



36 Out of 50 Ramaz Seniors Score in Regents Scholarship Examination

We are proud to announce that thirty-six Ramaz seniors out of a total of fifty-one who took the New York State Regents Scholarship Examination placed high in the results of that competition. There were thirty-two winners and four students who are alternates with a high enough score to eventually earn the Scholarship.

The total figure of seventy-one per cent represents a magnificent achievement on the part of the students themselves. It is a credit to the entire class of which these students are a part.

Our congratulations to all the seniors for maintaining such a high standard of academic achievement and our best wishes to the faculty and administration of Ramaz School which shares the joy and nachas from such a wonderful record.

In Particular . . .

Our special congratulations to the following young members of our congregational family who were winners in the Regents Scholarship Competition for this year: Marvin Binstock (an alternate), son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Binstock; Samuel Friedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman; Richard Gribetz, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gribetz; Daphne Merkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merkin; Judith Ranells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ranells; Judith Schacter, granddaughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein; and Rena Steinberg, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Adler.

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JOSEPH LORCH HONORED BY YESHIVA UNIVERSITY



At Yeshiva University Chanukah Dinner, Joseph Lorch (second from right) received the Yeshiva University Citation for leadership in higher education. Pictured are (l to r) Max J. Etra, chairman, Yeshiva University Board of Trustees and Honorary President, Kehilath Jeshurun; Charles H. Silver, Dinner chairman; Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein; Mr. Lorch; and Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, Yeshiva University.

A marvelous turnout of Kehilath Jeshurun members attended this dinner and paid tribute by their presence to our very good friend and his family. Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein presented Mr. Lorch for his honor in his own inimitable fashion. The assemblage, as one, rose to indicate their own approval.

We pray that Mr. and Mrs. Lorch and their family will enjoy health and strength for many years and will continue to deserve the approbation of the community.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN ON T.V. CHANNEL 9 THIS SUNDAY, 8:30 A.M.

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will appear on television this coming Sunday morning, December 27th, from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock on Channel 9 as the moderator of the program Point of View.

The program will be devoted to a round table discussion led by the Rab-

bi with four young American Orthodox Jews who are leaving for permanent residence in Israel during the next six months. The program will deal with the background of the new "olim" as well as some of the factors which have motivated this decision on their part.

A CHANUKAH MESSAGE

"Having The Courage To Light"

A traditional question about the lighting of candles for eight nights on Chanukah goes as follows: if this ceremony commemorates the fact that a one night's supply of oil lasted miraculously for eight nights, then it is only the last seven nights that were miraculous; why do we light for eight nights?

One of the many answers to this question seems particularly relevant to our day. The last seven nights commemorate the miraculous staying power of that cruse of fuel. The first night commemorates a human miracle: the miracle of the Maccabean courage to light the Menorah at the first opportunity even though they knew it could not last. They lit a lamp that was destined — so they thought — to flicker and die out. They kindled the candelabrum against all odds of success. To remember this act of faith and courage, we light the Menorah on the first night.

Actually, this Maccabean miracle of faith is characteristic of all of Jewish history. Abraham was the first to try to bring light to a world bent upon maintaining the darkness of idolatry and superstition at all costs. Imagine where we could be today if Abraham had waited for a more accommodating social and political setting.

The Children of Israel began their trek toward a meeting with destiny by leaving the garden that was Egypt and setting out in a wilderness, plunging into a Red Sea and fighting their way to a Promised Land — lighting a candle against all odds.

The Jewish martyrs through the ages kindled the light of Judaism under circumstances in which people with lesser faith would have given up in despair. The latest chapter in this

saga of the first night of Chanukah is being written by a determined remnant of Russian Jewry who refuse to accept the "reality" of Judaism's ultimate disappearance in the Soviet Union.

