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HALAKHIC ISSUES RELATED TO LIFE AND DEATH TO BE THE SUBJECT OF RABBI LOOKSTEIN'S SHABBAT SHUVA DISCOURSE

Saturday, October 11
Following Mincha at 5:30

The Shabbat Shuva discourse this year will deal with some of the most painful issues of life and death that a human being faces as life draws to a close. These issues have always been difficult ones, but they have been rendered more complicated by modern medical technology which makes it possible to sustain the living for extended periods beyond their capacity to live a conscious life.

What is the prevailing Jewish view on "pulling the plug"; living wills; refusal of basic medical treatment? What is the Jewish view on organ donations? Is it acceptable religious practice to sign a statement on one's driver's license authorizing the removal of certain organs for donation in the event, God forbid, of a fatal accident? What is the role of the patient in all of this and what role do family, physician and rabbi play?

These subjects are under constant analysis today. Many recent responsa and articles have appeared which shed new light on these painful decisions. They are decisions which, sooner or later, most of us will face either personally or in relation to our families. Rabbi Lookstein will endeavor to treat some of these issues from a halakhic and philosophic point of view.

An invitation is extended to the entire community to participate. The discourse will begin after *mincha* on Shabbat, October 11. *Mincha* will be at 5:30.

RABBI JACK BIELER

will deliver a

Rosh Hashanah Shiur

Shabbat afternoon

September 27

at 5:40

in the

MAX J. ETRA CHAPEL

*All members, their families and friends,
and neighbors and guests of our community*

S'lichot Services

This Saturday evening, September 27

10 PM — The Main Synagogue

Social Hour

9:15 PM — The Social Hall

A SUGGESTION FOR 5747

The year 5746 has not been the greatest one for the Jewish people. We have suffered terrible blows from enemies from without, culminating with the beastly attack on worshippers in the synagogue in Istanbul. Our enemies lose no opportunity to display their brutality in attacking unarmed, innocent men, women and children in the most cowardly fashion.

As difficult as these blows from without have been, the assaults from within trouble us even more. The spectacle of Jews burning bus shelters on the one hand and desecrating synagogues and yeshivot on the other is too hideous to bear. The *sinat chinam*—unnecessary and unwarranted hatred—which rages within the Jewish community both in Israel and in the diaspora—including our own New York—is frightening to contemplate. It raises the spectre of self-destruction which our sages considered to be the cause of the destruction of the Second Temple and which, if we do not act in time, could, God forbid, lead to another terrible calamity in our own day.

The saintly and perceptive Chief Rabbi Kook, of blessed memory, suggested that the antidote to *sinat chinam* is *ahavat chinam*—unconditional and even undeserved love. He appealed to Jews to love each other even if the love was unwarranted. Such love would supersede the hatred and render it powerless.

Someone once asked Rabbi Kook: "But aren't some Jews deserving of hatred? Are there not some whom it would be a sin to love?" Rabbi Kook answered as follows: "Everyone of us makes mistakes in his life. If I am to make a mistake I would like it to be the mistake of loving a Jew who doesn't deserve to be loved."

Let that be our "sin" for the year 5747. Let us make the mistake of loving every Jew, including those who do not deserve to be loved. And then may a merciful God love us more than we deserve and bless us with a year of health, happiness and peace.

A k'tiva va-chatima tova to us all.

Haskel Lookstein

THE FAST OF GEDALIAH

On the day after Rosh Hashanah, Monday, October 6, we observe the fast of Gedaliah, in memory of the assassination of Gedaliah ben Achikam, the governor of Jerusalem following the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE. The death of Gedaliah marked the final hammer blow, as it were, to the first Jewish Commonwealth.

The fast day is observed from before dawn until nightfall which is at 7:03 P.M.

YOM KIPPUR CANDLE LIGHTING

Provision has been made for the kindling of candles in the Synagogue House on Yom Kippur eve, Sunday, October 12, prior to 6:03 P.M. Candles will be set up in the lower lobby near the checkroom.

