

# HIGH HOLY DAY ISSUE

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## KEHILATH JESHURUN BULLETIN

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### A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE INSPIRED BY A RAMAZ ALUMNUS

**Rabbi Haskel Lookstein**

*Following the Boston Marathon bombing, I read an article in the Tablet Magazine by Rabbi Shai Held, a distinguished alumnus from Ramaz, class of '89, who is the Co-Founder and Dean of Machon Hadar here in New York.*

*The title of his article, "Why First Responders are Jewish Heroes," intrigued me, but its contents inspired me. I think they offer a very constructive message for Rosh Hashanah and beyond.*

Rabbi Held writes about the first responders who ran toward the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing. However, ironically, they were prevented from reaching the victims immediately by the barricades which had been erected to keep the spectators away from the runners. The first responders were desperate, knowing that people needed their help and that seconds count in such a situation. And yet, Held writes, "I'm filled with awe: just who are these people, doing the holiest thing a human being can do, running toward the injured and dead instead of running away from them."

In the Torah, we are commanded five times to "walk in God's ways." But the Torah never spells out exactly what that means. The Talmud in the Tractate Sotah, 14A, tells us: just as God clothes the naked, so should you; just as God visits the sick, so should you; just as God comforts the mourners, so should you; and just as God buries the dead (Moses, at the end of Deuteronomy), so should you." To walk in God's ways, in other words, is to act in the ways that the Torah describes God as acting. Just as God is present when people are vulnerable and suffering, so should we be.

Shai Held goes on to say that, for religious people, Torah study is important, prayer is important and observing all of the mitzvot - ritual and ethical - is important too. But what the text in Sotah suggests is that if you really want to serve God, then learn to care for people in moments of profound pain.

Study, prayer, observing the Shabbat, lighting Chanukah candles is, in many ways, fairly easy and often very enjoyable. In telling us that offering care and comfort to people in pain is one of the highest expressions of serving God - in fact, imitating Him - Jewish law and thought alert us to the fact that this can be extremely hard work. But it is also the heart of our religion and our spirituality: "To bring a little bit of God's love and compassion to the widow, the orphan, the Alzheimer's patient, and the bombing victim."

A few years ago, a young alumna from Ramaz was studying at Migdal Oz for her post high school year. On the occasion of her visiting Ramaz I asked her how everything was. She answered: "Everything is great; I love the teachers; I love the shiurim; I love the students." I sensed a "but" in her response and I asked her about it. She answered: "Yes, there is a but. It's all about me, my religious growth, my improvement in Torah learning, my *shmirat mitzvot*. I never have an opportunity to do anything for someone else." I was astonished by this response and I asked her whether there was anything she could do to improve the situation. She told me that in fact she had found a family with an epileptic eight year old child with whom she arranged to spend a couple of hours twice a week playing and making her life better. Here is a young woman who, without realizing it, was imitating God.

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### PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

#### SELICHOT SERVICES

Saturday, August 31 at 10:00 PM  
*Preceded by a Collation at 9:15 PM*

#### SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

*"Rabbi Akiva's Cardinal Principle  
and Hillel's too:*

*How to Love One's Neighbor  
as One's Self"*

Saturday, September 7  
at the conclusion of 6:50 PM services

#### Timely Torah HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

with

**RABBI DANIEL AND RACHEL KRAUS**

ROSH HASHANAH Tuesday, September 3  
YOM KIPPUR Wednesday, September 11  
SUKKOT WORKSHOP Monday, September 16

All classes begin at 7:30 PM

#### SIXTH ANNUAL TESHUVAH LECTURE

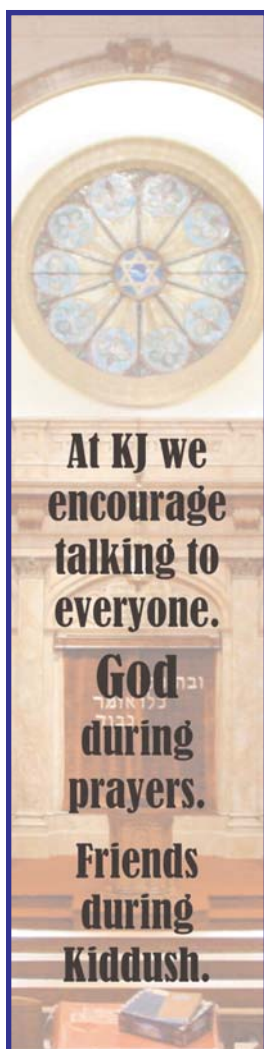
IN MEMORY OF  
**FLORENCE FISHEL COHEN**

*Hearing God Respond to Our Prayers*

**RABBI SAUL BERMAN**

Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 pm  
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## ISRAEL ACTION

Check out "Artzeinu"  
The Weekly Israel News Update

<http://artzeinu.org>

edited by fellow KJ members  
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This site provides easy access  
to numerous news sources and  
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by general topic.



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(U.S. number, rings in Israel) .....305-454-4050  
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Seasons Kosher Supermarket .....212-222-6332  
Shirley Serure, Photographer .....917-371-9146  
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of expensive men's suits), leave suits at Kent's  
Fashion House, 1596 Third Avenue (between 89th &  
90th Streets), and they will be inspected by the  
Shaatnez checker. Phone: 212-876-0088.*

### RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO DELIVER SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA

#### *Rabbi Akiva's Cardinal Principle and Hillel's too: How to Love One's Neighbor as One's Self*

We are all familiar with the Torah's commandment "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." It is clear that if there is one cardinal principle in Judaism, this is it. Both Hillel and Rabbi Akiba declared it so.

But what does it mean to love another person as oneself? What does "Every Jew is responsible for every other Jew" mean in theological terms and in practice? Why are we responsible for what another does and how should that responsibility be expressed?

Furthermore, what is the relationship between our love for people and our love for God? Which comes first in theory and in practice? Finally, what are some of the ways in which we can train ourselves - and help others - to love other human beings?

These are some of the questions which Rabbi Lookstein will explore in a Shabbat Shuvah Drasha which will be delivered on Shabbat, September 7, in the afternoon, following mincha which begins at 6:50. Everyone is invited to attend what promises to be a very important series of thoughts with which to begin the new year.

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## WELCOME

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, June 21, and this Bulletin, which went to press on August 6:

Brittany and Jonathan Cogan  
Daniel Cohen  
Roy Feldman  
David Greenbaum  
Margot and Joshua Marans  
Aryana and Steven Ritholtz  
Nicole and Marco Sarder  
Shaun Steigman  
Artmis Youssefnia

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Rabbi Held perceptively points out something about the order of the Talmud's list in the Tractate of Sotah. "The naked are vulnerable, but their situation is reversible; the sick are vulnerable, but, at least sometimes, they can be healed; mourners have sustained an immense loss - nothing can bring back their loved ones; and the dead are... dead, never coming back. Their situation is the very paradigm of irreversibility. Each situation the Talmud invokes," writes Held, "is more irreversible than the one before, and hence, I think, also more frightening. Yes, the Talmud appears to be saying that these people's circumstances are scary. Stay

with them instead of fleeing."

I am proud of what Rabbi Shai Held wrote and even more proud that he is an alumnus of Ramaz. He reminds all of us that if we want to serve God this year and every year, we should "run toward the very people and places we most want to run away from. If we want to be religious, we have to learn to be present for other people when they are in pain."

What a wonderful thought for all of us for the New Year!

*L'shana Tovah Tikateivu ve-Techateimu* - May we all be inscribed and sealed for a year of health, happiness, safety, peace and walking in God's ways.



### KJ WARMLY WELCOMES SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI DR. JEREMY WIEDER

**R**abbi Jeremy Wieder, PhD, Yeshiva University's Joseph and Gwendolyn Straus Professor of Talmud in the Mazer Yeshiva Program, a Rosh Yeshiva at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, and an adjunct professor of Bible at Yeshiva College, will be serving as KJ's Scholar-in-Residence for the coming year. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Yeshiva College, he was ordained at RIETS, received an MA in American Jewish history from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, and he holds a PhD in Judaic Studies from New York University.

Rabbi Wieder will teach the weekly Dr. William Major Memorial Advanced Shiur in Talmud in Masechet Avoda Zara on Sunday mornings following 8:30 davening beginning September 8. Breakfast will be served before the shiur beginning on September 15. Childcare will be available.

He will also join us for several Shabbatot throughout the year - including Shabbat HaGadol - when he will deliver the drasha.

### KJ SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP: BE A PART OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

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### RABBI SAUL BERMAN TO DELIVER SIXTH ANNUAL TESHUVAH LECTURE

#### IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE FISHEL COHEN

*"Hearing God Respond  
to Our Prayers"*



*Florence Fishel Cohen, z"l*

**W**e are pleased to announce that the sixth annual Florence Fishel Cohen Teshuvah Lecture will once again be given by Rabbi Saul Berman on Tuesday evening, September 10, at 7:30. The naming of the lecture in memory of Florence was made possible by a generous commitment from the Nathan and Louise Goldsmith Foundation. The Directors of the Foundation knew Florence personally because all of its meetings are held in Rabbi Lookstein's office. They appreciated the special kind of devotion and love that Florence demonstrated toward the Rabbi, the congregation, Ramaz and the Nathan and Louise Goldsmith Foundation Board Members. They felt it would be appropriate to memorialize her at KJ in this special way.

We are proud that the annual Teshuvah Lecture continues to be a memorial to Florence, who gave forty years of her professional life to the KJ/Ramaz family. We invite everyone to attend Rabbi Berman's meaningful lecture.



