

Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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Holocaust Day to be Observed Monday Eve., April 23

How could they have done it?
Or maybe they didn't think
Letting Nazis kill — 6,000,000
Old, young, boys, girls.
Can you imagine?
Aren't you going to care?
Unless we think we don't feel
the sorrow
Some people can't remember,
it's too harsh
That's all I can say.

Marc Saroff
May 4, 1978
Ramaz School, Grade 5

Marc's poem forms an appropriate background to our observance of Holocaust Day (Yom Ha-sho'a) which this year will take place on Monday evening, April 23, at 7:30 P.M., in our Main Sanctuary.

The program will feature a special Ma'ariv service, led by Cantor Davis, appropriate readings for the occasion and choral selections by the Middle School Chorus of Ramaz and a group from the Upper School Chorus as well.

The program this year will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the *St. Louis*, the ship laden with 907 German Jews which was turned back from Cuba and which was not accepted in America. The Jews who were to be returned to concentration camps in Germany were ultimately saved at the last minute by England, France, Belgium and Holland, each of which accepted one-quarter of the passengers.

Please come with your friends and families for this one night a year when we remember what happened to six million of our brothers and sisters barely a generation ago.

107th ANNUAL MEETING OF KEHILATH JESHURUN TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 9

NEW OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED; RETIRING OFFICERS TO BE HONORED

The 107th Annual Meeting of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will be held in the Kamber Auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 9. The meeting will feature the election of new officers for the congregation and a special tribute to officers who are completing their terms of service.

Nathan Salzman and William Lebowitz to be Honored

We will honor that evening Nathan Salzman who will be completing five years as President of the Congregation and William Lebowitz who will be ending a five year term as Vice-President. In accordance with the constitution of Kehilath Jeshurun, there is a five year limit for any occupant of an office. Both gentlemen have served the congregation admirably, with dignity and with the friendship of the entire community. It will be a privilege to pay tribute to them at this special function.

New Slate of Officers to be Elected

Benjamin Mandelker, the chairman of the nominating committee, presented a new slate of officers to the March meeting of the Board of Trustees and indicated that he will place in nomination at the Annual Meeting the following gentlemen to lead the congregation for the next year:

President: Samuel M. Eisenstat
Vice-President: Joseph Lorch
Treasurer: Irwin B. Robins
Secretary: Benjamin Brown

The Board of Trustees took note of the fact that the nominees represent a fine blend of younger members and veteran members in the congregation. All of them have a distinguished record of service to Kehilath Jeshurun in many different capacities.

We urge our membership to mark the date of May 9 on their calendars and to plan to be with us at this historic moment in the life of the congregation.

**A Special Insert on the Historic Ramaz Groundbreaking Ceremony
Appears on Pages 5 and 6**

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births

Mazel tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brenner, upon the birth of their second son, Adam Tobias.

We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Leon Landau on the birth of their second child, a baby boy named Evan Matthew.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lorch on the birth of their grandchild, a baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lorch of Toronto.

We pray that these new arrivals will grow up in the tradition of *Torah, Chupah* and *ma'asim tovim*.

Engagement

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roth on the engagement of their granddaughter, Donna Rose Roth to Marvin Treppler. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roth. We pray that the wedding will take place in good health and good fortune.

Marriage

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Freidman on the marriage of their daughter, Jessica Schacter, to Dr. Allen Gribetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gribetz of Monsey. We also congratulate the grandparents of the bride, Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, on this joyous event. We pray that the couple will share many happy, healthy years together.

Academic Achievement

Congratulations to Mrs. Carol Newman upon her receiving the Master of Science degree in Museum Education from Bank Street College. Mrs. Newman, a graduate of Ramaz, is the mother of four children in the school. She is setting an excellent example for her family in pursuing her own education.

Condolence

We express our deep sympathy to Irwin B. Robins, Secretary of the congregation, on the passing of his beloved mother, May I. Morse. May Mr. Robins be consoled among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

MAZEL TOV TO MR. AND MRS. BINYAMIN SHUDOFSKY

We are happy to extend our warmest wishes of mazel tov to Binny Shudofsky and his bride, the former Miriam Neumark, who were married in our synagogue on Sunday morning, March 25. Binny, who grew up in our congregation and school is the firstborn of Dr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky who are so integral a part of the KJ/Ramaz family. Miriam is the youngest child of Debbie and Melvin Neumark, one of the leading families at the

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN, AND A SECTION OF THE RAMAZ UPPER SCHOOL CHORUS TO BE ON TV SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 8

On Sunday morning, April 8, from 11-11:30, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will participate with Dr. Russell Barber in a program on WNBC TV, *The First Estate*. The title of the program is "Passover: Why Is This Night Different?"

