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MORDECAI UPSETS HAMAN IN NCAA'S Purim Monday Evening, March 24 — Tuesday Morning, March 25

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 PM on Monday afternoon, March 24. The younger children (nursery-first grade) are to gather in the Etra Chapel on the lobby level. Older children (second to sixth grade) will meet in the gymnasium, one level down.

Youth leaders will bring the children to special sections reserved for them in the Main Synagogue and also provide them with groggers and special 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 Monday evening.

MONDAY EVENING MARCH 24

Mincha 5:45 PM
Maariv 6:15 PM
Megillah reading will follow
All in the Main Synagogue

Purim Morning

On purim morning, Tuesday, March 25, we will read the Megillah twice.

The first reading will be done by our Ritual Director, Mr. Israel Rosenberg, a unique treat, as part of the regular morning service which will begin that day at 7:00 AM. Following the service, the Congregation will be the guests of our Vice President, Stanley Gurewitsch for a Purim breakfast with the traditional holiday fare.

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TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 25

Schacharit & Megillah 7:00 AM
or
Megillah 10:30 AM

HISTORIC MEETING ON A NEW ORTHODOX JEWISH APPROACH TO THE ISSUE OF LAND AND PEACE IN ISRAEL

SYMPOSIUM OF ISRAELI SCHOLARS TO BE HELD ON
Tuesday, April 1, in the Main Synagogue, 8:00 PM

We are proud to announce that three outstanding Orthodox Jewish scholars from Israel will present a symposium on the subject: "SHALL ISRAEL NEGOTIATE LAND FOR PEACE: A TORAH APPROACH FROM OZ V'SHALOM." The symposium will be held in the Main Synagogue of our congregation on Tuesday, April 1, at 8:00 o'clock. It will be open to the public. Reservations can be made for \$5.00. Advance reservations will entitle the ticket holder to seating in the reserved section.

The presenters at the symposium will be Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein, the head of Yeshivat Har Etzion; Dr. Avi Ravitsky, Professor of Jewish Philosophy at Hebrew University; and Dr. Uriel Simon, Professor of Bible at Bar-Ilan University. They will present different aspects of the general theme which says that the quality of life in Israel and the nature of the Jewish State may very well be more important than the exact amount of land which is held by the State of Israel. While the Land of Israel is certainly holy, the people of Israel and the vision of Torah in Israel are holier still.

This symposium is under the joint sponsorship of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and the Lincoln Square Synagogue. The purpose is to present an alternative approach to that espoused by

Gush Emunim, which has received a wide hearing in the United States. There is no attempt by either congregation to present any view as its own. The purpose is purely educational, to offer to the Orthodox Jewish community of America an opportunity to hear both sides of a critical debate which is going on in the State of Israel at present.

It ought to be emphasized that both views: the one which stresses the importance of holding on to as much of Eretz Yisrael as possible, and the one which considers land less important than the soul of the Jewish State, are presented by idealistic people who are well-grounded in halakha and Jewish thought. The debate is between brothers and sisters, not enemies. After the debate is over and one side will have won the day, the two sides will have to be able to live together in the spirit of democracy and tolerance.

The symposium which will be presented on Tuesday, April 1 is an attempt to further this debate and offer an opportunity to American Jews to learn more about the views of both sides.

We urge our community to make reservations now in order to ensure themselves good seats for an evening which promises to be of critical importance for every lover of Israel and the Jewish people.

ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

Friday Dinner and Saturday Lunch

April 18 - 19, 1986

The Shabbat Before Passover (No Cooking for You)

THE RABBINIC FORCE IN JEWISH LAW: ACTION OR REACTION?

Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Reuven Kimmelman

Adults \$30

Children \$20

Deadline - April 11

(space permitting)

(See Article and Coupon Page 3)

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood
cordially invites you to its
ANNUAL LUNCHEON BOUTIQUE
Tuesday, April 8, 1986 at 12:00 Noon

in the Kamber Auditorium
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Make your reservations now
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INSIDE OUTSIDE
BY HERMAN WOUK

AM HASEFER BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Discussant: Mel Newman

Home of: Carol and Mel Newman
 145 Central Park West
 New York, New York

Date: Sunday, March 23

Time: 8:00 PM

Wouk's latest novel is personal and self-revealing. The theme is a man's quest for identity in the clash between the INSIDE of family and friends and the OUTSIDE of the glitter of the American dream.