SHOFAR TIME

We call to the attention of our worshippers that the sounding of the Shofar on Sunday morning of Rosh Hashanah will take place at approximately 10:00 A.M.

Please plan to be in attendance at services by that hour so that you will be present for this important religious observance

SOUNDING THE SHOFAR FOR THOSE AT HOME

Anyone in the community who will be confined to home or hospital and would like to perform the mitzvah of hearing the shofar sounded on Rosh Hashanah can arrange to do so by contacting our Ritual Director, Mr. Israel Rosenberg, at the Synagogue office.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN ON YOM KIPPUR EVE

There is a beautiful custom that a father—or mother—bless his or her child on the eve of Yom Kippur after the meal before the fast. The blessing is much more detailed than the simple Biblical priestly blessing which is given to the children on Friday evening before *kiddush*. We would recommend to you that you bless your children every Friday evening but that, in particular, you bless them on Yom Kippur eve. The text of the blessing and a translation appear below.

(for boys)

"May the Lord make you as
Ephraim and as Menasheh"

(for girls)

"May the Lord make you as Sarah, Rebecca,
Rachel and Leah"

May it be the will of our Father in Heaven to place within your heart love and reverence for Him. May you revere God all the days of your life so that you will not sin. May He bless you with the desire to study Torah and observe His commandments. May your eyes look straight ahead, your mouth speak wisdom and may your heart be filled with reverence. May your hands always be involved in the accomplishments of Mitzvot and may your feet run to do God's bidding.

May the Almighty grant you righteous sons and daughters who will also occupy themselves with Torah and Mitzvot all the days of their lives. May He grant you moral substance and livelihood—morally, graciously and abundantly—and may you never have to depend on human help. May your profession always allow time for service to God.

May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Good and Long Life together with all the righteous of Israel.

Amen

(לְבָנִים) יְשׁוּעָה אֱלֹהִים כְּעֶפְרַיִם וּכְמִנַּשֶּׁה

(לְבָנוֹת) יְשׁוּעָה אֱלֹהִים כְּסָרָה, רִבְקָה, רָחֵל וּלְיָהּ

יְבָרְכֶךָ ה' וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ: יָאֵר ה' פָּנָיו

אֵלֶיךָ וְיַחַדְךָ יֵשָׂא ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ

וְיָשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

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בְּמִצְוֹת. רַגְלֶיךָ יִרְצוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת רְצוֹן
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וּבָנוֹת צְדִיקִים וְצַדִּיקָנוֹת עוֹשִׂים
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בְּהֵטֵר וּבְנִתּוֹת וּבְנִתּוֹת מִתְחַת גֵּר
דְּרֻחָה. וְלֹא עַל יְדֵי מִתְנַת בְּשָׂר וָדָם.
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בְּתוֹרָה כָּל צִדְקוֹתֵיךָ אֱמִן:

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, October 3, Rosh Hashanah Eve

S'lichot Service (Z'chor Brit) 6:30 AM
Regular morning services will follow

Evening 6:30 PM
Candlelighting 6:17 PM

Saturday, October 4, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 6:20 PM
Candlelighting after 7:09 PM

Sunday, October 5, Rosh Hashanah II

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 6:20 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:07 PM

DAILY SERVICES (between the Festivals)

Mornings 7:00 AM
Evenings 6:20 PM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, October 10

Evening 6:20 PM
Candle Lighting 6:06 PM

Saturday, October 11

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 5:30 PM

Shabbat Shuvah Discourse by Rabbi Lookstein

Conclusion of Sabbath 6:57 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, October 12, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning 8:15 AM
Mincha 2:30 PM
Candle Lighting 6:03 PM
Kol Nidre 6:10 PM

Monday, October 13, Yom Kippur

Morning 8:30 AM

Yizkor is recited as part of this service.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCHEDULE

One of the greatest delights in our High Holy Day experience is the continuing increase in the number of children who worship with us on these important days. In keeping with the KJ tradition of maintaining a beautiful and meaningful religious experience for both children and adults, the following arrangements have been made:

All children over the age of twelve (seventh grade and up) should have tickets for them in either the Main Synagogue or one of the Parallel Services.