Appearing with the Rabbi will be his son, Joshua, who will be asking the Four Questions, to which the Rabbi and Dr. Barber will be responding. Also participating in the program will be a group of singers from the Ramaz Upper School Chorus, led by their musical director, Michael Berl. The singers will be:

Adina Dicker
Dana Eisman
Michael Goldrich
Mindy Goldstein
Alyse Gordon
Annette Gorsky
Dina Hellerstein
Eli Kavon
Eliza Kavon
Sara Reitberger
Abby Schechter
Howard Schub
Mania Steinkoler
Rona Woldenberg

The program has already been taped and should be a delightful one to watch. It also included a rather extensive film clip from a handbaking matzah factory in Brooklyn. The program is part of the Public Service Series sponsored by the Radio, Television and Film Commission of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Jewish Center on the West Side and in the West Side Jewish Community in general.

We congratulate the young couple and their families on this blessed union. As Miriam and Binny prepare for *Aliyah* later this year, we pray that their life together will bring happiness to them, pride and *nachas* to their parents and strength to our people.

Benjamin Gottesman Presidential Lectures Announced by Yeshiva University

We are pleased to announce that the following Benjamin Gottesman Presidential Lectures have been scheduled for this year at Yeshiva University. The lectures are endowed by our esteemed Trustee, Benjamin Gottesman:

March 21 — Rabbi Dr. Aharon Lightenstein, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivat Har Etzion, spoke on "Individuality and Individualism: A Jewish Perspective."

April 25 — At 8 P.M., in the Mendel Gottesman Library, at 185th Street & Amsterdam Avenue, Rabbi Dr. Yitzhak Twersky, Professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy at Harvard, will speak on "Reflections on the 800th Anniversary of Rambam's *Mishneh Torah*."

Date to be Announced — Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik will deliver his annual lecture in memory of Mrs. Tonya Soloveitchik and Dr. Samuel Soloveitchik. This will be held in the Lamport Auditorium at 186th Street & Amsterdam Avenue.

BAT MITZVAH



Suzanne Rubin

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Rubin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Suzanne, which will take place on Sunday morning, April 1. Suzanne, a student in Grade 6 of Ramaz, will deliver a *D'var Torah* that morning.

We wish the Rubin family a hearty mazel tov on this joyous occasion.



PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

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I. What and Why is Chametz?

When the Israelites emerged from Egyptian slavery, they left in great haste. Consequently, they could not bake their bread in the usual manner. There was not sufficient time for the dough to rise and for the bread to become leavened. The product of such a leavening process is called *chametz*. It consists of grain (or flour) mixed with water and allowed to stand for more than a brief period without being baked completely.

In order to relive the experience of our ancestors, we avoid *chametz* throughout the entire Passover festival. We neither eat it nor own it during the holiday. We try to use up whatever products we have before the festival. What we cannot use, we store away in one place and sell to a non-Jew through the Rabbi of the synagogue (a form for this purpose is found on Page 7 of this Bulletin.)

Before the festival, we conduct a symbolic search of the house (*Bedikat Chametz*) to ensure that all *chametz* has been removed from our premises. On the morrow following the search we symbolically burn what we have found (*Bi'ur Chametz*).

During the eight days of the festival we use only products that are free of *chametz* and we eat matzah (unleavened bread) in order to experience the haste of our forefathers when they went forth from slavery to freedom.

II. Preparing the Home for Passover

In addition to not using *chametz* products during the festival, we also avoid the use of dishes and utensils which have been used with *chametz* all year round. For that reason it is necessary to have two additional sets of dishes for Passover use. These are stored away in a closet throughout the year and brought out for use only on Passover. At the same time, the year-round dishes and utensils are stored away, out of sight, during the Passover festival.

There are certain types of utensils that can be ritually cleansed — or

kashered — for Passover use. These are discussed below.

1. Silver and metal utensils

Silverware, small pots and metal utensils with no wooden handles may be kashered for Passover use. They must first be cleansed thoroughly and then allowed to stand unused for at least twenty-four hours. They are then completely immersed in a kettle or vat of boiling water.

Larger pots and kettles may be kashered by first cleansing them as above and then filling them with water to the very top, allowing the water to boil and then placing a hot iron or stone inside the pot so that the boiling water runs over down the sides of the pot.

We might add that china, pottery and utensils that have different parts glued together and items that cannot be cleansed thoroughly (such as a sieve) cannot be kashered for Passover use.

2. Glassware

Glasses or glass plates which have not been used for hot liquids or solids during the year may be kashered for Passover by immersing them in cold water for a period of three days prior to Passover. The water need not be changed during that three day period.

May we stress that glass utensils (such as Pyrex) which are used with heat must be treated as china and cannot be kashered. The best procedure for glassware is to have separate glassware for Passover use.

3. The Stove and Oven

Every part of the oven and stove must be thoroughly cleaned with a chemical cleanser and then allowed to stand for twenty-four hours or more without being used. The top range and the oven must then be heated at the highest setting and allowed to stand for a period of about two hours at that setting.

In addition, during Passover, a special metal sheet is placed over the top of the range to prevent contact with the Passover utensils.

KASHER-IN Saturday night, April 7

Kehilath Jeshurun will sponsor its *kasher-in* this year on Saturday night, April 7, from 8 until 10 P.M.

