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"For the Jewish People there was Light, Gladness, Joy and Honor"

(Esther 8:16)

COME AND JOIN US — EVENING AND MORNING

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
OUR PURIM SERVICE
Monday Evening, March 12**
Mincha at 5:45 P.M.

Maariv in the Main Synagogue at 6:15 P.M.
Megillah Reading will follow.



Photo by Michael Dahan

The Megillah readers will be (left to right) Burt Rosen, Carl Mosesson, Daniel Steinkoler, Ethan Schwartz, Steven Eisman, Eugene Major, Peter Miller, Steven Brown and Moshe Scheinfeld.

Not shown: Keith Barany, Amiel Bender, Matthew Cohen, Bennett Lindenbaum, Matthew Lindenbaum, Moshe Rosenberg and Leonard Silverman.

Special Morning Reading

on Tuesday, March 13 at 10:30
in the Social Hall
(details in the adjoining article)



PURIM EVENING AND THE CHILDREN

All of us share in the joy of Purim, but perhaps those who enjoy it most are our children. In order to maximize their *simcha* and ours, we make special preparations for them and arrange proper supervision as follows:

Please bring all children from Nursery through Grade 6 to the Synagogue at 5:45 on Monday afternoon. The younger children (Nursery through First Grade) are to gather in the Etra Chapel on the first floor. The older children (Second through Sixth Grades) will meet in the Gymnasium. Youth leaders will bring the children to the special sections reserved for them in the Main Synagogue and they will also provide them with the appropriate noisemakers and Purim sweets. Parents are asked to join the regular service in the Main Synagogue until its conclusion, at which time they may pick up their children at the locations listed above.

Mishlo'ach Manot

Once again this year the students of Ramaz will make available packages of Mishlo'ach Manot which you can share with your friends in accordance with the requirement on Purim to send two types of food to at least one friend. The nature of the Mishlo'ach Manot is also described elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Purim Morning

On Purim morning, Tuesday, March 13, we will read the Megillah twice. The first reading will be done by Mr. Rosenberg — a unique treat — as part of the regular morning service which will begin that day at 7:00 A.M. Following the service, the congrega-

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Purim Evening (Cont'd)

tion will be the guests of our Vice President, William G. Lebowitz, for a Purim breakfast with the traditional holiday fare.

10:30 A.M. Reading for Women and Children

The second reading will be for women and children — and anyone else who would like to join — at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday. Ramaz students will again read the Megillah. Due to the increasing attendance, this reading will take place in the Social Hall in order for us to accommodate everyone comfortably. We especially urge women to attend this reading and, if they are blessed with children, to bring them along. Everyone will enjoy it.

Following the reading of the Megillah, a light collation of Hamantashen, milk and coffee will be served. This religious and social experience also provides a fine opportunity to exchange Mishlo'ach Manot.

Join with us, then, in celebrating Purim this year — evening and morning. We look forward to rejoicing with you and we hope that this season of the year will usher in a period of good fortune for Israel and all of world Jewry.

Rabbi Bieler to Give Megillah Class

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Jack Bieler, Director of our Institute of Continuing Education, will give a pre-Purim class on the Megillah on Shabbat afternoon, March 10, one hour before Mincha services. All who are interested in studying the Megillah with Rabbi Bieler are invited to the Ward Library at 4:30.

Tape for the Megillah Available from Mr. Rosenberg

Mr. Rosenberg has produced a tape of the reading of the Megillah with its blessings. The tape has received wide distribution in the Jewish community not only in New York, but beyond as well. The tapes are available again this year for purchase directly from Mr. Rosenberg. The price for a tape is \$7.00. They make a wonderful addition to one's personal tape library and they are also good as gifts for the Purim festival.

Remember to make your reservations

for the

SISTERHOOD SPRING LUNCHEON

to be held

on March 28 at 12:00 noon

Music and Entertainment

Valuable Prizes Galore

Special Tribute to our "Chai" Board Members

Couvert: \$30.00 or one raffle book. Caterer: Papilsky

If you have not received your invitation, please call the synagogue office.

SHALACH MANOT ORDER FORM

Once again the Ramaz Student Government is selling pre-packaged Israeli-product *Shalach Manot*. We feel that this is a most meaningful way at this time to help Israel during the Purim holiday. We will be packaging one type of box at a cost of \$3.00 each. All packages will come festively wrapped.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ramaz Student Government

Judy Siegel, Debbie Lookstein
Chairpersons

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Please preparepackages at \$3.00 each \$.....

