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KJ AT 143 YEARS

GUEST SPEAKER ERIC GOLDSTEIN SPEAKS TO “KEHILAH”

The 143rd Annual Synagogue Meeting, which took place on April 30 in the Falk Auditorium of the Gottesman Center, began with Rabbi Elie Weinstock’s meaningful words of invocation and welcome. (The complete text can be found on page 13.)

It was an evening that included a familiar agenda: the induction of new members, the celebration of milestone anniversaries of longstanding members, the election of trustees, and a memorial to departed members.

We were also privileged that evening to be addressed by the CEO of UJA-Federation and KJ member Eric Goldstein. He reflected on the concept of a “21st

Century Kehilah” and the power of building strong, interconnected communities. He spoke of the challenges



An attentive audience

and opportunities such a vision presents, particularly in the present global climate. Mr. Goldstein is an inspiring leader, role

model and communicator, and his views on the power of community, or Kehilah, were particularly meaningful to our congregation since we carry the sense of Kehilah in our very name.

The presentation set a most appropriate framework for Rabbi Lookstein to introduce the concept of a dues-integrated gift to UJA-Federation. KJ is the first shul to underscore the importance of contributing to UJA-Federation by including a donation in the annual dues structure.

The night’s program also included a tribute to KJ Comptroller Hattie Murphy in appreciation for her thirty years of dedicated service.

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

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

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

Hartman Institute
Israel Defense Forces
Israel Experience at Bar Ilan
Kivunim
Midreshet Amit
Midreshet Ein Hanatziv
Midreshet HaRova

Midreshet Lindenbaum
Midreshet Torah v’Avodah
Michelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim
Migdal Oz
Nativ
Sheirut Leumi
Yeshivat Ashreinu

Yeshivat Eretz haTzvi
Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush)
Yeshivat Maale Gilboa
Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh
Yeshivat Orayta
Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim
Yeshivat Torat Shraga

The seniors also earned a wonderful record of college acceptances:

Babson College
Barnard College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Columbia University
Cornell University
CUNY - Baruch, Brooklyn,
Hunter, John Jay, Queens
Macauley Honors
at Hunter College

Dartmouth College
Duke University
Emory University
Fashion Institute of
Technology
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington U.
Harvard University
Jewish Theological Seminary
of America

Johns Hopkins University
Maryland Inst.College of Art
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Stanford University
SUNY - Binghamton
Syracuse University
University of Maryland

University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
Washington U., St. Louis
Yale University
Yeshiva University

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NEW MEMBERS

Sixty-one new households joined the Congregation this past year and were officially inducted and welcomed at the 143rd Annual Meeting by Morris Massel, Secretary of the Congregation:

Ellen Ackerstaff	Karen and Ira Gronowitz	Sarah Nanasi and Peter Russell
Lenore and Maurice Ades	Irwin Hochberg	Anne and James Salame
Linda and Shane Barbanel	Suzan and Mitchell Hochberg	Marina and Sam Schwartz
Edith Toledano and Samuel Benelbas	Anna and Israel Kochin	Smadar and David Seinfeld
Elyse and Tsion Bensusan	Rachel and David Levi	Rebecca and Zachary Sohn
Anne and David Bergman	Ariel and Matthew Levitan	Aurora Cassirer and Sander Srulowitz
Cecelia and Dennis Bernstein	Claudette and Maurice Levy	David Stern
Sarah and Albert Betesh	Amy and Seth Litzenblatt	Lynda Strulovic
Meghan Schloat and Daniel Cleiman	Alana and Elan Luger	Eliana and Samuel Tisch
Jason Cohen	Talia and Eric Mann	Audrey and Howard Trachtman
Adele and Derek Enlander	Melissa and Gabriel Marans	Rebecca and Gabriel Tramiel
Daniel Etra	Roger Markfield	Hayley and Michael Turkel
Hannah Frait	Audrey and Gary Menachem	Chantal and David Ulmer
Zahava and Solomon Garber	Vivian and Jacob Muller	Mira and Claudio Valencia
Melissa Schapiro and Evan Garmaise	Pamela and David Ness	Amy and Michael Wildes
Rachel and Robert Garson	Erica Fishbein and Jeffrey Newelt	Rachel and Michael Winston
Sam Genet	Jennifer Novick	Ruth and Leonard Wisse
Rina and Dan Golan	Dana Polonsky and James O'Malley	Jane and Nicolay Yakubovich
Oren Goldhaber	Mary and Jonathan Peldman	Lisa Young
Andrea and Adam Gorlyn	Shari and Samuel Raymond	Jillian Zurcher
	Erica and Adam Rosen	

WELCOME

Congregation

**Kehilath Jeshurun
warmly welcomes
the following new
members**

**who joined the
Congregation
between April 30
and the date on which
this Bulletin went to
press, June 19:**

Janis Altman

Jonathan Baron

**Danielle and Steven
Herbst**

Rosalie Kaufman

Philip Radin

תשעה באב

Tisha B'Av, Sunday July 26 (observed) *All Services and Programming at 114 East 85th Street*

- 8:30 a.m., Morning Services
- 10:30 a.m., Shiur by Rabbi Jeremy Wieder:
"Tisha B'Av: A Fast Day or a Day of Mourning?"
- Films: 11:35 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Schedule below)
- 7:00 p.m., Shiur by Rabbi Weinstock
- 7:50 p.m., Evening Services
- 8:56 p.m., Fast concludes



11:35 a.m. - Almost Peaceful (subtitles): Set during the largely unexplored period immediately after World War II, this 2002 film follows a group of mostly Jewish Parisians who attempt to restart their lives and rekindle their capacity for happiness in the shadow of unspeakable horrors. (Running time, 94 min.)

1:15 p.m. - The Couple: A 2004 drama starring Martin Landau and based on the true story of a Jewish Hungarian man's desperate attempts to save his family from the concentration camps by turning over his fortune to the Nazis. (Running time, 120 min.)

3:20 p.m. - Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem: This 2014 drama tells the story of contemporary, marital *Sinat Chinam*, the baseless hatred that, our rabbis teach, led to the destruction of our Temples and the commemorative holiday of Tisha B'Av. (Running time, 115 min.)

5:20 p.m. - Hiding and Seeking: Award-winning 2003 documentary about a Jewish father who travels to Poland with his two orthodox sons to search for the farmers who hid his family from the Nazis. (Running time, 97 min.)

SHIVAH ASSAR B'TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND THE THREE WEEKS JULY 5 – JULY 26

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. 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 17, and continue until the night of the tenth of Av, July 26, we are additionally forbidden to eat meat and drink wine (except on Shabbat), to go swimming, or bathe for pleasure and to do any laundry or dry cleaning that is not absolutely necessary. The Talmud writes that when the month of Av begins, our mood should reflect our mourning for the destruction of the Temples. On Tisha B'Av itself, besides fasting, we are prohibited from washing our bodies, wearing leather shoes, anointing ourselves and having marital relations. It is forbidden, as well, to study Torah on this day excepting the sections of the prophets and the Talmud that discuss the destruction. We do not wear *tefillin* until Mincha and the custom is to sit on low chairs as mourners do until midday. Our observance of mourning also forbids us from greeting friends on Tisha B'Av.

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

WHEN TISHA B'AV COINCIDES WITH SATURDAY EVENING

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

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

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

1. There is no traditional *Seudah Mafseket*. The pre-fast meal, which in this case will be *Seudah Shlishit*, can consist of anything, including meat and wine. Mincha on July 25 will take place at 2:30 p.m. to allow everyone time to eat a leisurely *Seudah Shlishit*.

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

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

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

5. Maariv and the reading of Megillat *Eichah* will take place at 9:15 p.m. in the Lindenbaum Gymnasium of the Ramaz Middle School, 114 East 85th Street. Attendees should wear their non-leather footwear to services, and bring tzedakah to donate during the offertory.

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

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

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.

For information about the weekly status of the Manhattan Eruv

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

(Recorded Message)

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SEND AN E-MAIL WITH YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME TO: LSS@CKJ.ORG

BE SURE TO VISIT KJ'S WEBSITE

WWW.CKJ.ORG

Keter Torah Awards Bestowed Upon

At the conclusion of the morning service on the second day of Shavuot, DeeDee Benel and Sherri Libin were presented by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein with the Thirteenth Annual Judith Kaufman Hurwich Keter Torah Award.

These are their remarks:

REFLECTIONS ON A KETER TORAH

Mazal tov, Sherri.

Chag Sameach and thank you for this great honor.

The name of this prestigious award, Keter Torah, triggered several memories for me, and I found myself reminiscing and then doing some research on the word *keter*, a word that never before called for my attention.

My earliest memory of a crown is the one I wore in 4th grade in Flatbush Yeshivah. I even found a photo when I was cleaning out my parents' home. It was a fairly large black and white picture of my classmates, everyone in costume, and I'm standing in the back row wearing layers of fabric, draped across my shoulders, toga style. In my hand I'm holding what appears to be a scepter and on my head a crown.

Both the scepter and the crown were homemade. My mom had made the crown and the scepter out of cardboard and then wrapped both beautifully in shiny, Reynold's Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil.

I'm smiling-and not just a "smile for the camera smile" but a big, wide, natural one.

It was apparent that I was thrilled - and why not? For us girls there wasn't a more adored femme fatale than Queen Esther.

Esther was the ultimate heroic woman whose beauty, charm and courage ensnared our enemies, and because of her bravery we were not destroyed.

And then, at the exact opposite end of my *keter* associations - there was Jughead Jones, the goofy sidekick in the Archie comics.

Always hungry and fiercely lazy, Forsythe P. "Jughead" Jones III always depicted with his long nose, half-closed eyes, "S" sweatshirt, and his interesting choice of headwear: a crown-like button beanie hat.

His signature crown gave him his distinctive look.

And while most would view that hat as strange and immature, Jughead considered it a good luck charm, never to be taken off. Bad things tended to happen when the "crown" was removed.

My older brother would take my father's old felt fedora, turn it inside out, cut off the brim of the hat, and most importantly, and with great care, cut jagged lines out of the top sides of the hat to resemble a crown.

His friends would do the same, and I think they felt empowered.

These brief moments of reminiscence led me to a more serious challenge, and I did some research on how a *keter*, a crown, is depicted in Judaism.

My first stop took me back to the Purim story, where we encounter two very different examples of crowns:

In *Megillat Esther* ב פרק we read:

"The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she pleased and attracted him... so that he placed the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti."

Esther's crown symbolized the glory of her elevated status, and no doubt inspired adulation from the women of Ahasueros's kingdom, but we understand that there were limits to the power of her crown.

Later in the *Megillah* ב פרק we read:

"Haman said to the king, 'The man whom the king wishes to honor... Let them fetch the royal robes worn by the king, and the horse upon which the king rode when he was crowned.'"

An interesting interpretation of this verse is offered by Rabbi Shlomo Alkabetz, 16th Century Master Kabbalist, and author of *Lekha Dodi*.

Rabbi Alkabetz writes:

"With these words, Haman gazed almost longingly at the King's crown. Now that is what he would really want:

The symbol of royalty itself."

Here, the image of the crown clearly carries with it associations of authority, and potentially invokes feelings of fear and jealousy in those looking at it, or longing for it themselves. Allowing Haman-- or even Mordechai -- to wear the king's crown would have given him too much power.

In both of these cases, though, we are talking about a physical crown which here is an import from Persian society. The Jewish kings of the Bible were anointed. They did not need physical representations of their authority.

In fact, the far more important Jewish references to "crowns" are metaphorical, like the ones described in Rambam's *Hilchot Talmud Torah*, ב פרק ג:

בשלישה כתרין נכתרו ישראל
כתר תורה וכתר כהונה וכתר מלכות

The crown of Torah is *Morashah kehilat Yaakov* - the inheritance of the Jewish people throughout the generations.

The crown of priesthood was first bestowed on Aaron, and passed along to his descendants throughout the generations.

King David epitomizes the crown of royalty: It is a member of his family who will one day resume the throne of Israel.

Not surprisingly, the Rambam concludes, that כתר תורה גדול משניהם

"...the crown of Torah is greater than the other two."

When I look UP at a crown, I see a beautifully jeweled item- a physical representation glorifying a person, a majestic ornamentation-a concrete, visible object bestowed on an individual to mark a victory - or a prestigious status. It physically places its wearer above his or her surroundings; it is a mark of distinction.

When I think of our Jewish references to crowns, I don't make those associations; I don't look UP, I look IN...inside, internally, and that is the *ikkar*.

My friend and colleague Rabbi Yonah Weinreb is a gifted scribe and artist. I spoke to him this past week to learn about

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DeeDee Benel and Sherri Libin

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Thank you Rabbis Lookstein, Weinstock and members of the Board. It's an honor to be standing here today. *Yashar kochech* to my fellow honoree, Dee Dee Benel.

The holiday of Shavuot celebrates God's giving of the Torah - it was at that precise moment that the Jewish people became a "community," bound by shared laws and values...

I had never really given much thought to the notion or sense of "community" until my mother's sudden passing three years ago. But upon reflection - Jewish communal leadership, both lay and professional, are a significant thread in my family's history.

My mother was the daughter of Rabbi Abraham AvRutick, president of the Rabbinical Council of America from 1962-1964, and a leading spokesman in his time for Orthodox Judaism. He was a Rabbi for 36 years in Hartford and West Hartford, Connecticut. My grandmother, Frances AvRutick, herself a trailblazer, authored the very first Kosher for Passover cookbook.

