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REFLECTIONS ON THE 141ST ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE MEETING: POST-NUPTIAL *GET* AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY MANY

The highlight of this year's April 24th meeting was the signing of Post Nuptial *Get* Agreements by scores of happily married congregants. This emerging practice of already-happily married couples entering into post-nuptial *get* agreements serves to provide the wife with the same kinds of protections that pre-nuptial agreements give couples marrying today. This is a positive development for all those who married before the Agunah crisis gave rise to the *de rigueur* pre-nuptial agreement.

Rabbi Lookstein spoke passionately about the need for such a document, citing

an article by writer and educator Erica Brown that appeared in the December 7, 2012, issue of *The Jewish Week*, entitled "What to Wear to the Post-Nup," in which she addresses the need for ALL Jewish couples to be able to seek legal protection within civil confines. The signing of the post-nuptial *get* agreement is one means of bringing attention to the Agunah crisis, and hopefully prevent any more women from finding themselves trapped in a marriage with no way out.

Couples who did not sign the post-nup that night and are interested in doing so, can download the one-page document on

the KJ website (www.ckj.org). It can then be brought to the KJ office where it can be signed and witnessed.

In addition to this important focus of the Annual Meeting, attendees were part of a room full of celebrating anniversarians, committed lay leaders, new members, families of recently departed shul members whose loved ones were memorialized, and supporters of all ages, all acknowledging the central relevance of a congregation that just began its 142nd year.

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106 SENIORS ARE GRADUATED FROM THE JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN UPPER SCHOOL OF RAMAZ 60 TO SPEND NEXT YEAR IN ISRAEL

SENIORS AND LOWER CLASSMEN WIN MANY ACADEMIC HONORS

Once again it has been an amazing year for the students in Ramaz! Here are some of the impressive results:

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

Aish Machal	Midreshet Ein Hanatziv	Midreshet Yeud	Tafnit Bnei Akiva	Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh
Beyond	Midreshet haRova	Migdal Oz	Yeshivat Ashreinu	Yeshivat Orayta
Bezalel Art School	Midreshet Lindenbaum	Nativ	Yeshivat Eretz HaTzvi	
Israel Experience at BIU	Midreshet Moriah	Nishmat	Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush)	
Kivunim	Midreshet Torah vChesed	Sherut Leumi	Maaleh Gilboa	

The seniors also earned a wonderful record of college acceptances. Our students had impressive admissions numbers in:

Babson College	Drexel University	Northeastern University	University of Maryland
Bar-Ilan University	Emory University	Oberlin College	University of Miami
Berklee College of Music	FIT	Pomona College	University of Michigan
Boston University	George Washington University	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania
Brandeis University	Harvard University	Rutgers University	University of Rochester
Carnegie Mellon University	IDC Herzliya	Stern College for Women	University of Wisconsin
Clark University	Jewish Theological Seminary	Suffolk University	Yeshiva University
Columbia University	Johns Hopkins University	SUNY - Albany, Binghamton	Yale University
Cornell University	MIT	Tulane University	
CUNY - Baruch, Queens,	Muhlenberg College	Vassar College	
Macaulay Honors - Hunter	New York University	Washington University, St. Louis	

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NEW MEMBERS

Forty-six new households joined the Congregation this past year and were officially inducted and welcomed at the 141st Annual Meeting by Morris Massel, Secretary of the Congregation:

Nicole and Tzvi Ausubel	Rebecca and Reuben Grabel	Hilary and Barry Ness
Victoria and Davy Barthes	Laura and Leonard Grossman	Jaclyn and Gonen Paradis
Anne-Sophie and Johann Barthes	Ruthie and Jonathan Hecht	Jenevieve Pereira
Line and Warren Barthes	Dana and Matthew Hiltzik	Liat and Peter Reisman
Jessica Rackman and Robert Bernstein	Drs. Ruth and Adam Jacobi	Lisa Goldman and Joshua Reiss
Anna and Elliott Blake	Henriette and Joseph Jemal	Carol and Alan Schechter
Vanessa and Raymond Chalme	Judith Fischman Johnson	Robin Rothman and Dr. Lanny Schwartzfarb
Susan Hecht and David Cohen	Deborah Weinswig and Maxwell Kahn	Sharon and Jeffrey Shammah
Virginie Illouz and Mark Cohen	Michele and Steven Kamali	Michelle and Paul Shaviv
Lauren and Noah Doyle	Claire and Stuart Koshner	Deborah and Mark Shukovsky
Honey and Samuel Dushey	Rebecca and Aryeh Levin	Rachel and Rodrigo Sletatt
Perah and David Dwek	Miriam and Aaron Levine	Sarah Weltman
Shani and Adam Epstein	Jennifer Bernell-Majzner and Marc Majzner	Rebecca and David Wicks
Raquel and Abraham Feldman	Naomi and Noah Moss	Molly Winkler
Shirley and Adam Friedman	Charles Muhlbauer	Victoria Szenes and Matthew Zimmerman
Audrey and Mark Goldstein		

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ISRAEL ACTION

Check out "Artzeinu"
The Weekly Israel News Update

<http://artzeinu.org>

edited by fellow KJ members
Aliza Hornblass
Jonathan Hornblass,
Erica Schwartz
Founder: Deena Shiff

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

For information
about the weekly status
of the Manhattan Eruv

Call the **Eruv Hotline**
212-874-6100 ext. 3

(Recorded Message)

KJ FOOD PANTRY

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

For further information or to volunteer, please contact Stacy Scheinberg at Stacyron@aol.com.

KJ Service Directory

Foremost Caterers.....	201-664-2465
Gladys Baruch, China and Silver.....	212-719-2884
McCabe's Wine & Liquors.....	212-737-0790
Park East Kosher Butcher.....	212-737-9800
Plaza Jewish Community Chapel.....	212-769-4400
Seasons Kosher Supermarket	212-222-6332
Shirley Serure, Photographer.....	917-371-9146
Tauber Fish Market.....	718-338-5380
Tefillin and Mezuzah Checker, Rabbi Yoseph Lasdun	212-927-1655

For Shaatnez checking (the biblical prohibition against mixed fabrics typically found in the collars 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.



SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JUNE 25 – JULY 16

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

Additional tragedies also befell the Jewish people on the ninth day of the month of Av – **Tisha B'Av**. On this day, the spies

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

Our mourning for the destroyed Temples and for the other calamities which occurred on these days extends beyond the fasts themselves. The period between these two fasts, traditionally called The Three Weeks, includes several practices of mourning. During these three weeks we do not get our hair cut, attend weddings or involve ourselves in large joyous gatherings. During the nine days which begin on the first of Av, July 8, and continue until midday on the tenth day of Av, July 17, we are additionally forbidden to eat meat

and drink wine (except on Shabbat), to go swimming, to bathe for pleasure, or to do any laundry or dry cleaning that is not absolutely necessary. The Talmud writes that when the month of Av begins, our mood should reflect our mourning for the destruction of the Temples. On Tisha B'Av itself, besides fasting, we are prohibited from washing our bodies, wearing leather shoes, anointing ourselves and having marital relations. It is forbidden, as well, to study Torah on this day excepting the sections of the prophets and the Talmud that discuss the destruction. We do not wear *tefillin* until Mincha and the custom is to sit on low chairs as mourners do until midday. Our observance of mourning also forbids us from greeting friends on Tisha B'Av.

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

TISHA B'AV 2013

Monday Night, July 15th, Erev Tisha B'Av

~ Fast Begins at 8:26 p.m.

~ Mincha, Maariv & Eicha at 8:20 p.m.

(Cayne Gymnasium of the
Newman Education Center, 60 East 78th Street)

Tuesday, July 16th, Tisha B'Av

~ Morning Services at 7:00 a.m.

(Gottesman Center, 114 East 85th Street)

~ Shiur by Rabbi Jeremy Wieder at 9:00 a.m.

Screening of Films

10:15 a.m.: *The Two of Us*, French with English subtitles

12:00 p.m.: *Hand in Hand*

1:30 p.m.: *A Secret*, French with English subtitles

3:30 p.m.: *The Other Son*, Hebrew with English subtitles

5:20 p.m.: *Shadows From My Past*

~ Shiur by Rabbi Weinstock at 7:00 p.m.

~ Evening Services at 7:55 p.m.

~ Fast Concludes at 9:05 p.m.

KJ BEGINNERS SHABBAT SERVICE Every Saturday 9:30 AM

Add some soul to your Shabbat. Plenty of learning and explanation! Lots of singing and questions and answers about the prayers and the parsha packed into what could have been an "ordinary" Shabbat morning. Kiddush following services.

COMING SOON....

CRASH COURSE IN BASIC JUDAISM

Tuesdays, August 20 and 27
7:00 PM

Explore Judaism's views on Belief in God, Prayer, Shabbat, Jewish Observance, and Sexuality. Perfect for beginners or those wishing to brush up on basic Jewish concepts. Taught by Rabbi Elie Weinstock.

Keter Torah Awards Bestowed Upon

At the conclusion of the morning service on the second day of Shavuot, Judy Tanz and Erica Schacter Schwartz were presented by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein with the Eleventh Annual Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Award. These are their remarks:

A FRAMEWORK FOR LIFE

I was in LA a few weeks ago visiting my son Larry and his family, and I had the privilege of seeing a young Freddy Tanz serving as Shabbat Abba at his preschool class. I felt such pride watching him lead the Kiddush and Hamotzi - and at that moment I also felt the strong presence of my dear late husband, Fred, who would have marveled at this -- and many other moments too: like Sarah's daughter Emma being Bat-Mitzvah'd last fall, P.J.'s son, Eli, receiving his first siddur last week, and Steven's two boys learning Hebrew in their classes at Ramaz. I could almost hear my Fred having a laugh - "who would have ever thought that this is how things would have turned out for us - for our grandchildren - for our legacy?"....and I know that he would have been bursting with such pride.

Fred and I joined KJ almost 43 years ago. Little did I know how my life would change. My parents were not observant, and my knowledge of Judaism was nil - we didn't even celebrate the high holidays! Fred was from a more traditional background and he knew how important it is to be part of a Jewish community, so he joined the synagogue before our first child, Steven, was ready for school. Sometime after Steven started at Ramaz, with support from Fred, Rabbi Lookstein and others at KJ and Ramaz, I began taking classes and developing my

Jewish identity. Having four children attending Ramaz certainly furthered my Jewish education. We even began learning Hebrew together - although I will admit that my children's progress quickly surpassed my own. As much as I studied and as hard as I tried, they still managed to speak Hebrew around me when they wanted to have a conversation that I couldn't follow.

I first became involved in Ramaz as a volunteer, and the more I did, the more I learned about the school, and the more involved I wanted to be. I started out as a transportation coordinator in the 82nd street building, and eventually became the President of the Ramaz Parents Council. During my 4 years as President, I came to understand

the inner workings of the amazing school my children were attending and I found so many new friends in the community -- and many of the friends I made in those early days as a Ramaz volunteer remain my dear friends today. I even got to wear a hardhat and hold a shovel at the groundbreaking of the building we are in today, the Ramaz Upper School. So I guess you could say Ramaz helped build who I am, and in my own small way I helped build Ramaz (at least a couple of shovels worth!).

And I really loved every minute of it! ...and good thing that I did because just as my term at Ramaz was ending, Rabbi Lookstein asked me to take on the role of President of KJ Sisterhood. A totally different job, but another great opportunity to become more deeply involved in the KJ community.

Shavuot -- to me -- isn't only about Hashem giving us the Torah. It's really about us *receiving* the Torah and making an active choice to be part of Jewish life. I am so grateful to Fred for helping us both make that active choice many years ago by joining KJ. Because for me, that was the moment where I became actively Jewish. But the other key piece to that equation was the community, accepting me as I was and drawing me in as an active participant. And I thank Rabbi Lookstein for being such a force in that.

Those themes of chesed and acceptance are particularly relevant this time of year when we read Megilat Ruth - which my sons Steven and Larry have both read many times from the bimah at KJ.

I am humbled to receive the Keter Torah Award, and I share this with Fred who is watching us and smiling. Because just as the Torah provides the framework and the story for one's Jewish life, so too have Ramaz and KJ been the framework and the story through which Fred, my children, their children and I have lived our Jewish lives and created our own Jewish stories.

Thank you.



**Save the Date:
KJ ANNUAL DINNER**

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

Ramaz Upper School

60 East 78th Street

Judy Tanz & Erica Schacter Schwartz

CONTINUING A TRADITION

This is actually my first Shavuot at KJ. As you all know, I grew up coming to KJ as a young child, when my parents lived across the park, on the Upper West Side. Though we lived next door to the Jewish Center, we actually never went there. When we went to shul, we went to KJ, our family shul-the shul where for several holidays and Shabbatot I had the rare privilege of davening alongside three generations of my family-my mother and aunt, my grandmother, Nathalie Friedman, for whom my daughter Sophie is named, and my great-grandmother, Gertrude Lookstein, for whom my oldest daughter Gabby is named.

