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### ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON **March 22-23**

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Our Guest



#### RABBI KENNETH BRANDER

Inaugural Dean of Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future March 22nd- Friday Evening Dinner "PLAYING GOD: CAN I CHOOSE THE SEX OF MY CHILD?"

March 23rd- Saturday Sermon "Scribing Our Covenant: A Vision for Orthodoxy"

abbi Kenneth Brander is the inaugural Dean of Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future, which serves as Yeshiva University's catalyst to infuse the student body with a spirit of leadership and sense of commitment to the Jewish people and society; to build, cultivate, and support communities and their lay and rabbinic leaders; and to create a global movement that promotes the values of Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Brander is also the Rabbi Emeritus of the Boca Raton Synagogue, and Founder of the Weinbaum Yeshiva High School of Broward and Palm Beach Counties. A 1984 alumnus of Yeshiva College, he received his ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1986, where he served as the student assistant to Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik z'l, and also received

special ordination from Machon Puah, a center of medical ethics in Israel, in 1999, and from Chief Rabbi Mordechai Elivahu, in the field of medical ethics in fertility, gynecology, and halakhah. He is currently completing his PhD dissertation in general philosophy at Florida Atlantic University.

### **DINNER AND/OR LUNCH** The Shabbat Before Passover NO COOKING FOR YOU!

Prices are per person, per meal

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### 141st ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE MEETING Wednesday, April 24, 2013 7:30 P.M.

**COMMUNITY IS KEY** 

This year's Annual Meeting will focus on community by addressing two important initiatives which will resonate with our KJ family. First, on a recent Shabbat, Rabbi Jeremy Stern and Michelle Greenberg Kobrin of ORA (Organization for the Resolution of Agunot) sensitized the congregation to the importance of married couples having

a pre-nuptial agreement to compel the giving of a get upon the marriage's dissolution. Equally important, but not as well publicized, is the post-nuptial agreement whose purpose is identical, namely, to protect one's spouse in the event that a civil divorce or a prolonged period of separation does not quickly result in the giving of a get. By evening's

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### YOM HASHOAH -**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY -**Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

n June 1939, just months before Nazi Germany's invasion of Poland began World War II, a ship called the St. Louis set sail to Cuba from Germany with 937 Jewish passengers seeking asylum from Nazi persecution. The boat was denied entry into Cuba, and subsequently into the United States. It was eventually turned back to Europe where many of its passengers were counted among the Holocaust's six million murdered Jews. The ill-fated journey, known as the "Voyage of the Damned" (popularized by a bestselling book and a movie from the 1970's), forever haunts the humanitarian ethos of America's involvement in World War II, and taints the Presidential legacy of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, on whose instruction many of the St. Louis's Jewish passengers were effectively consigned to Hitler's death camps.

Please join us on Sunday night, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kaufman Auditorium of the Ramaz Upper School, Morris & Ida Newman Education Center, 60 East 78th Street (between Park & Madison Avenues), for our community's Yom HaShoah program, focusing on the tragedy of the St. Louis. The focus of the evening will be a performance of the morality play, "The Trial of Franklin D. Roosevelt," a docudrama that explores America's deplorable conduct and presents St. Louis passenger Col. Phillip Freund to frame the importance of the narrative as a signal event in American, Jewish and Holocaust history. To be sure, the lessons of the saga of the St. Louis implicate a host of contemporary issues relating to immigration, human rights,

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# JUDY TANZ AND ERICA SCHWARTZ TO RECEIVE ELEVENTH ANNUAL JUDITH KAUFMAN HURWICH KETER TORAH AWARD ON SHAVUOT

The Officers and Executive Committee of the Congregation are pleased to announce that the Eleventh Annual Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Award will be presented to Judy Tanz and Erica Schwartz on the second day of Shavuot, May 16, 2013. The practice of conferring such an award is to appropriately recognize women in our congregation on the holiday when we celebrate the lives of two great Jewish heroines, Naomi and Ruth. It offers us an opportunity, as part of a religious ceremony, to express our appreciation for the services rendered to our community by women.

The award is named in memory of Judith Kaufman Hurwich, daughter of Rita and Benjamin Kaufman, of blessed memory, mother of our members - yibadlu l'chaim tovim - Meryl Jaffe and Adam Hurwich, and grandmother of three former Ramaz students: Talia, Leah, and Zev Hurwich. Her family continues her tradition of association with KJ and Ramaz in fostering opportunities for women to study Torah.

Judy is proud to celebrate her 43rd year as a member of KJ. She and her husband, Dr. Alfred Tanz z"l joined the community in 1970 with the desire to foster a Jewish life for their young family. Soon after joining KJ, Fred and Judy enrolled their children at Ramaz: Steven ('85), Sarah ('86), Larry ('88), and P.J. ('90).

Shortly after joining the KJ/Ramaz community, Judy became an active volunteer. Judy helped organize meetings with administrators and parents to help first-time middle school

families learn about the transition ahead. Keeping open lines communication between faculty. administration. and parents something Judy continued to work on through the creation of a Liaison Committee for the Upper School. Judy was soon appointed President of the Parents' Council, where she solidified



her reputation as an organized, well-liked community leader.

Outside of her volunteering at Ramaz, Judy also worked sideby-side with Fred in his OB/GYN office, and ultimately began working as a Lactation Consultant to further support his patients and the community at large. Judy still travels around the city helping mothers feed their newborns.

Judy's involvement in Ramaz went hand-in-hand with her volunteerism at KJ. Just as her tenure as President of the Parents' Council ended, a new position as President of the KJ Sisterhood began. In this role, Judy was involved in a variety of meaningful efforts including organizing a group of women to prepare Shiva homes and welcoming senior citizens from Project Ezra to enjoy our weekly Lunch-and-Learn program. The beautiful Torah covers that adorn the scrolls in the Main Sanctuary were created during Judy's leadership as Sisterhood President. Each needlepoint cover was carefully stitched by one of the women in the KJ family and is truly an example of a community effort. Judy continues to serve on the Sisterhood board.

Being one of the founding members of the women's Chevra Kadisha burial society was particularly meaningful to Judy as a Jewish woman and a RN. Participating in this mitzvah was the continued on page 11 Erica Schwartz has been a part of the KJ/Ramaz community since birth. She grew up coming to KJ from the West Side with her parents, Steve and Sheira Schacter, and attended the Ramaz Lower School until her family relocated to Westchester. She then returned to Ramaz for high school and from there received a BA in Government from Harvard University.

Erica then spent several years writing for the Wall Street Journal, on their Leisure and Arts page and Weekend Journal, and



freelancing for a number of other publications including the *Jerusalem Report* and the *National Review*. She spent five years writing the "Back of the Book" column for *The Jewish Week*. Currently, she is working on her first book and writes a blog called "Six in the City" about her experiences as a mother of six children all under the age of 10: Gabby, Caroline, Sophie, Lily,

and the newest arrivals-the twins, Barry and Eliana, born this past summer.

Erica and husband Rob are terrifically involved members of the shul. Rob is a current board member where he serves on the Investment Committee, and Erica served as a past president of Kesher, as well as a chair of the Chesed Committee. Together, they co-chaired the successful 2010 KJ Dinner. Partnering with her sister, Lizzy, Erica started a chesed program known as "Happy Meals," giving an opportunity to KJ children to prepare and distribute meals to the needy at various social service agencies across the city. Wherever she goes, people take note of the accomplished young mom with the shock of flaming red hair who lights up the scene with her gracious and affable demeanor, and a winning smile that warmly embraces.

