

Kehilath Jeshurun Bulletin



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LEGAL PLANNING FOR LATER LIFE

On Tuesday evening, February 10, the Couple's Club will sponsor a forum on various aspects of legal planning for later life. Often an overlooked area until it is usually too late, this forum will provide essential information for all people who are responsible for financial planning either for themselves or for older parents and other relatives.

Approaches will be discussed on how to maintain independence in later life. Advice will be given to help avoid legal problems in later years associated with inadequate financial planning, serious illness or disability. The forum will also touch upon the importance of establishing management systems to handle personal affairs as well as

to protect family assets from the extraordinary cost of medical care.

The forum will be led by Peter J. Strauss and Robert Wolf of the law firm Strauss and Wolf. Both attorneys specialize in problems of estate planning and aging and have lectured extensively in this area. Peter J. Strauss attended Bowden College and the New York University School of Law. Robert Wolf attended Yeshiva University and Brooklyn Law School. Both are instructors at the New School for Social Research.

This program is free of charge and open to all members of the community. Make plans to come and avoid a tragedy. The program will be held at Kehilath Jeshurun at 8:00 PM.

MEN'S CLUB TO SPONSOR SEUDAH SHLISHIT

February 7

Under the chairmanship of Asher Levitsky and the co-chairmanship of Jonathan Messeloff, the KJ Men's Club will sponsor a series of Seudot Shlishit with the first one taking place on Saturday afternoon, February 7 following Mincha at 4:45 PM.

The guest speaker will be Menachem Bar Shalom, the Executive Director of the Jewish Reclamation Project and also of Yeshivat Ateret Kohanim in the Moslem Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem.

Mr. Bar Shalom will be explaining the nature of the project in terms of what it does to reclaim land in the Old City of Jerusalem. Those who have visited in recent years have, no doubt, been overwhelmingly impressed by the development of the Old City. Mr. Bar Shalom deserves major credit for the accomplishments.

The entire congregational family and friends are invited to attend beginning with Mincha on February 7.

ADULT INSTITUTE LAUNCHES NEW SEMESTER

Begins February 16th

After a highly successful fall semester, the Adult Institute of Continuing Jewish Education is beginning its spring semester during the week of February 16th. In keeping with the tradition of past years the Institute offers classes, shiurim, lectures and workshops at varied times throughout the week in order to accommodate as many people as possible. With an excellent faculty and a wide range of levels of instruction, the Institute serves those in our community and beyond who are seriously interested in growing intellectually. Challenging and thought provoking discussions and presentations attempt to enrich the Jewish education of those who participate in the program, while at the same time providing an opportunity to meet new and interesting people. More details of the program as it is presented here can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Shiurim

Shiurim make up the backbone of the Adult Institute. From beginners to advanced, shiurim are offered on almost every day of the week and in different locations within the community. Since the obligation of Torah study transcends semesters, most of the shiurim are ongoing throughout the year.

Nevertheless, newcomers are encouraged to join the shiurim at any point and usually find themselves involved in the learning quite easily. It is the study of Torah that helps to fortify any community and we encourage you to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities available right here in our own community.

Classes

Tuesday Night at KJ has long been one of the most attractive and rewarding features of the Adult Institute. Each Tuesday night for eight weeks classes are offered in two sessions, allowing students to take two classes on the same evening. The first session begins at 7:45 PM, concluding at 8:35 PM. A ten minute period for refreshments and socializing precedes the second session which commences at 8:45 PM, ending at 9:35 PM. The entire evening presents an opportunity to continue the lifelong process of learning.

Beginners

In this semester a special emphasis has been placed on those at the beginning of the Jewish educational process. Whether it is Ramaz parents who want to stay ahead of their children, KJ members who have decid-

ed it's time to learn about that which they have been doing for so long or just unaffiliated Jews who are looking for some roots, the Beginner's Program provides an opportunity to grow and learn together. Many of the "beginners" who have participated in the program have already had a significant impact on our community.

Tape Library

Under the sponsorship of the Kehilath Jeshurun Couple's Club, a cassette and video tape library has been established. Tapes on a whole range of subjects are already available and may be borrowed from the library by contacting the synagogue office. Here is a chance to continue learning outside of the classroom, whether driving, jogging or just plain listening.

