



RAMAZ STUDENTS FAST FOR CAMBODIANS AND COLLECT FUNDS FOR THEIR RELIEF

In an impressive display of concern for their fellow human beings, the Ramaz Middle and Upper Schools embarked during November on an extended campaign to sensitize themselves to the plight of the Cambodians and to take steps within their means to relieve that plight.

It all began with a young lady in the 6th grade by the name of Lisa Gallin (daughter of our members, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gallin) who spoke at a Shabbat assembly about the starving and dying children of Cambodia. The children of the Middle School organized a relief campaign and raised well over \$500 to help their fellow human beings in the Far East.

Not to be outdone, the students of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School, under the leadership of Eugene Major (son of our members, Dr. and Mrs. William Major), President of the G.O., and other leaders of the Jewish Affairs Committee, organized a day of solidarity with these unfortunate people from the other side of the world. After several days of preparation, through speeches in the classrooms, posters all over the school and various reminders, the student body gathered on Wednesday, November 28, for special programs in support of the unfortunate people of Cambodia.

They were addressed by Samuel Haber, Honorary Executive Director of the Joint Distribution Committee. They gave up lunch for that day and contributed the amount which they would have spent on their own lunches. The Ramaz School officially contributed the amount which the school lunch program saved by not serving lunch to children from grade 8 through 12. Those funds, plus the individual contributions of the students, brought in \$817 for Cambodian relief, a number which corresponds to the number of the student body in Ramaz today.

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52 NEW MEMBERS APPROVED AT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON NOVEMBER 27

Record Number of Inductees Brings K.J. Membership
to an All Time High

We are very proud and grateful to announce that on Tuesday evening, November 27, the Board of Trustees of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun formally approved the applications for membership of 52 members representing 83 people (counting married couples as two) to bring the membership of Kehilath Jeshurun to an all time high. It was gratifying to know that the new members divided almost equally between regular members (over the age of 30) and associate members (those who are under 30 and who, therefore, are only charged half the regular dues).

In our last issue of the Bulletin we listed most of those new members. We are pleased to present below the names of a few more who have joined since our last issue went to press, as well as some new members whose names were inadvertently omitted from that issue.

Martin Brooks
Annette and Malcolm Elvey
Ambassador George and Marion Feldman
Deborah Halper
Drs. Deborah and Robert Lipner
Alice and Martin Mendelson.

All of the new inductees who were approved at the Board meeting have applied to join the Congregation since May of 1979, following the 107th Annual Meeting. They will be formally inducted into membership at the forthcoming Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 4, Lag b'Omer.

We welcome all of our new members. We pray that their association with us will be long, happy and mutually rewarding and we invite them to take advantage of all the activities of the congregation, even as we hope that they will give us strength, inspiration and support in the future.

We also invite all members of the community who would be interested in becoming affiliated with Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun to call either Rabbi Haskel Lookstein or Bob Leifert at the Synagogue Office and make an appointment to discuss membership. We would like to encourage your being part of our congregational family. We feel that there is much that we can do for you and we are certain that your affiliation with us will be a source of encouragement to the entire community.

Please give us a ring and let us discuss how you can be a more active part of your neighborhood congregation.

Within Our Family

Births

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Friedman on the birth of their son Naf-tali Yosef Eliyahu in Jerusalem. Our congratulations to the proud grand-mother, Mrs. Joseph Friedman.

Births correction:

In our last bulletin, we incorrectly announced the name of the new son born to Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Orwasher. Daniel Scott is the proud new addition to the family and we extend warmest congratulations to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Orwasher as well.

We hope that the new arrivals will be a source of happiness to their respective families and that they grow up in the tradition of Torah, chupah, and ma'asim tovim.

Bat Mitzvah

Mazel tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Marco Wachter of Florence, Italy, upon the *bat mitzvah* celebration of their daughter, Federica Meta. Our warmest greetings also to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Malvina Wachter who is now in Italy having gone there to participate in this *simcha*. We hope that the family will have many more happy occasions in the future.

Weddings

Mazel tov to the former Maxine Diamond who was married last month to Samuel Kosofsky. We wish the young couple much happiness in their new life together.

Similar congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Stern on the marriage of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stern, which took place in Israel. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eliezer Baron of Tel Aviv.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Waldman on the marriage of their daughter Vivian to Joshua Kestenbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kestenbaum of Far Rockaway.

Mazel tov also to Dr. Shoshana Esther Englard, daughter of our new members, Dr. and Mrs. Sasha Englard, upon her marriage to Dr. David Falcner.

May the newlyweds enjoy many happy and healthy years together.