More recently, Erica has served as a co-chair of the "UJA at KJ" initiative, together with Sara Shemia, helping to bring the KJ community face to face with some of the important work that UJA is doing city-wide and world-wide. Erica has helped KJ develop a full calendar of chesed activities at UJA agencies such as Project Ore (a kosher soup kitchen), Jewish Home Lifecare (providing continued on page 11

We honor these extraordinary woman for their service to our community and to the Jewish People in general. We pray that God reward them with many years of health and happiness and with much nachas from their families. May they continue to serve as stellar examples of Jewish commitment and service to this entire community, which loves them and blesses them.

### KJ SISTERHOOD SAVE THE DATES

**SPRING BOUTIQUE** 

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON** 

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD

### KESHER UPCOMING EVENTS

YOETZET HALAKHA LECTURE WITH ATARA EIS SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

REFLECTIONS ABOUT PASSOVER WITH RACHEL KRAUS TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

SPRING LUNCHEON AT THE GOTHAM SATURDAY, MAY 11

## MEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

### **SUNDAY SUPPER LECTURE**

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 6:30 P.M.

DISCUSSION WITH RABBI STEPHEN BERKOWITZ, OF THE MOUVEMENT JUIF LIBERALE OF FRANCE, MODERATED BY DR. ROBERT APRIL

### KIDDUSH DISCUSSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

FOLLOWING 9:00 A.M. SERVICES AND CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH YOAV APELBOIM OF AHAVA VILLAGE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN KIRYAT BIALIK, ISRAEL

#### SPECIAL FILM SCREENING

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 6:30 P.M.

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IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WHO SAVED JEWS
DURING THE HOLOCAUST BY GIVING THEM TURKISH PASSPORTS.

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## SPRING TIME LEARNING AT KJ

### **TUESDAY NIGHTS**

Crash Course in Hebrew Reading with Sara Rosen 6:30 p.m.

iLearn at KJ with Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Kraus 7:30 p.m

Explorations in Hebrew Reading with Sara Rosen 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS with Rabbi Yitz Motechin

Master a Masechta 7:00 p.m. Unlocking the Halakhic Process 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY NIGHTS
with Rabbi Yossi Weiser

Rebirth and Renewal 1945-1974 7:00 p.m., starting April 4 Studies in the Weekly Portion 8:00 p.m.

Timely Torah Holiday Workshops at KJ with Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Kraus

### **PASSOVER**

Tuesday, March 19

### **MODERN HOLIDAYS**

Tuesday, April 9

### **SHAVUOT**

Tuesday, May 7

### THREE WEEKS

Tuesday, June 18

7:30 p.m. for all workshops

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### **KJ Annual Meeting**

end, it is hoped that the couples who did not have a pre-nuptial agreement at the time of their marriages will now agree to sign a post-nuptial agreement.

The second focus will increase awareness within the KJ community about the myriad chesed opportunities that abound around us.

Please join us. Feel the powerful sense of KJ tradition as we induct new members, celebrate the milestone anniversaries of longstanding members, and memorialize those who helped build our venerable congregation, while gaining awareness of two very important components of Jewish life.

The night's program is followed by a complimentary supper of hot dogs, sauerkraut and ice cold beer courtesy of Foremost Caterers, which perhaps can be viewed as a party to celebrate the many marital agreements that will be entered into as a result of our initiative.



Kudos to Jeff Fisher and Michael Lustig for chairing the KJ/Ramaz Blood Drive.

Diary November 17, 2013

### WELCOME

Kehilath Jeshurun warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined the Congregation between the printing of the last Bulletin, November 26, and this Bulletin, which went to press on February 22.

Victoria and Davy Barthes Anne-Sophie and Johann Barthes Line and Warren Barthes Susan Hecht and David Cohen Perah and David Dwek Shani and Adam Epstein Reuben and Rebecca Grabel Laura Grossman Ruth Spinner-Jacobi and Adam Jacobi Deborah Weinswig and Maxwell Kahn Rebecca and Leonard Lazar Gonen and Jaclyn Paradis Lisa and Joshua Reiss Rachel and Rodrigo Slelatt

Please join us on April 6
for UJA Federation of New York Shabbat
as we welcome
John Ruskay,
Executive Vice President and CEO
of UJA-Federation of New York:
"From New York to Israel and Back Again"
following 9:00 a.m. services
at the Ramaz Upper School
Newman Educational Center
60 East 78th Street

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### YOM HASHOAH Sunday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

racism, and America's proper role in a refugee crisis. In other words, the story of the St. Louis is not only history; it reflects the crises of today that confront 21st century America.



On September 24, 2012, the US Department of State held a ceremony 73 years after its then Secretary of State Cordell Hull refused the St. Louis docking permission. The 34 living survivors of the St. Louis were invited to hear Secretary of State Hillary Clinton apologize for America's shameful 1939 stance, and they, in turn, presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to the Ambassadors of France, England, Belgium and Holland, the countries that granted them safe haven when they were forced to return to Europe. (Sadly, all but England were subsequently overrun by the Nazis). This provocative play, "The Trial of Franklin D. Roosevelt," was performed for the assembled dignitaries and high governmental representatives, and we are proud to offer it as a cornerstone of our 5773 Yom HaShoah program. We look forward to welcoming you at the Upper School on the night of April 7, and we ask that you diary the date now.



To participate in KJ's meaningful candle lighting ceremony that commences our program, please contact

Elisa Gage at elisabgage@yahoo.com or Yaira Singer at 212-600-0119.

### A Special Letter from Rabbi Lookstein

Purim, 5773 February 24, 2013

Dear Friends,

Passover Relief is the first order of business in preparation for Pesach. Before we take care of our own food needs or reservations for far-off places, we have to think of those less fortunate than we and do everything we can **to help them not only have a happy Pesach but have an economically viable life.** 

This is true in our relationship with the larger Jewish community, but it is also painfully true in our KJ family as well where some former, generous donors to Passover Relief cannot pay their rent, may have huge debts and are actually having trouble putting food on the table every day, let alone making Pesach.

Yes, dear friends, it is as bad as that! Ma'ot Chitim (literally, funds for matzot) is a living reality on the Upper East Side. So, of course, the KJ Benevolent Fund has to give in an extraordinarily generous manner to Met Council and to other poverty relief organizations which help Jews in need in New York, in Israel, and around the world.

At the same time, we have an absolute obligation to help our friends and neighbors right here in our community who are suffering now. You do not know who they are, but I do. If you knew their identity I assure you, you would give as never before.

These days, our Ma'ot Chitim Appeal is not a normal one and our response cannot be normal either. Audrey and I have, once again, this year already contributed \$1,000, which is four times what we used to give to Passover Relief in the past. I hope you will respond in a similar fashion in accordance with your own ability to help others in need.

May God respond to our generosity by blessing us all with a very happy and kosher Passover.

Haskel Lookstein

P.S. Please make your check payable to the KJ Benevolent Fund, earmarked "Passover Relief", or you can make your donation on-line at www.ckj.org/pay.

## SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME

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

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### **PASSOVER SCHEDULE**

	PASSOVER SCHEDULE
	Sunday, March 24
	Search for Chametz After 7:48 p.m.
	Monday, March 25, Passover Eve
	Morning Services and
	Siyum B'chor (Firstborn)7:00 a.m.
	Chametz may not be eaten after 10:59 a.m.
	Burn chametz no later than 12:00 p.m.
	Candlelighting6:55 p.m.
	Evening Services7:05 p.m
	Start Seder
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	Tuesday, March 26, Passover 1
	Morning Services
	Evening Services
	Candlelighting & SederAfter 7:50 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 27, Passover II
	Morning Services 9:00 a.m.
	Evening Services7:10 p.m.
	Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:51 p.m.
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	SERVICES DURING
	THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED
	Thursday, March 28, Passover III
	Morning Services
	Evening Services 6:45 p.m.
	Friday, March 29, Passover IV
	Morning Services
	Evening Services 6:45 p.m.
	Saturday, March 30, Passover V
	Morning Services 9:00 a.m.
	Evening Services
	Shabbat concludes
	Silabbat colletudes
i	Sunday, March 31, Passover VI
	Morning Services 8:30 a.m.
	Evening Services 6:45 p.m.
	Candlelighting
	CONCLUDING DAYS OF PASSOVER
	Monday, April 1, Passover VII
	Morning Services 9:00 a.m.
	Evening Services7:15 p.m.
	Candlelighting7:56 p.m.
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	Tuesday, April 2, Passover VIII
	(Yizkor is recited)
	Morning Services
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Conclusion of Yom Tov . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7:57 p.m.

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## A PASSOVER TIMELINE

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

### STEP #2: Kashering Appliances

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Kashering Utensils**

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

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

The easiest way to kasher utensils is to bring them to the **KJ Kasher-In on Sunday, March 17, 9:00 - noon**, where our rabbis will supervise the immersion of metal utensils in a large sink of rapidly boiling water.

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

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

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

#### STEP #3: The Search For Chametz

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

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

chametz found during the search.

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

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Sunday evening, March 24, after 7:48 p.m. The disposal should be on Monday morning, March 25. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

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

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

#### **Disposal of** *Chametz*

No *chametz* may be eaten on Monday morning, March 25 after 10:59 a.m.

### STEP #4: The Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Monday morning, March 25. There are those who prefer to perform the ritual in person. For those who cannot attend to the matter in person, there is a form provided on page 7 of this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Weinstock to sell our *chametz*. THIS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 a.m.

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



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

On Monday morning, March 25, it is customary to burn the chametz. The synagogue provides a large, contained fire for this purpose. No bracha should be said, since the one said before the search applies to the burning as well.

#### **STEP #6: After Pesach**

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

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

If you are able to host guests at your Seder table, please contact Rabbi Elie Weinstock at 212-774-5636 or ravelie@ckj.org

#### SHMURAH MATZAHS

Kehilath Jeshurun is again pleased to offer to its membership the opportunity to purchase Shmurah Matzah through the synagogue. The Matzahs are available at \$21.00 per pound.

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Sunday, March 17th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(see order form at left)

### **DEDICATE**

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*.

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### KJ BEGINNERS PROGRAM TO HOST COMMUNAL SEDER

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Under the leadership of Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Rabbi Daniel & Rachel Kraus, and with the sweet melodies of KJB Chazan Shilo Kramer, KJ will once again host a Seder designed and planned as a learning experience. It is intended for those who wish to understand more about the content and meaning of the Seder and how to conduct it properly. This special Seder will be held on the first night of Passover, Monday, March 25, at 8:00 p.m.

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

Reservations can be made by check to the synagogue office or online at www.ckj.org/pay. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, March 21.

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### THE 21ST CENTURY STORY OF THE JEWS

by Rabbi Yehuda Sarna

t is a great honor to speak with you this morning, especially in the presence of *mori ve-rabbi*, Rabbi Lookstein. Our ongoing relationship, which began in a homiletics class 14 years ago at Yeshiva University, has guided and inspired much of my work at New York University over the past decade, where I have served and continue as Rabbi of NYU's Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life. More recently, I have been appointed as one of two University Chaplains, tasked with architecting the University's engagement with religion through its student clubs, affiliate clergy, and academic departments in 14 global sites from Sydney to Buenos Aires, from Tel Aviv to Abu Dhabi. Thank vou, Rabbi Lookstein, for your ongoing guidance.

Let me begin with a reflection on my last visit to Abu Dhabi. Our President, John Sexton, had invited me to sit in on a law class he teaches every other week talk about a commute - on religion and state to an elite group of Emirati undergraduates. Why not casually observe, I thought? As class began, John asked me to introduce myself. "Hi, my name is Yehuda Sarna. I'm the rabbi of the center for Jewish students at NYU in New York." "Well they don't know what that means," John says. "Explain to them what you do." "There are 5,000 Jewish students - I lead religious services, offer counsel, develop a

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www.parkeastkosher.com orders@parkeast kosher.com sense of community." "No, no, no - you don't get it. They still have no idea what you're talking about. You have to explain to them what a Jew is - they've never met one!" Blank, eager stares. What is a Jew?

As the world becomes smaller, we encounter more and more people who do not know us. How we answer this question, who is a Jew, is becoming more and more important. I have found that the most effective way of addressing the question is through our "story." When we

tell our story, however, we need to make sure that it is grounded in our past, relevant to our

present and promising to our future.

Our past provides us with rich material. In fact, we have always identified ourselves through a story. Early on in Shemot, we read Vayakam Melech hadash al mitzrayim asher lo yada et Yosef. "A new king arose who did not know Joseph." It seems that Joseph had the unfortunate fate of always being forgotten. Velo zachar sa hamashkim et Yosef vayishkachehu -Pharoah's butler, whom Joseph had assisted in jail, forgot about him. And now the king of Egypt, the ruler of the very empire which Joseph saved and ruled forgets. These people? Who are these people? They are a threat. Let them be slaves. The interesting thing about slaves is that slaves have no ancestry, no history. Pharoah did not just take away their freedom, he took away their history.

After a while, the people are *kotzer ruach* - they have no spirit left, they start believing it.

But look what Moshe Rabbeinu is charged with doing. He is charged of reminding them of their own story. When he asks God, "but if they ask who is sending me, what shall I say?" "Go and gather the elders (namely, the ones who can still remember) and say the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac

and Jacob has said: pakod pakadeti etchem - I have remembered you". These words, pakod pakadeti, sound familiar, don't they? These are Joseph's last words. As if to say, "Tell the elders - we are picking up from where Joseph left off. No! He is not forgotten - asher lo yada et Yosef." Moshe comes to say you have ancestors, you have a story. You are not slaves - you are royalty, you are Joseph's children. Joseph is not forgotten. The story is told.

But we cannot simply tell a story of our

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past in a way that ignores our present. American religion in the 21st century looks

different than it did fifty or even twenty years ago. We are, in the words of Diana Eck of Harvard University, in a "New Religious America." In the 1950's, America had buckets of religious identity and most everyone fell into one: Catholic, Protestant, Jew. Intermarriage rates were

low across the board and the lines were

America today is a different place. We move around a lot more. We encounter greater religious diversity within American society. It feels almost un-American to say you wouldn't marry someone just because they adhere to a different faith. People's religious lives are more complicated, so they tend to explain themselves in narrative form.

For example, When someone is asked 'what religion are you', they are now less likely to respond "I belong to such-and-such denomination" but more likely to respond, "well, my father was A, my mother was B, but they sent me to school C. Then in college I belonged to the D, but I ended up marrying a woman who was E, and we've decided to raise our children F." Personal narratives in a pluralistic society are not easily controlled by institutions. In other words, because we are more exposed to diversity, more mobile and less

grounded in communities, the way in which religious identity is expressed is through the story of where we've been, not a description of where we're at. The collective story we tell about ourselves needs to address a reality where religious identification is not a static label, but a fluid process.

