Louise and Sid Banon
Lea Debora
Monita Buchwald
and Charles Edelsburg
Janet and Michael Fried
Kirsten Glaubach
Helen and Melvin Heller
Marcia and Jonathan Javitt
Bernard Jereski
Madeleine and Mark Lebowohl
Lisa and Nathan Low
Jackie and Jeffrey Marcus
Naomi and Israel Max
Judith Shipper
Reuvain Zahavy

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Eric Feldstein gave the final report of his six-year term, which included an overview of the steps that had been taken in the repair of the synagogue since the July fire.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The report of the Nominating Committee, as approved by the Board of Trustees, was presented by Surie Sugarman and adopted by the congregation.

The following officers were re-elected to the same positions for the 2012-2013 Congregational year:

Vice President.....Surie Sugarman
2nd Vice President.....Robert Kurzweil
3rd Vice President.....Elias Buchwald
4th Vice President.....David Lobel
SecretaryMorris Massel
Treasurer.....Jonathan Wagner
Financial Secretary.....Deena Shiff

Joel Katz was elected to the position of President, Sidney Ingber was elected to the position of Assistant Treasurer, and Dr. Philip Wilner was elected to the position of Recording Secretary.

REGULAR TRUSTEES

Two seats were vacated due to mandatory retirement (the occupant having served the constitutional limit of nine years on the Board). These seats were held by Lee Snow and Barbara Zimet, who were thanked for their service.

Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen's term expired and he was re-elected.

Associate Trustee Sara Shemia was elected to a position as a Regular Trustee.

The following members of the congregation were elected to serve as Regular Trustees:

Alan Friedman
Roni Pick
Alissa Shams

ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES

The following Associate Trustees were reappointed:

Abigail Doft
Evan Farber
Rocky Fishman
Michael Kaplan
Larry Kassman



*40-year Anniversarians
Donna and Arthur Silverman*



*40-year Anniversarians
Georgie and Steve Gross*



*The Changing of the Guard:
Joel Katz and Eric Feldstein*



*25-year Anniversarians
Jackie and Jeffrey Marcus*

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Leor Landa
 Dr. Jody Levine
 Sheera Moffson
 Jason Muss
 Judith Ottensosser
 Alan Rechtschaffen
 Robert Schwartz
 Roberta Stetson
 David Sultan

To fill one Associate Trustee vacancy, Joseph (Tuvie) Meyer was appointed to the Associate Board.

DECEASED MEMBERS

In a solemn moment, and with warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Lookstein then paid tribute to twenty-four members of the



A moment of recollection

Congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 139th Annual Meeting:

Jack Ballan
 Minnie Blank
 Neal Boyarsky
 Chazan Avram Davis
 Fay Deutsch
 Hilda S. Fischman
 Elaine Gruenstein
 Zev Hack
 Irving Hershkowitz
 Dr. Irving Horowitz
 Celia Kabakow
 Shirley Kagan
 Margaret Klein
 Gertrude Linzer
 Muriel Lukashok
 Elizabeth Muller
 Neal Ranells
 Ted Rein
 Shlomo Roth
 Harold Sachs
 Susan Saslaw
 Alan Spiegel
 Sol Walfish
 David "Sigi" Weil

RAMAZ SCHOOL MEETING

Jacob Doft, Chairman of the Board of the Ramaz School, conducted its brief annual meeting. He called upon Dr. Leora Mogilner, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present its report: She thanked those members of the Board of Trustees who completed their terms of service and rotated off the Ramaz Board:

Arthur Adler
 Isaac Herschkopf
 Diana Newman

The following Board members were elected:

CHARTER TRUSTEES

Diane Eidman
 Roberta Solar

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Eric Goldstein
 Randy Krevat

The following people were elected to serve on the Ramaz Board:

PARENT BOARD MEMBERS

Jimmy Haber

ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

Josh Lookstein
 Abbe Serphos

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER

Monita Buchwald

The following Honorary Board Members were re-elected for a one year period:

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS:

Harvey Beker
 Fred Distenfeld
 Lillian Eisman
 David Gruenstein
 Pearl Hack
 Robert Kapito
 Ilan Kaufthal
 Dr. Jerry Kestenbaum
 Gail Propp

The congregational membership in attendance approved the slate of Ramaz School trustees, as well as an amendment to the school charter affirming its non-discriminatory hiring practices.

KJ TRIBUTE TO RAMAZ

What more fitting end to this program than to acknowledge the deep connection with KJ's beloved offspring, the Ramaz School, with a video featuring four women, all members of KJ, whose lives

have been positively impacted by Ramaz. Suzanne Doft, Wendy Greenbaum, Sandy Magid, and the late Lillian Jacobs collectively attested to the positive influence Ramaz has had on their lives -- and by extension, the lives of their families.

Finally, Ariel Groveman Weiner tied it all together as she spoke about her childhood in Memphis, Tennessee, and her desire to come to New York to attend the Ramaz Upper School. The education she received still informs the choices she makes. That she and her husband, Josh,



now send their children to Ramaz demonstrates the lasting effects of the combination of an outstanding Jewish and secular education and the lessons learned from being in an environment of Jewish and communal activism.

APPRECIATING ERIC FELDSTEIN

Upon the completion of Ariel's moving tribute, Rabbi Lookstein took the opportunity to thank Eric Feldstein for his six years of devoted service as President of the congregation during some of its most turbulent times. Throughout, noted Rabbi Lookstein, Eric displayed calm and effective leadership, inspiring others to achieve consensus and overcome challenges. Rabbi Lookstein took note of the same qualities that incoming President Joel Katz possesses and deemed Joel a worthy successor to Eric.

Rabbi Lookstein then presented Eric with a beautiful *yad*, alluding not only to Eric's mellifluous Torah reading, but in acknowledgement of the helping hand he has extended to the congregation for the past six years.

Following heartfelt, sustained applause for Eric, the 140th Annual Synagogue Meeting was adjourned and all were invited to enjoy a delicious repast of frankfurters, sauerkraut, and ice cold beer courtesy of Foremost Caterers.

MORE THAN GOULASH: A RABBINIC

Parashat Kedoshim, 5772, by Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Story One: An eight-year-old girl is playing in the closet and pulls out what she thinks is a tablecloth. It has threads coming off the edges, so she decides to get the scissors and give it a trim. Just at that moment her mother catches her... and tells her what the tablecloth really is, a tallis. It is the beginning of her Jewish identity.

Story Two: Julie began to wonder about her religion after her mother died. Her family did not celebrate Christmas. Her grandmother sometimes read from a little black book which she never showed Julia, and when Israel was mentioned on Radio or TV, her father and grandmother would whisper to each other. When she and her sister brought their boyfriends home from college, her grandmother seemed to prefer hers. He was Jewish, her sister's wasn't. She began to explore, and the journey has taken her to Israel, where she is now a professional tour guide for Jewish groups.

In late February, I participated in a JFNA Rabbinic Cabinet mission to Budapest and Israel. JFNA stands for the Jewish Federations of North America, the umbrella group of all of the local federations like UJA-Federation of New York. The Rabbinic Cabinet is a group of rabbis spanning the denominations who are active in their local federations. Our mission was comprised of 30 rabbis - men and women from the ranks of the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements.

The purpose of the trip was for religious leaders to see how our support of Federation directly impacts Jewish life in Budapest and specific essential programs in Israel through the efforts of the JDC and the Jewish Agency for Israel. The JDC ("the Joint") is officially the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. It is committed to its 3 R's - **Relief, Rescue, and Renewal**. It is active today in more than 70 countries doing so much for Jews as well as non-Jews. JFNA has a special connection to the Joint as the Ramaz, Rabbi Moses Zevulun Margolies (Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's great grandfather, for whom the school was named) was a founder of the Central Relief Committee which later merged with the Joint.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, currently led by Natan Sharansky, has served as the link between the Jewish people and Israel for over 80 years. It was instrumental in creating the State of Israel and has brought over 3 million Jews to Israel. Currently, its mission is to ensure the future of a connected, committed, global Jewish People with a strong Israel at its center,

Today in Budapest, there are around 80,000 Jews who are members of the official community led by a government-recognized Federation. There are 26 active synagogues, three Jewish schools, and other communal institutions, but there is a glaring lack of leadership within the mainstream organizational structure. Much of the exciting work - including the well-known and highly successful summer camp at Sarvasz - is being done through the efforts of the Joint and the Jewish Agency as well as Chabad and alumni of all of their programs.

