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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

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 19

Mincha at 5:45 P.M.

Maariv in the Main Synagogue at 6:15 P.M.

Megillah Reading will follow.



Photo by C.B. Gast

Front row (from left to right): Jeffrey Shoulson, Steven Gurewitsch, Steven Tanz, Marc Saroff, Michael Lewittes, Joshua Rochlin.

Back row (from left to right): Burt Rosen, Peter Miller, Matthew Cohen, Joshua Henkin, Eli Kavon, Steven Brown, Moshe Scheinfeld, Lenny Silverman.

Not shown: Ariel Blum.

Special Morning Reading

Friday, March 20 at 10:30

in the Etra Chapel

(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 Wednesday 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.

As has been our custom for many years, students of Ramaz will read the Megillah and conduct the service on Thursday evening.

Purim Morning

On Purim morning, Friday March 20 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 congregation will be the guests of our Vice President, Joseph Lorch for a Purim breakfast with the traditional holiday fare.

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RABBI BIELER TO GIVE MEGILLAH CLASS

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Jack Bieler will give a pre-Purim class on the Megillah on Shabbat afternoon, March 14. The presentation will begin at 4:45 PM and will be held in the Etra Chapel.

The Purim shiur is the third in a series of five pre-Yom Tov classes. The entire congregational family and community is invited to participate.

FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Lots Of Fun In Store After The Megillah Reading Too!

The Teen Youth Group of KJ is happy to invite the entire community who will be participating in the Purim service on Thursday evening, March 19 to a post-Megillah Felafel and pizza party. These middle eastern delicacies will be available for sale along with soft drinks in the third floor dining room. Following this ride into the Mediterranean, we will have the opportunity to go the....

"SOUTH PACIFIC"

KJ Teens are staging "SOUTH PACIFIC" in the Kamber Auditorium following the reading of the Megillah and a break for a light supper on Purim night, Thursday, March 19.

Preparing under the direction of Mrs. Daniele Lassner, the proceeds from the performance will be used for scholarship aid to Iranian Jewish youth in the United States. We are proud of our teenagers for undertaking this effort, grateful to Mrs. Lassner for her hard and diligent work to bring this production to fruition, and appreciative of our Youth Director, Stuart Chesner, who has created the environment in our youth program that motivates this sense of responsibility in our teenagers. Be sure to come to what promises to be a spectacular production.

PURIM

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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 Friday. Ramaz students will again read the Megillah. 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.

WHEN PURIM FALLS ON A FRIDAY

There is a complication which arises when Purim falls on a Friday, as it does this year. Normally the *seudah*, the festive meal of Purim, is held late in the afternoon. This, of course, is not possible on the eve of the Sabbath. The Purim *seudah*, therefore, should be observed in the morning. We will have a breakfast, hosted by the Vice President of the Congregation, Joseph Lorch, following our regular service at 7:00 o'clock. All who attend the service are invited to participate in the breakfast.

We will also have a 10:30 reading for women and children which will end before noon. We will have a collation after the Purim reading which will offer an opportunity to everyone who attends to make a *motzi* with us and to participate in a mini-*seudah* for Purim.

Come, then, and join us either at 7:00 A.M. or at 10:30 A.M. on Friday morning, March 20, Purim day for the reading of the *Megillah* and for the *seudah* which will follow.

A MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN OUR MAIN SYNAGOGUE

Requested Contribution To Rise June 1

One of the most appropriate ways to honor a mother or father who has passed away, or any other departed relative or friend, is to arrange for a memorial plaque to be installed on the tablets of the congregation which are found on the east and west walls of the Main Synagogue. By doing this one associates the name of a beloved personality with a congregation that is 109 years old and insures that the *yahrzeit* will be kept in perpetuity and memorial prayers will be recited for as long as services are conducted in our synagogue.

The ordering of a plaque also is an act of charity in support of the community and the activities of Kehilath Jeshurun. At the present time, one is asked to make a contribution of \$400 for each plaque that is installed on the memorial tablets. As of June 1, the requested contribution will rise to \$500. Now, therefore, would be a particularly appropriate time to arrange for ordering such plaques in the event that you have been thinking about that.

Our Ritual Director, Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg, is ready to discuss this matter with you at your convenience. Please call him at the synagogue office should you want to discuss this further.

AM HA-SEFER GROUP TO DISCUSS GRADE'S "AGUNAH"

The Am Ha-Sefer group will discuss its third book of the year, Chaim Grade's "The Agunah" at a meeting which will be held in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein, 993 Park Avenue, corner of 84th Street, on Sunday evening, March 22. The discussion will be led by the Rabbi.

Members of the group are urged to let the Looksteins know that they will be attending. Anybody else who would like to come is cordially invited to attend and should also let the hosts know that they will be coming. The phone number is 628-0340.

SOUTH PACIFIC TICKETS

ADULTS: \$4

CHILDREN (through high school) \$2

Checks made payable to Kehilath Jeshurun should be sent to

Thurs
March 19

KJ Youth Department
125 East 85th Street
NY NY 10028

After The
Megillah

Please indicate number of adult and number of child/students tickets.

CASSETTE OF THE MEGILLAH RECORDED BY MR. ROSENBERG

Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg's cassette recording of Megillat Esther is available this year in the Judadica Shop. The tape has received wide distribution across the United States.

The recording is an excellent addition to one's personal library and also makes a good gift during the Purim season.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO PRESENT SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER LECTURE, MARCH 8

"Rabbi Israel of Salant The Religious Struggle for Ethical Perfection"

The season's second Sunday Supper Lecture will feature Rabbi Haskel Lookstein discussing RABBI ISRAEL OF SALANT: THE RELIGIOUS STRUGGLE FOR ETHICAL PERFECTION. The lecture follows supper in the Kamber Auditorium, which begins at 6:00 PM.