### SEYMOUR PROPP MEMORIAL LECTURE

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### RABBI SHLOMO RISKIN

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SHABBAT MORNING, NOVEMBER 9

## THE SABBATH SALON - REFLECTIONS ON YEAR ONE

by Rabbi Daniel Kraus

With the support of a grant from the UJA Federation of New York, KJ launched the Sabbath Salon initiative in September of last year. The new concept, crafted by Rabbi Elie Weinstock, Rabbi Daniel Kraus and Gilah Kletenik was a groundbreaking outreach initiative with the aim of reaching out and engaging hundreds of unaffiliated young Jewish professionals on the Upper East Side. The unique edge of this initiative, as the historical significance of the term "salon" suggests, has sought to create an open, spiritual space of gathering and socialization for young Jews.

While there are many programs across the city focused on outreach with this demographic, the majority of them are set within the four walls of a Synagogue. For many, simply entering the Synagogue is already a barrier to entry. With that knowledge in hand, the Salon's mandate was to take the program out to the people. The Salons were held across the Upper East Side in private party rooms, high-end bars and exclusive event spaces such as The London Candy Company, Marty O'Brien's, and The East Wing. Overflowing drinks and attractive delicacies were definitely a draw. However, ultimately, there was not merely a thirst for alcohol, but a desire for Jews to connect, meet new people and celebrate Shabbat in a new way.

The key to the Salon's success was building a brand, creative marketing, social media presence and brand recognition. Within a short time frame, The Sabbath Salon became synonymous with quality crowd, inspiring services, high-end events and a good social scene. The warm inviting atmosphere, and our efforts to welcome everyone and introduce them to one another created an

environment conducive to connecting, sharing and meeting. The Shabbat Salon maintained a balance of a "warm, but cool atmosphere."

Over the past year, we held eight Salons attracting over 400 young Jewish professionals between the ages of 21-45. Of those, over 38% have subsequently come to another program offered by KJ Beginners - a Friday Night Live Dinner, a Torah class, Shabbat or Holiday Services, Passover Seders and others.

For some, the Salon was their first rekindling with Shabbat since their early childhood. David, a banker who lives in the East Seventies, shared that "The Sabbath Salon presented Shabbat in a new light -- here I was at a cool bar on Friday night schmoozing with Rabbis and meeting other young Jewish professionals. Who would have known!"

As the Salon brand became better recognized, we introduced Salons with a different twist, such as an interactive Kabbalat Shabbat followed by a buffet Shabbat Dinner. Furthermore, in an effort to encourage and share the importance of Tzedakah, the pre-paid cover charge was a donation to two charities that we selected - Project Ore, (a beneficiary of UJA) and the KJ Benevolent Fund. Over \$1,300 was raised for these important causes. Salon managed to bridge community, social cause and Shabbat.

The Salon is only the beginning. Now that we have established ourselves through the Sabbath Salons, we look forward to further engaging efforts of building upon the successes and furthering our communal initiatives.

*Future Salon Dates:*

*November 15, February 8, May 16*

*For more information,*

*please contact sabbathsalon@ckj.org*

### MORNING CLASSES AT KJ

*Beginning mid-October*

**Tuesdays: Parsha for Parents with Rabbi Elie Weinstock**

**Wednesdays: Rav Soloveitchik: Halakhic Man with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein**

*Beginning in the Spring*

**Thursdays: Prophetic Women with Dr. Shera Aranoff Tuchman**

*All classes take place at 125 East 85th Street. For more information, please call 212-774-5600*

## FALL LEARNING AT KJ

### TUESDAY NIGHT iLearn@CKJ

Not another app, but a weekly appointment with your heritage! Be a part of the discussion as you delve into Jewish fundamentals as well as the important issues facing contemporary Judaism.

with Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Kraus

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm  
at 125 East 85th Street

*This class meets all year long  
except when pre-empted  
by a holiday workshop or advance notice.*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT Crash Course in Hebrew Reading

with Sara Rosen

Starting October 9

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

### Hebrew II

7:30 p.m.

*Hebrew courses are co-sponsored by the  
Natioal Jewish Outreach Program,  
and take place at 125 East 85th Street.*

### THURSDAY NIGHT

with Rabbi Yossi Weiser

at 114 East 85th Street

7:00pm

### Living Judaism

### Kashrut Crash Course

October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

### American Jews or Jewish Americans?

November 7, 14, 21

December 5, 12 & 19

### Studies in the Weekly Portion

8:00 p.m.

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

## TWO GREAT CLASSES FROM RABBI YITZ MOTECHIN

**The Book of Samuel**  
Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Join us as we complete the Books of Samuel I and II. Each week, we will delve into the critical, ethical dilemmas and political conflicts found throughout the book using both classic and modern commentaries. We will contrast the careers and legacies of King Saul and King David as we understand their roles in the greater history of the Jewish people.

**Unlocking the Hakakhic Process**  
Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

In this course, examine how Jewish law developed and acquire greater insight into why Jews do what they do. This year, we will focus on the laws of Shabbat, the festivals, and Chol Hamoed (the intermediate days of the holidays) and attempt to understand how these observances developed and how they apply to contemporary times.

*Both classes at 114 East 85th Street*

## Soul Cycle A Monthly Spiritual Workout

**Led by Rachel Kraus**

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.

Wednesdays on September 11;  
October 2; November 6; December 4;  
January 8; February 5; March 5;  
April 2; May 1; June 11

at 7:30 pm

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**WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CELEBRATED BEING JEWISH  
WHEN YOU WERE 12 OR 13?**

*When you think about a night out,  
maybe it's time to opt for something other than a movie  
or a visit to the museum...*

Chai Mitzvah is a way to bring your family together. It is a way to connect with our community more deeply. It is a way to enhance your religious and ethical engagement. Chai Mitzvah is perfect for people of all backgrounds and levels, Jewish knowledge, and engagement with the community. KJ members of diverse backgrounds have found the experience meaningful and worthwhile. Chai Mitzvah is an excellent opportunity for self-discovery, to add strength to a marriage or to connect with a child becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Monthly sessions led by Congregational Scholar Gilah Kletenik  
at 125 East 85th Street on the following Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.:  
October 1, November 5; December 10; January 7,  
February 4; March 4; April 8; May 13

*For more information please contact the synagogue office at 212-774-5678.*

# OUT OF THE BOX

*Gilah spent several weeks this summer in Berlin studying German in anticipation of her doctoral studies, which she is beginning this fall at New York University.*

Two weeks ago, I spent several hours sitting inside of a glass box. This was no ordinary glass box. Nor would I ordinarily be found inside of a glass box. Personally, I've never been easily placed into boxes - be they literal or figurative - so my presence in this box was doubly exceptional. Where was this glass box? It was inside of a museum. And I was on exhibit.

I was part of an exhibition at the Jewish Museum in Berlin, entitled: "The Whole Truth ... Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Jews." Visitors at the installation are confronted by 30 different questions about Judaism. These include, among others: "How can you recognize a Jew?" "Is a German allowed to criticize Israel?" and "Are the Jews the Chosen People?" From Scriptural quotes to an episode of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, and everything in between, the exhibit is both informative and playful. Visitors do not receive simple or "right" answers to any of the questions. But through text and multi-media, they encounter a multitude of differing opinions about Jews, Judaism and Jewish identity.

The exhibition culminates with the final question: "Are there any Jews living in Germany?" To grapple with this question, a real Jew, who lives in Germany, sits in a glass box and is available for questions and conversation. The Jews featured in the showcase are seldom scholars or rabbis. They are just regular Jews: secular and religious, young and old, native Germans and immigrants. Some of them are engaged with the Jewish community in Germany and others are not, many have some Jewish literacy and some have very little at all. That is the idea of the exhibition: to demonstrate that there is no "one type of Jew," or that Jews necessarily look, dress or think a certain way. It seeks to dispel stereotypes in a country where

many have never actually interacted with a Jew. The installation is, one might say, very, "out of the box."

The exhibit has received no small amount of attention, and most of it has centered upon the provocative Jew in a Box segment. Some find the very act of placing a Jew in a box counter productive, if not degrading. To others the box is evocative of the Eichmann Trial. Or it is reminiscent of the offensive human zoos in the West that once featured people from "foreign lands."



Never shy of controversy, when I first read about this exhibit, several months before my trip to Berlin, I knew I had to be a part of it. So, even though the exhibit is intended to only feature Jews who actually live in Germany and who are truly fluent in German, I was able to pull a few strings and secure a spot in the box. In a country that takes rules and procedures very seriously, this was no simple feat.

During my hours in the box, several museumgoers approached to ask me questions. These included: "Do you use your iPhone on Shabbat?" "Have you encountered anti-Semitism from the Muslims here in Berlin?" "Where can I

buy that hat that very religious Jews wear?" Interestingly, the most common question I received was "How does it feel to sit in the box?" I told them that as a Jew, and as the grandchild of two Holocaust survivors, it felt peculiarly empowering to actively place myself in a box, in Germany. I explained how I was drawn to the irony of the entire endeavor. Too often, I noted that as a Jew, especially in Germany, I am already "put in the box," by others. By electing to place myself in the box, I am subverting this tendency.

While most of the questions posed were simple enough, there was one question that took me aback and still lingers in mind. "How should I cope with disagreement and dissent among Jews? Have Jews always been this divided?" These are the questions that a museumgoer, who is very involved in the German Jewish community, asked me.