After so many years of not affiliating, it is hard to get Jews to connect and embrace their identities. Even those who attend Jewish events are reluctant to officially register as Jews or become official members of Jewish organizations. Instead, many hide or disguise their identity, and do not even tell their own children they are Jewish. Yet our group saw a Jewish renaissance taking place thanks to the

efforts of the organizations that we are supporting. In a word, the mission highlighted how essential our efforts are for the sake of Jewish identity.

Jewish identity is a buzzword in today's Jewish conversation and is somewhat amorphous, but seeing Jews in Budapest connecting on some level - any level - with their identity reinforced the critical importance of strengthening identity. What kind of identity or how much identity or whose definition of identity? It doesn't matter. With all of the threats and challenges facing us today, it is time to make more Jews just feel more Jewish. Rav Haim Amsellem, a Sephardic rabbi who was part of the Shas party, is trying to promote an Orthodoxy where the Chareidi community encounters Israeli society in a more meaningful way including army service and entering the work force. He is also promoting a more open attitude towards conversion. Rav Amsellem described his motivation to defend a welcoming attitude towards conversion as the mitzvah of zehut Yehudi - Jewish identity. All too often today, we find those who want to engage, connect, or join the Jewish community being pushed away. This is unacceptable. As I heard Jonathan Sarna say recently at this year's Orthodox Forum: "We never give up on Jews. If the *ribbono shel olam* (master of the universe) gave up on Jews as easily as some people...there wouldn't be Jews."

On my trip, I saw what is possible when the Jewish community comes together collectively to accomplish what we cannot do locally. I came away with a greater sense of urgency that each of us - as individuals and a community - must enhance and strengthen Jewish identity. We all support the community's efforts, but we need to think about what we can do ourselves. We ALL have a role to play. What is our role? What is mine? What is yours? There are, obviously, no easy answers, but I came away with a few ideas.

1. The need to engage other denominations - The trip was my first opportunity to interact and spend significant time with rabbis of other denominations, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The itinerary was designed so that

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everyone would feel comfortable. All the food was kosher, and there were no events that violated Shabbat. Morning services were traditional, while some of the evening services were liberal - and no one had to participate if s/he was uncomfortable. Interacting with leaders of other denominations gave me a new appreciation for the Jewish world outside of Orthodoxy. All of the participants were serious rabbis committed to the Jewish community. While there are significant and real differences between how we view Torah and Jewish law, I was excited to be among fellow Jewish activists. We discussed how we view shemirat Shabbat, Kashrut, and other areas of Jewish ritual and practice. It was an eye-opening and very positive experience.

If we are to strengthen Jewish identity, we need to ally ourselves with a coalition of the willing. Recently, I attended the installation ceremony for new officers and board members of the NY Board of Rabbis. The transition was from a "socially, politically, and religiously conservative" Orthodox rabbi to a "socially, politically, and religiously liberal" female Reform rabbi. So there may be some hope for increased opportunities for working together. After all, as Rabbi Yitz Greenberg once put it, "I don't care which denomination you come from as long you're ashamed of it."

2. The need to promote Torah and Jewish learning - There may be Jews who are not interested in exploring Judaism, but we have such a rich tradition of knowledge to engage just about any curious mind. After the AIPAC Policy Conference, columnist Jeffrey Goldberg marveled at AIPAC's ability to assemble over 13,000 pro-Israel activists. This is a tremendous accomplishment, but why, he asked, can't we assemble 13,000 Jews to discuss Torah or Judaism?

We actually can. This summer, close to 100,000 people will fill MetLife Stadium

in NJ and celebrate the Siyum HaShas, the completion of another Daf Yomi cycle. I realize that these devotees are a self-selecting group, but it is clear that Torah has the ability to illuminate and excite. I don't think every Jew will finish Shas, but every Jew can be engaged in some basic Jewish exploration and questioning. On Saturday night in Budapest, at the Jewish

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Agency-sponsored Israel Cultural Institute, we had an ice-breaker with the young people there. We faced a local participant and had to discuss a question. "What is your favorite and least favorite holiday?" "Do you believe in the compatibility of Judaism and the theory of evolution?" These are questions we can ask our neighbors, our children, and each other to deepen Jewish identity. All of us can - very easily - create opportunities to talk more Jewishly.

We need to enlist more allies in the effort to strengthen Jewish identity, and we have to more efficiently access Jewish learning to engage those open to exploring Judaism, but there is also...

3. The need to think outside the box and be creative - The website "Israel Hayom" had the following headline: "Chabad breaks the ice with mission to Antarctica." The story was about Meir Alfasi, who journeyed to the South Pole to print the "Tanya," the main Chabad philosophical book. Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson initiated a project to print the Tanya in every place there is even one Jew. Alfasi told the site that since there are several Jewish scientists there and sometimes Jewish travelers, he just had to do it.

I am not sure more missions to Antarctica are in the cards, but the Jewish people do not lack for creativity. Whether it is the activities I was privileged to see or the myriad of initiatives working to engage Jews, I have newfound appreciation for

experimenting with new ways to strengthen Jewish identity. I returned from the trip in time to celebrate Shabbat with more than 350 people as part of Shabbat Across America and our newest program Tot Shabbat Across America for families with very young children. The Shabbat Across America model, developed by the National Jewish Outreach Program and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, is now 20 years old, and it still works.

I am sure we each can come up with our own idea that will help strengthen Jewish identity. Even if it doesn't go national, it can still make a world of difference.

I cannot help but see the connection between my experience and the mitzvah of *Kedoshim tiyu*. In a unique formulation, it is commanded to "*kol adat bnei yisrael*," to the entire congregation of Israel. To be a holy nation, everyone is needed, but why does it need to say "*kol adat bnei yisrael*?" For an answer, I turned to the experts, my Ramaz third grade parsha class. We came up with the example of attending a sporting event. When someone hits a home run, the crowd cheers. Would it make any difference if you don't cheer? Will the roar of the crowd really be any less? Of course, the answer is no. The same is not true of our community. Each and every person is necessary; each and every person has a role. And each and every one of use needs to make an effort so that all can explore and experience what Judaism has to offer.

Goulash was never on the menu in Hungary, but I had a most fortifying experience. I had a chance to see, firsthand, our community's ability to accomplish so much through the organizations we all support. I acquired insights into our role in tackling the issue of Jewish identity. We must create a broad coalition of those willing and able. We must emphasize the beauty of Jewish learning and the impact it can have on every Jew. In all these efforts, we must be creative and leave no stone unturned and no idea unexamined.

If we take these lessons to heart, we will go a long way towards ensuring that our community includes each and every Jew - *kol adat bnei yisrael*.

ACADEMIC HONORS

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

ELIZABETH (LILY) ABRAHAMS, daughter of Stacey and Harvey Abrahams, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Lily will be attending Nativ in Israel this fall and Barnard College upon her return.

REUBEN ADOLF, son of Amy and Larry Adolf, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of a School Service Award, he will be attending Ohio State University in the fall.

ANNA ASCHENDORF, daughter of Wilma and Kenneth Aschendorf, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Anna will be attending Michlelet Esther in the fall and Boston University upon her return from Israel.

RACHEL ASCHENDORF, daughter of Wilma and Kenneth Aschendorf, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Rachel will be attending Michlelet Esther in the fall and New York University upon her return from Israel.

ARIELLE BIRO, daughter of Ety and Eugene Biro, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of a Band Award, she will be attending SUNY Binghamton in the fall.

REBECCA BRILL, daughter of Judy Abel and Michael Brill and granddaughter of Shirley Abel, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of an English Award and a Yearbook Award, she will be attending Wesleyan University in the fall.

ALEXANDRA BRIZEL, daughter of Dr. Judith Schwartz and Michael Brizel, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Alexandra will be attending Nativ in the fall and Muhlenberg College upon her return from Israel.

ARIEL BROOME, son of Aliza and Alvin Broome, upon his graduation from SAR High School. He will be attending the Leadership Yeshiva Academy- Mechinat Avnei Eitan in the Golan Heights in the fall, and SUNY Binghamton upon his return.

ALICIA REBECCA CHETRIT, daughter of Esther and Meyer Chetrit, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She will be attending New York University in the fall.

ANDREA EDELMAN, daughter of Jewel and Ted Edelman, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award for outstanding personal growth, and a Photography Award, Andrea will be attending Midreshet Lindenbaum in the fall and Rutgers University upon her return from Israel.

AARON FISHKIND, grandson of Judy and Dr. Robert Podell, upon his graduation, as valedictorian, from eighth grade at the ASHAR School. Aaron will be attending Torah Academy of Bergen County High School in the fall.

ALEXANDER GRINBERG, son of Jeanette and Dr. Mikhail Grinberg, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Alexander will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point in the fall.