Rabbi Israel Lipkin of Salant (1819-1883) was an example of a man of rare moral depth and ethical heroism. His words of Torah revealed great scholarship but, his acts of piety toward his fellow human beings were even more crucial for the ad-

vancement of civilization and the development of traditional Judaism.

In a period when righteous people vied with one another for pre-eminence in rigorous performance of ritual practices, Rabbi Israel Salanter applied that same rigor to the human sphere. The example that he set for his day is of crucial importance for ours.

Rabbi Lookstein will try to highlight the nature of that example and its implications in his lecture on the life and work of this great personality.

RESERVATIONS FOR SUPPER LECTURE

In order to attend the Supper Lecture, reservations must be made in advance.

The cost for adults is \$7.50 and for children, including full time students through university level, is \$4. *For reservations to be honored, a check in full payment must accompany your reservation.* Use the reservation form at the bottom of this page.

The deadline for reservations is this Monday, March 2.

KJ'S DAILY VIGIL

For over four hundred days, the bulletin board on the front of the synagogue reminded passersby of the captivity of Americans in Iran. Each day the board was changed to reflect the number of days of captivity. At services each morning we recited a psalm so that we should not forget their loss from our freedom. We delight with all Americans in their release but deeply regret the ordeal through which they and their families had to live.

WE PRAY
TODAY IS DAY 444 FOR THE
AMERICAN HOSTAGES HELD
CAPTIVE IN IRAN.
WE REMEMBER THEM IN
OUR HEARTS AND PRAY FOR
THEIR QUICK RELEASE.

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**WE REMEMBER
THIS SABBATH WILL BE
ANATOLY SCHARANSKY'S 197
SABBATH IN A SOVIET PRISON.
HE HAS 479 MORE SABBATHS
TO SPEND IN PRISON BEFORE
HIS 13 YEAR SENTENCE IS
COMPLETE.**

**WELCOME HOME
TO OUR 52
SISTERS AND BROTHERS**

**JANUARY 20
TUESDAY - TU B'SHVAT
AND THE 33RD BIRTHDAY OF
ANATOLY SCHARANSKY
MAY HIS NEXT BIRTHDAY BE
CELEBRATED IN JERUSALEM**

CULTS, CHARISMA AND MIND CONTROL

**Malcolm Hoenlein to Present
Special Program**

Next Thursday Evening, March 5

On Thursday evening, March 5, the Kehilath Jeshurun-Ramaz community will hold a special assembly on the cult phenomenon in America and the threat it poses to the Jewish community. This assembly is being sponsored jointly by the Men's Club, Sisterhood and Couples Club of the Congregation and the Parents' Council of Ramaz School.

The program will be in two parts. The first segment will consist of a slide presentation showing how cult participants recruit Jews in a variety of ways and use many different methods to brainwash and indoctrinate them and make them, in essence, emotional hostages within the cult. This slide presentation, which is powerful in its impact, has been prepared by the Jewish Community Relations Council's Task Force on Missionaries and Cults.

The second part of the evening will be devoted to a discussion of the implications of the cult proselytization for our own community as well as for American Jewry at large. The analysis and discussion will be led by Malcolm Hoenlein, the Executive Director of the JCRC.

We cannot stress enough the importance of this particular gathering. There is no community which has not been touched deeply by the cult recruitment throughout the country. New York Jewry, however, is particularly vulnerable because of massive funds that are being spent here to attract young Jewish men and women to these cults. It is important that an informed Jewry understand the methods of these forces and be prepared to oppose those methods with vigor and vigilance.

We invite the entire community to the Kamber Auditorium at 125 East 85th Street for this special assembly on Thursday evening, March 5, at 8:00 pm.

SUPPER LECTURE RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve ___ adult places at \$7.50 per person, and ___ child/student places at \$4 per person for the Supper Lecture.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

BUSINESS PHONE _____

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AT RIETS DINNER THURSDAY, MARCH 26 AT YESHIVA

We are very proud to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will be a guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, which will be held this year in the Belfer Commons, at Yeshiva, on 184th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

The Rabbi will be honored for his years of service to Yeshiva's Rabbinic Alumni, most recently as President for the past two years. Rabbi Lookstein also serves as Professor of Homiletics at Yeshiva University,

having been designated as the first occupant of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Chair in Homiletics at Yeshiva.

We are very anxious to have as large a representation of the Congregation as possible attend the RIETS dinner and in this way to do honor to the Rabbi and to demonstrate our support for Yeshiva.

Further details on the dinner and our Yeshiva campaign may be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY REACHING TOWARD CENTENNIAL

Yeshiva University, America's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices, began its 95th academic year last fall with an enrollment of 7,000, a new dean at its men's college, an intensified Jewish studies program for women, and a new accounting program for all undergraduates. Under the leadership of Dr. Norman Lamm, now in his fifth year as President, the University is approaching its Centennial in 1986 with a full array of undergraduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences, graduate and professional programs in medicine, law, social work, psychology, general and Jewish education, and a host of special community services.

With a new dean, Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, at its helm, Yeshiva College, the undergraduate men's division of the University, has undergone several significant curriculum revisions. The information science program now provides students with increased training, easing the way both to graduate study and into the job market. The new accounting program at Yeshiva College and YU's Stern College for Women was registered in July by the State Department of Education. Accounting students have received significant recognition; two were placed in summer internships with major firms, and the prominent firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. plans to recruit at YU. Students successfully completing this program will qualify for the Certified Public Accountant Examination.

