



AVRAHAM'S CONTINUITY CRISIS

BY RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK

ויאמר אברהם אל עבדו וזקן ביתו המושל בכל אשר לו שים נא ירך תחת ירכי: ואשביעך ביקוק אלהי השמים ואלהי הארץ אשר לא תקח אשה לבני מבנות הכנעני אשר אנכי יושב בקרבם: כי אל ארצי ואל מולדתי תלך ולקחת אשה לבני ליצחק:

Avraham said to his servant, the elder of his house, who ruled over all that was his: "Please place your hand under my thigh, and swear by the Lord, the God of the heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose midst I dwell. Instead, you shall go to my land and to my birthplace, and you shall take a wife for my son, for Isaac." (Bereishit 24:2-4)

So begins the story of the first shidduch. It is clear that Avraham feels very strongly about Yitzchak not marrying a Canaanite woman. That is the most forceful theme of his instructions

to Eliezer. The only person who is not told any of this is Yitzchak. Where is Yitzchak and why is he not told this crucial piece of information? Why does Avraham go to such great lengths to arrange this

marriage? Why use Eliezer? Why not speak to Yitzchak directly? Rav Aharon Lichtenstein connects Avraham's actions here to something that took place in his home many years earlier.

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JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1, 2014

OUR FEATURED SCHOLARS:

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immediately following 5:05 p.m. Shabbat Services:

THE ISRAELI-ARAB CONFLICT: A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE

At the Conclusion of 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Services:

**RELEVANT RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP IN ISRAEL:
BEIT HILLEL**

3:45 p.m. Class

**INEQUALITY AND THE EXCLUSION OF WOMEN
IN ISRAEL'S PUBLIC SPHERE**

Following 4:45 p.m. Mincha

**CONVERSIONS IN ISRAEL:
CRISES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT DINNER

Non-Members Members

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Arabian Nights

*Revisit our people's 40-year desert trek
on their way to the Promised Land and our own
community's 21st century parallel adventure
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Saturday night, December 7, 8:00 p.m.
at the Ramaz Upper School
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KJ BABIES LOOK TO THE FUTURE!



Talia Binstock, born 10-11-13

MAZAL TOV!

When a baby is born, we bless them with our hopes for the future: May you grow up to a life of Torah, Chupah, and Ma'asim Tovim (good deeds). We further hope that they will continue in the footsteps of their KJ parents. Going forward, every new KJ baby will receive a "Future KJ Member" onesie. *What better way to celebrate the future?* If you are under one year of age --or the parent of a baby under one --and would like to receive a onesie, please email Rabbi Daniel Kraus at rdk@ckj.org.



Eli Morris Farber, born 9-7-13

KJ/MATAN BAT MITZVAH CLASS

A UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

The KJ/MaTaN Bat Mitzvah Program was developed in order to provide a meaningful opportunity for mothers and daughters to explore, in creative and interactive ways, the challenges and opportunities of reaching Bat Mitzvah.

This special program, led by co-Director of Community Education Rachel Kraus, follows the curriculum developed by MaTaN, the world-renowned Jerusalem academy for women's Torah scholarship founded by Rabbanit Malka Bina, and focuses on Jewish female role models from the matriarchs to Nehama Leibowitz.

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

To register or inquire, please contact Rabbi Weinstock at ravelie@ckj.org or 212-774-5636.

BAT MITZVAH CLASS

Led by Rachel Kraus

9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

January 26

February 2, 9, 16, and 23

March 2, 9, 23, 30 and April 6

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR THE KJ FOOD PANTRY

- ♦ Staffing the food cart Mondays from 4:45-6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Packing food bags on Mondays

For more information contact Stacy Scheinberg at Stacyron@aol.com

WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, August 12, and this Bulletin, which went to press on November 5:

Alison and Leo Esses
Jill and Andrew Frey
Bernard Goldberg
Gabrielle and Raanan Gononsky
Elisa and Daniel Kasell
Joia and Joshua Kazam
Kathryn and Eric Kluger
Michele and Mitchell Schwartz
Esther and Daniel Samedi
Evelyn and Avi Spodek
Leora and Emmanuel Werthenschlag
David Winter
Elizabeth Heyman Winter

WINTER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

December 1 - KJBL

December 7 - Tot Shabbat Morning

December 8 - KJBL

December 13 - Tot Shabbat Family Dinner

December 14 - KJYD Shabbaton (gr. 4-7)

December 15 - KJBL

December 22 - KJBL

January 4 - Tot Shabbat Morning

January 5 - KJBL

January 10 - Bnei Akiva Shabbaton

January 12 - KJBL

January 17 - Tot Shabbat Family Dinner

January 19 - KJBL

January 26 - KJBL

February 1 - Tot Shabbat Morning

February 2 - KJBL

February 2 - **Super Bowl Party**

February 9 - KJBL

February 21 - Tot Shabbat Family Dinner

February 23 - KJBL

March 1 - Tot Shabbat Morning

March 2 - KJBL

March 9 - KJBL

March 15 - Purim Bash

March 16 - Purim Carnival

March 23 - KJBL

March 29 - Tot Shabbat Morning

March 30 - KJBL

April 5 - KJYD Shabbaton (gr. 1-3)

April 6 - KJBL

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ותרא שרה את בן חגר המצרית אשר ילדה
לאברהם מצחה:

Sarah saw the son of Hagar, the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, making sport. (21:9)

What kind of sport are we speaking of? The Tosefta on Sotah (6:3) presents a number of views as to what exactly transpired. Rabbi Akiva says Yishmael's "sport" was idolatry. Rabbi Eliezer contends that it was sexual immorality. Rabbi Yishmael suggests it was bloodshed. Sarah brought this behavior to Avraham's attention, and it must have been very painful for him. He discovered the hard way that no family is immune from children going off the *derech*, the proper path. Even the finest parents - a patriarch and matriarch no less! - and the most moral household do not guarantee that children will grow up properly and follow in their parents' footsteps. Avraham did not succeed in passing his values to Yishmael. He may have been unwilling to send Yishmael away, but Sarah was right. He had to go.

