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5 Ramaz Seniors Named Semi-Finalists in National Merit Scholarship Competition

10 Earn Letters of Commendation

We are proud to announce that five students in the senior class of Ramaz have earned positions as semi-finalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Competition, which is based upon the scores achieved by the students in their PSAT examinations. The names of the students are: Larry Cohen, David Freudenstein, David Goldfarb, Tobe Mann and Linda Naim.

We congratulate the students, their parents, their teachers and their fellow classmates on this outstanding honor to the semi-finalists themselves and all who are associated with them. This achievement by almost ten percent of the senior class is probably unprecedented in almost any school throughout the country.

We are also pleased to congratulate the following ten seniors who have earned Letters of Commendation in the Merit Program: Michael Anstendig, Diane Dulken, Lawrence Finkel, Annette Gorsky, Daniel Gruen, Joy Marcus, Freyda Neyman, Rifka Rosenwein, Naomi Schwer and Tamar Wyschogrod. Their achievement is also a great source of credit to them, to their families and to the school.

PLEASE REMEMBER To Make Your Reservations for The Annual Chanukah Dinner of Yeshiva University

Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Waldorf

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RABBI MAURICE WOHLGELERNTER TO ADDRESS SEUDAH SH'LISHIT ON DECEMBER 9 ON "AMERICAN WRITERS CONFRONT ISRAEL"

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Maurice Wohlgernter, who is Professor of English at CUNY, will address our next *Seudah Sh'lishit* on Shabbat afternoon, December 9, on the subject, "American Writers Confront Israel."

Dr. Wohlgernter is the author of two books: *Israel Zangwill: A Study* and *Frank O'Conner: An Introduction*, both of which were published by Columbia University Press. He received his Ph.D. in English from Columbia.

He plans to discuss in this lecture the contrasting views of Saul Bellow and Gerald Green (author of "Holo-caust") toward Israel. We expect that his presentation will be enlightening for all of us who read works by American Jewish authors.

Our Thanks to the Bernsteins

The *Seudah Sh'lishit* will follow Mincha, which will begin that afternoon at 4:15. The *Seudah* will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein on the occasion of their 18th wedding anniversary.

Will You Join Us in Honoring RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN at the 42nd ANNUAL DINNER DANCE OF THE RAMAZ SCHOOL PARENTS COUNCIL

SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21, at the HILTON

Couvert: \$250 per couple

Please call the Synagogue Office for reservations

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births:

We extend a hearty mazel tov to Mr. & Mrs. Steven Gross on the birth of their second daughter, Jillian Elizabeth. Congratulations also to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Alexander Gross. We pray that the new arrival will grow up in the tradition of *Torah, chupah* and *maasim tovim*.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Muni Hammer on the birth of their grandson, born to their children Dr. and Mrs. David Hammer. We hope that he will be a source of joy to the entire family.

Engagement

Mazel tov to Hene Dachowitz, the KJ/Ramaz switchboard operator, upon her engagement to Mordehai Perl of Spring Valley. We pray that the wedding will take place in good health and fortune.

Condolence

We express our sincere condolences to Mrs. Harold Udell on the recent loss of her mother, Leah Livingston Rusoff.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Barbara Esses on the passing of her dear mother, Ruth Safer.

We pray that these mourners will be consoled among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Academic Honors

Congratulations to Roger Mosesson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mosesson, who has been awarded a John Jay National Scholarship by Columbia College for showing outstanding academic promise. The award is a prestigious one which is given to only 14 of the school's 750 entering freshmen. Roger was graduated from Ramaz last year where he was President of the Student Council, valedictorian of his class and a winner of the Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

In addition to all of his interests, it is nice to note that Roger is continuing regular study of Talmud while attending Columbia.

Professional Achievements

Congratulations to Dr. Albert Cornell on his recent promotion from Physician to Consultant Physician to Mt. Sinai Hospital. We wish Dr. Cornell much success in this new position.

Congratulations to our devoted member, Andrew Fier, upon his election as President of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America. Mr. Fier who is, with Carl Grossberg, the leading director of the Riverside Memorial Chapel, has been in the leadership of making the funeral industry more re-

sponsive to the needs of the Jewish community in general and traditional Jewish practice in particular. We are pleased that he is being recognized for that leadership and we extend to him our good wishes for continued service to his people.

Police Commendation

We note with pride the awarding of a Police Department Civilian Commendation Bar and Certificate of Commendation to our doorman, Bernie Katz. He earned these distinctions by, after a heroic chase, nabbing a man who had just robbed someone at gunpoint. This is the sixth time that Mr. Katz has been cited by the Police Department for his service to the community.

Communal Honors

We are pleased to announce that our esteemed Trustee, Nathan Goldsmith, and Mrs. Goldsmith will be honored by the Zion Dov Ber Torah Fund at its annual dinner which will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 14, 1979 at the Esplanade Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith are being honored this year because of their contribution to the Torah Fund which made possible the dedicating of the synagogue in the Yeshiva Mea Shearim in Jerusalem.

We are gratified to see this honor for the Goldsmiths and we hope that they will continue to deserve the approbation of the community for many happy and healthy years to come.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein New President of Yeshiva Rabbis

At the annual convention of the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was unanimously elected President of the organization. The Rabbi has been active in Yeshiva Alumni affairs all through the years of his rabbinate.

Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, who attended the convention, spoke in high praise of the new President and recalled the days when he, Dr. Lamm, was the rabbinic assistant in our congregation and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was just about entering the Yeshiva as a student. "Much has happened since then," Dr. Lamm said, "and now I am happy to welcome him into the Yeshiva University official family."

Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, in charge of rabbinic affairs at the Yeshiva, reminded the assembly that this was the first time that a son was elected to an office of the Rabbinic Alumni previously held by a father.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Richard Rubenstein

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rubenstein on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Richard, which will take place on Shabbat, December 2. Richard, a student in Form II at Ramaz, will read the Torah portion during services that morning.

The congregation will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rubenstein, who will sponsor Kiddush in honor of this joyous event.



Joshua Schwartz

Congratulations to Paul and Charlotte Schwartz on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua, on Saturday, December 9. Joshua, a student in Form II of Ramaz, will chant the Haftarah at services that day.

Kiddush that morning will be sponsored in Joshua's honor, on the occasion of this important event in his life.



Daniel Steinkoler

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Steinkoler on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, on Saturday, December 16. Daniel, a student in Form I of Ramaz, will read the Haftarah that morning.

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

J.K. Oneg—"Moscow Olympics"

Our second Oneg Shabbat will be held on Friday, December 1 at 8:00 P.M. at the home of the Lassner family, 1435 Lexington Ave. (near 93rd Street). The topic of the Oneg will be "What should our position — as Jews — be toward the 1984 Moscow Olympics?" Different points of view will be expressed and a general discussion will take place. The special warmth of the Lassner home should make this informal Oneg extra special. Refreshments will be served.

J.K. Country Weekend

Plans are underway for a very special weekend on January 5-7 for all high school age students in the community. The Cohen and Dauber families will be making their country homes in Mohegan available to a limited number of students for what promises to be a very special Shabbat. We plan to go to a nearby skiing area (beginners, too!) on Sunday. The cost is estimated at \$15.00, excluding the skiing. If you are interested or want more information, call Debbie Lookstein at 628-0340.

J.K. Basketball

The second annual J.K. — Jewish Center basketball game ended, once again, in a near-upset victory for our "all-stars." The final score was 66-64. High scorers included Eugene Major and Matthew Lindenbaum, with 17 points each. David Kagan, Keith Barany, Steven Eisman, Ronnie Lewittes, Moshe Rosenberg and Larry Kammerman all put in outstanding performances.

Torah Leadership Seminar

December 21-26

We call to the attention of our congregation that Yeshiva University will conduct its Annual Winter Torah Seminar from December 21 to December 26 at the Lido Beach Hotel at Lido Beach, New York. The cost is \$107.50. The Men's Club and Sisterhood give a one-third scholarship to any teenager from the community who would like to attend.

Those interested are asked to communicate with Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

Beginning with Sunday Evening, December 24

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.

B'NOT MITZVAH



Sara Kabakow

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Kabakow on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sara, on Sunday morning, December 3. Sara, a student in Form I of Ramaz, will deliver a *D'var Torah* to mark this milestone in her life. We pray that Sara will continue to be a source of pride to her parents and her entire family.



Dana Gross

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Gross on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Dana, on Sunday morning, December 10. Dana, a student in Form I at Ramaz, will deliver a *D'var Torah* after services that morning. We are pleased to congratulate the Gross family on this important event in their family life.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Toledot
Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath5:09 P.M.

Beginning Tuesday evening, December 4th, say "Tal U'matar."

Friday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 9

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayetze
Evening4:15 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....5:08 P.M.

Friday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 16

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayishlah
Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath5:10 P.M.

Friday, December 22

Lighting of Candles4:12 P.M.
Evening4:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 23

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayeshev
ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS
Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Saturday, December 30.
Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath5:13 P.M.

Friday, December 29

Lighting of Candles4:17 P.M.
Evening4:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 30

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh
Shabbat Chanukah
Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Miketz
Evening4:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....5:18 P.M.

Junior Congregation meets on Shabbat mornings at 10:15. Pre-school services are at 10:45.

Weekday Services

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

Gratifying Response to KJ/Ramaz Blood Drive

We are pleased to report that members of the KJ/Ramaz family responded very enthusiastically to the blood drive which took place on November 19. This annual function not only afforded our community the opportunity to perform an important mitzvah, it also served as a very pleasant social occasion, with plenty of time for donors to *shmooze* with each other.

We must remind our readers, however, that more blood is always needed. Anyone who is eligible to donate blood but could not do so on the nineteenth may still have blood credited to our group by going to the Red Cross center at 310 East 67th Street. The KJ/Ramaz group number is G11225.

We would also like to remind members of the KJ/Ramaz family that if they or any member of their family need blood, they should contact Abe Esses at 860-3166 or Aline Aronson at 831-4322.

Our Thanks to Evelyn Sommer

On Shabbat afternoon, November 4, Evelyn Sommer, a member of the Congregation and a mother of two children in Ramaz, addressed a *seudah sh'lisheit* audience on the subject of her recent trip to the Soviet Union which included a visit to Alma Ata, a remote area in Russia which is not visited by Jews.

Mrs. Sommer's report was extremely informative and fascinating to hear. She is the representative of the Women's International Zionist Organization at the United Nations with particular responsibilities in UNESCO. She attended the Primary Health Conference in the USSR which was organized by the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

We are grateful to Mrs. Sommer for the enlightenment which she brought to us on a subject of continuing concern for the Jewish community in general and for the KJ-Ramaz family in particular.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Sisterhood Gift Shop will be open on Wednesday, December 6 for everyone to shop for their Chanukah needs. If you would like to buy something and cannot be in that day, contact the synagogue office. Someone there will be happy to help you.

HAPPY DAY FUND

The Happy Day Fund thanks Mrs. A. Milton Brown and Mrs. George Jacobs for their donations. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, 1036 Park Avenue.

NEEDIEST CASES

The Neediest Cases Fund acknowledges Mrs. A. Milton Brown and Mrs. George Jacobs for their kind donations. Contributions to the Neediest Cases Fund can be sent to Mrs. Joseph Roth, 891 Park Avenue.

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