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K.J.-RAMAZ COMMUNITY PLANS TO REMEMBER SHCHARANSKY



On Friday, July 14, while most of the world was on vacation, the Soviet Union, after a five-day closed trial, convicted Anatoly Shcharansky of treason and sentenced him to 13 years in prison. This heroic, Jewish patriot, who has not seen his wife, Avital, since July, 1974 when she left for srael, will now be deprived of a normal married Jewish life until at least March, 1990 (he has already served 18 months in prison, 16 of them prior to his trial).

Professor Alan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School wrote the letter that you received earlier this summer urging his friends to embark upon a 13 year campaign to remember Scharansky by sponsoring a small box in the New York Times every day until Shcharansky's release. Members of the congregation and the Ramaz community are helping to coordinate this brilliant plan and to execute it in all its many detail.

You can help by sending in your \$80.00, payable either to K.J.S.J. or the Committee of Concerned Scientists, to the synagogue office. We will see to it that you are assigned a day — or days — for sponsorship.

To date, the response from our congregants has been gratifying. Personally, I have undertaken one sponsorship for Audrey and me as has my father for himself and my mother. I have also encouraged my children to divide one sponsorship among them.

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LAST CALL FOR HIGH HOLY DAY SEATS

A few seats are still available for High Holy Day services at CKJ. To make your reservations, contact the Synagogue Office immediately.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS BEGIN THIS WEEK

In the past, the basic courses in Talmud, Bible and Jewish philosophy that have been offered have been regularly attended by individuals of the KJ and Ramaz community who have considered Jewish learning a priority and who have been able to make the time commitment to make such study feasible. This year, while retaining the fundamental curriculum of previous years, we are offering new courses in unusual time slots that will hopefully enable those who have not as yet been able to join us to share in the Torah learning experience. The investment of even one hour per week may make a significant difference in one's spiritual and Jewish consciousness. While the full program of continuing education for Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz will not begin until after the festival period, several of our most important offerings will hold sessions beginning this Shabbat, September 9. If sufficient interest is expressed, an evening Bible course, an afternoon Jewish History course and a Hebrew reading program will also be offered. Contact the office or Rabbi Bieler.

MONDAY MORNING Parshat HaShavuah — Rabbi Jack Bieler

A general survey of the current week's Torah portion with a primary emphasis upon basic theological concepts that stem from the verses at hand. Please note: the material to be presented in this course will not be duplicated by the class in the weekly portion on Friday evenings. Hours: 9:15-10:15. Beginning September 18.

To Be A Jew — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Every Monday morning at 10:20 Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will meet with a class in the Jess Ward Library of the Synagogue House to study the observance of Judaism: what they are, why they are and how they are performed

The sessions this year will begin on Monday, September 18 and will deal with an analysis of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Both of these morning courses should be especially valuable for Ramaz mothers.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON Prayer—Rabbi Jack Bieler

A course designed to present the structure, philosophy and content of the daily and Shabbat prayers. In depth analysis of the individual prayers as well as the over-all perspective that underlies the prayer experience will be taken up by the participants in the class.

Hours: 1:45-2:45. Beginning September 19.

FRIDAY EVENING Parshat HaShavuah — Rabbi Jack Bieler

Utilizing Rashi's commentary in conjunction with Midrashic sources as a basis, a survey of themes and ideas contained within the particular Torah portion to be read the following morning will be presented. Hours: Alternate Friday evenings 8:00-9:00. Begin October 13.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON Hilkhot Shabbat Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will conduct a weekly session throughout the year on the Laws of Shabbat. He plans to complete the study of those laws by Shavuot. Here is an opportunity to learn how to observe Shabbat properly, meaningfully and inspirationally: to know what to do and why.

Seudah Sh'lishit Series — Rabbi Jack Bieler

Once a month the Men's Club will sponsor a Seudah Sh'lishit with an educational program supplementing the tea, fruit, cookies and jelly donuts.

The first program will be on Shabbat afternoon, September 30, at 5:30. Mincha will be followed by a Seudah. Rabbi Bieler will then conduct a session of 45 minutes on topics in the *Yomim Ha-Noraim*.