I have so many vivid memories of those years, not in this space on 78th Street of course, but of standing in the far left section of the woman's balcony in the now historic and often-missed KJ Main Sanctuary watching my grandmother and great-grandmother immersed in their own quiet prayer. My mom, well, she was immersed too, but just not as immersed as they were.

But as central as KJ was in our lives, Shavuot was never a KJ holiday for us. No, on Shavuot we would leave behind my father's family and head to the quieter shores of Atlantic Beach, where my maternal grandparents, Edith and Rabbi Baruch Silverstein, for whom my twins Barry and Eliana are named, lived in the years after my grandfather's retirement. We would move into their house every summer during those years we lived in Manhattan-and we would kickoff the summer season so to speak by spending Shavuot with them. For many years we even convinced Jess and Allen, my aunt and uncle on my father's side to come with their four girls and experience a Silverstein Shavuot in Atlantic Beach-Silversteins didn't fully get the dairy thing, yontif was about meat. Period. That is my childhood association with Shavuot, my grandparents on my mother's side, and of course, Atlantic Beach.

In many ways, it is ironic that the one holiday I have never celebrated here is actually the one that first brought me here. Not me, but my father's family. My father, as many of you know, grew up in West

Hempstead, where his parents Daniel and Nathalie Schacter helped build the Young Israel of West Hempstead and HANC. But on May 16, 1964, 49 years ago exactly from today, my father's father, Daniel Schacter, suffered a sudden heart attack and passed away. It was Shabbat, Erev Shavuot. My grandmother, whom so many of you in this room knew, went through the motions of Shavuot that year in whatever way she could for the sake of her four children, ages 13, 12, 10 and 4. My father was the oldest, just bar mitzvah that year.

As a widow with four young children,



her parents, Rabbi Joseph and Gertrude Lookstein, convinced their daughter to move back to the city where she grew up, where she could be near family and where my father could begin Ramaz High School. And that's what she did-picking up herself and her shattered life and rebuilding in the neighborhood and community, in the shul and the school, in which she was raised. They settled in the east 90s and my father spent his first teenage year in the city differently than most 13 year olds. He spent it alternating his evenings between KJ, and the even more nearby Orach Chaim, as he said a year of Kaddish. Shavuot for me is always a reminder of that tragedy, a tragedy that long preceded me, but had profound effects on me, a tragedy that marked an end of a life in West Hempstead and a return of my family to the city and to this synagogue.

As I stand here today, all I can think about is how right it feels to be here on

May 16th, on the holiday of Shavuot. It is this shul that always feels like home base in some ways to me, and the shul that was home base for my grandmother, and in turn for my father, nearly five decades ago. It is this shul where past and present, and future all come together for me. Where I remember walking down my cousin Mindy's aisle as a flower girl, where I remember reciting Eishet Chayil at my great-grandmother's funeral, where I remember watching my grandmother stand for every minute of neila, her machzor resting above the radiator cover, where I remember her funeral while I sat pregnant with my first child, where I watched the untimely and tragic funeral of my uncle Allen Gribetz, where I watched the funeral of my grandfather Israel Friedman, the son of a prominent Chasidic rebbe, who insisted his funeral be held not in the Boyaner center on the Lower East Side, but in this centrist, modern Orthodox building. This shul, both in physical structure and emotional structure, embodies my past.

And this shul is my present. It is where Rob and I feel inspired religiously week after week, and high holiday season after high holiday season. It is where we feel comfortable asking rabbis difficult questions that sometimes come up in our lives. It is where all of my children except for my twins, were named. And that's only because it felt right to name the twins in the shul that captured their namesakes-the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach. It is where my children come to groups every week, where they see their friends, and where they line up Friday night to get a blessing from their great-great uncle, who always pauses when he sees them to give them a kiss on their forehead.

But most of all, this shul is my future. It is in this shul that I am constantly presented with a vision of Judaism that seems to focus on all the right parts and reinforces my own commitments and observances time and time again. We have at our helm a rabbi, and a team of rabbis, who inspire us in so many different ways as a community-to embrace Jewish learning, to support the State of Israel, to respect all Jews, and all people, to always think of ways to give of our time and

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REFLECTIONS ON THE 141st ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE MEETING

Post-Nuptial Agreement a First for KJ

88 NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik's fitting invocation was most appropriate to the tenor of KJ's 141st Annual Synagogue Meeting. After the singing of the national anthem led beautifully by Cantor Mayer Davis the induction of forty-six new member households, comprising eighty-eight people, took place. (A listing of the new members appears on page 2 of this Bulletin.)

The first order of business which immediately followed was the celebration of milestone anniversaries of affiliation for twenty-three households. Rabbi Lookstein, in his inimitable way, fondly recalled the family histories and communal contributions of each of the celebrants.

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

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Ruth and Hon. Joel Lewittes
Louis Orwasher
Sidney Scheinberg

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Barbara and Harvey Arfa
Fred Baumgarten
Mark Lewis Brecker
Dr. Bernard Kabakow
Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim
Brigitte and Thomas Rosenthal
Marcia and Irwin Schloss
Mina and Paul Sub

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Susan and Robert Blinken
Aliza and Alvin Broome
Iris and Ilan Cohen
Barbara and Eric Eigen
Florence and Dr. Philip Felig
Lawrence Jacobs
Janelle and Dr. Sheldon Pike
Louise and Frank Ring
Janie and Robert Schwalbe
Doris Travis
Eva Wald
Seymour Zises

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Joel presented an overview of the year's business, including a special report on the synagogue construction project, which was accompanied by a

video demonstrating the progress made thus far. It brought us into the sanctuary, where we were reminded of its former glory and the devastating fire. The video included artist renderings of the new Main Sanctuary, as well as the two floors with new classroom space and a gymnasium for the Ramaz School that will be built over the synagogue.

The video was visual proof of how, in Rabbi Lookstein's words, we "turned a catastrophe into an opportunity." We look forward to returning to a building that will help shape the future generations of our community.

BOARD ELECTIONS

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

The following officers were re-elected to the same positions for the 2013-2014 Congregational year:

President.....Joel Katz
4th Vice President.....David Lobel
Secretary.....Morris Massel
Treasurer.....Jonathan Wagner
Assistant Treasurer.....Sidney Ingber
Financial Secretary.....Deena Shiff
Recording Secretary.....Dr. Philip Wilner

Elias Buchwald, who held the position of 3rd Vice President, was nominated to fill the position of Vice President, replacing Surie Sugarman, whose term as Vice President expired. Surie was nominated to the position of 2nd Vice President, replacing Robert Kurzweil, whose term as 2nd Vice President expired. Robert was nominated to the position of 3rd Vice President, replacing Elias Buchwald, whose term as 3rd Vice President expired. This reflects the Nominating Committee's view that it would be advantageous to maintain continuity in the slate of Officers at this time.

REGULAR TRUSTEES

In regard to Regular Trustees of the Congregation, five seats were vacated either due to mandatory retirement (the occupant having served the constitutional limit of nine years on the Board), or by choice of the occupant. These seats were held by Sherry Cohen, Nicole Gruenstein,



40-year Anniversarians Barbara and Harvey Arfa



25-year Anniversarians Janie and Dr. Robert Schwalbe



Rabbinical Conference



Audrey & Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Sign the Post-Nup

Ruth Kestenbaum, Richard Linhart and Stacy Scheinberg, who were thanked for their service.

The following Regular Trustees' terms expired and were eligible for re-election:

Ted Edelman
Leo Fox
Wendy Greenbaum
Jonathan ("JJ") Hornblass
Dr. Henry Kressel
Randy Krevat
Jay Spievack

The Nominating Committee then recommended that these Regular Trustees be re-elected, and they were.

Five Regular Trustee vacancies on the Board remained to be filled. To fill these vacancies, the Nominating Committee recommended the following Associate Trustees for positions as Regular Trustees and they were so elected:

Abigail Doft
Evan Farber
Robert Schwartz

The Nominating Committee further recommended the following members of the congregation to serve as Regular Trustees, and they were so elected:

Dr. Nicole Agus
Ray Chalme

ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES

The following Associate Trustees were reappointed:

Rocky Fishman
Michael Kaplan
Larry Kassman
Leor Landa
Dr. Jody Levine
Joseph Meyer
Sheera Moffson
Judith Ottensoser
Alan Rechtschaffen
Roberta Stetson
David Sultan

To fill the Associate Trustee vacancies caused by Associate Trustees becoming Regular Trustees, and the additional vacancy created by the resignation of Associate Trustee Jason Muss, the following four members of the Congregation were appointed:

Yaira Singer Binstock
Jeffrey Esses
Rebecca Feit
Adam Kaplan

DECEASED MEMBERS

In a more sobering moment, Rabbi Lookstein then warmly paid tribute to nineteen members of the Congregation

who were called to their eternal reward since the 140th Annual Meeting:

Dr. Mona Ackerman
Ann Davenport
Joshua Deutsch
Rudy Dresdner
Heinz Eppler
Mildred Hostyk
Lillian Jacobs
Harriet Kalischer
Joseph Katz
Bertha Kressel
Saul Linzer
Robert H. Morse
Nellie Orwasher
Rochelle Rubin
Dr. Eli Schessel
David Silverberg
Elan Steinberg
Dorothy Trencher
Rachel Waldman

RAMAZ SCHOOL MEETING

Jacob Doft, Chairman of the Board of the Ramaz School, then conducted its brief annual meeting. He called upon Dr. Leora Mogilner, chair of the Nominating Committee, to present its report: She first thanked the following Charter Trustee who completed her term of service and rotated off the Ramaz Board:

Vivian Shulman

Dr. Mogilner then thanked those members of the Board of Trustees who completed their terms of service and rotated off the Ramaz Board:

Eli Bryk
Jewel Edelman
Adam Emmerich
Nathan Low

The following Board members were re-elected:

CHARTER TRUSTEES

Scott Hoffman
Jay Lefkowitz
Mark Segall
David Stonehill
Philip Wilner



COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Kenneth Cappell
Edgard Khafif

ALUMNI TRUSTEE

Leora Tanenbaum

PARENT TRUSTEE

Kenneth Aschendorf

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

CHARTER TRUSTEES

Mitchell Davidson
Jimmy Haber
Erica Schwartz

PARENT BOARD MEMBERS

Eli Dweck
Stephanie Freilich
Michael Gerber
Adam Kaplan
Yaira Singer
Tamara Winn

ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

Dana Cohen

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Nicole Dicker
Sirena Silber
Dana Schwerdt

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

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS:

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

POST-NUPTIAL GET AGREEMENTS

After the congregational membership in attendance approved the slate of Ramaz School Board of Trustees, Rabbi Lookstein introduced the idea of the post-nuptial get agreement and the thinking behind it. He invited couples who did not have a pre-nuptial agreement and who had not had an opportunity to sign a post-nup before the meeting to sign one at the conclusion of the meeting.

The 141st Annual Synagogue Meeting then adjourned and all enjoyed a delicious repast of frankfurters, sauerkraut, and ice cold beer courtesy of Foremost Caterers.

REFLECTIONS ON THE

Sermon delivered in KJ

I never saw the Rav in person. As a child of Yeshiva University alumni, a student at MTA, and a card-carrying member of the YU/Modern Orthodox world, I grew up knowing all about Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, *zichrono li'veracha*, who passed away 20 years ago this Pesach. In a sense, the Rav was larger than life. His books had a special place on my father's shelves, and I felt his influence whenever we would visit YU each year for the annual Seforim Sale. Growing up in a Chabad school, he was my community's answer to the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

I remember when and where I heard the news of his death. The Rav passed away on a Thursday night, too late to be reported in the Friday papers. On Shabbat, I went to shul without scanning the headlines and heard the news from someone who had read the obituary that appeared that morning in *The New York Times*. I vividly recall attending the funeral at the Maimonides School in Boston on Sunday, *erev yom tov*. In the weeks that followed, I remember the series of *hespeidim*, eulogies, given by some two dozen *rashei yeshiva* at YU. It struck me then - and now - how no two were the same. The Rav was different things to different people.

