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WHY IS THIS YEAR DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER YEARS?

This year's Solidarity Sunday, April 27, is different from all other years for Soviet Jews and for American Jews.

For Soviet Jews it is different because the new chill in relations between the United States and the Soviet Union has resulted in a 50 percent drop in the number of visas issued during the first quarter of this year as compared with the first quarter of last year. Simultaneously, the pressure tactics of the Soviet Government have been increased and Jews who demonstrate a desire to leave that country are harassed physically, socially and legally with every new form of persecution which the government can devise.

Both the Soviet Jews and the Soviet government will be watching the size of our demonstration this year to see whether this negative turn of events has weakened the resolve and the will of American Jews to fight for the liberation of their brothers and sisters. A clear signal must be given by the participation of even more than the 100,000 to 200,000 who traditionally come to this rally.

This year is also different for American Jews. For the first time in the history of the Soviet Jewish Movement—perhaps for the first time since the end of the Holocaust—American Jews are faced with the persecution of their brothers and sisters in a land which is not subject, at present, to direct pressure and leverage from America. In the face of this new and

America. In the face of this new and frightening condition we can either withdraw and accept defeat, thus leaving our fellow Jews to the "mercy" of their captors, or we can redouble our efforts in the face of the more difficult circumstances and demonstrate that we care, that we remember and that we

There is much evidence to show that in the years 1938-1945 the former response was more characteristic of American Jews than the latter. It is ter-

will not abandon our brothers.

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MAY 4 WILL BE AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT

Please Inform Us That You Will Be There

On Sunday morning, May 4, at 10:30, in the Main Synagogue of the Congregation, the K.J. and Ramaz community will gather for an event which promises to be unique in the history of our joint family. The event will be marked by the following:

108th Annual Meeting

An abbreviated Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held — its 108th—featured by the induction of more than 60 new member families, the election of officers and trustees and a memorial to departed members.

Ramaz Annual Meeting

An abbreviated Annual Meeting of Ramaz will be conducted at which trustees will be elected and a special group of trustees, who have given more than eighteen years of service to the School, will be honored by the designation Life Trustee.

Dedication of Plaque in Memory of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

In an appropriate ceremony, a special plaque will be unveiled over the seat occupied by the late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein during his 56 years of service to the Congregation and the community.

Presentation of Volume as Memorial to the Rabbi

During the past five years 27 scholars have contributed learned articles to a volume which was intended to be a jubilee volume in honor of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. Unfortunately, the volume now has become a memorial tribute instead. Edited by Dr. Leo Landman, Secretary to the Faculty at the Bernard Revel Graduate

School of Yeshiva University, the volume contains essays by leading Jewish scholars, headed by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Dr. Norman Lamm.

Dr. Landman will present the volume to the Congregation and School. Many of the contributors will be on hand to receive their first copies and all members of the Congregation and parents of the School who will be present will also receive a volume at the meeting.

Completion and Dedication of Torah

As part of this great occasion Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will write the last letter in the Torah which has been written throughout the year by the Congregation and the School in memory of the late senior Rabbi and Founder of Ramaz. Following the completion of the Torah, a dedication ceremony will be held and the entire assemblage will be invited to join in a celebration both inside the synagogue and, weather permitting, outside on East 85th Street. A band will be present to enliven the celebration and to accompany the dancing with the Torah.

Following the proceedings, which should be concluded by noon, all present will be invited to a light collation.

This is an event which you — men, women and children — will certainly not want to miss. We ask, however, that you inform us in writing or, at the very least, by phone no later than Monday morning, April 28, that you intend to be present for Sunday, May 4.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

The Kehilath Jeshurun/Ramaz family will gather in front of the synagogue

at 10:30 A.M. this Sunday, April 27.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. William Herzig on the birth of their fourth grandchild and first grandson, Jeremy B. Herzig. He was born to the Herzig children, Steven and Kathy Herzig, in Greenwich, Connecticut. The congregational Kiddush on March 22 was sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Herzig in honor of Jeremy's birth.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartzberg on the birth of their first child, a son whom they have named

Evan.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. David Sarna on the adoption of a new born son, Ariel Yaakov Yehuda. The bris was held in our Synagogue on Sunday morning, March 16.

Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Snyder on the birth of their granddaughter, Michele Lynn. She was born to their children Jeffrey and Paula Snyder. Kiddush on May 24 will be sponsored by the Snyders in honor of

this happy event.

Mazel Tov to Mrs. Hanna Adler on the birth of her fourth great-grandchild and first great-grandson, Edan Yosef born to her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Amit Salvy in Israel. Not only is Mimi Salvy a graduate of Ramaz, but her mother, Shirley Adler Steinberg was one of the four students in the first class of Ramaz. Of particular interest to the Kehilath Jeshurun family is that Edan Yosef is named after his greatgrandfather, Joseph Adler, who for more than two decades, from the 1930's to the 1950's was the beloved Ritual Director of this congregation. Kiddush will be sponsored by Mrs. Adler on June 21 in celebration of this happy occasion.