My paternal grandfather, Ben Berkowitz, was the founder of the Chofetz Chaim Day School in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1946. At the time it was started, the day school, which later became known as the Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, was a pioneer school, with a dual curriculum rare at that time - coming less than 10 years after Ramaz was established in 1937.

The story is that when my aunt was in kindergarten, my grandfather recognized that there was no place for my aunt (his first born) to receive a Jewish education. And so, he approached Rabbi Eliezer Silver, then the local Rabbi in Cincinnati, about establishing a Hebrew Day school. (For those who may not recognize the name, Rabbi Silver was an active voice in the WWII rescue efforts, having been instrumental in the saving of many European Torah scholars and bringing them to the US, Canada and Palestine.)

After an initial rebuffing, Rabbi Silver gave his blessing to the establishment of the school. My grandfather then

approached someone at the Jewish hospital to give him the names of all the Jewish children born in 1941.

Together with Rabbi Silver, he went door to door on Sunday afternoons to interest people in sending their children to Chofetz Chaim. Through their diligent efforts, they encouraged 17 parents to enroll their children - an amazing feat for a co-educational, novel, Jewish Day school in America at that time.

Without visionary and innovative leaders like my grandparents and the founders of Ramaz, my education - in a co-educational Jewish day school founded on the ideals of Torah and *menschlichkeit* - could never have been realized.

The tradition of leadership and communal involvement continued with my mother and father, who both became active members in the local day school and shul communities. My mother loyally attended her weekly Tehillim groups and was a member of her local Chevra Kadisha. My father served as Treasurer and Board member of

both my shul and day school.

When my mother passed away suddenly three years ago, I was immediately enveloped by the support, warmth and kindness of our synagogue, led by our dynamic Rabbis Lookstein and Weinstock.

My loss gave me pause to think: What does "community" really mean? How can we each, individually, benefit from being a part of a community? And, most importantly, as community members, what are our responsibilities toward each other?

Having experienced the outpouring of concern and caring from the shul, and the emotional benefit I received, I wondered if such a model could be replicated within the Ramaz community. Could we establish a way for the Ramaz family to come together as one to support each other in both good times and bad? Could we raise our voices as one to celebrate with -- and mourn with -- each other? What would be the impact on the greater Ramaz community if we could unite in times of

need and celebration??

With the support of Kenny Rochlin, I was partnered with Alissa Shams, herself a Keter Torah honoree last year, and we founded an initiative which we called Natan@Ramaz.

"Natan" in Hebrew means "to give." "Natan" is a palindrome, a word which reads the same backward or forward. Alissa and I felt this name was truly reflective of what we were doing as we believe strongly that when you give to others, you receive so much more in return.

Natan's goal is to acknowledge lifecycle events, both happy and sad within the Ramaz community.

We send emails, mail cards, deliver onesies to newborns, cook meals, and pay shiva calls. We sponsor lectures on shiva etiquette and the power of prayer. We pray as a group for sick members of our Ramaz family and bake challah together as a community. What makes Natan@Ramaz unique is our broad definition of "community." We tend not only to the needs of students and parents, but also to faculty, staff and alumni.

To date, Natan's 75 plus volunteer members have responded to over 300 life-cycle events. We have celebrated and cried together as a community and in so doing, have become stronger.

We are now extending beyond our initial mission of being first responders to focus on "community building" at the children's level by encouraging them to think about their community and how they, too, can impact others through their own good work.

Having now had three years of experience with Natan@Ramaz, and being on the receiving end of the community's kindness, I'd like to share some life lessons I have learned in acknowledging others' life-cycle events:

First, small actions make a huge difference - Sending an email to a sick friend, paying a shiva call, dropping a condolence card in the mail, or cooking a meal. These small acts have profound impact on the recipients. They will remember these acts of kindness always.

Second, it's not always easy and

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THE 143rd ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE MEETING THE SPIRIT OF KEHILAH; HAKARAT HATOV

61 NEW MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS INDUCTED

With the completion of our beloved Main Synagogue on the horizon, Rabbi Elie Weinstock began the 143rd Annual Synagogue Meeting by invoking the first words of the *Ashrei* prayer, reminding us how fortunate we are for the myriad blessings God has bestowed upon us as individuals, as a Congregation, and as a People.

Following that solemn moment of invocation and an equally moving rendition of the national anthems by Cantor Mayer Davis, the congregation inducted sixty-one new member households comprising one hundred and nine people. (A listing of the new members appears on page 2 of this Bulletin.)

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

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

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Brenda and Albert Bernstein
Hannah Low
Gabriella Major-Dresdner
Evelyn Rochlin

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Ruth and Raymond Brenner
Tova Bulow
Hollace and Steven Cohen
Elisabeth and Alan Doft
Barbara and Abraham Esses
Wilma and Stephen Kule
Vivianne and Robert Kurzweil
Steven Lorch
Esther and Eugene Roshwalb
Amy and Howard Rubenstein
SHERA ARANOFF and Alan Tuchman

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

Inna Bakker
Shira and Lawrence Baruch
Faith and Andrew Charles
David Drezner
Valerie Feigen and Steven Eisman
Diana and Robert Friedman

Amy and Alex Goldstein
Lynnette Gruenhut
Linda Hanania
Margery Kalb
Sheera and Michael Moffson
Deborah and Ivan Moskowitz
Sandra and Jay Rothschild
Deborah and Sheldon Rubin
Ronit and Lawrence Schwab
Surie and Robert Sugarman
Murray Teitelbaum

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

What followed the salute to our anniversarians was a very special tribute to to KJ Comptroller Hattie Murphy in appreciation for thirty years of dedicated service. She was presented with a beautifully crafted *Birkat haBayit*, the traditional prayer for peace and prosperity, health and harmony, love and laughter, which hangs in many Jewish homes. What better blessing for a woman who has served the Congregation with such devotion?

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Joel Katz assured those in attendance that KJ is strong and that our outlook as a congregation and a community is very bright. It was a sound fiscal year, and our membership continues to grow, as does our diverse array of programming and services.

Joel reported that after four years of displacement, our construction and renovation project is approaching completion. He offered a special thanks to Steve Gross and the entire construction committee, who will be properly acknowledged when we return to our synagogue.

The report concluded with an update regarding the ongoing search for a rabbi to succeed Rabbi Lookstein. The focus groups and community-wide survey led to the consideration of 20 new applicants by the Rabbinic Planning Committee. Three applicants from this group will address the congregation as visiting scholars.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The report of the Nominating Committee, as approved by the Board of Trustees, was presented by Wendy



*Anniversarians
Dr. Inna Bakker, Brenda and Albert Bernstein*



Thank you, Hattie!



Evelyn Rochlin and Tova Bulow



KJ camaraderie in action

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Greenbaum and adopted by the congregation.

The following officers were re-elected to the same positions for the 2015-2016 Congregational year:

President.....Joel Katz
 Vice President.....Elias Buchwald
 2nd Vice President.....Surie Sugarman
 3rd Vice President.....David Lobel
 4th Vice President.....Dr. Philip Wilner
 SecretaryMorris Massel
 Treasurer.....Jonathan Wagner
 Assistant Treasurer.....Sidney Ingber
 Financial Secretary.....Evan Farber
 Recording SecretaryJJ Hornbliss

REGULAR TRUSTEES

Two seats were vacated due to mandatory retirement (the occupant having served the constitutional limit of nine years on the Board). These seats were held by Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen and Sara Shemia, who were both thanked for their service.

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

Alan Friedman
 Roni Pick
 Alissa Shams

Two Associate Trustees, Michael Kaplan and Leor Landa, completed the maximum number of years they were eligible to serve and were also thanked for the contributions they made during their tenure and were elevated to Regular Trustees, thereby filling the two Regular Trustee vacancies. Saul Burian was also elected to the Regular Board of Trustees.

ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES

The following Associate Trustees were reappointed:

Yaira Singer Binstock
 Jeffrey Esses
 Orrin Feingold
 Rebecca Feit
 Rocky Fishman
 Yonina Gomborg
 Adam Kaplan
 Larry Kassman
 Robert Katz
 Rina Kestenbaum
 Dr. Jody Levine
 Joseph Meyer
 Sheera Moffson

To fill the two Associate Trustee



Eric Goldstein addresses our Kehilah

vacancies left by Michael Kaplan and Leor Landa, Gabby Fridman and Sherri Libin were appointed to the Associate Board.

The Kol Ram Community Chorus under the direction of Daniel Henkin, provided a musical interlude before CEO of UJA- Federation of New York, Eric Goldstein, presented his remarks. Eric's views on the power of community struck a chord in an audience who appreciated the importance and value of living in - and contributing to - a kehilah.

DECEASED MEMBERS

In a solemn moment, and with warmth and sensitivity, Rabbi Lookstein then paid tribute to twelve members of the Congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the 142nd Annual Meeting:

Shirley Abel
 Daniel Cohen
 Larry Creizman
 Andy Fier
 Maria Finkle
 Norman Halper
 Kurt Lewin
 Ben Milstein
 Ellen Scheinfeld
 Morris Weiss
 Dr. Walter Weitzner
 Morris Wyszogrod

RAMAZ SCHOOL MEETING

Dr. Leora Mogilner, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented its report on behalf of Jacob Dof, Chairman of the Board of the Ramaz School. She thanked those members of the Board of Trustees who completed their terms of service and rotated off the Ramaz Board:

Raanan Agus
 Hannah Freilich
 Monita Buchwald
 Eric Goldstein
 Dana Rubinstein

The following Board members were re-elected:

CHARTER TRUSTEES

Neil Cohen
 Stephanie Freilich
 Erica Schwartz
 Tammy Winn

BOARD MEMBERS

Michael Gerber
 Yaira Singer

ALUMNI TRUSTEES

Josh Lookstein
 Abbe Serphos

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

CHARTER TRUSTEES

Dana Hiltzik

PARENT BOARD MEMBERS

Jason Kollander

ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

Abigail Tambor

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER

Margery Lehman
 David Schizer
 Randi Sultan

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

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS:

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

The congregational membership in attendance approved the slate of Ramaz School trustees, following which the 143rd Annual Synagogue Meeting was adjourned and all were invited to enjoy a delicious repast of frankfurters, sauerkraut, and ice cold beer, courtesy of Foremost Caterers.



HEARING THE STILL, SMALL, VOICE¹

Shabbat HaChodesh/Rosh Chodesh Nisan/Parashat Vayyikra 5775, by Rabbi Eric Grossman



On March 21st, the newly-appointed Head of School of Ramaz, Rabbi Eric Grossman, delivered a memorable set of remarks from our pulpit. The first part consisted of expressions of gratitude while the second was a fascinating sermon. Both parts revealed the kind of person Rabbi Grossman is and his exceptional qualifications for his new role in our community. For those who weren't present - and as a reminder to those who were - we present his remarks as a special intellectual and religious treat.

Parashat HaChodesh, the special *kriyah* we read this morning, has many important firsts, including the first commandment to Bnei Yisrael. It is also the first time in the Torah we hear of the significance of the mezuzah, that is, the doorpost:

[The Children of Israel] are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorposts of the houses ...

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. (Exod 12:7a, D)

Here we see the origin of what is now emblematic of the Jewish home: that on each of our doorposts is a sign of God's protection. In fact, a better translation of the verb *pasach* (*peh-samech-chet*) is not "pass over" but rather, "protect,"² so that the blood on the door is in fact the sign of God's protection, just like the mezuzah represents *Shomer D'latot Yisrael*, the Almighty as the Protector of the Doors of Israel.

Now, a few verses later we have another important first, and for those of us in Jewish education, perhaps the most significant first:

When your children ask you, "What does this ceremony mean to you?" then tell them, "It is the Pesach sacrifice to the Lord who protected the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes." (Exod 12:26, 27a)

This is not only the first commandment to educate our children, but the paradigm for *how* Jewish education is conducted. Here is the idea that knowledge begins with questions, and that students are not only encouraged but also incentivized and induced to ask questions, and that our answers must be logical, reasonable, historical, and principled.

So when we look at the circumstance

that prompts this initial question, "*Mah ha'avodah hazzot lachem*," we find something quite startling: The child depicted in the parashah seems to be reacting to the bizarre act of placing blood on the mezuzah. When he inquires, "What is the meaning of this?" he is asking, "Why are we starting dinner by painting the doorpost with blood?"

Ibn Ezra notes that this is clearly the peshat of the verse: the obvious prompt for the child's question must be the *sui generis* ritual of painting the blood. However, Ibn Ezra continues, this explanation cannot be accepted, since it was rejected by the halacha, which does not include daubing blood at all as part of the seder.³

Why did the *Torah Sheb'al Peh* reject this logical reading? Why would *Chazal* not include the blood on the mezuzah in our annual Pesach practice?

I believe our Sages were making a profound point about the nature of Torah and Jewish education. Sensational and, literally, *splashy* events like blood on a door are certain to trigger strong reactions and quicken queries. But *Chazal* ask us instead to train our children to react to subtle nuances and variations in the pattern of daily life. Ibn Ezra concludes by saying that the questions at the seder are prompted by the fine differences in what we eat and how we conduct the meal.⁴

The four questions our children are being taught to ask in two weeks' time are about dipping twice instead of (once or) not at all, about variations in posture, and the degree to which the bread has risen. It takes both training and a keen sensitivity to one's surroundings to pick up on these changes, and that is precisely what the halacha requires of us.