The opportunities are there, just waiting to be taken advantage of. It's time to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

BLOOD DONORS TURN OUT IN RECORD NUMBERS

Kehilath Jeshurun is pleased to recognize and to thank the people listed below who participated in our December blood drive making it our most successful effort ever. In particular, we appreciate the support of the Ramaz senior class which turned out in record numbers.

Special thanks also go to those whose patience did not wane when the record turnout resulted in a longer wait than usual during peak donating hours. We have taken steps to insure that this does not happen in the future.

The participation of those listed below is an act of *pikuach nefesh*. It provides vital support to all of our members and their families as well as our community at large.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ***** We have blood donors available to you.
- ***** Should you need blood units before surgery or in case of emergency, please telephone any of the following Blood Drive Chairpersons:
- Barbara Arfa 861-7488
 Jerry Berkowitz 988-6255
 Claire Deutsch 288-4225
 Janie Trencher Jaffe 534-2529
- ***** You may become a KJ/Ramaz Blood donor even if you were unable to participate at our drive. Simply contact the Greater New York Blood Program 570-3000. You will have to give them our donor group name — KJ/RAMAZ — and our group donor number — 4559. After you have donated, please call the synagogue office to let them know.
- ***** Should you prefer to go with someone Sue Robins is available to accompany you. You can reach her at 744-0995 to arrange for a mutually convenient time. Sue is also available to answer any question potential donors may have.

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KJ SISTERHOOD PRE-PURIM PROJECT EZRA MEETING Monday, March 2

Come! Join in the gift of sharing! KJ Sisterhood is sponsoring a luncheon with entertainment for the people of Project Ezra.

We need volunteers aged 12 years to 100, either male or female, to help set up, serve, or just chat and make welcome these wonderful people.

So plan to spend a few hours of giving (and getting) on March 2 at 12:00 Noon at the Synagogue auditorium. Call 427-1000 and let us know you're coming. Ask to speak to Eileen.

TAPE LIBRARY

Catalogue Number	Description
E-1	<i>Medical Ethics Symposium, December 17, 1985</i> Sexual Therapy and Jewish Law—Sides 1 and 2
E-2	<i>Medical Ethics Symposium, December 17, 1985</i> Sexual Therapy and Jewish Law—Sides 3 and 4
E-3	<i>Medical Ethics Symposium, December 17, 1985</i> Sexual Therapy and Jewish Law—Side 5
E-4	<i>Medical Ethics Symposium, November 27, 1984</i> Whose Life Is It, Anyway?—Sides A and B
E-5	<i>Medical Ethics Symposium, November 27, 1984</i> Whose Life Is It, Anyway?—Sides C and D
E-6	<i>Medical Ethics Symposium, November 27, 1984</i> Whose Life Is It, Anyway?—Side E
E-7	<i>Oz V'Shalom Symposium—Part I</i> Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein, Professors Aviezer Ravitsky and Uriel Simon
E-8	<i>Oz V'Shalom Symposium—Part II</i> Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein, Professors Aviezer Ravitsky and Uriel Simon
G-1	<i>The Definition of Talmud Torah</i> Rabbi Michael Rosenzweig, April 30, 1985
G-2	<i>To Honor Parents</i> Rabbi Jeffrey Abel, May 21, 1985
G-3	<i>Marriage and Divorce in Halacha</i> Rabbi Ben Cherney, May 6, 1986
G-4	<i>The Mitzvah of Kiddush</i> Rabbi Yonasan Sacks, April 16, 1986
G-5	<i>The Individual and Community Within Halacha</i> Rabbi Yosef Wanefsky, April 26, 1986
G-6	<i>Reproaching One's Neighbor</i> Rabbi Israel Paretsky
W-1	<i>Women and Torah Study—Part I</i> Rabbi Jack Bieler
W-2	<i>Women and Torah Study—Part II</i> Rabbi Jack Bieler
W-3	<i>In-vitro Fertilization</i> Rabbi Jack Bieler, November 28, 1984
W-4	<i>Women & Leadership Positions—Shul & Community</i> Rabbi Dale Polakoff
W-5	<i>Da'atan Kalot</i> Rabbi Jack Bieler

ADULT EDUCATION COURSE OFFERINGS

Tuesday night at KJ
7:45-8:35 PM

THE MEANING OF PRAYER

Rabbi Asher Berkowitz

Designed for those who want to know more about the meaning of the prayers recited each day. In addition to an analysis of form and structure of individual prayers, the philosophy of prayer will be discussed as well.