Stern College for Women, Yeshiva University's undergraduate women's division, now celebrating its silver anniversary as the nation's only liberal arts college for women under Jewish auspices, has launched a new, intensified program in Jewish studies. This program has drawn more students to the college than ever before. Contrary to the national trend in higher education, the School's entering class is the largest in history. Under the direction of

Rabbi Saul Berman, chairman of the Judaic Studies Department, the program includes intensive concentration on basic textual skills and analysis, including study of Tanakh and Halakhah, and courses in Hebrew language and literature, and Jewish history and philosophy. Stern College's four year nursing program, offered in cooperation with the Beth Israel Medical Center, has entered its second year with 14 students enrolled. The new program has been approved by the New York State Board of Regents, and fills a vital need for training professionals who are sensitive to the special needs of elderly and observant Jewish patients.

Continuing a five-year upward trend, the 1980 graduates of both Yeshiva and Stern Colleges compiled an unprecedented and extremely impressive 96% acceptance rate to health professional schools which is way above the national average. Ninety-five percent were accepted to medical schools, including all of the Stern College applicants. Yeshiva College dental school applicants achieved the first 100% acceptance rate for a single class, and applicants in podiatry and physical therapy received acceptances to the schools of their choice. Significantly, senior economics majors were accepted to Harvard Business School, which rarely admits students directly from college, attesting beyond a doubt to the calibre of Yeshiva University's graduates.

The University's tradition of service to the nation and particularly to the Jewish community remains in the forefront. In the fields of medical treatment and research, in social work, in Jewish education, and in law, Yeshiva University is continuing a nearly century-old tradition of academic excellence and community service unique among colleges and universities. Its new offerings and programs for 1980-81 exemplify the institution's commitment to American Jewry and all of society.

ANNUAL BRUNCH FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY TO BE HELD SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 15

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Chair in Homiletics to be Funded

Our Annual Brunch for Yeshiva University, which this year is also associated with the honor which Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will receive from Yeshiva on March 26, will be held on Sunday morning, March 15, in the Social Hall. Samuel M. Eisenstat, President of the Congregation, will chair that Brunch and the effort associated with it.

The main purpose of the Brunch is to solicit contributions and pledges for Yeshiva University, particularly through the funding of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Chair in Homiletics which Yeshiva has established in memory of our late Senior Rabbi. Last year's drive resulted in a very generous response to the funding of this Chair. We would like to continue that response and enhance it through this year's Y.U. Brunch.

We ask that everyone in the Congregation plan to be with us for the Brunch and we assure all those who will attend that nobody will be embarrassed by our fund raising effort that morning. Yeshiva University needs and deserves our support; The Lookstein Chair merits our commitment; and the honor which Yeshiva will be paying to Rabbi Haskel Lookstein warrants our participation.

We hope to see everyone there on Sunday morning, March 15, at 10:00 A.M.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Annual Luncheon of the Yeshiva University Women's Organization will be held on Wednesday, March 25, at the Waldorf Astoria. We are proud that our esteemed member, Jean Lindenbaum, is one of the guests of honor.

Members of the Congregation are encouraged to attend, and may make reservations and place journal ads by calling Yeshiva University at 790-0374.

Send to: KJ, 125 East 85, NYC, NY 10028
to enable us to plan better

YU BRUNCH

You can count on me to join you for the Yeshiva University Brunch at KJ on Sunday, March 15 at 10:00 AM.

Name _____

Phone _____

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE FOR PASSOVER RELIEF

Strange as it may seem with Purim still three weeks 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 *Schulchan Arukh* - is giving charity in advance of the festival.

From year to year the readers of this Bulletin contribute close to \$12,000 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. For a substantial contribution to the Joint Passover Association which distributes help to more than 11,000 New Yorkers allowing them to observe and celebrate Passover in their own homes. Recipients include many who are elderly and new immigrants to America.

3. 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.

4. 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 the post-Passover 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.

ANNUAL SHABBATON

The Change in Washington — Implications for the Jewish Community.

Friday Evening

April 10

Shabbat Dinner & Program

Two Meals: Adults - \$16

Children and Students

through University level - \$8.00

Saturday

April 11

Shabbat Luncheon & Program

NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS CENTENNIAL TO BE MARKED BY PRESENCE OF

PRESIDENT NAVON AND PRESIDENT CARTER AT GALA DINNER, SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT THE WALDORF

The Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf will be the scene of a historic occasion in the life of New York Jewry as The New York Board of Rabbis, founded in 1881, celebrates its centennial at a dinner at which President Yitzhak Navon of the State of Israel and former President Jimmy Carter will be honored guests and will address the more than thousand people expected for the occasion.

An invitation has already been sent to President Ronald Reagan and it is hoped that he too will grace that evening. Honorable Abba Eban will deliver the major address for the occasion.

The late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein was President of The New York Board of Rabbis during a historic period of its existence.

The year was 1942 and our late, beloved Rabbi was nominated by the late Stephen S. Wise as a Zionist candidate in opposition to a member of the newly formed American Council for Judaism. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein is a Vice President of The New York Board of Rabbis and is slated to be the next Orthodox President a few years from now.

We are anxious to have many members of the Congregation participate in this great event and to demonstrate by their participation the importance of The New York Board of Rabbis as the overall rabbinic body in New York which serves the needs of the total community. Reservations may be made, at \$100 per plate, by calling the Synagogue Office.

AN INVITATION TO A TRADITIONAL SEDER EXPERIENCE

Even though it is not yet Purim most of us are already beginning to think ahead to Pesach and the Seder. In that connection we would like to suggest a communal experience which is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition.

The Torah tells us that at the first Seder on the night of the exodus from Egypt families were urged to "share a lamb" with each other so that small families or single individuals would be able to enjoy a Seder with either other small families or with large ones. In these days when the public community Seder is declining in attractiveness that idea increases in importance.