What makes the Rav's legacy so relevant to contemporary Jewish life? In the Modern Orthodox community and beyond, people tell stories of the Rav and wonder how he would respond to every issue of the day. In many ways, his persona speaks to Jews encountering modern society. The Rav's thought and teachings are rich with the conflict and dialectic that is found in today's Jewish experience. His own story - from Poland to Berlin to America; the grandson of the famed Reb Hayim Brisker to a PhD from the University of Berlin to Yeshiva University - seems to be a model or even a beacon for the modern Jew. As Rabbi Jacob Arnold Wolf, a Reform rabbi, put it, "If I am not mistaken, people will still be reading him

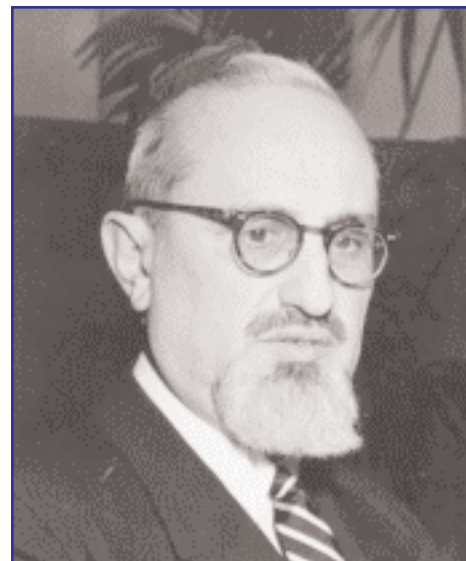
in a thousand years." While I do not claim any unique or specific insight into the Rav's personality or legacy, I would like to share one empowering teaching based on a *shiur* he gave in 1958. (The *shiur* can be found in *Derashot HaRav: Selected Lectures of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* edited by Arnold Lustiger.)

Birkat ha-Mazon is recited after eating bread at a meal. It is a blessing that can be said as part of a group with a *zimmun*. After eating the fruits of Israel (such as grapes, figs, and pomegranates), the *mei'ein shalosh* blessing is recited. This is the technical name for the *al ha-michyah* or, in this case, the *al ha-peilot* blessing. This short blessing includes some of the same themes as bentching, such as Israel and Jerusalem, but *Brit* and Torah are absent. There is also no *zimmun* concept, and each person says the blessing for him/herself.

Why is this so? The Torah states, "*v'achalta v'savata u'veirachta et Hashem Elokecha* - You shall eat and be satisfied and then bless the Lord your God..." The bentching is for being satiated. Rabbi Soloveitchik saw another message inherent

in the difference in these two types of after-blessings.

Fruit trees grow by themselves. They



blossom, and the fruit ripens without any human interference. They even fall off unaided. Man can facilitate the process by irrigation, picking the fruit, and the like, yet man's involvement is minimal. There is no fundamental difference between fruit and the manna that fell in the desert. They are both miraculous gifts from God.

Bread is different. Like money, it doesn't grow on trees. Wheat is not a perennial crop, and it must be planted by the farmer each year. The farmer must also cut it, winnow it, thresh it, grind it into flour, make the dough, knead the dough, and finally bake the bread. Man is an active partner with God in the creation of bread. Our Sages noted this. After Adam and Chava are expelled from Gan Eden, the Talmud (Berachot 58a) notes:

כמה יגיעות יגע אדם הראשון
עד שמצא פת לאכול

How much effort had Adam expended until he was finally able to make bread!

The difference in the relative roles of man and God in creation of fruit versus the production of bread parallels two types of Divine intervention: *yeshua* - salvation -

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and *ezra* - help. What is the difference? In *yeshua*, man plays no role. It is all God. In *ezra*, man takes the initiative, and God helps out to make it work. Man can ask a fellow for *ezra*, but *yeshua* is only from God - as in the expression "*yeshuat Hashem k'heref ayin*, God's salvation can come in the blink of an eye." Relating to our discussion of the after-blessings of fruit and bread, fruit is representative of *yeshua*, it is all from God, whereas bread is an example of human initiative and God's *ezra*.

Why do we pronounce an elaborate bentsching over bread while only a short blessing after eating fruit? One would assume that God is to be thanked more intensely for the *yeshua* of fruit rather than the partnership of *ezra* that created the bread? Instead, the more man participates, the more he thanks the Creator! Why? The Rav explains that there is increased gratitude for *ezra* because we thank God for the privilege of partnership. We are grateful for being allowed to be involved in the creation process. We are thankful for the gift of fruit and appreciate the miraculous, but we are especially grateful for the ability to create like God, to imitate God.

Think of the paradigmatic event signifying *yeshua*: the Exodus. We declare at the seder: "*ani v'lo malach*," the Exodus was all God. Where are the hymns of praise by Moshe or *Bnei Yisrael* after the Exodus? There were none.

It was only after *keriat yam suf*, the splitting of the seas, that the Jews sang to God. Why? The splitting of the sea required a leap of faith on the part of the people. Nachshon had to jump in first to initiate the partnership with God in that *ezra*. When the Jews participate, that is a reason to sing.

The Rav noted a similar distinction between two famous Jewish mountains:

Har Sinai and Ha HaMoriah, the Temple Mount. Jews cannot walk all over the Temple Mount. Even those who do allow for such visits have many restrictions due to Jewish law. Har Sinai, however, is open territory. If we actually knew where it was, there would be no problem camping out there. Why the distinction? Jews were not active participants in *Matan Torah*, the giving of the Torah. God gave the Torah. When the revelation ended, He left, and the mountain returned to normal. Har Hamoriah was different. What was the first event to take place on the mountain? It was the place Avraham was tested. Humans were involved.

Why are man's actions - and not God's - paramount in establishing holiness, in determining eternal value? The source of holiness is sacrifice and effort. The Rav used the State of Israel as a backdrop. It is a clear example of sacrifice in the establishment of *kedusha*, holiness.

This idea of the Rav represents a theme that he returns to often: the essential active contribution of the individual. The Rav discussed this idea when discussing Talmud Torah. Torah study is a forum for the ultimate human creativity. Traditional sources are the backdrop for people to plumb the depths of intellectual investigation. That was what the Rav did in his classic *yahrzeit* shiurim, the four hour lectures he gave each year on the anniversary of his father's death, and it is something he encouraged in his *shiur* at YU. The Rav was once studying with his son, Dr. Haym Soloveitchik, and they

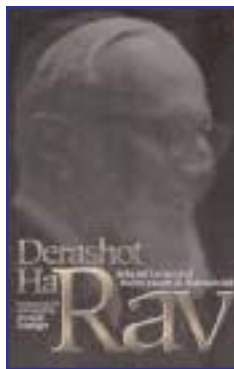
reached a difficult passage. Haym suggested they look at the Rav's notebooks on the subject. The Rav responded with a withering look at an indecent suggestion.

The Rav, as Rabbi Norman Lamm, mentioned in his eulogy, was a man of independence. Rabbi Soloveitchik took positions on issues that were quite different from other leading scholars and even his family tradition. Some examples are religious Zionism, secular studies, and interacting with other Jewish clergy. At times, when people asked the Rav questions about current or even controversial issues, he would remain silent and not answer

because he knew they would follow their own reasoning and take their own independent positions. Even when he disagreed, he recognized other views. After one of his brilliant lectures, someone asked the Rav what his source was for the *chiddush*, new idea, he presented. He responded, "A clear and logical mind." As partners with the Divine, we need to take the initiative in response to the challenges of the day.

Rabbi Soloveitchik is not the source for everything we do in the Modern Orthodox community. In fact, he was actually quite conservative when it came to religious innovation, as another value he taught and personified was loyalty to the *mesorah*, tradition. His son-in-law, Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein, wrote that "time will tell what elements of this thought are valid for all times and climes, and what elements are to be considered only a temporary measure." While the personal influence of Rabbi Soloveitchik may have waned in the 20 years since his passing, his Torah and his creativity provide fertile ground for the entire Jewish world - and especially our community - to flourish. *Yehi zichro baruch*, may his memory be for a blessing.

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

STEPHANIE ABADI, daughter of Esty and Mauricio Abadi, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of a Tzedakah Award, she will be attending Washington University in St. Louis in the fall.

GABRIELLE AGUS, daughter of Nicole and Raanan Agus, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Gabrielle is the recipient of the Renee Margaretten Berger Award, presented to the student who has achieved the highest academic averages, the Gertrude Lookstein Aishet Chayil Award, and the Avram Hellerman Bikur Cholim Award. She also received the Sidney Scheinberg Award for Politics and Law as well as a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Gabrielle will be attending Midreshet HaRova in the fall and Princeton University upon her return from Israel.

SYDNEY RAE APPELBAUM, daughter of Suzy and Michael Appelbaum, upon her graduation from Brandeis University with a double major in Psychology and English Literature. Sydney will begin work as a research assistant at NYU School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry at Bellevue Hospital.

DAVID BARUCH, son of Shira and Dr. Larry Baruch, upon his graduation from Columbia University. He has deferred his acceptance to New York University Law School for the 2013-14 academic year to work in Israel. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents, Gladys Baruch and Audrey & Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

JACOB BERGFELD, son of Alison and Sylvain Bergfeld, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Drs. Gerald and Ricki Platt Award for the graduating senior who demonstrates a love of Am Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael as expressed in the philosophy of religious Zionism. Jacob also received the Jesse Deutsch Tefila Award. He will be attending Bar Ilan University in the fall.

ANDREW BERGMAN, son of Dr. Lisa and Barry Bergman, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the

Dr. Irving and Dubby Shulman Derekh Hayashar Citizenship Award and a Band Award, he will be attending Yeshivat Ashreinu in the fall and New York University upon his return from Israel.

YONATAN BROOME, son of Aliza and Alvin Broome, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of a Photography Award, he will be studying next year in Israel at Yeshivat Eretz ha Tzvi, and upon his return he will attend Yeshiva University.

BENJAMIN CHARLES, son of Faith and Andy Charles, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the David Kagan Memorial Award for the student who exemplifies the values of sportsmanship and menschlichkeit both on and off the playing field, he will be attending New York University in the fall.

SONIA DANIELLE DUSHEY, daughter of Joy and Sam Dushey, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She will be attending New York University in the fall.

REBECCA EMMERICH, daughter of Pamela and Adam Emmerich, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She will be attending Ein haNatziv in the fall and the University of Pennsylvania upon her return from Israel.

SETH FINKELSTEIN, son of Fran Margolin and Robert Finkelstein, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will be attending Yeshivat Ashreinu in the fall and SUNY-Albany upon his return from Israel.

SARI ALTMAN FLOMENBAUM, daughter of Meredith and Dr. Neal Flomenbaum, upon her graduation from Westchester Hebrew High School with honors. She is the recipient of the Triple "C" award issued by the Attorney General of New York State for commitment, character and courage in her community as well as her school. She will be attending Emory University in the fall.

DAVID ERIC FLOMENBAUM, son of Meredith and Dr. Neal Flomenbaum, upon his recent graduation from the Rebecca

Israel Ivry Prozdor High School at the Jewish Theological Seminary, as well as his graduation from Stuyvesant High School with honors. David is the recipient of honors from the The Technology Education Department as well as an honor from the school for Outstanding Service, Leadership and Achievements. David will be attending the University of Chicago in the fall.

JOSHUA FROHLINGER, son of Debra and Barry Frohlinger, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Sherut Award for contributions to school programs, he will attend Yeshivat Ashreinu in the fall and New York University upon his return from Israel.

NATALIE FROHLINGER, daughter of Debra and Barry Frohlinger, upon her graduation from SAR in Riverdale. Natalie will be attending Hunter College in the fall.

ALLY GOLDSTEIN, daughter of Amy and Alex Goldstein, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the David Kagan Memorial Award for the student who exemplifies the values of sportsmanship and menschlichkeit both on and off the playing field, she will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

ANDREW GUREWITSCH, son of Karen and Steven Gurewitsch, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Band Award, he will be attending the University of Miami in the fall. Mazal Tov, as well, to proud KJ grandparents, Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch.

JENNIFER GUTTMAN, daughter of Gilda and Charles z"l Guttman, upon her graduation from SUNY Downstate Medical School. She will begin her residency this summer in Internal Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center.

DANIEL HARTIG, son of Michael and Helene Hartig, upon his graduation with honors from University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a major in jazz performance and a minor in education. This fall, Daniel will be pursuing his Master's degree in "Music and Music

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Education” at Columbia University, Teacher’s College. Check out Danny’s music at www.danielhartigmusic.com or www.reverbnation.com/danielhartig

JEREMY HOFFMAN, son of Rena and Scott Hoffman, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Rampage Award, he will be attending Yale University in the fall.

RACHEL HUEBNER, daughter of Dina and Marshall Huebner, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She received the Rivka Rosenwein Journalism Award granted to the senior who commits to a year of study in Israel and excellence in journalism and writing, the Avram Hellerman Bikur Cholim Award, and the Isaac Rappaport Bible Award for excellence in the study of Bible and commitment to its principles. Also presented to Rachel was a Tzedakah Award and a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. She will attend Migdal Oz in the fall and Harvard University upon her return from Israel.