Please call the synagogue to indicate your attendance: 427-1000 Ext. 264

Adults & Children

THE KJ TEENS

PRESENTS A PURIM PERFORMANCE

THE KING AND I

By Rodgers & Hammerstein

Monday Evening, March 24
After Megillah

\$8 per Ticket

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Between the Megillah and
The King And I
PURIM PIZZA PARTY

Pizza, Ice Cream, Hamentaschen & Soda
 will be available: \$3 per person

MORDECAI TOPS HAMAN

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The second reading is designed especially for women and children and all others who may have missed the early reading. This second reading will take place at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, when a new crew of 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 this later reading of the Megillah, a light collation of Hamantaschen, milk, juice and coffee will be served. This religious and social experience also provides a fine opportunity to exchange Mishloach Manot.

The readers of the Megillah and leaders of the service this year are:

Daniel Brown
 David Deborah
 Jacob Dof
 Abraham Eisenstat
 Jackie Eisenstat
 Robert Geisler
 J. J. Hornbliss
 Seth Kenvin
 Daniel Libin
 Joshua Lookstein

Steven Major
 Jeffrey Mitler
 Joshua Newlin
 Kenny Rochlin
 Guri Roshwalb
 Steven Rubenstein
 Daniel Silverman
 Steven Smigel
 Larry Tanz
 Elisha Wiesel

PURIM NIGHT CELEBRATION . . .

KJ TEENS TO FEATURE THE KING AND I
AND PURIM PIZZA PARTY
ADULTS AND CHILDREN WELCOME

Join with us, then, in celebrating Purim this year, both Monday evening beginning with Mincha at 5:45 PM; for the Megillah reading and Maariv beginning at 6:15 PM; and for the Purim Pizza Party and the KJ Teen Production of the KING AND I after the service . . . and then again on Tuesday morning, at 7:00 AM for the first reading and breakfast or at 10:30 AM for the second reading followed by a Purim collation.

RABBI POLAKOFF TO GIVE
MEGILAH LECTURE

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Dale Polakoff will deliver a Purim Lecture on the Megilah on Shabbat afternoon, March 22. The presentation will begin at 5:00 PM in the Etra Chapel.

The Purim Shiur is the third in a series of five Pre-Yom Tov Lectures. The entire congregational family and community is invited to participate.

The KJ Youth Department is happy to invite the entire community who will be participating in the Purim Service on Monday evening, March 24 to a post-Megillah Pizza Party. This, plus ice cream, cold drinks and, of course, Hammentaschen will be available at \$3.00 per person in the third floor dining hall.

Following these festivities, the teens of the congregation will stage a presentation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's THE KING AND I at \$8.00 per person. Tickets for this performance should also be purchased in advance through the synagogue office.

Those who have already caught a glimpse of some of the rehearsals know that the audience is in for quite a theatrical performance. Preparing for months now under the superb leadership and direction of our member and Ramaz Upper School faculty member, Deborah Parnass, the cast and crew have put together a most memorable experience. We urge you to obtain tickets now and come that evening to encourage and support the participating teens.

114TH ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 at 8:00 PM

An invitation is extended to the membership of the Congregation to attend the 114th Annual Meeting of Kehilath Jeshurun on Wednesday, April 9, in the Kamber Auditorium, at 8:00 o'clock. The meeting will feature the election of Officers and Trustees, the presentation of members of the congregation who are celebrating significant milestones of their association with us, and also brief memorial tributes to those of our congregational family who have passed away during this last year.

Ami Texon to Deliver Tribute to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

In accordance with the practice which we inaugurated several years ago, there will be a special tribute to the late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein whose impact upon the life of the congregation continues to be felt six-and-a-half years after his passing. The tribute this year will be offered by Ami Texon, a past Trustee of the congregation and a former President of our Sisterhood. Mrs. Texon together with her husband, Dr. Meyer Texon, were close friends of the late Rabbi Lookstein in addition to being congregants and admirers of the Rabbi. We are certain that her tribute will be both moving and memorable.

We ask that the membership inform the synagogue office of their intention to come so that we can make adequate preparations for the colation which always follows the Annual Meeting.

SHMURA MATZOS AVAILABLE AT KJ

Under the leadership of our teen youth department, Shotzer Hand Shmura Matzos will be available by advanced order at Kehilath Jeshurun.

The Shotzer Hand Matzos are under constant rabbinical supervision from the wheat cutting until the packaging of the matzos. They are renowned worldwide for being well baked and tasty.

The Shotzer Matzos are particularly fresh, noted for crispness, rolled very thin, are well baked and not burnt. They have an extremely low water content.