Following such a trauma, notes Rav Lichtenstein, Avraham realized that a good education is not to be taken for granted, and that even the best parenting is not enough to guarantee the transmission of values. Therefore, Avraham decided not to take the chance of matching his son with a woman with negative beliefs or traits and relying on him nevertheless to establish a proper Jewish home. He would not even leave it up to Yitzchak.

Years later, after Sarah's passing and Avraham recognizing his own mortality, he faced a crisis of continuity. Would he be able to pass his faith and values on to his son? He had "failed" previously with Yishmael, and he could not afford to let this happen again. So he embarked on a course of action that he felt would most effectively convey his values to Yitzchak. Avraham would not simply tell Yitzchak of the importance of marrying the right woman and the need to carry on his legacy of monotheism. He would not leave the task up to Yitzchak. Instead, Yitzchak is a spectator to the drama of Eliezer's oath to only choose a woman from the family. He sees his father take unusual steps to ensure that he would marry the right person and

ensure the continuity of the Abrahamic tradition.

Avraham's plan worked, and Yitzchak got the message. Yitzchak does not speak very often, but one of the few times he does is to command Yaakov who he should marry: *Lo tikach isha mi-b'not Canaan* - Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. (Bereishit 28:1) The words are

almost identical to those Avraham used to instruct Eliezer. Yitzchak internalized Avraham's lesson. Even Eisav understands that he should not be marrying a Canaanite woman because "*ra'ot b'not Canaan b'einei Yitzchak aviv* - the daughters of Canaan were unfavorable to his father Yitzchak." (28:8) Avraham's actions made an impact in instilling his values in the next generation and even the one after that.

Avraham's strategy helped resolve his crisis of continuity, and it is relevant to us as well. How do we ensure continuity? What steps do we need to take so that our children will remain true to our values? Like Avraham, we must demonstrate through word and deed what is important to us and encourage our children to participate as well.

One afternoon in Jerusalem, a rabbi was on his way to the synagogue for the afternoon prayers when somebody called out from a doorway asking him to complete a minyan in a house of mourning. He gladly agreed to pray with the mourners, and, upon entering the apartment, he was surprised to observe that although it was full of Jewish books, the mourners themselves did not appear to be religiously observant.

After the prayer service had concluded, the rabbi took out a Mishnah Berurah to examine it, and he noticed that its margins were full of astute insights and comments. He inquired about the owner of the books, and one of the mourners replied that they all belonged to his father. The rabbi probed further, asking whether any of the other

family members used the books. The son responded that although his father had been a very pious and learned Jew, none of his children had followed in his ways. He explained that when his father came home each night, he would lock himself in his study and spend hours poring over his beloved tomes. However, because his Torah study only occurred behind closed doors, his children never observed him

learning and therefore did not absorb his passion for Torah and Judaism.

What was lacking in the home in this story? The importance of Torah was not expressed by the father to his children. In truth, even had he studied with the door open, studying Torah is no guarantee that its value would be appreciated by the children. Like Avraham, a strong message is transmitted when both actions and beliefs are communicated strongly in a way that will be noticed. The gentleman should have told his children how important Torah study was to him and should be to them. Better yet, he should have invited them to study with him.

If we want the next generation to value the traditions most important to us, we must model that behavior and express those values so that they notice. If we want our children to engage in acts of hands-on chesed, then we need to engage in such activities and involve them. If we want teenagers to go to shul on Shabbat morning, we need to push them to go or, better yet, go with them. If we want the next generation to be involved in pro-Israel advocacy, then we need to go to events like the AIPAC Policy Conference and take part in other Israel advocacy opportunities. And today, if we want the best chance of Judaism being important when our children marry and start families, we need to act as Avraham did. Arranging their marriages is not the answer (although it may be tempting). We need to talk about the importance of Jews marrying Jews, Jewish practice and values infusing the home.

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CHANUKAH BEGINS WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 27

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

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

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

The Candles

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

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

Time for Lighting

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

Candle Arrangement

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

Lighting the Candles

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

Publicizing the Miracle

We light the Menorah so we can publicize the miracle to as many people as possible. We start with our own family but we often place the Menorah in the window to proclaim our belief to others.

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

Material Pleasures

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

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

An Anomaly

This year, for the first time since 1888, Thanksgiving and the first day of Chanukah will coincide. This occasion to celebrate both religious and secular customs will not happen again for 79,000 years. Recipe suggestions for sufganiyot-stuffed turkey and cranberry-applesauce side dishes abound. As we savor the combined tastes and traditions of these holidays, we should recall the myriad blessings we enjoy as American Jews.

THREE COMMUNITY MIKVAHS

The Jacques & Hannah Schwalbe Mikvah

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(between 1st & York Avenues)
Telephone: 212-359-2020

The Rennert Mikvah at 5th Avenue Synagogue

5 East 62nd Street
(just off Fifth Avenue)
Telephone: 212-753-6058

The West Side Mikvah

234 West 74th Street
(East of Broadway)
Telephone: 212-579-2011

UPCOMING KESHER EVENTS

Saturday Morning Tot Shabbat

December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1 & 29

New Mothers' Breakfast Monday, December 9

Tot Shabbat Friday Night Family Dinners

December 13, January 7, February 21

Children's Purim Art/Chesed Event Sunday, March 9

YACHAD SHABBATON March 21 - 22

Join the Ramaz Upper School and KJ and give of yourself by reaching out to the special members of Yachad. Come discover how they bring happiness and joy to so many.