CELINE IFRAH, daughter of Michele and Stephane Ifrah, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Sidney Scheinberg Award for Politics and Law and a Barnard Book Award, and a College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Finalist, she will study at Ein haNatziv in the fall and attend the University of Pennsylvania upon her return from Israel.

JOSHUA JASPAN, son of Michele and Ronald Jaspas, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of a Chorus Award, he will study at Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh in the fall and SUNY Binghamton upon his return from Israel.

TALIA JOFFE, daughter of Diane and Ashley Joffe, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She will be attending Tulane University in the fall.

SABRINA KESTENBAUM, daughter of Vivian and Joshua Kestenbaum, upon her

graduation from Northwestern University with honors. Sabrina is graduating with a BA degree in Communication Studies with a minor in Film & Media Studies and Jewish Studies. Sabrina will be making Aliyah this August. She will be joining the IDF through the program Garin Tzabar.

AARON KOHL, son of Caren and Samuel Kohl, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Debbie Sacks Award for Performing Arts and a Chorus Award, he will be studying at Yeshivat Eretz haTzvi in the fall and Berklee College of Music upon his return from Israel.

REBECCA KREVAT, daughter of Randy and Mitch Krevat, upon her graduation from the University of Maryland.

DALIA LIPMAN, daughter of Evan Lipman and Davida and Matthew Lipman, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Sue Moskowitz Chesed Award, she will be studying at Midreshet Moriah in the fall, and Stern College upon her return from Israel.

DANIEL LOW, son of Lisa and Nathan Low, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Walter Koppel Jewish Political Action Award and a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program, he will be studying at Yeshivat Orayta in the fall and the University of Pennsylvania upon his return from Israel.

DANIEL LUXENBERG, son of Rhonda and Jeffrey Luxenberg, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will be attending Yeshivat Orayta in the fall and Yeshiva University upon his return from Israel. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother, Alice Smokler.

RAFFI MAGID, son of Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid, upon his graduation from the Bar Ilan School of Law and passing the Israeli bar exams. He will be joining the law firm of Meitar-Liquornik in Ramat Gan, working in the corporate and intellectual property departments.

BENJAMIN MARKS, son of Eliza de Sola Mendes Marks and Kevin Marks, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will be attending The George Washington University in the fall.

ALEX MEIROWITZ, son of Jennifer and Dr. Mark Meirowitz, upon his graduation from Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C.

ISABELLE NUNBERG, daughter of Rebecca and Noah Nunberg, upon her graduation, magna cum laude, from Cornell University’s Charles Dyson School of Applied Economic Management. Isabelle will be starting a job at BlackRock in August.

BENJAMIN RAPAPORT, son of Drs. Charmaine and David Rapaport, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will be attending New York University’s Stern School of Business in the fall.

NINA ROHR, daughter of Pamela and George Rohr, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She is a recipient of the Gertrude Lookstein Aishet Chayil Award, a School Service Award, and the Jesse Deutsch Tefila Award. A College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Finalist, she will be studying at Midreshet Lindenbaum in the fall and the University of Pennsylvania upon her return from Israel. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother, Helen Nash.

TALIA SCHULDER, daughter of Drs. Lu Steinberg and Michael Schulder, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Darkhei Noam Award presented to the seniors who respond to others with warmth and sensitivity, and a Brandeis Book Award, she will attend Tafnit Bnei Akiva in the fall and Johns Hopkins University upon her return from Israel.

BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ, son of Debbie and Daniel Schwartz, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will attend Yeshivat Orayta in the fall and New York

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University's Stern School of Business upon his return from Israel. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother, Gabriella Major Dresdner.

RISA SCHWARTZ, daughter of Anne and Sam Schwartz, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of a Tzedakah Award, she will attend Midreshet Yeud in the fall and the Fashion Institute of Technology upon her return from Israel. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch.

ISAAC SCHWARTZBERG, son of Diane Schwartzberg-Miller and Marc Schwartzberg, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He will attend Boston University in the fall.

DAVID SCHWERDT, son of Yvette and Jakob Schwerdt, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. He is a recipient of the Ramaz Prize, given to the student who best exemplifies the ideals and goals of a Ramaz education: *menschlichkeit*; commitment to Torah, mitzvot, Am Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael; superior academic achievement; and a demonstration of responsibility for the society of which he is a part, and a Drama Award. A National Merit Scholarship Program Winner, he will attend Yeshivat

Gush Etzion in the fall and Harvard University upon his return from Israel.

REBECCA SHAMS, daughter of Alissa and Howard Shams, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. She will attend Midreshet Yeud in the fall and New York University upon her return from Israel.

THALIA SHARON, daughter of Diane and Mickey Markovitz, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of a Chorus Award, a Likrat Shabbat Award, a State of New York (Regents) Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award, she will be spending next year on the Kivunim Program, after which she will attend Stern College. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents, Fran and Arnold Lederman.

VANESSA SHNAY, daughter of Gabriella and Jack Shnay, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. A recipient of the Richard E. Kobrin Award for Excellence in Community Service, she will attend Midreshet Moriah in the fall and New York University upon her return from Israel.

RAFFI SNOW, son of Lisa and Lee Snow, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as a recipient of the Aron and Leah Swergold Memorial Award for

Excellence in the Study of Talmud, the History Award, and a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Raffi was also a recipient of the Harvey Blech Award for Excellence in the Study of Physics. Raffi will be attending Yeshivat Orayta in the fall and Princeton University upon his return from Israel.

NATALIE CLAIRE STEIN, daughter of Dr. Meg Rosenblatt and David Stein, upon her graduation with honors from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in Public Health Studies. Natalie, who was elected to Delta Omega, the national public health studies honor society, will begin work at GBCHealth, a hub for private sector engagement on pressing global health issues.

ALEXANDRA STROMER, daughter of Shoshana and Dr. Saul Stromer, upon her graduation *cum laude* from Marymount Manhattan College. Alexandra was awarded the "Silver M" for overall leadership and involvement at the College, and inducted into "Omicron Delta Kappa" - the National Leadership Honor Society and "Lambda Pi Eta" - the National Communication Studies Honor Society. Since graduation, Alexandra has worked at Dan Klores Communications, a Public Relations firm in Manhattan, as an Assistant Account Executive.

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF EAST SIDE TORAH LEARNING COALITION

Over six weeks between Pesach and Shavuot, hundreds of neighborhood residents studied Pirkei Avot. They were participating in the inaugural initiative of the East Side Torah Learning Coalition, a partnership of six Upper East Side congregations aiming to expand the boundaries of communal collaboration. Jointly conceived by Rabbi Weinstock and Rabbi Scott Bolton of Congregation Or Zarua, the collaboration included Rabbi Rachel Ain of Sutton Place Synagogue, Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove of Park Avenue Synagogue, Rabbi Ephraim Pelcovits of Or Olam - The East 55th Street Synagogue, and Rabbi Jonathan Stein of Temple Shaaray Tefila.

Each of the six sessions (meeting on Thursdays and alternating between daytime and evening) featured a different rabbi teaching at a congregation not his/her own. Over 100 people attended each class, and there was a celebratory siyum featuring the religious artwork of noted artist Mordechai Rosenstein, who made Torah "pop!" off of the page with a dynamic presentation. The Jewish



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teachings of *derech erez* and character improvement came to life throughout the series with the interaction of rabbis and congregants from different synagogues and different denominations.

This initial successful collaboration is only a first step. TLC is planning further initiatives and has expanded to include additional neighborhood congregations. Please look for details and become a part of this exciting project.

INVOCATION AT THE 141ST ANNUAL KJ SYNAGOGUE MEETING

by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

הגשם כלף הלך לו:

הנצנים נראו בארץ עת הזמיר הגיע

*For, lo, the winter is past, the bitter
torrents are over and gone;*

*The flowers appear on the earth; the time
of rejoicing is come.*

Ribbono shel Olam, Almighty Master of this world: With winter behind us, and spring at hand, we gather together in this season of renewal to celebrate the fruits of our labor and to ponder the preciousness of possibility. In this moment of verdant growth, we are so grateful to You for our anniversarians, who have so faithfully nurtured us through many years; in this time of blossoming, we thank You for our new members, who embody the further flowering of our kehilla. *Avinu Av Harachaman*, our Most Merciful Father: You have taught us in Your Torah that *ha-Adam etz hasadeh*, we are like unto a tree of the field. Help us, as we mark our 141st year, to remain rooted in the values of generations past as we reach higher toward Heaven; And may we never forget that just as those who came before planted for us, so must we plant spiritual seeds for those who will follow. Amen.

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The Challenge of Jewish Observance in the 21st Century - 8:00 PM

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Today, Judaism and Islam seem to be locked in a struggle to the death. Was this always so? Need it be so? Explore the roots of this interaction through the ages. We will be stopping in the Golden Age of Spain, the Crusades, and the rise of the Jewish community in the Ottoman Empire after the expulsion from Spain.

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Explore the profound insights and relevance of our tradition as derived from the weekly parsha through the classical commentaries of the last 2,500 years.

Thursdays with Rabbi Yitz Motechin

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This class will study Masechet Middot, one of the more obscure sections in the Talmud. Topics such as exile and redemption as well as the role of the Temple in modern life will be explored.

Unlocking the Halakhic Process - 8:00 PM

Examine how Jewish law developed, and acquire greater insight into how the laws of Shabbat and holidays apply to contemporary times.



*All classes will take place at 114 East 85th Street, are free of charge, and do not require reservations.
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Keter Torah Awardee Erica Schacter Schwartz

resources, to stand up for causes both Jewish and international. I want to thank each of the rabbis of this shul for the unique connection and inspiration you have given me and my family. You have each touched our lives with your own personal mark.

So thank you all for this honor. Thank you to this community, in which Rob and I have made so many friends and in which our children have made so many friends. In particular I want to thank some friends of mine who like me are spending their first Shavuot in the city, and stayed back from other Shavuot venues in order to be here today. You know who you are. I want to thank my sister Margot and my brother in law Josh, my brother and sister in law Amy and Ben, (and my aunt and cousins) for trekking uptown or crosstown to be here

today. I want to thank my parents for giving me the gift of both KJ and Borough Park lineage, of giving me traditions and religious values both Schacter and Silverstein, a mixture that completely defines the Jewish woman that I am.

I want to thank my in-laws for spending this Shavuot on the Upper East Side. I know that the city is not your first choice for a spring holiday, or any holiday for that matter, but especially a springtime holiday, and it means a lot to me that you are here, and how insistently you wanted to come. But most of all, thank you for the gift of your son, the greatest gift I have in my life, or as the commercial says, the gift that keeps on giving. It is with Robbie that becoming a part of this community has been so rewarding. It is as a couple that we have most benefitted, and as a family that

we have grown. Some might argue, we've grown a little too much. But that leads me to my next thank you. I want to thank my children-Gabby, Caroline, Sophie, Lily, Barry and Eliana for the indescribable joy, love, and gratefulness you make me feel every day. But most of all, I want to thank God for the six wonderful children you have blessed me and Rob with. For each other and for them, we feel so thankful.

And so I thank you all again for this honor. But the real honor is to be a member of this shul, to be a member of this community, and to be a congregant in the presence of, and under the leadership of my great-uncle and the incredible group of rabbis here. In whatever ways I have given to KJ, please know they are nothing compared to all the ways that KJ has given to me.

AIPAC THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

This year's AIPAC reporters represent three generations of one family who make the trip to Washington, D.C., to be a part of the 13,000 pro-Israel activists from all 50 states who attend the AIPAC Policy Conference. Here, they share their thoughts on coming together to help strengthen the U.S. Israel relationship.

Arthur Silverman, Past Chair, Ramaz School

This past March, a nine-person "Silverman Family Delegation" attended AIPAC's Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., committed to advocating for a strong relationship between the United States and the State of Israel.

A word about the name "AIPAC." It is NOT a "PAC." A PAC is a Political Action Committee that raises money for candidates. AIPAC is an acronym that stands for The American-Israel Public Affairs Committee. It is a lobbying organization; it does not contribute money to candidates. Its members (over 100,000) and its brilliant and dedicated staff members work tirelessly in Washington and at the local level with our Senators and Representatives to educate and strengthen relations between Israel and the United States.

The AIPAC Policy Conference runs from Sunday through Tuesday at the Washington Convention Center. There are three parts to it: classes, plenary sessions, and lobbying.

The classes each attract between 30 and 150 attendees. The classes are interspersed with plenary sessions attended by all delegates, which, this past year, numbered 13,000. (When I first

became a delegate scarcely five or six years ago, there were only 7,000 delegates.) Policy Conference culminates with an afternoon of lobbying on Capitol Hill.