GABRIELLE JAVITT, granddaughter of Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt and daughter of Drs. Marcia and Jonathan Javitt of Chevy Chase, MD, upon her graduation from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. Gabrielle will attend Dartmouth College where she plans to study Computer Engineering and Industrial Design.

SHOSHANA JAVITT, granddaughter of Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt and daughter of Joel and Kim Javitt of Hillside, New Jersey, upon her graduation from Bruria High School in Elizabeth. Shoshana will be spending a year at Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim and will then attend Stern College.

ADAM KAHN, son of Judy and Dr. Hirshel Kahn, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Adam will be attending Yeshivat Orayta in the fall and Cornell University upon his return from Israel.

MATTIE KAPITO, daughter of Ellen and Robert Kapito, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She is a recipient of the David Kagan Memorial Award for the student athletes who best exemplify the values of sportsmanship and menschlichkeit both on and off the field. Mattie is also the recipient of an English Award. She will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

EMILY KAUFMAN, daughter of Shelley and Martin Kaufman, and granddaughter of Hannah and Ed Low, upon her graduation with a BS from NYU Stern School of Business, with honors. Emily will be working with Moody's Analytics in mid July.

SARAH KREVAT, daughter of Randy and Mitch Krevat, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Lillian Jacobs Award, given for excellence in character and dedication to the spirit of Jewish ethics, Sarah will be attending Midreshet HaRova in Jerusalem in the fall and New York University upon her return from Israel.

ALEXANDRA LOBEL, daughter of Judy and David Lobel and granddaughter of Esther Lobel, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Daniele Gorlin Lassner French Award and Likrat Shabbat Award, Alexandra will be attending Harvard University in the fall.

Yael MAGID, daughter of Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Drs. Gerald and Vicki Platt Award given to the graduating seniors who demonstrate a love of Am Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael as expressed in the philosophy of religious Zionism, and the Gloria Schrenzel Sheer dance Award, Yael will be attending Migdal Oz in the fall and the University of Maryland upon her return from Israel.

ARIELLA MESSING, daughter of Noemi and Daniel Messing, upon her graduation, with honors, from the University of Pennsylvania.

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SOPHIE MINTZ, daughter of Dr. Elizabeth Wallach and Victor Mintz, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award for outstanding work in the study of Hebrew language and excellence in literature, a Tzedakah award, and a Chorus award, she will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

DANIELLA MOFFSON, daughter of Sheera and Michael Moffson, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Jesse Deutsch Tefila Award for the seniors who have shown a demonstrable commitment to Tefila throughout high school, she will be attending Midreshet Amit in the fall and Barnard College upon her return from Israel.

FELICE OLTUSKI, daughter of Dr. Ilona and Paul Oltuski, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Morris S. Arfa Keter Shem Tov Award given to the students who exemplify the qualities and character advocated in Pirkei Avot, and a Likrat Shabbat Award, she will be attending Brandeis University in the fall.

ZAHAVA PRESSER, daughter of Lauren and Mitchell Presser, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of a Rampage Award, she will be attending Midreshet Lindenbaum in the fall and Princeton University upon her return from Israel.

JONATHAN RAPAPORT, son of Drs. Charmaine and David Rapaport, upon his graduation from MIT Sloan School of Management with a BS in Management and minors in Mathematics and Economics.

ELAN REISNER, son of Dr. Sheryl Miller and Dr. Avishai Reisner, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will be attending Washington University, St. Louis in the fall.

JESSE RITZ, son of Amanda Ritz and Michael Ritz, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will be attending IDC Herzliya in the fall.

DANIEL ROTHMAN, son of Florence and Robert Rothman, and grandson of Rita Adler, upon his graduation from the Frisch School. He will be attending the Kivunim Program next year, and thereafter, he will attend New York University.

ALISON SHAY, daughter of Susan and Scott Shay, upon her graduation from SAR High School. Alison plans to attend Northwestern University's School of Engineering in the fall. Alison is one of 19 American graduating seniors to be selected by the Weizmann Institute for summer research studies at the Institute.

ABIGAIL SHAY, daughter of Susan and Scott Shay, upon her graduation from SAR Academy. Abigail will be attending high school at the American Hebrew Academy.

RACHEL SHNAY, daughter of Gabriela and Jack Shnay, upon her graduation from NYU Gallatin School, cum laude, with university scholars honor. She is the recipient of the Founders Day Award and will attend Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons graduate program in occupational therapy.

JESSICA KESTENBAUM SCHERBAN, daughter of Ruth and Jerry Kestenbaum, upon her graduation from Barnard.

CARLY STERN, daughter of Gena Stern and David Stern, and granddaughter of Elias Buchwald, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Carly will be attending Nativ in Israel this fall and

George Washington University upon her return from Israel.

JULIANNA STORCH, granddaughter of Albert and Brenda Benstein, upon her graduation, cum laude, from Barnard College. Julianna is the daughter of Elana and Daniel Storch.

DREW STROMER, son of Shoshana and Dr. Saul Stromer, upon his graduation from Manhattan Day School. He will be attending Torah Academy of Bergen County in the fall.

LAUREN WAGNER, daughter of Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner, upon her graduation, cum laude, from Barnard College. She will attend Fordham Law School in the fall.

MATTHEW WEINREICH, son of Gaby and Howard Weinreich, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Darkhei Noam Award presented to the seniors who respond to others with warmth and sensitivity, Matthew will be attending Boston University in the fall.

GABRIELLE (GABI) WILNER, daughter of Judy and Dr. Philip Wilner, and granddaughter of Henry Wilner, upon her graduation from Barnard College, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with Departmental Honors. She has accepted a position as Clinical Research Coordinator at the Hospital for Special Surgery overseeing studies in Lupus and other autoimmune disorders.

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATED ON APRIL 18

A meaningful Yom HaShoah program took place in the Ramaz Upper School. The evening of remembrance and prayer included a poignant candle-lighting ceremony, tefillah, and a musical performance by the Ramaz Upper School Choir and Kol Ram Community Chorus.

We welcomed Ari L. Goldman, Professor of Journalism at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, former head of the Religions Department at The New York Times, and the author of three books including the best-selling *The Search for God at Harvard*. Professor Goldman has led trips to Berlin and Auschwitz in an effort to make the lessons of the Shoah relevant to today's young professionals. He was joined by Judith Alter Kallman, who read excerpts from her new book *A Candle in the Heart: Memoir of a Child Survivor of the Holocaust*, a heartbreaking and hopeful work that speaks for the one million children who were killed at Kiddush Hashem.

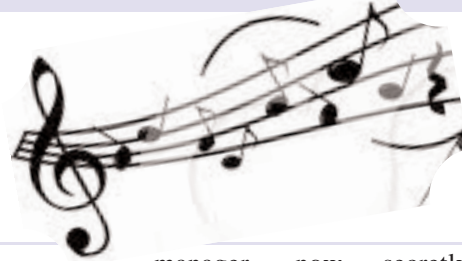
Yaira Singer commemorated the Holocaust with a breathtaking ode to the Yiddish world that was lost and to the lyrical Yiddish songs of her grandmother. Yaira's beautiful presentation can be found on pages 12 and 13 of this issue.



AN ODE TO A FORGOTTEN LANGUAGE

This tribute was presented by Yaira Singer at KJ's Yom HaShoah program. Yaira is a KJ member, the daughter of KJ members. She is also a Ramaz graduate, and now a Ramaz parent. She was raised speaking Yiddish and she continues the tradition with her own children.

*O, Ir Kleine Likhtelekh
Ir dertzeylt geshikhtelekh
Mayselekh on a tzol.
Ir derstaylt fun blutikayt
Beryeshaft un mutikayt
Vunders fun a mol.*



*Little Candles,
You recount histories
Stories to no end...
You tell of bloodshed,
Of heroism and bravery,
Wonders from another time.*

My grandmother, Shoshana, is a survivor of the Kovno Ghetto in Lithuania, and many concentration camps including Bergen Belsen. To be here today, Shoshana has traveled from Mexico City, where she lives, and I welcome her in Yiddish because it's the language in which I was raised: *A groisn, hartzikn dank farn kumen.*

As a child, I never associated Yiddish with Eastern Europe or history. It was simply my reality, here in New York. Yiddish was transmitted to me naturally, through everyday conversation at home. So the only thing that made it seem unusual to me was the growing realization that almost no one outside my immediate family spoke much Yiddish.