Children in the sixth grade and younger should participate in one of the several children's services listed below. In this way, all children and their parents, are able to participate in the synagogue aspects of the High Holy Days.

ROSH HASHANAH I & II

Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grade)	Etra Chapel	<i>All Services meet</i>
Machon Division (Kindergarten-First Grade)	3rd floor	
K'tan Tan Division (Ages 3-4)	4th floor	<i>II AM-1 PM</i>

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre Night		
Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grade)	Etra Chapel	<i>All Services meet</i>
Machon Division	3rd floor	<i>at 6:30 PM</i>

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grade)	Etra Chapel	<i>All Services meet</i>
Machon Division (Kindergarten-First Grade)	3rd floor	
K'tan Tan Division (Ages 3-4)	4th floor	<i>II:30-1:30 PM</i>

THIS IS THE SEASON ELUL

The forty day period beginning with Rosh Chodesh Elul and continuing through Yom Kippur has historically been a time of repentance and forgiveness for the Jewish people. These days correspond to the time when Moses received from God the second set of Tablets. These second tablets serve as an indication of God's capacity for forgiving, specifically His forgiveness for our sin with the Golden Calf. Therefore, numerous customs have been instituted throughout the generations to enable us to take advantage of this opportunity for divine forgiveness.

One of the most beautiful and moving of these customs is the sounding of the Shofar each morning after the Shacharit service. The blasts of the Shofar serve as a divine alarm clock, awakening all of us to the need for self evaluation and improvement.

Similarly, we continue the custom of reciting, as a community, the entire Book of Psalms during this period of the year. It is a custom that was initiated by Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, of blessed memory, and helps to sensitize us to the messages transmitted by the Psalmist.

Finally, beginning with the week which precedes Rosh Hashanah we recite Selichot prayers each morning. The essence of these prayers is the recitation of God's Thirteen Attributes of mercy upon which we call during this period of penitence. We also recite the Vidui (Confessional) during the Selichot prayers and in so doing begin our petition for God's forgiveness.

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of our year, brings with it all of the resolutions for spiritual improvement that are part of a new beginning. The tone of the day is determined by a mixture of feelings of trepidation and celebration. We remain aware of this day as the beginning of God's judgment, and yet we enter into it with the confidence that God will accept our prayers and grant us forgiveness. It is a time which has traditionally been associated with the synagogue service, and yet there are many beautiful ceremonies that take place at home.

At The Table

The festival is ushered in by the lighting of candles over which the special festival blessing is recited. The special benediction "Shehecheyanu" is added.

After the reciting of kiddush and the washing of hands, a "motzi" is made over 2 round challahs (symbolizing the cycle of the year) and the bread is dipped into honey before it is eaten. The symbols concerning a sweet year is readily apparent. The use of a round challah and the dipping of the bread into honey is continued for the entire High Holy Day season, ending with Hoshanah Rabbah.

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah, an apple is dipped into honey. Before tasting the apple, the blessing over fruit is recited. After tasting the apple, a special prayer is recited: "May it be Thy Will to grant us a good and sweet year."

On the second night, it is customary to wear a new garment and to have it in mind when the blessing "shehecheyanu" is recited as part of the kiddush. In addition, a new fruit, not previously enjoyed this season, is eaten. Before eating the fruit, the blessing over fruit is recited.

Tashlich

Because the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat, the Tashlich service is deferred until the second day, Sunday. This ceremony takes place in the afternoon along the banks of a river or some other body of fresh water. Appropriate prayers are recited as part of this mystical custom, indicating our desire to cast off all sins from our person and correct our ways.

In our community, we customarily gather for Tashlich before Mincha, at 5:30, near the 85th Street entrance to the reservoir path in Central Park, or at 86th Street and the East River in Carl Shurz Park.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

On Rosh Hashanah, upon leaving the Synagogue, all extend the High Holy Day greeting:

לשנה טובה תכתבו

"May You Be Inscribed for a Good Year?"