Large containers of boiling water will be available in the caterers' kitchen so that people can bring their silver and metal utensils to that kitchen and prepare them for Passover use.

A Word of Caution

Remember that in order to *kasher* something for Passover the item to be kashered must first be cleaned thoroughly with a chemical cleanser and allowed to stand unused for at least 24 hours before the actual kashering procedure. Since we will be holding our *kasher-in* on Saturday night, this means that the cleaning of the utensils should be completed by Friday afternoon, April 6.

III. Passover Foods

Most foods that are used on Passover require rabbinic supervision. This is especially true of all processed foods. It is important to realize that a label indicating that the product is "Kosher for Passover" does not assure us of the adequacy of the supervision. Wherever possible, congregants should use ® products which have a special Passover supervision. If not, it is important to check on the reliability of the particular Rabbi who is giving the endorsement. Please feel free to ask our Rabbis in the event of any doubt on this matter.

1. Grain products

All grain products require strict rabbinic supervision for Passover use.

2. Milk and dairy products

These, too, require supervision. Milk, however, may be purchased before Passover without supervision. If one has to purchase it during the festival, however, it requires supervision. Powdered milk, such as Alba, may be used on Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

3. Fresh fruits and vegetables

All of these may be used (except for legumes — peas, beans, rice and

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Preparing for Passover (Cont'd)

corn which are all treated like *chametz*). If these fruits and vegetables are sold in a general grocery store, they should be washed very carefully before being used on Passover.

4. Dried fruits

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

5. Frozen fruits and vegetables

With the exception of the legumes that were mentioned above, frozen fruits and vegetables, if they are not mixed with anything else, should be usable for Passover without a rabbinic endorsement. Pure fruit juices may be purchased before Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

6. Cosmetics

All cosmetics can be used for Passover inasmuch as they are not foods. This includes toothpaste.

7. Baby Foods

If you have a baby who must be fed formula or baby food which contains *chametz*, the baby's utensils and foods should be kept absolutely separate from everything else in the house. It should also be understood that when you are selling the *chametz* you are selling this food also and that you will make up to the buyer whatever has been used during the course of the festival.

8. Coffee

Some questions arose last year about the adulteration of coffee with grain products. In the absence of specification, therefore, it would be preferable to purchase coffee with proper supervision for Passover.

9. All other foods

Those processed foods not mentioned in this listing require special supervision for Passover use.

10. Chametz after Passover

According to Jewish law, *chametz* which was owned by a Jew during the holiday may never again be used by any other Jew. Therefore, after the holiday is over, one should make sure to buy *chametz* products from a Jew who has sold his *chametz* and not from a Jewish establishment which might have had the particular *chametz* product on the shelf during Passover. In order to avoid confusion, it is best to purchase such products from non-Jewish storekeepers until such time as the Passover stock has been completely used up and replenished with new foods.

OU Directory

There is a special Directory published by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America which contains a complete listing of their kosher for Passover products.

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is "*bedikat chametz*" — the search for *chametz*. The ceremony is composed of three parts.

1. Reciting a special blessing over the *mitzvah* of the removal of *chametz*.
2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of *chametz*.
3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.

The ceremony this year will be observed on Tuesday night, April 10th. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

The children should be asked to place the pieces of *chametz* in the various rooms — a practice which ensures that the search will not be in vain. They can hold the candle and the feather; they should examine their own possessions, dressers and desks, for long forgotten relics of *chametz*.

Passover is a beautiful festival. It is a serious one, too. Both these aspects can be captured twenty-four hours in advance of the festival by a careful observance of the ritual of *bedikat chametz*.

Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on Wednesday morning, April 11 after 9:30 A.M. All *chametz* must be completely disposed of by 10:30 a.m.

Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Wednesday morning, April 11. There are those who prefer to perform this ritual in person. The Rabbis and the Ritual Director are available for that purpose. For those who cannot attend to this matter in person, there is a form provided in this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Lookstein to sell your *chametz*. This form should be returned to the synagogue by Wednesday morning, April 11, not later than 8:30.

Services for First Born

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born. It is obligatory upon every first born who cannot observe the fast on Friday to attend the special service on that day and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (*Siyum Bechorim*) will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, April 11 as part of the regular morning service which begins at 7:30.

SOME SEDER SUGGESTIONS

The Passover Seder is probably the most meaningful of all home observances in the Jewish calendar year. It has been designed as a masterpiece of pedagogic method to interest the young, to maintain their enthusiasm and to teach important lessons. In order to get the most out of the Seder, there are a number of things that should be kept in mind.

1. Be sure that there is a Haggadah for each member of the Seder.
2. The leader of the Seder should study the Haggadah in advance and decide upon questions and stories which he might want to use at various points in order to awaken interest.
3. The reading of the Haggadah should be rotated among the different people around the Seder table. Passages can be read in Hebrew and/or in English.