It took a long time for me to understand how integral Yiddish is to Jewish life and to my identity. To be honest, I wasn't always comfortable with Yiddish. People say to me, "You speak Yiddish? Why? It's a dead language." It's not the reaction you get if you tell people you speak, say, Italian. I heard it so many times that I once actually asked my grandparents, "When are we done with Yiddish?" There is a Yiddish word, *farfaln*. You can say it with a shrug, and it means, it's over, there is nothing to do but accept reality and move forward. Even if we acknowledge the loss, when is Yiddish *farfaln*? My grandfather answered, "How can it be dead if we're having a conversation in Yiddish right now?" I came to understand that Yiddish is the language of a living people, and my grandparents and parents have guaranteed that it will continue to be so at least during my lifetime.

My grandmother has told me of her experiences in the Holocaust. Her words have left indelible images in my mind: I see her in the ghetto watching her father, who was once an accomplished factory

manager, now secretly dividing a smuggled apple four ways, a slice for each member of the family. I see her father coming home one day limping, dirty, and barefoot. He had been beaten, his hat and shoes had been ripped off. He says that the Nazis want to take away our humanity, make animals out of us. But that they could never do it: "Mir zenen menchn," he'd said, "we are human beings."

My grandmother has spoken of torturous starvation, of terror, of humiliations and grief. And I said to her once, "It's impossible for me, here in the 21st century in New York, to imagine what any of this was like, and her response was that she could hardly imagine it either. She has a PhD in sociology. She has read, she has analyzed, and she has witnessed with her own eyes - but some things will never make sense.

I was raised here in this community to value the need to record and study our history. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks credits the Jewish people as the first group to see ourselves in history - in our own past. We were the first to recognize the importance of knowing those who came before us, and that our actions affect those who will come after us.

Isn't it surprising then that there is no authentic Hebrew word for History? We have only the borrowed word, *historia*. The important word in the Tanach for understanding our place in time is *zachor*, remember. The commandment to remember, and also its mirror, the commandment not to forget - appears in the Torah 169 times. That's how essential our awareness of the past is, in order to build upon it in the future.

So what's the difference between *historia*/history, and *zikaron*/memory? History is past, something that happened to

someone else. Memory is a living part of who I am. History is information; Memory is part of my identity.

But how can I remember something that did not happen to me? After all, the Holocaust took place before I was born. How do we keep memory alive?

We can turn to the Pesach Seder for answers, where each generation is supposed to view itself as if it were the one who came out of Egypt. The Seder is a re-enactment. We eat Matzah that the Jews rushed to prepare, we dip into saltwater to taste the bitter tears, and so on. We try to connect to the suffering of our people, so that we appreciate the miracle of our freedom.

But can we really re-enact the events of the Holocaust in order to keep the memory alive? We have ceremonies, we build museums. We try to preserve the sites and artifacts and stories because they tell our history, because all of Eastern Europe is our ground zero. And last summer my husband and I travelled to Poland on a KJ trip to visit concentration camps and Ghettos, a personal form of re-enactment.

Last summer, my husband and I travelled to Poland with KJ. We are walking through the woods in the outskirts of Tykochin, a town we visited. We're approaching the spot that ended Jewish life in Tykochin. Intuitively, out of respect, we walk in silence. We are engulfed by the quiet beauty of this forest, and yet cannot escape the horror of the killing fields we are about to witness. In the mind's eye you hear the delighted laughter of young children playing as their parents enjoyed the moment.

That beautiful spot was chosen for mass murder, with obvious symbolism. As in countless towns throughout Europe, the Jews of Tykochin were rounded up one day, marched into nearby woods where

pits had been dug by their Polish neighbors, forced to undress, and shot methodically into the pits. There were no selections here: children, parents, grandparents, friends, everyone. All of the town's 1,400 Jews were killed there on a single day. 1,400 people silenced.

And there we stand, and stare at a set of cordoned off pits, and after Kaddish and Hatikvah, we turn and walk back toward our bus. The ceremony was powerful, but as we were walking away from the pits I had the sense there had to be something more. The silence haunted me, because before the day of massacre, these woods had heard centuries of Yiddish conversation and Yiddish music. And that culture has also been silenced, because nobody sings the songs anymore. Nobody tells the jokes, or recites the poetry. Not in Tikochin, but not here either.

I realized that we learn about what happened to the Jewish people in the Holocaust, and yet we know precious little about who they were - not as individuals and not as a people.

Their legacy cannot be one of silence. I know firsthand, from the songs I was brought up with, from the stories and poems that were read to me, and from the expressions used in my everyday life: the legacy of the Jews is one of life, of learning and creativity, and of a language so interwoven with Judaism that its name, Yiddish means Jewish. Yiddish, united all Eastern European Jews: the religious and the secular, the different countries and lifestyles.


Even during the war, in the ghettos, Yiddish was a unifying force of the Jews. It was the language of all the internal Jewish organizations: the political undergrounds, the theaters, schools and

shuls. The Yiddish culture itself became a form of resistance against the Nazis - our language was the one thing they could not take away. So how can I now watch it slip away into oblivion?

On Yom HaShoah I mourn the jarring disconnect between the people we lost and our commemorations of them. I yearn to see tributes that exalt the language, the centuries of rich study, literature, theater, music, and culture that have shaped our Jewish identity.


If I view this day as historical only, I've missed the message of remembrance. If all we do is collect information about the heinous facts of the Holocaust, the people will remain archival data; collected, digitized, and earmarked: crimes against humanity. History does not capture the personal command of Zachor. I cannot re-enact the suffering of the Jews during the Holocaust, but I can remember the life and thereby reinforce the legacy. The memories living inside our minds connect us to our Yiddish speaking ancestors and make a claim on who we are today. My grandparents and parents handed this living legacy down to me, recognizing that the essence of who they are would otherwise be lost in translation. They made an effort to pay it forward, and I offer it to my own children as well, that they may carry their memories with them from the incredible world that we lost.

We'll say Kaddish for those who died Al Kiddish Hashem. But in their honor - in their MEMORY - we'll revive their voice in song. I close with the last verse of the song I began with. It's not a Holocaust song, it's a Yiddish folksong from the turn of last century by Zavel Zilberts:



*O, Ir Kleine Likhtelekh,
Ayere Geshikhtelekh
Vekn uf mayn payn.
Tif in hartz bavekt es zikh
Un mit trern fregt es zikh
Vos vet itzter zayn?*

*Little Candles
Your histories
awaken my anguish
My heart stirs deep within itself,
And tearfully asks itself,
Now, what will be?*



INVOCATION AT THE 140TH ANNUAL KJ SYNAGOGUE MEETING

by Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Ma nishtana ha-layla ha-zeh mi'kol ha-leilot - How different and special is this night from all others!

Eternal God: Next week, Jews around the world will marvel at the elevated and exalted experience of the Seder night.

On this special night, we are grateful to you, o Lord, for the chance to convene for the 140th time as a Congregation.

Ma nishtana ha-layla ha-zeh - Tonight, our meeting is, indeed, different from all previous nights. We cannot forget the fire which damaged our beloved sanctuary. We are thankful that no one was injured and that, with Your help and the dedication of this community, we continue to thrive as we commit to restoring that which was lost.

Ha-layla ha-zeh - Tonight is special as we welcome new members as they take their place as active participants in our Congregation. We celebrate friends and neighbors who have been with us for so long, and we remember lovingly those who have passed away in the last year.

Ha-layla ha-zeh - We pay tribute to one who has served so diligently for six years as President of our synagogue and offer our best wishes for success to those who will continue to lead our Congregation.

Ha-layla ha-zeh - Tonight, we also celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Ramaz School and recognize its transformational role in the lives of so many families within our Congregation.

Dear God: We pray for Your continued blessing in fulfilling our congregation's mission of dedication to Your service, the Jewish people and the State of Israel, our fellow citizens, and humanity as a whole. Amen.



KJ RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATIVE SPIRIT

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun has been recognized this spring for its creativity and innovation in engaging the Jewish community. KJ is the recipient of a grant from UJA-Federation of New York to develop a new program that will aim to bring a Shabbat experience to young Jews outside of the traditional synagogue setting. The initiative is called the "Sabbath Salon," and the idea is to build off of KJ's successful Beginners Program strategies to encourage young Jews to enjoy a Shabbat experience while being introduced to the synagogue. Monthly Shabbat gatherings, meals and discussions will take place in "out of the box" venues around the neighborhood such as event spaces and bars. Young

members of the synagogue will be asked to spearhead the effort to engage their peers who do not normally enjoy a Shabbat experience or participate in any sort of congregational activity.

KJ's initiative is part of a larger effort on the part of UJA-Federation to make outreach to unaffiliated Jews in their 20s and 30s a higher communal priority. While there are a variety of programs throughout the Jewish community to attract unaffiliated Jews, KJ's initiative, developed by Congregational Scholar Gilah Kletenik and Rabbi Elie Weinstock, seeks to raise the profile and relevance of the synagogue



in the minds of young Jews today.