Kehilath Jeshurun is pleased to be able to bring this service to our community. The matzos come in one pound packages and are available at \$10 per pound. They may be picked up at the synagogue on Sunday morning, April 20, between 9:30 AM and 12 Noon, at the same time as the Kasher-In.

All orders must be prepaid and ordered by Friday, April 4.

Checks should be made payable to the KJ Special Projects Fund.

Please reserve _____ Lbs. of Shmura Matzos at \$10 per pound.
(Make checks payable to the KJ Special Projects Fund.)

Name _____

Address _____

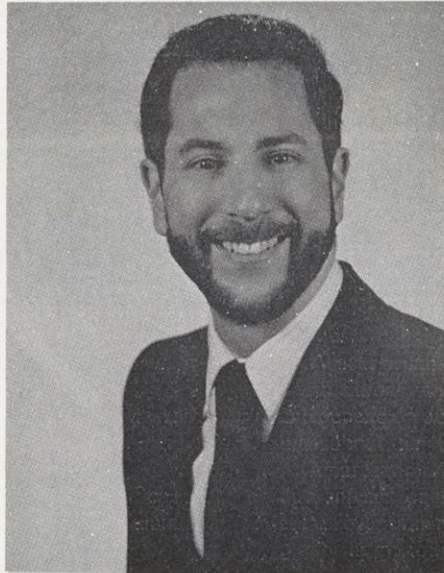
Phone Day _____ evening _____

RABBI REUVEN KIMMELMAN TO BE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE AT ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

April 18-19 — The Shabbat Before Passover
Shabbat Dinner and Lunch
No Cooking For You

Rabbi Reuven Kimmelman, renowned scholar and teacher, will serve as Scholar In Residence for the 13th Annual Synagogue Shabbaton to be held Friday evening and Shabbat day, April 18 and 19.

Dr. Kimmelman is Chief Program Associate of CLAL — the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, under the direction of Rabbi Irving Greenberg. Having served as Scholar in Residence for the United Jewish Ap-



Rabbi Reuven Kimmelman

AN INVITATION TO A TRADITIONAL SEDER EXPERIENCE

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 that idea increases in importance.

TWO REQUESTS

We, therefore, will again organize a home Seder program in our community. We ask that all those planning to have a Seder in their homes on the first night, April 23 and/or the second night, April 24, 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.

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. (427-1000)

peal, the Jewish Welfare Board, and the Council of Jewish Federations, Rabbi Kimmelman displays impressive insight and understanding of Jewish communal leadership. Rabbi Kimmelman is Associate Professor of Talmud and Midrash at Brandeis University.

A bright, young and dynamic rabbi, Dr. Kimmelman combines his faith in the future of the Jewish people with serious Talmudic scholarship in the presentation of his theme for this Shabbat — THE RABBINIC FORCE IN JEWISH LAW: ACTION OR REACTION?

Friday Evening

Following Kabbalat Shabbat services at 6:30 PM and a Friday evening family Shabbat dinner, Rabbi Kimmelman will speak on THE IMPACT OF TORAH SHE B'AL PEH ON THE MOLDING OF A PEOPLE. Tracing the development of Rabbinic interpretation of Jewish law as it is found in the Torah, Rabbi Kimmelman will demonstrate the profound impact of the Oral Tradition on the growth of the Jewish people. The future development of Rabbinic Judaism and its effect on the Jewish people will also be addressed. Rabbi Kimmelman will direct himself to questions and comments from the audience on this issue of vital concern to the Jewish community.

Due to space limitations, only those who attend the Friday evening dinner can be accommodated for this lecture. Reservations must be made in advance through the synagogue office.

Shabbat Morning

On Saturday morning Rabbi Kimmelman will speak from the pulpit during services on the topic: HOW HAVE WE BECOME THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK? Analyzing three primary examples of Rabbinic Judaism, Rabbi Kimmelman will discuss their effect on Jewish practice and ideology. Included in his presentation will be an analysis of the commandment to study Torah in an attempt to understand why this obligation has come to occupy such a central role in Jewish tradition. Services begin Shabbat morning at 9:00 AM.

ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

April 18-19, 1986

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Please reserve _____ adult and
_____ child(ren's) places for Friday
Dinner and Saturday Lunch.

Adults — \$30.00 Children — \$20.00

Enclosed, please find \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

ANATOLY SCHARANSKY FREED AFTER 457 SABBATHS IN SOVIET PRISONS

FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST THANK GOD HE'S FREE AT LAST

Anatoly Scharansky is free! After serving almost nine years of a thirteen year sentence on trumped up charges of spying for the CIA, this celebrated hero has been liberated from prison and allowed to rejoin his wife in Jerusalem.

