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Does Ramaz Give You A Sense of Pride?

The answer to that question is surely yes. When you hear of the fine record established by Ramaz students and alumni, it makes you proud to be part of the extended Ramaz family. When you think of all of the doctors, lawyers, rabbis, college professors, mothers, fathers, synagogue presidents and communal leaders who have been graduated from this school since its first graduating class in 1945 — yes, thirty-two years ago — you realize what this school, founded by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun 41 years ago, means to the Jewish community of today.

At the present moment, there are, thank God, 753 students receiving an education at Ramaz from Nursery through Grade 12. We are proud of every one of them. We expect to continue to be proud of them for generations to come when they will be leaders and followers in a strong, vibrant Jewish community.

If Ramaz gives you pride, there is something which you can give Ramaz as well. On Sunday, January 22nd, the forty-first Annual Dinner Dance of the Ramaz Parents' Council will be held in the Waldorf. The cost is \$125 per plate. All the monies raised through that affair go for scholarships for children whose parents cannot pay the full tuition at Ramaz and also for programs of curriculum development which help to raise the standard of education in the school and help to produce the kind of student who will continue to make us proud.

Won't you please contact the school office at 125 East 85th Street and make your reservations for January 22nd. If you cannot be present in person, please be assured that any contribution you would like to make toward the financial success of the evening will be most helpful and appreciated.

This Shabbat Morning

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**We welcome the parents and students of the 3rd Grade of Ramaz
for a Shabbaton in our Congregation on December 17th.**

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to our members, Professor and Mrs. Lawrence King, on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son David Kaufman, a student in Form II in Ramaz. May he continue to grow up as a Ben Torah and a proud Jew.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silverstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their first grandchild, Ira W. Sohn, son of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Sohn of Englewood, New Jersey. Ira, who is a student at the Moriah School in Englewood, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah last month. The Kiddush on November 12th in our Synagogue was sponsored by the Silversteins in honor of the event.

Wedding

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth on the marriage of their son, Andrew to the former Robin Luxenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Luxenberg of Flushing.

Condolence

We extend our sympathy to Fred Sommer on the passing of his beloved mother, Hedwig Sommer. May he and his family be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

CALLING ALL YOUNG MARRIEDS

The first meeting of a new young marrieds group for couples in their 20's and 30's will be held in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein this Saturday night at 8:30. In case we missed sending you a formal invitation, please come anyway.

DR. PINCHAS CHURGIN MEMORIAL MEETING THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8 P.M.

This Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Kamber Auditorium, Bar Ilan University and Yeshiva University will sponsor a memorial meeting on the occasion of the 20th Yahrzeit of Dr. Pinchas Churgin, founder and first President of the Bar Ilan University and formerly the Dean of the Teachers' Institute at Yeshiva.

Dr. Churgin was a great Jewish scholar and communal leader who served at one time as President of the Mizrahi movement in America. His grandson, Peter Miller, who bears his name, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in our synagogue this month.

A cordial invitation is extended to the entire community to honor the memory of this great Jew by attending the Memorial Meeting which will be addressed by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Rabbi Norman Lamm and Rabbi Emanuel Rackman.

BAT MITZVAH



Ellice Stein

Mazel tov to our new members, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stein, on the celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ellice, on Sunday, December 11th, the eve of the last day of Chanukah.

Ellice, who is a student in Form I at Ramaz, will deliver a D'var Torah following a special service that evening. Her family and friends will then join in a Chanukah supper in our Synagogue House.

The Congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stein for Kiddush on December 17th in celebration of this happy event.

BAR MITZVAH



Peter Miller

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah celebration of their son, Peter, on Shabbat, December 24th.

Peter, a student in Form I at Ramaz, will read the entire Torah portion and Haftarah at services that day. The entire Congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miller for Kiddush.

We join in wishing the Stein and Miller families happiness in their milestones and continued nachas from their children.

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RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN AND RAMAZ STUDENTS ON WCBS-TV SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 9:30-10 A.M.

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will be interviewed by Dr. Ormond Drake on the WCBS-TV program, "The Way to Go" this Sunday, December 4, from 9:30 until 10 o'clock. The program which will be devoted to Ramaz and Chanukah will also feature a group of 13 members of the Upper School Chorus from Ramaz together with their Director, Michael Berl. The program is produced through the Radio and Television Commission of the New York Board of Rabbis.

L'HITRAOT TO MARCIA BARANY

Mrs. Michael Barany (Marcia to many of us) will be leaving the post of Executive Secretary of the Congregation at the end of November. She has been with us for over a year and a half during which time she contributed very generously of her time, talent, tact and sense of organization to all that went on in the Synagogue Office and to much that has transpired in Synagogue life in general. It has been a pleasure for all of us to work with her and we shall miss her professional association with us although we know that she will continue together with her husband and family to work for Kehilath Jeshurun in many voluntary capacities. That is why we do not say goodbye, but rather l'hitraot (au revoir).

The expanded needs of the Congregation have made it necessary for us to search for a full time Executive Secretary (more accurately a time and a half person). We are happy that with Marcia's help we have found one and so . . .

WELCOME MAXINE DIAMOND

A warm welcome to Maxine Diamond, a new member of Kehilath Jeshurun who has already begun her work as the new Executive Secretary at K.J. Maxine comes to us as a graduate of Cornell University with a fine record in personnel management at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She is well known to many worshippers in our Synagogue as one of the earliest to arrive at Shabbat services.

We wish Maxine well in her new role. We hope that she will give us of her bountiful energy and talent so that we can conduct all of our affairs and continue to expand the activities of K.J.

PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

Beginning with Sunday Evening, December 4

While the practice of gift giving has become an integral part of the Festival of Lights, the lights themselves are the principal observance of the holiday and should be highlighted as the central feature of Chanukah in the home.