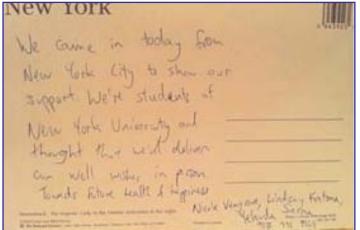
Beyond being rooted in our past and relevant to our present, our story also needs to orient our future. We cannot structure our story as beginning-middle-and-end but as beginning-middle-and-future. If we feel that we have "arrived,", achieved security and success, then we will leave the next generation asking "why be a Jew?" The same story, when told in different ways, can leave you with a range of senses pride or humility, anger or forgiveness, pity or inspiration, entitlement or obligation. Let me share with you a story of true storytelling.

In April 2007, a group of students contacted me a few hours after news of the school shooting at Virginia Tech broke, wanting to do something. Remembering some of my lessons from Homiletics at YU where Rabbi Lookstein taught us the importance of "getting there," I suggested that this is what we should do - get there. Less than 20 hours after the shooting had occurred, our small delegation of NYU students met in JFK with only a vague sense of how we would be able to help, but believing that going all that way could provide a sense of moral support at a time of total catastrophe. We bought a number of postcards with New York themes. Maybe we would leave them somewhere.

We flew into Richmond, VA, rented a car and drove four hours to Blacksburg Virginia. The first hint of tragedy that we saw was a full parking lot at Montgomery Regional Hospital, where the victims were brought. We approached the doors of the hospital. We explained that we came from New York to lend support to the families not to intrude. We were met by the Chaplain who said she could not let us in, but if we'd like to leave anything for the families she would try to pass it along. Stopping for a second, we each took a few of the postcards, writing something like "We came from New York City to show our support. Towards future health and

happiness" and left our phone numbers.

We then proceeded to the campus itself, where an interfaith vigil for the University community was concluding. It was a major event: 40,000 people strong with the governor and the president. We stood outside the Convention Center with



signs that read "NYC Cares" and "NYU stands with you." We met up with Sue Kurtz, the director of the Hillel of Virginia Tech, who felt charged with the responsibility of reaching out to all the students she knew. We spent the day on the phone and email for her and then joined a candlelight vigil on the quad of Virginia Tech. We felt like our presence had mattered. Little did we know what lay ahead.

In mid-November of this year, I received a text message from an unfamiliar number, with an attachment.

"Hello! My name is Kristina, I'm not sure whom this number belongs to - but five years ago you visited Virginia Tech and left a card for me at a hospital. I wanted to thank you guys! And if you're still in the area, I'll be in NYC next week."

I opened the attachment - "We came in today from New York City to show our support. We're from NYU and thought we would deliver our well wishes in person. Toward future health and happiness."

I responded, "I would be most honored. I would love to introduce you to my wife and children. Would you join us on Saturday for a family lunch?" Now, I probably should have mentioned that Shabbat family lunch at the Sarnas usually comes with 50-100 student guests as well! She agreed and asked if she could bring a friend, also from Virginia Tech.

Kristina and Fred came on the Shabbat

afternoon right before Thanksgiving. I asked them if they could share their stories. Fred had been in Engineering class on the second floor taught by Prof Librescu, a Holocaust survivor who resisted the shooter by keeping the door shut with his own body while most of the students could

jump to safety. Fred had jumped.

Kristina was shot twice in the back and once in the foot, each at a different round of shooting. She spent a few weeks at Montgomery Regional hospital, then did the rest of her recovery at home. It was so easy during this time for her to feel anger, selfpity, resentment,

helplessness. But a few years later, she graduated college, spent a year teaching English abroad, and came back to the US to set up a foundation which is dedicated towards impacting school safety and student education initiatives (http://koshkafoundation.org). As she was for a recent speaking preparing engagement, she decided to go through her stuff from 2007. She had received dozens of postcards from around the country. And then she turned to our community, "but your postcard stood out. It didn't have any postage. And here it is." She removed the postcard from her purse.

"Now that I was coming to New York, how could I not come back in person and say 'Thank You'."

For her to tell what could have been a story of victimhood as a story obligating anything, let alone gratitude, was a true life lesson to me.

Just three weeks later, on Friday, December 14, whom did I call first to see how they were doing, shortly after news of Newtown broke? How obligated I now felt after hearing her story. And wouldn't you know, as soon as that Shabbat ended, NYU students lined up to say that we need to go to Newtown to show our support. And on Monday, after our visit, we organized a multifaith vigil at NYU for hundreds of students and we invited Fred to speak. His message was: try, try to tell the story toward gratitude.

### Volunteerism on Zayin Adar and Beyond

by KJ Socialworker Shira Felberbaum

It is a distinct privilege to be able to share some thoughts with you all today as we honor the extensive volunteerism that takes place at KJ throughout the year. My goal today is for you to continue to reflect on these matters so that you and your loved ones will discuss this with each other and allow these reflections to impact how you interact with others in our community. KJ values chesed and all you have to do is read a portion of the KJ mission statement to see that.

KJ members are involved in a wide range of chesed activities. These activities include some of those that are better known such as bikur cholim (visiting those who are ill), chevra kadisha (caring for and preparing the body of those who are deceased for burial), and hatzolah (responding to medical emergencies) as well as blood, clothing, and toy drives. Additionally, some activities that are perhaps lesser known include the Shabbat food delivery and friendly visiting program to older adults done in partnership with DOROT, a career network that helps connect congregants to 'leads' that have the promise of more expediently resulting in employment, a food pantry that provides food to those unable to purchase it themselves, a college connection that sends packages and greetings to KJ students away from home, a widows network that provides comfort and socialization opportunities to those who have lost a spouse, and Shabbat hospitality that makes it possible for individuals to have a Shabbat meal in a family setting who might otherwise not be able to do so. The list is endless and my challenge to each of you is to consider how you are all going to get involved in taking on something more than you currently do.

Inspired by what George Rohr asks of the Beginner's Community during his Yom Kippur appeal, What new mitzvah are we each prepared to take on going forward, or otherwise, what mitzvah that we currently perform are we prepared to increase the consistency and intensity of how we perform it? In our unique way, we can each contribute to making KJ an even warmer and more inclusive community.

In what way will you do so? It can literally be as simple as a few gestures that indicate to others that we want them to feel welcome and cared for. When was the last time you realized that someone whom you regularly sit next to in shul has once again not been there and then actually reached out after Shabbat or yom tov to find out if they are okay, letting them know they were missed. When was the last time you welcomed a new face to the community, introduced them to others, and invited them to join you for a Shabbat meal rather than letting the newcomer sit there alone?

May these thoughts influence how we treat one another going forward.

This was excerpted from a talk Shira gave at a recent Seudah Shlishit that is held on or close to Zayin Adar, the yahrzeit of Moshe Rabbeinu, which celebrates KJ's many volunteers.

### 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 June 2013. The free program for seniors is made possible by an endowment created by the Buchwald, Edelsburg, and Stern Families.

March 6 - Robert Sugarman

March 13 - Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn

March 20 - Rabbi Elie Weinstock

March 27 - Passover Break, no class

April 3 - Passover Break, no class

April 10 - Rabbi Yigal Sklarin & Ramaz Students

April 17 - TBD

April 24 - Surie Sugarman

May 1 - Gilah Kletenik

May 15 - Shavout - no class

May 22 - Janie Schwalbe

May 29 - Evelyn Rochlin

June 5 -Israel Max

June 8 - Rabbi Elie Weinstock

The program takes place at 12 noon preceded at 11:30 by Dus Haimische Shtiebel: "The Yiddish Schmoozers"

For information about the weekly status of the Manhattan Eruv Call the ERUV HOTLINE 212-874-6100, ext. 452

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### Spread a Little TLC!