Our parshah presents us with an opening to consider that museumgoer's weighty questions. Parshat Shoftim introduces four primary models of Jewish authority: the shofet (judge), melekh (king), kohen (priest), and navi (prophet). The text outlines broad principles governing these offices and focuses primarily upon their limitations. By dispersing power and prestige, Scripture constrains each authority in an effort to curb absolutism. But, in so doing, it also plants the seeds for inevitable controversy and tension. As even the most surface of perusals through Tanakh reveals, we Jews have always specialized in division and dissent.

By the Second Temple Period, sectarianism came to dominate Jewish life as the Pharisees, Sadducees, Qumran sectaries and those who would later be known as early-Christians, all vied for influence. The destruction of the Beit Ha-Miqdash eroded the landscape of leadership, leading to the emergence of the hakham (sage). But, even without sovereignty, security and supremacy, there

# SHABBAT PARASHAT SHOFTIM

by Congregational Scholar Gilah Kletenik

was still plenty upon which to disagree. In establishing a uniform Post-Temple Judaism, Rabbinic Judaism, more was at stake than ever before. The danger in difference and dissent was acute and amplified.

This unease explains how the hakhamim approach a case described in our parashah. Verse 8 begins prescribing what to do in the eventuality that a specific local court is baffled and does not know how to rule on a case brought before it. The case is then referred to the high court, what would be known as the Sanhedrin, where it is adjudicated and a final verdict is issued. If a litigant of the case does not follow the ruling of the Sanhedrin, the Torah calls for that person's execution. This punishment, as the text indicates, serves to establish the authority and the functioning of the entire judiciary.

The Hakhamim, active in the aftermath of the destruction of the Temple, who find themselves without a high court or even a judicial system, reframe our case. What was in Scripture a case concerning a baffled court and a litigant evolves through the Mishnah and Midrashei Halakhah into the institution of Zaqen Mamre, the rebellious elder. Zaqen Mamre is a sage who disagrees with his colleagues on a particular matter of practical halakhah, who, under certain conditions, can be executed for diverging from the majority. The danger of diversity was rendered so threatening at the time that the Mishnah actually calls for killing a sage who disagrees with his colleagues.

Some of us might find this halakhah a bit extreme, if not totalitarian. We are not alone. Later authorities in the Babylonian Talmud restrict the institution of Zaqen

Mamre to the point of obsolescence. These later sages are characteristically more pluralistic and open to divergent approaches than their predecessors. After all, not only is the Talmud rife with dissenting opinions; its style challenges the very notion of a bottom-line, a final answer or even a conclusion.

The spirit of the Babylonian Talmud embraces, if not celebrates, diversity of opinion. In many passages dispute and disagreement are viewed not as an unavoidable consequence of transmission, but as an ideal, intended by the Almighty. In Tractate Hagigah 3b, the Talmud describes the palate of Jewish approaches: "some pronounce clean, others unclean, some prohibit and others permit, some declare unfit and others declare fit. Should

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a person say: how shall I learn Torah?!"

Like that perturbed museumgoer, the Talmud recognizes that the diversity of Jewish opinion and practice might be overwhelming. But, this is not a reality to be bemoaned. On the contrary, continues the text: "Therefore Scripture says: All of them 'were given from one shepherd.' One God gave them, one leader proclaimed

them from the mouth of the Lord." This is how it was intended to be, says the Talmud. The problem is not the diversity of approaches; the problem is the person who thinks that it is!

What then ought such a person to do? "Therefore, make your ear like the hopper and acquire a lev meivin, perceptive heart, to understand the words of those who pronounce unclean and the words of those who pronounce clean, the words of those who prohibit and the words of those who permit, the words of those who declare unfit and the words of those who declare fit." We must acquire perceptive hearts and we must condition ourselves to understand and cope with diverging practices. The Jewish landscape was never intended to be uniform; it has always been and always will be diverse.

Too many Jews today would benefit from this advice of the Bavli. When we confront other Jews who look, dress, think and practice in ways different than we do, the appropriate approach is not to quash dissent, silence voices or shun the other. Rather, it is to peer inwards, to inculcate within us the fortitude to contend with difference, diversity and dissent: to develop our own lev meivin.

The recent controversy and disappointing elections for Israel's new Chief Rabbis are a case in point of our desperate need to develop a lev meivin. Another is the cover story of the current issue of The New Republic, which documents the tragic inability of our brothers and sisters in Israel to cope with diversity. It tells of the harrowing battle faced by ordinary Israeli women to overcome the increasing infringement upon their rights to dress, walk, shop and pray. An additional disturbing display of intolerance has befallen Rabbi Dr. Zev Farber, who recently published a thoughtful and comprehensive paper addressing biblical criticism and Jewish faith. Unfortunately, his courageous, necessary, and well-informed efforts have led extremists to assail him as a heretic.

The sad reality is that we could add many more recent events to this list of increasing extremism and intolerance

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## CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY

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for information.

## TOVA AND NORMAN BULOW SHABBAT SCHOLAR NOVEMBER 1-2

Dr. Daniel Gordis is Senior Vice President of the Shalem Center, where he is also a senior fellow. The author of numerous books on Jewish thought and currents in Israel, Dr. Gordis was the founding dean of the Ziegler Rabbinical School at the University of Judaism, the first rabbinical college on the West Coast of the United States. Dr. Gordis joined Shalem in 2007 after spending nine years as vice president of the Mandel Foundation in Israel and director of its Leadership Institute.



*Our Guest Scholar*  
DR. DANIEL GORDIS

Since moving to Israel in 1998, Dr. Gordis has written and lectured throughout the world on Israeli society and the challenges facing the Jewish state. His writing has appeared in magazines and newspapers including the *New York Times*, the *New Republic*, the *New York Times Magazine*, *Moment*, *Tikkun*, and *Conservative Judaism*. His latest book, *Biography of Menachem Begin*, is scheduled for publication in Spring 2014.

**November 1st- Following Friday Evening Dinner**  
***"From Ever-Dying People To Never-Dying People"***  
***Was Jewish Life Better When it was Less Secure?***

**November 2nd- Following 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Services**  
***"Two Nations in Your Womb" - From Rebecca to Pharaoh to Cyrus,***  
***and What the Tanakh is Really About***

### Seudah Shlishit:

***"The Return to Zion, by Might or Right?" - Reflections on the Legacy of Menachem Begin a Century After His Birth***

### FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT DINNER PRICING

	Members:	Non-Members:
Adults	\$35	\$40
Junior (age 12-18)	\$30	\$35
Children (age 2-11)	\$18	\$30

Call 212-774-5600 for more information

All members of the community are invited to attend the lectures, gratis.

## WELCOME NEW KJ YOUTH DIRECTOR, ARYANA!

### 5774 YOUTH DEPARTMENT FALL SCHEDULE

<b>Aug. 31</b>	Shabbat Morning Groups Begin	<b>Nov. 3</b>	KJBL
<b>Aug. 31</b>	Bnei Akiva Snif Begins	<b>Nov. 8</b>	Tot Shabbat Family Dinner
<b>Sept. 26</b>	Simchat Torah Bash	<b>Nov. 9</b>	Fall Youth Shabbaton (grades 1-3)
<b>Oct. 5</b>	Tot Shabbat Daytime	<b>Nov. 10</b>	KJBL
<b>Oct. 6</b>	KJBL commences	<b>Dec. 1</b>	KJBL
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<b>Nov. 2</b>	Tot Shabbat Daytime	<b>Dec. 22</b>	KJBL

## SHABBAT AT KJ

**LEARNERS SERVICE**  
**WITH GEORGE ROHR**  
Weekly at 9:30 AM

**INTERMEDIATE SERVICE**  
**WITH RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK**  
Weekly at 9:30 AM

**SEPHARDIC MINYAN**  
Weekly at 9:00 AM

**HASHKAMA MINYAN**  
7:15 AM  
**August 31, September 28**  
**October 12 & 26**  
**November 2, 16, & 30**  
**December 7 & 21**  
**January 4 & 18**

**KESHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S**  
**MINYAN**  
9:15 AM  
**September 28, October 26**  
**November 16, December 14**  
**January 11**

**WOMEN'S TEFILLAH GROUP**  
9:15 AM  
**September 27 (Simchat Torah)**  
**October 5**  
**November 30 (Mincha)**

**TOT SHABBAT**  
**WITH RABBI ELIE WEINSTOCK**  
**AND NEW KJ YOUTH DIRECTOR**  
**ARYANA BIBI RITHOLTZ**  
10:30 AM  
**October 5, November 2**  
**December 7, January 4**

## ERIC FELDSTEIN, RICHARD LINHART, AND DAVID SULTAN CHOSEN FOR TORAH HONORS ON SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH

*The officers of the congregation are pleased to announce that Eric Feldstein, Richard Linhart, and David Sultan, three distinguished members of the Congregation, have been chosen for the highest Torah honors of the year.*

*Their installation will take place before the Musaf service on Shemini Atzeret, Thursday, September 26th.*



**CHATAN TORAH: ERIC FELDSTEIN**

**I**t is a pleasure for us to salute Eric Feldstein as our Chatan Torah this year. He and his wife, Miriam, have been an important part of our KJ/Ramaz community in so many different areas.

Eric has had a distinguished professional career holding several senior executive positions at major corporations. A graduate of Harvard Business School's MBA program, Eric served as treasurer of General Motors Corporation and was subsequently named chief executive officer of GMAC Financial Services. More recently, Eric joined American Express where he currently serves as Executive Vice President.