This sensitivity to detail that we show our children in ritual is a model for how they should relate to the world around them. Kids who are taught to be aware of small changes in the vagaries of ritual, *bein adam l'makom*, between humans and God, will acquire the same sensitivity to small difference and quiet need in people and society, *bein adam l'chaveiro*, between humans and their neighbors.

Living in the Midwest on 9/11, I remember being moved by the reaction of New Yorkers to the tragedy, and thinking how well it spoke of the city that its citizens responded with such decency. But in truth, no one needed the Torah for guidance in how to act in the face of such monumental catastrophe. Decent people of all faiths, and of no faith, can respond morally and properly to earthquakes,

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bombings, and similar disasters. It is for the small details of everyday life that God gave us Torah-not to show us and our children how to be good people, but how to be better people, and finer human beings.

To accomplish this, the Torah teaches us to pay attention not to obvious need, but rather to subtle need.

A Ramaz student asked me what I admire most about the school. I told him that Ramaz is famous throughout the Jewish world for its outstanding academics, for being the “Harvard” of Jewish day schools.

Considering that, I admire the fact that the Ramaz mission statement has *menschlichkeit* - not academic excellence-as the first bullet point. The essence of *menschlichkeit* is this virtue of being sensitive to others in their quiet, individual needs.

I ask my staff at the beginning of each day to begin class not by reading texts, but by first reading the faces of their students. If teachers know their students, they are able to detect barely perceptible changes in their lineament that can signal deeper issues.

The beauty of Yachad is that it addresses a need that, for far too long, was not on the radar of the Jewish community. Inclusion means being sensitive to the subtle needs of those who would otherwise feel marginalized or ignored.

This virtue of *menschlichkeit* extends beyond adversity. When I became Head of School in Detroit, I appointed one of my colleagues and mentors to a high administrative position. She told me it was a life-changing moment, not professionally, but personally. She said she found out who her friends were. “Eric,” she said, “when I was diagnosed with cancer years ago, everyone was there for me, everyone felt sorry for me, and everyone wished me well. But when I was promoted, only my true friends cheered me on. The rest were too mired in envy to be happy for me.

“It is said that friends are people who are there for you in the tough times” she concluded, “but I say friends are the people who are there for you in the good times.”

To be there for people in times of great need is to be human; to be there for them in small moments of triumph is to be a mensch.

This is my favorite Shabbat because we begin the book of *Vayyikra*, Leviticus. This is when most people tune out during leining, but I love the book and have dedicated most of my time in biblical scholarship to its study. I understand the appeal of the sweeping narratives of Creation and the Exodus, but I am attracted to the intricate laws of sacrifice and the

Tabernacle that teach us that God is in the details.

We express this idea three times a day during the Amidah in the *modim* paragraph.

When we extend our gratitude to God in *modim*, we do so not for the great miracles He performed in history, but for the quiet miracles “*sheb’chol yom imannu*” that are with us every day, all day, morning, noon, and night. By reciting the *modim*, the siddur attunes us to the muted miraculous nature of our existence that would otherwise escape our attention.

And this, I believe, is the significance of the first commandment given to the Jewish people.

This month is to be for you the first month ... (Exod 12:2a)

Now to appreciate the meaning of this, we need to understand that at the time of the Tanach, the most popular national holiday was Rosh Chodesh. If you read the books of *Nevi'im*, the Prophets, you will see shockingly little evidence of Jewish observance- except for Rosh Chodesh.⁵

God’s first mitzvah to the Jews was not Shabbat or Pesach, both of which are radical rituals that 3,500 years later still differentiate us as a people. Instead, God first commands us about Rosh Chodesh, to pay attention to the most frequent and commonplace holiday. God’s message to Bnei Yisrael is that we must learn to see significance in the ordinary, holiness in the profane, and be sensitive to the subtle changes in the everyday: like the gradual phases of the moon.

I want to leave you with a short story. My students tell me it is one of their favorites.

There was once a farmer who discovered that he had lost his watch in a barn. It was no ordinary watch, and it had great sentimental value to him. After searching high and low among the hay for a long while, he gave up and enlisted the help of a group of children playing outside the barn. He promised them that the person who found the watch would be rewarded. Hearing this, the children hurried inside the barn and combed through the entire stack of hay, but still could not find the watch. Just when the farmer was about to give up the search, a little boy went up to him and asked to be given another chance. The farmer looked at him and thought, “Why not?” So the farmer sent the boy back to the barn.

After a while the child came out with the watch in his hand. The farmer was both happy and surprised. He asked the boy how he succeeded where the rest had failed. The boy replied, “I did nothing but sit on the ground and listen. In the silence I heard the ticking of the watch and sought it in that direction.”

On this Shabbat Rosh Chodesh, we ask God to allow us to hear the muted sound of need in others, to heed the subtle wonders of His heavens, and always be aware of the soft ticking of the passage of time.

Chodesh Tov and Shabbat Shalom.

1 I would like to thank Marshall Huebner who approached me after services to suggest the theme of the *kol d’mama daka*, the still small voice of 1 Kgs 19:12, as a leitmotif of this sermon.

2 That pasach means “protect” and not “pass over” is supported by Isa 31:5, where a series of verbs appears, all meaning “protect,” including the verb “*pasoach*”. This is also why the Torah calls Pesach night “*leil shimurim*,” a “night of protection,” in Exod 12:42. This interpretation appears in the *Mechilta d’Rabbi Yishmael* in the introduction to Beshallah, and Rashi hints at this translation in his commentary on Exod 12:32. Why Jewish tradition has preferred the less-correct (or incorrect) translation “pass over/Passover” is a fascinating question, and I hope to have the opportunity to give a shiur on this topic at Ramaz/KJ next Pesach (if we are not in Jerusalem!).

3 See Ibn Ezra to Exod 12:24, both the longer and the shorter commentary.

4 Ibn Ezra, Exod 12:24, longer commentary.

5 See 1 Sam 20:1ff. and 1 Kgs 4:23, Ezek. 46:1, Amos 8:5. Again, I look forward to exploring these and other sources during a future shiur on the observance of Rosh Chodesh during the time of the Bible.

ACADEMIC HONORS

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

MATTHEW ABRAHAMS, son of Stacey and Harvey Abrahams, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Matthew will attend Binghamton University in the fall.

JILL ADLER, daughter of Amy Adler and Elliot Adler, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Fannye Popkin Memorial Award for excellence in the fine arts. Jill will attend Maryland Institute College of Art in the fall.

ALEXANDER AGUS, son of Dr. Nicole and Raanan Agus, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Rifka Rosenwein Journalism Award granted to the senior who reflects commitment to a year of study in Israel and excellence in journalism and writing. He also received The Aron, Leah and Leon Swergold Memorial Award for excellence in the study of Talmud, as well as a Yearbook Award for outstanding contributions to the yearbook. Alexander will attend Yeshivat Orayta in the fall and Wharton (University of Pennsylvania) upon his return from Israel.

MIA GABRIELLE APPELBAUM, daughter of Suzy and Appelbaum, upon her graduation from New York University College of Arts and Science and NYU Abu Dhabi with a degree in Economics and French. Mia was the recipient of the President's Service Award and The Exemplar of Excellence Award. Mia was selected for the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs.

AMANDA CINNAMON, daughter of Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon, upon her graduation with honors from Stern College for Women with a BA in Education. Amanda has accepted a fifth grade teaching position at Ben Porat Yosef Yeshiva Day School in Paramus, New Jersey, beginning this fall. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

BENJAMIN COHEN, son of Dana and Dr. Michael Cohen, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar. Benjamin will attend University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

BENJAMIN EMMERICH, son of Pamela and Adam Emmerich, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award presented by the Lower School for outstanding personal growth as well as a Chorus Award presented to graduating seniors for excellence in chorus. Benjamin will attend Hartman Institute in the fall and University of Rochester upon his return from Israel.

DAVID ERRICO-NAGAR, son of Penny and Moshe Errico-Nagar, the recipient of the 2015 Isaac Arate Award for Excellence in Bible, upon his graduation from Yeshiva University with BA degrees in both Math, with a focus in Computer Science, and in Philosophy, for which he presented an Honors Thesis. David will continue his studies toward Semikha at YU and will be going to London with his wife, Leah, for an internship through the Chief Rabbi's office for High Holiday programming.

JOSEPH GOLDRING, son of Hadassah and Dr. Samuel Goldring, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Joseph will attend Binghamton University in the fall.

LAUREN GROSS, daughter of Jennifer & Saul Burian and Micheal Gross, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Lauren will attend Midreshet Amit in the fall and New York University upon her return from Israel.

JORDANA GUREWITSCH, daughter of Karen and Steven Gurewitsch, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Jordana will attend Midreshet Amit in the fall and University of Miami upon her return from Israel. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch.

REBECCA HERING, daughter of Michele and Benjamin Ari Hering, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the New York City Council Speaker's Student Achievement Award. Rebecca will attend Midreshet Amit in the fall and Boston University upon her return from Israel.

OLIVIA HERSHKOWITZ, daughter of Karen and Michael Hershkowitz, upon her

graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Tzedakah Award, presented to the seniors who demonstrate a tireless commitment to worthy causes and who mobilize the school community to provide relief. Olivia will attend Midreshet Lindenbaum in the fall and Syracuse University upon her return from Israel.

BENJAMIN HIRSCHFELD, son of Dr. Susan Hirschfeld and Elie & Dr. Sarah Hirschfeld, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Benjamin will attend New York University in the fall.

ALIZA HORNBLOSS, daughter of Dr. Chani Penstein and JJ Hornbloss, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Avram J. Hellerman Bikur Cholim Award presented to the graduating seniors who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim. Aliza will attend Midreshet Torah v'Avodah in the fall and Binghamton University upon her return from Israel. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Ann and Hon. Jerome Hornbloss.

BENJAMIN JASPAN, son of Michele and Ronald Jaspán, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Benjamin will attend Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh in the fall and Binghamton University upon his return from Israel.

NATHALIE KAHN, daughter of Judy and Dr. Hirshel Kahn, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Nathalie will attend Midreshet Lindenbaum in the fall and Barnard College upon her return from Israel.

BENJAMIN KOHL, son of Caren and Samuel Kohl, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School. Benjamin will attend Yeshiva University in the fall.

CAROLINE KOPPEL, daughter of Lynette and Steven Koppel, upon her graduation *magna cum laude* from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Caroline has accepted a position with Accenture beginning in August. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandmother Yvonne Koppel.

ACADEMIC HONORS

SKYLER LEVINE, daughter of Drs. Jody and Elie Levine, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Renee Margareten Berger Award presented to the student who has achieved the highest academic average in General Studies. She also received a Rampage Award presented to graduating seniors for outstanding contributions to Rampage, and a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Skyler will attend Wharton (University of Pennsylvania) in the fall.

ANDREW LOBEL, son of Judy and David Lobel, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Richard E. Kobrin Award for Excellence in Community presented to the graduating seniors who have demonstrated great sensitivity to the value and importance of community service. He also received the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award for outstanding work in the study of the Hebrew language and excellence in its literature, as well as the Sidney Scheinberg Award for Politics and Law for commitment and outstanding class performance; the Rampage Award for outstanding contributions to Rampage; a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program; and a Bronfman Fellowship. Andrew will attend Harvard University in the fall. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandmother, Esther Lobel.

GABRIEL LOW, son of Lisa and Nathan Low, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as a recipient of the Morris S. Arfa *Keter Shem Tov* Award given to the students who best exemplify the qualities and character advocated in Pirkei Avot. He also received the Leonard Friedland Hebrew Language Memorial Award for outstanding work in the study of the Hebrew language and excellence in its literature, as well as a Yearbook Award for outstanding contributions to the yearbook. Gabriel will spend a year in Israel and attend University of Pennsylvania upon his return.

DAVID MAJOR, son of Rochelle and Eugene Major, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of

the Sue Moskowitz Chesed Award for excellence in character and dedication to the spirit of Jewish ethics. He received a School Service Award for outstanding commitment in service to school programs, as well as the Sidney Scheinberg Award for Politics and Law for commitment and outstanding class performance. David also received the Gorfinkle/Waldman Computer Science Award for outstanding work in the study of computer science, and a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. David will attend Yeshivat Maaleh Gilboa in the fall and Princeton University upon his return from Israel. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother Gabriella Major.

JACLYN MEHL, daughter of Robin Mehl and Nancy & Dr. Sydney Mehl, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Tzedakah Award, presented to the seniors who demonstrate a tireless commitment to worthy causes and who mobilize the school community to provide relief. Jaclyn will attend University of Maryland in the fall.

ORLY MINTZ, daughter of Dr. Elizabeth Wallach and Victor Mintz, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Sue Moskowitz Chesed Award for excellence in character and dedication to the spirit of Jewish ethics, as well as the Gloria Schrenzel Sheer Dance Award presented to

graduating seniors for excellence in dance. She also received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program, a State of New York Comptroller Award, and a State of New York (Regents) Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Orly will attend University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

ERICA NEWMAN-CORRE, daughter of Diana Newman and Isaac Corre, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Lillian Jacobs Award for excellence in character and dedication to the spirit of Jewish ethics. She also received The Aron, Leah and Leon Swergold Memorial Award for excellence in the study of Talmud; the English Award for excellence in literature; the Edith Schrank Memorial Award for outstanding work in creative writing; the History Award for excellence in history; and a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Erica will attend Harvard University in the fall. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Carol and Mel Newman.