### Neighborhood Pirkei Avot Initiative Starting This Spring

ocal congregations - including KJ, Park Avenue Synagogue, Or Zarua, and Sutton Place Synagogue - have joined together to form The Torah Learning Coalition (TLC). The purpose is to promote Jewish study opportunities for synagogue members and create a greater sense of community regardless of denominational background.

For its first project, Pirkei Avot will be studied during the traditional period between Pesach and Shavuot. A weekly class will be given at area synagogues by rabbis from the community, and it is envisioned that rabbis will have the chance to teach at different congregations. Stay tuned for a schedule of classes and presenters. Let's come together as a community in study!



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### **Judy Tanz Keter Torah Award**

confluence of all she had learned through her affiliation with Ramaz and KJ and in her nursing training.

After Fred's passing, Judy found comfort in community friendships. In turn, she recently helped begin the Widows Connection, a one-on-one support connection for newly widowed women to let them know that they are not alone.

Now Judy is proud to be a Ramaz and KJ grandparent. Two of her ten grandchildren attend the Lower School. Her other school-age grandchildren attend day schools in their local hometowns. She is proud that the Jewish home she and Fred created, with the guidance and support of KJ/Ramaz, has instilled in her children a strong Jewish identity and the value of *menschlichkeit*.

### Erica Schwartz Keter Torah Award

healthcare services and assistance to seniors), and Met Council (providing 100,000 New Yorkers with the means to fight poverty). She helped initiate KJ's special support of a chesed program called "Shabbat Ore," through which the KJ community has funded the distribution of Shabbat lunch to the needy at Project Ore, once a month, for the past several years.

Erica is the great-granddaughter of Rabbi Joseph Lookstein (Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's father), of blessed memory, and the granddaughter of Nathalie Schacter Friedman (Rabbi Haskel's sister), of blessed memory. She feels lucky to be a part of the synagogue family, in both the literal and figurative sense, and looks forward to watching the great-great grandchildren of Rabbi Lookstein grow up in the shul and school that he built.

### BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MEN'S CLUB: PAST EVENTS AND FUTURE PROGRAMS

by Dr. Mark Meirowitz, KJ Men's Club President

The KJ Men's Club recently presented a number of diverse and interesting programs which were well received. In December 2012, Esther Edelstein-Mazor presented a Chug Ivri (Society of Hebrew Conversationalists) talk about acclimating soldiers from overseas into the IDF.

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The many programs offered in January 2013 had broad appeal. David Goldman presented a Kiddush Discussion at which time he discussed his recent book *How Civilizations Die (and Why Islam is Dying, Too)*. Israel Max presented a Chug Ivri program on the Anshei Knesset Hagedolah. Dr. Robert April presented a Kiddush Discussion on Napoleon and Jewish Identity. A wonderful Israeli film, *Homecoming* was also shown in January.

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We also had the privilege of welcoming the distinguished novelist (and Ramaz graduate), Joshua Henkin, who discussed his book "The World Without You" and the art of writing at a Sunday Supper Lecture program co-sponsored with the KJ Sisterhood and the Ramaz Alumni Association.

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Newly inaugurated this year is a program called "The Wandering Jews" led by Victor Mintz. It meets every Thursday evening in front of the Ramaz Lower School. The group, comprised of walkers of all ages, strolls their way to good health around the neighborhood.



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At Sunday Supper Lectures on February 3rd and February 10th, respectively, we welcomed Steven Pomerantz, former Assistant Director of the FBI and Associate Executive Director of JINSA (the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs), who spoke on "Assessing the

Terrorist Threat in 2013 and How We Can Combat It," and national TV/Radio host and bestselling author Rita Cosby, who spoke about her book about her beloved father, "Quiet Hero: Secrets From My Father's Past."



Mr. Pomerantz provided insights into the terrorist threat based on his many years with the FBI. Ms. Cosby presented a



riveting presentation with slides about her father and his experiences as a prisoner of war of the Nazis during World War II. Rita's husband, Tomaczek, wowed the audience by singing the *Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America*, which resulted in a number of standing ovations for Rita and Tomaczek. This was a most moving and awe inspiring event.

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Upcoming events:

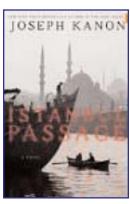
In March 2013, we have planned a panel discussion on the Jews of France, a program on the Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean (and a lecture on the Steinway Piano), the program being entitled "Jewish Pirates and Pianos," as well as a Kiddush Discussion, co-sponsored with B'nai Zion, with Yoav Apelboim, executive director of Ahava Village for Children and Youth in

Kiryat Bialik, which has helped to transform the lives of thousands of abused and neglected children in Israel. As our special guest that evening, IDF soldier Roni Babiev, a graduate of Ahava Village, will tell his poignant story.

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We are pleased to announce that on Sunday April 21 at 6:30 pm, we will present the extraordinary film *Turkish Passport* which deals with the heroic efforts of Turkish diplomats to save Jews during the Holocaust. As a leader of the Turkish Jewish Community has said, "The world deserves to learn what they have done." Everyone is urged to see this important film and to discover the remarkable actions of Turkish diplomats who risked lives and careers to save our Jewish brethren.

Continuing the Turkish theme, on Sunday evening May 5, we will have as our distinguished guest, Joseph Kanon, author of the must-read book *Istanbul Passage*, a



fascinating novel of intrigue with historical impact concerning the smuggling of Jews to Palestine following World War II - the action takes place in Istanbul.

The Men's Club is delighted to have the privilege of presenting these programs for the KJ and wider community, which provides an added dimension to the KJ experience. Many thanks are due to KJ Administrator Riva Alper and KJ Program Associate Myriam Bostwick who put so much effort in helping to coordinate and publicize these events.

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## CALVARY HOSPITAL AND YESHIVA UNIVERSITY FORM COLLABORATION TO SERVE ORTHODOX COMMUNITY



alvary Hospital and Yershiva University's affiliate Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (REITS) have begun a collaboration to serve the needs of observant Jews in the metropolitan area who need information and access to the best end-of-life care.

Jewish families seeking halakhically appropriate, highest quality end-of-life care often lack familiarity with the intricate laws that govern such care. To address this important need, Yeshiva University has formed the YU/REITS End-of-Life Halakhic Advisory Program to provide rabbinic consultation for families and community rabbis.

The program includes a rabbinic panel comprised of four Roshei Yeshiva who have extensive experience with end-of-life halakhic issues. Rabbi Herschel Schachter, Rabbi Yaakov Neuberger, Rabbi Mordechai Willig, and Rabbi Moshe Tendler will serve on a rotating basis as pre-hospice advisors, answering questions from patients' families and community rabbis after a physician has recommended that an individual receive hospice care.

A panel of physicians associated with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and its affiliates will be available to advise community rabbis on the clinical issues surrounding the terminally ill. The medical panel includes Dr. Edward Burns, Dr. Seymour Huberfeld, Dr. Beth Popp, Dr. Edward Reichman and Dr. Robert Sidlow.

"There is a pressing need in the

Orthodox community for accurate and thorough information on the conditions under which end-of-life care should be provided," said Edward R. Burns, MD, Executive Dean of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University.