Engagement

A further mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Sasha Englard upon the engagement of their daughter Ilana Sarith to Shimon Yitzchak Tennenbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Tennenbaum of New York and Toronto. We pray that the wedding will take place in happiness and blessing.

Communal Honors

We are pleased to note that our esteemed member, Jack Nash, was honored by the Wall Street - Investment Banking Division of UJA-Federation at a dinner on December 5, at the Hilton. Mr. Nash was cited for his distinguished record of philanthropy and leadership in the business world. We in Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz are fully aware of his generosity to important causes, including our own concerns. Mr. Nash has also served as Treasurer of Ramaz and as a Trustee of the school for many years. We hope that he will continue to merit the approbation of the community for many happy and healthy years to come.

Communal Recognition

Mazel tov to our new member, Hon. Robert Abrams, Attorney General of the State of New York, who will receive the 1979 Human Rights Award from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at its dinner on Wednesday, December 19, at the Plaza. We are proud to see the recognition which this fine Jew is receiving from his people which has been the beneficiary of his enlightened and inspired leadership.

We are also pleased to note an extensive comment in the *Jewish Press* about how Mr. and Mrs. Abrams had *davened* in our *shul* over Yom Kippur. The article stressed the fact that they sat very unobtrusively in our Auxiliary Service, unbeknown to the entire Congregation.

We think this says a lot about the Abrams family and also about K.J.

Academic Achievements

Mazel tov to Judith Schacter Tykocinski on her passing the New York State Bar exam. Judy, a graduate of Columbia Law School, is with the firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and Mc Cloy. Congratulations as well go to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedman and her grandmother, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein.

BAR MITZVAH



Michael Schessel

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Eli Schessel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Michael, which was observed in our synagogue this past Shabbat, December 8.

Michael, who is a student in Form II of Ramaz read from both the *Torah* and the *Haftorah*. His rendition was beautiful and the entire congregation was the guests of the Schessel's at *Kid-dush* in honor of the occasion.

Sisterhood to Feature Antique Specialist

Mr. Jeffrey Werner, of William Doyle Associates, one of New York's most distinguished auction galleries will address the Sisterhood at its Open Meeting this Monday, December 17 at 12:30 PM. His Topic will be: "The Technique and Value of Auctions". The program is preceded by a light luncheon.

As a special feature of Mr. Werner's presence, he will identify and/or evaluate antiques which participants may wish to bring in from personal collections. This service is available for a \$2 donation to the Sisterhood. Program and lunch are, as usual, complimentary.

KJ/Men's Club Theatre Party

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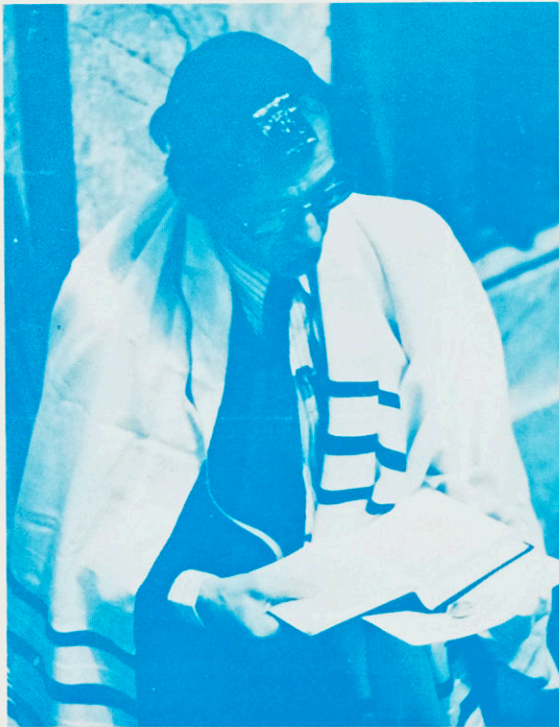
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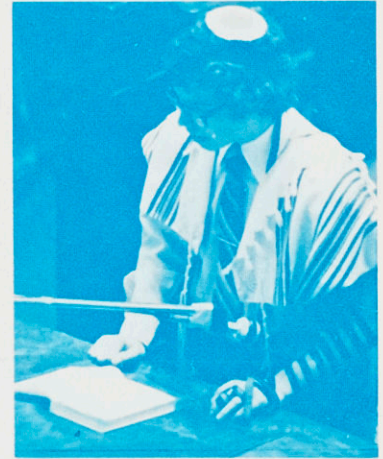
GLIMPSES OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE



Elie Wiesel *davens* with the Congregation prior to his magnificent eulogy.



Joshua Lookstein begins the memorial service to his grandfather by leading the Congregation in *Psukei D'zimrah*.



Peter Miller, student in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz is the Cantor for *Shacharit*.