Enclose check payable to the Ramaz Student Government.

Check one

.....I will pick up my pre-packaged box following Megillah Reading on Monday night, March 12.

.....I want my child,, Grade, to pick up my package on Monday, March 12, during the day.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein To Lead Congregation's UJA Mission to Poland and Israel August 5-19

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun is sponsoring a UJA Mission to Poland and Israel from August 5 through 19 of this year. A limited group of forty participants from the community — including K.J., Ramaz and other interested participants — will have the opportunity to spend time in Poland, including a day's visit to Auschwitz, and to spend nine days in Israel, including two Sabbaths in Jerusalem.

Accommodations will be at five-star hotels in Israel. Tours of the Galil and the Golan Heights, as well as the West Bank and the Rafiach Salient, will be included in the program. Visits will be made to army installations and appointments will be held with leading personalities in Israel.

The cost of the mission, including all accommodations and air fares as well as two meals a day, will be \$1,850 per person. Since this is an official study mission sponsored by the UJA, the cost is tax deductible.

We already have one-quarter of the group subscribed. If you are interested in participating, please call the synagogue office and place your name on the list to ensure a reservation.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

JK Oneg Shabbat

JK thanks the Low family for their hospitality at our last Oneg Shabbat. Reserve March 30 for the next Oneg beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Bernstein residence, 460 E. 79th St.

Junior Congregation

The Junior Congregation officers for this month are:

Guri RoshwalbPresident
Jonathan ShapiroVice President
Robert GeislerSecretary
Joshua LooksteinGabbai
Debbie MajorKiddush Hostess

ANNUAL YESHIVA UNIVERSITY BRUNCH TO BE HELD MARCH 18

Irwin Shapiro, Chairman

The Annual Brunch in support of Yeshiva University will be held this year on Sunday morning, March 18 at 10:00 in the Social Hall. Leading the event this year is Irwin Shapiro as chairman.

This Brunch offers an opportunity to the congregational family to learn

about Yeshiva University and to demonstrate support for the foremost Jewish academic institution on the American scene. Invitations to the Brunch are already in the mail. Members are asked to respond positively and quickly that this year's Brunch can be the most successful ever.

ANNUAL SHABBATON

To be Held on April 6-7

SHABBAT HAGADOL

Topic to be: "All Jews Are Responsible for Each Other"

We are pleased to announce that the annual congregational Shabbaton will be held once again this year on Shabbat Hagadol, Friday-Saturday, April 6-7. Co-Chairpersons for the Shabbaton this year will be Mark Fishman and Nancy Gallin. They will be assisted by a large group of committee members in charge of the various aspects of this delightful program.

The subject matter for consideration at the Shabbaton will be the Talmudic aphorism "All Jews are responsible for each other." On Friday night we will have guest personalities from the Jewish community of New York who will discuss the general concerns of Jews in this city and who will bring to our attention what our responsibilities are toward our fellow Jews in New York.

On Shabbat day, before, during and after lunch, we will consider our mutual responsibilities in the smaller community of Kehilath Jeshurun and its immediate environs. We will explore what each of us might be doing to help translate our sense of mutual responsibility into action and programs.

Of course, all of the discussions and analyses will be embellished by the traditional Shabbat services, the delicious meals, the delightful Shabbat spirit enhanced by *z'mirot* and Torah discussion and a warm atmosphere of sociability. All of these have made the Shabbaton a beautiful family occasion in the past and one which we are sure the community will enjoy this year as well.

The cost is remaining at the same moderate level as it was last year: \$15 per adult and \$7 per child (attending with a parent). These charges cover Friday night dinner and Shabbat lunch.

Inasmuch as our Shabbaton is generally oversubscribed, we urge our readers to make their reservations now so that we can accommodate those who would like to come. You can use the reservation form which appears below. All reservations must be accompanied by a check.

Annual Shabbaton Reservation Form

Please make the following reservations for me and my family for the Congregational Shabbaton to be held on Friday night, April 6 and Shabbat afternoon, April 7.

..... Adults at \$15.00Children at \$7.00

Name
(please print)

Address Phone

Space is limited. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Morry Gerber on the birth of their first child, a baby boy, Michael.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Etra upon the birth of their grandson, Joseph Daniel, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Etra.