Another local Jewish organization recently recognized the innovative activities of KJ. Rabbi Elie Weinstock was named a member of the Jewish Education Project Young Pioneers Circle. The group includes distinguished Jewish educators and leaders throughout the Greater New York area who are taking creative approaches to enhance the work of Jewish organizations and are willing to experiment and innovate in exciting ways to serve the Jewish community and the unique challenges of the 21st century.

L'SHALOM L'VRACHA, SHLICHOT B'NEI AKIVA!

To our Dear KJ community
This is not a farewell letter. This year was only the beginning of a wonderful friendship...

A year ago we left a known place that had our home, family and friends, for you. The decision to embark on this mission stemmed from a belief in the ideals and values we were taught all our lives: the values of loving Am Israel and Eretz Israel. We knew we had something valuable to offer, and we came here filled with motivation to contribute despite the uncertainties and concerns that we had:

- Could we fit in a community that is different from what we are used to?
- Could we handle the differences in the language and the culture?
- Would the longing for family and friends be difficult to overcome?
- Could we pass on the values and ideas with which we were raised?

So many concerns...

But now, after spending a full year here we can definitely say that this year was more wonderful than anything we expected or dreamed of. It was a year of love, of fulfillment, of giving, of excitement, of dreaming!!!

This year was an incredible year because of each and every one of you! We want to thank you for the special moments that we experienced with and because of you: For the hospitality on Shabbatot and Chagim; for the continuous participation in all the Bnei Akiva programs; for your appreciation of our work, and the warm love and care that you gave us. Especially, the unforgettable surprise birthday celebration that you gave us at the Bnei Akiva Shabbaton. Thank you so much for all those moments that are instilled in our memories forever!

Always yours,



Racheli and Basmat, Shlichot Bnei Akiva 5772

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UJA: PROGRAMS FOR KJ PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

UJA at KJ has had a great year with programs like serving a Thanksgiving meal to clients at Project ORE and celebrating Chanukah with the seniors of Jewish Home Lifecare. In spring we participated once again with AmeriCorps and Met Council's Pack it Up for Purim, preparing healthy food packages for needy New Yorkers, and in May, we brought seniors from Selfhelp to join our weekly Lunch and Learn and engage in a meaningful dialogue with members of the Ramaz Lower School Chorus after a spectacular and moving performance. As always, we were treated to some inspiring words from Rabbi Weinstock which were enjoyed by everyone.

UJA at KJ's Annual Reception was held on May 15th, hosted by Monique and Andrew Rechtschaffen in their lovely home. Rabbi Joshua Lookstein moderated a discussion between Eric Goldstein, Chair of UJA-Federation's Commission on Jewish Identity and Renewal, and Dyonna Ginsburg, Director, Jewish Service Learning for the Jewish Agency for Israel. And as always, Rabbi Lookstein spoke eloquently about his passion for UJA-Federation and why the organization receives one of his and Audrey's largest

charitable contributions.

It was at that reception that we announced our Mitzvahs and Milestones project to keep Educational Alliance's Shabbat ORE open. It is a program that offers a Shabbat lunch to clients who otherwise would not have the opportunity to celebrate the Sabbath. Members of the KJ community have generously come together to raise money to keep the program open, bringing one Shabbat meal a month to those who need it most.

We are looking forward to another full calendar in the year to come. Look for an invitation to join us to collect school supplies for children at one of UJA-Federation's beneficiary agencies through UJA's Supplies for Success program at the end of the Summer. Thank you all for your continued support!

For more information about any of our programs or to get more involved with UJA at KJ, please contact "UJA at KJ" Chairs Erica Schwartz at erica.schwartz@hotmail.com and Sara Shemia at sara.shemia@poloralphlauren.com, or Sarah Raphaely at raphaelys@ujafedny.org.



*Self-Help Seniors and Ramaz Chorus all Smiles
Photo Credit: Sarah Raphaely*

Sisterhood Luncheon's Designer Showcase at KJ: Monday, June 4, 2012

A portion of the proceeds were donated to the victims of the tragedy in Toulouse.

150 people attend an elegant luncheon in the Heyman Auditorium

A talented group of interior decorators and party planners teamed-up for the Sisterhood's first ever Designer Showcase Luncheon. The group included leaders in their industries, community members and non-community members. Guests dined at elaborately decorated and sometimes simply chic tables, each one unique.

Credit for all photos: Shirley Serure

Vivaldi boutique presented a fashion show featuring their new spring and summer fashions.

Proceeds went to the Sisterhood which sustains the community: Shiva Homes, Unsponsored Kiddushes, Scholarships, Bar and Bat Mitzvah Gifts

We would like to thank the following designers for their beautiful table settings:

Jennifer Agus of Agus Interiors * Diane Amante * Jonathan Baron of Baron Design Inc * Anthony Baratta of Anthony Baratta, LLC * Doina Bryskin of Judaica Classics * Marc Charbonnet of Meca Productions * Andrew Charles of AHC Events * Matthew Kollins of Atlas Flowers * Emma Mahfar of E.M.A. * Scott Salvator of Scott Salvator Inc. * Yaira Singer of Yaira Singer Architecture and Design * Joanna Stefan of Stefans Floral Decorators * Sara Weisblum of SWP Events * Designer X

THE AIPAC REPORT: A FIRST EXPERIENCE

by Adele Tauber



One of the great joys of KJ membership is the sense of community. I feel that I am part of a dynamic Congregation in which members care for one another and offer support and encouragement in times of joy and in times of sadness. I have just returned from three intense days at the annual AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington DC. The sense of community and common purpose, while not as immediate or personal as in KJ, was just as intense and meaningful.

For the past several years I have listened with admiration to first hand reports of the Washington AIPAC meetings. This year, my husband, Ron, and I decided to attend ourselves. About 120 members of KJ/Ramaz participated together with 13,000 individuals throughout the United States in a program devoted to education, advocacy and solidarity. The number "13,000" doesn't do justice to the sensation of being part of a massive group consisting of people with different opinions and outlooks who share two over-riding concerns: the security of the State of Israel and the strength of the US-Israel relationship.

At plenary sessions, we were privileged to listen (live) to President Obama, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Shimon Peres, Sen. Mitch McConnell, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and others who each expressed unqualified support for Israel's security and the continued close relationship

between America and Israel. The main focus of the Policy Conference was, naturally, the threat of Iran becoming a nuclear power. Of course, there were subtle differences in approach among the speakers and these differences were the subject of much discussion in the corridors (and by pundits on television) but, overwhelmingly, in a city of legendary partisanship, there was unity. It is impossible to predict exactly how the crisis of Iran's nuclear threat will play out, but these three days buttressed the view that the burden will be shared by Israel and America.

The major addresses were certainly the high point of the AIPAC experience, but the "breakout" sessions on dozens of topics ranging from Israel's relations in the Far East to the policies of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt were equally valuable. AIPAC organized sessions with experts from academia, business, government and the military who provided insider views on critical subjects. These sessions were serious and were very well attended.

An additional highlight was the "lobbying" sessions with our Senators and Congresswoman. While Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Congresswoman Maloney do not need convincing on the importance of a strong and secure Israel, it was important for us to see how our views are translated into Congressional support and, hopefully, policy.

At the Conference, KJ Members had the opportunity to dine together one evening and about fifty of us listened to three college student leaders present their views on Israel and the political situation on their campuses. Interestingly, the one Jewish student leader was at the University of California at Berkeley, perhaps the most pro-Palestinian state college campus. The other two, who were not Jewish, were from the University of Indiana and Spellman College (an historically all-Black women's college in Atlanta); their campuses are either pro-Israel or indifferent. I am very impressed that AIPAC focuses upon potential leaders in the younger generation and arranges for hundreds (perhaps thousands) of college and high school

students from all over the country to attend Policy Conference and visit Israel.

Almost every speaker mentioned the deep emotional impact of their AIPAC trip to Israel. AIPAC wears two hats-it is a registered lobbyist for Israel as well as an educational institution. Before attending my first AIPAC conference, I was under the erroneous impression that AIPAC was purely a "pac," a political action committee which endorses pro-Israel political candidates and makes campaign contributions. After being at the conference, I understood for the first time that the "PAC" in AIPAC does not stand for "political action committee" but "public affairs committee," which distinguishes AIPAC from traditional "pacs" in that AIPAC does not make campaign contributions.

AIPAC's mission as a lobby is to promote Congressional legislation that strengthens the alliance between the United States and Israel. In its capacity as educator, AIPAC functions as a kind of "outreach" educational organization, reaching out, across the board, to persons from different races, ethnic groups, religions and religious denominations to engage, inform and forge special ties with Israel. One of its most effective educational activities is taking members of Congress on their first trip to Israel. AIPAC reaches out not only to members of Congress, but to candidates running for office, policymakers, media professionals, and student leaders on college campuses, impressing them with the importance of a strong U.S.-Israel alliance.