A Request

We would, therefore, like to organize a home Seder program in our community with the help of everyone. We ask that all those planning to have a Seder in their homes to let us know that they are ready to accommodate a specific number of members of the community who would like to enjoy a home Seder. At the same time, we invite single individuals and small families who will be home for Pesach to let us know that they would appreciate an invitation.

A committee of KJ members, headed by Irwin Robins, Tova Bulow, Donna Silverman, Audrey Lookstein and Sue Robins, will try to create the links between the inviters and the invitees by consultation and coordination with both.

Please call us to make our role easier and let us know of your availability to either attend a Seder or to make one in which you would like others to join.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAWRENCE A. KOBRIN

We are very pleased to announce that our member, Lawrence A. Kobrin, who also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz, has been designated as the next Chairman of the Distribution Committee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. He is slated to begin his term of office in July of this year.

Mr. Korbin, who is a graduate of Ramaz (Class of 1950) and of Columbia College and Law School, has been serving as Chairman of the Distribution Committee's Subcommittee on Special Grants. His wife, Ruth, is Chairman of the Joint Passover Association of New York.

We are extremely proud of the fact that a member of ours who has literally grown up in this community has been named to one of the most important positions of Jewish leadership in New York in which he will have a very significant role to play in the service of the Jewish community.

MENSCHLINESS BEFORE GODLINESS

[A sermon delivered on Rosh Hashanah 5741 - 1980]

by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

(There were many enthusiastic reactions to Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's sermon delivered on Rosh Hashanah this past year. It was felt that the message contained in that sermon deserved the widest possible distribution. Toward that end we are happy to print a revised draft of the sermon. ed.)

The sainted Boyaner Rebbe used to make a distinction between two experiences in this season of the year: *t'shuvah* and *cheshebon ha-nefesh*. The first represents repentance for specific sins while the second is a general, spiritual stock-taking unrelated to specific wrong-doing. It is the second on which I would like to focus this Rosh Hashanah.

In taking stock of ourselves, where can we improve? If we could choose an area in which we might be able to do better this year than last, what would that area be?

You would be surprised at my choice of area for this year. It isn't *Shabbat* - although I would hope to be more of a *shomer Shabbat* this year. It isn't *kashrut* - although I could try to be more careful in that area. It isn't prayer - although I will certainly strive for greater *kavanah* in my prayers. It isn't even Torah study - although I must do more of that.

This year, however, I would like to try to become more of a *mensh* - a more moral person religiously. That, too, is a Jewish priority.

TWO PARTS TO JUDAISM

In general, Judaism is divided into *moral* norms and laws of holiness. There is the realm of religious ethics, covering such things as respect for human life, property, dignity, needs and the like. Then there is the realm of *kedusha*, covering such things as *kashrut*, *Shabbat*, prayer, sexual legislation, *tsitsit*, *sha'atnez* and many other laws.

There is no intention here to denigrate the mitzvot of *kedusha* in favor of the mitzvot of morality. Both categories are divine; both are equally binding; and both are essential for the full religious Jew.

But, from both the philosophic and pedagogic points of view, one ought to come to morality before one comes to holiness. Or, to put it another way; one cannot be a *tsaddik* without being a *mensh* first.

The psalmist understood this well.

"O' Lord, who is worthy to dwell in Thy tent? Who may ascend Thy Holy mountain? He who walks simply before Thee, who does righteousness and who speaks truth in his heart." (Psalms, 15) The psalmist understood that these human, moral attributes are the essential qualities of the religious personality. *Menschliness* comes before Godliness.

Now, this is so obvious as to be almost superfluous - almost, but not really. The author of *Mesilat Yesharim* - Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto - once cautioned that the

obvious needs to be repeated most often, since, because it is obvious, it is often overlooked.

RELIGIOUS "SPECIALISTS"

O'how much we have overlooked the obvious in *menschliness* before holiness.

There are so many people in our religiously resurgent Jewish world who insist on *glatt kosher* but not necessarily *glatt yosher* - who demand perfectly smooth lungs in an animal but not perfectly straight behavior in people. There are so many who are scrupulous about what goes *into* their mouth but careless about what comes *out* of their mouth. There are yeshiva boys who would never dream of chewing gum because of a possibility of a *trefe* stabilizer in the gum but who had no compunctions last June about selling Regents examinations to newspaper reporters disguised as students. The Ministry of Religions in Israel, which certifies the *kashrut* of *tephillin*, *mezuzot*, restaurants, synagogues and the rabbis of the country, is now under investigation for taking huge amounts of graft and for engaging in simple thievery. And the biggest tax evasion case in the history of Israel is now being prosecuted in B'nai B'rak, involving the most meticulously religious people.

What is wrong with our priorities? Do we not understand the psalmist's simple, rhetorical question? "Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? One who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not set his desire upon vanity nor sworn deviously."

If we do not have clean hands how can we come into *shul*? If our mouth spews forth hate, gossip, nasty comments about people and filthy language, how can that same mouth say *Sh'ma Yisrael*? If we do not love people, how can we love God Who created them?

RELIGIOUS PRIORITIES

This set of priorities is so fundamental that the great Rabbi Isaac Luria, before he began to *daven* each morning, would say:

"I am now preparing myself to fulfill the mitzvah of 'love-thy neighbor as thyself.'"

He understood that *menschliness* must precede Godliness.

So did that great religious and ethical genius, Rabbi Israel Salanter. He once saw a man run into *shul* just in time to "catch a *kedusha*." In his zeal not to miss this holy prayer, the man inadvertently stepped on the toes of a fellow worshipper.

After *kedushah*, Rabbi Israel took the man aside and said: "Do you expect to achieve *kedushah* - holiness - at the expense of the pain of your fellow man?"