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

Engagements

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedman on the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Schacter, to Dr. Allen Gribetz, a regular worshipper in our congregation. Dr. Gribetz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gribetz of Monsey, New York. Mazel tov also to the proud grandparents of the bride, Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein.

Congratulations to Pearl Sarah Borinstein, synagogue office secretary, on her engagement to Norman Benjamin Wiesen.

We hope that these weddings take place in health, happiness, and good fortune.

Communal Honors

We are proud to announce that our esteemed member, Jack Nash, will be honored by the American Jewish Committee Appeal for Human Relations as the recipient of the 1979 Herbert H. Lehman Human Relations Award at a dinner on Thursday, May 3, 1979, at the St. Regis Hotel in New York.

Mr. Nash joins a list of recipients over the past 15 years which has included some of the most distinguished Jewish communal leaders in the United States. We wish him a *mazel tov* on this prestigious award and we hope that he will continue to merit such recognition for many years to come.

Condolences

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Steven Gross on the passing of her dear sister, Faye Kleinhaus.

We extend our deep sympathy to Dr. Charles I. Cohen on the passing of his beloved father, Emanuel Cohen.

May the bereaved families be comforted and consoled among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

We welcome the children and parents of the Nursery and Kindergarten classes of Ramaz as our guests at services and luncheon on Shabbat, March 24.

In Memoriam

Ruth D. Siegel

Ruth Siegel was one of the grand, aristocratic ladies of Kehilath Jeshurun. She was the daughter of the late Moshe Davis, who was a president of the congregation more than half a century ago. She raised her son Lewis in our synagogue and her husband was an esteemed Trustee of the congregation for many years.

Mrs. Siegel loved everything about Kehilath Jeshurun: its members, its Rabbis, its entire atmosphere. She was never happier than when she was occupying the first seat of the first row in the ladies' balcony.

She remained the picture of dignity to the very end, a good woman, with a glowing smile and a great love for Judaism and for the American society in which she made her home.

Louis Lipschutz

Mr. Lipschutz was another senior citizen of the congregation. He was known as "the toughest guy on Seventh Avenue" but he had a very soft heart and a warm nature toward his family, his friends and his House of God.

For many years he used to make the long walk from West End Avenue to our synagogue every Shabbat. He was a man of piety, dignity, impeccable honesty and very high standards. He was generous to many people and to many worthy causes.

Louise Grossman

The wife of Joseph Grossman passed away last month after a very long illness. She was a fine Jewish lady who made a lovely home for her husband and who was appreciated by all who were close to her.

Mrs. Grossman was a dear aunt and great-aunt to the members of her family, generous to her nephews and nieces and loving to the people of the neighborhood.

May the souls of these departed members of the congregation be forever bound up among the living and may God comfort and console their families among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

43 Out of 49 Ramaz Seniors Are Winners or Alternates in Regents Scholarship Competition

We are very proud to announce that out of 49 seniors in Ramaz who were eligible to compete for the New York State Regents Scholarships, 30 have won these scholarships while 13 others have placed high enough to be declared alternates who are expected to be winners before the end of this year.

This is a remarkable achievement for the entire senior class as well as for the faculty of the school. We are proud to congratulate the following students and their parents on their personal achievement.

Winners: David Arfa, Keith Barany, Dan BarLev, Aviva Bassri, Eric Cohen, Larry Cohen, Alex Cooper, Esther Diamant, Diane Dulken, Larry Finkel, David Freudenstein, David Goldfarb, Annette Gorsky, Dan Gruen, William Herzfeld, Linda Hyman, Ephraim Jhirad, Anne Kleinman, Stuart Levi, Mindy Lookstein, Tobe Mann, Joy Marcus, Mark Moskowitz, Freyda Neyman, Debbie Pine, Rifka Rosenwein, Esther Trakinski, Marla Wald, Rona Woldenberg and Tamar Wyschogrod.

Alternates: Michael Anstendig, Alan Berkowitz, Michael Bernstein, Ronnie Goldofsky, Ittai Hershman, Sharon Hoffer, Hannah Holmes, Larry Kamerman, Ronnie Lewittes, Karen Schneider, Debbie Shapiro, Michele Slochowsky and Gary Wolff.