Delegates select their own classes weeks before they head to DC. Lists of the classes are sent out with the names and bios of the faculty members and descriptions of the curricula. Many faculty members are Israeli ministers, policy makers, academics, and senior military officers. Each is an expert in her or his field. The panels also always have an American expert. The subjects of the classes are designed to educate the delegates in the substance, details and implications of issues, nuances of Israeli life, accomplishments of its citizens, and Israel's adherence to democracy and western values. Societal issues are dealt with forthrightly. Classes range from basic for the less experienced to the most complex for those that have been involved over an extended period. There are classes which instruct one on how to lobby effectively.

The plenary sessions bring together all the delegates in one place for presentations, movies, and speeches (with fixed time limits for speeches) by leading American and Israeli public officials and leaders, Israeli academics, well-known analysts and commentators, artists, musicians, scientists, and business leaders.

The plenary session on Monday night leads off with a stunning roll-call of every Senator and Congressperson in attendance. This past year, 75% of the House and Senate members were present! It's an unimaginable experience until you've witnessed it--a clear demonstration to the World and to the Administration-whether Republican or Democrat-that the United States Congress stands squarely for a strong United States-Israel relationship. The 13,000 delegates in attendance en masse are also a strong demonstration to the Congress that Americans-not only Jewish-Americans but most Americans-also stand for that relationship.

Gabriel Silverman, Ramaz freshman:

Going to the AIPAC Policy Conference is awesome! There are more than 13,000 participants from all across America: Jews and devout Christians; Caucasians, African Americans and Hispanics; senior citizens and gangly high school students like me; and everything in between. We're all there to learn about the unshakable bond linking Israel to the United States and how to advocate on its behalf. That mission speaks to me because I feel a powerful identification with both countries: Israel, my ancient homeland, and America, my actual home. Israel is the best, most reliable U.S. ally, so keeping her strong means keeping America strong.

At AIPAC, we spend a couple of days learning the issues in classes taught by world renowned experts, and then "showtime" is when we visit Capital Hill on the last day of Policy Conference to lobby every single Senator and House member to share our views and persuade Congress to embrace AIPAC positions. Making our voting voices heard by elected officials is what this great country is all about. I first attended AIPAC Policy Conference as an 8th grader, and I got so much out of the experience that I couldn't wait for the next conference! My West Coast relatives come, too, which makes for a fun family reunion. Maybe next year, you'll consider joining us on March 2-4, 2014?



Three generations of the Silverman family. Over 100 representatives of KJ and Ramaz participated in AIPAC's inspiring and informative Policy Conference, led by Audrey & Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Rabbi Elie Weinstock. Join next year's delegation! Mark your calendars now for March 2-4, 2014!

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THE DATE!

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That brings us to who was at Policy Conference. There were Jews: observant, non-observant, all denominations, secular, intermarried. Differences did not matter. In unity there is strength. We were working together for our people and their survival, and we understood the apparently never-ending risks to Israel's survival. There were over 2,000 student-delegates, most of whom were non-Jews and leaders in their student government organizations. They were at Policy Conference to be educated in the world-wide geo-political complexities of Middle Eastern affairs and the role of the media in portraying Israel's situation; the strength and determined nature of Israelis, the history of Israel, the Jewish historical right to its homeland in that location, the accomplishments of Israelis in medicine and science, and Israel's commitments to what we Americans stand for—democracy, western values, and the rule of law.

Many of the student delegates were from historically African American colleges. There were a large number of Christians with a number of specially focused classes. I attended one of them a couple of years ago, and let me tell you, these people know Tanach! And there were a large number of African American and Hispanic delegates, the result of AIPAC's massive efforts to build alliances with other constituencies in recognition of the reality that Jewish electoral power in the United States is small and diminishing, and essentially limited to only five states.

Finally, the lobbying. Policy Conference culminates with a Capitol Hill "invasion" by the AIPAC delegates on Tuesday, starting around noon, for lobbying sessions with Senators and Congresspersons. This past year, for the first time in AIPAC history, there was a lobbying session with every one of the 535 Members of Congress (in a few cases where there was a scheduling conflict, the meeting was with the senior-most foreign affairs and/or military affairs legislative aide to the Member).

On Monday night after the exhilarating plenary, the nine-person Silverman Family Delegation worked on its presentations. We focused on Maine's Congressional delegation because of our many contacts there. Indeed, our family made up a third of the Maine lobbyists. We met with Senator Susan Collins, the bipartisan, powerful, senior senator who has been a consistent supporter of Israel. Because she likes to hear from young people, one of the presentations came from Jonathan Silverman, a Junior at Ramaz, who was polished and persuasive.

Another meeting was with Representative Mike Michaud who comes from a tiny, isolated town in northeast Maine, who knew little about the Middle East when he was elected, and now is fully conversant with the issues—thanks in large measure to AIPAC. He now sponsors AIPAC-formulated legislation and resolutions. (Incidentally, that tiny town is East Millinocket—only 750 families - half the size of KJ—where the recent winner of the largest Powerball in US history lived all her life with her family until retiring to Florida! May she be well and healthy for many years and continue her support of Mike!)

The most important point I want to make is that each of us

makes a difference. My family can personally attest to that. I had barely heard of AIPAC six years ago when I decided, based upon what I had seen in KJ and Ramaz, that Israel advocacy was at the level of a contemporary "commandment." With one-by-one, year by year, increases from all over the country, the number of delegates has nearly doubled in that short time—one by one. That tells us that each of us is important and, more than that, indispensable.

The United States and Israel need you! They need you March 2 - 4 2014, in AIPAC and in Washington for just three days, including Sunday.

You will not regret participating in this important conference! I look forward to a time when the whole Silverman clan - 14: grandparents, sons, "daughters," and the grandchildren - can come together to support Israel in this way.



Lenny Silverman, KJ Executive Director:

Attending AIPAC's Policy Conference is like going to a graduate school for two days: There, you have an opportunity to sit at the feet of true masters in any number of disciplines pertaining to Israel, America and the Middle East, and absorb knowledge for its own sake and in order to more effectively lobby Congress in support of maintaining a strong Israel-US relationship.

This year, I was privileged to attend classes on "Counterterrorism Collaboration," "The Palestinians and the U.N.: A New Path to Pressure Israel?" "Danger Zone: What Regional Turmoil Means for Israel," and "Pillar of Defense: Israel's Deterrent Capability Post-Gaza," all taught by world class diplomats, professors, and top experts. Imagine the impact this knowledge has when shared with marginally briefed congressmen (or their aides)! For example, being able to back up a general statement like "Israel is a critical American ally because Israel freely shares its intelligence data and battlefield ingenuity with America, thereby saving American lives" with concrete examples is so much more impactful, believable and persuasive than the unsupported declaration. Attending Policy Conference gives you that foundation, and I look forward to orienting you when you join me for the next Conference, March 2-4, 2014.

Food, Glorious Food

The Heyman Auditorium was filled to capacity on June 3rd for the Second Annual "Dining by Design" Thirteen designers and top event planners lent their considerable talent and skill to transforming the auditorium into a veritable design feast for the eyes. Among the designers were KJ's own Yaira Binstock Singer, Alexandra Zohn Cepelowicz, Emma Mahfar, Doina Bryskin, and Jennifer Agus. The culinary feast was catered by Foremost caterers. This, and all Sisterhood events, raise significant funds for Sisterhood's many charitable programs that help people both in and out of our community, and especially in Israel.



Sold Out!

Kesher's Ladies' Evening on March 5th was a huge success! Graciously hosted by Congregation Edmond J. Safra, KJ member Kim Kushner, author of the newly-released *The Modern Menu*, demonstrated the fine art of preparing a foolproof, healthy, kosher meal. One of 8 children, Kim's love of cooking was inspired by her Moroccan-born mother.

The proceeds from the evening went to Project Leket, an organization in Israel which delivers produce to over 290 charities serving Israel's needy.

Kesher offers an array of events and programs for individuals, couples and families. To learn more about Kesher, please contact Kesher@ckj.org

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

Dear KJ Community,

As the year comes to an end we wanted to thank you for this incredible year!

For helping us with whatever we needed, for your warm hospitality, for all the new friendships, for showing your support and appreciation, and most of all - for letting us be a part of your community.

Thank you!

This year has been amazing - all thanks to you!



This is not goodbye... Come visit us in Israel!

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UJA@KJ

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

5773 has been a wonderful year for the UJA@KJ community. Under the leadership of new chairs Rebecca Feit, Abby Kaufthal and

Nicole Meyer, UJA@KJ came together for many wonderful, inspiring and meaningful events. The year kicked off with a special Thanksgiving meal for local seniors at Educational Alliance's Project ORE*. Families served warm Thanksgiving meals, prepared canned food packages for seniors to take home, and made decorations to liven up the room. We celebrated Chanukah at Jewish Home Lifecare*, making beautiful holiday crafts with seniors, and playing lively games of dreidle and lighting the menorah together. In February, we continued the tradition of matanot le'evyonim during *Pack it up for Purim*. 144 bags of food were packed in record time and donated to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty* and KJ Food Pantries. Families also made Purim masks and decorations that were donated to Educational Alliance's Project Ore* for a Purim Party with seniors.

For the first time, in lieu of the Annual Spring Cocktail Party, we held a UJA@KJ Shabbat. UJA-Federation of NY CEO John Ruskay spoke from the bima during Shabbat morning services that brought together the Main Service with the Sephardic Minyan. He spoke about the strong and unique partnership between UJA-Federation and KJ, and how meaningful this relationship is. He touched on the work that UJA-Federation does in New York City, in Israel and in Jewish communities around the world, and thanked the KJ community for ongoing support. Joshua Lookstein spoke at the Young People's Minyan that morning as well. After services, an intimate luncheon with John Ruskay presented an opportunity for questions and discussions. In the afternoon, KJ teens who are part of UJA-Federation's Teen Philanthropic Leadership Council spoke eloquently during *seudah shlishit* about their experiences this year, inspiring many generations to become involved.

At the end of April, KJ came together with Park Avenue Synagogue, Sutton Place Synagogue and UJA-Federation's Families Division to host children from the JCC of Canarsie* and Hebrew Educational Society* for a special Lag B'Omer Celebration. Hosted at Ramaz, the morning included Super Soccer Stars, face painting,

Scribble Press and a pizza party, as well as the opportunity to meet Jewish children from all over the city and celebrate the holiday together. It was the first time that the synagogues and UJA-

Federation worked together on a family chesed project, and it was a wonderful opportunity to bring all of the communities together and provide a celebration for children from Canarsie who would not otherwise have this opportunity.

The year wrapped up with Self Help* seniors attending the weekly Lunch and Learn program at KJ, and enjoying not only a delicious lunch, a Yiddish program and Shavuot learning session, but also a beautiful concert performance by the Ramaz Lower School chorus, and an opportunity to talk to the 3rd and 4th graders. Everyone learned a lot from each other!

As we head into summer, there are a number of ways to stay involved with UJA@KJ. Shabbat ORE, a program of Project ORE at Educational Alliance* is a monthly free Shabbat meal for seniors. The funding was cut for this program several years ago, and then was able to restart with the support of the KJ community. We invite you to support this program and ensure its continuity. Additionally, there are many ongoing chesed opportunities at many of the UJA-Federation of NY beneficiary agencies, including but not limited to the ones above. To donate or request information about getting involved with one-time or ongoing Chesed projects, please feel free to reach out to UJA@KJ Staff person Erica Cohen at cohener@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1114.

Finally, applications are open for UJA-Federation of NY's Teen Philanthropic Leadership Council. This is a wonderful opportunity for teens in high school to get involved with UJA-Federation, learn about chesed, philanthropy and the meaningful work that is being done around the world, and have a unique, hands-on opportunity to make an impact. Contact Erica Cohen.

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*UJA-Federation of New York beneficiary agency



KJ SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP: BE A PART OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Contact KJ Executive Director Leonard Silverman
at 212-774-5680 or LSS@CKJ.org

MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMMING - STIMULATING AND DIVERSE

The second half of our programming season was a veritable smorgasbord geared to a wide audience with discerning taste!

An evening salon program entitled "Pirates and Pianos" was held on March 2 at a beautiful West Side apartment. Jacques Farhi gave a fascinating talk about Edward Kritzler's book, *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean*. The book tells the history of the Sephardic Jews resistance to the Spanish Empire which paved the way for Jewish settlements in the New World.



KJ's own Bonnie Dietrich's musical interlude provided the perfect complement to the history of the Steinway. Photo credit: Dr. Jeffrey Rand.

Complementing that presentation was James Barron, a distinguished writer for *The New York Times*, and author of the book, *Piano*, who discussed intriguing stories and events in the history of music and the making of a Steinway piano.