Understandably, with two Presidents, a Prime Minister, and about 250 members of Congress in attendance, security was very tight and on occasion it took an oversized dose of patience to get into the convention hall. On reflecting over the whole experience, I would no more dwell on the long lines than I would on mosquitoes during a wonderful summer vacation. As a first time attendee, I found the three days to be incredibly full, informative, inspiring and meaningful.

And I expect to return next year, March 3-5, 2013. Mark your calendar to join me, and register at AIPAC.org

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EIGHTH GRADERS AT AIPAC CONFERENCE

This article and the accompanying below photo was excerpted from the Ramaz Middle School's e-mail blast "Beintayim ba'Beinayim." Since all the children quoted in the article are members of the KJ family, we thought it appropriate to give our Bulletin readers the opportunity to experience the AIPAC Policy Conference through their eyes.

Jared Feingold found that attending the AIPAC Policy Conference empowered him both educationally and politically. "AIPAC has taught me that it is essential to . . . lobby for Israel to our congressmen and women. Without AIPAC, I would not be anywhere nearly as informed as I am now."

Ben Kaplan reacted similarly, happy to have "learned many important things including what is occurring in Iran." Adie Present noted Prime Minister Netanyahu's comparison of the current reluctance to deal more harshly with Iran to the United States's unwillingness to bomb the railway tracks leading to Auschwitz during World War II, lest an attack unleash an even stronger counterattack. Recounting what Netanyahu had said, she reported, "Iran, just like the Nazis, will most likely hit rock bottom without any provocation by others." She underscored the Prime Minister's assertion that, in the final analysis, Israel must be self-reliant when it comes to her defense.

Eliana Present commented that attending the AIPAC conference helped her to appreciate the emotional high that being at a large political event can engender. "It felt really special," she said, "that I was surrounded by 13,000 people who love Israel and want to do whatever they can to support her." Talia Feingold also was impressed by the audience. "AIPAC showed me a lot about all types of different Jews. Even if religiously we are different, the 13,000 people in the room with me all agreed that we must stand with Israel," she commented. Both girls found it "eye-opening" to learn about the support that Israel garners from non-Jews.

Attending the conference's much smaller break-out sessions was also instructive in that they provided a more in-depth analysis of one particular issue. As Talia reported, "My father and I chose to go to a breakout session (not designed for middle-schoolers) titled 'Hamas and Fatah: Is Reconciliation a Possibility?' This session particularly interested me because I already had a lot of background information from Dr. Sokolow's 8th grade history

class. I could pretty much understand most of what was going on." Talia came away with the impression that "for all these two Palestinian parties care, their people could be from two completely different races" and that peace might entail "working toward a three state solution."

Benjamin Shiff is also more informed thanks to his presence at a breakout session on the subject of Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system. In addition to being impressed by the technology involved, Benjamin was inspired by the speaker, Iron Dome's designer Ari Sacher, whose personal experience as a family man living in an area subjected to the 15-second warnings about impending attacks impelled him toward working on an antidote.

"Upon hearing about this truly amazing system, I was



absolutely astonished," Ben explained. "I thought the concept of shooting a rocket with another rocket was reality only in Road Runner cartoons. The fact that this kind of technology is in our grasp makes me feel much safer about the fate of Israel, especially as rocket technology advances."

It is not only this publication that thought to highlight teens who attended AIPAC. Talia reported that "people like President Shimon Peres and President Obama made a special comment to take note of all the students" at the conference. Gabe Silverman concluded, "As a student, it is important to learn not only in the classroom, but also in places where history is being made, such as our nation's capital. I feel that seeing and meeting important people who have the power to make decisions about Israel's future makes me want to be both more knowledgeable and more active."



Some of the over 120 KJ/Ramaz faces who participated in AIPAC's inspiring and informative Policy Conference, led by Audrey & Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Rabbis Elie Weinstock and Meir Soloveichik. Join next year's delegation! Mark your calendars now for March 3-5, 2013

LOOKING BACK: THE WANDERINGS OF KJ - “WE HAVE LOST OUR SANCTUARY, BUT NOT OUR SANCTITY”

by Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Men's Club President

In July of 2011, I was teaching at a Turkish University in Istanbul. In the dead of night I received a call from my son Alex with the most devastating news:; “Dad, KJ is on fire; the Shul is on fire!”

Despite all the news articles I read on the internet, nothing prepared me for seeing the shul building when I returned. It was deeply disturbing to see our beloved shul standing shattered and forlorn.

Since that time our community has been one on the go: 85th street, 78th street, the 92nd street Y and even the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Our beloved Rabbi, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, summed it all up as follows, “We have lost our sanctuary, but not our sanctity.” This has encouraged us all to persevere through this challenging time.

I would go as far as to say that our wanderings have really been an inspiration. We have learned how to survive and co-exist in limited quarters - the community has responded in ways that are heart-warming and inspiring.

As for one of our first wanderings, I had the huge privilege of being an usher at the KJ High Holy Day services at the Grace Rainey Rogers Auditorium at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The staff at the museum could not have been more accommodating. There were numerous back stories at the Met: The Jewish staff members who briefly davened with us (including one staff member who asked me in Yiddish when the “*shofer bluzen*” would take place on Rosh Hashanah); Jewish tourists from around the world visiting the museum who joined us in prayer; and the non-Jewish tourists who wanted to take a quick look at our services and were welcomed. These are just a few of the behind-the-scenes occurrences that made for a great *Kiddush HaShem* on our part.

Walking through the halls of the museum over the High Holy Days presented a stark contrast of ancient, modern, and sacred. During a Yom Kippur break, KJ member E. Magnus Oppenheim was approached by a museum visitor who asked Magnus to explain some of the Egyptian Art, which he then did very adeptly. Perhaps the visitor thought that the

official garb of the museum docents was the tallis and kitel! This little exchange left me wondering if this was the only shul in the world where High Holy Day services were conducted in proximity to ancient Egyptian, Persian, and other bygone empires. The Jew endures. Where are they?

The 92nd Street Y was a somewhat more familiar surrounding, although dancing on the stage of the concert hall on Simchat Torah was a bit surreal! Also, it was somewhat amusing to daven in a hall where the names of Dante and Spinoza are inscribed in the ceiling, a new twist in synagogue decor.

The truth is that the best part of all this is how our community has pulled together and adjusted to all of the moving around. We have learned that our facilities at 78th street, the Middle School and the Lower School can work very well for us, and thank God, we have these spaces available to us.

Our wonderful rabbis, synagogue executives and staff have led us through this rough patch with professionalism and chizuk. I am sure it has not been easy for them. And let us also thank Rudy, Miguel and the maintenance staff who have done a



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yeoman's job moving and shlepping siddurim, chumashim and a million other items from place to place where we are davening.

We look forward and dream of the glorious day when, with God's help, we will ascend the stairs to our beautiful and majestic sanctuary, and again take our places in the shul that we all love. It bears repeating Rabbi Lookstein's meaningful words the day after the fire:; “We have lost our sanctuary, but not our sanctity.” That is a tribute to the z'chut we all have to be part of KJ, the shul and community we love - the place our heart and soul are located.



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- ◆ Teshuva Shiur
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- ◆ *Medical and Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation* w. Dr. Edmond Cohen
- ◆ *From the Sidelines to the Game: How You Can Affect the US - Israel Relationship* w. AIPAC National Board Member Yossi Siegel
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- ◆ *AM HASEFER*
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- ◆ *How Civilizations Die (and Why Islam is Dying, Too)* with the author David P. Goldman
- ◆ *Mourning Under Glass: Reflections on a Son's Murder* with author Dr. Naftali Moses

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- ◆ Blood Drive
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- ◆ KJ/Ramaz Career Development and Networking Initiatives
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- ◆ AIPAC Conference
- ◆ History at Home

with Rabbi Alexander Kaye

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- ◆ Chevre Kadisha Seudah Shlishit
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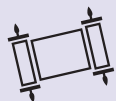
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7:00 PM