Why is This Light Different From the Lights of Past Years?

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

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

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



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The crisis in continuity can be addressed when we, like Avraham, choose a course of action that models what we feel is the right behavior and, at the same time, communicates why it is important for the next generation to emulate.

From the very first crisis of continuity faced by Avraham all the way until today, the challenge remains how to respond. There are no guarantees. There were never any guarantees. Avraham, when confronted with the possibility of losing his second son, chose a strategy of boldly communicating to his son how best to ensure a legacy would continue.

The same challenge remains today. Can we live in a way that will communicate the importance of our way of life to our children? If we act like Avraham, we can ensure that our message of Jewish values will be transmitted and hopefully received. Even when it doesn't always work, this is the right path.

Rav Aharon Rokeach, the fourth Belzer Rebbe, has a Chasidic interpretation of the verse: *Hanistarot la-Hashem Elokeinu v'haniglot lanu u-l'vaneinu ad olam*. Literally, this means that hidden things are known only to Hashem, our God, while those that are revealed are forever known by us and our children. The Rebbe suggested that the verse can be interpreted as follows: *Hanistarot la-Hashem Elokeinu* - If we hide our mitzvot - our good deeds and ideals - and keep them private, then only Hashem will know about them. On the other hand, *v'haniglot lanu u-l'vaneinu ad olam*: If we take a different approach and reveal our good deeds to our children and all those around us, then our religious priorities and values will remain for all eternity, as they will be carried on by our children and descendants for all generations.

Chanukah in the Park

Sunday, December 1 at 5:30 pm



Join friends and neighbors at the East 86th Street promenade of Carl Schurz Park as we spread the light and warmth of the festival with treats, live music, holiday spirit, and fun for the whole family!

Presented by KJ Beginners and Chabad of the Upper East Side

ISRAEL BOND SHABBAT

featuring

**Ambassador
Yoram Ettinger**

Gottesman Center
Falk Auditorium
December 7



SHABBAT AT KJ

KESHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN

9:15 AM

November 23

December 14, January 11

February 8; March 15; April 5

HASHKAMA MINYAN

7:15 AM

November 16, 30

December 7, 21; January 4, 18

February 1, 15; March 1, 15, April 5

PURIM SCHEDULE



FAST OF ESTHER, Thursday, March 13

Fast begins at 5:59 a.m. and ends at 7:33 p.m.
Shacharit at 6:50 a.m. & Mincha at 6:30 p.m.
Please remember to bring Tzedaka for *machazit ha-shekel* and other holiday obligations.



MINCHA & MAARIV, Saturday Evening, March 15

Mincha is at 6:45 p.m. in the Gottesman Center Falk Auditorium to be followed by a shiur in lieu of Seudah Shlishit. Shabbat concludes at 7:38 p.m.



MEGILLAH READINGS

Choose from among 5 readings of the Megillah:

♦8:00 p.m. Main Service Megillah reading for children and adults, in the Ramaz Upper School's Cayne Gymnasium, followed by a community Pizza & Ice Cream Party in the Kaufman Auditorium, compliments of an anonymous benefactor. Coat check for this service is in the Boys Locker Room and the Girls Locker Room, just outside the gymnasium.

♦8:00 p.m. quiet, "Adults Only" Megillah reading in the Gottesman Center on 85th Street, in the Falk Auditorium.

♦8:00 p.m. Megillah reading for Sephardic Minyan with nusach of Aram Soba - Edot Hamizrach, in the Ramaz Upper School's 2nd floor Beit Knesset, followed by a community Pizza & Ice Cream Party in the Kaufman Auditorium.

♦8:00 p.m. Megillah reading for "can't sit still" tots, infants and parents in Ramaz Upper School double room 603-604, followed by a community Pizza & Ice Cream Party in the Kaufman Auditorium. Stroller parking is on the third floor.

♦8:45 p.m. Beginners Megillah reading and Purim Party in the Gottesman Center on 85th Street with Rabbi Daniel & Rachel Kraus and Shilo Kramer.



CHILDREN

Children in Nursery through 6th grade should assemble before 8:00 p.m. on the Ramaz Upper School's 3rd floor. There, children will be assigned to age specific youth groups, given groggers, and ultimately escorted by Youth Department staff into the Cayne Gymnasium for Megillat Esther. Throughout the service, children are expected to be either participating in their special youth groups or sitting quietly next to an adult. This policy should be communicated to your children so that the mitzvah of hearing Megillat Esther can be fulfilled and enjoyed by both young and old. After dropping children off, parents are asked to join the Main Service in the Cayne Gymnasium until its conclusion, at which time they may pick up their children from the specially designated child seating areas in the front of the Gymnasium. Once reunited, families should proceed from the Gymnasium to the lobby level Kaufman Auditorium for the community's Purim Pizza and Ice Cream Party featuring Lower School Oneg Star & beloved Music Director "Morah Chaya" Glaser and her 'Magical Keyboard,' compliments of an anonymous benefactor.



MORNING SERVICES AND MEGILLAH

Sunday, March 16

Morning Services at 8:00 a.m. and again at 9:30 a.m. in the Heyman Auditorium, each followed by Megillah reading and then breakfast in the third floor Dining hall. The Sephardic Minyan morning service will take place in Gottesman Center Room 501 at 8:00 a.m., where the Megillah will also be read. *Matanot le'Evyonim* will be collected at all services.