Mazel Tov to our new members, Charles and Eliora Schwartz, on the birth of a son, the third child in the family.

May all these additions to the world grow up in the tradition of Torah, *chupah*, and *ma'asim tovim* as a source of happiness and joy to their families.

Bat Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Mrs. Charlotte Lebovics upon the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Ariella, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Michael Graetz. The Bat Mitzvah took place in Omer, Israel, where Ariella's father is the Congregational Rabbi. Her mother, Naomi, is a Ramaz graduate.

We hope that Ariella will be a source of ever increasing *nachas* to her entire family.

Engagement

Mazel Tov to two devoted members of our congregation, Nancy Rabin and Harry Pascal, who have become engaged to one another. We are particularly proud that they met one another at Kehilath Jeshurun. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Walter Rabin of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, and Harry is the son of Mr. Max Pascal and the late Florence Pascal of Montreal.

We hope that the wedding, which will take place in our congregation, will be in happiness and blessings.

Wedding

Mazel Tov to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colvin, on the marriage of their daughter Andrea to Dr. Calvin Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Warshavsky of Scarsdale, New York.

May the newlyweds enjoy many happy and healthy years together.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to Mr. Allen Santocki on the passing of his beloved father Pinchas Santocki. May the family be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

We are saddened to share with the congregation the news of the passing of a former member, Mrs. Helen Dayton. She was a most charitable and intelligent woman and the Kehilath Jeshurun community benefited from her presence. She was a devoted member of our Sisterhood. Mrs. Dayton was the last living member of her family. We will miss her.

Academic News Requested

In our next issue of the Bulletin, which will be the last for this congregational year, we would like to congratulate all those in our congregational family and the community who are observing academic milestones or who have earned academic honors.

Readers of the Bulletin are urged to send us the necessary information so that we can share the news with the entire community.

Please do not delay inasmuch as our deadline for the final issue is May 9.

Communal Honors to Joseph S. Gruss

We are proud to note that the Commerce and Industry Division of the Greater New York Committee for Israel Bonds will hold an Israel Dinner of State on June 29, at the Waldorf at which the guest of honor will be our esteemed member, Joseph S. Gruss.

Mr. Gruss who is considered by many to be the leading Jewish philanthropist of our day and who has demonstrated the primacy of Jewish education in all of his philanthropic endeavors, will receive the Israel Prime Minister's Medal at this dinner.

We congratulate Mr. Gruss on this signal honor which his service to the Jewish community has earned for him. May God grant him many more years of distinguished leadership in the cause of Jewish survival.

Historic Celebration for Shearith Israel

We are delighted to extend a warm Mazel Tov to Congregation Shearith Israel which is observing several milestones with a major celebration this month.

Commonly called the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Shearith Israel is marking the 325th anniversary of its founding in 1655. It is the oldest synagogue in the United States. This year also marks the 250th anniversary since the building of its Mill Street Synagogue, the first site of the congregation. The congregation, in addition, is observing the 90th birthday of Mrs. David de Sola Pool, wife of its long time minister, the late Rabbi David de Sola Pool. It is the sidur which he edited that we use in our congregation each Saturday.

We rejoice with the congregation on these special milestones.

Our Thanks to Dr. Michael Wyschogrod

We are pleased to extend our thanks to Dr. Michael Wyschogrod, Professor of Philosophy at the City University, who delivered a guest sermon on Shabbat Parah, March 8 while Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was in Israel. The Congregation was both moved and enlightened by his address.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Michael Doft

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Doft on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Michael, which will take place in our Synagogue this Saturday morning, April 26. Michael, a student in the seventh grade of the York School will chant the Haftorah. This will actually be the second ceremony for Michael. He became a Bar Mitzvah earlier this month during Passover, at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

To share in the celebration, the congregation will be the guests of the Dofts at kiddush on Saturday.



Michael Haber

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Haber on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Michael, which will take place in our Synagogue on Shabbat morning, May 3. Michael, a student in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz will chant the Torah portion and the Haftorah.

We will be the guests of the Habers at kiddush in honor of this important milestone.



Michael Lewittes

Mazel Tov to the Hon. and Mrs. Joel Lewittes upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Michael, which will take place in our Synagogue on Shabbat morning, May 10. Michael, a student in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz will chant the Torah portion and the Haftorah.

The congregation will be the guests of the Lewitteses that day in honor of this joyous occasion.