AARON ORWASHER, son of Nina and Abram Orwaser upon his graduation from Northwestern University, receiving a BS in Electrical Engineering. Aaron has taken a position with General Dynamics Electric Boat Division in New London, CT. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandfather, Louis Orwaser.

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YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATED ON APRIL 15

The cornerstone of this year's Yom HaShoah program, entitled *We Remember the Children*, was Ramaz parent Tzachi Goldberg, who shared the moving story of how with the help of Yad Vashem's Pages of Testimony, he discovered, after his father's passing, that his father had been married before World War II and his wife and two young daughters were murdered by the Nazis. His recollections and the candlelighting ceremony in memory of young children killed by the Nazis underscored the worlds that were lost when so many young lives ended before they had the opportunity to start living. The evening, marked by prayer, remembrance and reflection, was a fitting way to honor those who were murdered and those who survived. As time moves on and the number of survivors is diminished, it behooves every one of us to make remembering a priority so that the next generation, learning by example, will also recognize the importance of remembering.



We are preparing for next year a Scroll of Commemoration with the names of KJ/Ramaz family members who perished in the Holocaust. Please submit names you want included on the scroll, in English, to Yonina Gomberg at yoninagom@gmail.com so that your loved ones can be remembered in this way.

REFLECTIONS ON A KETER TORAH

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the crowns found on specific letters in the Torah. He explained:

"The shin, ayin, tet, nun, zayin, gimme and tzaddi, the "SHATNEZ GATZ" are the seven letters of the Torah that have three-pointed crowns, called *tagim*. The discussion in Shabbat פ"ב says that when Moshe ascended to the heavens to receive the Torah, God was found, as it were, tying crowns on the letters.

The Maharal explains this cryptic Talmudic passage: (*Be'er Hagolah*, פרק ד) A crown indicates supremacy. It rests on the uppermost point and nothing can rise above it. A king wears a crown to signify the fact that no one, or no thing, is more exalted than he.

In the Torah, certain letters have *tagim*, crowns, to illustrate the Torah's elevated status. The Torah, which represents the epitome of God's wisdom, has its letters adorned with crowns."

Every Jew has the potential to internalize the values of Torah-and by actualizing them, is spiritually elevated. Any sense of elevation that I've had was made possible by the *gemilut chesed* I have seen performed by our students and their families.

Let me go back to Purim one more time.

Ramaz students have a long standing tradition of reading *Megillat* Esther at local hospitals. We partner with the chaplains who prepare the patient lists for us, and intercede with hospital administration on our behalf. We start the night with our own reading so that our students, ambulatory patients, visiting family members, and medical personnel can fulfill the *mitzvah* of *Megillah*, and then the readers head to individual patients' rooms.

Recruiting 10 boys for our round robin style of reading allows for them to move from room to room in a fairly well orchestrated and reserved manner. The girls accompany the readers, wearing costumes, and bringing salt free, sugar free foods in *mishloach manot* gift bags. This year, one of our girls read the entire *Megillah* for a new mom with her newborn listening in.

We need several *Megillot* and there is

always a parent who humbly and unobtrusively joins us because he knows the "whole *Megillah*" literally, and is ready to read wherever and to whomever.

There have been many memorable experiences. For example, the students creatively set up a small area on the maternity floor to read to all of the women who had given birth in the previous two days. They have provided a welcome diversion for groups of parents who were tending to their ill children, and our students' reading offered them a welcome

The crown of Torah is Morashah kehilat Yaakov - the inheritance of the Jewish people throughout the generations.

diversion, and read to Jewish patients who had never heard *Megillah* and were in awe of meeting teenagers who were willing to take time for strangers to engage them in an age-old tradition.

This year topped them all. One of the people we visited was Vladimir Slepak, the courageous Russian Refusenik. Our students are far removed from those days of Soviet activism, so I gathered them together in the hallway and asked that they Google Vladimir's name.

I watched as their eyes widened in awe as they read, and a respectful hush descended. It just so happens that our helpful parent-reader speaks Russian - but that's another story. He went close to Vladimir and in Russian softly explained what was about to happen. Despite his weakened condition, Vladimir's piercing eyes opened wide and he understood.

The students entered the room and did as they do in all the rooms: pulled the food table to them, began rolling out the parchment and recited the traditional *Shehechyanu*, which took on a new meaning for them at that memorable reading.

Let me tell you another story. For five years, on Wednesday mornings, as I'd round the corner at Lexington Avenue and 40th Street, I'd try to get a glimpse of the sidewalk area opposite the Iranian Mission. I always wondered if they would show up, but I was never disappointed.

Despite the need to be there by 7:40 - an ungodly hour for teens - our students never missed this *shacharit* prayer vigil for Gilad Shalit. I'd be schlepping the bag that held the *siddurim*, Israeli flags with tie strings, posters of Gilad, and informational

cards to distribute to passersby that listed the names and numbers of people to call to protest the illegality of Gilad's kidnapping.

In order to hold this weekly vigil, we had to secure permission from the local police precinct, and be especially mindful not to violate any of the rules for a public prayer vigil. We started the weekly vigil in the fall of 2006 and continued weekly, regardless of weather conditions, until Gilad was released as part of a prisoner exchange in October, 2011.

I will never forget the flood of phone calls from students who over those five years had attended the vigil. They called from college campuses, Israeli Yeshivot and even from their jobs. "Did you hear the news?" they asked eagerly. "Did all the kids in school know? What were we planning to do to mark this event?"

I'd hang up the phone and sigh, not a tired sigh but an exhilarated one. Our students responded as written in Isaiah 6:8:

את-מי אשלח, ומי ילך-לנו; ואמר, הנני שלחני
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said: 'Here am I; send me.

And a last story.

This time, the kids took the lead. They said:

"We have the idea. The cause of poverty is a lack of education. We'll write the proposal. We're not going to go the expected route. Most of the other groups will propose food programs, or fulfilling the needs of the homeless. But really, we do that already. Our Wednesday's

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sandwich packing program services NY Common Pantry, and our Thursday's Kosher City Harvest program has retrieved the leftover food from all three divisions for years. So, here's the plan."

The students conceived of its name: "RootEd." The cycle of poverty, they noted in their proposal, is "rooted" in not having educational opportunities. We were awarded the UJA Federation grant, "PovertySLAM," and on Sundays our graduating seniors spent their free hours tutoring Bukharian high school students in the skills they'd need to succeed on the SAT exams.

The tutorial program has been a cultural happening of sorts. Most of the Bukharian teens are first-generation Americans, and for them just coming to Manhattan was an event. The twelfth grade volunteers are top-notch students, all of whom will be attending prestigious colleges. But you'd never know about that from them.

The seniors arrived on Sundays, SAT review books in hand, all set to guide, teach and employ all the sensitivities needed to establish a supportive, non-judgmental, upbeat and educationally enriching environment for their Bukharian peers.

Watching our seniors jump into this situation with boundless energy and the drive to unconditionally share their knowledge and talents is a crown of glory that radiates with goodness.

The honor that you have bestowed upon me, Keter Torah, this metaphorical crown, weighs heavy on my head, in my heart, and down deep in my *neshamah*, for with it comes the "burden" of responsibility.

The union of synagogue and school, of Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz, has been a sort of personal covenant for me - a *brit* that demands nothing less than all I can give, and that overarching standard is one I have strived to achieve for this *kehillah*, and for my own sense of personal mission.

The years I have spent working with and learning from your children and with this illustrious congregation have been honor enough, an incomparable *zechut*, and the added jewel of this Keter is an affirmation of that privilege.

Thank you Audrey and Rabbi Lookstein, Rabbi Weinstock, Kenny Rochlin, Lenny Silverman, Riva Alper and every member of KJ for the support, the challenges, the trust, the humor and the scoldings too.

As we celebrate Shavuot, my wish is that we continue to share the *bikurim* - the fruits of our labor - and continue together to plant and reap the harvest of blessings that comes from our collective efforts. *Rav Todot, Chag Sameach.*

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INVOCATION

AT THE 143RD ANNUAL KJ SYNAGOGUE MEETING

by Rabbi Elie Weinstock

Eternal God: Tonight, as we begin our congregation's 144th year, we invoke King David's 144th Psalm.

Ashrei ha-am she-kacha lo - Fortunate is the people for whom this is so.

We are fortunate to welcome so many new members to our congregational family and encourage them to make the most of their association for the betterment of our community.

We are fortunate to recognize the historic affiliation of our anniversarians, who have added so much to our congregation over the decades.

Tonight, we also dutifully recall those within our congregational family who have passed on since last we met even as we rededicate ourselves to preserving their memories and living by their examples.

We are fortunate for the efforts of such a dedicated leadership and staff - including one who has kept us in check for 30 years.

Ashrei Ha-am she-A-donai Elo-hav - fortunate is the people whose God is the Lord.

Tonight, we are fortunate for the ability to rededicate ourselves as a congregation that lives in accordance with God's teachings and that sees it as essential to be a part of the broader New York Jewish community.

We are fortunate for another successful congregational year of serious prayer, Torah study, chesed, meaningful Jewish living, and outreach to those not yet affiliated.

We are fortunate for continued growth while spending one final year displaced from our Main Sanctuary.

We are fortunate for living in a time of tremendous opportunity, and we pledge to use these opportunities to make a better world - especially in times of crisis, difficulty, and pain - for all of God's children.

Ashrei ha-am she-kacha lo, Ashrei ha-am she-A-donai Elo-hav.

Dear God: We are very fortunate, and we are most grateful. We pray for Your continued blessing in fulfilling our congregation's mission of dedication to Your service, the Jewish people and the State of Israel, our fellow citizens, and humanity. Amen.



UJA@KJ AROUND THE COMMUNITY

As we reflect on a fantastic year of programming through UJA@KJ - a partnership that illustrates the power of collaboration and stands as a tremendous example to the larger community - we can clearly see the reach of our work. Over the year of programs, more than 200 UJA@KJ volunteers have helped over 300 recipients. Together, we have celebrated and directly impacted the lives of underprivileged children, homeless seniors, and Holocaust survivors. Through these projects, and through the incredible generosity of the KJ community, we have made a difference in the lives of so many. On behalf of each individual whose lives you have helped change - thank you.

We kicked off the year with the first annual UJA@KJ Sukkot party in the KJ sukkah with children from the JCC

before Purim to celebrate with seniors from UJA beneficiary agency Met Council. Together with NATAN@Ramaz, we helped package healthy and delicious mishloach manot and served brunch to the seniors. The seniors loved sharing in the holiday spirit with the KJ community and so appreciated the gift of mishloach manot.

In addition to those outstanding projects, UJA@KJ hosted an amazing Lunch and Learn with the Holocaust survivors served by Selfhelp, a UJA-Federation beneficiary agency. The seniors were treated to a delicious lunch and a memorable performance by the Ramaz Lower School choir. Following the performance, students were able to spend time with the seniors, talking and learning about



of Canarsie - one of the UJA-Federation's beneficiary agencies. Everyone celebrated together with craft activities, holiday music, and games that inspired.

As we began to prepare for the holiday season, we hosted a delicious pre-Thanksgiving meal for the isolated, poor, homeless, and mentally ill seniors at Project ORE in the East Village - a program of UJA-Federation beneficiary agency Educational Alliance. With over 30 children making Thanksgiving decorations and 60 volunteers of all ages serving the hot kosher meal, the seniors truly felt the warm embrace of the community. As one senior said at the meal, "These kids are such mentsches - every year, they remind me why I love being Jewish." In addition to this wonderful meal, UJA@KJ volunteered at Project ORE on several Mondays throughout the year. These "Mitzvah Mondays" are often the highlight of the clients' weeks!

In preparation for Chanukah, UJA@KJ trekked to the West Side to celebrate with the seniors at Jewish Home Lifecare, a UJA-Federation beneficiary agency. Families played an interactive "Human Scavenger Hunt" through which they were able to meet many of the senior residents, and hear about their lives and experiences.

To round out a year of Jewish holiday programming, nearly 70 volunteers joined us at the Ramaz Lower School on the Sunday

before Purim to celebrate with seniors from UJA beneficiary agency Met Council. Together with NATAN@Ramaz, we helped package healthy and delicious mishloach manot and served brunch to the seniors. The seniors loved sharing in the holiday spirit with the KJ community and so appreciated the gift of mishloach manot.

their experiences. The room buzzed with excitement, passion, and inspiration. One of the seniors said, "I'm 92 years old, but today I feel like I'm back in the Warsaw Ghetto with my friends... I must look so old to them, but I was once just like them, these kids. Such a pleasure."

UJA-Federation also provides an on-site social worker, Shira Felberbaum, to support the mental health and well-being of the KJ community through our Partners in Caring grant. Shira meets with congregants offering short-term supportive counseling, information and referral, consultation, problem-solving, and brainstorming to individuals, families, and groups in matters including caregiving, illness, bereavement, job loss, retirement, divorce, becoming 'empty nesters', and other significant life transitions. Shira also facilitates community-wide workshops that address specific niche needs in the community such as holiday bereavement programs.

These wonderful events were made possible thanks to our dedicated UJA@KJ chairs, Rebecca Feit, Abby Kaufthal, and Nicole Meyer. For more information about the UJA@KJ partnership and upcoming event and volunteer opportunities, please feel free to contact one of our chairs or the UJA@KJ staff liaison, Rebecca Zimilover, at zimiloverr@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1356. We hope to see you at future events!