Eric provided extraordinary leadership to our community in his role as KJ President - a position he held for six years through April 2012. He remains an active member of the Executive Committee with particular focus on advancing the KJ/Ramaz building project and restoring our sanctuary to its former glory. In shul, he is well-known for his letter-perfect Torah reading, and continues to be part of the "ba'al koreh" rotation on High Holy Days as well as on Shabbat morning.

Over the years, Eric and Miriam Feldstein have opened their home graciously to the KJ community, hosting special shul events on occasion and routinely offering invitations to any guest spending Shabbat in the neighborhood. They have also undertaken several initiatives in support of Ramaz, and both have taken the opportunity during different

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**CHATAN BEREISHIT: RICHARD LINHART**

**A** native of Winnipeg, Canada, Richard emigrated to the U.S. to attend the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and made his way to New York after graduation. He joined Morgan Stanley Wealth Management in 2009, after a 25 year career as a private equity investor and investment banker.

Richard has been an active and enthusiastic member of KJ since moving to the Upper East Side after his marriage to Dr. Leora Mogilner, a Yeshivah of Flatbush alumna, in 2000. He has served as trustee and Executive Committee member for many years, as chairman of the Investment Committee from 2009-2013, and has been one of the leaders who have worked to deepen the KJ community's active involvement in AIPAC.

Richard has been chairman of the committee overseeing the Jacques and Hanna Schwalbe Mikvah of the Chabad of the Upper East Side since it opened in 2006. He recently joined the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), and has previously served as a trustee of the Board of Jewish Education, Lincoln Square Synagogue, SAR Academy and American Friends of Pardes.

Richard's wife, Leora, a pediatrician at Mount Sinai Medical Center, is also very active in the community. She has been a Ramaz Charter Trustee since 2008 and is currently Secretary of the Ramaz

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**CHATAN MAFTIR: DAVID SULTAN**

**D**avid Sultan is a partner at Fir Tree Partners, a multi-strategy hedge fund, where he has worked since 1999. He started his career at Wolfensohn & Co. after graduating from Harvard with an A.B. in Economics in 1996.

He has lived on the Upper East Side and been a part of the KJ community since his marriage to Randi in 2002. Randi is currently serving as the ECC liaison chair at Ramaz.

They have four children - Elizabeth (8), Alexander (6), Daniel (3) and Jonathan (1). All three of the Sultan boys had their bris at KJ. Elizabeth and Alex are both Ramaz students.

David has been an associate trustee of the KJ board for the last several years. In addition he is a member of the KJ Board's Investment Committee and the Benevolent Fund Committee.

David is currently the President of the American Friends of the Hesder Yeshivah of Sderot as well as a board member of the Tel Aviv branch of Aish HaTorah. David is engaged in an array of pro-Israel activism. He is a supporter of AIPAC, and has long been involved in a pro-Israel political group in Manhattan that meets on a regular basis with Senators, Congressmen and candidates for federal office to discuss events in the Middle East.

Although David and Randi have been involved in a variety of Jewish charities and causes over the years, the KJ and Ramaz community holds a central and very special place in their lives and those

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*We invite the entire congregation to rejoice with them and with us on Shemini Atzeret and on Simchat Torah, night and day, as we celebrate the three families whose love of, and commitment to, Torah merit our honor and tribute.*

## SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS

### ROSH HASHANAH

#### Wednesday, September 4, Rosh Hashanah Eve

Selichot Service (Z'chor Brit) .....6:30 AM  
*An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared*

Candle Lighting ..... 7:05 PM  
 Evening Services .....6:45 PM

#### Thursday, September 5, Rosh Hashanah I

All Morning Services .....8:00 AM  
 Tashlich .....6:00 PM  
 Evening Services .....7:15 PM  
 Candle Lighting ..... After 7:59 PM

#### Friday, September 6, Rosh Hashanah II

All Morning Services .....8:00 AM  
 Evening Services .....6:45 PM  
 Shabbat Candle Lighting .....7:01 PM

### SHABBAT SHUVA

#### Saturday, September 7

Morning Services .....9:00 AM  
 Combined Learners and Intermediate Services ... 9:30 AM  
 Evening Services .....6:50 PM  
*Shabbat Shuva Discourse by Rabbi Lookstein*  
 Shabbat ends .....7:56 PM

### TSOM (FAST OF) GEDALIAH

#### Sunday, September 8

Fast begins .....5:18 AM  
 Morning Services ..... 8:00 AM  
 Evening Services .....6:45 PM  
 Fast ends .....7:51 PM

### DAILY SERVICES:

#### Monday-Thursday, September 9-12

Monday Morning .....6:45 AM  
 Tuesday Morning .....7:00 AM  
 Wednesday Morning .....7:00 AM  
 Thursday Morning .....6:45 AM  
 Mon.-Thurs. Evenings .....6:45 PM

### YOM KIPPUR

#### Friday, September 13, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning Services .....7:10 AM  
 Mincha Services .....2:30 PM  
 Candle Lighting .....6:50 PM  
 Kol Nidre .....6:50 PM  
 Beginners Kol Nidre ..... 6:30 PM

#### Saturday, September 14, Yom Kippur Day

All Services .....9:00 AM  
 Fast ends .....7:44 PM

### SUKKOT

#### Wednesday, September 18, Sukkot Eve

Morning Services .....7:15 AM  
*An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared*

Candle Lighting .....6:41 PM  
 Evening Services .....6:55 PM

#### Thursday, September 19, Sukkot I

Morning Services .....9:00 AM  
 Evening Services .....6:55 PM  
 Candle Lighting .....After 7:34 PM

#### Friday, September 20, Sukkot II

Morning Services .....9:00 AM  
 Evening Services .....6:45 PM  
 Shabbat Candle Lighting .....6:38 PM

### SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Morning Services .....8:45 AM  
 Combined Learners and Intermediate Services ... 9:30 AM  
 Evening Services .....6:30 PM  
 Conclusion of Shabbat .....7:31 PM

### DAILY SERVICES - CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

#### Sunday--Tuesday, September 22-24

Sunday Morning .....8:30 AM  
 Monday Morning .....6:50 AM  
 Tuesday Morning .....6:50 AM  
 Sunday-Tuesday Evenings .....6:45 PM

### CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

#### Wednesday, September 25, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Services .....6:30 AM  
*An Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared*

Candle Lighting .....6:29 PM  
 Evening Services .....6:40 PM

#### Thursday, September 26, Shemini Atzeret

Morning Services .....9:00 AM  
 Mincha followed by  
 Ma'ariv and Simchat Torah Hakafot .....6:40 PM  
 Candle Lighting .....After 7:22 PM

#### Friday, September 27, Simchat Torah

Morning Services .....9:00 AM  
 Women's Tefilah Group .....9:15 AM  
 Evening Services .....6:40 PM  
 Shabbat Candle Lighting .....6:26 PM

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCHEDULE

#### ROSH HASHANAH I AND II ..... 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades)  
 Nursery - Kindergarten (Ages 3-6)

#### YOM KIPPUR KOL NIDRE NIGHT ..... 6:50 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades only)

#### YOM KIPPUR DAY .....10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Junior Congregations (1st through 6th Grades)  
 Nursery - Kindergarten (Ages 3-6)

### MEN: THIS KOL NIDRE NIGHT AND YOM KIPPUR DAY DRESS UP BY WEARING A WHITE KITEL

You may obtain one at a moderate price at *Judaica Classics by Doina*. Please call 212-722-4271 to place your order.

## HIGH HOLY DAY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

### The Month of Elul

- Sounding of the Shofar each morning after Shacharit
- Recitation of the entire Book of Psalms at KJ
- Selichot Services Saturday Night, August 31, 10:00 PM in the Gottesman Center's Falk Auditorium, preceded at 9:15 PM by a collation in the Falk Auditorium Lobby
- Selichot Services each morning beginning Monday, September 2, a half hour before morning services.

### ROSH HASHANAH

- Beginning of God's judgment
- Sounding of the Shofar around 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6. (Those ill at home or hospital should contact Rabbi Weinstock for special arrangements.)

### Rituals to Remember

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

### First Night

- Rosh Hashanah greeting upon leaving shul:

**לשנה טובה תכתבו**

"May you be inscribed for a Good Year."

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

**יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו**

**שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה**

### First Day

- **Tashlich** - Thursday, September 5, 6:00 PM. Assemble at Central Park's "Turtle Pond" just south of the Great Lawn near 85th St., or at Carl Schurz Park at 86th Street and the East River.

### Second Night

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

### Tsom Gedaliah (Fast of Gedaliah)

- Sunday, September 8

### 10 Days of Repentance

#### (Rosh Hashanah - Yom Kippur)

- Accept new, improved behavior and responsibility in relating to God and one another

## THE MIKVAH ON THE EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

Every year on the eve of Yom Kippur, there is a custom for men to immerse in the mikvah in preparation for this holy day.

One does not have to be a holy person to participate in this activity. On the contrary, for those of us who are just trying to be observant Jews, it is an added inspiration and preparation for a great day of introspection.

Our practice at KJ is that we observe this custom as a group before the morning service. All MEN are invited to assemble at the mikvah, 419 East 77th Street (between First and York Avenues) at 6:15 AM on Friday, September 13. Everyone will have the opportunity to immerse and then we will return to KJ for Shacharit services.

For more information please call Rabbi Elie Weinstock at the synagogue office (212-774-5636).

### YOM KIPPUR

- Avoidance of food, drink, washing, lotions and oils, and marital relations
- Refraining from wearing leather shoes (wear a pair of non-leather footwear)
- Men are strongly encouraged to wear a white *kittel*
- Candlelighting available prior to 6:50 PM in the Gottesman and Newman lobbies before Kol Nidre on Friday, Sept. 13.