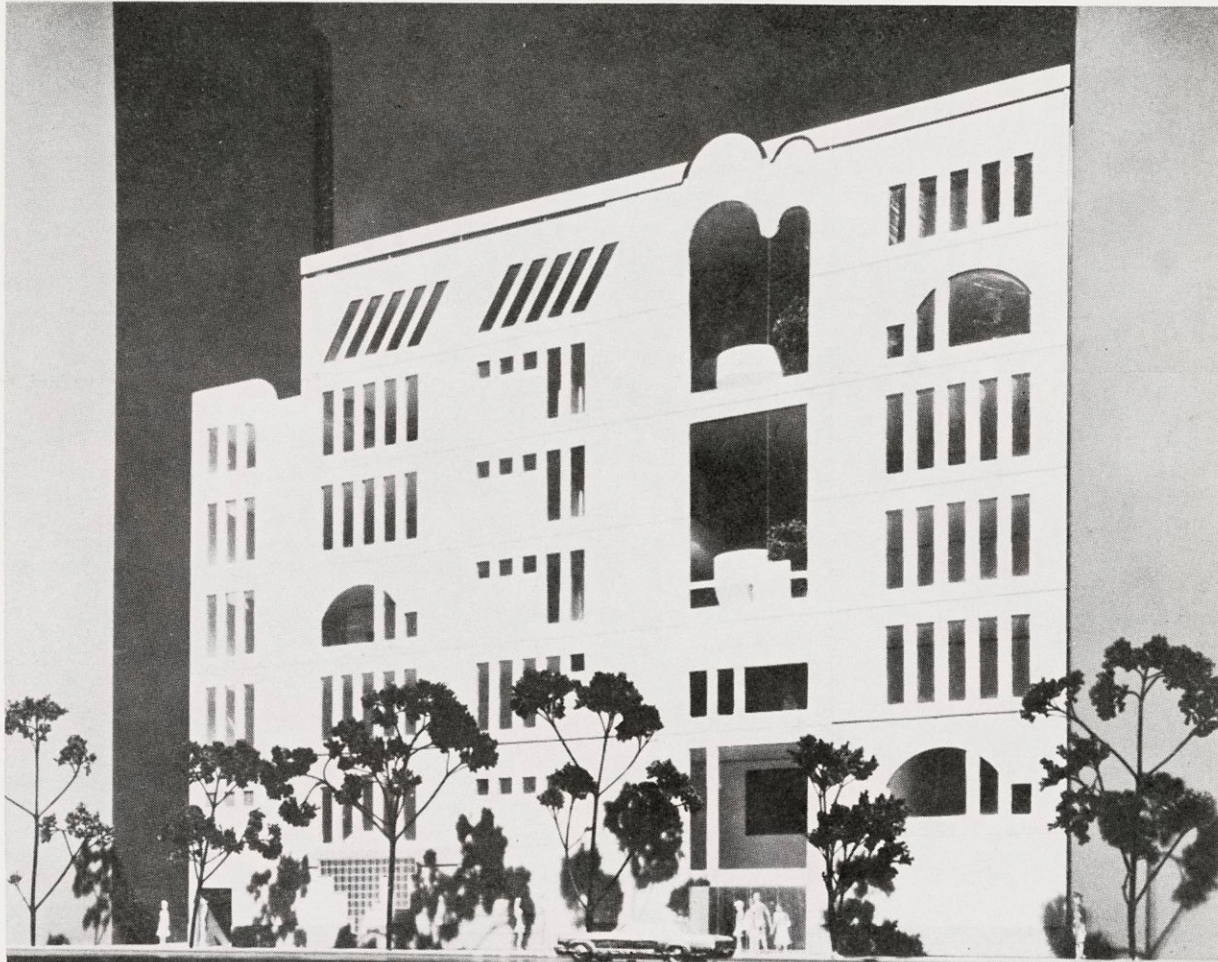
4. Recite all blessings in unison so that everyone feels a part of the ceremony.

5. Do not be afraid to interrupt in the middle of a reading to ask a question, to make a point or to launch a discussion. Wherever possible, try to relate the historical passages to modern events.

6. Children should perhaps be asked to prepare in advance a dramatization of certain portions of the Haggadah which lend themselves to such an exercise. Examples are the Four Sons and also the Pesach, Matzah and Maror.

7. Do not let the hunt for the *Afikoman* transcend the importance of the Seder itself. Let that be done during the meal. The determined "thief" should be rewarded with a prize of Jewish significance.

RAMAZ BREAKS GROUND FOR \$7,000,000 BUILDING NEW STRUCTURE TO HOUSE RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN UPPER SCHOOL



At 11 o'clock in the morning on March 1, an historic event took place on East 78th Street between Park and Madison Avenues when ground was officially broken for the new building of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. This ceremony marked a decisive stage in a program which has been in the making for several years and which will be brought to completion, with God's help, over the next several years. The building will be called the Morris and Ida Newman Educational Center.

Leading participants in the ceremony included the Founder of Ramaz, whose name the Upper School bears, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, the Attorney General of New York State, who is a good friend of the school, Hon. Robert Abrams, and the Comptroller of the City of New York, a graduate and Honorary Trustee of Ramaz, Hon. Harrison J. Goldin. Also participating were Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Principal of the School and several other public officials and Officers of the Lincoln Savings Bank, the Dry Dock Savings Bank and the Manhattan Savings Bank which are the financial lenders for this project. Lawrence A. Kobrin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, himself a graduate of the school, presided.