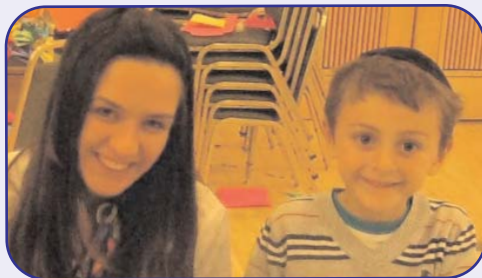


PURIM YOUTH CARNIVAL

In the Gottesman Center from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., 114 East 85th Street. Please contact KJ Youth Director Aryana Bibi Ritholtz at aryana@ckj.org to purchase tickets in advance.

KJ's BNEI AKIVA PREPARES FOR SUKKOT!

Don't miss the January 10th Bnei Akiva Friday Night Shabbaton Dinner! Be a part of the ruach!



Sunday, September 15, Bnei Akiva Shlichot Mali Brachya and Noga Mark channeled the creativity of KJ children with a Sukkah decorating party.



PURIM: THE JEWISH WAY TO REJOICE - March 15-16, 2014

WHAT IS PURIM?

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

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

MESSAGE OF THE HOLIDAY

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



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

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

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

interacts and communicates within the hidden.

THE HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY

The Story of Esther

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

Action of the Megillah

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

HOW WE COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE

Shabbat Zachor

The Shabbat preceding Purim (this year, March 15, 2014) is called Shabbat Zachor. We choose this Shabbat to observe the commandment to remember the evil of the nation of Amalek who are central to Purim as well. In Exodus 17:8-16, we read about their terror war against the Jewish people when they attacked us without mercy. The command in Deut. 25:17-19 states: "*Remember what Amalek did to you, on your way as you departed from Egypt...*

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

Taanit Esther (13th of Adar)

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

Customs of the Fast Day

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

We go straight from the fast to the Megillah reading - only eating after we have fulfilled that mitzvah.

PURIM (14TH OF ADAR)

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

Night

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

Day

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

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

Matanot l'evyonim: Gifts of money to

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

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

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

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

Purim Customs

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

Historians tell us that the custom started

when people would write Haman’s name on the soles of their shoes and then stamp their feet during the Megillah reading. Nowadays, we use **groggers**: specially made noisemakers. Another custom is to recite a few specific verses aloud as a congregation before the reader recites them. We read aloud four verses: 2:5, 8:15, 8:16, 10:3 and the list of the ten sons of Haman, 9:7-9.

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

SHUSHAN PURIM (15TH OF ADAR)

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

חג פורים שמח !



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Special Gala Seudah Shlishit

Honoring Members of:
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March 8
Following 5:25 p.m. Mincha

This event is held in conjunction
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(Adar 7)

There is no charge, but we ask that you
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SABBATH SALON PARTNERS WITH AIPAC

The Sabbath Salon aims to engage the hundreds of young Jewish professionals on the Upper East Side. The unique edge of this initiative, as the term “salon” suggests, is to create an open, spiritual space of gathering and socializing for young Jews. Using different formats and venues, each event creates a welcome Shabbat atmosphere for people to eat, socialize, and enjoy.

Following a successful first year of Sabbath Salon programs, KJ is continuing this great concept with a new twist. KJ is partnering with AIPAC Young Leadership on January 31st, 2014, for a special Sabbath Salon. KJ’s strong affiliation with AIPAC makes the partnership a natural fit. AIPAC’s Young Leadership Division offers young professionals in their twenties and thirties the opportunity to connect with and support Israel via educational briefings and receptions. We hope that our synergy with such a dynamic Young Leadership group will bring many new faces to the Salon program.

The final Salon date for the season is May 16.

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Thanksgiving for Project Ore

November 24, 2013

Serve and share a Thanksgiving Meal at Educational Alliance's Project ORE
331 East 12th Street at First Avenue

Pack It Up For Purim

March 9, 2014

Prepare Purim packages in partnership to benefit the KJ Food Pantry
and Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty
Ramaz Middle School, 114 East 85th Street

For more information about UJA @KJ, please contact:

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Need a change from the gym?

Switch your physical workout for a spiritual one at this once-a-month class
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SOUL CYCLE

Women of the community are invited to participate in a monthly learning series to provide an opportunity to learn, share, engage and inspire each Rosh Chodesh. A variety of topics will be addressed in different homes each month.

December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, and April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

ROSE AND CHARLES LANGER LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM

The Rose & Dr. Charles Langer Lunch and Learn Program for seniors, hosted by Donna Silverman, will continue through early June 2014. The free program for seniors is made possible by an endowment created by the Buchwald, Edelsburg, and Stern Families.

November 27 - Dr. Gilbert Kahn
December 4 - Rabbi Daniel Kraus
December 11 - Gilah Kletenik
December 18 - Shira Felberbaum
December 25 - Winter Break
January 1 - Winter Break

2014

January 8 - Rabbi Yigal Sklarin
January 15 - Surie Sugarman
January 22 - Rabbi Elie Weinstock
January 29 - Shira Felberbaum

February 5 - Dr. Gilbert Kahn
February 12 - Roy Feldman
February 19 - Robert Sugarman
February 26 - Dr. Gilbert Kahn
March 5 - Dr. Gilbert Kahn
March 12 - Rabbi Elie Weinstock
March 19 - Rabbi Yigal Sklarin
March 26 - Dr. Gilbert Kahn
April 2 - Surie Sugarman
April 9 - Rabbi Elie Weinstock

*The program takes place at noon
in the Heyman Auditorium, 125 East 85th Street,
preceded at 11:30 by Dus Haimische Shtiebel: "The Yiddish Schmoozers"*

Join Rabbi Dr. Jeremy Wieder
for the Dr. William Major Memorial
Advanced Talmud Shiur
in Masechet Avodah Zarah
following 8:30 services and breakfast
on Sunday mornings
in the Gottesman Center
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**Rabbi Wieder will be our
Scholar-in-Residence
Shabbat Parashat Tetzaveh
February 7-8**

**KJ BEGINNERS
BRING A SWEET MESSAGE
TO FAIRWAY**



The KJ Beginners brought a "Shana Tova" message to Fairway shoppers on August 27 and August 28 when they hosted a tasting table overflowing with apples, honey, and other traditional Rosh Hashanah foods.