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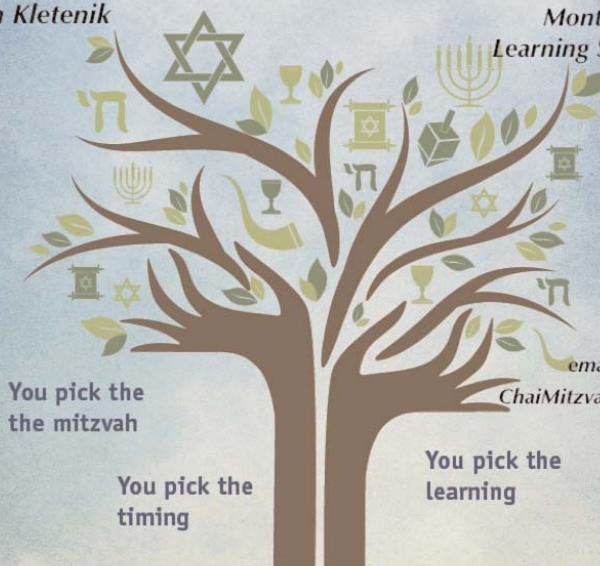
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We extend a warm Mazal Tov to the following young members of the Congregation who participated in Advancement Day Exercises as they completed the Ramaz Middle School:

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MELISSA ADLER

Mazal Tov to Marilyn and Greg Adler upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Melissa, on May 13 at the Rockleigh Country Club. She delivered a D'var Torah on Sefirat HaOmer. Melissa is a seventh grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



SOPHIE MALKI

Mazal Tov to Dr. Eileen Wachter and Joseph Malki upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sophie Ava, on Saturday, June 2nd. Sophie read a portion of Parashat Naso and its Haftarah at the Women's Tefillah at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. She also delivered a D'var Torah on an individual's responsibility to their community. Sophie is an eighth grade student at the Anderson School and a new graduate of JYC.



DYLAN MODLIN

Mazal Tov to Wendy and Adam Modlin, upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Dylan, on June 3, when she delivered a D'var Torah on Megillat Ruth. Dylan is a seventh grade student at the Ramaz Middle School. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ Grandparents Leah and Barrie Modlin.



AVA HORNBLASS

Mazal Tov to Dr. Chani and JJ Hornblass upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ava, on June 10 in Lawrence, N.Y. Ava delivered a D'var Torah on Parshat Shmini and how Yehoshua and Calev were able to avoid the tragedy of the *meraglim*. Ava is a seventh grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



BRIANNA RUBINSTEIN

Mazal Tov to Esther Buterman and Kenneth Rubinstein upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Brianna, on June 24 at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. She delivered a Dvar Torah on Chava and her impact on women and society. Brianna is a seventh grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



DANIEL JASKAN

Mazal Tov to Michele and Ronald Jaskan upon the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, on August 27, at the Kotel. Daniel will read Parashat Ki Teitzei, daven shacharit and deliver a D'var Torah. Daniel is an eighth grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



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KJ does, however, look to a celebrating family to cover any incremental costs associated with the event that KJ would not otherwise have incurred. For example, if the Gottesman Center would ordinarily be closed on a summer Sunday, or if the Main Synagogue's air conditioning would otherwise be deactivated on a spring weekday evening, or if maintenance and security crews

would routinely close a facility at a certain time, and because of the event KJ now needs to open a closed building, activate a shut-off system, and/or keep workers past their work shifts, KJ will attempt to quantify and recoup from the celebrating family incremental costs that are associated with the event.

Specific details will be discussed with the KJ bookings agent on an event-by-event basis, but the general concept is that while KJ does not seek to enrich itself at the expense of its members' lifecycle events, neither can KJ subsidize celebrations by absorbing their additional operating costs.

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MURIEL LUKASHOK

She was a member of the congregation for about fifty years, joined by her husband, Milton, of blessed memory, who passed away many years ago. She is mourned by her whole family including our member Edward Lukashok.

Muriel was a very involved member of our community. She served in leadership roles in the Ramaz Parents Council and the Dinner Dance. She was active in the Sisterhood. Until she could no longer make the walk to shul, she was a regular at services every Shabbat.

A vibrant, joyful personality, she loved to dance and to be social. We all will miss her.

MINNIE BLANK

She came to our synagogue late in life. She was the *machateinesta* (in-law) of Frances and Rabbi Isaac Trainin, of blessed memory. An intellectual in her own right, she was adored by many of the people in her senior citizens residence. She loved her association with KJ.

ILAN STEINBERG

A hero on the Jewish scene, he died long before his time. Throughout his life he served the Jewish community with strength, conviction, courage and effectiveness. A leading professional in the World Jewish Congress and then in the Claims Conference, he always looked out for the well-being of Klal Yisrael.

His adoring wife, Sharon, and his children, Harry, Lena, and Max, were very devoted and loving to him. They, and we, mourn his passing.

LILLIAN JACOBS

The grande dame of Ramaz and KJ, she died just short of her 103rd birthday with all of her faculties and abilities intact.

She was a remarkable woman who helped Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein found and develop Ramaz into the school it is today. Thousands of graduates of Ramaz owe more than they know to the wisdom, common sense, administrative ability and, above all, love which she brought to the school.

She and her late husband, George Jacobs, were leaders in KJ in the 1930's and 40's. This community owes much to their leadership.

SAUL LINZER

A member of KJ for over 40 years, he raised his children in our community and in Ramaz. He was most regular in Shabbat attendance and he used to sit in shul with that broad smile on his face, reflecting his love of being in our community.

He and his adoring and incredibly devoted wife, Janice, were very generous to Ramaz and to KJ. Recently they made a major commitment to Ramaz/KJ 2010, the fund which is enabling us to rebuild the Lower School and renovate and restore the Main Synagogue and enhance the Ramaz Endowment Fund. Through that commitment, they dedicated the senior rabbi's office in KJ.

Saul loved this community and, in turn, he was beloved by our membership.

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BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Carmit and Georges Archibald upon the birth of their third child and second son, Zachary Lev.

Yael Harari and Ari Benson upon the birth of their third child and son, Eli. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Ilana and Daniel Benson.

Hollace and Steven Cohen upon the birth of a new granddaughter, Madeline Rae, born to their children Harlan & Shirlee Cohen.

Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman upon the birth of a 15th grandchild (B"H!), a daughter and third child born to their children Rivkah and Yosef ('04) Friedman of Yerushalayim.

Gealia and Matthew Friend upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Nili Sarit. Mazal tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Dr. Adina & Michael Singer.

Rachell Maidenbaum Gober upon the birth of a grandson born to children Randi Gober Ashkenazi and Zahi Ahkenazi of Los Angeles.

Zella and Glenn Goldfinger upon the birth of a granddaughter, Daphna Vered, to their children Marla and Justin Goldfinger of Neve Daniel in Gush Etzion, Israel.

Lynnette Gruenhut upon the birth of a grandson, Eli, born to her children Johanna (Jojo) and Jonathan Flombaum,

Lynnette Gruenhut upon the birth of a grandson, Asaf, a second son born to her children Esther and Jonathan Gruenhut of Jerusalem.

Shelley and Martin Kaufman upon the birth of their first granddaughter, Madeline Elizabeth, to their children Danielle and Stevie Herbst. Madeline is the great-granddaughter of Edward and Hannah Low.

KJ/JYC Administrator Tziviva and KJ Beginners Chazan Shiloh Kramer upon the birth of their fourth child and son, Chaim Sholom. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents, Ziva and Rabbi Avraham Kramer.

Rebecca and Aryeh Levin upon the birth of their first child, a son, Judah Oscar (Yehuda Chai). Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Gladys and Martin Kartin.

Esther and Eugene Roshwalb, upon the birth of a grandson born to their children Gur and Valerie Roshwalb.

Anna and Emmanuel Sanders upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Ruth Helen. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Susan and Martin Sanders.

Susan and Martin Sanders upon the birth of a grandson, David Solomon Elhanan, born to their children Adam and Renata Sanders.

Sheira and Steven Schacter upon the birth

of a granddaughter, Eleanor, born to their children Joanna and David Parker.

Danielle and Daniel Shamah upon the birth of their third child and second daughter, Elizabeth Abigail.

Ezri and Miri (Nakash) Silver, upon the birth of their third daughter and fourth child, Raquel.

Randi and David Sultan upon the birth of their fourth child and third son, Jonathan Samuel.

Dr. Harvey Wolinsky upon the birth of a granddaughter, Miriam Sarina (May Sarah), born to his children Elise and David Kassel.

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

BNEI MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to:

Ruth and Irwin Shapiro, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Elie Shapiro, son of Sandy and Monica Shapiro of Riverdale.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Jaime Kelstein upon his engagement to Sherry Cohen.

Ruth and Jerry Kestenbaum upon the engagement of their daughter, Erica, to TJ Zuckerman, son of Shellie and Steve Zuckerman of Great Neck.

Noemi and Daniel Messing upon the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Mr. Matt Millman, son of Mrs. Susan Millman and the late Neil Millman of Great Neck.