THE TEN DAYS OF REPENTANCE

The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are traditionally days when Jews aspire to greater spiritual accomplishments. It is customary during this time to accept upon one's self some additional behavior which demonstrates our seriousness and desire to improve. Whether that behavior be in the realm of our relationship with God or our relationship with each other, it provides us with the opportunity to acquire new good habits and to continue them throughout the year.

YOM KIPPUR: A Day of Self-Denial

The Day of Atonement is, among other things, a day of self-denial. In addition to avoiding food, drink, washing, and the use of lotions and oils, Jewish tradition calls for refraining from the wearing of leather shoes.

The reason for this provision is that wearing a proper pair of shoes makes one feel complete and well-groomed. It is precisely the absence of that feeling of completeness which is called for on the Day of Atonement. Through this mood of moderate self-denial, we are moved to prayer, penitence, and wholesome introspection.

May we request our worshippers take a step in the direction of Jewish tradition by arranging for a pair of non-leather footwear for Yom Kippur this year. An ample selection is available in any shoe store. We think you will find that conforming with this practice will help you to derive more from the most meaningful day on the Jewish calendar.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN to Participate in "Community Study" at 92nd Street Y Tuesday Evening, September 30

For the past five years, just prior to the High Holidays, a unique program has taken place at the 92nd Street Y. The "Community Study," in which three eminent rabbis teach and analyze a central Jewish text, each according to his own perspective, has generated intellectual excitement and enthusiasm and produced some of the most memorable evenings at the Y.

On Tuesday evening, September 30, at 8 PM, the sixth annual Community Study will be held at the Y, featuring Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. Participating with him will be Rabbi Balfour Brickner of Stephen Wise Free Synagogue and Rabbi Judah Nadich of Park Avenue Synagogue.

The subject for the 1986 Community Study will be "The Shma: Hear O Israel." The Shma, centerpiece of Jewish worship, will be discussed both from a literal perspective and for its significance and meaning as the supreme affirmation of the unity and centrality of God. The teaching of the Shma should provide an extraordinary communal learning experience.

Prior Community Study programs have attracted capacity audiences. Single tickets for Community Study are \$9. Subscription tickets are also available at a price of \$16 for the Community Study and the annual "Interfaith Dialogue." This year's dialogue will feature Jewish, Christian and Moslem theologians discussing the history and importance of messianism in their own religious faiths.

If you would like to order tickets for the Community Study and or the Interfaith Dialogue, please call Y-CHARGE at 831-8603.

And For the Men

Increasingly each year more men worshippers in the congregation don the traditional kittel for Yom Kippur. This garment, reflecting purity and simple piety, very much enhances the experience of repentance on Yom Kippur. Why not reinstitute this practice in your family for this Yom Kippur? Mr. Rosenberg will be happy to arrange for a kittel for you if you will simply call the synagogue office. Or, you might want to go down to the Lower East Side and select a kittel personally.

Similarly, more and more men are taking advantage of the beautiful custom of immersion in a Mikvah on Erev Yom Kippur. The feeling of spiritual cleanliness that attends this custom contributes to the preparations that are part of this High Holy Day period. The Mikvah has a separate facility for men which is located in the Mikvah building at 234 West 78 Street. The contingent from Kehilath Jeshurun will assemble at the Mikvah at 7:15 A.M. and following the use of the Mikvah proceeds to KJ for morning services.

SUKKAH MEALS

Four catered meals will be served in the Synagogue Sukkah this year. The meals offered will be:

Friday, October 17
SUKKOT EVE: DINNER

Saturday, October 18
SUKKOT I: LUNCH
DINNER

Sunday, October 19
SUKKOT II: LUNCH

Due to the overwhelming demand for Sukkah meals, we must restrict initial reservations to KJ members and their immediate families. The fee for adults is \$18 per meal and for children through high school age \$12 each.

A reservation form has been sent to you under separate cover. We recommend immediate response because requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis.

The deadline is Friday, October 10, space permitting.