Extensive reports of the groundbreaking were carried nationally through the wires of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and locally in *Jewish Week*. Additional articles will be appearing in the paper in the days to come.

Among those present for the occasion were the following members of the community:

Hon. Robert Abrams — Attorney General, State of New York

Dan Cunningham — Vice-President, Lincoln Savings Bank

Morton H. Delson — Chairman, Community Board #8

Hon. Harrison J. Goldin — Comptroller of City of New York

State Senator Roy M. Goodman

Congressman William S. Green

Covington Hardee — Chairman of Board, Lincoln Savings Bank

City Councilman Antonio G. Olivieri

Nathan Salzman — President, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

City Councilman Henry J. Stern

City Councilwoman Jane Trichter

Zeev E. Yoles — Assistant Vice-President, Manufacturers Hanover Trust

We also received some warm messages of congratulations and good wishes from leading citizens of the city and state. We are pleased to reproduce some of those on Page 6.

SOME MESSAGES RECEIVED ON THE OCCASION OF RAMAZ GROUNDBREAKING MARCH 1, 1979

WESTERN UNION

February 28, 1979

Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

Please accept my warmest congratulations for you and your associates in Ramaz on the groundbreaking for the magnificent Lookstein Upper School project.

Your burning faith and zeal will build a great school, as they have inspired so many other great works, and your family is indeed one of the most distinguished among the American rabbinate. Over four decades of educational activity represents, too, a magnificent contribution to Jewish learning and to learning generally in our city. I join with a host of others who are grateful to you for these high endeavors and great contributions.

I had wanted very much to be with you, but the Senate is in session on major foreign policy problems, and it is just impossible for me to join you today. Please present my respects to all present. With best wishes,

Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate

March 1, 1979

Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

On behalf of all those New Yorkers whom you have served so well throughout 43 years of your school's educational activities, I congratulate your officers, board of trustees, faculty and student body on the occasion of today's ground-breaking ceremonies.

Please accept my very best wishes for many more decades of academic achievement.

Sincerely,

Edward I. Koch
Mayor
City of New York

February 25, 1979

Melvin D. Newman
Chairman of Building Committee
Ramaz School
125 East 85th Street
New York, New York 10028

Dear Mr. Newman:

I appreciate the thoughtfulness of your Building Committee in extending to me an invitation to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Ramaz Upper School.

During my many years as Director of Supervision for the schools of this

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Principal
Ramaz
125 East 85th Street
New York, New York 10028

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Enclosed you will find a copy of a resolution which I sponsored on your behalf.

Please accept my congratulations on the event of your school's groundbreaking ceremonies. Once again, I regret that I am unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Mark Alan Siegel
State Assemblyman, 66th District

STATE OF NEW YORK In Assembly Albany

BACKGROUND

On Thursday, March 1, 1979, friends, staff and students of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz will gather to celebrate an historic moment in the school's history.

This special occasion, that of groundbreaking ceremonies for a new building on East 78th Street, comes forty-three years after the school was founded by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

The new building will accommodate 450 of the 800 students who attend the school, which has played an important role in the education of young members of the Jewish community for forty-three years.

The construction of this building serves to reaffirm the continuing commitment of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz to quality education and making New York City a finer place to live.

RESOLUTION

On the occasion of this historic groundbreaking ceremony, the New York State Assembly extends its sincerest congratulations and best wishes for the future.

The Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz is most deserving of the highest commendation for its continued effort to improve the quality of life in New York City, particularly with regard to the education of its young citizens.

*By order of the Assembly,
Catherine A. Carey, Clerk*

State, I followed the work of the Ramaz School with great interest and indeed with great admiration. I shall therefore try to be present on the historic occasion of breaking ground for a new building and one that has been so beautifully designed.

The Ramaz School, in my opinion, has always been the foremost Jewish day school in New York State. This has been due to a large extent to the fine, dedicated trustees and patrons of the school. But the key to its splendid educational standing has been its great

leader, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. His example has been a beacon light and a true inspiration to the other Jewish elementary and secondary educators of our State. It is most fitting that the fine new Upper School building should bear his name.

Very truly yours,
Anthony E. Terino
Former Director
Division of School
Supervision
New York State
Education Department

Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry, April 29

Please Join us on East 85th Street

This year, the annual demonstration of support for Soviet Jews will be sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Sunday morning, April 29. The site of the demonstration will once again be 5th Avenue, leading downtown from the 60's and ending at 47th Street and 1st Avenue in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza.

As we have done in years past, we ask the entire Kehilath Jeshurun-Ramaz family to gather at 10:00 o'clock on East 85th Street in front of the Synagogue House and Ramaz School building. From there we will march down Park Avenue together and enter the special staging area which is arranged for us. That march is always an impressive one for the participants as well as for those who watch it from the buildings that line Park Avenue. It helps to make our contingent one of the largest representations of any group in the metropolitan area.