Nina Shuchman

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Shuchman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Nina, which will take place in our Synagogue on Friday evening, May 16. Nina, a student in the Middle School of Ramaz will chant the Haftorah following Kabbalat Shabbat Services that evening.



Ariel Blum

Mazel Tov to the Hon. and Mrs. Yehuda Blum on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Ariel which will take place in our Synagogue on Saturday morning, May 17. Ariel, a student in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz will chant the Haftorah. This will actually be the first of two Bar Mitzvah observances for Ariel. On Shabbat morning, May 31, he will chant the Torah and Haftorah in his home community in Israel.

We will be the guests of the Blums at kiddush that day in honor of this special occasion.



Amy Stein

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stein on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Amy, which will take place in our Synagogue on Sunday morning, May 18. Amy, a student in the Middle School of Ramaz will give a D'var Torah after Shacharit services that morning.

Weekly Torah Portions

April 26

Torah Portion: Haftorah:

May 3

Torah Portion: Haftorah:

Ahare Kedoshim Amos 9

Emor

Ezekiel 44

May 10

Torah Portion: Haftorah:

May 17

Torah Portion: Haftorah:

Behar-Behukotai Jeremiah 16

Bamidbar Hosea 2

May 24

Torah Portion Haftorah:

May 31

Torah Portion: Haftorah:

Naso Judges 13

B'ha'alotekha Zechariah 2

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Appointed First Joseph H. Lookstein Professor of Homiletics at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, made a formal announcement in March of this year that "Dr. Haskel Lookstein will be the first Joseph H. Lookstein Professor of Homiletics at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, the Rabbinical School of Yeshiva University." The release which the University sent out speaks about our Rabbi's academic record at Ramaz, Columbia and Yeshiva and highlights the fact that he received his Ph.D. from Yeshiva last year. It also describes his service as President of the Alumni Association of RIETS.

Dr. Lamm's announcement also speaks about the late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein's great service to Yeshiva in his roles as Professor of Homiletics and Practical Rabbinics, alumnus and trustee who helped fashion the growth of the University during an association of some 60 years.

We congratulate our Rabbi on the honor which his alma mater has accorded to him and we wish him well in his service to the Yeshiva.

Our Thanks For a Memorable Song of Songs

On Shabbat Chol Hamoed the congregation was treated to a magnificent reading of the Song of Songs by the following young men: Matthew Cohen, Carl Mosesson, Peter Miller, Eugene Major, Burt Rosen, Steven Brown, Daniel Steinkoler and Leonard Silverman (in the order in which they read the chapters of that scroll).

We are very grateful to them and to their teacher, Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg, for this special treat. Over the course of many years, we have come to take for granted the expertise and the enthusiasm of our young people as they read the scrolls in the synagogue. In actuality, we should never take it for granted. It is a blessing for which we are grateful and which we hope to experience again on Shavuot and for many holidays to come.

FROM THE UJA RABBINIC MISSION IN ISRAEL



Rabbi Haskel Lookstein talking with Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem. Looking on is Rabbi Gerald Wolpe of Philadelphia.



The Rabbi greeting United States Ambassador to Israel, Hon. Samuel Lewis, at a reception in Tel Aviv.

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Why is this Year Different from All Other Years?

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ribly important this year that we come together in the hundreds of thousands to say a double "never again". Never again will Jewish life be threatened with impunity over there and never again will we lapse into silence, despair and resignation over here.

IF YOU DIDN'T MARCH LAST YEAR BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT THINGS WERE GETTING BET- TER; MARCH THIS YEAR BEFORE THINGS GET ANY WORSE.

The K.J.-Ramaz contingent will assemble in front of the 85th Street building at 10:30 sharp and proceed on Park Avenue to our place in the line of march on West 56th Street, West of Fifth Avenue. Please join us at 85th Street - men, women and children - so that we can encourage each other by our presence and demonstrate to each other that we care.

Haskel Lookstein (Editor's note: We are proud that our own Rabbi Haskel Lookstein who also serves as Associate Chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry is the Chairman of this most important event which will draw people from the entire Metropolitan area. This is yet another reason why this year is different from all other years. Thus, it is additionally important that our synagogue and school turn out this Sunday in significant numbers to demonstrate our support of Soviet Jews and the cause to which our Rabbi and so many others of our congregational leadership are dedicated.)

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Evening	8:00 P.M.
Tikkun Leil Shavuot	11:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 — SHAVUOT I	
Morning	9:00 A.M.
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will preach at 11:00 o'clock	
Lighting of candles after	8:53 P.M.
Evening	8:10 P.M.
THURSDAY, MAY 22 — SHAVUOT II	
Morning	9:00 A.M.
The Book of Ruth will be read	
Memorial Prayers are recited as part of this service	
Evening	8:10 P.M.
Conclusion of Yom Tov	8:54 P.M.