On another occasion Rabbi Israel had *yahrzeit* for his father and he was entitled to *daven* before the *Amud*. Another man, however, had *yahrzeit* for a daughter and was very anxious for the *Amud*. I can just imagine the analysis and debate that would go on in *shul* over such a crisis. Not with Rabbi Israel. He gave up the *Amud* to the other man. And when asked, "Is this *kibbud av* for your father?" he answered: "the greatest honor I can pay my father is to make his memory the instrument for the happiness of another Jew."

Rabbi Israel understood that *menschliness* precedes Godliness.

But, of course, Rabbi Israel gained this understanding from the Talmud, which affirms this system of priorities in a Tanaitic passage familiar to many.

"These are the *mitzvot* for which a person earns a reward in this world and the principle remains for the world to come: love for parents, acts of kindness, coming to the house of study morning and night, practicing hospitality, visiting the sick, escorting the deceased, concentration in prayer, bringing *shalom* between people; and the study of Torah outweighs them all."

These are the religious priorities upon which we should concentrate this year as we engage in our *cheshebon ha-nefesh*, our spiritual accounting.

A MATTER OF PEDAGOGY

But how can we establish the priority system in our own lives? How can we reverse the normal emphasis on holiness to the neglect of *menschliness*? The place to start is by reversing our normal pedagogy.

We have been following a pedagogy that puts holiness first and *menschliness* second. Isn't that the way we teach children and adults? We start with *prayer* and *Shabbat*. then we go to *kashrut*. then to sexual ordinances. Only *after that* do we come to morality. By this time the student has either tuned out or gained the erroneous message that religion and life are two separate spheres.

We should be *starting with* - and *emphasizing* - concern for others, help for the needy, visiting the sick, honoring the aged, respecting parents and teachers, avoiding gossip, being honest - all as religious principles.

Of course, this is much harder to do. If I teach *shofar* or *lulav* from this pulpit some will like it and others will sleep through it. But if I start talking about honesty and cheating and business ethics and I give examples, many people will get upset. Do you know how I know that? Because I tried it. I remember as a young rabbi expounding on the sin of tax evasion and absorbing severe criticism afterward. "That's not a subject for discussion," I was told; "it touches too many people too directly." I quickly learned the lesson. It's much safer to come out four square in favor of *Sh'ma Yisrael* and *Ein Ke-loheinu*. But then we have to expect our kids to sell Regents exams and our ministry of religions to be accused of taking graft.

PEDAGOGIC PRECEDENTS

This pedagogic principle of putting ethics first before holiness has ample precedent. The formal code of laws in the Torah begins with *Mishpatim* - civil law. Only after that does the Torah discuss ritual. The traditional way of starting the study of Talmud is not with *B'rakhot* (blessings) but with *Nezikin* - torts (two people are holding on to a garment; this one claims to have found it and this claims to have found it ...) The Prophets preached and taught morality, integrity and humanity for the most part. Only occasionally did they discuss ritual matters.

And one suspects that this new pedagogic order might work very well. If we teach religious morality well, there is a strong likelihood that the student will accept the ritual teaching also. Or, to put it another way, if we get a youngster to avoid cheating on exams because of religious commitment, there is a good chance that the same youngster will *daven* regularly too. Similarly, if we can teach honesty in business effectively, our index of *Shabbat* and *kashrut* observance might rise too.

We must, therefore, teach ourselves first to be religiously ethical. Then we may find it easier to become holy. Initially, we must endeavor to become more human. Then we shall find it easier to be more like God.

A STORY

A certain 18th century *tzaddik*, by the name of Reb Eliezer, was known as an exceptionally hospitable person. Like Abraham, he searched for guests to bring to his home. In heaven, they noticed his righteousness and Satan challenged God to test him. It was decided to send Elijah to administer the test.

So Elijah, disguised as a mendicant, with staff in hand and pack on his back, knocked at the front door of Reb Eliezer on a *Shabbat* afternoon. When Reb Eliezer opened the door the poor man exclaimed, "Good *Shabbos*."

Hold that scene! Can you imagine for a moment this same scene in Williamsburg?

PURIM IN MOSCOW:

"...these days should never cease among the Jews."

(*Esther 9:28*)

For years the focus of the refuseniks' Purim celebrations has been the Moscow "gan" (kindergarten) where songs and costumes and "purim shpiels" made Purim in Moscow as much a children's holiday as it is in Jewish communities around the world. But since mid-December the "gan" has been closed, a victim of the latest Soviet crackdown on all privately run Jewish religious and cultural classes.

The "gan" was opened in 1977, symbolizing Jewish defiance of the Soviet Haman. Established by a group of refusenik parents to create a Jewish educational setting for their children, it was the only institution of its kind in Soviet history. About 20 children, aged 3-7, met in private homes to learn and practice Jewish tradition. The early curriculum consisted only of Hebrew children's songs and Israeli dance but soon expanded to include Hebrew

language, arithmetic and art. Special programs were planned for each of the Jewish holidays. In teaching Hebrew and the spiritual values of everyday life, the children were being prepared for a future in Israel. There are presently no Jewish study groups in the country with the third largest Jewish population in the world. But just as the Jews of Shushan transformed Adar 14 from a day of sorrow to a day of joy, so too, with our continued struggle on their behalf, will the Jews of the Soviet Union see the ultimate victory over repressive Soviet policies.

This year send a holiday message to a Soviet Jewish family. Call the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, 212-354-1316 for the name and address of someone in the Soviet Union who seeks your support.

AN ORGANIZATION CALLED GET

We are pleased to report on the existence of a relatively new organization called GET, which stands for Getting Equitable Treatment. The purpose of the organization is to combat the inequities which exist in relation to matters of Jewish divorces.