RESERVING A LULAV AND ETROG

We remind our worshippers to arrange for the purchase of a Lulav and Etrog early. These fruits are used during the Hallel service and highlight our procession around the synagogue throughout the Sukkot festival.

Our Ritual Director, Israel D. Rosenberg, will be pleased to arrange for you to meet the requirement of purchasing a Lulav and Etrog. In doing so, you will also be supporting the Israeli economy.

Reservation forms for the Lulav and Etrog have been sent to your home. Please make your reservation without delay.

**ON ROSH HASHANAH
WE WILL JOIN
IN PRAYER
WITH ALL JEWS.
FOR ALL JEWS.
LET US NOT FORGET
SOVIET JEWS.**

SPECIAL SUKKAH PROGRAM

TUESDAY
October 21

MEN'S CLUB SUKKA SUPPER
(Women Invited)

6:30 PM

For Reservations:
Call the Synagogue Office at 427-1000

SCHEDULE OF SUKKOT SERVICES

SUKKOT

Friday, October 17, Sukkot Eve
Evening 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 5:55 PM

Saturday, October 18, Sukkot I
Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting after 6:47 PM

Sunday, October 19, Sukkot II
Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:00 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov 6:46 PM

DAILY SERVICES

Morning 7:00 AM
Evening 6:00 PM

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Friday, October 24, Hoshanah Rabbah
Morning 6:45 AM
Evening 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 5:45 PM

Saturday, October 25, Sh'mini Atzeret
Morning 8:30 AM
Yizkor is recited as part of this service

Mincha 5:50 PM
Ma'ariv and Hakafoth will follow

Candle Lighting after 6:38 PM

Sunday, October 26, Simchat Torah
Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 5:50 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov 6:37 PM

The Tradition Continues!

KJ Men's Club

presents

NEIL SIMON'S NEW COMEDY BROADWAY BOUND

Directed by Gene Sacks

Starring Jonathan Silverman

Saturday Night
December 6, 1986

(Opening Saturday Night)
\$60 per ticket

Limited Orchestra Seats Available

All ticket orders must be accompanied by a check for full payment

BROADWAY BOUND

Name _____

Address _____

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$60 each.

Amount enclosed _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

KJ YOUTH DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES NEW SEASON

Under the leadership of our new director of youth activities, Roy Angstreich, the KJ Youth Department has begun its program for the new year. All children of the congregation are urged to send in a registration form and to become actively involved in this year's program.

SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAM

The Department will sponsor four services each Shabbat morning.

The *YOUTH MINYAN* is a regular service coordinated by students in Grades 11 and 12. It is open to all students in Grades 7 and above who wish to participate in a meaningful and inspiring tefillah. It meets in the Board Room and begins at 9:40 AM.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION for students in Grades 2-6 meets in the Etra Chapel on the lobby level each Saturday morning and throughout the holidays, beginning at 10:30 AM. Two additional services for young people include the MACHON division for kindergarten and first grade, and the K'TAN TAN division for ages three and four. These also begin at 10:30 AM.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON PROGRAM

For Junior Congregation age children, there will be four afternoon groups. They will be for: Grades 2-3-4 Boys, Grades 2-3-4 Girls, Grades 5-6 Boys, Grades 5-6 Girls.

These groups will enjoy the following schedule:

2:45 PM-3:45 PM *Oneg Shabbat*.

The *Oneg Shabbat* will be an exciting, fun-filled hour of stories, games and special activities. Each month a different theme will be explored (T'shuvah, Jewish heroes, Charity, Miracles, Israel, Redemption) by means of creative and innovative programs. Special events such as color war will take place at various intervals. Special Prizes and awards will be given.

3:45 PM-4:45 PM *Playgroup*

The playgroup is open only to children who attend the *Oneg Shabbat*. Supervised play will take place either on the roof playground or in the gym.

There will also be an *Oneg Shabbat* program for Grades 7 and 8, offered on Saturday afternoons, for Junior high school students who will participate in an exciting program of meaningful activities.