Irwin Shapiro, Co-Chairman of the Project introduces the writing of the *Torah*.



The Chorus of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School sings "*Yedid Nefesh*" (Beloved of My Soul).



Milton Berkowitz, Co-Chairman of the Project writes an *os* in the *Torah*.

TORAH WRITING CEREMONY HELD ON NOVEMBER 18

*Impressive Memorial Tribute to
Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein*

Those who were present on Sunday morning, November 18, will never forget the beautiful and moving service and the inspirational memorial to our beloved Senior Rabbi, Joseph H. Lookstein, of blessed memory.

The Main Synagogue, both on the main floor and in the ladies' balcony, was comfortably filled with many members of the Congregation and parents of Ramaz who heard Joshua Lookstein and Peter Miller lead the *Shacharit* Service and then listened in rapt attention as Elie Wiesel and Rabbi Israel Miller spoke movingly about the Rabbi and about the significance of the Torah Writing ceremony in his honor.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein introduced the guest speakers and set the tone for the morning. Milton Berkowitz and Irwin Shapiro, Co-Chairmen of the Torah Writing project, presided over the proceedings. Cantor Davis rendered a beautiful cantorial selection. The Ramaz Chorus brought many of the assemblage to tears with its magnificent singing under the direction of Michael Berl while 31 leaders of the Congregation, the School and the community were called to the central *bima* to write letters in the beginning of our Torah.

It was a beautiful ceremony from start to finish, filled with nostalgia, sentiment and, above all, dignity. As Rabbi Haskel Lookstein remarked at the close, it was the kind of event which the late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein would have loved. It was very much in his spirit and in his style.

We would like to thank Mr. Berkowitz and Mr. Shapiro together with the entire Torah Committee for planning so beautiful a function. Our gratitude to all

who participated in the service and program. They helped to make this one of the most memorable occasions in the history of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

And Now for the Future

The Torah Committee informs us that every member of the Congregation and every parent in Ramaz will be invited during the course of the coming months to write a letter in the Torah. The invitation will be a personal one and the writing will take place in groups of a reasonable size. *We would like to stress that there is absolutely no fund-raising associated with this project.*

Those who wish to make voluntary contributions are, of course, free to do so, but there is no expectation that a family which writes an *os* will have to contribute in return for that privilege.

THE DEPUTY TO INAUGURATE NEW BOOK CLUB

A new group has been organized in the Congregation to read books of Jewish and general interest and discuss them. The first session has now been set for January 13 at the home of Carol and Mel Newman. The book which will be read at this session is *The Deputy*. Future sessions will discuss *Letters to an American Jewish Friend* and *The Culture of Narcissism*.

We can accommodate just a few more people who might want to join this reading and discussion group. For further information, please call Bob Leifert at the synagogue office.

DR. JEFFREY GUROCK'S BOOK IS PUBLISHED

We are proud to announce that Dr. Jeffrey Gurock, who gave a series of lectures in our Adult Institute last year, has published a book on the subject entitled *When Harlem Was Jewish*. It is published by Columbia University Press and is available for \$15.

Dr. Gurock is a Ramaz alumnus who completed his Ph. D. in American Jewish History at Columbia and is now an Assistant Professor at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE HOSTAGES IN IRAN

As of November 29, the Congregation and Ramaz began reciting Psalm 124 at the conclusion of morning services in prayerful support of the fifty American hostages in Teheran.

We believe that everyone should say a prayer every day for these fellow Americans. The prayers will help *them* to be released and *us* to remember their agony.

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Sam Haber expressed it well when he said "I am proud to be here and to be associated with this magnificent demonstration of concern for human beings. It is an honor for me to join you in this demonstration of solidarity with those in need."

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, in commenting on Mr. Haber's words, reminded the students that what they were doing was very deeply rooted in the Jewish tradition. As the Torah states: "You know the plight of the strangers for you yourselves were strangers in Egypt."

It is nice to see that students in a yeshiva, who are the first to turn out for Soviet Jews and for demonstrations of support for Israel, can also react sensitively to the plight of non-Jews who desperately need our concern, our prayers and our help.



Rabbi Haskel Lookstein introduces the Memorial Tribute to his beloved father.



Rabbi Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University movingly addresses the Congregation.

PLACES FOR NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN SCARCE

As of November 15 the number of applicants for the 3-year old nursery, 4-year old nursery, kindergarten and first grade for September 1980 had already exceeded the number of places in those classes. We are still accepting applications for those grades but, of course, some difficult choices will have to be made.

We do not want to overlook any member of the Congregation who wishes to place a child in those classes. We would also like to accommodate as many members of the east and west side community as we possibly can. If, therefore, you are interested in placing your child in Ramaz for September 1980, please rush your application to the Ramaz office in the next few days.