The following are a few items which should be kept in mind:

1. *The Menorah* — While one Menorah suffices for the household, it is customary — and desirable — for each member of the household to light his own Menorah. This is particularly recommended for the children in the family who will take special delight in kindling their own Chanukah lamps.

2. *The Time for Lighting* — The candles should be lit as soon as possible after nightfall (30 minutes after sunset). They should be allowed to burn for at least 30 minutes.

On Saturday night at home, the candles are lit after Havdalah. On Friday afternoon, they are lit before the Sabbath candles and they should be large enough so that they will remain lit for about an hour and a half.

3. *Arranging the Candles* — The candles are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candle lighter faces it. Each night an additional candle is lit.

4. *Lighting the Candles* — The candles are lit from left to right — starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the "Shamash." Then the blessings are recited — three on the first night and two on the other nights. After the blessings are recited, we light the candles by the flame of the "Shamash."

The reason for using the "Shamash" is in order to avoid any practical use of the Chanukah candles. These lights are holy and their sole purpose is a ritual one — to proclaim the miracle of Chanukah.

5. *Concluding Songs* — Following the lighting of the candles, we sing ha-Nerot ha-Lalu, which explains the reason for the ceremony, and Maoz Tzur, a ballad which describes in several stanzas how Divine Providence has intervened at various points in history to save us from our enemies.

Fee For Yahrzeit Plaques To Be Increased

We are proud that Kehilath Jeshurun established the institution of the Yahrzeit tablet and provided a model for all other congregations to follow.

A plaque for a departed dear one on that tablet is a permanent memorial in our House of God. On that day of the Yahrzeit the lights on either side of the plaque are kindled. At Yahrzeit time, memorial prayers are recited for all those who are inscribed on the tablets. Similar prayers are offered on every Yahrzeit.

The fee for a plaque has been three hundred dollars. It has been decided that as of March 15, 1978, the fee will be increased to four hundred dollars. Plaques may be ordered before that date at the former rate. Mr. Israel Rosenberg will be glad to be of assistance and so will the synagogue office.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

J. K. Luncheon

J.K. will hold its first Shabbat luncheon of the year on December 10 after the conclusion of services in the Main Synagogue. The luncheon is open to all high school students in the community and costs \$2.50. It will be followed by a "Bikkur Cholim" visit to a nearby hospital. Reservations can be made by calling David or Ricki Bernstein at 289-4921 by Monday, December 5.

Junior Congregation News

Finally, Junior Congregation attends a Knick victory! The exciting first trip of the season marked the second straight year we have attended "overtime" contests at Madison Square Garden — a well deserved treat for our regular attendees. Plans are already underway for another outing, probably in late January or February. If you would like to join us, become a regular member of this group which meets in the Chapel every Shabbat at 10:15 A.M.

Officers for the month of Kislev:

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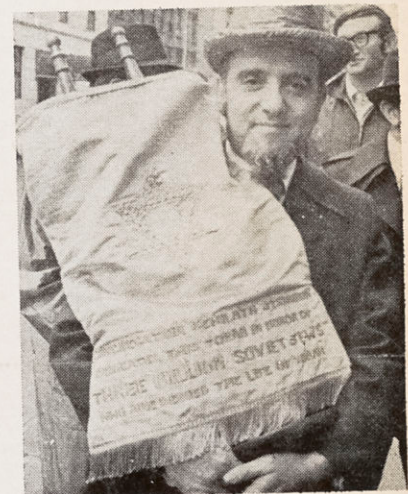
Shabbat Afternoon Groups

There will be no groups on December 24 and December 31. Regular meetings resume on January 7.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERS

We note with pride that several members of the Congregational family are among the winners of office in the Student Organization of the Junior High School at Ramaz. We are happy to congratulate all of the winners and to wish them well in their tenure in office.

Karren Shorofsky	President
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Aryeh Leifman.....	Recording Secretary



Rabbi Haskel Lookstein is holding the Torah which the Congregation dedicated "in honor of 3,000,000 Soviet Jews who are denied the life of Torah." The picture was taken outside of our Synagogue House as a remarkably large group of hearty souls braved the inclement weather on Sunday, Chol Hamoed Sukkot, October 2nd, to lead the demonstration which was held at 85th Street and East End Avenue.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, December 2

Lighting of Candles4:09 P.M.
Evening4:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 3

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayeshev
Haftorah: Amos 2

Rosh Chodesh Prayers

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on
Saturday, December 10 and Sunday,
December 11.

Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....5:09 P.M.

Friday, December 9

Lighting of Candles4:09 P.M.
Evening4:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 10

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh
Shabbat Chanukah
Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Miketz
Haftorah: Zachariah 2
Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....5:08 P.M.

Friday, December 16

Lighting of Candles4:10 P.M.
Evening4:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 17

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayigash
Haftorah: Ezekiel
Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....5:10 P.M.
Tuesday, December 20 — The Fast
of Tenth of Tevet
Morning services at 7:15 A.M.

Friday, December 23

Lighting of Candles4:13 P.M.
Evening4:30 P.M.

TAL U'MATAR

We begin saying the prayer *Tal U'Matar* in the *Ma'ariv* service on
Sunday evening, December 4.

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Walter Koppel*Pres. Men's Club*

Saturday, December 24

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayehi
Haftorah: I Kings 2
Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....5:13 P.M.

Friday, December 30

Lighting of Candles4:18 P.M.
Evening4:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 31

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Shemot
Haftorah: Isaiah 27
Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath5:19 P.M.
Junior Congregation meets on Shab-
bat mornings at 10:15.
Pre-school services are at 11:00.

Weekday Services

Morning7:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning8:30 A.M.
Father and Son Minyan.....9:30 A.M.
Evening4:30 P.M.

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