How and why did this happen? How did the man who the Soviets promised would never be released, emerge from the darkness of his personal dungeon to the light of freedom and liberty? The answer is simple: we did not forget him.

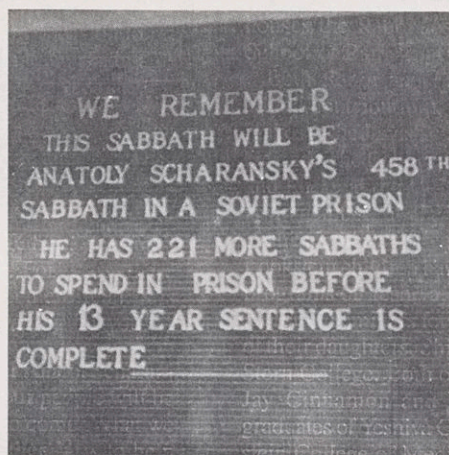
The *we* includes so many people who remembered and who cared. First and foremost, the hundreds of thousands of ordinary people who marched in protests through these nine years, shouting: "Free Scharansky now!" Their public outcries made his name a household word and focused the attention of the free world upon his plight thereby protecting him from ultimate harm and making him a "prize" candidate for an exchange at an appropriate time. *They* did not forget him.

The *we* includes journalists like Anthony Lewis and Suzanne Garment and telecasters like Ted Koppel who exposed his case to public view and who treated the tragedy of one man as if it were the cause of millions — which it is. It was they who suggested at critical junctures in Soviet-American relations that if the Soviet Union wanted to demonstrate its desire to improve the international climate, granting freedom to Scharansky would be an excellent and inexpensive method of achieving this. These commentators, and others like them, did not forget him.

The *we* includes President Reagan, former President Carter, President Francois Mitterand of France, Secretary of State Schultz and numerous senators, congresspeople and public officials from a variety of countries who raised the issue of Scharansky's incarceration in discussions with Soviet officials. These representations indicated that many people considered freedom for Anatoly to be a high priority issue on the agenda of the world. Such an approach helped to strengthen the hands of skilled negotiators who arranged the happy exchange that just took place. Americans and other nationals in the highest places never forgot him.

The *we* includes lawyers and academicians of all religions and nationalities who organized campaigns for Scharansky's release. Some of them prepared briefs and traveled to the Soviet Union to represent him. Others brought up his name at scholarly meetings with Soviet scientists and made clear that cultural exchange and intellectual relationships could not exist apart from considerations of human suffering in general and Scharansky's situation in particular. These people of good-will and selfless commitment cultivated an atmosphere which was supportive of clemency for a brilliant and creative human being suffering in solitary confinement. *They*, too, did not forget him.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT Our Prayers Have Been Answered

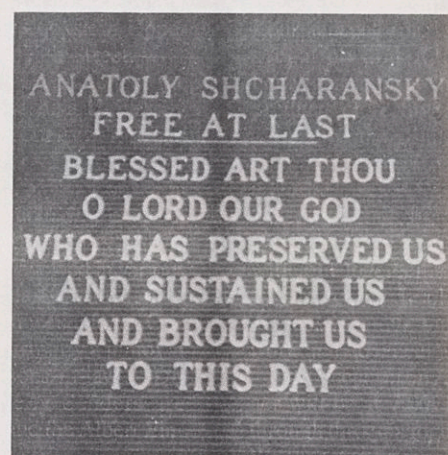


The bulletin board in front of the synagogue, changed each week for almost nine years, as we, inside, prayed and hoped for his release. On Tuesday, February 11, 1986, his dream was realized. Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein flew to Israel that evening to welcome their friend from Moscow to a life of gladness and joy in Jerusalem.

The *we* also includes the children of Ramaz school who fasted when Scharansky went on a hunger strike, who gathered in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations every morning at 7:30 for two months in the winter of 1982 and who prayed together for his health and safety. It includes Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun whose bulletin board proclaimed a message to passersby: "This sabbath will be the 458th Sabbath of Anatoly Scharansky in a Soviet prison. He has 221 more Sabbaths to observe there until the conclusion of his thirteen year sentence — we remember! (The figures are for his last week in prison. They had been changed each week for almost nine years).

The *we* includes this congregation which placed an empty chair alongside the Holy Arks on the High Holy Days to remind the worshippers that as they prayed comfortably Soviet Jews had no such opportunity and Scharansky only had a prison cell and his personally copied book of psalms with which to pray. *They* — and many others like them — did not forget him.