We would like to be one thousand strong this year. With your help, cooperation, and participation we can not only reach that figure but surpass it.

SOVIET JEWS ARE COUNTING ON YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON SOLIDARITY DAY ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29. SEE YOU AT TEN A.M., ON EAST 85th STREET.

Passover Relief

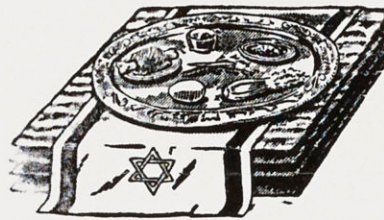
We are pleased to inform our readers that the \$7,000 mark has been passed in contributions to the Benevolent Fund for Passover Relief. Donations are still coming in at a steady pace. In our next issue, we will print a list of those who have contributed to our Passover Relief Fund.

We urge all of those who have not yet made their Passover Relief donations to send them in right away. It is a very important *mitzvah* for each of us to perform as individuals as well as for the community to perform as a whole. Please do your part to help make this year's Passover Relief effort our most successful ever.

THIS IS THE MATZAH OF HOPE

At the Seder table one should have four matzot, the three traditional ones and an additional Matzah, which will not be eaten and which symbolizes the plight of our brethren in the Soviet Union, most of whom are unable to obtain Matzah for Passover.

Just prior to the reciting of the four questions, the reader of the Seder should lift this extra Matzah and read the following proclamation:



On Passover, all Jews celebrate freedom. Yet our brothers in the Soviet Union must still observe this holy time in secret. These are the Jews for whom the exodus is not yet a reality.

The Matzah of Hope represents those who are not with us tonight—Jews who have been refused exit visas and who suffer daily harassment and Prisoners of Conscience who endure the hardships of cruel imprisonment. Their "crime": the desire to live as Jews, among Jews, in a free land.

We pause for a moment during this Seder to reaffirm our solidarity with Soviet Jewry. We pledge ourselves to continue to work for their freedom. We vow that, once they are free, we will help them rebuild their lives. We will not rest until the task is complete, for until all Jews are free, no Jew is free.

REMEMBER SOLIDARITY SUNDAY, APRIL 29th.

FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, _____, do hereby authorize RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN, of 125 East 85th Street, City, State and County of New York, to sell, transfer and assign all CHAMETZ of whatever kind and nature, of which I am possessed and seized, or in which I may have an interest, wheresoever situated, in my residence at _____, or in my place of business, or in any other place, without reservation and limitation.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____

Signature

Please return to the Synagogue Office by Wednesday, April 11 at 8:30 A.M.

Have You Made Reservations for the UJA Mission?

August 5 is the target date. We plan to return on August 19. In the interim the UJA mission of Kehilath Jeshurun will spend four days in Poland and ten days in Israel. The cost per person will be \$1,850 including all accommodations. In Israel we will be at five-star hotels.

This mission will be led by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein and by Sandy Seplow, co-chairman of the UJA committee of the congregation. It is designed to provide a maximum of information and inspiration beginning with the tragedy of European Jewry both present and past and ending with the glory of the Jewish people in Israel both present and future. We will see places to which private tourists would never be able to gain admission. We will have experiences which will be unique and memorable. We will meet at close hand with some of the leaders who are fashioning Israel's destiny now and for the coming years.

If you want to join this mission which has a limited number of participants (40) we urge you to send in your \$250 deposit per person to the Synagogue office so that you will be assured of a place in our group. Deposits are refundable if requested in writing up to fifteen days prior to departure (July 23, 1979). There is a penalty fee for cancellation after this date.

Sisterhood Open Meeting

Monday, May 14 — 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Sylvia Texon

Topic: "A Guide to Better Investing"

The Sisterhood will hold an open meeting on Monday, May 14 at 12:00 noon. The guest that day will be Sylvia Texon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon. She will speak on "A Guide to Better Investing."

Miss Texon comes to us with quite an impressive background. She was graduated from Ramaz in 1972 and from Barnard in 1976. Since 1976, she has been an account executive with Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith. In addition to her responsibilities there, Miss Texon conducts seminars on the basics of investing. She is currently teaching a course at the YWCA.

We urge all women to come to this meeting and to benefit from Miss Texon's expertise, which she is being so kind to share with us.

Dan Shapiro, a Leader in the New York Jewish Community, to be Our Guest at our Annual Shabbaton on Shabbat Hagadol

We are proud to announce that Dan Shapiro, Chairman of the Communal Planning Committee of Federation and a Vice-Chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council in New York, will be our guest, together with his family, at the Annual Shabbaton of the Congregation on *Shabbat Hagadol*.

This event, which is always a delightful religious and social activity, will have added meaning because of the participation of Dan Shapiro. Our general subject is: "All Jews Are Responsible For One Another." There are very few laymen in this city who are more qualified to discuss this subject concretely than is Mr. Shapiro.