ETHICS OF THE FATHERS

Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg

A class that will bring to life the moral and ethical teachings of this classic Jewish work.

INTRODUCTION TO HEBREW

Shoshana Berkowitz

For the novice who wants a basic working knowledge of the Hebrew language. Alphabet recognition, pronunciations and basic grammar are the foundations of the course.

CONCEPTS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Les Schachter

This course examines the more esoteric methods of Rabbinic interpretation from an historic, conceptual and practical perspective.

Shiurim
Monday 8:00 PM

Rabbi Herschel Schachter

Masechet Nedarim

An advanced Talmud shiur given by one of the leading Talmudic scholars of our generation.

Monday 8:30 PM

Rabbi Jack Bieler

Kohelet

A shiur designed to explore the various themes of one of the most intriguing books of the Bible.

Monday 10:30 AM

Rabbi Jack Bieler

This shiur analyzes a theme from the weekly Biblical reading. Meets at the Ramaz Upper School Building—60 East 78th Street.

Tuesday 12:00 Noon

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Midtown Lunch and Talmud—Masechet Sanhedrin

Combining lunch and a shiur, this is an opportunity for those who work in the Midtown area to lunch and learn together.

This shiur meets at the office of David Kahn: Goldstein, Golub and Kessler, 245 Park Avenue.

Wednesday 9:00 AM

Rabbi Dale Polakoff

A beginner's shiur that will cover the weekly Biblical reading as well as the commentary of Rashi.

Tuesday 7:45 PM

Rabbi Dale Polakoff

Women's Shiur—Masechet Berachot

A shiur on an intermediate level for women interested in learning Talmud.

Shabbat 8:00 AM

Rabbi Jack Bieler

Masechet Ketuvot

An advanced Talmud shiur making intensive use of traditional commentaries.

Shabbat 1 hour
before Mincha

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Masechet Sanhedrin

A traditional shiur using standard commentaries.

A number of additional tapes are available covering different sections of Masechet Kiddushin, Berachot and Nedarim taught by Rabbi Herschel Schachter. Updates will be made to this catalogue on a periodic basis. For information on how to borrow a tape, please call Rabbi Polakoff at the synagogue office.

A Modern Mikvah

is located in Our Community at
232-4 West 78th Street
(east of Broadway)
Telephone number
799-1520

We reprint here an address by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein who, as President of the New York Board of Rabbis, spoke to that body at its annual meeting on January 21. We believe that members of the Congregation would be interested in reading the type of issues our Rabbi has brought to the attention of the wider Jewish community. The unanimous vote to follow his recommendation was an historic action on the part of the Board of Rabbis.

ADDRESS BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN TO THE NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS

Annual Meeting, January 21, 1987

Dear Colleagues:

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A year ago, in my acceptance speech after your election of me as President, I dispensed with the usual broad statements about the goals of the Board and the activities in which we are engaged and I spoke instead about the need for the coming together of the Jewish religious community in America. In that address on Jewish unity I called for an atmosphere of mutual respect and love for each other wherein we would stop throwing barbs at each other, we would treat each other with *derekh eretz* and we would appreciate the fact that those with whom we disagree are also moved by high ideals, integrity and a love for the Jewish people.

In such an atmosphere I proposed that we try to encourage debate and openness on three matters:

1. An attempt to find consensus on the issue of converting non-Jews to Judaism. We should encourage the development of standards which will render the convert acceptable to the broadest possible constituency of the Jewish people.

2. A review by the Reform movement of its publicly announced patrilineal decision which states that the child of a Jew and a non-Jew will be considered Jewish, regardless of which parent is non-Jewish, as long as the child is connected with a synagogue or the temple in some meaningful way.