(l. to r.) James Barron, Jacques Farhi, and Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Men's Club President
Photo Credit: Dr. Jeffrey Rand.

On March 10 we presented another in our popular Men's Club Sunday Supper Lecture Program entitled "The Jews of France - Update: A Panel Discussion." Our keynote speaker was Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz of the Mouvement Juif Liberal de France, a liberal movement which promotes Jewish religious and cultural life through several community centers and synagogues. Discussants were Leo Lazar, a member of KJ who was raised by French parents and grew up in Paris, and David Haziza, an Instructor of French at Columbia University. They discussed the extraordinarily complicated situation of the Jewish community in France.

A show stopper of an event occurred on April 21. We were honored to welcome to KJ Israel's Consul General, Ido Aharoni and Turkey's Consul General, Levent Bilgen. The context was a program on

by Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Men's Club President Turkish Jewish history focusing on the heroic actions of Turkish diplomats who saved Jews during the Shoah. The audience heard riveting remarks from the two Consul Generals. In addition, Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Men's Club President, spoke of his 2011 meeting in Istanbul with Emir Kivircik, the grandson of one of the Turkish consuls, Behic Erkin, who saved Jews during the Holocaust. Mr. Kivircik took Dr. Meirowitz to meet Robert Lazare Rouso, then over 90 years old, at his home in Istanbul. Mr. Lazare-Rouso recounted how he was released from the Gestapo through the efforts of Turkish

Ambassador Erkin in France during the Holocaust. He gave Dr. Meirowitz a copy of the exit pass Ambassador Erkin arranged for him from the Gestapo. All told, this was a wonderful celebration of Turkish-Jewish friendship which should augur well for the future.

KJ's own Dr. Martin Grumet moderated a Men's Club Kiddush Discussion on April 27. Featured was Dr. Harry Ostrer, Professor of Pathology and Genetics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, who spoke about tracing the origins of Jewish people over the ages using genetic markers in a program entitled "Legacy: A Genetic History of the Jewish People." Dr. Ostrer is a world-renowned medical geneticist and Director of Genetic and Genomic Testing at Montefiore Medical Center. He has pioneered the application of multiple genetic markers for



David Haziza, Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz, and KJ member Leo Lazar participate in a panel discussion about French Jewry
Photo credit: Dr. Mark Meirowitz

many Jewish genetic diseases that couples use to determine their genetic compatibility.

On May 4 at a Men's Club Kiddush Discussion, Prof. Gil Troy of McGill University spoke on the topic of the "Deligitimization of Israel." He also discussed

his book *Moynihan's Moment* which deals with the events surrounding the "Zionism is Racism" resolution at the United Nations.

Our guest speaker at a Sunday Supper Lecture on May 5 was Joseph Kanon, the author of *Istanbul Passage*, which takes place in Istanbul around the period of World War II. Mr. Kanon gave a fascinating tour of the streets and byways of Istanbul that figure so prominently in his very enjoyable book.



The film *Follow Me; The Yoni Netanyahu Story* was screened on May 19

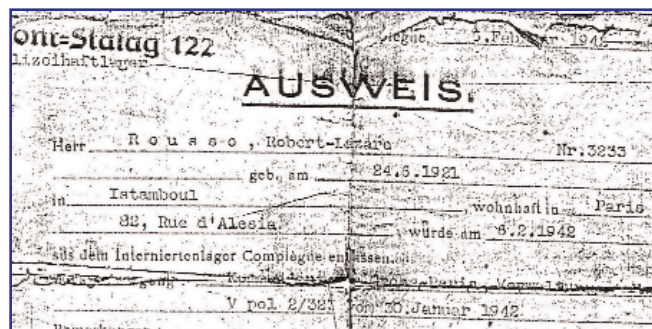


Israel's Consul General, Ido Aharoni and Turkey's Consul General, Levent Bilgen share a light moment
Photo credit: Deniz Celik

at a program moderated by George Baumgarten, and featuring the Executive Producer of the film, Mark Manson. The film focused on Yoni Netanyahu's military career, as well as his personal relationships. It featured interviews with his two surviving brothers, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Dr. Iddo Netanyahu.

Finally, we recently screened *Eli Cohen: Spy in Damascus*, about an Israeli spy, who, before his execution at the hands of the Syrians, was credited with uncovering information from Syria that helped Israel win the Six-Day War. Given Syria's prominent place in recent news, this was an especially meaningful film.

These are merely the highlights of recent Men's Club programming. It is a great privilege to present programs of this caliber for the entire KJ community, and we look forward to continuing our exceptional programs in the future.



The Exit Pass secured by Turkish Ambassador Behic Erkin

THE 141st YEAR OF CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

A RETROSPECTIVE 2012-2013

SPECIAL SHABBAT PROGRAMS

Learners Service
Hashkama Minyan
Women's Tefilah Group
Keshet Young People's Minyan
Intermediate Service
Teen Minyan
Minyan Sepharadi

SHABBAT SCHOLARS

♦ Rabbi Yehuda Gilad
♦ Rabbi Dr. Jeremy Wieder
♦ Rabbi Kenneth Brander

SEUDAH SHLISHT GUEST SPEAKERS

♦ Rabbi Adam Mintz
♦ Rabbi Aryeh Leifert
♦ Rabbi Eli Beer and Murad Alian, *United Hatzalah of Israel*
♦ Rachel Huebner, *Ramaz Senior*
♦ Mia Applebaum, *AIPAC Student Advocacy*
♦ Rachel Kraus
♦ Lexie Kahn, *Ramaz Alumna*
♦ Hank Sheinkopf
♦ Shira Felberbaum, *KJ Social Worker*
♦ Robert Sugarman
♦ IDF Officers
♦ UJA Teen Philanthropists Beckie Cohen, Eliana Dof, Lauren and Matthew Gross
♦ Asher Seyum, *Head Jewish Agency Shaliach to Ethiopia*
♦ Dr. Leor Gottlieb, *Bar Ilan University Bible Department*

HOLIDAY EVENTS

♦ Teshuva Shiur by Rabbi Saul Berman
♦ Shabbat Shuva Drasha by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
♦ Sukkot Meals
♦ Congregational Breakfasts for Hoshanah Rabbah, Purim, Yom ha' Atzmaut, Yom Yerushalayim
♦ Purim Mishloach Manot
♦ Shabbat HaGadol Drasha by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
♦ Yom Hashoah Program
♦ Yom HaZikaron Program
♦ Yom Ha' Atzmaut Barbecue & Services
♦ Shavuot Dinner & Tikkun Leyl with Divrei Torah by Dr. Martin Grumet, Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, Gilah Kletenik, Michael Cinnamon, Rabbi Daniel Kraus

MEN'S CLUB

Kiddush Discussions:
♦ *Embedded Messages in Biblical Phrases and a Gematrial Analysis of the Creation of the World with Nick Gura*
♦ *ORA's Approach to Agunah Case*

Resolution with Rabbi Jeremy Stern
♦ *Recruiting and Acclimating Soldiers from Overseas into the Israeli Army* with Esther Edelstein-Mazor
♦ *What the Eagle Did to the Synagogue: Napoleon and French Jewish Identity* with Dr. Robert April
♦ *How Civilizations Die (and Why Islam is Dying, Too)* with David Goldman
♦ *Yoav Apelboim of Ahava Village and Roni Biabev, Alumnus, Kiryat Bialik* with David Goldman
♦ *An Exploration of Italian Jewish History* with Dr. Massimiliano Szulc
♦ *The Population Genetics of the Jewish People* with Dr. Harry Ostrer, moderated by Dr. Martin Grumet
♦ *Fighting the Delegitimization of Israel* with Gil Troy
Film Series:
♦ *The Beetle*
♦ *Home Coming*
♦ *Turkish Passport*
♦ *Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story* with Executive Producer Mark Manson
♦ *Elie Cohen: Israel's Spy in Damascus* Supper Lectures:
♦ *Assessing the Terrorist Threat in 2013 and How We Can Combat It* w/ former FBI Assistant Director Steve Pomerantz
♦ *Quiet Hero: Secrets from My Father's Past* with Rita Crosby, TV/Radio Host
♦ *Jews of France: Update and Status* with Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz, Leo Lazar, and David Haziza
♦ *Istanbul Passage* with author Joseph Kanon
♦ Dr. Stephen Stowe Annual Shabbaton Sponsorship of Weekly Seudot Shlishit
♦ Monthly Chug Ivri
♦ Evening Soiree "Jewish Pirates and Pianos" with Jaques Farhi, James Barron and Bonnie Deitrich

SISTERHOOD

♦ Photography Day with Shirley Serure
♦ Gallery Walk with Vivienne Silvera
♦ Pre-Holiday Boutiques
♦ Chanukah Latke Sale
♦ *Mediterranean Fusion Cuisine* with chef Itamar Ring
♦ Pre-Passover Wine Tasting
♦ Museum Tours of THE JEWISH MUSEUM: Crossing Borders: Manuscripts from the Bodleian Libraries
♦ *SOTHEY'S*: Important Judaica and Israeli Art Auctions with Sharon Mintz, John Ward, and Jennifer Roth
♦ Shavuot Blintze, Cheesecake, and Quiche Sale
♦ Annual Spring Luncheon, Dining by Design
♦ Sponsorship of Weekly Kiddushim
♦ Preparations of Local Houses of

Mourning and Mourner's First Meal
♦ College Connection

KESHER

♦ Shemini Atzeret Lunch
♦ Zumba Classes
♦ New Members Oneq
♦ UJA@KJ Chesed Projects
♦ "Shira and Friends" Concert
♦ Tot Shabbat
♦ Dessert Tasting
♦ Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres Tasting
♦ Keshet New & Expectant Moms' Breakfast
♦ Cooking Demonstration with Kim Kushner
♦ Women's Shiur with Rachel Kraus
♦ Family Purity Shiur with Yoetzet Halacha Atara Eis
♦ Shabbat Meal for New Parents

AM HASEFER

♦ *The World Without You* with author Joshua Henkin, Ramaz '82

GUEST SPEAKERS

♦ Rabbi Adam Mintz
♦ Rabbi Steven Weil
♦ Rabbi Seth Farber, *Founder and Director of ITIM*
♦ Israel Consul General Ido Aharoni
♦ Michelle Greenberg Kobrin, *Project ORA*
♦ Rabbi Yehuda Sarna
♦ Darius Jones, AIPAC
♦ Rabbi Chaim Brovender
♦ Ron Prosor, *UN Israeli Ambassador*
♦ John Ruskay, *UJA Fed. of NY*
♦ Rabbi Shlomo Brody, *Dean of Yeshivat Hakotel's Overseas Program*
♦ Moshe "Bogie" Ya'alon, *Israel's Defense Minister*

SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

♦ Shabbat Gilad Shalit
♦ Daf Yomi Siyum
♦ Seymour Propp Memorial Lecture
♦ Yachad Shabbaton
♦ Blood Drive
♦ Hurricane Sandy Clean-up on Staten Island
♦ Annual Synagogue Meeting
♦ KJ/Ramaz Career Development and Networking Initiatives
♦ Simchat Torah/Shavuot Student Divrei Torah
♦ AIPAC Conference
♦ History at Home with Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
♦ Purim @ "Prime at the Bentley"
♦ Operation L'Hitraot Israel Pesach Trip
♦ Chevra Kadisha Seudah Shlishit
♦ KJ Annual Dinner - WILD WEST
♦ Israel Bond Shabbat
♦ "Orthodox Jewish All Stars"

Chanukah Party
♦ The Yiddish Schmoozers
♦ Lunch and Learn
♦ Torah Learning Coalition
♦ Chai Mitzvah
♦ Rosh Chodesh Women's Learning w/ Rachel Kraus
♦ Tefillin and Mezuzah Check

BEGINNERS

♦ Jewish Youth Connection
♦ Holiday Workshops
♦ *Friday Night Live!* Service & Dinners
♦ Hebrew Reading Crash Courses
♦ NJOP Shabbat Across America
♦ Rosh Hashanah New Year's Eve Bash
♦ Sukkah Dinner Under the Stars
♦ Chanukah in the Park
♦ Shabbat Lunches
♦ Passover Seder
♦ Basic Judaism Crash Course
♦ Crash Course in Jewish History
♦ Shabbat Oneq
♦ Jewish Learning Institute
♦ Purim Party
♦ Sabbath Salon

KJ SINGLES

♦ Pre-Chanukah Party with Dr. Massimiliano Szulc

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

♦ Tot Shabbat
♦ Purim Carnival
♦ March Madness Basketball w/ Tamir Goodman
♦ Fall and Spring Shabbatonim
♦ Open Gym Programs
♦ Shabbat morning groups
♦ Super Bowl Party
♦ Bnei Akiva Sukkah Decorating
♦ Bnei Akiva Pajama Party
♦ Bnei Akiva Sleepovers
♦ Bnei Akiva Chocolate Party
♦ Bnei Akiva Make-Your-Own Pizza Party
♦ Bnei Akiva Shabbaton
♦ Bnei Akiva Ice Cream Party
♦ Bnei Akiva Bowling Excursion
♦ Bnei Akiva Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball
♦ Bnei Akiva "Snif" Youth Groups
♦ KJBL basketball league

Having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 5774?