1980-81 Book of Remembrance Now in Preparation

Once again during this season of the year, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will publish a Book of Remembrance in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite Yizkor for them four times a year. At the Yizkor service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom Yizkor was recited.

Members of the congregation and the community-at-large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of \$10 or more for each name to be memorialized. Please use the form below if you wish us to record names for you.

The Book will go to press on May 2, so that it will be ready in time for Shavuot.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN Book of Remembrance

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my Yizkor offerings* for the entire year in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the Book of Remembrance published by the congregation.

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(Please return to our office by May 2.)

YOUTH NEWS

Two Oneg Shabbat Programs to Conclude Season

This Friday evening, the JK teenagers will hold an *Oneg Shabbat* in the home of Jamie Lassner at 1435 Lexington Avenue. The topic for this particular discussion will be: The Road Back to Judaism.

The final *Oneg Shabbat* of the year will be on May 16. Hosted in a different home each month, our teenagers have enjoyed getting together on Friday nights to share the Shabbat spirit and participate in meaningful discussions.

TO INAUGURATE THE NEW AND CELEBRATE THE ESTABLISHED

Our JK teenagers will spend the Shabbat of May 2 and 3 in Bayside, Queens with the recently established Young Israel of Bay Terrace. The congregation will be holding its first services in their own building. One of the original organizers of this congregation is our own Director of Youth Activities, Stuart Chesner. Our teenagers will be housed in the community and enjoy davening and eating their Shabbat meals together.

On Sunday, they will all return to Kehilath Jeshurun by 10:30 A.M. in

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order to share in the celebration of the 108th Annual Meeting of their own Synagogue, as well as the dedication of the Torah written in memory of our late Senior Rabbi, Joseph H. Lookstein.

FRISCO KID TO VISIT JK

A Movie and Ice Cream Night on Saturday evening, May 17 will include the recent popular movie, "The Frisco Kid," starring Gene Wilder. It is the hilarious story of a rabbi's journey through the wildwest. An ice cream party will follow. All teenagers of our community are invited. Tickets are \$2 in advance, and \$2.50 at the door. The program begins at 9:15 P.M.

BASKET-TORAH-THON TO RAISE MONEY FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Our JK teenagers will be playing basketball and learning Torah from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 18. The aim is to raise money for Soviet Jewry. Each participant will ask members of the congregation and the community to sponsor this endurance run of learning Torah and participating in physical activity at the rate of \$1 per hour. Congregational members are encouraged to sponsor our teenagers in this effort.

ALL NIGHT LEARNING ON SHAVUOT

Our teenagers will be a very important part of the all night learning that will take place the first evening of *Shavuot*. The Tikkun Leil Shavuot beginning at 11:00 P.M. will continue through the night and conclude with a sunrise service and breakfast. Refreshments will be served through the night.

LEIFERTS TO HOST BARBECUE AND SOFTBALL MAY 25

As one of the final programs of the teenage program year, our Executive Director and Mrs. Robert J. Leifert will host an outdoor barbecue, following a softball game on Sunday, May 25. The day's activities will take place at their home in Teaneck, New Jersey. Included in the day of sun, eating and recreation will be the opportunity to discuss and project plans for next year's teenage program.

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Friday, April 25 6:28 P.M.
Friday, May 27:35 P.M.
Friday, May 97:42 P.M
Friday, May 16 7:49 P.M.
Friday, May 237:55 P.M
Friday May 30 7:59 P.M.

*The above times are the latest permissible times for lighting candles on the times indicated. Those, however, who usher in the Sabbath at an earlier hour should light candles at that earlier hour

Sabbath Services Friday Evenings

April	25						6:30 P.M.
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Saturday Mornings

Shacharit9:00 A.M.
Teen Minyan 9:30 A.M.
Junior
Congregation10:30 A.M.
Pre-School 10:45 A.M.
Toddlers 10:45 A.M.

Saturday Afternoons

April 26	١.							6:40 P.M.
May 3								7:45 P.M.
May 10								7:50 P.M.
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May 24								8:00 P.M.
								8:10 P.M.

Conclusion of Sabbath

Saturday, April 26	7:26 P.M
Saturday, May 3	8:33 P.M
Saturday, May 10	8:41 P.M
Saturday, May 17	8:48 P.M
Saturday, May 24	8:56 P.M
Saturday, May 31	9:02 P.M

Weekday Services

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

Sunday Services

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Morning	8:30 A.M.
Father & Son Miny	an . 9:30 A.M.
Evening	6:00 P.M.

Rosh Chodesh

Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be on Friday, May 16.

Rosh Chodesh prayers will be recited on Saturday morning, May 10.

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