3. An agreement to require a *get*—a religious divorce—after a civil divorce and prior to remarriage.

During the past year much has happened in the Jewish community to encourage all of us in our efforts to enhance Jewish unity. We have seen open discussion in the community about the issues which impact on Jewish unity. We have been witness to private meetings between the Presidents of the Rabbinical Assembly, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and the Rabbinical Council of America in which issues of common concern were discussed and the problems concerning unity were aired. No solutions were forthcoming but the dialogue itself was a breakthrough. Finally, and most important, in March of 1986 the CLAL organization held a conference in which lay and rabbinic leaders of the Jewish community joined to reason together about how to avoid an impending communal catastrophe

in the form of an irreparable schism. At that conference leaders of all the movements among American religious Jewry spoke words of healing and solidarity. I was particularly moved by a bold proposal made by Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, on the subject of *get*, a proposal which, if adopted, would go a long way toward easing the current tensions in our community.

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In furtherance of this entire process, I would like to propose that there is one area in which the New York Board of Rabbis can and should undertake a major initiative in the interest of bringing our people together and, more importantly, avoiding further divisiveness. That is the area of *get*, or religious divorce.

There are two central problems with which my proposal will attempt to deal.

1. The first problem concerns encouraging Jews to obtain a *get* prior to remarriage. At the present time many Reform rabbis will perform a second marriage where one or both of the partners has been previously married and where a religious divorce has not ended the earlier marriage. The result of that second marriage poses a terrible difficulty for those of us who are guided by *halakha*. The second marriage is considered adulterous by Jewish law and the children of that second marriage are *mamzerim*—illegitimate, and ineligible for marriage to other Jews.

This problem is growing in proportions as the rate of divorce increases in the Jewish community. When 1 in 3 or 1 in 4 Jewish marriages is expected to end in divorce, and when Jews, who tend to favor family life, have a high rate of remarriage, one can see that in the next decades hundreds of thousands of children will be in this category.

The problem is, I believe, the most serious one that divides us. The status of *mamzerut* is final and irreparable. Unlike questions of Jewish identity it cannot be corrected through conversion. Once you know about it there is nothing you can do about it.

Ironically, it is not the parents who are to blame in having created this status for their children because they did so unintentionally. They didn't know that they needed a *get* for remarriage. The child himself or herself is certainly not to blame although he or she

is the victim. The onus is squarely upon us—the rabbis. If we insist on a *get* after a civil marriage and before remarriage we will, in that simple step, avoid all future *mamzerut* in America. It is as simple as that.

I appeal to all of my colleagues to compromise on this and to require a *get* before remarriage. I know that some of us have problems with the nonegalitarian structure of a *get*—the man gives the *get* to the woman and it cannot be done the other way around. I submit, however, that the problem of *mamzerut* is sufficiently grave to warrant a compromise on the issue of egalitarianism. A *get* can be given in such a way that everyone's sensibilities are protected. It certainly is no more unpleasant than civil divorce proceedings. In my experience I have found it to be a simple procedure which takes not much more than an hour and which leaves both parties with a feeling of completion and reasonable satisfaction.

Let us keep our eyes on the goal. We must make marriage possible between all Jews. That should be our first concern. As things stand at present there are thousands of young people whose eligibility for marriage to all Jews is seriously in question. We have it within our power to make sure that nothing of this kind happens in the future from any marriage at which we officiate.

Therefore, I would make the following two specific proposals:

- a) The creation of a commission on *get* composed of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis who are themselves committed to the need for a *get* prior to a second marriage. This commission would prepare a list of rabbis and rabbinic courts who will be acceptable to the broadest constituency of our membership. We will provide that list to all members of the New York Board of Rabbis and to all other interested parties and,

- b) that the New York Board of Rabbis resolve that all of its members should not officiate at a second marriage unless and until every possible effort has been made to obtain a *get* for the partner who needs it.

2. The second problem with which I would like us to deal results from a recalcitrant partner to a previous marriage who refuses to give or accept a *get* after a civil divorce has been granted. This is a very serious issue in the Orthodox community and, if all of us will agree on the need for a *get* prior to

remarriage, it will become a serious issue for everybody.

There are at present thousands of men and women—mostly women—who have received a civil divorce but who are prevented from entering a second marriage because of a vindictive or avaricious, former spouse who refuses to cooperate in the *get* process. The pain of such stranded spouses is immeasurable. The Talmud viewed such a condition as so horrible that it authorized the beating of a husband who refused to give his wife a *get* until the husband's consent was obtained. Harsh as this may sound, I can testify from my own personal experience in the rabbinate that such recalcitrant spouses deserve the most severe kind of treatment for holding a former spouse—usually a wife—captive and for confronting her with a terrible choice: either to remain single forever or to violate the Biblical rule of adultery and, if there are children in a second marriage, to render them *mamzerim*. No treatment is too harsh for somebody who poses such choices for another human being.