### SUKKOT

- All meals with bread or *mezonot* should be eaten in a Sukkah.
- Lulav and Etrog will be used beginning Thursday, September 19, but are not used on Shabbat.

You may purchase a Lulav and Israeli Etrog through KJ by contacting Rabbi Elie Weinstock in the synagogue office. (Reservation forms have been sent to all members under separate cover.)

### Sukkah Meals in the KJ Sukkah

Wednesday, September 18 – Dinner

Thursday, September 19 – Lunch and Dinner

Friday, September 20 – Lunch and Dinner

Saturday, September 21 – Lunch

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

Deadline, *space permitting*, is Wednesday, September 11.

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Adults \$35</b>	<b>Juniors* \$30</b>	<b>Children** \$18</b>
<b>Non-Members:</b>	<b>Adults \$40</b>	<b>Juniors* \$35</b>	<b>Children** \$30</b>
	<b>*Ages 12-18</b>		<b>** Ages 2-11</b>

*You must reserve space for a non-catered meal in the Sukkah as well.*

### Hoshanah Rabbah

- Wednesday morning, September 25 at 6:30 AM
- Close of the penitential season
- High Holy Day melodies. Seven circuits around the shul with *Lulav* and *Etrog* and beating of the *Aravot*
- President's breakfast sponsored by Dr. Karin and Joel Katz

### Shemini Atzeret

- Yizkor recited
- Chatanim presented to the congregation.

### Simchat Torah

#### I Evening – Thursday, September 26

- BRING CHILDREN AT 6:45 PM to the 92nd Street "Y"
- **Hakafot Unlimited – Singing and dancing celebration following services. A light meal and Torah discourses will conclude the evening. All are invited!**

#### II Simchat Torah Day – Friday, September 27

- Youth groups after the *Kol Hammarim* aliyah
- Hakafot with singing and dancing
- Chatanim called to the Torah
- Women's Tefilah Group meets at 9:15 AM
- Buffet kiddush following services

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**Chatan Torah Eric Feldstein**

times to serve on the Ramaz Board of Trustees.

Of course, Miriam and Eric's greatest contribution to the community has been their three wonderful children - all products of Ramaz. Jenny, their favorite daughter, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and was recently married to Adam Teitcher of Oceanside. Max is currently enrolled at NYU, and Sam is a senior at the Ramaz Upper School. All of them will join us and celebrate together as we honor Eric Feldstein as our Chatan Torah.

**Chatan Bereishit Richard Linhart**

Board. She also serves on the Board and is Medical Director of Reach Out and Read of Greater New York, an early childhood literacy organization.

Richard and Leora are the proud parents of four children, three of whom attend Ramaz. Their oldest, Tobey, is currently studying at Migdal Oz in Israel, Ariella and Eitan are in the Ramaz Middle School, and Jack is in kindergarten in the ECC. We are proud to bestow this honor upon Richard. May he continue to inspire us with his activism and commitment to Jewish causes for years to come.

**Chatan Maftir David Sultan**

of their children. We are delighted to bestow this honor upon David. It is a true symbol of his commitment to Torah, to Israel, and the Jewish people.



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*With an assortment of causes and agencies in need of our support, UJA at KJ enables KJ members to become involved in and exposed to the important work of UJA-Federation in New York, Israel and around the world.*

**2013-2014 Calendar**

**September 23: Sukkot in the KJ Sukkah**

**November 24: Thanksgiving for Project Ore:** Serve and share a Thanksgiving meal at Educational Alliance's\* Project ORE.

**March 9: Pack it Up for Purim:** Prepare Purim packages to benefit the KJ Food Pantry and Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty\*.

**May 7: Self-Help Lunch and Learn:** Seniors from Selfhelp\*, an agency that provides the greatest number of services to victims of Nazi persecution, will join the KJ Lunch and Learn program for a delicious lunch, performance, and to share some memorable intergenerational interaction with children from Ramaz.

**ONGOING-SPONSOR A SHABBAT ORE**

Educational Alliance's\* Shabbat ORE offers a kosher Shabbat lunch to isolated, poor, homeless, mentally ill and elderly Jews who otherwise would have no other means of celebrating Shabbat. This program was eliminated in 2009 due to budget reductions across the agency, but reinstated in 2010 thanks to the generosity of the "UJA at KJ" community. Once again, the warmth of a Shabbat lunch once a month is being provided to those who need it most, thanks to your generosity. You can make a donation at any time by reaching out to Erica Cohen at [cohener@ujafedny.org](mailto:cohener@ujafedny.org) or 212.836.1114.

\*All of the agencies listed above are UJA-Federation of New York beneficiary agencies.

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**THREE MODERN MIKVAHS**

are located in our community at:

419 East 77th Street (between 1st and York Avenues) Telephone: 212-359-2020

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

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

## HARNESSING THE POWER OF OUR COMMUNITY (KEHILLAH)

Shira Felberbaum, MSW

*CKJ Social Worker from Jewish Board of Family and Children Services (JBFCFS) through Partners in Caring (PIC)*

**H**ave you ever stopped to think about what it means to be part of a community, of this KJ community? Have you ever considered how your life would be different if you were not part of it? How would you spend your holidays? What would you do with your free time on the weekends and evening hours? Who would you socialize with? Who would you turn to when times proved to be challenging? Who would you choose to celebrate wonderful life cycle milestones with?

Some of you may have grown up as part of the extended KJ family. Indeed, KJ may have had a tremendous impact on the expression of your Yiddishkeit -- so much so that it may not even be conceivable to you that you could practice your Judaism without being integrally connected to this illustrious institution, its esteemed clergy members, professional administrators, affiliated organizations (i.e. Ramaz) and associated activities that take place throughout the year, such as participating in the Israel Day parade, Israel Bonds campaign, and AIPAC conventions).

Others of you may be much newer to KJ. Perhaps this is your first experience connecting to a synagogue since the time you had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or had friends who had one, or perhaps you are new to Judaism altogether and you found your way to Judaism through one of KJ's learner services. Whatever the source of your keshet, your connection, chances are that you now feel a real kinship to the synagogue community, the clergy members, administrators, and fellow congregants.

What is so significant about being part of a community such as KJ? Perhaps what is most important is to think about how your life would be like without KJ in it.

One of the aspects of being part of the Jewish people is being part of something larger than one's self. With that privilege, there comes tremendous responsibility, responsibility for us to care for one another. *Kol yisrael arayvim zeh lazeh*. This is not just a cliché or a nice idea, just as *chesed* is not merely a good deed.

We are, in fact, obligated to be a 'light unto the nations.' Our 'chosenness' is a reflection of God's faith in our ability to be role models to the world at large. Most of us have been taught from an early age that sustainable change of any sort is really difficult to accomplish, but that if we are going to try to change the world we best begin with ourselves and then perhaps those in our next most immediate sphere of influence. Why is this relevant? Because I hope that after reading the rest of this article you will be moved to take action.

I often meet with individuals through the Connect-to-Care Program at JBFCFS who are either unemployed or underemployed as a result of the downturn in the economy. As part of my initial assessment with each prospective client, I gather basic information about the individual, the stressors in his or her life, and also the sources of support he or she has to draw upon during such challenging times. Frequently, I meet with people who are not affiliated with any synagogue, who are estranged from virtually any form of religious or spiritual Judaism, and who live alone in a disconnected way. They have withdrawn from many different aspects of life and are faced with depression brought upon, to some extent, by sheer isolation. The antidote to this challenge lies in harnessing the power of community.

I propose that it is time for us, as a community, to 'step it up' and to 'raise the bar.' I believe that we must continue to

engage newcomers in shul, make them feel exceptionally welcome. People come to synagogue for a whole host of reasons. Regardless of what they may be, please consider what Rabbi Lookstein often says from the bima. The person to your left or right, in front of or behind where you sit and have been sitting for decades, may very well be a person in need of support of one kind or another. A friendly smile and an invitation to a Shabbat meal or an offer to put an individual in touch with someone in their field, who is a good friend of yours, may literally change the life of your fellow congregant. It is time to "pay it forward."

May we each be *zocheh* to cultivate or strengthen our connection to one new person each Shabbat!



*Thanks to a grant from UJA-Federation of New York, Shira, our Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCFS) KJ Social Worker, can be found onsite at KJ to assist community members on Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM. She can be reached by telephone at 212-632-4735 (JBFCFS) or (212) 774-5626 (KJ). Her JBFCFS e-mail is sfelberbaum@jbfcfs.org and her KJ e-mail is socialworker@ckj.org.*

*Shira can offer support, training, and direct social work services to individuals, families, and groups in matters including loss and bereavement, acute and chronic illness, crisis management, and transitions such as job loss, divorce, and caregiving.*

### 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 help 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.



JBI International, a non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the Jewish and general cultural needs of the visually impaired, blind, physically handicapped and reading disabled - of all ages and backgrounds - worldwide, has available Large Print Liturgical and Life Cycle Materials (see list below). If you are interested in volunteering in the recording studio, please call Jane Blecher at 212-889-2525, ext. 108. If you are interested in other volunteer opportunities, please call Arlene Arfe at 212-889-2525, ext. 127.

**DAYS OF MEMORY:**  
**USING OUR SENSES TO MAKE**  
**SENSE OF THE HIGH HOLIDAYS**  
 A Workshop Preceding Selichot

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are times of intense introspection and individual prayer. These holidays are also times to remember the transitional and transformational moments in our lives.