KJ Men's Club: Past

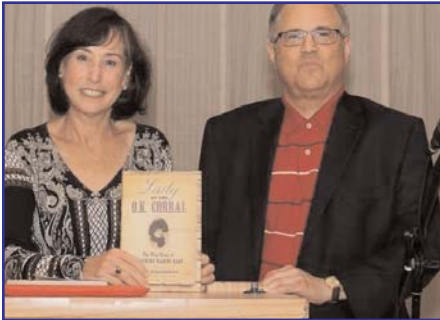


Photo Credit: Dr. Jeffrey Rand

Author Anne Kirschner and KJ Men's Club President Mark Meirowitz, above, on October 6, at a Book Review of Ms. Kirschner's book *Lady at the OK Corral: The True Story of Josephine Marcus Earp*. A biography, the book tells the story of a Jewish girl from New York who won the heart of the most famous lawman of the Old West: Wyatt Earp, a man of great charisma and complex heroism.

Turkish contemporary novelist and columnist, Ayse Kulin, was the guest at a Kiddush Discussion on October 12, at which time she discussed her book, *Last Train to Istanbul*, about the courageous effort by Turkish diplomats who saved the lives of hundreds of Jews caught in Nazi-occupied France.



Dr. Michael Makovsky, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Washington, D.C.-based Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), addressed a Kiddush discussion on November 2 on "Arab Spring or Arab Winter? U.S. Strategic Interests in the Arab Upheaval."

On October 19 we welcomed Meir Javandanfar, Iranian-born Israeli Middle East analyst and commentator, who presented perspectives from the United States, Israel, and the rest of the world on the topic of a nuclear Iran.



KJ Men's Club: Future

Check for updates about these upcoming events:

December 7 - Chug Ivri featuring Victor Mintz.

December 8 - An Evening with the Turkish Jewish Community, beginning with a traditional Turkish Maariv followed by a fascinating presentation on the history of the Turkish Jewish Community and delicious Turkish desserts, coffee and tea.

Co-sponsored by the KJ Men's Club and the American Friends of Turkish Jewry (AFTJ).

December 14 - Kiddush Discussion with David Goldman: *The Post-American Middle East*.

December 22 - Film Screening: *Iranium*, presented by Ryan Mauro, National Security Analyst with the Clarion Project, who will speak on "Iran's Grand Strategy" and about the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States.

January 5 - *The Past is Never Dead*, Book Review with Willard Oriol, former consultant in Macedonia, Bulgaria, and Lithuania.

January 25 - Melave Malka/Kumsitz with Avi Gopin and SPARK.

January 26 - Film Screening: *Turkish Passport*.

**Congregation
Kehilath Jeshurun
142nd Annual Synagogue Meeting
April 9, 2014**

**Gottesman Center Falk Auditorium
7:30 p.m.**

**Followed by a Foremost Collation
of hot dogs, sauerkraut
and ice-cold beer**

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about the weekly status
of the Manhattan Eruv
Call the **ERUV HOTLINE**
212-874-6100, ext. 452
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**Welcome
Guest Scholar
Rabbi Asher Lopatin**

President of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah
Rabbinical School

Shabbat morning, Parashat Vayechi
December 14

Morris and Ida Newman
Education Center
Ramaz Upper School
60 East 78th Street

HISTORY AT HOME THE FACE OF THE RABBINATE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

featuring Rabbi Alexander Kaye

How has the rabbinate changed in the past 2000 years? How has it remained constant? We will explore the history of Jewish religious authority and leadership from antiquity to the present day. We will study the ways that the rabbi has transformed over time from a communal judge into the pastor-scholar common in contemporary America; the religious leadership of women past and present; and the place of the rabbinate in Israel. Along the way we will try to formulate our own thoughts about an ideal religious leader and how, if at all, the rabbinate is likely to change in the next phase of Jewish history.

*December 14, in KJ's Heyman Auditorium,
graciously hosted by Deborah & Barry Berg.*

*February 8, in the Gottesman Center,
graciously hosted by Stacy & Ron Scheinberg.*

*March 8, in KJ's Heyman Auditorium,
graciously hosted by Adele & Ronald Tauber.*

*Presentations begin at 8:30 p.m.
followed by a post-lecture dessert reception*

All lectures are stand-alone, so please feel welcome even if you missed the previous one.



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Sisterhood Date Book

"Shiva Etiquette"
with **Rabbi Haskel Lookstein**
Co-sponsored by Natan@Ramaz
December 10

Sotheby's Judaica Event
Monday, December 16

Healthy Eating Program
with **Alexandra Zohn Cepelowicz**
Tuesday, January 7

Book Review: *The Watchmaker's Daughter*
with **Author and Ramaz Alumna Sonia Taitz**
Tuesday, January 21
at the home of Rita Woldenberg

Mark your calendars!