"Regardless of where a person chooses to seek hospice care, Yeshiva University's End-of-Life Halakhi Advisory Program is designed to answer their questions. Our decision to collaborate with Calvary recognizes the unmatched quality of care that every patient receives there and the staff's commitment to the hospital's mission."

"Since the Hospital was founded more than 113 years ago, Calvary has embraced the opportunity to care for people from all religious backgrounds," said Frank A. Calamari, president and chief executive officer, Calvary Hospital. "We are confident that our collaboration with Yeshiva University will provide the Orthodox community with the information they need to make the right healthcare decisions for their loved ones.

"And if they should decide to choose Calvary home hospice care or care in our hospital, we want traditionally observant patients and families to be confident that Calvary care will be provided in accordance with their faith traditions."

Calvary's patient care model successfully addresses the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families. For Jewish patients and families this includes a comprehensive range of services such as:

- Pastoral care by the Hospital's two staff rabbis, both of whom are graduates of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS);
- End-of-life counseling in accordance with Jewish tradition;
- Kosher meals and cholov yisroel dairy products available upon request;
- Kosher food pantry with two microwaves, refrigerator and sink;
- Celebration of Shabbat and all major Jewish holidays;
- Shabbat lounge:
- Inclusion in the Einstein and Pelham Parkway eruv; and
- Being part of the Einstein and Pelham Parkway communities.

To learn more about the YU/RIETS End-of-Life Halakchic Advisory Program, go to http://yu.edu/riets/end-of-life-care.

Calvary Hospital is the nation's only fully accredited acute care specialty hospital devoted exclusively to providing palliative care to adult advanced cancer patients. A 225-bed facility with locations in the Bronx and Brooklyn, Calvary is the model for the relief of cancer pain and symptoms for more than a century. More than 6,000 patients are cared for annually by Calvary's inpatient, outpatient, homecare, hospice, nursing home hospice, and wound care services. To learn more or sign up for the e-newsletter, Calvary Life, please go to www.calvaryhospital.org.

### 2012 - 2013 Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Book of Remembrance

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

The Book will go to press on Monday, April 29, so that it will be ready in time for Shavuot.

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

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
Morning Services at 9:00 a.m.
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and Kiddush after 6:35 p.m.
but before 8:05 p.m.
Regular Candlelighting
after 8:46 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 16
Morning Services at 9:00 a.m.
Evening Services at 8:00 p.m.
Yom Tov ends at 8:47 p.m.

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### BNEI AKIVA PROGRAMS = HAPPY CHILDREN

oriah Amram and Esty Peled, our two Bnei Akiva Shlichot, dedicate themselved to organizing activities that imbue our children with a love of Israel -both the country and its people. Whether it is at Shabbat afternoon snif, ice cream or chocolate parties, holiday celebrations, or sleepovers, a good time is being had by all. Who says learning can't be fun?

The photos here are from Shabbat Irgun,

Akiva" - when children are taught about Bnei Akiva and the values of Bnei Akiva by way of special Shabbat and motzei Shabbat activities that span the whole month.



### **UPCOMING YOUTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

April 20 - Youth Shabbaton

May 4 - Youth Shabbaton

May 5 - KJSL

May 12 - KJSL

May 14 - Shavuot Learning

May 19 - KJSL

June 2 - KJSL

June 9- KJSL

June 16 - KJSL

### SHABBAT AT KJ

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINYAN

9:15 a.m.

March 9, April 6, May 18 & June 8

### HASHKAMA MINYAN

7:15 a.m.

April 6 & 20, May 4 & 8, June 1 & 15, July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17

### **LEARNERS SERVICE**

9:30 a.m. Every Shabbat

### Intermediate Service

9:30 a.m. Every Shabbat

### SEPHARDIC SERVICE

9:30 a.m. Every Shabbat

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### 21st Century Story of the Jews

Our story needs to be grounded in our past, our Torah. It needs to be relevant to our present, the New Religious America. But it also needs to have a message for our future.

In the Abu Dhabi classroom, the best answer I could find to the impromptu question of "What is a Jew?" was this: Jews believe that we were slaves in Egypt and that God redeemed us. Much of our religion today consists of remembering that moment

because we will always be called upon to act on behalf of others and work to redeem them when they are oppressed.



Rabbi Sarna serves as University Chaplain and Rabbi at the Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at New York University. He delivered this sermon on Shabbat Parashat Shemot, when he was a guest scholar at KJ.

### **UJA @ KJ: AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

JA at KJ has been busy with several events this year, all around the city. We kicked off the year by serving a delicious Thanksgiving meal at Project Ore in the East Village. KJ families made Thanksgiving decorations and cards to hand out to the Project Ore seniors with packages of donated food, and UJA at KJ volunteers of all ages helped to serve a meal to seniors from all



over the community and brighten their holiday season. Project Ore, a UJA-Federation of NY beneficiary agency, is a program of the Educational Alliance that works with homeless and isolated elderly Jews throughout Manhattan to provide meals, counseling, Kosher management and other supportive services. Project ORE has served more than 400,000 emergency kosher meals to poor, homeless, mentally ill, elderly Jews in New York City since 1987. UJA at KJ supports Project Ore throughout the year in addition to the Thanksgiving meal, with individually sponsored Shabbat Ore monthly meals. If you are interested in sponsoring a Shabbat Ore Meal, please contact Erica Cohen cohener@ujafedny.org.

As the weather turned chilly, and the holidays began, "UJA at KJ" celebrated Chanukah (and a day off from school!) by throwing a Chanukah party with seniors at Jewish Home Lifecare on the Upper West Side. Chanukah songs played in the background while children and parents helped the senior residents to create beautiful art projects that were hung as Chanukah decorations. Jewish Home Lifecare, a UJA-Federation beneficiary agency, provides healthcare services and assistance for elders. With more than 160 years of experience as a not-for-profit elder care system, Jewish Home Lifecare provides a broad spectrum of care and serves as a resource on concerns of aging for elders and caregivers. Their Research



Institute on Aging works to expand knowledge of the aging experience and models of service, to contribute to the quality of care and quality of life afforded older adults and their families.

On Sunday morning, February 10th, the Falk Auditorim at the Ramaz Middle School was buzzing with children and parents as our "UJA at KJ" community came together to create food packages and make Purim Decorations as we "Packed it up for Purim." Over 80 people from the KJ



community came together to participate in a community-wide effort to provide food packages for the neediest New Yorkers during Purim. These healthy food items were delivered by the Metropolitan



Council on Jewish Poverty to needy New Yorkers, and some of the packages were distributed by the KJ food pantry. Met Council, a UJA-Federation of NY beneficiary agency, is one of New York's largest human service agencies, providing 100,000 New Yorkers with critical services in their fight against poverty each year. Services range from domestic violence counseling to kosher food pantries to career training, and Met Council helps individuals find immediate relief and lasting solutions. Together, parents and children packed each bag of food, which included rice, pasta and cereal, cans of vegetables, beans, fruit, and tuna, fruit juice, raisins and peanut butter, along with recipe cards with healthy and innovative ideas for using these products, and a hand-made card from one of the KJ kids.

In addition to packing 72 bags of food, we made many decorations for the upcoming Purim Dinner at Project Ore. The decorations will be used to brighten up the room when seniors from Project Ore arrive to enjoy a festive Purim meal. Masks, flags and cards will certainly add an element of festivity!