Finally there is Avital. A young bride in July of 1974, she left for Israel the day after their wedding. Since then she has waited, without a visit and — for the past nine years — without a direct letter. She waited in quiet heroism, with incredible spiritual strength and a deep conviction that God would bring them back together. Her public appearances around the world before royalty and power, publicists and people of influence and



hundreds of thousands of ordinary people — adults and children — were maintained in order to keep Anatoly's name, plight and life before the eyes and conscience of the world. Her pain and sorrow at her separation from her husband were compounded by the need for so much public activity on the part of such a private, modest and pious personality. Avital would not allow us to forget.

How and why did Anatoly's release come about? The answer is simple: *we* remembered him. We remembered him in a way in which we did not remember the millions who were slaughtered in the Holocaust. Perhaps we are learning from history. Perhaps the case of Anatoly Scharansky will demonstrate that we must remember all Soviet Jews and all oppressed people wherever and whenever they may be.

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ELIE WIESEL WRITES TO ANATOLY SCHARANSKY

Boston University
745 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, Mass. 02215

Dear Anatol Scharansky,

I hope you know how happy we are. Your liberation is to us more than an occasion to rejoice; it is, for us, a reminder that Jewish dreams never change and Jewish hopes never die.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein — who has graciously accepted to serve as messenger — will invite you to his synagogue. I urge you to say yes. No one has done more for you or for Soviet Jews. Ask Avital, she will confirm this. Rabbi Lookstein's synagogue is your synagogue. For years, there was an empty chair for you on the Bimah. It is waiting for you. We are all waiting for you.

I do hope we meet soon, dear Anatol Scharansky. What you have done for our people will be remembered for generations to come. What we must do now — and do it together — is to help more and more Jews leave the Soviet Union and bring hope and joy to the people of Israel. Your liberation must mark a new beginning of our relentless struggle.

Anatol Scharansky, I embrace you.
Your brother

Elie Wiesel

AND WORDS OF SUPPORT FROM FATHER HEVERN OF ST. IGNATIUS AND REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Ignatius Residence
53 East 83rd Street
New York, New York 10028
11 February 1986

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun
125 East 85th Street
New York, New York 10028

Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

For the past three years I have worked up the block at Regis High School as a psychologist and lived with the other priests at the Residence on 83rd Street. For the past three years, too, I have walked past your synagogue and been reminded of the long imprisonment of Anatoly Scharansky. This public notice has caused me to pause and offer a short prayer to the Lord for the well-being and release of this upright man each time I passed by.

KJ/RAMAZ FAMILY TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY AT DINNER IN HONOR OF RABBI AND MRS. HASKEL LOOKSTEIN Sunday, April 13

Sunday, April 13, 1986 will be a unique day in the history of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz School as our community gathers to celebrate the centennial of Yeshiva University in a Dinner of Tribute to Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein. The Dinner will take place at the Morris and Ida Newman Education Center, which houses the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, at 60 East 78th Street.

Both Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein reflect the varied contributions which Yeshiva University makes to the Jewish community of New York and beyond. The Rabbi earned his ordination, M.A. and Ph.D. at the University. Audrey Lookstein is a member of the first graduating class of Yeshiva's Stern College for Women in 1958. The Lookstein children have been involved in various programs of Yeshiva, particularly as leaders of its Torah Seminars for high school students. One of their daughters, Shira, is currently a junior at Stern College. Both of their sons-in-law — Dr. Jay Cinnamon and Dr. Shelly Senders are graduates of Yeshiva College and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

It is altogether fitting, therefore, that we

celebrate the centennial of Yeshiva by honoring the Lookstein family. Of course, both the congregation and Ramaz families are aware of the fact that the history of the Lookstein family's association with Yeshiva did not begin with Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein but rather with the pioneering work which the late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein performed at and for Yeshiva. The congregation and Ramaz have also been the beneficiaries over the years of the outstanding products of Yeshiva.

Leading the Dinner of Tribute this year will be Irwin Shapiro as Chairman, Benjamin Brown and Abe Esses as Co-Chairmen, and Samuel M. Eisenstat and Joseph Lorch as Honorary Chairmen. We hope that the entire community will join together to express a well deserved tribute to the Lookstein family and also to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the work and advancement of Yeshiva.