As the High Holiday season begins, spend the hour before Selichot looking at how we can reframe our memories, so that we may be sustained and strengthened in the year ahead.

**Come participate in a meaningful program that will consist of text study, liturgy interpretation, music, and guided reflection.**

Join PAS clergy members (Rabbi Steven Rein, Cantor Azi Schwartz, and Cantor Shira Lissek) and JBFCs PIC social worker for PAS and KJ, Shira Felberbaum.

**Saturday, August 31, 2013 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM**  
**Park Avenue Synagogue (50 E. 87<sup>th</sup> St., NY, NY 10128)**

Open to all members of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and Park Avenue Synagogue at no charge

**KJ SELICHOT SERVICES FOLLOW WORKSHOP**

**GOTTESMAN CENTER - FALK AUDITORIUM**  
**114 East 85th Street**  
**Saturday, August 31 at 10:00 PM**

**Preceded by a Collation at 9:15 PM**

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Join us for a meal in the Sukkah!  
There will be delicious food and joyous  
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the holiday of Sukkot together.

*Co-sponsored by the*  
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**Tuesday, September 24**  
**at 7:00 pm**

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Daniel Kraus and KJ Beginners Chazan  
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The experience continues with a festive  
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words of Torah and the joy of new and  
old friends all around.

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August 23 (Kiddush-style)

October 18

December 6

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Michael Makovsky, the CEO of JINSA- "Arab Spring or Arab Winter? -  
U.S. Strategic Interests in the Arab Upheaval"

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### **Special Events**

Guest Speaker Ryan Mauro, National Security Analyst, ClarionProject.org -

"Iran and the Threat to Israel" includes showing of the film *Iranium*.

Exhibition and Reception at Igal Fedida Gallery

### **DUS HAIMISCHE SHTIEBEL: THE YIDDISH SCHMOOZERS**

*Wednesdays starting October 2nd at 11:30 AM.*

### **ROSE AND DR. CHARLES LANGER LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM**

The Rose and Dr. Charles Langer Lunch and Learn Program for seniors, hosted by Donna Silverman, commences again this fall. The free program for seniors is made possible by an endowment created by the Buchwald, Edelsburg and Stern families.

*Wednesdays starting October 2nd at 12:00 noon.*

### **Lunch & Learn 2013-2014 Schedule**

<b>2013</b>			
October 2	Rabbi Elie Weinstock	January 29	TBD
October 9	Shira Felberbaum	February 5	Dr. Gilbert Kahn
October 16	Dr. Gil Kahn	February 12	Gilah Kletenik
October 23	Gilah Kletenik	February 19	Robert Sugarman
October 30	Janie Schwalbe	February 26	Dr. Gilbert Kahn
November 6	Roy Y. Feldman	March 5	Shira Felberbaum
November 13	Rabbi Daniel Kraus	March 12	Rabbi Elie Weinstock
November 20	Dr. Gil Kahn	March 19	Dr. Gilbert Kahn
November 27	Rabbi Elie Weinstock	March 26	Dr. Gilbert Kahn
December 4	Rabbi Daniel Kraus	April 9	Rabbi Elie Weinstock
December 11	Gilah Kletenik	April 16	<i>Pesach Break</i>
December 18	Shira Felberbaum	April 23	Roy Y. Feldman
December 25	Winter Break	April 30	Rabbi Daniel Kraus
		May 7	Rabbi Daniel Kraus
<b>2014</b>		May 14	Janie Schwalbe
January 1	Winter Break	May 21	Shira Felberbaum
January 8	Gilah Kletenik	May 28	Roy Y. Feldman
January 15	Dr. Gil Kahn	June 4	Roy Y. Feldman
January 22	Rabbi Elie Weinstock	June 11	Rabbi Elie Weinstock

*These programs will take place at the Ramaz Lower School  
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The lectures are a series, but each one also stands alone and is followed by a dessert reception. All are welcome.

Saturday evenings at 8:30 P.M.

November 9, December 14,  
February 8, March 8

Ramaz Lower School  
Heyman Auditorium  
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(Recorded Message)



For the past 14 years, KJ has been the address for unaffiliated families looking for a Jewish education for their children. The Jewish Youth Connection (JYC) is the Sunday morning Hebrew school founded by KJ members Susan and Scott Shay fourteen years ago with the goal of providing a substantive and meaningful Jewish education to unaffiliated families. They nurtured JYC with a single-minded devotion for a decade and saw the school grow from just a few students to almost ninety during this past academic year. Over a dozen JYC students have moved on to Jewish Day Schools or High Schools - a tribute to the caring, dedication and support of Susan and Scott.

Six years ago, the Shays decided to turn the management of JYC over to KJ. Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Rabbi Daniel Kraus now oversee JYC with the help of Scott, Susan, and the dedicated JYC staff. JYC's curriculum includes Bible, Jewish history, customs, and holidays. Students participate in small classes, and there are also modules on Jewish

History, the Holocaust, and the State of Israel for older participants. Students from second through sixth grade are paired with a Big Brother/Sister for individualized Hebrew study, and there is a special track for students preparing for Bar or Bat Mitzvah. "JYC has been great for our kids," enthused one parent. "They actually remind us to take them to Hebrew school and are excited to go to school on a Sunday. It is incredible!" The new school year begins on September 8th at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to sample JYC's start-of-the-year sessions and programs.

Enrollment is open to all, and no synagogue affiliation or Jewish background is required to participate in JYC. No one is turned away due to lack of funds.

JYC classes are held at the Gottesman Center, 114 East 85th Street, between Lexington and Park. For more information or questions, please contact Rabbi Kraus, JYC's Director, at [rdk@ckj.org](mailto:rdk@ckj.org) or 212-794-5696, or visit [www.jyc.info](http://www.jyc.info)

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**BE SURE TO VISIT KJ'S WEBSITE [WWW.CKJ.ORG](http://WWW.CKJ.ORG)**

## ROSH HASHANAH PACKAGE DELIVERY AND 9/11 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Deliver a package and visit with a DOROT senior to share memories and hope as we commemorate the anniversary of 9/11 during the Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery.  
Sunday, September 15, 2013 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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PLEASE NOTE: Photo ID required to participate.  
ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED for East Side visits and adults visiting with children under the age of 18.

## BNEI MITZVAH PROGRAM

The KJ Bnei Mitzvah program is a unique opportunity for parents and children to explore, in creative and interactive ways, the challenges and opportunities of reaching Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

The Bat Mitzvah program led by Rachel Kraus, follows a curriculum developed by MaTaN, the world-renowned Jerusalem academy for women's Torah scholarship, which focuses on Jewish female role models from the Matriarchs to Nehama Leibowitz.

The Bar Mitzvah program, led by Rabbi Elie Weinstock, developed specifically for KJ, explores the Jewish sources on daily living and ritual practice in a way which is hands-on, exciting and meaningful.

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

For more information, please contact Rabbi Elie Weinstock at 212-774-5636 or at [ravelie@ckj.org](mailto:ravelie@ckj.org)

## KJ COLLEGE CONNECTION NEEDS YOUR CHILD'S INFO

We are once again collecting the dormitory addresses of the children of KJ members who are studying at a college or graduate school away from home.

The KJ College Connection sends complimentary gift packages during Chanukah and Purim, containing candies, Chanukiot, Mishloach Manot and other holiday-related items. This program benefits KJ Members whose children are currently out-of-town students.

The program is a wonderful reminder to our families' students that they are thought of and wished a Chag Sameach.

If your child is studying away from home at a college or university in the United States, please update their mailing information (even if you think we already have it) by e-mailing [riva@ckj.org](mailto:riva@ckj.org) with each student's name and exact dormitory mailing address or campus package delivery address.

## THE KJ SISTERHOOD: BRINGING CHESED AND GREAT PROGRAMMING TO KJ

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

The organizations we have given charitable support have included: Chabad Mikvah of the Upper East Side, community of Sderot, Dorot, Hatzolah, Israeli Defense Forces, Magen David Adom, Project Ezra, Sharsheret, and UJA, among others.

Here is a sampling of the events we have planned for 2013-2014:

### **October**

*Soul Cycle*  
*Museum Tour*  
*Women's Health Forum*  
*at Mt. Sinai Hospital*

### **November**

*Chanukah Boutique*  
*"Saffron and Rosewater" Performance*  
*at the 92nd Street Y*

### **December**

*Sotheby's Judaica Event*

### **January**

*Healthy Eating Talk*

### **February**

*Cooking Event*

### **March**

*Passover Wine Tasting*  
*Spring Boutique*

### **April**

*Shirley Serure Photography Day*

### **May**

*Spring Gallery Walk*

### **June**

*Spring Luncheon*

## SAFFRON AND ROSEWATER



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For more information  
and to purchase tickets call  
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*Your support can help us reach more people in need. You can get involved by chairing, volunteering or attending an event. Contact one of us if you would like to get involved in the Sisterhood: Sisterhood@ckj.org*

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*If you are making a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at KJ between September 2013 and June 2014, please contact Riva Alper in the synagogue office at 212-774-5670 to reserve specific rooms for your services, celebratory meals/kiddushim, and other functions.*

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

## Save the Date: KJ ANNUAL DINNER

**Saturday night, December 7, 2013, at 8:00 pm**

**Dinner Chairs: Laurie & Dr. Eli Bryk, Anne & Natalio Fridman,  
Rina & Zachary Kestenbaum**

**Ramaz Upper School**

**60 East 78th Street**

# KESHER AT KJ: CONNECTING YOUNG MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

**K**esher is the organization at KJ that offers an array of programs and events for individuals and young couples in their twenties, thirties, and forties, and for families who have young children. As its name suggests, Kesher's main goal is to create a "connection" among this group of KJ members in order to provide a warm and welcoming entry into the larger KJ community and contribute to the social, educational and family needs of this important group in the KJ family.