The founders of the organization have embarked upon a public relations program to inform people of the need for a Jewish divorce when a civil divorce is contemplated. They are also involved in helping to convince a recalcitrant partner to accept or to grant a Jewish divorce. This is done through public pressure and all other means that can be utilized to gain the acquiescence of the person who stands in the way of the fair release of a marital partner.

To date, the organization has been active in publicizing its work and has a list of 50 active cases. Several cases have already been successfully resolved and a number of others are now before a Bet Din and should be resolved shortly.

This organization deserves the widest possible publicity in the community because it is organized to help in one of the most critical and painful problems which face the Jewish community, namely, the existence of people who have already gone through the process of civil divorce but who cannot be released for remarriage because of the recalcitrance of one partner on the issue of a religious divorce.

Those interested in further information may write directly to GET, 1012 Avenue I, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230.

In Boro Park? In Meah She'arim? In B'nai B'rak? Elijah would be finished. He may have survived the chariot of fire but he would never have escaped the hail of stones and abuse that would have been heaped upon him in our day — even here at K.J. Can you imagine him walking in with a staff and a pack on *Shabbat* — and without a tie! Pity Elijah!

Well, what happened with Reb Eliezer? The *tzaddik* never flinched. He did not reprimand the beggar for violating the *Shabbat* with staff and pack. Rather, he immediately invited him to a *seudah sh'lishit*. After *Shabbat* he had him at his *melaveh malkah*. On Sunday morning, after serving him a sumptuous breakfast, he sent him on his way with a generous gift of money.

When Elijah saw this display of kindness, religious ethics and morality which transcended the *tzaddik's* concern even with the desecration of the *Shabbat*, Elijah revealed himself to Reb Eliezer and said: "Because you survived this trial and you did not embarrass a poor guest, you will have a son who some day will bring light to all Israel."

The blessing was fulfilled; for this Reb Eliezer was to become the father of the Ba'al Shem Tov.

A CONFESSION

Do you want to know a secret? Since I'm not a Hassid — except on my paternal grandmother's side — I'm not sure I fully believe this story. But, you see, that's not really important; because the Ba'al Shem Tov *did* believe it. And that belief speaks volumes about the Ba'al Shem Tov's priorities for a Jewish life, priorities which we would do well to adopt for ourselves to make this year a blessed one for our own community and for all Israel.

U.N. ISSUES PALESTINIAN STAMP

On January 30 of this year, the U.N. Postal Administration, in accordance with a resolution of the General Assembly, issued a set of three stamps (one of them in U.S. currency) bearing the legend "The Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People."

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO

It is the suggestion of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council that no campaign be waged to discourage collectors from purchasing these stamps because such a campaign would have precisely the opposite effect. Public condemnation and protest would create the very market for these stamps that should be avoided.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

On the other hand, letters should be sent to Senators D'Amato, Moynihan and Charles Percy (the new Foreign Relations Committee Chairman) and to Senator Larry Pressler, Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, expressing concern over this latest anti-Israel action. One should point to these stamps and the accompanying brochure as a graphic example of the increased politization and distortion of the U.N. by the Arab block for partisan propaganda purposes. Letters should also be sent to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim protesting this latest exploitation of the U.N. as a threat to its historical integrity and continued viability.

Please use the names and addresses printed below:

Senator Daniel P. Moynihan
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Senator Charles Percy
4321 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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& Charles Rangel (Select yours)
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

CARL GERSHMAN APPOINTED COUNSELLOR TO THE U.N. AMBASSADOR

We are proud to announce that a former member of the Congregation and Ramaz alumnus, Carl Gershman, the son of the late Joseph S. Gershman and Mrs. Josephine Zeitlin, has been appointed Counsellor to the Permanent Representative of the United States to the U.N., Jeane Kirkpatrick. We congratulate him on this outstanding appointment and we wish him well in this very important role for America and for our people.

PROFESSOR KATSH HONORED

We are pleased to announce that our new member, Professor Abraham I. Katsh, was honored recently by Yeshiva University as the recipient of its Mordechai ben David Award.

The Hebrew University in Jerusalem has also honored Professor Katsh by creating the Professor Abraham I. Katsh Prize in Hebrew Literature and Jewish Studies which will be awarded annually to an outstanding Ph.D. student in Hebrew literature or another field of Jewish studies.

Professor Katsh, who is President emeritus of Dropsie University in Philadelphia, was recently elected President of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following who have joined the membership of the Congregation during recent months. We are grateful for their association with us. We hope that we will be able to serve their needs well and that they will be a source of strength and encouragement to the entire Congregation.

A warm welcome to the following:

Max Borgenicht
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JEWISH MUSIC MONTH TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AT SISTERHOOD MEETING

This Monday, March 2

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood invites all women of the community to join with it in celebration of Jewish Music Month this Monday, March 2 at 12:30 P.M. in the Synagogue Social Hall.

The guest artist will be our own, Mr. Michael Berl, Music Coordinator of Ramaz School. Attendees will join him in song in a very spirited form of celebration. The program will be preceded by a light luncheon.

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PETER YARROW CONCERT TO BENEFIT RAMAZ PARENT'S COUNCIL FUND

Sunday Afternoon
March 15

Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul and Mary fame, will present a benefit concert on behalf of the Ramaz Parent's Council Special Projects Fund on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at 1:00 PM. It will take place in the Kamber Auditorium of the Synagogue House.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children and students through high school. Checks should be made payable to: **Ramaz Special Projects Fund**. Please specify how many of each are needed, and send a ticket request to: **Carla Schein, 141 East 88 Street, New York, NY 10028**.