Each of us in his or her own life faces the test of faith of the first candle. Can one expect success in living a full, traditional Jewish life in the face of the strains and stresses, the enticements and attractions of a secular society? Can one who is imbued with the modern idea of man's centrality and virtual omnipotence ever hope to stand before God in prayer, assuming the posture of helplessness and dependence? Can a sophisticated, cosmopolitan person ever achieve the sublime faith and the unqualified commitment of a Hillel or a Rabbi Akiba?

These are real questions and they raise reasonable doubts about the ultimate success of our religious behavior. If, however, we comprehend the meaning of Chanukah — and Jewish history in general — we will not hesitate to light the first candle, to take a firm stance with the committed, in the full faith that God will help replenish our religious stamina and assure the staying power of our spiritual light.

Our task, then, is not to worry about ultimate success — this is God's concern. Our task is to take the first steps courageously and firmly. And as we do so, let us recall that the first candle of Chanukah is accompanied by an extra blessing — "Shehechyanu v'kiyemanu v'higi'anu la-zman hazeh." It is the ability to light the first candle that assures our survival as a people and as a religion.

H. L.

SISTERHOOD THEATRE PARTY

The Annual Theatre Party, sponsored by our Sisterhood, was held on Tuesday evening, December 15th, at the Cinerama Theatre. The movie, "The Song of Norway," featuring beautiful music and breathtaking scenery, was enjoyed by many of the members and friends of the Sisterhood who were in attendance.

Many thanks to Mrs. William Lebowitz, who chaired the event, for a job very well done.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Week of December 26 - January 1

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, Dr. Norman Orentreich, Miss Irene Weiss, Leon Spilky, Mrs. Milton Medwin, Dr. Richard Ascher, Mrs. Richard Kolb, Mrs. Irwin Shapiro, Dr. David Weisselberger, and David Goldberg.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Lipschutz, Mr. and Mrs. Gedeon Heller, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Rothenstein.

Week of January 2-8

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Herbert R. Steinmann, Ralph Spencer, Mrs. Abraham Ernst, Mrs. Henry M. Rem, Jacob A. Klein, Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, Mrs. Wolf Zukerman, Mrs. Morton Kamerman, Mrs. Albert H. Colin, and Walter Koppel.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. William W. Landa, Mr. and Mrs. Al Feiner, Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Neustadter, Dr. and Mrs. Judah Zizmor, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Jacobs, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman.

Condolences—

We record with sorrow the passing of the beloved mother of our member, Mrs. Norman Kaplan.

We pray that all the members of the bereaved family will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

MEMBER IN THE NEWS

We were gratified to read the statements by our esteemed member, Lawrence A. Kobrin, quoted recently in the New York Times. Mr. Kobrin was the Chairman of the recent, highly successful convention of the U.O.-J.C.A. in Washington, D.C. He was elected Vice President of the Union at that convention.

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PLEASE DO NOT FORGET

With the festival of Chanukah upon us, we ask our members and friends to remember the Benevolent Fund of the congregation, through whose auspices they were sent candles for the holiday.

The response thus far has been most heartwarming. We call to everyone's attention the special effort which our Fund is making in behalf of Soviet Jewry. Please do not forget. Send your contribution today.

THE GOVERNMENT HELPS YOU GIVE CHARITY

America is one of the few governments in the world that encourages the giving of private charity by allowing the donor to take a tax deduction for his gifts.

It is good to bear this thought in mind now as the calendar year is coming to a close. There are many business men who may realize that they are still in a position to make gifts to worthy causes. It would be extremely wise for them to take advantage of that.

There are, of course, many causes that deserve generosity. There is the United Jewish Appeal which today is the supreme cause in Jewish life. There is Yeshiva University, the foremost institution of higher learning in America. There, of course, is the Bar-

Ilan University in Israel, an academic institution that is religiously oriented.

Immediately, at home, there is, the Synagogue itself. There may be some who have not yet made their contribution to the Annual Synagogue Appeal. Now they have such an opportunity. Ramaz School deserves the kindness and attention of generous donors. We mention but a few causes but we do not discourage giving to any other deserving cause.