One of the most popular Kesher programs is the Young People's Minyan (YPM), led by their dedicated Gabbaim. At YPM, Kesher members daven as a group, enjoy a delicious hot Kiddush together, and most importantly get to know each other in an intimate, kid-friendly Shul environment.

Kesher offers a variety of social events over the course of the year, including our Shemini Atzeret Luncheon, Spring Luncheon, New Mothers Breakfast, and Saturday Night Social. We also have various child-oriented events, including a Purim themed art and chesed activity, Chanukah Concert, and Friday night Tot-Shabbat Dinners.

We continually try to expand learning opportunities for community members, including parenting lectures, and other exciting lecture topics of interest to Kesher members - all ideas welcome.

Kesher also makes new mothers one of our top priorities. We provide a Shabbat dinner to the parents of every new baby born into the KJ family. This initiative is aimed at making the first Shabbat at home with a new baby as easy as possible. In addition, Meals for New Moms, ensures that new moms also receive three additional weekday meals for the family. New mothers in the community will also have the opportunity to connect with one another and hear insights from various child specialists at our ever popular New Mother's Breakfasts.

Kesher is also committed to reaching out to new members of the synagogue. We will be hosting a special kiddush to

welcome our new members after one of our YPM services.

This year, Kesher is launching a Sunday afternoon basketball program where guys can get together for a casual game of pickup. Please contact Aaron Krawitz at [Krawitz.Aaron@gmail.com](mailto:Krawitz.Aaron@gmail.com) or Marco Sardar at [Marco.Sardar@gmail.com](mailto:Marco.Sardar@gmail.com) for more information.

Our programming is made possible and successful thanks to the hard work of dedicated and committed volunteers. This year Kesher welcomes new co-president, Miriam Levine, and welcomes back co-presidents, Gabriella Fridman and Gealia Friend, and treasurer, Jessica Weiss. We would also like to welcome new secretary, Nicole Sardar. We bid farewell to past co-president, Shirley Serure, and past secretary, Nancy Newhouse, and wish them the best of luck in their new roles as sisterhood co-presidents. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and leadership.

Ultimately, Kesher is determined to continually respond to the needs of its members and keep them involved in both the Kesher and KJ communities. Kesher maintains an email newsletter which gives members an up-to-date way of staying informed of our events. To learn more, get involved, or to simply subscribe to the Kesher email, please email us at [kesher@ckj.org](mailto:kesher@ckj.org).

We look forward to another great year at Kesher and hope you will join us!

## SATURDAY MORNING TOT SHABBAT

October 5  
November 2  
December 7  
January 4  
February 1  
March 1  
March 29  
May 3  
June 7

## KESHER EVENTS

### 2013

#### **Shemini Atzeret Lunch**

Thursday, September 26

#### **Tot Shabbat Family Dinner**

Friday, November 8

#### **Chanukah Concert**

Sunday, November 17

#### **Fall New Mothers' Breakfast**

Monday, December 9

#### **Tot Shabbat Family Dinner**

Friday, December 13

#### **Guy's Night Out**

Thursday, December 19

### 2014

#### **Tot Shabbat Family Dinner**

Friday, January 24

#### **Tot Shabbat Family Dinner**

Friday, February 21

#### **Saturday Night Bowling**

March 2014

#### **Children's Purim Art/Chesed Event**

Sunday, March 9

#### **Spring Luncheon**

May 10

# A WARM KJ WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

## SHALOM SHLICHOT



### Roy Feldman, Rabbinic Intern

Roy Y. Feldman is a rabbinical student at Yeshiva University where he is also completing his MA studies in Jewish Philosophy. He grew up in New York, graduated from Columbia University with a BA in Linguistics and History, and studied in Israel at Yeshivat Petach Tikva. He has previously been a Beit Midrash fellow at SAR High School and has served as Rabbinic Intern for Kehilat Rayim Ahuvim, Manhattan Jewish Experience, Congregation Ahavath Torah, and the UJA-Federation of New York.

In addition to being the Rabbinic Intern at KJ, Roy is also a member of the faculty at the Ramaz Middle School. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Roy a Mazal Tov upon his recent engagement to Rachel Minkin of West Hempstead.



### Dena Block, Yoetzet Halakhah

Dena Block serves as KJ's Yoetzet Halakhah, a female advisor on matters of Jewish family law and women's health. She graduated from Barnard College with a BA in History, earned an MA in Biblical and Talmudic Interpretation from Yeshiva University's Women's Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies, and was a member of the inaugural class of Nishmat's United States Yoatzot Halakhah Fellowship. Dena teaches Talmud and U.S. History at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls in Teaneck, NJ and is the Director of Student Programming there.

She lives in Washington Heights with her husband Avi and son Zvi.



Mali Brachya

Mali Brachya comes to us from Bnei Brak. She just completed her National Service in Be'er Sheva. She loves to read, cook, shop and watch movies. But, most of all, she loves hanging out with her friends - and she is looking forward to meeting KJ's youngsters in snif!



### Aryana Bibi Ritholtz, Director KJ Youth Department

Hailing from Atlantic Beach, Aryana attended Hebrew Academy of Five Towns and Rockaway. Post high school, Aryana studied in Israel for a year at Midreshet Tehilla Seminary, and graduated from Touro College with a degree in Judaic Studies while simultaneously earning a degree at Alegra Franco Teacher's Seminary in Brooklyn, New York.

Last year, as the Jewish Life Coordinator at the Ramaz Middle School, she quickly became a popular source of *ruach* and spirituality. This wasn't at all surprising. After a few moments with Aryana one will immediately recognize her natural warmth, excitement, and the constant smile on her face.

Aryana recently married Steven Ritholtz of West Hempstead, and the newlyweds moved to the Upper East Side, where Aryana is eager to make an impact on the KJ community, which we know she will.

## BNEI AKIVA



Noga Mark

Noga Mark, the third of five children, was born in Haifa and raised in a small community called Elazar, in Gush Etzion. Her father is an educational inspector of the ministry of education, and her mother is a didactic evaluator.

After graduating high school, Noga served her first year of national service in Nir Galim's museum of *Beit Ha'Edut* (testimony house) for the legacy of religious Zionism (focused on Hungary) during WWII and the Holocaust, and spent her second year of National Service in a youth village, working with the senior class who were only two years younger than she was - but by the time the year was over, she felt like their mother!

Noga loves arts and crafts, dancing, singing, reading, photography and traveling. She looks forward to sharing her interests with the KJ Youth Department and the community at large.

## Out of the Box

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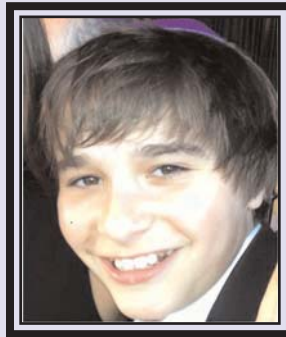
within the Jewish community. But, as I explained to that museumgoer, we have always been a people rife with discord and discontent. The leadership landscape set out by our Parshah all but ensures that there will be tension. The Second Temple Period was marked by sectarianism. After the Destruction our sages coped with disputes amongst themselves, initially

developing the model of Zaqen Mamre and permitting his very execution. Later, our sages proved more open to difference, applauding diversity as ideal and instructing us to develop the capacity to embrace it.

After my shift as the Jew in the Box, I was surprised by how unexceptional the entire experience felt. Perhaps this is

because I am accustomed to answering. However, my conversation with that concerned museumgoer pushed me to realize that the challenges and division we face today are anything but new. And that the best way to cope with them is to revisit the timeless teachings of the Talmud; to appreciate that Sometimes it's helpful to think inside the box.

## BNEI MITZVAH



**MICHAEL PERL**

Mazal Tov to Gail and Berndt Perl upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael, who will put tefillin on for the first time on August 22nd at the Kotel. The celebration continues on October 12th at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun where he will read Parashat Lech Lecha. Michael is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**MAX BOYARSKY**

Mazal Tov to Jennifer and Jonathan Boyarsky upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max, at the Kotel on August 26th. He will read Parashat Nitzavim. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandmother Shirley Boyarsky. Max is in the 8th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**TOM SHEMA**

Mazal Tov to Sara and Simon Shemia, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Tom, on August 26th, in Jerusalem. He will also read the portion of Bereishit on Shabbat, September 28th at the Sephardic Minyan of KJ. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Marilyn Meltzer and Dr. Sheldon Muhlauer. Tom is in the 7th grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**EVAN GLICK**

Mazal Tov to Dov Glick upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of his son, Evan, on Shabbat, October 5th at KJ, where he will layn Parashat Noach and Haftarat Parashat Hachodesh. The celebration will continue at a kiddush luncheon, where Evan will deliver a Bar Mitzvah speech on "Young Politician, Learning Leader." Evan is in the seventh grade at the Rodeph Sholom School.

# WITHIN OUR FAMILY

## BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Sandy and Dr. Robert April, upon the birth of their 6th grandchild, Joseph Meir, born to their children Sarah and Joshua Koolyk. Joseph Meir is also the grandson of the late Cynthia Kass.

Anna and Elliott Blake upon the birth of their third child and second son, Jack James (Yaakov).