In his capacity as Chairman of the Communal Planning Committee of Federation, this young Jewish leader leads a group which makes decisions on the priorities of Federation for the present with implications far into the future. That Committee decides what Federation should and should not do. That Committee takes on new responsibilities for Federation and disengages Federation from older responsibilities which are no longer productive for the Jewish Community.

Mr. Shapiro's other responsibility as Vice-Chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, makes him aware of many of the problems which beset the Jews of our community from missionary activity to poverty, from political action to race relations. We should be able to learn a great deal from his address to us on Friday night and from the question and answer period which will follow.

On Shabbat morning, following the regular services, we will discuss the general subject of the Shabbaton with particular reference to how all of us in the Kehilath Jeshurun community can be responsible for each other on a personal basis. We will take up many of the important issues facing this community including how to create greater camaraderie in the synagogue, meeting the needs of all segments of the community and discharging our personal responsibilities toward each other.

There are only a few more places left at our Shabbaton tables. If you would like to participate, please call the office immediately so that we can accommodate you, assuming that we still have the space remaining.

UJA - FEDERATION CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

The kickoff meeting for the 1979 UJA-Federation campaign was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kule. CKJ members will be contacted by people on the committee for their 1979 gifts. We urge everyone to welcome the solicitors and to meet his or her responsibility to the Jewish community in New York and in Israel by giving generously to this worthy cause.

This year's committee is co-chaired by Stephen Kule and Sandy Seplow, who are being backed by an able committee consisting of the following people: Eugene Alpert, Frederic Baumgarten, Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal, Dr. Lawrence Bryskin, Norman Bulow, Mark Fishman, Meyer Gross, Dr. Albert Hornblass, Maurice Kaufman, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Ed Lukashok, Mortimer Propp, Jerome Rindner, Irwin Robins and Romie Shapiro.

The Women's Division of the UJA drive at CKJ is headed by Mrs. Abraham R. Kirshon, whose devotion and tireless efforts have made our women's

support of UJA a source of pride to the community.

This year, 1979, is a time of opportunity and of testing for all Jews. For the people of Israel, an opportunity for the realization of a just and lasting peace is in sight. The road toward this goal will be long and winding. It will put the full force of their strength, will and endurance to the test.

We in the Jewish communities of America have a different but parallel road to follow. Our opportunity is for the realization of our full potential as givers of life to Israel's people and to our fellow Jews in need here at home and around the world.

In the 1979 UJA-Federation campaign our credibility is being tested. Let us face up to this test by giving more now than ever before. We must show our support even more when peace is possible than when the security of our state and our people is being threatened.

If You Wrote to the President, This is What You Received

Several weeks ago we asked all of our worshippers on Shabbat morning to write or telegraph President Carter concerning the unbearable pressure which the American government was exerting upon the Israelis in the recent negotiations concerning a peace treaty. Several of those worshippers sent to us the responses from the White House. All of the responses were the same and frankly were phrased favorably from our point of view.

We hope that you took the trouble to inform the President of your sense of outrage at the drift of American policy at the time. If you did take the trouble, you probably received the response which we print below:

The White House Washington

Dear (Name):

Thank you for your recent message to President Carter concerning the Middle East peace negotiations.

The President has affirmed that the security and continued existence of Israel, the ability of the Israelis to protect themselves adequately and to live in peace are paramount above anything else that relates to the Middle East. This commitment has guided United States policy in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

With the President's appreciation for your interest in sharing your views with him and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Landon Kite
Staff Assistant

Advance Notice for Yom Ha'atzmaut

The entire KJ/Ramaz family is invited to participate in and witness the celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* by the student body of the Ramaz Middle and Upper Schools on Wednesday, May 2, around 11 A.M. At that point, weather permitting, the students will come out into the streets outside of the 85th Street building to dance in celebration of the 31st Anniversary of Israel's independence. It is quite a sight to see in a neighborhood where, some 40 years ago, Jews hesitated to identify themselves publicly in the street as Jews for fear of being assaulted by anti-Semites.

Come, see and celebrate!

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES

Wednesday, April 11th — Passover Eve

Morning Service 7:30 A.M.

A special service for the first born (*siyum*) will be conducted following regular services.

An Eruv Tavshilin Should Be Prepared

Lighting of Candles 6:13 P.M.

Evening 6:15 P.M.

Thursday, April 12th — Passover I

Morning 9:00 A.M.

Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Evening 6:15 P.M.

Light candles after 7:12 P.M.

Friday, April 13th — Passover II

Morning 9:00 A.M.

Sermon by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Lighting of Candles 6:15 P.M.

Evening 6:15 P.M.

Saturday, April 14th — Shabbat Chol Hamoed

Morning 9:00 A.M.

The Song of Songs will be read.

Evening 6:15 P.M.

Conclusion of Sabbath 7:12 P.M.

Services During the Week of Chol Hamoed

Morning 7:30 A.M.

Sunday Morning 8:30 A.M.

Evening 6:00 P.M.

Concluding Days of Passover

Tuesday, April 17th

Evening 6:15 P.M.

Lighting of Candles 6:19 P.M.

Wednesday, April 18th — Passover VII

Morning 9:00 A.M.