Sue and Win Robins upon the engagement of their Israeli grandson, Eitan Goldstein, son of Frannie and Jackie Goldstein, to Avigail Schondorf, daughter of Drs. Susan and Ron Schondorf, of Montreal.

Nechi Shudofsky upon the engagement in Israel of her grandson, Shai Shalev, to Avital Willner, of Haifa.

Teri and Dr. Massimo Szulc upon the engagement of their daughter, Alessandra, to Colin Falk, son of Vivian and Bernard Falk, of New York City.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

Laura Altman, daughter of Judy and the late Dr. Howard Altman, upon her marriage to Daniel Kaufthal, son of Linda and Ilan Kaufthal, of Englewood.

Rose Gerszberg, upon her marriage to Dr. Norman Kahan.

Linda Ossad and Robert Ellenberg, upon the marriage of their daughter, Ilana Gila to Joshua Zvi Skolnick, son of Dr. Anita and Stuart Skolnick of Wyckoff, New Jersey.

Alissa and Howie Shams, upon the marriage of their daughter, Pamela, to David Ness, son of Joyce and Les Ness, of Belle Harbor.

Nechi Shudofsky, upon the marriage in Israel of her grandson, Ariel Chesner, to Ephrat Knisbacher.

MILESTONES

Congratulations to:

Albert H. Bernstein upon the celebration of his 75th birthday.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Evan Farber, upon receiving the Future Is Now award for young leadership from the Anti-Defamation League's New York region.

Judge Jerome Hornblass, celebrating the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Yeshiva University, upon being conferred an honorary degree at this year's Yeshiva University graduation.

Judge Jerome Hornblass, upon being honored by the Memorial Sloan-Kettering

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Cancer Center for 35 years of service as a Bikur Cholim volunteer at their Annual Recognition Ceremony. The following KJ Bikur Cholim volunteers were recognized that evening for 5 years of service: Riva Alper, Dr. Roy Feldman, Roni Kraicer, and Karen Lerman.

Bertha and Dr. Henry Kressel upon the honor of Henry serving as the featured speaker at the May 3rd Syms School of Business Gala Awards Dinner celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Syms School of Business at Yeshiva University. Dr. Kressel is the Chairman of the Y.U. Board of Trustees.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, upon being honored at the Columbia/Barnard Hillel 2012 Seixas Award Dinner.

Judy and Dr. Robert Podell, whose daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Debbie and Ari Fishkind, were guests of honor at the annual dinner of Ahavat Yisrael of Wesley Hills.

Gail Propp, upon being the Guest of Honor at Sharsheret's Annual Benefit.

Daniel Silverman, son of Donna and Arthur Silverman, upon being elected President of the Young Israel of Century City synagogue in Los Angeles.

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Elisha Baumgarten, daughter of Ellen Baumgarten and Fred Baumgarten, will complete her Mechina year of study at Hebrew University after finishing her service with the IDF, in the first all female combat and intelligence unit of the elite Nachal force. Elisha made Aliyah in 2010 and will attend the IDC in the fall majoring in Government.

Harry Baumgarten, son of Ellen Baumgarten and Fred Baumgarten will be attending Georgetown University's Master's program for Public Policy this fall. Harry just completed his first year at Boston College Law School and plans to continue his legal studies as well. This summer he has an internship with an Appellate Court Justice in New York.

Jonathan Baumgarten, son of Ellen Baumgarten and Fred Baumgarten, will complete his Mechina year at Ein Pratt, The Leadership Academy. He plans to make Aliyah and join the IDF in the fall.

Jacob Berman, son of Sara and David Berman and grandson of Judy and Michael Steinhardt, upon being selected to represent South Africa at the Commonwealth Games for chess in India in late November 2012.

Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt, upon their grandson Daniel Javitt's completion of his three years of active duty in the IDF. Gabe will attend the Technion Institute of Technology in Haifa, where he will study biotechnology. He is the son of Drs. Reba Kizner and Daniel Javitt of Jerusalem.

Judy and Dr. Robert Podell, whose grandson, Aaron Fishkind, led the ASHAR team to the Torah Bowl Championship of the Yeshiva League Middle Schools.

Moshe Simon-Shoshan (Ramaz '88), son of Naomi and Gerald Goldstein, upon the publication by Oxford Press in March 2012 of his book *Stories of the Law*. Challenging the conventional notions about the place of stories in rabbinic literature, and focusing on the Mishnah, he argues that narrative was essential in early rabbinic formulations and concepts of law, legal process and political and rabbinic authority.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Shoshana Bulow, daughter of Tova and Norman Bulow, upon receiving her PhD degree from the Silver School of Social Work at NYU. Shoshana continues in her private practice of couples and family therapy.

Uriel Bulow, grandson of Tova and Norman Bulow, upon being named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he is a junior majoring in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology. He is the son of Aliza and Ephraim Bulow.

David Saul Ellenberg, son of Linda Ossad and Robert Ellenberg, upon his graduation from NYU School of Medicine. David was the recipient of the Hilda Lipton Memorial Award, for the student who best embodies the Code of Maimonides, as evidenced by abiding compassion and fulfillment of medicine's lofty calling to "watch over the life and death" of humankind. He begins his residency in Internal Medicine at NYU.

Naomi Tehila Kohen ('00), daughter of Zahava and Abraham Kohen, upon receiving a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering, with an emphasis on Bioengineering, from the University of California, Berkeley. Naomi is an invited speaker in China where she will be discussing salient aspects of her research.

Ariel Wagner Levitan, daughter of Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner, upon receiving a master's degree in social work from NYU.

Matthew Levitan, son-in-law of Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner, upon graduating from Harvard Law School. He will begin working at Schulte Roth & Zabel in the fall.

Reina Potaznik (Ramaz '03), daughter of Helen and Dr. Daniel Potaznik, upon graduating from the Steinhardt School of NYU with an M.A. in Dance Education. She was elected to Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education.

Mark Rapaport, Ramaz ('10), son of Drs. David and Charmaine Rapaport, upon being named to Dean's List, Johns Hopkins University.

Joseph Scherban, son-in-law of Ruth and Jerry Kestenbaum, upon his graduation from Harvard Law School.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Rita Distenfeld and Dr. Richard Born, upon the passing of their mother, Esther Born.

Rudy Dresdner, upon the passing of his bother, Joseph Dresdner.

Gwen Francis, upon the passing of her mother, Meta Buttnick.

Naomi Goldstein, upon the passing of her sister, Judy Berkowitz.

Dr. Robert Friedman, upon the passing of his father, Sol Friedman.

Michele Jaspan, upon the passing of her father, Samuel Kunowitz.

Paul Kaplan, upon the passing of his mother, Gladys Kaplan.

Sherri Libin, upon the passing of her mother, Judy Berkowitz.

Leon Meyers, upon the passing of his wife, Joan.

Robert Rothman, upon the passing of his father, Leonard Rothman.

The family of David Silverberg.

Rhea Stein, upon the passing of her mother, Diane Finkelstein.

Professor Reuvain Zahavy, upon the passing of his father, Rabbi Dr. Zev Zahavy. *May they be comforted among all those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.*



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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

			Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
July	6-7	Balak	8:12 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:13 PM
	13-14	Pinchas	8:09 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:10 PM
	22-23	Mattot-Masei	8:05 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:04 PM
	27-28	Devarim	7:59 PM	6:45 PM	3:00 PM	8:57 PM
August	3-4	Vaetchanan	7:51 PM	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:49 PM
	10-11	Ekev	7:43 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:38 PM
	17-18	Re'eh	7:32 PM	6:45 PM	7:25 PM	8:28 PM
	24-25	Shoftim	7:22 PM	6:45 PM	7:15 PM	8:17 PM
	31-1	Ki Tetze	7:11 PM	6:45 PM	7:05 PM	8:06 PM
September	7-8	Ki Tavo	6:59 PM	6:45 PM	6:50 PM	7:54 PM
	14-15	Nitzavim	6:48 PM	6:45 PM	6:40 PM	7:42 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

July 1 - July 12..... 6:50 PM

July 15 - September 30..... 6:45 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, July 8

Fast of 17th of Tammuz
Fast begins 4:21 AM
Morning Services at 8:30 AM
Evening Services at 8:00 PM
Fast Ends at 9:10 PM

Friday, July 20

Rosh Chodesh Av
Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Sunday Morning Services at 8:30 AM

Sunday Night Services at 7:45 PM
Fast ends at 8:53 PM

Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29

Fast of Tisha B'Av (See schedule p.3)
Saturday Night Services at 9:20 PM
Fast Begins at 8:16 PM

Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19

Rosh Chodesh Elul
Sunday Morning Services at 8:30 AM