If you are celebrating 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 celebratory meals/kiddushes, and other functions.



Mazal Tov to
KJ Associate Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
upon his appointment
as the new spiritual leader
of Congregation Shearith Israel
The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.
We thank you for your nine years
of devoted community service.

SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME

To support synagogue programs, we invite prospective Kiddush & 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.

REMEMBERING THE ST. LOUIS

A reflective evening of remembrance and prayer which included a poignant candle-lighting ceremony, tefillah, and a musical performance by the Ramaz Upper School Choir and Kol Ram Community Chorus provided the appropriate backdrop for a memorable staging of the morality play, *The Trial of Franklin D. Roosevelt*, a docu-drama that explored America's deplorable conduct in the tragedy of the St. Louis, and presented St. Louis passenger Col. Phillip Freund. Noted historian Dr. Michael Berenbaum framed the importance of the narrative as a signal event in American, Jewish and Holocaust history.

In brief: June 1939, mere months before Nazi Germany's invasion of Poland began World War II, a ship called the St. Louis left Germany to Cuba with 937 Jewish passengers seeking asylum from Nazi persecution. The boat was denied entry into Cuba, and subsequently into the US, and 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 met their deaths in Hitler's extermination camps.



Col. Phillip Freund

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



Dr. Michael Berenbaum

performed for the assembled dignitaries and high governmental representatives, and it was especially fitting to serve as a cornerstone of our Yom HaShoah program remembering the 6,000,000.



The S.S. St. Louis

YOM HASHOAH
COMMEMORATED ON APRIL 7, 2013



MAY THEY GO HIGHER AND HIGHER

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

ETHAN ABRAHAM

son of Elana and Aaron Abraham

JONATHAN BETTINGER

son of Nava and Daniel Bettinger

ILAN BLEY

son of Sarah and Dr. Leonard Bley

NOAH CHETRIT

son of Esther and Meyer Chetrit

SONIA CAROLINA DUSHEY

daughter of Joy and Sam Dushey

REBEKAH FENSTER

daughter of Jan and Dr. Daniel Fenster

SAMUEL FREILICH

son of Drs. Stephanie and Jonathan Freilich

LILY HABER

daughter of Jill and James Haber

ARIELLE HADAD

daughter of Dr. Michelle and Yosef Hadad

MATTHEW HIRSCHFELD

*son of Dr. Susan Hirschfeld
and
Sarah and Elie Hirschfeld*

HANNAH HOFF

daughter of Rachel and Eliot Hoff

CAROLINE JASPAN

daughter of Michele and Ronald Jaspán

DANIEL JASPAN

son of Michele and Ronald Jaspán

GABRIELLA KASSMAN

daughter of Nina and Larry Kassman

SOPHIA KLASS

daughter of Stacey and Richard Klass



JULIA KREVAT

daughter of Randy and Mitchell Krevat

JACOB LEFKOWITZ

son of Elena and Jay Lefkowitz

JASMINE LEVINE

daughter of Drs. Jody and Elie Levine

MICHAEL LOW

son of Lisa and Nathan Low

LEE RATSON

son of Sheryl Stein and Moshe Ratson

ELIANNA SCHWARTZ

*daughter of Deborah and Daniel Schwartz
granddaughter of Gabriella Major Dresdner*

JOSEPH SOLOMON

son of Beth Goldman and Louis Solomon

RAMAZ ADMISSIONS



Should you have a child who will be of age to enter Ramaz in September 2014, the Admissions Office at Ramaz is open for inquiries.

Please call 212-774-8093 or e-mail Admissions@ramaz.org to set up an appointment

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Randy Krevat, Director of Admissions, THE RAMAZ SCHOOL

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HIGH HOLY DAY SEAT RESERVATIONS NOW DUE

Kehilath Jeshurun will be holding High Holy Day services the following locations: the Grace Rainey Rogers Auditorium at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Kaufman Auditorium in the Ramaz Upper School, the Gottesman Center's Falk Auditorium, and the Lindenbaum Gymnasium. The Beginners Service will be held in the Cayne Gymnasium at the Ramaz Upper School, and the Sephardic Minyan will be held in the Beit Knesset.

High Holy Day seat reservation cards have already been sent to all congregants. **We ask you to please return the card with your requests as soon as possible, whether or not you plan to be with us this fall.**

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*Introducing a Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Service
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Rosh Hashanah morning services will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 5th and 6th at 8:00 AM. Kol Nidre services will be held at 6:30 PM on Friday night, September 13th followed by Yom Kippur services at 9:00 AM the next morning.

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Tickets only \$60
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LEARN HEBREW IN TIME FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS!

Our **Crash Course in Hebrew Reading** will have you identifying letters and sounds and give you the basics in time for Rosh Hashanah. Taught by master teacher Sara Rosen, this class is perfect for those who have no background or as a review for those who wish to brush up on their skills. **Beginning Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 PM**

**High Holiday Hebrew
Beginning Wednesday, August 7 at 8:00 PM**

Classes meet at the Gottesman Center, 114 East 85th Street

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KJ/RAMAZ CAME OUT IN FORCE ON JUNE 2 FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE



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BNEI MITZVAH



OLIVIA BOURKOFF

Mazal Tov to Elana and Aryeh Bourkoff, upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Olivia, on June 16 in Bridgehampton, where she delivered a D'var Torah about Hallel. Olivia just completed the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



HARRY SHAMS

Mazal Tov to Alissa and Howie Shams, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Harry, in Israel on June 24, where he read Parashat Pinchas at the Kotel in Jerusalem. The celebration continued at a festive brunch in Cafe Mamilla, where Harry delivered a Bar Mitzvah speech on "The Responsibility of Responsiveness." Harry just completed the sixth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



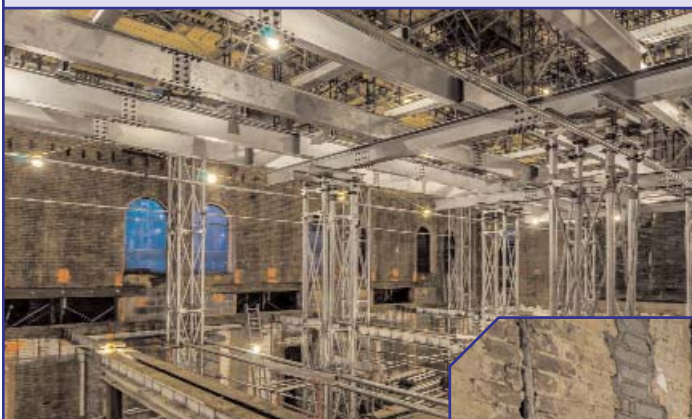
GABRIEL FISHER

Mazal Tov to Nicole and Jeffrey Fisher, upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Gabriel, on Thursday, August 22nd at the Kotel, where he will layn Parashat Ki Tavo. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother, Shirley Boyarsky. Gabriel just completed the seventh grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

If a picture's worth
a thousand words...

**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**

what are three
pictures worth?



Looking northwest
from the balcony
foyer.



Looking
west from
the main
level.



Looking west at the
main entrance doors.

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**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....**

Think about something more meaningful - a way to bring your family together; a way to connect with our community more deeply; a way to enhance your religious and ethical engagement. Participate in KJ's Chai Mitzvah cohort, led by Congregational Scholar Gilah Kletenik one evening a month!

Not only is there stimulating study and conversation with Gilah, participants also identify personal areas of growth, which they work on individually, focusing on learning, ritual and social action.

Chai Mitzvah is perfect for people of all backgrounds and levels, Jewish knowledge, and engagement with the community. KJ members of diverse backgrounds have participated in this hugely successful program. All 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/Bat Mitzvah - and a great alternative to another movie or viewing the latest reality TV show.

For further information, email: Gilah@ckj.org

LUNCH AND LEARN LEARNS TALMUD!

Every Wednesday throughout the year, neighborhood seniors gather at KJ to spend some time immersing themselves in the Yiddish language and culture with Willy Rosenberg in a class called Yiddish Shmoozers. This is followed by "Lunch and Learn" which features a speaker who enlightens and educates the audience over a hot lunch.

On April 10, our seniors did something different. Students of the Ramaz Upper School junior Honors Talmud class, accompanied by their wonderful teacher, Rabbi Yigal Sklarin, had a study session. After some introductions, the students spread themselves through the room and learned "chevruta style" with the seniors about Sefirat haOmer.

The focus of the learning program was why Rabbi Akiva's students died during the Omer and the concept of learning from everyone, even if they know less than you. We learned that this might be important either as a sign of humility or as an expression of one's love for learning-- one will do anything to have the opportunity to increase their learning.

The topic was most appropriate since the exchange of ideas was such that the seniors learned from the students and the students learned from the seniors!



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Photo Credit: Rabbi Yigal Sklarin

FACILITY USAGE POLICY

One of the many benefits that KJ synagogue members enjoy is complimentary access to KJ worship and catering facilities in connection with celebrating a lifecycle event such as a brit milah, wedding, bar/bat mitzvah, aufruf, etc. Unlike most synagogues, KJ does not charge its members a "Facility Rental Fee" when a lifecycle event takes place at a time and at a location when our facilities would be open and running.

KJ does, however, look to a celebrating family to cover any incremental costs associated with the event that KJ would not otherwise have incurred. For example, if the Gottesman Center would ordinarily be closed on a summer Sunday, or if the Main Synagogue's air conditioning would otherwise be deactivated on a spring weekday evening, or if maintenance and security crews would routinely close a facility at a certain time, and because of the event KJ now needs to open a closed building, activate a shut-off system, and/or keep workers past their work shifts, KJ will attempt to quantify and recoup from the celebrating family incremental costs that are associated with the event.

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

In Memoriam

MICHAEL FRANK

He was a very elderly member of the congregation. A survivor of the Holocaust, Michael Frank worked hard to establish himself in America. He and his wife worked together to create a life for themselves and their children.

He loved his association with KJ and he was appreciated by the friends he associated with in our shul. He never missed an opportunity to be generous to our congregation.

DOROTHY TRENCHER

She was a member of KJ for over fifty years. She raised her children and her grandchildren in KJ and then in Ramaz. She was very proud of the continuity that she saw in her family.

She and her husband, Oscar Trencher, set a very fine example for their children, Lewis and Janie. Both of them have been involved in a voluntary capacity and professionally in the service of the Jewish community both here and wherever they

have lived. Mrs. Trencher was a modest but always forthcoming member of this community and a participant in all of its activities.

She was a model of *menschlichkeit*, piety and loyalty to the Jewish people.

...מקום ינחם...

MILDRED HOSTYK

She and her late husband, Joseph, raised their two sons in KJ and in Ramaz. All of her grandchildren are alumni of Day Schools. She herself was a lifelong learner. She was actually learning the Tractate of Sanhedrin in her mid-nineties.

A woman who always had a smile on her face and a chuckle in her heart, Mildred Hostyk loved coming to classes, shiurim and lectures at KJ. She loved this congregation and our shul and she only moved to Florida when she could no longer walk across the park to attend services.

ISRAEL KRAKOWSKI

A survivor of the Holocaust, Israel Krakowski was a patriot of the Jewish people, the State of Israel, and the Torah. Together with his wife, Elli, he was extremely active in a plethora of organizations designed to promote Judaism, love of Israel, the Jewish people, Torah and God.

He was proud of the fact that his grandchildren all received a Yeshiva education, two of them in Ramaz. He had a very close association with former Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau of which he was extremely proud. He was involved in everything that was Jewish.

The king and rock of his family, Izzy, as he was known to all of his friends, was a truly beloved figure who committed himself generously to both KJ and Ramaz.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife, Elli, and to his daughter, Lili Stawski and his son, Harry Krakowski. Together with them, we mourn the loss of this wonderful Jew.

**If you think you know what Hebrew School is...
Think again!**



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- ◆ Jewish Holidays, Traditions & Heritage
- ◆ Family Learning Experiences
- ◆ One-on-one Hebrew Tutoring

Our Sunday Hebrew School is accepting fall enrollments for children entering Kindergarten through Bar or Bat Mitzvah age. Contact 212-794-1592 or JYC@ckj.org for more information.

KJ ACCEPTS ONLINE PAYMENTS!