The reception on April 13 will be at 6:00. Dinner will be at 7:00. Reservations can be made through the synagogue office at \$40 per person. We expect to be oversubscribed shortly. Please, therefore, send in your reservations without delay.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD
cordially invites you to share its

Fourth Annual Meeting
with the members of
PROJECT EZRA

in a PROGRAM featuring

THE RAMAZ LOWER SCHOOL CHORUS

Directed by Carol Goldberg
Lite Luncheon to be served

Monday, March 31 at 12:30 PM
The Kamber Auditorium

I write today with jubilant heart. I write today simply to express my joy that the day of freedom has finally arrived. I write today to express in some small fashion the gratitude and happiness I experience today which must pale before the feelings of all the Jewish people.

What a blessing that the God of Israel has once again visited His people and redeemed one of His sons from unjust captivity. What a blessing that, for Scharansky, the Joy of this Shabbos will be in Jerusalem and not a Soviet prison.

I pray that the Jewish people of the Soviet Union and of all captive nations may be blessed by the Almighty and Holy One. May they too always be free to worship Him in the land and City given their fathers by the Lord.

With greetings to you and to your congregation and with profound respect, I am

Sincerely,
(Fr.) Vincent W. Hevern, S.J.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Mrs. Hilda S. Berger Kaufman upon the arrival of her granddaughter Leah Chana Lewis, daughter of her children James and Robin Lewis.

Mazel tov to our Secretary and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Blumenthal, on the birth of their grandson Avigdor Simcha, born to Barbara and George Blumenthal of Monsey. Avigdor's brit was held in our synagogue.

An additional Mazel tov to the Blumenthals and to Dr. Celia and Herbert Berger on the birth of their daughter, Talia Shulamit, who preceded her cousin by two weeks.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jean-Paul Joseph on the birth of their daughter Talia Adriana.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Allen Radin on the birth of their son Andrew Seth.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth on the birth of their granddaughter Brittany Jade, born to their children Andrew and Robin Roth of Scarsdale.

Mazel tov to our Trustee and former Vice President, Mr. Joseph Roth on the birth of his great granddaughter Shani, born to his children Rafael and Ruthanne Nahum of Jerusalem.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. James Snyder on the birth of their son, Daniel.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon on the birth of their grandson, Robert Samuel, born to their children Sylvia and Thomas Rogers of Washington, D.C.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Miller upon the arrival of their granddaughter, the daughter of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, (Mrs. Miller is Sarah Lee Kessler of Channel 9 fame).

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Harris Cohen upon his engagement to Leona Chudy of Manhattan.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Norman Javitt upon the engagement of their son Jonathan to Dr. Marcia Fischman of Woodmere.

Mazel tov to Lorraine Stern upon her engagement to Ronnie Ackerman of North Miami Beach, Florida.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. Tillie Backer upon the passing of her son, Gerald Backer.

Our condolences to Dr. Adam Bender upon the passing of his brother, Victor Bender.

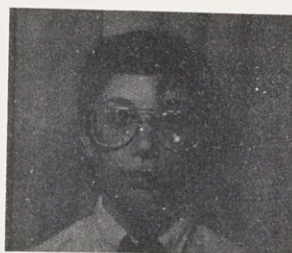
Our condolences to Mrs. Esther Eisenstat upon the passing of her sister, Carrie Rosengarten.

Our condolences to Mrs. William Etra upon the passing, in Israel, of her mother, Helen Gottesman.

Our condolences to Mr. Andrew Gyenes upon the passing of his father, Bela Gyenes.

Our condolences to Mrs. Talia Pagovich upon the passing, in Israel, of her mother, Raya Diskin.

BNAI MITZVAH



ARI ON

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Uri On on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ari, which will take place on Saturday, March 29.

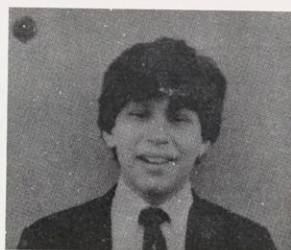
Ari, a student at the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, will read the Haftorah of Parshat Parah.



TOBI SCHWARTZ

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schwartz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Tobi, which will take place on Sunday, April 6.

Tobi, a student at the Ramaz Lower School, will deliver a dvar Torah on the Jewish Calendar.



DAVID STERN

Mazel tov to Mr. Steven Stern and Mrs. Bonnie Stern on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David, which will take place on Saturday, April 12.



BETH SMIGEL

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smigel on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Beth, which will take place on Sunday, April 13.

Beth, a student at the Ramaz Lower School, will deliver a dvar Torah on the Jewish meaning of freedom.