TUESDAY NIGHT GYM PROGRAM

An exciting recreational program will focus on Tuesday night at the KJ gym. They will meet on the following schedule:

Grades 5-6 5:00-6:30 PM

Grades 7-8 6:30-8:00 PM

Grades 9-12 8:00-10:00 PM

Further information on the gym night programs will be sent to those who register for department activities.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The following trips and special activities are already on our calendar. Watch your mail for dates and times and for more events as well.

Plans for Grades 7 and 8 are:

Action Park
Shabbat Dinners
Simchat Torah Party
New York Experience
Museum of Broadcasting
Theater Party
Chanukah Party
Hockey Game
Purim Carnival
Circus
Sports Night
Field and Nature Day
Great Adventure

Scheduled for Grades 2-6 are:

Kid's World
Shabbat Dinner
Simchat Torah Party
Intrepid
Chanukah Party
Color War
Harlem Globe Trotters
Purim Carnival
Circus
Sports Night
Field and Nature Day
Wild West City

CHESED will also be an important part of our youth program. Various community service projects will be taking place relating to the holidays of the year.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

The heart of the teen program will be the highly successful Friday evening *Oneg Shabbat* series, which will take place at the homes of the participants. The dates already scheduled are:

September 19
October 10
November 14
December 15
January 5
February 20
March 20
April 10
May 15
June 12

Additional dates may be added and creative programs will be prepared with the participation of the soon-to-be-elected High School Youth Board.

Of course, as previously mentioned, the Youth Minyan, convening on Shabbat mornings at 9:40 AM, will provide high school students with the opportunity of both coordinating and leading their own minyan and, at the same time, give them the opportunity of leading younger participants by offering guidance and assistance.

The Tuesday Evening Gym Night from 8:00-10:00 PM will include a series of intra-mural activities. Competitions will also be held against other synagogues.

Special activities being planned for the high school students include: *Action Park*, *Great Adventure*, *rafting*, and a series of other events to be coordinated by the Youth Board.

Registration forms have been sent to all children of the congregation. However, if you need one, simply call the synagogue office and request one. Please do this immediately so that you can be included in all activities of our new youth program.

ON ROSH HASHANAH THE GATES OF PRAYER ARE OPEN.

THE SOVIET GATES ARE CLOSED.

The Soviets claim that all the Jews who wanted to leave the Soviet Union have already left. But the fact is that 3 million Jews are trapped in a country that's impossible to live in, and impossible to leave.

A PUBLIC REQUEST FROM THE FAMILY OF RABBI MOSHE FEINSTEIN, OF BLESSED MEMORY

The family is interested in collecting any information or materials which could help in the preparation of an authorized biography or response. If anyone has any such information—*shiurim*, letters, or any other forms of communication—they should be sent directly to Rabbi M. Tendler, 653 Union Road, Spring Valley, NY 10977.

RAMAZ SELECTED FOR BJE ART EXHIBITION

We are proud to note that the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz has been selected for a one school art exhibition at the Board of Jewish Education, from September 23-November 2, 1986. Members of the congregational family and friends are invited to attend the exhibition on Sundays through Thursdays between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The BJE is located at 426 West 58th Street.

In the statement from the BJE on the Invitation to this event, it says: "Because of its excellence in art, we have selected the Ramaz Upper School on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary for this one school art exhibition. We wish to show our appreciation to this school, that for many years has given its students an opportunity to develop themselves not only academically, but also creatively, through many rich art experiences as are manifested in this exhibition."

The exhibition has been developed magnificently by the Art Coordinator of the Upper School, Ellen Rosen. We urge you to see it.

IF, IN AN EMERGENCY

You must reach a Synagogue Official at home, please note the following telephone numbers:

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein 628-0340
Rabbi Dale Polakoff 628-5553
Cantor Avrum Davis 534-3733
Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg 831-3684
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ON ROSH HASHANAH THE HEAVENLY COURT FORGIVES.

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We will pray in our synagogues. Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience will pray in their prison cells. Their crimes? Teaching Hebrew. Studying Jewish history. Applying to emigrate to Israel.