We welcome everyone, members and non-members alike, to conduct KJ transactions online, using your preferred credit card. No convenience fee is charged. Should you take advantage of this secure online payment option, it is important that you let us know exactly what you are paying for, so that we accurately process your remittance.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our synagogue and all that it offers to the broader community

....AND MORE!

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to

Sandy and Dr. Robert April upon the birth of their fifth grandchild, a daughter and first child, Leora Shulamit, born to their children Ally and Aryeh Cooper of Teaneck.

Deborah and Isaac Ash, upon the birth of their fourth child and second son, Charles Isaac (Chaim Itzhak).

Eve and Sammy Attias, upon the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter, Maya Tzivvia, born to their children Anaelle and Jakob Nowotny, of Be'er Sheva.

Danielle and Jonathan Auerbach upon the birth of their first children, twins, Allison Grace (Chana Golda) and Robert Murray (Yerachmiel Michael).

Daniele and Steven Bleier upon the birth of their third daughter, Noa Shirley.

Ellie and Fred Braid upon the birth of a second grandson, Doniel Simcha, born to their children Diane and Andrew Braid.

Lisa and Juda Chetrit upon the birth of their fourth child and third son, Benjamin Zackary (Binyamin).

Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon upon the birth of their first grandchild, Eliza Rose (Shoshana Etya), born to their children Rebecca and Dr. Noam Green. Mazal Tov as well to first time great-grandparents Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Karen and David Cole upon the birth of their fourth child and third son, Reuben Meir (Reuven).

Rachel and Joshua Crane upon the birth of their second child and first daughter, Jacqueline Pearl ("Netta). Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandmother, Leslie Kay, and the proud KJ grandfather, Dr. Daniel Crane.

Megan and Michael Englander, upon the birth of a daughter, Miriam Elizabeth. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Caryl and Israel Englander.

Marylene and Alan Friedman upon the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter, Rachel (Racheli), born to their children Shalvie and Marc Friedman of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman on the birth of a 16th grandchild, Nina Na'ava, born to Davida ('95) and Marc Yehaskel of Great Neck.

Jennifer and Benjamin Gerut upon the birth of their second child and daughter, Abigail Esther (Avigail Esther). Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Debbie and Dr. Richard Born.

Susan Kelstein and Sherry & Jaime Kelstein upon the birth of a granddaughter, Brenda Zoe, born to their children, Rachel and Dr. Samuel Maryles.

Rhea and Dr. Leon Landau, upon the birth of a grandson, Naftali Shai, born to their children, Ilana and Evan Landau.

Rhea and Dr. Leon Landau, upon the birth of a grandson, Alexander Hy, born to their children, Joanna and Jordan Lipstadt.

Edith and Salomon Lipiner upon the birth of a grandson, Zachary Thelonious Lipiner (Yitzhak Meir), born to their children, Jessica and Marcus ('86) Lipiner.

Edith and Salomon Lipiner upon the birth of their third great-grandchild, Tamar Elisheva Reich, born to their grandchildren, Ariana Epstein Reich ('04) and Adam Reich ('04).

Deborah and Randy North, upon the birth of their third child first daughter, Maya.

Janelle and Dr. Sheldon Pike upon the birth of their third child and third son, Zachary Mendel (Zacharia Menachem Mendel). Mazal Tov, as well, to big sister Alexandra (Gavriella) Pike-Lerner.

Lisa Goldman and Joshua Reiss upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Daniella Emily (Davida Esther).

Dr. Gabriella and Saul Safdieh upon the birth of their second child and first son, Abe Julian (Avraham). Mazal tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Dr. Mark & Judith Tykocinski.

Judy and Isaac Sherman upon the birth of a great-granddaughter, Hailey Abigail (Ayelet Avigayil), born to their grandchildren, Dena and Jason Ingerman.

Nechi Shudofsky upon the birth of a great-grandson in Israel, Ido Yitzhak, a grandson to Miriam and Binny Shalev.

Layaliza and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, upon the birth of their fifth child and fourth son, Yoseph Dov.

Jenny and Dr. Sammy Sultan upon the birth of their second daughter, Adira Blanche (Adira Chana). Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Roni and Dr. Robert Pick.

Abigail and Seth Weiss upon the birth of their second child and first daughter, Ruth Francine (Rachel Frumah).

Dr. Harvey Wolinsky and Pamela Field upon the birth of a grandson, Tate Emmanuel, born to their children, Drs. Claire and Eric Berkowitz.

Becky and David Zwilling upon the birth of their fourth child, Suri Dove (Sara Yona).

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

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Suzie and Sandy Eisenstat upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ari Williams.

Ruth and Dr. David Musher upon the Bat

Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Ella Sophia, a daughter of their children Abe and Dara, on May 9th, Parshat Emor, at Temple B'nai Israel in Toledo, Ohio. Mazal Tov to the proud KJ great-grandfather, Morris Weiss.

ENGAGEMENTS

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 Marissa are Ramaz graduates.

Vanessa and Ray Chalme, upon the engagement of their daughter, Robin, to Walter Rahmeyer. Mazal Tov, as well, to Robin's mother, Micki Bailey Horovitz.

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

Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt on the engagement of their grandson, Shlomo Javitt, the son of the Drs. Daniel Javitt and Reba Kizner of Jerusalem, to Zivia Brunschwig, the daughter of Daniel and Ruth Brunschwig of Basel, Switzerland.

Ariel Kwacz upon his engagement to Diana Olszewer, daughter of Melany and Dr. Efrain Olszewer of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Nancy and Stephen Snell, upon the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Lee, to Brian J. Robinson.

Pamela and George Rohr, upon the engagement of their daughter, Daniella, to Sammy Adelsberg, son of Renee and Steve Adelsberg of Manhattan Beach.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to:

Shira and Dr. Larry Baruch, upon the marriage of their son, David, to Julia Straus, daughter of Joyce and Daniel Straus of Englewood. Both David and Julia just graduated from Columbia University. They will be spending their first year of marriage in Israel, where David will be working and Julia will be attending the yoetzet halakha program at Nishmat. Mazal Tov as well to proud grandparents Gladys Baruch and Audrey & Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Ellen and Robert Kapito upon the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Shira Beth, to Joshua Dov Arcus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Arcus.

Jaime Kelstein, upon his marriage to Sherry Cohen.

Rabbi Hillel Rapp upon his marriage to Racheli Meister.

Surie and Robert Sugarman, upon the

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marriage of their son, Jason, to Ariel Barnehama daughter of Gail Barnehama of Great Neck and Joel Barnehama, of Los Angeles. Mazal Tov, as well, to proud KJ grandmother Judith Rudoff. The bride and groom are both graduates of Brandeis University, class of 2013. Jason will be working at Charles River Associates, and Ariel will be starting medical school at the Jefferson Medical College.

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

COMMUNAL HONORS

Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff, the Tribute Awardees at the Aleh Foundation Annual Awards Gala.

Fran and Benjy Brown will be honored at the Alan T Brown Foundation's (ATBF) 25th Anniversary Celebrity Golf & Tennis Tournament. The Foundation was founded after their son, Alan, suffered a spinal cord injury, at age 20, which left him paralyzed from the chest down. For 25 years, Fran and Benjy have comforted and guided paralyzed individuals and their families. They are tireless advocates for spinal cord injury research and have raised awareness about paralysis while mobilizing even the youngest children to align with their charity. A vital resource to the spinal cord community, the Foundation boasts a strong Outreach and Peer Mentoring Program and sponsors a Transition Care Program through the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, and a Health and Fitness Program at Mt. Sinai Hospital. If you would like to attend the event, place a journal ad or make a contribution, please contact the Foundation's office at 212-944-8727 or visit www.atbf.org.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Suzy and Michael Appelbaum, whose daughter, Mia, received the 2013 Activist of the Year Award at this year's AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC.

Dr. David S. Ellenberg, son of Linda Ossad and Robert Ellenberg, upon being named Intern of the Year in the Department of Internal Medicine at NYU Medical Center.

JJ Hornblass, upon co-editing *Ink Stained: Essays by the Columbia University Graduate Journalism Class of 1992*, a collection of engaging essays which, according to the Columbia Journalism Review "offers fascinating observations from the class that entered the work force just in time for the Internet to

become mainstream and upend media, in general, and journalism, in particular."

Yael Magid, daughter of Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid, who completed her year of study in Israel at Migdal Oz in Gush Etzion and has volunteered to serve in the Israeli Air Force, beginning in July 2013. After basic training, she will be teaching Aerospace Physiology to pilots at the Tel HaShomer base, training them in a simulator on how to avoid hypoxic and other dangerous conditions.

Jonathan (Yoni) Oppenheim, son of Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim, who was appointed by Brandeis University to the faculty of the Theatre/Drama segment of its "bimah" summer cultural program for high school students. The program enables youngsters to pursue serious artistic growth in a Jewish setting. Yoni is a co-founder of the 24/6 theater group based in New York City.

Dr. Nadine Rosenthal upon her appointment as the Director of Nursing, Medicine Services at New-York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ parents Brigitte and Tom Rosenthal.

Bob Sugarman upon his election as the Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Gerard Tugendhaft, upon his son Aaron winning the Jonas Greenfield Prize For Younger Semitists in 2012 for the best published article in any area of Semitic studies that has been published during the most recent two-year period. The award is presented every three years.

Philip J. Wilner, M.D., MBA, has been promoted to Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University. He is Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell and Vice President and Medical Director of Behavioral Health at New York - Presbyterian Hospital.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Mazal Tov to

Dr. Sarah Fishman upon her graduation from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, at which time she received her MD degree.

Rachel Kraus, KJ Director of Community Education, upon the completion of her MBA from the Leonard Stern Business School at New York University.

The Rechtschaffen family, upon the milestone occasion of the graduation of Eric James Rechtschaffen ('02), as an MBA Palmer Scholar at the Wharton

School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Eleanore Reznik, upon the graduation of her grandson, Matthew Beller, from Boston University with a degree of Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Eleanore Reznik, upon the graduation of her granddaughter, Jane Reznik, from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree of Bachelors of Science in Biology.

Eleanore Reznik, upon the graduation of her granddaughter, Aviva Beller, from Yeshiva of Central Queens. She will attend the Ramaz Upper School in the fall.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Harvey Arfa, upon the passing of his mother, Gertrude Arfa.

Mark Cooper and Barry Cooper, upon the passing of their father, Samuel Cooper.

Judith Fagin, upon the passing of her mother, Elizabeth Rosenberg.

Netti Herman, upon the passing of her mother, Jennifer Minsker.

Vicky Hoffman, upon the passing of her mother, Miriam Robbins.

Dr. Emily Krawitz, upon the passing of her grandmother, Judith Lasson.

Mara Lassner, upon the passing of her father, Kalman Scheinwald.

Dr. Bruce Lerman, upon the passing of his mother, Lillian Lerman.

Esther Lobel, upon the passing of her sister, Rose Lipschitz.

Anton Loew, upon the passing of his mother, Dr. Tilda Loew.

Lee Miller, upon the passing of her mother, Glenys Tarlow.

David Musher, upon the passing of his mother, Hadassah Kaplan Musher.

Lee Miller, upon the passing of her mother, Glenys Tarlow.

Adam Shiff, upon the passing of his father, Joel H. Shiff.

Carla Tanz, upon the passing of her father, Dr. Herbert R. Edelstein.

Dr. Elana Unterman-Newman, upon the passing of her mother, Helen Becker Unterman.

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

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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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KJ members' announcements of communal, academic and professional achievements.
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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>
July					
5-6	Mattot/Masei	8:12 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:13 PM
12-13	Devarim	8:10 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:11 PM
19-20	Vaetchanan	8:05 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:05 PM
26-27	Ekev	8:00 PM	6:45 PM	7:50 PM	8:58 PM
August					
2-3	Re'eh	7:53 PM	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:52 PM
9-10	Shoftim	7:45 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:39 PM
16-17	Ki Tetze	7:34 PM	6:45 PM	7:25 PM	8:30 PM
23-24	Ki Tavo	7:24 PM	6:45 PM	7:15 PM	8:19 PM
30-31	Nitzavim/Vayeilech	7:13 PM	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	8:07 PM
September					
6-7	Haazinu	7:01 PM	6:45 PM	6:50 PM	8:03 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

June 23 - July 11..... 6:50 PM

July 14 - September 4..... 6:45 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 at 9:12 PM

Thursday, July 4
Morning Services at 8:30 AM

Monday, July 8
Rosh Chodesh Av
Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Monday-Tuesday, July 15-16
Fast of Tisha B' Av (See schedule p.3)
Monday Night Services at 8:20 PM
Fast Begins at 8:26 PM
Tuesday Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Tuesday Night Services at 7:55 PM
Fast ends at 9:05 PM

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 6-7
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Morning Services at 7:00 AM