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY *by Sherri Libin*

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sometime it's uncomfortable. I will admit that sometimes when I pay a shiva call to someone I don't know well or find out about a friend with a serious medical diagnosis, it is challenging to know what to say or how to support them. But remember what the great Jewish philosopher Woody Allen once said, "Showing up is 80% of life." Ignoring the situation won't make it go away.

Reach out to your friends and let them know you are here for them and are thinking of them. Pay a shiva call and just sit there - DON'T SAY anything. Your presence is statement enough.

Finally, I've learned that we, at Ramaz, are a powerful community with the will to do good. Many times, we all want to help each other in times of need, but don't know how or where to start. Often, we just need a place to channel our good will and someone to guide us in the right direction. Natan@Ramaz provides that direction, and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

In the weekly Shabbat prayers - before we return the Torah to the ark, we say: "All those who faithfully occupy themselves with the needs of the community, may God grant them their reward, remove them from sickness, preserve them in good health and forgive all their sins.; may He bless and prosper their work and the work of all Israel their brethren."

On the merits of all the works of chesed and charity we do, may Hashem continue to bless our Ramaz and KJ communities.

I would be remiss at this time if I did not thank my family for their support:

To my husband, Alex, who always listens and encourages me in my belief and endeavors;

My children Jacob, Noah and Elliot who inspire me to be a better person;

My in-laws, Barry, Margery, Devora and Daniel, who offer me love and support;

My brother, Benny Berkowitz, who

serves as a role model for me of what it is to be a lay leader, and who traveled from Maryland with his wife, Deena, and children, Devora, Ayelet, Esther, Akiva and Shoshana to be here today;

and to my parents Meyer and Judy Berkowitz in whose footsteps I strive to follow and whom I hope to make proud each and every day.

I close with the words of Rabbi Hillel, our great Rabbinic sage who said it best:

"If I am not for me, who is for me; and if I am (only) for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?"

Chag Sameach.

Speaker's note: For more information about Natan@Ramaz, please visit our website at: <http://www.ramaz.org/about/parents-council/natan> or email us at Natan@Ramaz.org

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Judaica Classics (Doina Bryskin)	212-722-4271
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McCabe's Wine & Liquors	212-737-0790
Park East Kosher Butcher	212-737-9800
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MY ROOKIE AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE: A FIRST TIMER'S EXPERIENCE

by Dr. Ira Davis

My journey to AIPAC began approximately one year prior to the conference when my wife, Eugenia, (in agreement with Rabbi Lookstein's belief in not letting school get in the way of an education) strongly encouraged me to register my son, Jacob (Grade 6), and myself for the AIPAC conference. Not one to question my wife's request - particularly when being encouraged to go out of town with one of my children, I immediately registered to get the early bird KJ discount. Coincidentally, Jacob's classmate, Elan, told him about the conference around the same time I made the reservation. Jacob thought it sounded interesting and wanted to attend.

Since the conference started Sunday morning, we decided to spend Shabbat in Washington and so we registered for the AIPAC Shabbaton. What a great introduction! We heard Rabbi Steven Weil give talks relevant to the Parsha, Purim and AIPAC. An AIPAC analyst lectured us on Shiites and Sunnis and Iran's support and influence throughout the Middle East. We had tasty Shabbat meals with about 500 participants, in contrast to the conference which would have over 16,000 attendees!

We ate Shabbat lunch with a core group of young members of the Syrian Jewish community in Brooklyn who hoped to bring more members of their community next year. This impressed me as a great example of AIPAC recruiting a new constituency. We sat with members of the French Jewish community on Shabbat afternoon who came to learn from AIPAC and bring those lessons home.

We had learned so much and met interesting people - and the official conference had not yet begun.

The first day of the conference started with a plenary session with KJ's own section. It presented a great opportunity to see fellow congregants outside the formal setting of school and synagogue. Throughout the plenary sessions, we heard from leaders of Congress, the Administration, and former advisers to Israeli prime ministers and American presidents. We learned about Israeli innovations and their impact on people's lives throughout the world. We even met some of them in person. We went to smaller conferences where we heard freshman congressman across both sides of the political aisle discuss their relationship with Israel and listened to former

American and Israeli peace negotiators discuss the peace process. On the final day, we got to lobby our Senators and Congresswoman. I cannot think of another forum where you can learn so much in three days.

The intangible qualities of the conference are its true highlight. It is an opportunity for Jews in smaller communities to realize they are not alone. It is for Jews in larger communities to appreciate the breadth of support among Jews and non-Jews throughout the country. It shows Congress and the Administration that Pro-Israel Americans will take time out of their schedule just to show up in number and voice their bipartisan support of the American-Israel relationship.

It was an opportunity to watch my son learn and participate in an environment which neither I, nor his school, could replicate. I am thankful that Jacob took me to the conference.

Passover and AIPAC both tell a story of delivery and redemption. Part of that story is just showing up. Jacob and I have already registered for next year's conference. God willing, you will join us.

Next year in Jerusalem and Washington, DC!



Some of the over 150 KJ/Ramaz faces who participated in AIPAC's inspiring and informative Policy Conference, led by Audrey & Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and Rabbis Elie Weinstock, Daniel Kraus, and Roy Feldman. Join next year's delegation! Mark your calendars now for March 20-22, 2016

MY EXPERIENCE AT AIPAC 2015

by Jacob Davis, 7th grade, Ramaz Middle School

My first day at AIPAC was phenomenal. First, I went to a general session where the speakers discussed the new bills that Congress was preparing to prevent Iran from achieving a nuclear capability. In the middle of the session, my dad took me out and we rode in a cab ride to tour the West Wing of the White House. When we came back, we went to our session where we saw the movie *Beneath the Helmet*, a movie where you go through a journey with Israeli high school students who begin their service in the army. In conclusion, I learned a lot at the first day of AIPAC that I wouldn't have learned in school.

My second day at AIPAC was fantastic. At the general session I learned all about Iran's cheating and goals with their nuclear program. PM Benjamin Netanyahu came to give us a preview about what he would tell Congress. After general sessions were dismissed, we went to learn about the peace arrangements between Israel and Palestine. Then, we went downstairs to the AIPAC village where we ate lunch. While we were there we gazed at the Israeli innovations such as Zeekit, a computer program, which allows you to view yourself in clothes before you buy them. At the end of the day we enjoyed a concert by Matisyahu. As a result of the second day at AIPAC, I know exactly what's going on and how I can support what I believe.

The third day at AIPAC was lobbying day. At the general session, we were instructed on what we had to do on Capitol Hill. I was lobbying Congresswoman Caroline Maloney and she was coming to the convention center. Then, everyone at AIPAC found a television screen to watch Bibi's speech in Congress as it aired throughout the convention center. After the speech, both New York senators spoke to us in a designated room. Finally, Ms. Maloney was scheduled to arrive, but she had to vote on a

homeland security bill. Instead, her staff showed up and informed us about her intentions. I am definitely going to the AIPAC conference next year and I hope to see you there.

Top 10 things I learned at AIPAC:

1. Go with your dad, it's good bonding.
2. People want you to understand stuff so you can explain it well.
3. You get to hear famous and eloquent speakers.
4. You get to attend a concert.
5. You can do other interesting things in DC.
6. You can meet interesting people at meals.
7. Your senator or congressman can hear your voice (and see you, in person).
8. You learn how to follow AIPAC's activities throughout the year online.
9. You get psyched-up to learn more at next year's AIPAC.
10. It's even better with more friends!



MEN'S CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



March 22 Film Screening of *"Beneath the Helmet,"* featuring remarks by Amir Telem, former IDF Naval Captain. This film takes viewers inside the Israel Defense Forces and literally *"Beneath the Helmet"* of its brave young soldiers. Pictured l to r: Men's Club President Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Amir Telem, and Molly Leader, who helped coordinate the program.

Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz of the Jewish Rabbinate in France, provided an "Update on the Jewish Community in France" on Tuesday, May 19.



Special Guest Speaker Reverend Robert Stearns, founder of Eagles Wings, was featured at a Kiddush Discussion on May 30 entitled *"The Face of Pro-Israel Activism Today: Israel Has More Friends Than You Think."*

THE BEAUTY OF KJ SISTERHOOD: ANOTHER GREAT YEAR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY HERE AND AFAR

The 2014-2015 KJ Sisterhood programming year ended with three wonderful events which helped raise charity for the KJ community as well as organizations such as: Sharsheret, Dorot, Shalva, Project Ezra, Manhattan Jewish Experience, and Nepal Earthquake Relief via Chabad Nepal.

On April 30th we gathered for a flower arranging event: **From Deli to Table**. Participants learned how to make beautiful floral arrangements using flowers found in local delis. The "class" was led by Jonathan Baron of Baron Design Inc. and Susan Blinken, Sisterhood board member



and home entertaining expert. Each participant took home a beautiful arrangement for their Shabbat table.

Many thanks to event chairs, Gabby Fridman and Randi Moore.

Eighteen vendors turned out for **Sisterhood Shops**, our annual Spring Boutique. Merchandise included everything from designer linens and exquisite hats to colorful kippahs and fine jewelry. There were new vendors and returning ones, such as : 2 Friends, Chocolate Works, Hedy's Hat Rack, Little Luxuries, MLP Jewels and Vicxx. Thanks to Joy Kleeger, Elyse Efron and Stacey Kanbar for another great shopping experience.

The year's programming concluded with the annual **Spring Luncheon** on June 1st. Our theme, "**The Beauty of Sisterhood**," was inspired by all of the women whose support enables the Sisterhood to provide assistance to those in need both here in our

community and in Israel. More than 150 women turned out to honor Brenda Bernstein, this year's Gertrude Lookstein award recipient. Brenda is a true example of the beauty of sisterhood. In her acceptance speech, she made special mention of Yvonne Koppel for her years of tirelessly leading the Shiva home response team. In her honor, Brenda and her family donated two tzedakah boxes to be used in shiva homes.

Our theme this year was also inspired by the magnificent photos of our guest speaker, Federica Valabrega, who captures the beauty of Jewish women and of sisterhood in her work. Her photos were on view at the luncheon and Federica spoke of the inspiration behind them.

Many thanks to luncheon chairs Jamie Chubak and Hayley Corwick, as well as their committee members, for their work in making the event such a success.

Planning is starting for 2015-16. If you have a programming idea or would like

to get involved with the Sisterhood by chairing or hosting an event, you don't have to be a board member to

take part: All of KJ's women are members of the Sisterhood. Please contact one of us to participate or learn more:

Stephanie Katz, President (stephanieskatz@gmail.com)

Julie Kopel, Vice President (juliekopel@gmail.com)



NEW PRICING STRUCTURE FOR KJ COMMUNITY CATERED MEALS

The following reflects our new Shabbaton and Holiday (Sukkot, Shavuot) Meal Pricing, effective 9/1/15. This is the first time in eleven years that we have had to raise our prices, but the prices below are still quite reasonable for an elegant three-course meal.

MEMBER PRICING

Adults @ \$40 per person
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- ◆ Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks
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SEUDAH SHLISHIT GUEST SPEAKERS

- ◆ Sandra E. Rapoport
- ◆ Ari Sprung
- ◆ Dr. Sharon Goldman
- ◆ Rabbi Ian Pear
- ◆ Rabbi Hayyim Angel
- ◆ Hank Sheinkopf
- ◆ Sholem Greenbaum
- ◆ David Shipper
- ◆ Rabbi Aryeh Klapper
- ◆ Steven Ritholtz

HOLIDAY EVENTS

- ◆ Teshuva Shiur by Rabbi Saul Berman
- ◆ Shabbat Shuva Drasha by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
- ◆ Sukkot Meals
- ◆ Purim Mishloach Manot
- ◆ Shabbat HaGadol Drasha by Rabbi Dr. Jeremy Wieder
- ◆ Yom Hashoah Program
- ◆ Tekes Ma'avar/Yom HaZikaron Program
- ◆ Yom Ha'Atzmaut Services and Bar-b-que
- ◆ Shavuot Dinner & Tikkun Leyl
- ◆ Yom Yerushalayim Services

MEN'S CLUB

Kiddush Discussions:

The Iranian Nuclear Threat, the Iranian Jewish Community and the Iranian Opposition w/ Dr. Jack Caravelli and Sima Mottale

◆ *What Bruce Springsteen Can Teach us about Tikkun Olam* w/ Dr. Adena Berkowitz

◆ *Unusual Shadows of the Chanukah Lights* w/ Paul Shaviv

◆ *Israel and China - Should Israel Refocus its Strategic Alliances?* w/ David Goldman

◆ *How Water Will Determine the Future of the Middle East* w/ Israel Max

◆ *Coffee and the Halakhic Process* w/ Rabbi Hayyim Angel

◆ *Right Size, Supersize - Nutrition Tips for Good Health* w/ Lisa Young

◆ *Women's Learning and Leadership Across the Centuries: An Historical and Contemporary Analysis* w/ Adena Berkowitz

◆ Playwright Iddo Netanyahu discusses his play *A Happy End*

◆ *Israel on US Campuses and the Media: Fighting for Public Opinion* w/

Shahar Hazani of *StandWithUs*

◆ *Who Really Wrote the Bible? A Mathematical Proof of Divine Authorship* w/ Dr. Nick Gura

◆ *Obama's Negotiations with Iran: Securing or Endangering Israel?* w/ Meir Javedanfar