CONNECTION

*Widows Helping Widows
Rebuild Their Lives*

The W Connection, a grassroots organization created to meet the needs of widows, is proud to announce the opening of a new chapter on the Upper East Side. Chapter meetings will be held at the Ramaz School, 125 East 85th Street on the third Thursday of every month from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The next meetings are on November 21 and December 19.

Meetings are targeted to women who have been widowed for at least six months to a year, and they provide widow-to-widow support at the community level so that widows can successfully rebuild their lives and regain and sustain economic stability and social-emotional health. The W Connection is one of the first not-for-profits run exclusively by widows for the support of widows. It is unique because, unlike other organizations that just deal with grief, this organization helps to take women beyond the initial stages of bereavement. The W Connection's focus is on helping women rebuild a future with the goal of once again leading a happy and productive life.

For more information, please contact Judy Tanz at 212-535-7571.

KJ BEGINNERS PRESENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 5:45 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 6:00 PM

March 7, 2014 at 6:45 pm

Shabbat Across America

Featuring Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

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Six Mondays at 7:00 PM, starting February 3rd

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An overview of the main events and personalities that have shaped the Jewish people until this very day.

Mondays at 7:00 p.m., January 6, 13, 20, and 27

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Crash Course in Basic Judaism

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beginning January 8

Explorations in Hebrew Reading

with Sara Rosen

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

beginning January 8

Holiday Workshops

with

Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Kraus

Chanukah

Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 pm

Purim

Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 pm

Passover

Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 pm

To find out about other learning opportunities at KJ, call 212-774-5678.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH RABBI YITZ MOTECHIN

The Book of Samuel

7:15 pm

Talmud: Tractate Megillah

8:00 pm

THURSDAY NIGHT LEARNING WITH RABBI YOSSIE WEISER

Living Judaism

at 7:00 pm

Studies in the Weekly Portion

at 8:00 pm

BNEI MITZVAH



BETH KAHN

Mazal Tov to Judy and Dr. Hirshel Kahn upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Beth, at the Ramaz Upper School on September 29. Beth delivered a Dvar Torah about the importance of names both Judaically and intergenerationally, specifically in regard to her namesakes. Beth is in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



MAXINE PRAVDA

Mazal Tov to Joy and Phillip Pravda, upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Maxine, at a Women's Tefilah at the Ramaz Upper School on October 5, at which time she read Parashat Noach and chanted its Haftarah. Maxine is a sixth grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



JOSHUA BERMAN

Mazal Tov to Sara and David Berman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Josh, which was held on Shabbat, October 12th at Congregation Shearith Israel. Josh read Parashat Lech Lecha and delivered a speech on Avraham's courage to make a new life at the age of 75. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Judy and Michael Steinhardt. Josh is in the 8th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



ALEXANDER GLASBERG

Mazel Tov to Alisa and Dr. Scot Glasberg upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alex, on Shabbat, October 26th, at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, where he read Parashat Chayei Sarah and its Haftarah. Alex is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



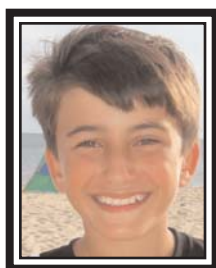
ELANA BERNSTEIN

Mazal Tov to Renee and Michael Bernstein, upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elana, on Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Sunday, November 3rd at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Elana read from the Torah during a Women's Tefillah service. Elana has performed Chesed work assisting autistic children at the JCC of Manhattan and assisting special needs children with the Friendship Circle at Chabad House. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother Eleanore Reznik. Elana is a seventh grade student at the Ramaz Middle School.



SOPHIA KREMER

Mazal Tov to Esther and Motti Kremer, upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sophia, at the Ramaz Upper School on November 15, where she delivered a D'var Torah on Rosh Chodesh and Hallel. Sophia is in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



DEREK KORFF-KORN

Mazel Tov to Dr. Janice Korff and Justin Korn upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Derek, which will take place on December 7th, at Congregation Orach Chaim. Derek will layn Parashat Vayigash, read the Haftarah and daven the Shabbat service. He will also deliver a D'var Torah about Vayigash regarding acceptance. Derek is in the eighth grade at Park East Day School.

KJ Annual Dinner

Saturday night, December 7
at 8:00 pm

Ramaz Upper School
60 East 78th Street

Dinner Chairs:

Laurie & Dr. Eli Bryk
Anne & Natalio Fridman
Rina & Zachary Kestenbaum



AARON SHAPIRA

Mazal Tov to Adrienne and Avi Shapira upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron, on Shabbat, December 7, at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. He will layn Parashat Vayigash, chant its haftarah and deliver a D'var Torah. Aaron is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Beth and Ronald Bernard upon the birth of a grandson, Elan, born to their children, Ivy and Greg Levi.

Yaira Singer and Matthew Binstock upon the birth of their third child and second daughter, Talia Tzipora. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Dr. Adina and Michael Singer.

Susan and Robert Blinken Jr. & Janelle and Dr. Sheldon Pike upon the birth of their second grandson, Ben Tzion David, born to their children Gavriella (Alexandra) and Mordechai Lerner.

Alison and Leo Esses upon the birth of their first child and son. Mazal tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Barbara and Abe Esses.

Vivian and Bernard Falk upon the arrival of a granddaughter, Noa Carmel, born to their children Talia Falk and Elie Hassenfeld.

Dr. Rebecca and Evan Farber upon the birth of their second child and first son, Eli Morris (Moshe Shalom).

Jessica and Anton Feingold upon the birth of their third child and second son, Samuel Joseph (Shmuel Joseph). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Ann and the Hon. Judge Jerome Hornblass.