PASSOVER RELIEF WE NEED YOUR GIFT NOW

The first order of priorities in preparing for Passover is Maot Chitim — Passover Relief. It is our way of saying that our personal joy on the festival is incomplete if we do not share what we have with others who are less fortunate.

Who gives to Passover Relief? According to the Shulchan Arukh (The Code of Jewish Law) there are only two types of people as far as Passover Relief is concerned: Donors and recipients. If you are not a recipient you must be a donor. It's as simple as that.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Passover Relief Appeal serves first and foremost this communal mitzvah. Last year the readers of the Bulletin contributed more than \$22,000. It was a most gratifying response to a call for charitable funds. But, we need even more this year!

A large part of our funds go to the Joint Passover Appeal which is the agency through which are dispersed tens of thousands of dollars to poor people at Passover time.

There are additional causes which are helped generously by our Appeal. They include, among others:

- Gifts to needy individuals in our community.
- The New York Board of Rabbis Passover Fund for Jewish patients in hospitals and inmates in prisons.
- A package campaign for Soviet Jews and many organizations and institutions who seek our help and depend on our assistance in this season and throughout the year.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun does not conduct appeals for all of these causes. Your one gift at Passover time represents your gift to a variety of worthy recipients. Please be as generous as possible and please send in your contributions now when they will do the most good.

Our best wishes to you for a happy and kosher Passover.

Please make your checks payable to: KJ Benevolent Fund.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED AT SHABBAT LUNCHEON

A New Members Shabbat Lunch was held on Saturday, February 8, at Kehilath Jeshurun. More than 50 new members were joined at the lunch by officers and officials of the synagogue and their families. The lunch was organized by the Chesed Committee, as well as by many of those who have been involved in the New Members Outreach Program.

In conjunction with this effort to welcome new members and integrate them into the KJ family, an old tradition has recently been revitalized. The Sisterhood and the Chesed Campaign have jointly arranged for Shabbat gift "baskets" to be delivered to new members. The packages contain challah (donated by Orwashers Bakery), candles (supplied by Rae and Stanley Gurewitsch), wine (from Yorkville Liquors), Flowers (from Dennis Christian Florists), a "welcome" card (designed by Morris Wyszogrod), all packaged in bags provided by the Judaica Shop.

KJ/RAMAZ FAMILY TO SPONSOR SUMMER TOUR TO ISRAEL IN JULY

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein to Lead Group in a Demonstration of Support for Israel and the Israelis

In Rabbi Lookstein's address at the installation ceremonies of the New York Board of Rabbis last month, he discussed the alarming 40% drop in tourism in Israel. Apparently, he said, Col. Quadafi is determining the traveling plans of many people, including Jews. He called upon the New York Board of Rabbis to launch a large-scale effort to bring their congregants to Israel during the next year and in that way to support the economy of the State and the spirit of the Israelis.

Following the principle of practicing what he preaches, the Rabbi has announced that he and Audrey will lead a tour from this community to Israel in July. The tentative dates are to leave on Sunday evening, July 13 and to return on Sunday or Monday morning, July 27 or 28. The tour will be open to men, women and children, singles and couples, veteran travelers and first-timers with the promise that the group will visit more than the usual run-of-the-mill tourist sights.

We plan to have as our guide a graduate of Ramaz who has 15 years of experience in taking tourists around the country. We will travel to the north and visit places where Ramaz graduates are leading institutions and settlements. We will spend both Shabbatot in Jerusalem. We hope to have receptions in very important places (not as yet confirmed and therefore not mentionable at present) and in a variety of institutions which are lead by alumni of Ramaz. One of the joyous events of the trip will be a 50th anniversary reunion for Ramaz alumni in Israel.

There will also be a spiritual side to this tour. We expect to conduct religious services in the ruins of ancient synagogues, we will "dig for a day" on an archeological site in Jerusalem and we will relive some of the Biblical episodes which are brought to life by sites and cities in Israel.

The tour will be a five star affair, with all of the comforts of home and yet all of the excitement and participation that are essential for a productive tour of Israel. The cost will be under \$2,000. We are very anxious to have a large group because of what that will mean to Israel. We will, however, limit the size of the group in order to make it manageable.

We have never run a tour from KJ or Ramaz. This will be a first because the time to stand up and be counted is now. The place to go this summer is to Israel first and anyplace else second. If you would like to reserve your place with our tour please notify Rabbi Lookstein's secretary at the synagogue office without delay. Further details will reach you in the mail during the coming days.