SUNDAY MORNING Talmud: Berakhot — Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn

This course will use the El Am edition of the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Berakhot, as its basic text. Its major concerns are laws pertaining to daily prayers and blessings. It will meet throughout the year. Sessions begin with a light breakfast. Hours: 9:15-10:30. Begin October 8.

A registration form for these courses is on page 4.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deutsch on the birth of their first child, a son. Mazel tov also to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Low and Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Deutsch.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Steven Schacter on the birth of their daughter. Mazel tov also to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedman, and the proud great-grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leifert on the birth of their first child, a son. Congratulations also to the new grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Leifert.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Englander on the birth of their first child, a son, in June.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schachter on the recent birth of their son.

Mazel toy to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kule on the recent birth of a baby boy. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E.

Magnus Oppenheim on the birth of their son in Israel.

We congratulate Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman on the birth of her first grandchild, a daughter born to Debbie and Samuel Friedman in Jerusalem.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jadek on the birth of their grandson, Marshall Harold Daniels. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Daniels.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meyers on the recent birth of their granddaughter, a baby girl born to Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Sacharow.

We are pleased to congratulate Mrs. Joseph Adler on the recent birth of twin great-granddaughters. The baby girls were born to Mrs. Adler's grand-children, Naomi and Bernard Candler.

May these new arrivals grow up in the tradition of *Torah*, *Chupah* and *ma'asim tovim*.

Engagements

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gura on the engagement of their daughter, Sheryl, to Michael Rosenberg of Glasgow, Scotland.

Mazel tov to our member Elaine Yaffe on her engagement to David Blumenthal.

We pray that these weddings will take place in health and happiness.

Weddings

Mazel toy to Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Richter on the marriage of their daughter Sara to Howard Gruenspecht of Washington Heights.

Congratulations to Aaron Holzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Hol-

zer, upon his marriage to Marjorie Merlin of Milton, Mass.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Blumenthal on the marriage of their son, Dr. Samuel Blumenthal, to Claudia Altmann of the West Side.

We pray that these young couples will lead long and happy Jewish lives together.

Double Simcha for the Zuckerbrots

We are pleased to extend a double mazel toy to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zuckerbrot. The marriage of their daughter Alice to Harvey Fischer took place in August. Earlier this summer, the Zuckerbrots became grandparents when a baby boy, Ehud Moshe, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Yechiel Zuckerbrot.

We hope to share many more such joyous events with the Zuckerbrot family.

Academic Achievements

Congratulations to Henry S. Edelson, Ramaz '75, on his acceptance to the NYU School of Medicine under their early decision plan. As an NYU undergraduate, Henry was the winner of the Benjamin Salomon Award, a member of Beta Lamda Sigma and a member of the Caducean Society. He was on the Dean's List all through college.

We note with pride Martin Greenberg's graduation from Johns Hopkins Medical School. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greenberg and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberg, plans to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon.

We congratulate Michael Kagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kagan, upon his graduation last June from Northfield Mount Herman School with honors and as a recipient of the Baxter Prize in Classics. Michael will attend Wesleyan University.

Congratulations to Dr. Claudette

Kunkes (nee Hammer), a member of our congregation and a graduate of Ramaz, who received her Ph.D. i clinical psychology from the Ferkauf Division of Yeshiva University last June. Dr. Kunkes wrote her dissertation on adolescent pregnancy. We wish her well in her professional career.

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Joy Manning, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, recently graduated from Temple University's Tyler School of Art. We wish her success with her career in the art world.

Congratulations to Wendy Sacks, daughter of Mrs. Elaine Sacks, who was graduated from Ramaz in June with a Regents Scholarship. Wendy will attend Stern College for Women where she has been designated as a Dr. Samuel Belkin Scholar. We wish her well in her future academic career.

We congratulate Jay Sokolow, Ramaz 1975, on his graduation magna cum laude from Yale University, with distinction in Chemistry. Jay was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He will attend Johns Hopkins Medical School in the fall.

Professional Appointment

We note with pride the appointment of our Associate Trustee, Hon. Norman C. Ryp, to the faculty of New York Law School, where he will be teaching courses on Evidence. We wish Judge Ryp every success in his new position.