KEEP UP THE PRESSURE

Dear Rabbi Lookstein,

I just wanted to update you concerning another Soviet Jewry success story. During my wedding we said a special prayer for Boris Kalandaro, Soviet refusnik for the past 13 years. In the past year he married my close friend, Beth Edberg. Three months ago he was let out of Russia. Neal and I were fortunate enough to meet Boris and visit them as they are visiting with Beth's family. They spent a few days with us. How lucky Boris is! How lucky we are to have met him! He spoke at a meeting of the Arizona Action for Soviet Jewry. Consistent and continual pressure from us seems to help.

Sincerely,
Felice Medwin-Brooks

ROGER MOSESSON HONORED BY HARVARD, HONORS US AS WELL

We are proud to announce that Dr. Roger Mosesson, who was graduated with highest honors from Harvard Medical School last June, was the commencement speaker for his class at the graduation exercises. This young man who is a graduate of Ramaz and the son of Gloria and Norman Mosesson, honored himself, his community and God by concluding his speech, donning a *kippa*, and pronouncing in Hebrew the blessing of *Shehecheyanu*.

May Roger go from strength to strength and may he continue to conduct his life as a loyal son of the Jewish people.

MARIA AND JOEL FINKEL TO BE HONORED BY NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS

Our esteemed members, Maria and Joel Finkel, will be honored by the New York Board of Rabbis at a special luncheon to be held on chol hamoed Sukkot in the Sukkah in the Sky. That is the famed sukkah of our member, Jack D. Weiler, which is above the 50th floor of his building at 1114 Avenue of the Americas.

The occasion for the luncheon will be the Annual Meeting of the Lay Advisory Board of the New York Board of Rabbis of which Mr. Finkel is a very distinguished member. The Finkels, of course, have been leaders in this community for many years, taking an active role in Bar-Ilan University, Yeshiva University and many other worthy causes. They are particularly involved in the life of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Finkel on this much deserved honor. We invite members of the congregation to come to an extraordinary event, at a most remarkable place, to enjoy the ambience of a great sukkah in this great city as the guests of a great Jewish philanthropist, Jack Weiler, in tribute to two wonderful people and in support of the New York Board of Rabbis of which our own Rabbi Haskel Lookstein is President. The Rabbi will present the award to the Finkels.

For reservations please call Florence Cohen at the synagogue office, 427-1000, ext. 260.

LEFTOVER FOOD FROM SOCIAL AFFAIRS

We understand from the Rabbinical Council of America that an organization has been formed which will pick up that which is left over from wedding, bar and bat mitzvahs and other such occasions and will distribute it to institutions throughout the city. The name of the organization is City Harvest, Inc. It is a non-profit agency. It can be reached at 349-4004.

What a wonderful idea!

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Mr. Daniel Abrahams and Mrs. Estanne Fawer on the birth of their granddaughter, Tanya, born to their children Rebecca and Eli Gridisch in Natanya, Israel.

Mazel tov to Hon. and Mrs. Robert Abrams on the birth of their daughter Becky.

Mazel tov to our Treasurer and his wife, Norman and Tova Bulow on the birth of their granddaughter, Elisheva Chana, born to their children Ephraim and Alisa Bulow.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feuerstein on the birth of their daughter Amanda Meyer.

Mazel tov to Sheila Freilich on the birth of her great niece Avigail Esther, born to her niece and nephew Ahuva and Gedalia Litke.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Allan Gibofsky on the birth of their daughter Laura Aimee.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Marrick Kukin on the birth of their son Etan Zev.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. David Menche on the birth of their daughter Alexa Raquel.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merkin on the birth of their grandson, Jonathan Leib, born to their children Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Nechemiah Merkin.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Wagner on the birth of their daughter Ariel Naomi.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Israel Goldstein on the birth of their daughter Adina.

May all of these wonderful children grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Maasim Tovim.