This is a thought for the month of December, as the year comes to a close. Remember that the institutions and causes to which you will give will give you their blessing. The government will give you sanction and approval, and God will reward you.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Honoring and Enjoying the Sabbath

(The following paragraphs are excerpted from Chapter 30 of the Laws of the Sabbath, from Maimonides' Code ed.)

Four duties have been formulated with reference to the Sabbath, two on Scriptural authority, and two on the authority of the Scribes, being explicitly mentioned in the Prophets. Scripture says, Remember (Exod. 20:8) and Observe (Deut. 5:12) while the Prophets explicitly mention Honor and Delight in the verse, And call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy of the Lord clothed with honor (Is. 58:13).

What is meant by "honor"? This is explained by the statement of the Sages that in order to honor the Sabbath one should as a matter of religious duty wash his face, hands and feet with hot water on Friday afternoon and sit in a dignified manner waiting to receive the Sabbath, just as if one were going forth to meet a king. Honoring the Sabbath involves also putting on clean clothes so as not to wear the same clothes on both weekdays and Sabbaths.

In order that the Sabbath should be suitably honored, one should not set a banquet or a drinking party for Friday night. Furthermore, while eating

and drinking are permissible until nightfall, one should, in honor of the Sabbath, refrain from eating a regular meal in the late afternoon in order to enter the Sabbath with an appetite for food.

One should set his table properly on Friday night, even if he feels no need for a big meal. One should also, in honor of the Sabbath, prepare his room on Friday by having a lamp lit, a table set and a couch properly spread. All of this are marks of reverence for the Sabbath.

Even if one is a person of very high rank and does not as a rule attend to the marketing or the other household chores, he should nevertheless himself perform one of these tasks in preparation for the Sabbath, for that will be his way of honoring it. There were some among the Sages of old who split firewood for the cooking; others cooked or salted meat, plaited wicks, lit lamps, or went to market to buy food or drink for the Sabbath, although none of these Sages customarily performed such tasks on weekdays. **Indeed, the more one does in the way of such preparation, the more praiseworthy he is.**

SITUATION WANTED

We are in receipt of a request from a young lady from London for a position as an "Au Pere" or a mother's helper. She would like to live and work in a kosher home. For further information, please call Mr. Phil Balsam at the synagogue office.

HEADLINES OF JEWISH INTEREST

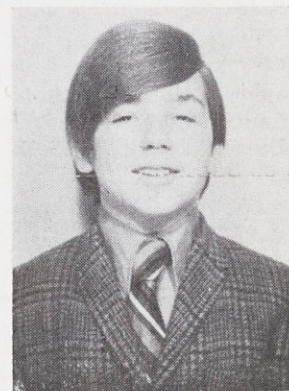
1,000 Soviet Jews Defy Secret Police: Hold Memorial Service for Nazi Victims

The American Conference on Soviet Jewry announced the other day that 1,000 Soviet Jews had recently defied the Soviet police in conducting a memorial observance at the mass grave of 30,000 Jews slaughtered by the Nazis in 1942 on the outskirts of Riga, Latvia. The incident occurred on November 29th, on the 28th anniversary of the deaths of these victims of the holocaust. A plain clothesman of the feared K.G.B., the Soviet Secret Police attempted to silence a speaker at the gathering, but withdrew when the crowd protested. Uniformed police then moved through the throng taking photographs. The mourners, however, refused to be intimidated and none left.

Golda Meir on Demonstrations for Soviet Jewry

At a recent meeting of the National Religious Party in Israel, Golda Meir spoke about Soviet Jewry indicating that much more needs to be done in their behalf. It is not enough to cry out, she said; it is also important to do something tangible. At the same time, Mrs. Meir repeated her earlier denunciation of the recent bombings of Soviet Government Offices in New York. Such acts, she said, only play into Soviet hands.

JONATHAN MEDWIN BAR MITZVAH



Congratulations and all best wishes to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Medwin, upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan, which will take place at services in our synagogue on Saturday, December 26th.

Jonathan is a fine student in Form II at Ramaz. He will chant a section from the Torah as well as the prophetic portion at our services.