THREE RAMAZ SENIORS PLACE AMONG TOP 300 IN COUNTRY IN WESTINGHOUSE SCIENCE COMPETITION

We are very proud to announce that three Ramaz seniors who are about to graduate in June of this year have won honors in the Westinghouse Science Competition, placing among the top 300 among the 22,000 best science students in the country.

This exceptional honor has come to Michael Mann, Noah Scheinfeld and Robert Zeldin. It is a great achievement for them and it represents a justifiable source of pride to their parents and to the entire Ramaz family.

Our warmest thanks to Dr. Terry Krulwich, an alumna of Ramaz, who supervises the Westinghouse program in our school. Congratulations to all who are involved in this wonderful piece of academic news.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IRANIAN JEWISH FAMILY

An east-side Iranian Jewish family with a 2½ year old brain damaged child is in need of volunteers who are willing to donate one hour of time per week, on a regular basis, to do exercises with the child.

Mother and adult work with one another, or two volunteers work together under the direction of the mother. The process is called "patterning".

Hours needed are 9 AM - 12 noon, or 3 -6:30 PM. Please contact the mother, Miriam Ghermezian at 759-5892. We would also appreciate your advising the synagogue office of your assistance in this *mitzvah*.

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YOUTH NEWS

KJTGWNN ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

The Kehilath Jeshurun Teen Group With No Name has several activities planned for the coming weeks.

PROJECT EZRA

The *Chesed* Committee of our Teen Youth Group is forming a group which will participate in visits to poor and elderly Jews on the Lower East Side, and help renovate several dilapidated synagogues in that area. With Pesach rapidly approaching, this important *mitzvah* acquires even greater significance.

All interested should contact Laurie Kabakow at Ramaz, or our Youth Director, Stuart Chesner at 988-8243.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

THE NUDE BOMB, starring Don Adams as Maxwell Smart will be shown this Saturday evening, February 28, at 8:30 PM in the Social Hall. Admission is \$2 for all members and \$3 for non-members. Tickets may be obtained in the synagogue office in advance, or at the door.

ONEG SHABBAT

The March Oneg Shabbat will be held on Friday evening, March 20 at the home of our Youth Directors, Stuart Chesner, David Cherna and Jackie Atkin. It will begin at 8:30 PM. The address is 300 East 75 Street (at Second Avenue). All teens of the KJ/Ramaz community, and their friends, are invited to participate.

ROLLER SKATING NIGHT

A recreational roller skating party will take place in the synagogue gym on Saturday evening, March 28 from 8:00 pm to midnight. Admission is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members.

Younger Group Activities

Several programs are on the schedule for our younger youth groups over the next few weeks as well.

MOVIE

On Sunday, March 1, our Youth Department will be showing the feature film, THE NUDE BOMB, starring Don Adams as Maxwell Smart, Agent 86. The movie will be shown at 1:00 pm in the Social Hall. Tickets are \$2 per person.

LITTLE LEAGUE

All second through sixth graders are invited to play ball on our KJ Little League teams. Games will be played on Sundays from April through June. Registration for Little League will take place on Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 am in the Lower School lunch room on the 3rd floor. Details are in the mail. Those who are not on our regular youth mailing list, who would like further information, are asked to call the synagogue office: 427-1000.

BAT ZACHOR PROGRAM

Afternoon Youth Groups on Saturday, March 14 will be devoted to a special program on anti-Semitism. Children will participate in drama and discussion programs and listen to the presentations of several special guests.

JAMIE LASSNER, SANDY SHAPIRO AND JOSHUA ROCHLIN ELECTED TO LEAD NEW TEEN GROUP

We are proud to announce the election of Jamie Lassner, a junior in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, as President of the new teenage organization of the synagogue. Jamie will be assisted in his efforts by Vice President Sandy Shapiro, son of our members Ruth and Irwin Shapiro, and by Joshua Rochlin, a Ramaz sophomore and son of membes, Evelyn and Martin Rochlin, who will serve as Treasurer.

We wish them the best for success in their efforts to re-invigorate our Teen Program and to find an appropriate name for The Teen Group With No Name.

FILMS FOR TEENS AT THE 92nd STREET "Y"

Saturday, March 7:

"FM"/"Bikini Beach"

Saturday, March 21:

"Blazing Saddles"/"Son of Flubber"

Saturday, April 11:

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Contact: Jerry Cohen, Teen Director at 427-6000, ext. 179

In Memoriam

Malvina Wachter

We mourn the passing of one of the nicest ladies in the Congregation, someone who loved all of us and whom all of us loved in return.

Shabbat after *Shabbat* she was the first woman to arrive in *shul*. She was present at all our *simchas* and she shared in all of our sorrows. We rejoiced in her beautiful relationship with her children and grandchildren who were so extraordinarily devoted to her because of her exceptional qualities of love and goodness.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our devoted member, Marco Wachter, on the passing of his wonderful mother and we join with the rest of the family in mourning for her even as we all mourn for Zion and Jerusalem. May we all have only happy occasions in the future.

Bertha Levy

We mourn the passing of a fine, elderly member of the Congregation, the beloved wife of our esteemed member Joseph Levy. She was a fine example of a Jewish lady who loved her husband and her family and who was proud of her association with the Jewish people and with Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Levy on the passing of his beloved wife and we pray that he will be spared further sorrow for many years to come.

David L. Lippoff

We mourn the passing of this senior member in the Congregation whose relationship with us went back more than fifty years. He was a quiet, dignified gentleman who lived a life of honesty, propriety and exceptional competence in his work and in his family relationships.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Lippoff, who enjoyed fifty-seven years of happily married life with her husband. May she be comforted among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

NEW SUNDAY SENIOR PROGRAM AT THE 92nd STREET Y

The New Sunday Senior Program at the 92nd Street Y is now accepting members for the spring season. This innovative program is for senior adults over the age of 55.