Aijia and Elliot Felig upon the birth of their second son, Harry Baolai (Hillel Baruch). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Florence and Dr. Philip Felig.

Linda and Charles Fisch upon the birth of their fifth grandchild, Eliana Gittel, born to their children Sassy and Gabe Hanauer of Bergenfield, New Jersey.

Cheryl Fishbein and Phillip Schatten upon the birth of their granddaughter, Lea Paule, born to their children Jennifer and David Rak of Manhattan.

Martine and Leo Fox upon the birth of a second grandson, Cal Alexander Shulman, born to their children, Talia and Abie Shulman, in Chicago.

Audrey and Michael Frankel upon the birth of their first child, Laura Elise (Livia Aliza). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Susan and Peter Frankel.

Michelle Freudengerger and Andy Dimond upon the birth of their first children, twins Molly and Jay.

Danielle and Jason Friedman upon the

birth of their third child and second daughter, Anabelle Noa (Eliora Leiba).

Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum upon the birth of their first grandchild, Shari Chana (Charlotte Hannah), born to their children Sima and David Gross.

Dr. Margery Kalb upon the birth of her first granddaughter, Abigail Caroline (Avigayil Chana), born to her children LJ & Caryn Spaet. Mazal Tov as well to LJ's father, Jonathan Spaet, and to Caryn's parents, Alan Goldstein & Leslie Janis.

Amanda and Meir Katz upon the birth of their third child and second daughter, Meirav Rose (Meirav Rosa).

Lani and Jason Kollander upon the birth of their third daughter, Kate Charlotte (Sima Leah). Mazal tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Laurie and Dr. Eli Bryk.

Larry and Ruth Kobrin upon the birth of a grandson, Zecharia Bezalel, born to their children Debra and Rabbi Daniel Levy.

Ivanka and Jared Kushner upon the birth of their second child and first son, Joseph Frederick (Yosef). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Seryl and Charles Kushner.

Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid upon the birth of a granddaughter, Reut Chava, born to their children Ariella and Gabi Magid of Givat Shmuel, Israel.

Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim upon the birth of a grandson, Emanuel Naftali, born to their children Dr. Elissa Gross and Simeon Oppenheim of Teaneck.

Bonnie and Isaac Pollak upon the birth of their third grandchild and second grandson, in Israel, to their children Avital and Zamir Pollak.

Dr. Elena and Jed Resnick upon the birth of their second child and second son, Nathaniel Charles (Natan Yechezkel).

Paula and Leonard Solinsky upon the birth of their first grandchild, Miriam

Rose, born to their children Rebecca and Neil Solinsky.

Dr. Susan and Simeon Wallis upon the birth of their second daughter, Noa Isabel (Noa Yael).

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

BNEI MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to:

Suzy and Sandy Eisenstat upon the Bar Mitzvah, at the Kotel, of their grandson, J.J., son of Tamar and Abraham Eisenstat.

Donna and Arthur Silverman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, David, son of Nomi and Daniel Silverman of Los Angeles.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Jonathan Art upon his engagement to Julie Baraban, originally from Los Angeles and the daughter of Vivien & Dr. Richard Tannen and Harvey Baraban.

Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon upon the engagement of their son, Michael, to Ariella Pultman, daughter of Adeena and Yaakov Pultman of Teaneck. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum upon the engagement of their son, Jonathan, to Erika Weiss, daughter of Blossom and Harry Weiss of Huntington.

Rhonda and Jeffrey Luxenberg upon the engagement of their son, Matthew, to Rachel Daniels, daughter of Judy and Michael Daniels of Chicago. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother Alice Smokler.

Dr. Sydney Mehl upon his engagement to Nancy Greenwald.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov to:

Deborah and Barry Berg upon the marriage of their son, Zachary, to Marissa Rosenberg, daughter of Beth and Abe Rosenberg. Mazal Tov, as well, to proud KJ grandmother, Lili Goldberg (and grandparents Alice Berg and Sandra & Gerald Fineberg).

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In Memoriam

ROSE SIMSTEIN

She lived past one-hundred years. When she walked into shul, she looked as elegant and as alert as she was in her early 80's. She was such a remarkable woman. Everyone who knew her at KJ not only loved her, but admired her. She came to all the Sisterhood events and, until very recently, she was absolutely regular in her synagogue attendance on Shabbat and Yom Tov.

She was with us for a very long time and we will remember her for an even longer time.

NORMAN BULOW

He came to us when his youngest child, Shoshana, was entering sixth grade at Ramaz. He and his dear wife Tova, with whom he shared more than 60 years of loving marriage, founded so much of what we have in KJ today.

Norman was a bundle of joy and a source of great wisdom. His sparkling and laughing eyes and his great sense of humor made him beloved to so many in our congregation. He was a Trustee and an Officer of KJ and of its Men's Club. When he and Tova celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, they made a gift to the congregation to endow the annual Bulow Shabbaton which this year, sadly but appropriately, was in his memory.

He was a giant of a man (and a Giants fan too), a great source of strength to his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and, of course, to Tova who was an equally great source of strength to him.

SIDNEY SCHEINBERG

Sidney was a member of KJ for over fifty years. His children, Sari and Ron, are Ramaz alumni, and Ron and Stacy's three children are alumnae (two of them) and a student in Ramaz.

He liked to say that his greatest investment in his life was giving his children and grandchildren a Ramaz education. He said they learned the finest values and developed the best friends. He served Ramaz as Vice-Chairman of the Board for over ten years.

Very few of us knew that Sidney Scheinberg was the lead navigator in the largest air armada in military history, during the World War II campaign known as the "Battle of the Bulge." For his bravery he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The only greater medal is the Congressional Medal of Honor. There was a military honor guard at the cemetery for his funeral.