TO COMBAT VOTER APATHY YOU MUST VOTE

In response to an article in the October issue of the Bulletin stressing that in many communities Jews no longer vote in large numbers, The League of Women Voters has provided our Synagogue Office with voter registration forms. Now, you need not go down to Varick Street but simply pick up a copy at the Synagogue and mail it in.

Anyone who has moved since the last time he voted or hasn't voted in the last two elections must register. Forms must be received at the Board of Elections no later than January 25th in order to vote in the March 25th Presidential Primary.

In this time of special concern about Israel, our city's neighborhoods and many other domestic and international issues, it is crucial that members of the Jewish community express their views in the ballot box.

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PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

Beginning with Friday Evening, December 14

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 *hanerot 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.

A REMINDER ABOUT THE RAMAZ DINNER

On Sunday, January 20, 1980, at the Waldorf, the Parents Council of Ramaz School will hold its Annual Dinner Dance. The evening will represent a celebration of the life and work of the late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. The Ramaz Chorus and Dramatics Society will present a cantata that evening depicting the varied career of leadership of this extraordinary personality who was Rabbi of the Congregation for 56 years and Founder and Principal of Ramaz.

The Journal for the Dinner, which goes to press by December 20, will offer an opportunity to members of the community to write memorial tributes to the Senior Rabbi expressing in their own words how the Rabbi touched their lives and influenced their existence.

For further information about the Journal and the Dinner please call the School office at 427-1000 ext. 52.

"SEE AND SANCTIFY: EXPLORING JEWISH SYMBOLS," MAJOR SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

The Yeshiva University Museum's major special exhibition for the year, "See and Sanctify: Exploring Jewish Symbols," was announced by Sylvia Herskowitz, Museum director.

The environmental display will focus upon those symbols that raise the level of consciousness from the secular to the sacred, and upon a selection of objects that reflect symbolic significance. In addition to antique ceremonial silver, books and textiles, there is a fascinating assortment of curiosa. These include such artifacts as a World War I artillery shell casing manufactured by Krupp in Germany, used in the war by the Turkish army, and then taken to Palestine where it was transformed into a vase to commemorate the liberation of Jerusalem by General Allenby in 1917; a design by an architect inmate for an officer's lounge in Theresienstadt Concentration Camp and defaced by the camp commandant who thought the

drawing had Judaic overtones; and paper money bearing the image of Moses and the Ten Commandments ordered by the Nazis for use in the concentration camp.

The Yeshiva University Museum is located at the University's Main Center, Amsterdam Avenue at 185th Street, Manhattan. The Museum is open from Tuesdays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sundays from 12 noon - 6 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children and students. The Museum may be reached at 212-960-5390, or 960-5429

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, December 14

Lighting of Candles..... 4:11
Evening..... 4:30

SATURDAY, Shabbat Chanukah, December 15

Morning..... 9:00
Junior Congregation..... 10:30
Pre-school Services..... 10:45

Weekly Portion: Vayeshev
Haftarah: Zechariah 2

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on
Thurs. and Fri. December 20-21

Evening..... 4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:10

FRIDAY, December 21

Lighting of Candles..... 4:14
Evening..... 4:30

SATURDAY, Shabbat Chanukah, December 22

Morning..... 9:00
Junior Congregation..... 10:30
Pre-School Services..... 10:45

Weekly Portion: Miketz
Haftarah: I Kings 7

Evening..... 4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:12

FRIDAY, December 28

Lighting of Candles..... 4:18
Evening..... 4:30

SATURDAY, December 29

Morning..... 9:00
Junior Congregation..... 10:30
Pre-School Services..... 10:45

Weekly Portion: Vayigash
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37

Evening..... 4:30
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:17

SUNDAY, December 30

Fast of 10th of Tevet

FRIDAY, January 4, 1980

Lighting of Candles..... 4:24
Evening..... 4:40

SATURDAY, January 5

Morning..... 9:00
Junior Congregation..... 10:30
Pre-School Services..... 10:45

Weekly Portion: Vayehi
Haftarah: I Kings 2

Evening..... 4:40
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:22

FRIDAY, January 11

Lighting of Candles..... 4:31
Evening..... 4:40

SATURDAY, January 12

Morning..... 9:00
Junior Congregation..... 10:30
Pre-School Services..... 10:45

Weekly Portion: Shemot
Haftarah: Isaiah 27

ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on
Saturday, January 19

Evening..... 4:40
Conclusion of Sabbath..... 5:29

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning..... 7:30
Sunday Morning..... 8:30
Father and Son Minyan..... 9:30
Evening..... 4:40

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