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman on the passing of her dear mother, Regina Greif.

Our condolences are extended to Mr. Meyer Gross on the passing of his beloved father, Emanuel Gross.

We express our condolences to Mrs. Peter Frankel on the passing of her beloved mother, Mrs. Irene Levi.

May these mourners be comforted and consoled among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Elected Associate Chairman of Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry

Naomi Cohen and Nechi Shudofsky Also Elected to Office

We are proud to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein has been honored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry by being named Associate Chairman of the Conference. As the holder of this office, the Rabbi will be in a position to further the work of the Soviet Jewry movement in which he and our entire community are so deeply involved.

As an example of the involvement of the community, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Charles I. Cohen was elected Recording Secretary of the Conference and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky was elected Corresponding Secretary. Three members of our congregation and Ramaz family will thus be representing us in the forefront of the Soviet Jewish struggle here in New York. The Secretary of the Congregation, Irwin Robins, was also elected a member of the Conference's Executive Committee.

We congratulate the elected officers and we pledge to support their work in the year to come.

Sukkah Meals

We are pleased to announce that we will be serving six catered meals in he Synagogue Sukkah this year. The meals offered will be on Sunday, October 15 dinner; Monday, October 16 lunch; Monday, October 16 dinner; Tuesday, October 17 lunch; Friday, October 20 dinner; Saturday, October 21 lunch. Due to the overwhelming demand for our Sukkah meals, we must restrict reservations to KJ members and their immediate families. The cost per meal will be \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children up to the age of 14.

A reservation form will soon reach our members. We recommend early response because requests will be honored on a first come first served basis. The deadline for submitting reservations is Friday, September 29.

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A SPECIAL MAZEL TOV TO CANTOR AND MRS. DAVIS

We extend a hearty mazel tov to Cantor and Mrs. Avrum Davis on the recent marriage of their daughter Ruthie to Daniel Kalb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kalb of the West Side. Both Ruthie and Danny are doctoral students in clinical psychology at Adelphi University.

We pray that the young couple will ad a long, happy and fruitful life together.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...

Subscription forms for Tradition magazine are available in the Synagogue office. Subscription rates are \$10 for 1 year, \$18 for 2 years or \$25 for 3 years.

Anyone interested in subscribing to this worthwhile magazine should some into the office or give us a call.

Shcharansky (Cont'd)

The mitzvah which you can perform this Elul is one of remembering a Jewish martyr not standing by while another Jew suffers and reminding all Jews and Americans that the tyrant's acts of persecution will not go unanswered.

This may help Shcharansky himself. It will probably avoid future rump trials of this nature. It will *certainly* help you!

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In Memoriam

Roy Abraham

Suddenly, with hardly a warning, he was taken from our midst in the prime of life. It is hard to believe that this vibrant, energetic, talented, resourceful man was called so prematurely to his eternal reward.

Roy Abraham was a fine husband, a proud and giving father, a generous and loyal Jew who cherished his role as a *Kohain* who conveyed the *Birkat Kohanim* to the congregation.

We extend our condolences to his dear wife and sons, and we pray that they will honor his soul even as we will cherish his memory.

Morris Galler

A senior citizen of Kehilath Jeshurun passed away this summer. Morris Galler was a meticulous person, a kind and generous soul who walked humbly with God.

A man of deep religious feeling, he practiced generosity toward a variety of important Jewish causes, Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz prominent among them. He was a proud father and very devoted husband to his kind and loving wife.

We shall miss seeing him in his seat every Shabbat. And on Yom Kippur afternoon, at *G'lilah* time, we shall recall that this modest honor was his favorite religious experience of the year.

Edith Wachtel

A brave, almost heroic lady, Edith Wachtel finally succumbed to a difficult and painful illness. Through it all she maintained her beautiful bearing, her noble stature, her dignified demeanor.

Edith was a devoted wife who deeply appreciated her husband's concern, an adoring mother who delighted in her sons' accomplishments and was touched by their warmth and a loving daughter and sister who was very close to her family.

She taught us how to live with adversity and how to utilize effectively those precious moments that God gives us on earth.