The entire congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Medwin at Kid-dush following services.

RESERVE THE DATE

SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1971

Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun

125 East 85th Street
New York 10028, N.Y.
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**FRIDAY, December 25th**

Lighting of Candles 4:15
Evening 4:30

SATURDAY, SHABBAT CHANUKAH

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Pre-School Service
Dining Hall 11:00

Weekly Portion: Miketz Gen. 41-44:47**Numbers 7:30-55****Haftorah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7****ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS**

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on
Monday, Dec. 28 and Tuesday,
Dec. 29.
Evening 4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:05

FRIDAY, January 1st

Lighting of Candles 4:20
Evening 4:30

SATURDAY

Morning 9:00
Junior Congregation 10:15
Pre-School Service
Dining Hall 11:00

Weekly Portion: Vayigash**Genesis 44:18 - 47:27****Haftorah: Ezekiel 37:15-28**

Evening 4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath 5:10

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30
Sunday Morning 8:30
Father and Son Minyan 9:30
Evening 4:40

The fast of the 10th of Tevet occurs
on Thursday, January 7th.

Inasmuch as December 25th and Jan-
uary 1st are legal holidays, when
places of business are closed, morning
services will be held at 8:30.

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YAHREZEITS**December**

26—Jacob S. Pofcher
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26—Jacob Riskin
26—Helena Trencher
26—George Steinman
26—Lillian Lewis
27—Jacob M. Schultz
27—Tobe Mann
27—Lea Haber
27—Fred Kahn
28—Katherine Greenfield
29—Samuel Friedman
29—Joseph Levin
29—Lillian Mandelbaum
29—Ronald Jay Ferber
30—Julius Bayer
30—Sarah Freedman
31—Etta Golderich
31—Majer Kaufman
31—S. Herbert Golden
31—Joseph Jame
31—Nathan Warshaw
31—Ruth Roher
31—Bessie Feinberg

January

1—Samuel H. Golde
1—Ray Schultz
1—Rhoda C. Diamond
2—Celia Rubin
2—Julie Faerber
3—Annie Roth
3—Moses Goodside
3—Annie Simon
3—Moses Pesach Sonenberg
3—Rebecca Kotimsky
3—Rose Goldsmith
3—Joseph Schwab
4—Dorothy Blum
4—Oscar Schneider
4—Konstantin Himmelbrand
5—Hyman I. Arbeit
5—Mendel Gottesman
5—Jacob E. Fischel
5—Louis Block
5—Jennie Goldstein
5—Morris Ward
5—Helen Skydell
5—Lillian Goodman
6—Pauline W. Lurie
6—Joel Resnick
6—Sarah Rosenbluth
6—Marcus Baruch
6—Rebecca Ivry
6—Israel Willis
6—Sophie Forman
6—Rosalie Fink
6—Irving Lieberman
7—Harris Mayer
7—Herman Heller
7—Menucha Domber
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Chumash and Rashi I

3:40 P.M.

Chumash and Rashi II

Mondays (Except Dec. 28)**11:00 A.M.**

Studies in Judaism

8:00 P.M.

Hebrew to Read Siddur By

8:30 P.M.

Talmud Class

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 8:30 P.M.

Bible and Commentaries Seminar
in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton
Berkowitz, 500 East 85th Street.

Sunday, Jan. 10th, 8:00 P.M.

Seminar in Modern Jewish
Thought in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Noam Shudofsky, 209 West
86th Street.

**CHANUKAH PARTY
SMASHING SUCCESS**

The annual Sisterhood, Men's Club,
Couples Club Chanukah Party was held
on Sunday evening, December 20th in
the K. J. ballroom.

More than 150 guests were im-
pressed by the beautifully decorated
room and completely enjoyed the
"swinging" dance music. The ruach
and sense of friendship swept
throughout the ballroom as the guests
danced and partook from carefully pre-
pared platters.

A special thanks goes to the chair-
men of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Mil-
ton Berkowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Martin
Haber and to the many members who
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