◆ *The Face of pro-Israel Activism Today: Israel has More Friends Than You Think* w/ Rev Robert Stearns

◆ *Catch the Jew!* w/ author Tuvia Tenenbom

◆ *How to Build a Better Business in Israel; Some Lessons from the Trenches* w/ Jack Zaremski Rimom

◆ *The Power of the Ecosystem: Lessons from Apple* w/ Rachel and Rabbi Daniel Kraus

Films:

Honor Diaries w/ producer Richard Green and Ryan Mauro of the Clarion Project

◆ *Yearning to Belong* w/ Producer Debra Gonsheer Vinik

◆ *Reb Elimelech and the Chasidic Legacy of Brotherhood* w/ writer and producer Rabbi Hanoeh Teller

◆ *Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front* w/ remarks by Amir Telem, former IDF Naval Captain

Programming Potpourri:

◆ *Search for the Lost Jewish Cemeteries of Shanghai and the City's Extraordinary Jewish Legacy* w/ Dvir Bar-Gal

◆ Dr. Stephen Stowe Annual Shabbaton

◆ Sponsorship of weekly Seudot Shlishit

◆ Monthly Chug Ivri

Supper Lectures:

◆ *Making David into Goliath* w/ Joshua Muravchik

◆ *Financing the Flames: How Tax-Exempt and Public Money Fuel a Culture of Confrontation and Terrorism in Israel* w/ author Edwin Black

◆ *Update on the Jewish Community in France* w/ Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz

SISTERHOOD

◆ Pre-Holiday Boutiques

◆ Book Club

◆ *Holistic Approach to Healthier Living* w/ Alexandra Zohn

◆ Cooking Demonstration w/ Todd English

◆ Flower Arranging: From Deli to Table

◆ Museum Tours of

SOTHEBY'S : Judaica Art Tour

THE JEWISH MUSEUM: Helen Rubenstein-Beauty is Power

◆ *The Beauty of Sisterhood* Annual

Spring Luncheon, with photo-journalist and author Federica Valabrega

◆ Sponsorship of weekly Kiddushim

◆ Preparations of local houses of mourning & Mourner's First Meal

◆ College Connection

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◆ Shemini Atzeret Lunch

◆ UJA@KJ

◆ Shira and Friends Concert

◆ Tot Shabbat

◆ Spring Luncheon

◆ New/Expectant Moms' Breakfast

◆ Progressive Dinner

◆ Family Purity Shiur with Yoetzet Halakha Dena Block

◆ Shabbat Meal for New Parents

◆ Living Room Learning

◆ Purim Party

◆ Karaoke Night

◆ Guys Night Out

◆ Cooking Demonstrations

AM HASEFER

◆ *The Crown of Solomon and Other Stories* w/ the author Rabbi Marc Angel

◆ *The Mystery of the Milton Manuscript* w/ the author Barry Libin, moderated by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

◆ *Violins of Hope* w/ the author James Grymes

GUEST SPEAKERS

◆ MK Dr. Erel Magalit

◆ Rabbi David Stav

◆ Rabbi J. J. Schacter

◆ Rabbi Seth Farber

◆ Rabbanit Chana Henkin

◆ Dr. Sharon Goldman

◆ Dr. Daniel Pipes

◆ Rabbi Kenny Schiowitz

◆ Mayor Bill deBlasio

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◆ Dr. Beverly Gribetz

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◆ Rabbi Shmuel Hain

◆ Rabbi Barry Gelman

◆ Allen Fagin

◆ Rabbi Shlomo Brody

◆ Ms. Ilana Gadish

◆ Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz

SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

◆ Seymour Propp Memorial Lecture

◆ *Soul Cycle* w/ Rachel Kraus

◆ Prayer Series in partnership with natan@ramaz

◆ Yachad Shabbaton

◆ Torah Learning Coalition

◆ Blood Drive

◆ Annual Synagogue Meeting

◆ Simchat Torah/Shavuot Student Divrei Torah

◆ AIPAC Conference

◆ History at Home w/ Rabbi J.J. Schacter

◆ Kristallnacht: Conversion with Eyewitnesses

◆ Operation L'Hitraot Israel Pesach Trip

◆ Chevra Kadisha Seudah Shlishit

◆ KJ Annual Dinner

◆ Israel Bond Shabbat

◆ The Yiddish Schmoozers

◆ Lunch and Learn

◆ Chai Mitzvah

◆ *Solidarity with Israel* featuring Rachel Frankel, Bat Galim Shaer, Iris Yifrach

◆ Widow Connections

◆ Bereavement Programs

◆ Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals Symposium

BEGINNERS

◆ Jewish Youth Connection

◆ Holiday Workshops

◆ *Friday Night Live!* Service & Dinners featuring Rabbi Benzion Krasnianski, IDF Colonel (Res.) Geva Rapp, KJ

Yoetzet Halakhah Dena Block & Rachel Kraus, Rabbi Daniel Kraus, Rabbi

Motti Seligson

◆ Hebrew Reading Crash Courses

◆ Park Chanukah Lighting

◆ NJOP Shabbat Across America

◆ Sukkah Dinner Under the Stars

◆ Melava Malka

◆ Passover Seder

◆ Basic Judaism Crash Course

◆ Crash Course in Jewish History

◆ Model Seder

◆ Jewish Learning Institute

◆ Purim Party

◆ PJ at KJ Pajama Havdalah

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

◆ Tot Shabbat

◆ Purim Carnival

◆ Fall and Spring Shabbatonim

◆ Open Gym Programs

◆ Shabbat morning and afternoon Youth Groups

◆ Trip to Hershey Park

◆ Chanukah Extravaganza at Chocolate Works

◆ Glow-in-the Dark Dodgeball

◆ Super Bowl Party

◆ Tefillah Together

◆ Teen Minyan Ski Trip

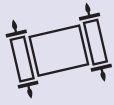
◆ Teen Minyan Challah Baking

◆ Musical Havdalah and Movie Nights

◆ Bnei Akiva "Snif" Youth Groups

◆ Shavuot Torah Bee

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BEN GURION AND THE HOLOCAUST - 8:00 PM

The actions of the Zionist leadership during the years 1937-1945 remain a contentious topic among historians and laymen alike. Using the latest research, we will try to sort through this terribly disturbing issue to better understand David Ben Gurion's legacy.

WEDNESDAYS JULY 15, 22, 29; AUGUST 12, 19 & 26

JEWISH LAW & PERSONAL AUTONOMY - 7:00 PM

What does Halakhah demand of us? Where is there room for flexibility and change? We will examine case studies from all four sections of Shulchan Aruch (the Code of Jewish Law). Fasten your seatbelts for a fast-paced ride through 3,500 years of Jewish jurisprudence.

STUDIES IN THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION - 8:00 PM

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and do not require reservations.*

For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 212-774-5678.

ACADEMIC HONORS

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MICHAEL ROSENBERG, son of Sari and Wilhelm Rosenberg, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Spanish Award for outstanding ability in Spanish, the Lisolette Samuel Gorlin Award for Excellence in Mathematics for excellence in all phases of mathematics, and a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Michael will attend University of Michigan in the fall.

GABRIEL ROTH, son of Phyllis Roth & Red Katz and Drs. Aren & Ram Roth, upon his graduation from the Ramaz Upper School, as a recipient of the Renee Margareten Berger Award presented to the student who has achieved the highest academic average in Judaic Studies, and the Gilda Silverman Memorial Award presented to the seniors who, with energy and good humor, have demonstrated a commitment to learning as the language of their daily lives. He also received the Harvey Blech Memorial Award for excellence in the study of physics, and the Rensselaer Medal. Gabriel will attend Yeshivat Orayta in the fall, and Princeton University upon his return from Israel. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother Rachel Roth.

DANIELLE SCHEINBERG, daughter of Stacy and Ronald Scheinberg, upon her

graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Darkhei Noam Award presented to the seniors who comport themselves with inner strength and congeniality. Danielle will attend Franklin & Marshall College in the fall.

ILANA SCHULDER, daughter of Lu Steinberg and Dr. Michael Schulder upon her graduation from Barnard College, with honors. Ilana received her BA in Art History and Visual Arts and accepted a position as a project manager at Media Planet, a content marketing agency.

JEREMY SCHWARTZ, son of Anne and Sam Schwartz, upon his graduation summa cum laude from NYU Stern School of Business with a major in Business and concentrations in Finance and Economics. Jeremy has accepted a position as an analyst on the credit trading team at UBS, beginning in the fall. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch.

JOEY SENDERS, son of Debbie and Dr. Shelly Senders, upon his graduation from Fuchs Mizrahi School in Cleveland. Joey will attend Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh in the fall and Yeshiva University upon his return from Israel. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

SAMANTHA SHARON, daughter of Diane and Mickey Markovitz, upon her graduation *magna cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Communications. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Fran and Arnold Lederman.

VICTORIA SPERO, daughter of Lavern Sullivan and Dr. Marc Spero, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award presented by the Lower School for outstanding personal growth. Victoria will attend Boston University in the fall.

ETHAN STEIN, son of Dr. Meg Rosenblatt and David Stein, upon his graduation from Brandeis University, with honors. In addition to his BA in Computer Science, Film, and Near Eastern Judaic Studies, Ethan received The Richard Kaufman '58 Memorial Prize for Leadership and Academic Excellence. This award is given "To a student who demonstrates leadership in campus activities and who, through academic achievement, exemplifies the well-rounded student who is likely to have a lifelong interest in his or her fellow man." He was also the recipient of The Computer Science Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award, The Elsie Witt Award in Jewish Studies for the graduating senior who excels in Jewish

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:

ELANA BERNSTEIN

*daughter of Renee and Michael Bernstein
granddaughter of Eleanore Reznik*

OLIVIA BOURKOFF

daughter of Elana and Aryeh Bourkoff

TALIA FOUZAILOFF

daughter of Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff

ALEXANDER GLASBERG

son of Alisa and Dr. Scot Glasberg

DAVID GRINBERG

son of Jeannette and Dr. Mikhail Grinberg

MATTHEW GUREWITSCH

*son of Karen and Steven Gurewitsch
grandson of Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch*

REBECCA HERSHKOWITZ

daughter of Karen and Michael Hershkowitz

DANYA JACOBS

daughter of Dr. Tikva and Zalman Jacobs

DANIEL LEVY

son of Lisa Don

ARIELLA LINHART

*daughter of Dr. Leora Mogilner
and Richard Linhart
granddaughter of Rochelle Mogilner*

ESTHER MENAGED

daughter of Anat and Louis Menaged

JACK OTTENSOSER

son of Judith and Daniel Ottensoser

MICHAEL PERL

son of Gail and Berndt Perl



SHIREEN SAKHAI

daughter of Victoria and Daryosh Sakhai

HARRY SHAMS

son of Alissa and Howard Shams

AARON SHAPIRA

son of Adrienne and Avi Shapira

THOMAS SHEMIA

*son of Sara and Simon Shemia
grandson of Marilyn Meltzer and Sheldon Muhlbauser*

YASMINE SOKOL

*daughter of Suzy Kamali Sokol
and Joseph Sokol*

LIA SOLOMON

*daughter of Beth Goldman
and Louis Solomon*

BROOKE STONEHILL

*daughter of Robyn Price Stonehill
and David Stonehill*

DANIEL VALENCIA

son of Mira and Claudio Valencia

HANNAH VORCHHEIMER

daughter of Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer

MEIRA WEINSTOCK

daughter of Dr. Naama and Rabbi Elie Weinstock

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studies, and The Frances Taylor Eizenstat '65 Undergraduate Israel Travel Grant. Ethan delivered the commencement address at the Film Department commencement. He will attend Brandeis in the fall to pursue a master's degree in Computer Science. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Geraldine and Moses Stein.

RAQUEL STERMAN, daughter of Dalit and Dr. Harris Sterman, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Upper School as a recipient of the Morris S. Arfa Keter Shem Tov Award given to the students who best exemplify the qualities and character advocated in Pirkei Avot. She also received The Rochelle Miller Sherut Award presented to the graduating senior who, through leadership and dedication, has generated school spirit, contributed to the community, and enhanced the quality of student life, as well a NJ Stars Scholarship and a State of New York Comptroller Award. Raquel will attend Midreshet Harovah in the fall and University of Pennsylvania upon her return from Israel. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandmother, Ann Sterman.

ANNA WAGNER, daughter of Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner, upon her graduation from Barnard College.



If you have a child who will be of age to enter Ramaz in September 2016, the Admissions Office is open for inquiries.

RAMAZ ADMISSIONS

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

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THE RAMAZ SCHOOL

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The services on Rosh Hashanah morning will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 14th and 15th at 8:00 AM. Kol Nidre services will be held at 6:20 PM on Tuesday night, September 22nd followed by Yom Kippur services at 9:00 AM the next morning.

For Information Contact:
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Services will be conducted at the
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Co-sponsored by NJOP

Six Tuesdays beginning August 4

**Crash Course at 6:30 PM and Intermediate Hebrew at 7:30 PM
at the Gottesman Center, 114 East 85th Street**

KJYD's Yom Ha'Atzmaut Barbecue - Fun for All Ages!

Our community gathered to celebrate Yom ha'Atzmaut at KJ's Annual Barbecue. Creatively organized by KJYD director Aryana Ritholtz, the festivities included a *krav maga* (Israeli martial arts) demonstration and numerous art projects. Young and old enjoyed delicious barbecue with a side of popular Israeli music!