These wonderful events were made possible thanks to the "UJA at KJ" chairs, and the amazing support of the KJ staff and community. For those who would like to participate in our next opportunity, please contact our UJA at KJ chairs, Rebecca Feit at rebeccafeit@yahoo.com, Abby Kaufthal at akaufthal@gmail.com, and Nicole Meyer at nicole.meyer@ralphlauren.com, or our



UJA staff liaisons, Erica Cohen at cohener@ujafedny.org or 212.836.1114 or Sarah Raphaely at raphaelys@ujafedny.org, 212.836.1356. We hope to see you all at the UJA at KJ Shabbat taking place on April 6, 2013 and the Joint Mitzvah Lag B'Omer event on April 28!

### **BNEI MITZVAH**



TALIA JUSTIN

Mazal Tov to Sandra and Jeffrey Justin, upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Talia, on March 9th, at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue. She will present a D'var Torah on Parashat Vayakel Pekudei. Talia is in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**SASSON LONNER** 

Mazal Tov to Leora Tanenbaum and Jonathan Lonner, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Sasson, on Shabbat Parashat Vayikra, March 16 with Kehilat Yavneh. He will layn the Parashah and the Haftarah, and deliver a D'var Torah about Parashat Vayikra. Sasson is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



ADAM SCHWARTZFARB

Mazal Tov to Robin Rothman and Lanny Schwartzfarb upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam, at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, on Shabbat Parashat Emor, April 27th. Adam is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



ARIELLA LINHART

Mazal tov to Dr. Leora Mogilner and Richard Linhart upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ariella. She will layn Parashat Bamidbar and deliver a D'var Torah on the origins of the Mashiach at a Women's Tefillah Group at the Ramaz Upper School on May 11. Ariella is in the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



JAMIE DOFT

Mazal Tov to Abby and David Doft upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jamie, in Latrun, Israel, on May 16. He will read the Torah portion on Shavuot and Parashat Naso. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Arlene and Avrom Doft. Jamie is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



**JACOB SCHWAB** 

Mazal Tov to Ellice and Bradly Schwab, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob, on Shabbat Parashat Balak, at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, on June 22 where he will deliver a D'var Torah relevant to the Torah reading. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandfather Mel Stein. Jacob is in the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.





### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### **BIRTHS**

Mazal Tov to:

Abigail and Benjamin Archibald upon the birth of their third child and son, Micah Henry (Micha Ilan). Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Bernice and Dr. of twins, their first children, Sasha Rae Gilbert N. Kahn.

Amy Shapiro and Daniel Bursky upon the Lev). birth of their first child, a daughter.

their third child and first son, Daniel.

Jamie and David Chubak upon the birth of their third child and second son, Judah Marvin (Yehudah Mordechai).

Lisa and Richard Cohen upon the birth of their second child and first daughter, Talia Shirin.

Erica and Mikey Distenfeld, upon the birth of their first child, a daughter, Lucy Esther (Esther Malka). Mazal Tov as well to proud first-time grandparents, Rita and Fred Distenfeld

Helen and Ruby Davis, upon the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter, Sarah Raizel, born to their children, Erica and Joshua Elsant.

Rochelle and Cantor Mayer Davis upon the birth of a granddaughter, Leah, born to their children, Elisheva and Benji Samuels

Dr. Gila and Marc Dworkin upon the birth of their third child, a son.

KJ Yoetzet Halakhah Atara Eis and her husband, Rabbi Rafi Eis, upon the birth of their daughter, Yonina Sara.

Renee and Harry Erreich upon the birth of a grandchild, a son, Eyal Isaac, born to their a granddaughter, Orly Frances (Orly children Raizie Erreich Weissman ('05) and Noam Weissman.

Linda and Jeffrey Esses, upon the birth of their third child and first son, Abraham Justin. Mazal Tov as well, to proud KJ grandparents Barbara and Abe Esses.

Lils and Sean Fogarty, upon the birth of their fourth daughter.

Sophia and David Gomberg upon the birth of their fourth child and first daughter, Gail Hunter (Gila) Gomberg. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother Gail Propp.

Anne and Don Hadel, upon the birth of their third son, Eyden Shalom.

Andrea Halbfinger, upon the birth of her grandson, Jack Theodore (Mordechai Yaakov) born to her children David Halbfinger and Kimberly Brown.

Ann and Judge Jerome Hornblass, upon the birth of a granddaughter, Charlie (Chava Rachel), born to their children, Melissa and Elliott Hornblass, in London.

Lee and Michael Lewittes upon the birth of their first child, a son, Benjamin Israel. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Ruth & Hon. Joel Lewittes.

Megan and Sam Lieberman upon the birth (Shlomit Rena) and Marcus Lev (Mordechai

Georgie and Rabbi Joshua Lookstein upon Erez and Debbi Chaovat upon the birth of the birth of their first child and daughter, Trudy Esther (Esther Tova). Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Audrey & Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

> Nicole and Joseph (a/k/a "Nikki & Tuvie") Meyer upon the birth of their third child and second daughter, Clara Fay (Chana Frahdel). Mazal tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Servl and Charlie Kushner.

> Drs. Susan and Jeffrey Rand upon the birth of their first grandchild, a son, Joshua, born to their children Batsheva and Adam Rand of Jerusalem.

> Janie and Dr. Robert Schwalbe, upon the birth of their tenth grandchild, David Jack, the third child and first son born to their children. Aliza and Joshua Schwalbe.

> Nechi Shudofsky upon the birth of a greatgrandson in Israel, Re'ee Noam Chesner, named for his great-grandfather, Noam Shudofsky.

> Dr. Lawrence Steinberg, upon the birth of his second great-grandchild, Temma Sarah, to his grandchildren, Avi and Gaby Mermelstein of Riverdale.

> Surie and Bob Sugarman, upon the birth of Tzipporah), the first child born to their children, Amanda and Jonathan Klatt.

> Ralou and Ronnie Stern, upon becoming members of the grandparents' club for the first time with the birth of a son, Noah Eliahou, to their children Hayley and David

> Esther and Eli Wishnivetski upon the birth of their first child, David.

> Ira Ziff and Robyn Barsky upon the birth of a grandson, born to their children Aaron and Shana Ziff of Cleveland.

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

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

Mazal Toy to:

Shira and Dr. Larry Baruch, upon the engagement of their son, David, to Julia Straus, daughter of Joyce and Daniel Straus of Englewood. Mazal Tov as well, to proud KJ

grandparents Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, and Gladys Baruch.

Fred Baumgarten, and to Ellen Baumgarten, upon the engagement of their daughter, Elisha Baumgarten, to Daniel Rachman of Israel.

Mazal Tov to Deborah and Barry Berg, upon the engagement of their son, Zachary, to Marissa Rosenberg, daughter of Beth and Abe Rosenberg. Both Zachary and Melissa are Ramaz graduates.

Brenda and Albert H. Bernstein upon the engagement of their granddaughter, Ruth Storch, daughter of Elana and Dr. Daniel Storch of Phoenix, Arizona, to Ira Joseph, also of Phoenix.

Renee and Harry Erreich, upon the engagement of their son, Elie, to Talia Hollander ('05).

Jane and Reuben Leibowitz, upon the engagement of their son, Ethan, to Aviva Ehrlich. daughter of Elizabeth and Robert Ehrlich of Toronto.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

#### **MARRIAGES**

Mazal toy to:

Gilda Guttman upon the marriage of her daughter, Rebecca, to David Wichs, son of Drs. Adela and Tomas Wichs of Brooklyn.

Teri and Dr.Massimiliano Szulc upon the marriage of their daughter, Alessandra, to Colin Falk, son of Vivian and Bernard Falk.