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KJ Rabbinic Intern Roy Feldman upon his marriage to Rachel Minkin.

Robert Katz upon the marriage of his son, Adam, to Samantha Gross of Matawan, New Jersey.

Jane and Reuben Leibowitz upon the marriage of their son, Ethan, to Aviva Erlich.

Dr. Marlene Warshawski Yahalom upon the marriage of her daughter, Tali, to Dr. Josh Leinwand, son of Sheba and Robbie Leinwand of Brooklyn.

May the newlywed couples be blessed to build homes faithful to the traditions of the Jewish people.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Perah and David Dwek upon being the Guests of Honor at the Chabad Israel Center's Gala Dinner marking 7 years of service to the Upper East Side.

Sherry Cohen upon being this year's Guest of Honor at Sharsheret's "Bat Mitzvah" dinner.

PROFESSIONAL/PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Dr. Robert S. April who was the

discussant at the September meeting of the Book Club of La Maison Francaise, Columbia University.

Jonathan (Yoni) Oppenheim, son of Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim, co-founder and co-artistic director of 24/6 Jewish Group, who received a grant from the #MAKE IT HAPPEN initiative funded by the Schusterman Philanthropic Network. Offered to individuals for creative Jewish-related events or projects, Yoni's award entitled "Tu B'Shvat Seder+Chekhov" blends the traditional liturgy, discussions and sounds of the Tu B'Shvat Seder with a performance of Chekhov's environment-themed play *Uncle Vanya*. The production will be called "Tu B'Shvat Vanya."

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Steven Arenson and Lois Kressel, upon the passing of their mother, Lucille Arenson.

Dr. Leonard Bley, upon the passing of his father, Michael Bley.

Vivian Creizman, upon the passing of her father, Jack Trauring.

David Drezner, upon the passing of his sister, Judith Lippard.

Yonina Gomborg, Maeira Werthenschlag, and Alexander Halpern, upon the passing of their grandfather, Sam Halpern.

Fred Halpern, upon the passing of his father, Sam Halpern.

David Goldman, upon the passing of his father, Joseph Goldman.

Michael Hartig, upon the passing of his mother, Phyllis Hartig.

Professor Marcel Kahan, upon the passing of his mother, Scheina Kahan.

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

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		<i>Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Friday Evening Services</i>	<i>Saturday Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
November					
29-30	Miketz	4:11 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:09 PM
December					
6-7	Vayigash	4:10 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:08 PM
13-14	Vayehi	4:11 PM	4:00 PM	4:05 PM	5:09 PM
20-21	Shemot	4:13 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:12 PM
27-28	Vaera	4:17 PM	4:30 PM	4:10 PM	5:16 PM
January					
3-4	Bo	4:23 PM	4:35 PM	4:15 PM	5:21 PM
10-11	Beshalach	4:30 PM	4:45 PM	4:25 PM	5:28 PM
17-18	Yitro	4:37 PM	4:50 PM	4:30 PM	5:36 PM
24-25	Mishpatim	4:46 PM	5:00 PM	4:40 PM	5:43 PM
31-1	Terumah	4:54 PM	5:05 PM	4:45 PM	5:51 PM
February					
7-8	Tetzaveh	5:03 PM	5:15 PM	4:55 PM	5:59 PM
14-15	Ki Tisa	5:11 PM	5:25 PM	5:05 PM	6:07 PM
21-22	Vayakhel	5:20 PM	5:35 PM	5:10 PM	6:15 PM
28-1	Pekude/Shekalim	5:28 PM	5:40 PM	5:20 PM	6:23 PM
March					
7-8	Vayikra	5:36 PM	5:50 PM	5:25 PM	6:31 PM
14-15	Tzav/Zachor	6:43 PM	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	7:38 PM
21-22	Shemini/Parah	6:51 PM	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	7:46 PM
28-29	Tazria/Hahodesh	6:58 PM	6:45 PM	6:50 PM	7:53 PM
April					
4-5	Metzora	7:06 PM	6:45 PM	6:55 PM	8:01 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

Nov. 24-Dec. 19	4:25 PM	Jan. 12-16	4:45 PM	Feb. 16-20	5:30 PM
Dec. 22-26	4:30 PM	Jan. 19-23	4:55 PM	Feb. 23 - 27	5:35 PM
Dec. 29-Jan. 2	4:35 PM	Jan. 26-30	5:00 PM	March 2-6	5:45 PM
Jan. 5-9	4:40 PM	Feb. 2-6	5:10 PM	March 9-June 12	6:45 PM
		Feb. 9-13	5:20 PM		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, November 28
Chanukah Service at 8:30 am
Friday, November 29
Chanukah Service at 7:10 am
Monday, December 2
Chanukah Service at 7:10 am
Tues.-Wed, December 3-4
Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh Tevet
Morning Service at 7:00 am
Thursday, December 5
Chanukah Service at 7:10 am

Friday, December 13
Fast of the 10th of Tevet
Fast Begins at 5:59 am
Morning Service at 6:50 am
Afternoon Service at 4:00 pm
Fast Ends at 5:06 pm
Wednesday, December 25
Morning Services at 8:30 am
Wednesday, January 1
Morning Service at 8:30 am
Thursday, January 2
Rosh Chodesh Shevat
Morning Service at 7:00 am

Friday, January 31
Rosh Chodesh Adar I
Morning Services at 7:00 am
Monday, February 17
Morning Service at 8:30 am
Monday, March 3
Rosh Chodesh Adar II
Morning Services at 7:00 am
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Tuesday, April 1
Rosh Chodesh Nisan
Morning Service at 7:00 am