A TRIPLE HEADER

Mazel tov to Barbara and Harold Greenberg upon the birth of triplets to their children Sharon and Steven Parelman in Philadelphia. Rebecca, Matthew and Suzanna are all doing well. The last was named for her great-grandmother, the late Shirley Greenberg. Our warmest congratulations also to Mr. Samuel Greenberg, the proud great-grandfather. May the joys of the family always come in triplicate. Mazel tov! Mazel tov! Mazel tov!

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. Rae Gurewitsch on the passing of her father, Bernard Nemeroff.

Our condolences to Mrs. Linda Moskowitz on the passing of her brother, Salo M. Belkin.

Our condolences to Mr. Frank Roth on the passing of his brother, Irving Roth.

Our condolences to Mrs. Linore Ward on the passing of her brother, David Freedman.

Our condolences to Mr. Sigi Weil on the passing of his mother, Dr. Martha Weil.

DIAL

Soviet Jewry Action Line
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BAR MITZVAH

Mazel tov to Mrs. Martha Givner upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Andrew Bovarnick, son of Joan and Arthur Bovarnick in London.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Waldman on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son Alexander in Congregation Ahavath Torah in Englewood, New Jersey. We also extend a warm mazel tov to the proud grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Israel Waldman.

COMMUNAL HONORS

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Borenstein who were the guests of honor at the Annual Dinner of the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach.

Congratulations to Mrs. Blanche Etra upon her election as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

We congratulate Dr. Rachel Shudofsky Chesner upon her appointment as Assistant Professor of Nursing Care of Children at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

IN LIEU OF CARDS

I would like to thank my many friends in the Congregation, who telephoned, sent cards, flowers, or made contributions to charity for my recovery, during my long illness and hospitalization. I am most grateful to those individuals who donated blood, and to those who offered to give blood but for a variety of reasons could not be accepted.

Carolyn Feldman

In Memoriam Leon Sigall

A gentleman from the old school, he was a Trustee of our congregation for many years and he raised his family in our community. He occupied his seat in one of the front pews in dignity and in great happiness to be part of our congregation.

Leon Sigall was an aristocratic personality, devoted to important Jewish causes and generous to family and community. He brought his fine European Jewish background to the service of an American Judaism which is enriched by his participation.

The head of a fine family, he is mourned not alone by his dear wife Hertha and their children and grandchildren but by all of us.

Helen Zuckerman

We mourn the passing of one of the veteran members of the congregation. Dr. Helen Zuckerman, together with her late husband, Dr. Morris Zuckerman, participated in the building of Kehilath Jeshurun and the Ramaz School.

A model of piety and intellectual strength, Helen Zuckerman was generous to many worthy causes and devoted to the people of Israel both here and in the Holy Land. She was proud of her background in the Stein family and she enjoyed great nachas from her children and her grandchildren who follow her tradition and example.

KJ and Ramaz would have been very different places were it not for her commitment and that of her family. We will all miss her.

Bess Sadinoff

We mourn the passing of a truly remarkable Jewish lady. An *eishet chayil* in every sense of that word, Mrs. Sadinoff was the matriarch of a family and a deeply involved person in the community.

Serving the Jewish people in dignity and without fanfare, she was a major supporter, together with her husband, Max, of blessed memory, of Rabbi Feinstein and the Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem, Ramaz School, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, Yeshiva University and a host of worthy causes. There was literally no worthwhile project to which she said no.

Beloved and revered by her family and by many friends who cherished the moments they spent with her, she was an example of how to live a pious and unpretentious Jewish life. Her memory will be preserved through her many good works and through the magnificent example she set for her family and for the community.

In Memoriam

Roslyn Usdan

We mourn the passing of a good friend of our congregation. Together with her beloved husband, Ira Usdan and all of her children, she was very much a part of this community.

She saw her children graduate from Ramaz and her grandchildren attend the school as students. She participated in the upbuilding of congregational life and in the establishment of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School on East 78th Street.

The head of a very fine family, Roslyn Usdan derived much *nachas* from the leading role that her children have played in synagogue life and in the wider community. We will all miss her very much.

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