Adrian Skydell to Address Seudah Sh'lishit on Shabbat Zachor, Mar. 10

We are pleased to announce that our esteemed member, Adrian Skydell, will address a *seudah sh'lishit* on March 10 on the subject: "Modern Anti-Semitism: A Candid Exploration of Its Cultural and Religious Roots."

Our guest speaker, who is an ordained rabbi and a profound Torah Scholar, is also extremely proficient in English literature. As a matter of fact, he recently returned to Columbia to complete his studies for a Ph.D. His talk on *Shabbat Zachor*, which is a day devoted to remembering the wounds of anti-Semitism, will deal with some of the startling examples of anti-Semitism which appear in English literature and which are related to the religious roots of anti-Semitism and current manifestations of it.

We extend a cordial invitation to all members of the community to participate in this *seudah*, which will follow *Mincha* on March 10 at 5:30.

Now Is the Time to Give For Passover Relief

Strange as it may seem, with Purim still a week away, now is the time to give for Passover Relief. It is during this season that we prepare for Passover and the first item in that preparation — as stated in the *Shulchan Arukh* — is giving charity in advance of the festival.

From year to year the readers of this Bulletin contribute close to \$10,000 for Passover Relief. It is one of the most gratifying outpourings of charity that we see throughout the year. All of the proceeds go to the Benevolent Fund of the Congregation which uses them as follows:

1. To help needy individuals who do not come to the attention of organized charity or who cannot be sufficiently cared for by organized charity.

2. To contribute to Jewish institutions in America and Israel which look to us for support, particularly at this season of the year. Instead of making regular appeals for a variety of institutions, we use the Passover Relief Fund and other funds contributed throughout the year in order to render to these institutions the support which they desperately need in these difficult, inflationary times.

3. To help people who come upon hard times and who experience financial crisis to come through their crises with a little less strain. Hardly a week goes by without a situation of this kind coming to our attention in which we must render support.

It is rare that one can give one gift which will be so effective. We ask you to please send in your contributions now while the need is at its height. In our next issue of the Bulletin we shall be happy to list all of the contributors to the Passover Appeal. Thank you in advance for your generosity and promptness.

A Reminder About Congregational Sedarim

We would like to remind everyone that Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will once again be sponsoring *Sedarim* this year. The *Sedarim*, on Wednesday and Thursday night, April 11 and 12, will be catered by Victor Mayer and conducted by the Rabbis of the congregation and Cantor Davis.

Members of the congregation and families of the wider community are cordially invited to join us for these *Sedarim*. The charge will be \$32 per plate for adults and \$20 for children twelve or under. Reservations, accompanied by check, must reach the Synagogue office by March 26.

PREPARING NOW FOR THE SEDER

by

Irwin Robins and his Family

It is not too early to think about planning the Seder. Now is the time to decide on guests and now is also the time, as the following article indicates, to think about programmatic material and subjects which could be discussed profitably on the first and second nights of Passover. Ed note.

For us, a Seder is not just a good meal (although it is certainly that, too). And it is certainly not merely a performance by the leader, or even by the children who have learned their songs so well at Ramaz. Instead, in line with the idea that one of the basic mitzvot of Pesach is discussing the story of the Exodus in a language and at a level that each person can understand, we try to encourage prepared, as well as spontaneous participation in our Sedarim by as many persons possible.

After some years of trial and error, we have finally developed a system which seems to accomplish that result: Well before each Seder, "assignments" are given to the participants geared (hopefully) to the ability of each. These assignments range from asking young children especially to be prepared on various aspects of ritual (for example, if we do not recline when eating *maror*, why do we recline when eating the "Hillel sandwich" which includes *maror*?) to questions (which, incidentally, are not confined to adults) of a more substantive nature.

In recent years, the questions have included the following:

Why "Dayyenu"? In other words, why, at any particular point in "Dayyenu," would it have been sufficient for us if God had simply stopped there?

The verses ascribed to the wise and wicked son both use the form "to you" or "your" (instead of "to us" or "our", yet only the wicked son is criticized for this phraseology. Why?

Why is the same answer given to the wicked son and to the son who does not know how to ask?

The Haggadah says that each of us should regard himself as if he had come out of Egypt himself. How should one do this?