Taryn and Floyd Davis upon the birth of their second child and first daughter, Eliana Rachel.

Sara and Robert Fisher upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Jacquetta Simone (Tzipporah Yocheved).

Shayna and Teddy Kahn upon the birth of their third child and first son, Isaac (Yitzchak Lev). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents, Bernice and Dr. Gil Kahn.

Dr. Evelyn and Salomon Sassoon, upon the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter, Livia, born to their children, Nina Sassoon Assouline and Eliav Assouline.

Dr. Ilana Brownstein and William Schubert upon the birth of their third child and first daughter, Renée Irene (Amalia Rayzel).

Adele and Ronald Tauber, upon the birth of a grandson, Laszlo Bela Rubenstein, born to their children Miriam Tauber and Zachary Rubenstein.

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

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Rabbinic Intern Roy Y. Feldman on his engagement to Rachel Minkin of West Hempstead.

Goldie and I. David Gordon upon the engagement of their son, Benjamin, to Natanya Hochstein, daughter of Giselle and Dr. Paul Hochstein of Woodmere.

Marylene and Alan Friedman upon the engagement of their son, David Aaron, to Carla Kalvin, daughter of Lynne and Alan Kalvin of Irvington, NY.

Frida Riederman upon the engagement of her granddaughter, Stephanie, daughter of Helene and Robert (Ramaz '75)

Riederman, to Moshe Dlott, son of Barbara and Steven Dlott of Cleveland, Ohio.

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

## MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov to:

Helen and Ruby Davis upon the marriage of their son, Steven, to Jillian Schluskel, daughter of Judy and Nate Schluskel of Los Angeles.

Roselyn and Walter Weitzner, upon the marriage of their granddaughter, Esther Weitzner, to Joshua Goldstein on August 15. Esther is the daughter of Michelle and Mitchell Weitzner. Mazal Tov, as well, to the newlyweds upon their graduation this past June from Cardozo Law School.

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

## PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Esther Amini (Krawitz), author of two poignant and humorous stories about growing up in a Persian/Jewish home in the 1950's and 1960's in Queens, that will be showcased in a performance entitled "Saffron and Rosewater" at the 92nd Street Y on Saturday night, November 23.

Meyer Gross, upon becoming a voting member of the American Institute for Economic Research.

Jennifer Roth upon receiving, this past June, the Bezalel Academy's annual award for service to the Academy and the general Israeli fine arts community. Her years as president of the American Friends of Bezalel and her continued support and service to advance Israeli art were recognized at the institution's Annual Meeting.

Susan Falk Taub upon receiving the Founder's Award from the Shalom Task Force at its 20th Anniversary Brunch on April 14th. Susan has been a Board Member of STF since its inception, and was instrumental in acquiring its initial funding.

Dr. Andrea Thau upon her election to Secretary-Treasurer of the American Optometric Association at the 116th Annual AOA Congress and 43rd Annual

AOSA Conference: Optometry's Meeting®, held in San Diego in June.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt upon the graduation from Hebrew University Medical School of their grandson Shlomo Javitt, son of Drs. Reba Kizner and Daniel Javitt of Jerusalem, Israel. Shlomo is a Resident in Pediatrics at Hadassah Hospital.

Lily A. Sassoon (Ramaz '09), daughter of Dr. Evelyn and Salomon Sassoon, upon her graduation magna cum laude from Harvard College. She will be working as a Corporate Strategy and Development Analyst at Time Inc.

Dr. Larry Steinberg, upon the graduation of his grandson, Jonah Mermelstein, from Yeshiva University with a Bachelor's degree, summa cum laude. Jonah will be attending Yehivas Mir in Jerusalem in the fall.

Roselyn and Walter Weitzner upon the graduation, with honors, of their granddaughter, Ilana, from Brandeis University. Ilana is the daughter of Michelle and Mitchell Weitzner.

## CONDOLENCES TO

Lawrence Creizman, upon the passing of his mother, Gabriella Rothenberg.

Robin Mehl, upon the passing of her mother, Shirley Sheingold.

Ruth Shapiro, upon the passing of her aunt, Ruth Spilky Jotkowicz.

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

## The KJ Singles Network

**K**J is currently in the process of organizing Shabbat dinners, cultural events, and other activities for Jewish singles. Unmarried men and women in their 40s through 70s are invited to get involved in creating a vibrant singles community. Get involved!

Learn about events for singles in their 40s and 50s by contacting Harriet Edleson at 212-348-0428. Singles in their 60s and 70s should contact Sharon Garfunkel at 917-670-7814.

## PERMANENT MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

On the walls of the Main Synagogue are mounted seven tablets bearing memorial plaques, representing a permanent and dignified memorial to loved ones. At KJ, now in its 142nd year, we keep the lights lit on either side of the plaque each year during the full month of the Yahrzeit and also when we recite Yizkor on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesach and Shavuot. The cost of a plaque is \$1,000.

**To purchase, please contact**  
**Leonard Silverman**  
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## In Memorium

### DR. ROBERT HYMAN

He was a member of the congregation for over fifty years. Dr. Hyman was a distinguished orthopedist. When he lived in our neighborhood he was a regular worshipper in shul. For many years after he and his wife, Yvette, moved out of the neighborhood, the Hymans retained their membership in KJ and never failed to be supportive of our congregation. They were very proud of their relationship with Kehilath Jeshurun.

### DR. AARON MEISLIN

A long-time member of the congregation, Dr. Meislin loved KJ and all that it stands for. He and his dear wife, Monica, educated their three children: Barry, Robert and Laura, in Ramaz. He was very proud of their accomplishments and delighted that their grandchildren are all day school students.

Aaron Meislin was an outstanding pediatrician whose patients loved him and recognized his exceptional devotion to them. Thank God, he was blessed with vigor and spirit that enabled him to work a lifetime to help children and their parents in a magnificent fashion. Modest and unassuming, he was consistently generous toward KJ.

### ARNOLD BRUCE SCHULMAN

He and his wife were married for over sixty years. They did everything together including working in business, entertaining friends and family and going to three Giants Super Bowls, two of which were actually won by the Giants!

They had a wonderful life together with their four children, the youngest of whom, Joan Schulman Lewis '82 is a cherished Ramaz alumna. Arnold and Doris were consistently generous to KJ and they were extremely proud of their association with our congregation.

### RABBI MAURICE WOHLGELERNTER

Known as The Reb, Rabbi Wohlgelernter was a renaissance man who combined brilliance in Talmudic studies and English literature throughout a very distinguished career as a pulpit rabbi, as a teacher in YU, and as a professor in the City University. He had a profound impact on many people, students and friends alike.

He and his beloved wife, Esther, formed a great team as rabbi and rebbetzin who influenced the lives of many people, not the least of whom were their three children, two of whom are alumnae of Ramaz.

## SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME

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Members of the Congregation and others are invited to honor a friend or relative, celebrate a milestone event or memorialize a loved one by dedicating *Chumashim* or *Siddurim*.

**CHUMASHIM** - \$45 each  
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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>
<b>September</b>					
6-7	Haazinu/ Shabbat Shuva	7:01 PM	6:45 PM	6:50 PM	7:56 PM
13-14	Yom Kippur	6:50 PM	6:50 PM		7:44 PM
20-21	Chol HaMoed	6:38 PM	6:45 PM	6:30 PM	7:31 PM
27-28	Bereshit	6:26 PM	6:40 PM	6:15 PM	7:19 PM
<b>October</b>					
4-5	Noah	6:14 PM	6:25 PM	6:05 PM	7:07 PM
11-12	Lekh Lekha	6:03 PM	6:15 PM	5:50 PM	6:56 PM
18-19	Vayera	5:53 PM	6:05 PM	5:40 PM	6:46 PM
25-26	Chaye Sara	5:43 PM	5:55 PM	5:30 PM	6:37 PM
<b>November</b>					
1-2	Toledot	5:34 PM	5:45 PM	5:25 PM	6:29 PM
8-9	Vayetze	4:26 PM	4:40 PM	4:15 PM	5:21 PM
15-16	Vayishlah	4:19 PM	4:35 PM	4:10 PM	5:16 PM
22-23	Vayeshev	4:15 PM	4:30 PM	4:05 PM	5:12 PM
29-30	Miketz	4:11 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:09 PM
<b>December</b>					
6-7	Vayigash	4:10 PM	4:25 PM	4:05 PM	5:08 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

Aug. 19 - Sept. 24.....6:45 PM	Oct. 20-24 .....6:00 PM	Nov. 17-21 .....4:30 PM
Sept. 29-Oct. 3.....6:30 PM	Oct. 27-31 .....5:50 PM	Nov. 24-28 .....4:25 PM
Oct. 6-10 .....6:20 PM	Nov. 3-7 .....4:40 PM	Dec. 1-19 .....4:25 PM
Oct. 13-17 .....6:10 PM	Nov. 10-Nov. 14 .....4:35 PM	

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wed.-Fri., Sept. 4-6**  
Rosh Hashanah  
See schedule on Page 10  
**Sunday, Sept. 8**  
Fast of Gedaliah  
See schedule on Page 10

**Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14**  
Yom Kippur  
See schedule on Page 10  
**Wednesday-Fri., Sept. 18-Sept. 27**  
Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah,  
Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah  
See schedule on Page 10

**Friday-Saturday., Oct. 4-5**  
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan  
Friday Morning Services at 7:00 AM  
**November 3-4**  
Rosh Chodesh Kislev  
Sunday Morning Services at 8:30 AM  
Monday Morning Services at 7:00 AM