Charles Schneidman

Charles Schneidman passed away suddenly and in the bloom of life. He and his family established a wonderful record of service and generosity in Far Rockaway at Congregation Shaaray Tefila. Less than a year ago he moved into our neighborhood and immediately joined our congregation. This was an indication of how close he felt to a House of God and what religious affiliation meant to him. He was a good man, a good Jew, a good father to his two children and a loving and devoted husband.



BAR MITVAH
Daniel Shuchman

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Shuchman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, which will take place on Shabbat, September 16. Daniel, a student in Form II of Ramaz, will read the *Haftarah* that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuchman will be our hosts at Kiddush in honor of this important milestone.



BAT MITZVAH
Nina Fastenberg

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. William Fastenberg on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Nina, on Sunday, September 17. Nina, a seventh grade student at Birch Wathen School, will deliver a *D'var Torah* that evening.

We extend our best wishes to the entire Fastenberg family on this happy occasion.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, September 8		
Lighting of Candles	6:57	P.M.
Evening	6:30	P.M.

Saturday, September 9

Morning	9:00	A.M.
Weekly Portion: Shoft	im	
Evening	7:10	P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:52	P.M.

Friday, September 15

Lighting of Candles	6:46	P.M.
Evening	6:30	P.M.

Saturday, September 16

Morning	9:00	A.M.
Weekly Portion: Kee T	etze	
Evening	7:00	P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath	7:40	P.M.

Weekday Services

Morning	7:30	A.M.
Sunday Morning	8:30	A.M.
Evening	6:00	P.M.

The next Bulletin will appear on September 22nd. That will be the High Holy Day Bulletin.

In the meantime, please remember that the first S'lichot service will be on Saturday night, September 23rd at 10 o'clock. A Pre-S'lichot social hour will be held at 9:15.

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ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY

"Next Year in Jerusalem"

Following is a transcript of Anatoly B. Shcharansky's closing words before sentencing in a Moscow court, as drawn from notes taken by his brother, Leonid.

In March and April, during interrogation, the chief investigators warned me that in the position I have taken during investigation, and held to here in court, I would be threatened with execution by firing squad, or at least 15 years. If I would agree to cooperate with the investigation for the purpose of destroying the Jewish emigration movement, they promised me early freedom and a quick reunion with my wife.

Five years ago, I submitted my application for exit to Israel. Now I'm further than ever from my dream. It would seem to be cause for regret. But it is absolutely otherwise. I am happy. I am happy that I lived honestly, in peace with my conscience. I never compromised my soul, even under the threat of death.

I am happy that I helped people. I am proud that I knew and worked with such honest, brave and courageous people as Sakharov, Orlov, Ginzburg, who are carrying on the traditions of the Russian intelligentsia. I am fortunate to have been witness to the process of the liberation of Jews of the U.S.S.R.

I hope that the absurd accusation against me and the entire Jewish emigration movement will not hinder the liberation of my people. My near ones and friends know how I wanted to exchange activity in the emigration movement for a life with my wife, Avital, in Israel.

For more than 2,000 years the Jewish people, my people, have been dispersed. But wherever they are, wherever Jews are found, every year they have repeated, "Next year in Jerusalem." Now, when I am further than ever from my people, from Avital, facing many arduous years of imprisonment, I say, turning to my people, my Avital: Next year in Jerusalem.

Now I turn to you, the court, who were required to confirm a predetermined

sentence: to you I have nothing to say.

As Anatoly Shcharansky's brother Leonid finished reading the statement—it was raining. The crowd, drenched and silent, began to sing, softly at first, then louder until the strains of the Israeli national anthem "Hatikvah," filled the little Moscow street. Then it was over. Slowly, sadly, people drifted home to their private grief and fear.

Reprinted from The New York Times, July 15, 1978.

REGISTRATION CHARGE FOR COURSES

A charge of \$10 per family will cover all courses for members of the Congregation, the Ramaz Parents Council or Ramaz alumni.

The charge for all others is \$25 per person.

Scholarships are available. There is no registration charge necessary for classes which meet on Shabbat.

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SPECIAL NOTE

Please make checks payable to Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

Fee enclosed

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will share his impressions of the situation in Israel with the congregation on Shabbat morning, September 9.