Fortunately, there are available many sources which may provide answers to these questions (and more questions as well) and which are readily available. For example, there are now many editions of the Haggadah which contain highly instructive notes and explanations in English. Among these are the Yeshiva University Students' Organization Haggadah, the Art Scroll Haggadah, the Lehmann Haggadah, the Polychrome Haggadah, the Min Hametzar Haggadah, the Kahn Haggadah and *A Feast of History*, by Chaim Raphael. In Hebrew, the Goldschmidt and Kasher editions are well-known. Also excellent are the facsimile reproductions of 17th and 18th Century Haggadot, which contain not only commentary, but also some textual differences and occasional minhagim which are different from those with which we are familiar today.

Note These Dates

Sunday, March 18 — Yeshiva University Brunch — 10:00 A.M.

Monday, March 19 — Sisterhood Open Meeting — 12:00 noon

Saturday, March 24 — Nursery/Kindergarten Shabbaton

Wednesday, March 28 — Sisterhood Spring Luncheon

Shabbat, April 6 and 7 — CKJ Shabbaton

Wednesday night, April 11 — First Seder

Tuesday, April 24 — Yom Ha Shoa (Holocaust Day)
(Program will be held at CKJ on Monday night, April 23)

Saturday, April 28 — Grade 1 Shabbaton

Sunday, April 29 — Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry

Wednesday, May 2 — Israel Independence Day

Sunday, May 6 — UJA Walkathon

Saturday, May 12 — Grade 2 Shabbaton

Saturday, May 19 — Grade 3 Shabbaton

Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2 — Shavuot

Sunday, June 3 — Salute and Israel Parade

Monday, June 4 — Sisterhood Open Meeting

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, March 2

Lighting of Candles5:30 P.M.
Evening5:40 P.M.

Saturday, March 3

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Terumah
Evening5:40 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....6:26 P.M.

Friday, March 9

Lighting of Candles5:38 P.M.
Evening5:45 P.M.

Saturday, March 10

Shabbat Zachor

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Tetzave
Evening5:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....6:33 P.M.

Monday Morning, March 12

Fast of Esther7:15 A.M.

Friday, March 16

Lighting of Candles5:46 P.M.
Evening5:50 P.M.

Saturday, March 17

Shabbat Parah

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Kee Tissa
Evening5:50 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....6:40 P.M.

Friday, March 23

Lighting of Candles5:53 P.M.
Evening6:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 24

Shabbat Hachodesh

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayakhel-Pekude
ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS
Rosh Chodesh Nisan will be on
Thursday, March 29.
Evening6:00 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....6:48 P.M.

Friday, March 30

Lighting of Candles6:00 P.M.
Evening6:10 P.M.

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Saturday, March 31

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayikra
Evening6:10 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....6:55 P.M.
Junior Congregation meets on Shabbat mornings at 10:30. 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.
Evening5:30 P.M.

HAPPY DAY FUND

The Happy Day Fund would like to thank Mrs. A. Milton Brown, Mrs. Vera Ickovic, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Morris Katz, Mrs. Bertha Kelin and Mrs. Abraham Kirshon for their kind donations. Contributions can be sent to Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, 1036 Park Avenue.

ADULT INSTITUTE

We would like to remind our readers that, though the Adult Institute term is well underway, people are still welcome to join any of our classes. We are offering a wide range of courses in Chumash, Hebrew Language and Talmud. For further details, consult the last bulletin or call the synagogue office.

Allow us again to call to your attention a rather unique course being offered this term. The description, which appeared in the last bulletin, is being printed in this issue as well to refresh your memory. Be sure to reserve the indicated evenings for what promises to be a very stimulating and informative program.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF HARLEM, 1870-1930

Instructor: Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock

New York's second largest Jewish community was once in Harlem. Dr. Gurock will examine what attracted Jews to this neighborhood and what caused their departure to other parts of New York and the suburbs. He will explore the ties that were established between this community and other Jewish centers of New York. This course will enlighten us on a topic which, while very close to home, is very far from many of our minds. All sessions will meet on Sunday evenings.

Schedule	Meeting Place
March 25—8:00	Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryskin 157 East 80 Street
April 22—8:00	Dr. and Mrs. William Major 40 East 84 Street
May 20—8:00	Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein 993 Park Avenue
June 3—8:00	To be announced

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, a graduate of Ramaz, is an Assistant Professor at the Bernard Revel Graduate School and Stern College. He holds a B.A. from City College and an M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. His book, The History of the Jews of Harlem, 1870-1930, will be published this spring.

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