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

### PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Rafi Bernstein upon being chosen as one of Graphic Design USA Magazine's "People to Watch in 2013." The link to his mention on the magazine website can be found at http://www.gdusa.com/issue\_2013/january/pt w/rafi-bernstein.php and Rafi's website is http://www.rafib.com

Meyer Gross, upon being named a Voting Member of the American Institute for Economic Research, located in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Dr. Rebecca Kobrin, daughter of Ruth and Larry Kobrin, upon receiving the 2012 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award in the area of Modern Jewish History-Americas, Africa, Asia and Oceania. The Schnitzer Book Award was established in 2007 to recognize and promote outstanding scholarship in the field of Jewish

Studies and to honor scholars whose work embodies the best in the field: innovative research, excellent writing, and sophisticated methodology.

Esther Amini (Krawitz) on the recent performance of two of her stories by the Jewish Women's Theater in Los Angeles. The show, entitled "Saffron and Rosewater," portrays the Persian-Jewish immigrant experience, and drew a standing room-only crowd.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences to:

Nancee Bloom, upon the passing of her father, Leonard Haft.

Elias Buchwald, upon the passing of his sister, Dora Buchwald Reich.

Sherry Cohen, upon the passing of her sister, Jessie Charne Milberg Richard.

Rochelle Davis, upon the passing of her father, Charles Fastag.

Miriam Goldberg and Ruth Kestenbaum, upon the passing of their father, Irwin Peyser.

Sharon Katz, upon the passing of her father, Jack Singer.

Jacqueline Marcus, upon the passing of her sister, Marilyn Falack.

Louis Menaged, upon the passing of his father, Edward Menaged.

Dr. Elizabeth Wallach Mintz, upon the passing of her father, Robert Wallach.

Randi Moore, upon the passing of her father, Charles Spinner.

Joshua Reiss, upon the passing of his father, David Reiss.

Rabbi Hank Sheinkopf, upon the passing of his father, David Sheinkopf..

Dr. Saul Stromer, upon the passing of his mother, Gusta Stromer.

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

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## In Memoriam

### DR. MONA ACKERMAN

After a long struggle with cancer, Dr. Mona Ackerman, a cherished member of our congregation passed away. She was an extraordinary woman in so many ways, including as a very generous supporter of KJ and Ramaz.

She was very proud of her two children, Ari, a graduate of Ramaz, and Gila, a gifted psychiatrist. Both of them were exceptionally devoted to her in her life and especially close to her in her struggle with a dread disease.

Mona was a communally minded philanthropist who supported many Jewish causes, including UJA Federation of which her sister - our member - Marcia Riklis, was the Campaign Chairman over the past two years. In her chosen field of psychology, she helped many people deal with the vicissitudes and challenges of life in a positive and healthy way. Throughout her illness, she continued her practice until she was simply unable to work anymore.

The congregation, Ramaz, and the Jewish community of New York join in mourning her passing and extending our heartfelt condolences to the family.

#### JOSHUA DEUTSCH

A member of the congregation for over fifty years, Josh Deutsch's seat was in the front of the synagogue. He occupied that seat every Shabbat and Yom Tov and he was usually settled into it long before services started.

A delightful friend and neighbor, he was the center of an enthusiastic group of friends who loved him, who enjoyed hearing his divrei Torah and who delighted in his fund of stories.

It was our honor to call him to the Torah for Shlishi every Yom Kippur. He was the only person in the shul to have such a regular honor. Robed in his kittle, with his tallis over his head, he was a picture of piety, love of Torah and appreciation of the opportunity to pray to God.

We extend our condolences to the entire family, but especially to our members - his grandchildren - Lisa Sopher and Jeremy Deutsch, who gave him so much nachas and who were so devoted to him since their marriage and especially during his declining years.

#### ROBERT H. MORSE

A member of the congregation for decades, Robert enjoyed his time in KJ and he was very proud of his daughter, Liana, who was a student at Ramaz.

He was soft spoken by nature and a very private person. He was happy in KJ and with his Jewish life.

### **NELLIE ORWASHER**

A member of the congregation for over fifty years, she and her husband Louis, *tibadeil l'chaim tovim*, were very devoted to every facet of congregational life.

She loved being in our shul and she didn't miss a Shabbat or Yom Tov morning in her regular seat in the ladies balcony until feebleness made it impossible for her to come. She was a regular at Lunch and Learn on Wednesdays and, until the family sold the business, she provided Orwasher rolls for all of the seniors who thoroughly enjoyed this special treat.

Nellie was a great wife to Louis, a wonderful mother to her three sons, all of whom are alumni of Ramaz, a proud Jew and a great friend of many of the women in the congregation. We offer special condolences to our member Abram Orwasher and to his wife Nina, who were so incredibly devoted to Nellie throughout her life and especially during her extended illness.

#### CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE					
		Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
March					
8-9	Vayakhel/Pekudei	5:37 PM	5:50 PM	5:25 PM	6:32 PM
15-16	Vayikra	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	6:35 PM	7:39 PM
22-23	Tzav/Hagadol	6:52 PM	6:45 PM	6:20 PM	7:47 PM
29-30	Shabbat Chol Hamoed	7:00 PM	6:45 PM	6:55 PM	7:54 PM
April					
5-6	Shemini	7:07 PM	6:45 PM	6:55 PM	8:02 PM
12-13	Tazria/Metzora	7:14 PM	6:45 PM	7:05 PM	8:10 PM
19-20	Aharei Mot/Kedoshim	7:22 PM	6:45 PM	7:15 PM	8:19 PM
26-27	Emor	7:29 PM	6:45 PM	7:20 PM	8:27 PM
May					
3-4	Behar/Behukotai	7:36 PM	6:45 PM	7:30 PM	8:34 PM
10-11	Bamidbar	7:42 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:42 PM
17-18	Naso	7:49 PM	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:49 PM
24-25	Behaalotekha	7:56 PM	6:45 PM	7:50 PM	8:57 PM
31-1	Shelah	8:01 PM	6:45 PM	7:55 PM	9:03 PM
June					
7-8	Korah	8:06 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:08 PM
14-15	Hukkat	8:10 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:12 PM
21-22	Balak	8:12 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:15 PM
28-29	Pinhas	8:13 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:15 PM
July					
5-6	Mattot/Masei	8:12 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:13 PM

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday mornings7:30 AM	Sunday mornings8:30 AM
Mondays and Thursdays7:15 AM	Rosh Chodesh Weekdays7:00 AM
Sabbath mornings	9:00 AM

#### **EVENING SERVICES**

March 4-March 7.....5:45 PM March 10-June 13.....6:45 PM June 16-July 11 .....6:50 PM

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Memoriai Day	Tuesday, March 12 Rosh Chodesh Nisan Morning Services at 7:00 AM Monday-Tuesday, March 26-April 2 Passover (See schedule on page 5) Wednesday-Thursday, April 10-11 Rosh Chodesh Iyar Morning Services at 7:00 AM Monday, April 15 Yom Hazikaron Tuesday, April 16	Morning Services at 7:00 AM Friday, May 10 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Morning Services at 7:00 AM Wednesday-Thursday, May 15-16 Shavuot (see schedule on page 14) Monday, May 27
Morning Services at 7:00 AM Morning Services at 8:30 AM	Tuesday, April 16 Yom Ha' Atzmaut	Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 25 Fast of 17th of Tammuz Fast begins 4:14 AM Morning Services at 6:50 AM Evening Services at 8:05 PM Fast ends 9:12 PM Thursday, July 4 Morning Services at 8:30 AM Monday, July 8 Rosh Chodesh Av Morning Services at 7:00 AM