In the warm and friendly environment of the Y, a wide variety of activities are offered: trips, outings, entertainment, classes, social dancing and simply companionship.

To register for the Sunday Senior Program, call Donna Gold at the Y. Phone: 427-6000, extension 178.

Within Our Family

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Hon. Norman C. and Rachelle Ryp upon the birth of their first child, a son, Benjamin Sachs Ryp, whose *brit milah* was held in our Main Synagogue. Congratulations also to Mrs. Ruth Ryp and to Rabbi and Mrs. Isaac K. Sachs who became grandparents for the first time with the birth of this little boy.

Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zuckerbrot, on the birth of their second grandson, Eran Avraham, born to their children, Yechiel and Rina Zuckerbrot in Jerusalem.

Mazel Tov to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow, on the birth of a grandson, Joshua Aaron, born to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smilow.

Mazel Tov to our esteemed members, Dr. Joel and Tova Weinberg on the birth of their first child, Shira Batsheva.

May all of these children grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, *chupah* and *ma'asim tovim*.

B'NOT MITZVAH



Sarah Tanz

Mazel Tov to our devoted members, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Tanz, on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Sarah. Sarah, a student in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, will read the sixth and seventh chapters of Megillat Esther and deliver a D'var Torah on Purim and the Jewish Woman. Sarah will also perform Havdallah on this joyous occasion.



Nadine Rosenthal

Mazel Tov to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rosenthal, on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Nadine, which will take place in our synagogue on March 29. Nadine, a student in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, will deliver a D'var Torah on Chok: The Mysterious Law of the Jewish People.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel Tov to our esteemed member, Mr. Geoffrey Colvin, upon his engagement to Marcia Eppler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Eppler of Palm Beach, Florida. Similar congratulations to Geoffrey's parents, our devoted members, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Colvin.

Mazel Tov to our Assistant Youth Director, Jackie Atkin, on his engagement to Rifka Roth of Forest Hills.

May both weddings take place in joy and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to Douglas Zippel, the son of our member, Mrs. Naomi Zippel, upon his marriage in Jerusalem to Susan Appleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Appleton. We understand that the wedding took place out of doors in a driving rain, but that the spiritual happiness was so great that nobody got wet. It was apparently one of the great occasions in Jerusalem. May it auger well for the young couple for a long, happy and healthy life together.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

We are happy to announce that Dr. Sue Shapiro, a graduate of Ramaz, Class of 1964, and the daughter of Mrs. Elaine Brody Silverberg, has just published her dissertation which earned her a Ph.D. in

clinical Psychology at Ferkauf Graduate School of Yeshiva University. The dissertation, entitled *Contemporary Theories of Schizophrenia - Review and Synthesis*, was published by McGraw Hill and is now being used as a textbook for the study of this mental illness.

What a magnificent accomplishment! It is hard enough to write a dissertation. To have one's dissertation chosen as a textbook for others is a great compliment to the young scholar. Dr. Shapiro is now engaged in private practice in her field of specialization.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

We are proud to note that Dina Wyshogrod-Zlotogorski, daughter of our esteemed members Morris and Helen Wyshogrod, will be one of four discussants in: "The Impact of the Holocaust after One Generation: A Roundtable Between Children of Survivors and Non-survivors." Dina, a member of the Steering Committee of Second Generation, is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology.

The program will be held at the 92nd Street "Y" on Yom Hashoah, May 1. Admission will be \$2.50.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Congratulations to Yael Septee, the daughter of our new members Ruth and Moe Septee, upon her promotion in the Department of Admissions of Barnard College to the position of Associate Dean of Admissions. We have appreciated her skill and sensitivity over the past several years as Yael Septee met with many of the Ramaz seniors who applied for admission to Barnard. We wish her well in this new position and we congratulate the College on its excellent choice.

Congratulations to Mrs. Paula Weisbuch who was recently named Vice President of Thomson McKinnon Securities, Inc. We hope she has much success and satisfaction in her new role.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our devoted member, Mrs. Nettie Alpert, on the passing of her beloved sister, Lena Cohen, who passed away on Tu B'Shvat, which was her 100th birthday.

We extend our sincere condolences to our devoted member, Mrs. Eugene Alpert, on the passing of her beloved father, Herman Brody.

We pray these families will be comforted by all those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

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Weekly Portion: Vayikr

Haftorah: I Samuel 15

March 21 Shushan Purim

Weekly Portion: Tzav

Haftorah: Jeremiah 7

March 28 Shabbat Parah

Weekly Portion: Shemini

Haftorah: Ezekiel

April 4 Shabbat Hachodesh

Weekly Portion: Tazria

Haftorah: Ezekiel 45

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Weekly Portion: Metzora

Haftorah: II Kings 7

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March 6 5:33
March 13 5:40
March 20 5:48
March 27 5:55
April 3 6:03
April 10 6:10

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February 27 5:30
March 6 5:40
March 13 5:50
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February 28 5:30
March 7 5:40
March 14 5:50
March 21 6:00
March 28 6:00
April 4 6:15
April 11 5:30

Conclusion of Sabbath**Saturday Evening**

February 28 6:21
March 7 6:30
March 14 6:37
March 21 6:44
March 28 6:52
April 4 7:00
April 11 7:08

Weekday Services

Mornings 7:30 am
Sunday Morning 8:30 am
Evenings through March 5 5:30 pm
March 8 - March 12 5:40 pm
March 15 - March 19 5:50 pm
March 22 6:00 pm
*Wednesday, April 8 . . . Blessing of the sun.

ROSH CHODESH ADAR II

will be on Friday, March 6 and Saturday,
March 7.

ROSH CHODESH NISAN

will be on Sunday, April 5.