Photo Credit: Yossi Hoffman

INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

KJ's Lunch and Learn participants went back to high school on May 6 when they joined the



Ramaz Upper School 11th grade Honors Talmud class for a study session led by Rabbi Yigal Sklarin. Participants divided up into *chavrutot*

(study groups) and studied the story in the Talmud about Rabbi

Shimon bar Yochai and his experiences learning Torah in the cave. It was a wonderful learning opportunity for all those who participated.



Photo credit: Rabbi Yigal Sklarin

Before the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration Comes Remembering

It was a labor of love coordinated by DeeDee Benel, Director of Community Service and Outreach at the Ramaz Upper School, and KJYD director Aryana Ritholtz: A program that modeled itself after the way

performed by Ramaz students Rebecca Silverman and Ben Emmerich, and was followed by a processional of 17 military unit flags from Israel carried by Ramaz students. They stood at attention as Rabbi Elie Weinstock recited the



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Yom haZikaron and Yom ha'Atzmaut are observed in the State of Israel: a *tekes ma'avar*, a ceremony that transitions from mourning Israel's fallen soldiers to celebrating its independence. It began with the two-minute Memorial Day siren for which everyone stood in silent reflection. The highlights of the program included Captain Amir Telem of the Israeli Navy who spoke movingly about his war experiences and paid tribute to a friend and pilot, Tom Farkash, who was killed in a combat mission. There was a special candle-lighting ceremony and the song *Million Kochavim*, written about Tom, was

special memorial prayer for the fallen soldiers of the State of Israel. After this poignant moment, Captain Telem announced the transition from the sadness of Memorial Day to the celebration of Israel Independence Day and the program ended with a rousing performance of everyone's favorite Israeli songs as performed by four soldiers from Friends of the Israel Defense Forces that brought everyone to their feet. While it is said that a picture is worth 1,000 words, the photos below capture only a small portion of the emotion and elation that were part of that night.



BNEI MITZVAH



JACK FISHER

Mazal Tov to Nicole and Jeffrey Fisher upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jack, this past April. Jack read Shir Hashirim over Passover in Jerusalem as well as Parashat Shemini and Haftarat Machar Chodesh on Shabbat, April 18th at KJ. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandmother Shirley Boyarsky. Jack is entering the eighth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.



JOSEPH KAPLAN

Mazal Tov to Jennifer and Michael Kaplan upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joseph, which will take place on August 20-22, in Jerusalem where he will read Parashat Shoftim. Joseph will also be reading Parshat Netzavim at KJ on September 12. Joseph is entering the eighth grade at the Ramaz Middle School.

B'tayavon, Battalion Shaked!



Soldiers of Shaked Battalion 424 were greeted by the sight and aroma of the Chanukah treat, *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts), thanks to a contribution made by the KJ Youth Department. It was a welcome sight as the soldiers made their way from guard duty to the dining hall.

TAKING IT TO THE STREET

by Rabbi Elie Weinstock

On Shabbat afternoon, May 30, thanks to the inspired thinking of Rabbi Elie Weinstock, the planning of Rabbi Daniel Kraus and their love of *Am Yisrael*, dozens of KJ volunteers brought Shabbat to the Third Avenue Street Fair with a Shabbat booth.

Thousands of people stopped by to enjoy free challah rolls, rugelach, lollipops, and



ice cold water (conveniently distributed in reusable plastic bottles with the KJ logo). Dozens of people took the time to make Kiddush - some for the first time and others who hadn't done so for decades. Numerous *berachot* were recited, and lots of questions about Judaism were answered.

Our 6-foot long challah



How many challah rolls and rugelach does it take to feed a Street Fair?

strategically placed right in the middle of Third Avenue was a huge draw. As the day ended, a crowd gathered around to sing

V'shamru Bnei Yisrael et Ha-Shabbat as Rabbi Weinstock recited Kiddush and *HaMotzi* and the entire challah was devoured. It was a beautiful Shabbat table (with *Birkat HaMazon* even recited out loud), and the whole effort was a true *Kiddush HaShem*.

The impact of the afternoon can be appreciated from the following story: KJ members were walking in Central Park in the late afternoon. They noticed that the couple in front of them were carrying our distinctive blue water bottles with the KJ logo that were distributed at the street fair. The couple was talking about how nice it was for a synagogue to be out in the street giving out refreshing cold water and sharing Shabbat. While not affiliated themselves, they commented, "Maybe that is a synagogue that we should check out."

We can never underestimate the power of sharing the love.
See you in shul, or maybe at the next Street Fair!

NAVIGATING YOUR MIND, BODY AND JEWISH SOUL: A PANEL DISCUSSION FOR THE DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE MODERN JEWISH WOMAN

A discussion for women only
featuring
KJ Yoetzet Halakhah Dena Block
Dr. Judy Schwartz, ObGyn
and
Sex Therapist Rachel Herzman,
LCSW

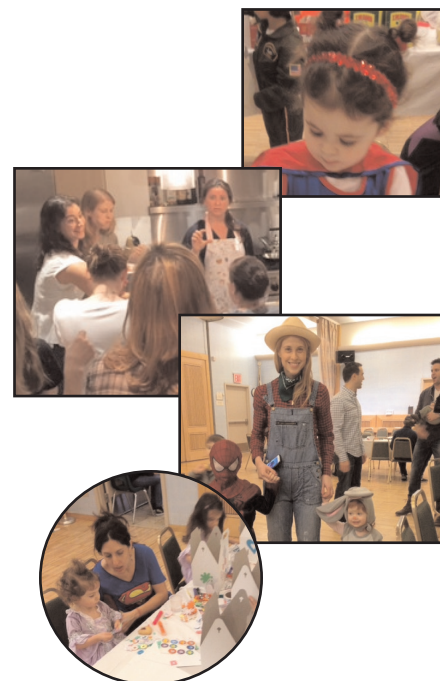
Tuesday, July 14
7:30 p.m.

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Esther Kremer

Location provided with RSVP to
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Fun Times With Keshet

Purim Chesed Program! Karaoke Night! Cooking Demonstrations! Here's a peek at some of the great Keshet programming over the past few months:



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CRASH COURSE IN BASIC JUDAISM

Wednesdays, September 2 and 9, 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.

In Memoriam

ALAN APPLEBAUM

Alan Applebaum, a longtime member of the congregation, passed away in his early seventies. His wife, Lillian, was incredibly devoted to him throughout their married life, especially in the last period of his life. She took care of him with extraordinary devotion. She also came to shul morning and evening during the week of shiva and said kaddish in his memory.

Alan was consistently generous to both KJ and Ramaz. He never failed to contribute with exceptional generosity to the Annual Synagogue Appeal and to other appeals to help people in need. He simply could be relied upon to respond when called upon to do so. He especially loved to give generously to our Benevolent Fund.

He gave a generous gift to Ramaz/KJ 2010, the fund which has enabled us to rebuild our synagogue and to completely reconstruct the Lower School building of Ramaz. He was especially proud of that commitment.

Unassuming in nature, he made friends with some of the people who sat around him in shul which he attended on the holidays. He loved KJ and its rabbis and he felt blessed to be part of our congregation. We, in turn, felt blessed by him.

SAM CINER

He moved into our neighborhood less than ten years ago, but it seems like Sam Ciner was a member of the KJ community for decades. So many of us got to know him and love him. He was a stalwart at our morning and afternoon minyanim and, of course, a regular worshipper on Shabbat and holidays. He absolutely loved our shul and our community.

Listening to his son, Dr. Jordan M. Ciner, our member, deliver his eulogy, we found out things about him that we never knew. Together with his father, he was a passionate New York Giants fan whose favorite player was Willie Mays. He was also a gifted baseball player himself who "fielded and hit with a lot of grace."

He was married to our member, Hindy Ciner, for forty-nine years and the two of them were a very special couple. Hindy took extraordinary care of Sam throughout

their marriage, but especially in these last years when he was a little weaker. He was a loving father to Jordan and Barbara and he was very proud of both of them as they pursued their professional careers.

He left a legacy of "hard work, honesty, humility, helping and educating others" and a lifelong love of Judaism and the Jewish people.

MARIA FINKLE

A Jewish grande dame passed away very close to her 100th birthday. She was a humble aristocrat, a model of what a Jewish woman can be, the quintessential Eishet Chayil. When you think of Maria Finkle, you think of an exquisitely set table with friends, neighbors, rabbis and communal leaders seated all around, with Maria at the head of the table.

She was a ba'alat tzedakah on the highest level. Together with her wonderful husband, Joel, of blessed memory, she gave generously to Bar Ilan University, Yeshiva University, Shaare Tzedek and Ramaz, among many other worthy Jewish institutions. At Ramaz, she and Joel established the Zachary Dan Finkle Memorial Scholarship in memory of her beloved son, who passed away at an early age. Her response to every request was: "Yes!"

Our Jewish world was illuminated by this matriarch. She set a magnificent example of a worthy life which she humbly modeled for us all.

BELDA LINDENBAUM

Belda Kaufman Lindenbaum, an alumna of Ramaz, passed away at the age of seventy-six. She was married to Marcel Lindenbaum, himself a Ramaz alumnus. Their five children are all Ramaz alumni and several of their grandchildren are students in the school. Belda was a Vice-President and founding Board member of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance (JOFA) and a founding Board member of Yeshivat Maharat. She and Marcel dedicated Midreshet Lindenbaum (formerly known as Brovender's) a women's midrasha in Jerusalem to which many Ramaz alumnae have gone after

completing their Ramaz education.

In addition to her great devotion to her family, Belda was an indefatigable advocate for women's rights to leadership roles and ritual responsibilities in the Jewish community. She was nothing less than a heroine in the support of women's Torah education on the highest level and guaranteeing the rights of women in Jewish divorce law.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Marcel, to Nathan and Shari, to Matthew and Ray, to Bennett and Rebecca, to Victoria and Daniel Feder, to Abigail and Shai Tambor, to her brother and sister-in-law, Gerald S. Kaufman and Judy Kaufman, and to her sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Melvin D. Newman.

MORRIS WYSZOGROD

What a treasure he was for KJ! A survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto, he carried his Holocaust experience with him constantly, but he had the most optimistic nature and the most beautiful smile which was the center of his radiant countenance.

He raised two children in Ramaz, one of whom lives in Israel with her husband and three sons, all of whom have completed service in the IDF. His knowledge of Yiddish enabled him to become a translator at the JDC offices in Israel in his retirement. During his lifetime, he was a graphic artist and it was he who designed many special awards and certificates for KJ and created the *Koof Yud* symbol that is still the graphic trademark of our congregation.

He was a proud and loyal Jew who davened with a minyan every morning here in America and then, after he made aliyah, in Israel. His wife, Helen, of blessed memory, herself a survivor, was his great, life's companion who supported him in an equally heroic life.

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שמה רבא

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Eve and Sammy Attias upon the birth of their second granddaughter, Adiella Netzach, born to their children, Annaelle and Dr. Jakob Nowotny.

Henchy and Jerry Balsam, upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Sarah Molly (Sarah Malia).

Sara Rubenstein and Yariv Ben-Ari upon the birth of their second child and first son, Adam Jonathan.

Russie and Jeffrey Berger upon the birth of their second child and daughter, Orly Yaelle.

Beth and Ronald Bernard, upon the birth of their second grandchild, Charlotte Eden (Yaffa Eden), born to their children Ivy and Gregory Levi.

Arielle and Adam Brenner upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Sydney Juliet (Hadassah Ilana). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Ruth and Ray Brenner.

Caroline and Jordan Bryk, upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Margaux Juliet (Miriam Dorit). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents: Dr. Eli and Laurie Bryk, first-time grandparents Judy and David Lobel, and great-grandmother Esther Lobel.

Helen and Ruby Davis upon the birth of a grandson, Dov Ber, born to their children, Erica and Josh Elsan.

Dr. Cheryl Fishbein and Philip Schatten upon the birth of a grandson, Lazlo Murray (Layzer Moshe), born to their children Erica Fishbein and Jeffrey Newelt.

Zella and Dr. Glenn Goldfinger upon the birth of a grandson, David Bezael Svi, son of Marla and Justin Goldfinger of Neve Daniel.

Wendy and Sholem Greenbaum upon the birth of their second grandchild, Abraham Wolf (Avraham Ze'ev), born to their children, Sima and David Gross.

Lynnette Gruenhut upon the birth of a granddaughter, Shirley Kaye (Shir-li Chaika) born to her children, Johanna (Jojo) Gruenhut and Jonathan Flombaum.

Elise and Daniel Kasell upon the birth of twin boys, Theodore Wolin (Yehuda Shia) and Nathaniel Sid (Natanel Tzvi). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandfather Dr. Harvey Wolinsky.

Shelley and Martin Kaufman upon the birth of a grandson, Charles Thomas (Reuven Tuviah), born to their children Danielle and Steven Herbst. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ great-grandmother Hannah Low.

Dr. Laura and Daniel Levin upon the birth of their third child and son, Solomon Emet (Shlomo Emet). Mazal tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Caryl and Israel Englander.

Miriam and Aaron Levine upon the birth of their first child and son, Gabriel Joshua. Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Esther and Ira Krawitz.

Georgie and Rabbi Joshua Lookstein upon the birth of their second child and first son, Oliver Joseph (Elimelech Yosef). Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandparents, Audrey and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Audrey and Gary Menachem upon the birth of a grandson.

Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim upon the birth of a grandson, Yair David Aryeh, born in Jerusalem to their children, Michal and Chaim Cohen. His brit was on Yom Yerushalayim.

Samantha and Lee Podolsky upon the birth of their fourth child and second daughter, Ruby Gabrielle (Zahava Gavriella). Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandparents Sharon and Jay Podolsky.

Nicole and Marco Sardar upon the birth of their first child and son, Raymond (Rachamim). Mazal Tov as well to proud KJ grandparents Terry and Michael Jaspán.

Janie and Robert Schwalbe upon the birth of their 11th grandchild, the fourth child and third daughter, Bella Naomi (Naomi Eliana), born to their children Aliza and Joshua Schwalbe.

Judy and Isaac Sherman upon the birth of a great grandson, Jonah Zachary (Yakir Z'eev), born to their grandchildren Drs. Jennifer and Adam Yedlin. Mazal tov as well to the baby's 100 year-old great-great-grandmother, Florence Cohen.

Nechi Shudofsky upon the birth of two great-grandsons in Israel.

Evelyn and Avi Spodek upon the birth of their second child and son, Jack Stephen (Yaakov Yeshaya).

Rebecca and Gabriel Tramiel upon the birth of their first child and daughter, Chaya Bracha.

Shahla and Barry Weiner upon the birth of their grandson, Jagger Louie (Lev Melech), born to their children Ethel and Jonathan Weiner.

Mattie and Rabbi Yossie Weiser upon the birth of twin granddaughters, Rachel Frumet and Leah Miriam, born to their children Tamar and Chaim Yitzchak Weiser.

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

BNEI MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to:

Anne and David Bergman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob, who read the Torah and Haftarah for Parashat Shemini, and then led the Musaf service as well.

Sharon and Asher Levitsky upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Zachery Markowitz, son of their daughter, Lily Levitsky.

Judy and Dr. Robert Podell upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Marc Fishkind, son of Ari and Dr. Debbie Fishkind ('88).

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Beth and Marc Bengualid upon the engagement of their daughter, Elana, to Jack Harary, son of Rochelle and Eli Harary of Brooklyn.

Riva Alper and Joe Bierman upon the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Daniel Wallis, son of Sharon and Dr. Barry Wallis of Manchester, England.

Claire Distenfeld, daughter of Rita and Fred Distenfeld, upon her engagement to Michael

Olshan, son of Carole and Morton Olshan of New York.

Adi Goldberg and Adir Feifel, our Bnei Akiva shlichim, upon their engagement.

Andrea and Dr. Robert Meislin upon the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Marc Ohringer, son of Sheryl Bloom Ohringer and Barry Ohringer of Woodland Park, NJ. Mazal Tov as well to the proud KJ grandmother of the bride, Monica Meislin.

Sue and Irwin Robins upon the engagement of their Israeli grandson, Amichai Goldstein, to Gali Taragin, daughter of Rabbi Moshe and Atara Taragin of Alon Shvut.

Dr. Shaun Steigman, son of Carole Shulman, upon his engagement to Dr. Yaffa Vitberg, daughter of Gail and Martin Vitberg of Setauket, NY.

May their weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov to:

Eve and Sammy Attias upon the marriage of their son, Joseph, to Shiran Beroukhim, daughter of Naomi and Benny Beroukhim of Rockville, Maryland.

Brenda and Albert Bernstein upon the upcoming marriage of their grandson, Jeremy Rumeld, to Ariela Zenilman, daughter of Maylin and Dr. Michael Zenilman of Lawrence. Jeremy is the son of Elysee and Myron Rumeld.

Laurie and Jacques Blinbaum, upon the marriage of their daughter, Julie, to Ethan Marcovici, son of Etella and Haim Marcovici.

Daniel Cleiman upon his marriage to Meghan Schloat.

Shelley and Martin Kaufman upon the marriage of their son, David Kaufman, to Anne Betty Zaks, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Zaks of Verona, NJ. Mazal Tov to proud KJ grandmother Hannah Low.

Adam Struck upon his marriage to Angela Gould.

Sarah and Mark Tarnofsky upon the marriage of their daughter, Danielle, to Jason Amirian, son of Edna and Saeed Amirian of Kings Point.

MILESTONES

Congratulations to:

Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman upon the celebration of the 90th birthday of Rosie's mother, Jean Gluck of Forest Hills.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to:

Tova Bulow upon dedicating the Rosh HaYeshiva chair at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in memory of her beloved husband, Norman Bulow, at the YCT Dinner on May 18.

Rosie ('68) and Dr. Mark Friedman upon their children, Yael ('01) and Pinny Farkas, being honored as Parents of the Year and receiving the Keter Shem Tov award at the Third Annual Dinner of Beit Yaakov Ateret Miriam of Far Rockaway, Queens. Yael is a former teacher at Ramaz.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Stacy Kanbar, upon becoming Chair of Amit's NewGen Board 2015-2017, and to the following KJ members who will serve with her on that Board: Deborah Ash, Tammi Cleeman, Linda Esses, Gabby Fridman, Amy Haber, Lani Kollander, Laury Paul, Ronnie Slochowsky, and Lizzy Straus. The following members will be serving on the Board of Directors for the same term: Deena Shiff, Audrey Trachtman, Naomi Max, Joyce Straus, Laurie Bryk, Audrey Lookstein, and Robyn Price Stonehill.

Dr. David Musher upon receiving an honorable mention at the annual meeting of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (C.A.M.E.R.A.) for his letter writing on behalf of Israel.

Elissa and Dan Ordan upon being honored by Drisha at their 36th Anniversary Dinner.

Sarah Tanz Rich, daughter of Judy Tanz, upon receiving the Young Leadership Award at the Stamford, Connecticut's Bi-Cultural Day School Dinner.

Dr. Judith W. Schwartz upon being honored by the Columbia/Barnard Hillel Kraft Center of Jewish Life at the Siexas Award.

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Fran and Benjy Brown upon their son, Daniel, receiving the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award for litigation successes on behalf of the disability community of New York City.

Yosef Friedman ('04), of Jerusalem, son of Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman upon publishing a review (*kuntress*) of the Sefer Tiferet Shlomo written by Rabbi Shlomo Rabinovitch, the Radomskes Rebbe. It is being sold in book stores in Jerusalem.

Meyer Gross upon being initiated into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering academic honorary fraternity at Cornell University in recognition of his undergraduate academic achievements.

Dr. Nick Gura, whose book *Divine Wisdom and Warning: Decoded Messages From God*, will be published in June. It uses *gematria* (a system of numerology that assigns numerical value to a word or phrase) to reveal hidden messages within both Biblical and modern Hebrew. The mathematically generated messages answer questions such as: *Why are we here? Who wrote the Bible? What does anti-Semitism actually represent?*

Dr. Mark Meiowitz upon moderating and organizing the International Conference Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign, co-sponsored by the Turkish, Australian and New Zealand consulates on April 16.

Lee Miller upon being elected to the Emory University Board of Trustees for a 6-year term as an Alumni Trustee. Lee is a 1982 graduate of the Emory School of Law, having received her BA, *cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ruth and Dr. David Musher upon the publication (Chicago Press) of their daughter, Professor Sharon Ann Musher's new book, *Democratic Art: The New Deal's Influence on American Culture*.

Jacob Olidort, son of Nadia and Joseph Olidort, upon contributing to a Brookings blog on the question of whether Quietist Salafism can be seen as an antidote to ISIS.

Raquel and E. Magnus Oppenheim, upon their son Yoni Oppenheim being named to the prestigious "36 Under 36" in The Jewish Week. He is the co-founder of 24/6: A Jewish Theater Company, and has been adapting classical theater to address issues unique to the Jewish community since 2010.

Susan Rand DDS, who has transitioned formally from her Dental career and obtained her New York State Real Estate License. She is working with Bond New York in New York City. Susan can be contacted at 917-373-9203 or susanranddds@gmail.com.

Phyllis Furman Wagner upon receiving the Malcolm S. Forbes Public Awareness Award for Excellence in Advancing Financial Understanding from the Financial Planning Association of New York.

Dr. Ruth Wisse, Yiddish scholar and literary and social critic, who delivered the keynote address at Yeshiva University's 84th Commencement Ceremony.

Matthew Zimmerman upon being named Clinical Director of Lexington Avenue Chiropractic and Nutrition.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Dina and Jacques Farhi upon the graduation of their daughter, Talia Farhi Sadres, from the College of New Rochelle with a Masters of Science in Education.

Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt upon the graduation of their grandson, Matthew Javitt, son of the Drs. Marcia and Jonathan Javitt of Zichron Yaakov, from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, with a B. S. degree *cum laude* with honors in the Science, Technology and International Affairs major.

Sue and Dr. Norman Javitt upon the graduation of their grandson, Zachary Javitt, son of the Drs. Marcia and Jonathan Javitt, from the School of General Studies, Columbia University, and the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies, Jewish Theological Seminary, with a B. A. degree from each institution.

KJ Director of Community Education Rabbi Daniel Kraus upon receiving his MBA from NYU Stern School of Business.

Yehuda Magid ('02), son of Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid, upon his February 2015 graduation from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College with an MS in Quantitative Modeling.

Nadia and Joseph Olidort, whose son, Jacob, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation and graduated from Princeton University,

where he was awarded a Ph.D. degree in Near Eastern Studies.

Ryan Schwab, son of Ronit and Lawrence Schwab, upon his graduation, *cum laude*, from Technion Medical School in Haifa, Israel. Ryan will begin his residency in New York.

Abigail Shay, daughter of Susan and Scott Shay, upon receiving the Maimonides Award for Outstanding Student in Jewish Studies and *Limudei Kodesh* at American Hebrew Academy.

Dr. Meg Rosenblatt and David Stein upon their daughter Natalie's acceptance to the accelerated joint MPH/MBA program at the Yale School of Public Health and the Yale School of Management. She begins her studies this summer.

Hannah Vorchheimer, daughter of Rachel and Dr. David Vorchheimer, upon her graduation from the Ramaz Middle School where she received the Nathaniel Rand *Keter Shem Tov* Award. She will attend SAR High School in the fall.

Lauren Wagner, daughter of Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner, upon her graduation from Fordham Law School. She will join O'Melveny & Myers in the fall.

Grace Weil upon her grandson Raffi Sturm's graduation from Florida Atlantic University Medical School. Raffi is the son of Drs. Esther and Heshy Sturm of Toronto. Mazal Tov as well to Raffi's wife, Carly, upon receiving her Masters in Social Work one week later.

Grace Weil upon her grandson Josh Sturm's graduation from York University with a Bachelor's degree in Business. He is the son of Drs. Esther and Heshy Sturm of Toronto.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to:

Raanan Agus, upon the passing of his father, Saul Agus.

Karen Benson, upon the passing of her father, Marty Fohrman.

Deborah Born and Judith Weiss, upon the passing of their father, Benjamin Hammerman.

Helen Davis, upon the passing of her brother, Dr. Louis Janowski.

Janet Fried, upon the passing of her brother, Irwin Cutler.

Michele Hering and William Slochowsky, upon the passing of their mother, Sydelle Slochowsky.

Hon. Judy Kluger, upon the passing of her mother, Olga Harris.

Paula Menche and Sandy Goldwyn, upon the passing of their father, Abraham Pilchik.

Robert Podell, upon the passing of his sister, Sharon Weiskopf.

Sheera Aranoff Tuchman, upon the passing of her brother, Jonathan Aranoff.

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

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

		<i>Lighting of Candles</i>	<i>Friday Evening Services</i>	<i>Saturday Afternoon Services</i>	<i>Sabbath Ends</i>
July					
3-4	Balak	8:13 PM	6:45 PM	8:10 PM	9:14 PM
10-11	Pinchas	8:11 PM	6:45 PM	8:05 PM	9:12 PM
17-18	Mattot-Masei	8:07 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM	9:07 PM
24-25	Devarim	8:02 PM	6:45 PM	2:30 PM	9:00 PM
August					
31-1	Vaet'chanan	7:55 PM	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:53 PM
7 - 8	Ekev	7:48 PM	6:45 PM	7:35 PM	8:43 PM
14-15	Re'eh	7:37 PM	6:45 PM	7:25 PM	8:32 PM
21-22	Shoftim	7:27 PM	6:45 PM	7:15 PM	8:22 PM
28-29	Ki Tetze	7:17 PM	6:45 PM	7:05 PM	8:10 PM
September					
4-5	Ki Tavo	7:05 PM	6:45 PM	6:55 PM	7:59 PM
11-12	Nitzavim	6:54 PM	6:45 PM	6:40 PM	7:48 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

July 1 - July 16..... 6:50 PM

July 19 - September 11..... 6:45 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, July 3

Morning Services at 8:30 AM

Sunday, July 5

Fast of 17th of Tammuz
Fast begins 4:18 AM
Morning Services at 8:30 AM
Evening Services at 8:05 PM
Fast Ends at 9:11 PM

Friday, July 17

Rosh Chodesh Av
Morning Services at 7:00 AM

Saturday-Sunday, July 25-26

Fast of Tisha B'Av (See schedule p.3)
Saturday Night Services at 9:15 PM
Fast Begins at 8:19 PM
Sunday Morning Services at 8:30 AM
Sunday Night Services at 7:50 PM
Fast ends at 8:56 PM

Saturday-Sunday, August 15-16

Rosh Chodesh Elul
Sunday Morning Services at 8:30 AM

Monday, September 7

Morning Services at 8:30 AM