Sermon by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Evening 6:30 P.M.

Light candles after 7:16 P.M.

Thursday, April 19th — Passover VIII

Morning 9:00 A.M.

Memorial Prayers are recited as part of this service.

Evening 6:30 P.M.

Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:18 P.M.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein to Conduct Special Classes for Passover Culminating in Shabbat Hagadol Discourse

In preparation for Passover this year, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will conduct three classes, each to be held one hour before Mincha on Shabbat afternoon. They will deal with *Halakhot* concerning the Seder. The text to be used will be the *Shulchan Arukh* and the Commentary of the *Mishnah B'rurah*, chapter 4:72-80. These sessions will be held on March 24, March 31 and April 7.

The Shabbat Hagadol Discourse which will be held between Mincha and Ma'ariv on April 7, will continue the theme of Passover and the Seder. It is hoped that this expanded study program will make our observance of Passover and our experience at the Seder more meaningful and inspiring this year.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, April 6

Lighting of Candles6:08 P.M.
Evening6:15 P.M.

Saturday, Shabbat Hagadol, April 7

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Tzav
Evening5:45 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....7:03 P.M.

Friday, April 20

Lighting of Candles6:22 P.M.
Evening6:15 P.M.

Saturday, April 21

Morning9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Shemini
ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS
Rosh Chodesh Iyar will be on
Friday, April 27 and Saturday,
April 28.
Evening6:30 P.M.
Conclusion of Sabbath.....7:20 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.
Evening6:00 P.M.

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THE GREATEST PURIM EVER?

It may very well have been the greatest Purim ever in the history of Kehilath Jeshurun. Frankly, we do not remember a time when the Main Synagogue was so crowded. There wasn't a seat on the main floor or in the ladies' balcony and, of course, the children spilled over onto the front platform. And, yet, everyone seemed to be comfortable, relaxed and very attentive to the reading of the Megillah as the Ramaz students carried out their assignments flawlessly.

We are very much indebted to the following young men of Ramaz who read in the evening or in the morning and as we thank them, we also thank their instructor, Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg, for preparing them so beautifully for this assignment:

Keith Barany	Matthew Linden-
Amiel Bender	baum
Steven Brown	Peter Miller
Matthew Cohen	Carl Mosesson
Steven Eisman	Burt Rosen
Eugene Major	Ethan Schwartz
Bennett Linden-	Moshe Scheinfeld
baum	Leonard Silverman
	Daniel Steinkoler

Purim morning was also very exciting. Mr. Rosenberg's reading before a packed Chapel — next year we will probably have to move upstairs to the Main Synagogue — was, as usual, expertly done and rapidly completed. At 10:30, the Social Hall was filled to capacity with men, women and children who came for the additional reading. It was a lot of fun for everybody at both readings. The first reading was followed by the Vice-Presidential Breakfast, hosted by Bill Lebowitz, while the second was followed by a Hamentasch, soda and coffee nash sponsored by the congregation.

Our Youth Staff

Our Shabbat youth director, Stuie Chesner, literally outdid himself in arranging for the supervision of the children at the evening service. We are very grateful to him, to David Bernstein and to all of the Upper School students of Ramaz who sacrificed their own convenience and comfort in order to make the children

more comfortable and enhance their experience of Purim. They performed a very important mitzvah, for which we are grateful and for which we pray they will be rewarded.

Was it really the greatest Purim ever? We guess it doesn't matter very much. It was delightful, enjoyable and, in many ways, unforgettable.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein ended the evening service with a reminder to the congregation that Purim is a time of reversal of fortune. What looked like a black and tragic period turned out in Shushan long ago to be a joyous and triumphant moment for the Jewish people. He expressed the hope that there would be a similar change in our fortunes today.

As it turned out, on the morrow the news of the imminent signing of a peace treaty was carried from Cairo and Jerusalem. Maybe this year's Purim, aided and abetted by the prayers of Jews all over the world, will turn out to be the beginning of a happy and triumphant change in the fortunes of the Jewish people. We pray for that change and we hope for its fulfillment.

INVITATION TO SCHARANSKY MAKES POINT AT N.Y.U.

To drive home a point, Dr. John C. Sawhill, the president of New York University, has invited Anatoly Scharansky to speak at the school's commencement exercises in June. Presumably, N.Y.U. will take the precaution of also lining up someone else. Mr. Scharansky, a prominent Soviet dissident, is not likely to come since he is serving a 13-year prison sentence on an espionage conviction that drew a good deal of international protest.

Of course, that was Dr. Sawhill's point. Today, Dr. Sawhill and New York's Attorney General, Robert Abrams, plan to announce the formation of a group called the New York Committee for the Prisoners of Conscience, to press for the release of Mr. Scharansky and 24 other Jewish dissidents. Among its members are Leonard Bernstein, William F. Buckley Jr., Norman Mailer, Bayard Rustin, Irving Howe and a number of members of Congress. The timing of their action is hardly a coincidence. Tomorrow, Mr. Scharansky will have been in custody exactly two years.

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