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KJ TO HOST YU GRUSS SCHOLARS

For the second consecutive year, Kehilath Jeshurun has the distinction of being chosen to host a series of four lectures delivered by the outstanding scholars of the Gruss Kollel Elyon of Yeshiva University. The Kollel Elyon is an advanced institute for Talmudic and rabbinic scholarship established through the concern and munificence of our members Joseph and Caroline Gruss.

The scholars who will be addressing our congregation represent the broad spectrum of scholarship and learning excellence which has become the hallmark of the Kollel Elyon. Developing from the ranks of these rabbis is the future critical leadership of the Jewish people in the Rabbinate and in Jewish Education.

The lectures, which begin at 8:00 PM and are open to members of the general Jewish community as well as to members of KJ, will be held on four Wednesday evenings, once every three weeks, beginning March 26th.

Rabbi Joseph Wanefsky will deliver the first lecture, Wednesday, March 26th, on the relationship of "THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE COMMUNITY WITHIN HALACHA." Rabbi Wanefsky, who holds a Ph. D. in Jewish History from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, has served on the faculty of Stern College for Women and the Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies at Yeshiva. He is the author of two books and a renowned scholar, accomplishments made all the more remarkable by the fact that Rabbi Wanefsky has been legally blind since childhood.

On Wednesday evening, April 16th, Rabbi Yonasan Sacks will deliver the second lecture on "THE MITZVAH OF KIDDUSH." Known widely for the voluntary shiurim in Talmud that he has given over the past five years at Columbia University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Rabbi Sacks joined the Katz Kollel in 1981 and received semicha from Yeshiva in 1984. He has also contributed to *Beit Yitzchak*, a rabbinic publication of Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Benn Cherney will deliver the third lecture of the series on Wednesday evening, May 7th, on "THE IMPLICATIONS OF JEWISH LAW IN MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE." Rabbi Cherney has published in the *Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society* and serves as Director of the KAYAMA Organization, which works to provide universally accepted Jewish divorces for those civilly divorced. The final lecture of the series will be delivered by Rabbi Eliahu Shulman on Wednesday evening May 28th, on the topic of "THE PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT." Rabbi Shulman has published widely in numerous Torah journals and most recently published a volume of sixty articles on Talmudic subjects under the title Binyan Av. In addition to his many outstanding qualities Rabbi Shulman is the son of Rabbi Nissan Shulman, who served as the Rabbi of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, and recently was elected to the Rabbinate of the Central Synagogue in Sydney, Australia.

Following the traditions of the past, all of the lectures promise to be fine examples of Talmudic erudition on the highest level. Our community is urged to attend, and in addition to showing support for the innovative program of Mr. and Mrs. Gruss, to spend an evening hearing Torah from some of the most promising Talmidei Chachamim of our generation. Sources for each lecture are available upon request from the synagogue office.



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MARCH 29 SHABBAT PARAH

Weekly Portion: Zav
Haftorah: Ezekiel

APRIL 5 SHABBAT HACHODESH

Weekly Portion: Shemini
Haftorah: Ezekiel

APRIL 12

Weekly Portion: Tazria
Haftorah: II Kings

APRIL 19 SHABBAT HAGADOL

Weekly Portion: Mezorah
Haftorah: Malachi

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening Candle Lighting

March 21 5:49 PM
March 28 5:56 PM
April 4 6:04 PM
April 11 6:11 PM
April 18 6:18 PM

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Evening

March 21 6:00 PM
March 28 6:10 PM
April 4 6:15 PM
April 11 6:20 PM
April 18 6:30 PM

Saturday Morning

Shacharit 9:00 AM
Beginners Service 10:00 AM
Junior Congregation 10:30 AM
Primary Congregation (N-Gr.1) 10:30 AM
Toddler Congregation (1-3 years) 10:30 AM

Saturday Afternoon

March 22 6:00 PM
March 29 6:10 PM
April 5 6:15 PM
April 12 6:20 PM
April 19 5:50 PM

CONCLUSION OF SHABBAT

Saturday Evening

March 22 6:46 PM
March 29 6:53 PM
April 5 7:01 PM
April 12 7:09 PM
April 19 7:18 PM

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning 7:30 AM
Monday and Thursday 7:15 AM
Sunday 8:30 AM

Evening

March 23-March 27 6:00 PM
March 30-April 3 6:10 PM
April 6-April 10 6:15 PM
April 13-April 17 6:20 PM
April 20-April 22 6:30 PM

SPECIAL DATES

Morning Services

TAANIT ESTHER
Monday, March 24 7:00 AM
PURIM
Tuesday, March 25 7:00 AM
ROSH CHODESH NISAN
Thursday, April 10 7:15 AM