I would therefore like to propose two policies to deal with this problem.

1. The first is that the New York Board of Rabbis call upon all of its members to deny all honors or privileges of membership in any synagogue or temple to any person who, after having obtained a civil divorce, refuses to cooperate in the giving or receiving of a *get*. This kind of social pressure will have a great impact on recalcitrant spouses and may go a long way toward eliminating the problem. The publicity alone which will attend the acceptance of such a proposal may greatly enhance the *get* process in our community.

2. The second proposal is that all members of the New York Board of Rabbis urge prospective brides and grooms to sign a prenuptial, civil agreement which will provide that in the event of a civil divorce each partner will cooperate in the giving and receiving of a *get*. I have been using such an agreement for the last five years. I am distributing copies of that agreement to you. I believe it provides a good model which will conform with New York law and which is also *halakhically* acceptable. Before I began using this instrument I consulted with the highest rabbinic authority to whom I can go. His response was quite simple. He said that a *get* which is issued as a result of such a prenuptial agreement may arouse some criticism that it was done under coercion but in fact, he said, the woman will be divorced. You can use it.

I always discuss this matter toward the conclusion of a premarital conference. It is a sensitive subject to bring up when two people are about to be married, but it is something which can be presented with honesty and

PANEL DISCUSSION ON WORKING MOTHERS

Monday, March 2

The Ramaz Upper School auditorium at 60 East 78th Street will be the site of a panel discussion on Working Mothers in the Ramaz community. It will take place on Monday evening, March 2, from 7:30-9:00 PM.

The program, the third in a series on Parenting, will be moderated by Isolde Sommer Cohen, the Ramaz Upper School psychologist. Included in the panel will be four parents all of whom are working mothers. They are: Judge Myriam Altman; Dr. Paula Elbirt Bender, pediatrician; Judy Kluger, attorney; and Ellen Bayer, Jewish Communal Service Executive.

The panelists will be discussing how to handle the sometimes conflicting responsibilities of motherhood and career as well as the effect that working has on family relationships with spouse and children and its impact on traditional Jewish family life.

Men and women of the community are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

with a sense of communal responsibility. If nothing else happens except consciousness raising on the need for a *get* in the event of a civil divorce the process will have been worthwhile. I believe, however, that the agreement also has legal force behind it and that it will be effective if ever it has to be used. Thank God, none of my agreements signed over the past five years has had to be used.

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I know that these are not easy proposals for this body to accept. I present them to you for your adoption, however, because there are today, and there will be tomorrow, hundreds of thousands of people who, through no fault of their own, are or will be ineligible for marriage to a large segment of the Jewish community. This tragic prospect warrants our most urgent and immediate attention because it poses consequences for our community that threaten to divide us irretrievably. It is not difficult to foresee that in the years to come, if we do not solve this problem, many members of our community will require the most detailed genealogical checks, going back generations, prior to marriage or even prior to casual social contacts. Such a condition would be totally abhorrent and, therefore, unacceptable.

The responsible thing, therefore, is for us to set a model for the rest of the community and to take a bold step for Jewish unity and responsibility. I urge all of you, my friends and colleagues, to join me in that step. Let us *get* with it.

Thank you!

KJ/RAMAZ PROVIDE EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP TO SOVIET JEWRY COALITION

Representing an extensive list of Jewish communal organizations, an extraordinary number of KJ and Ramaz people have been elected to leadership positions in the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews. The Coalition was formerly known as The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The Soviet Jewry movement remains one of the most important efforts of our time. We are proud that so many of our families, while active in other ways in the Jewish community, have also chosen to be leaders of this movement. We congratulate them and are pleased to list their names below along with the organizations they represent.

Honorary Chairman: Elie Wiesel

Vice Chairmen: Naomi Cohen (American Zionist Federation), Ezra Levin (Jewish Community Relations Council), Rabbi Haskel Lookstein (New York Board of Rabbis), Dr. Noam Shudofsky (Board of Jewish Education), Mel Stein (Manhattan Coalition for Soviet Jewry)

Corresponding Secretary: Nechi Shudofsky (AMIT Women)

Executive Committee: Sandy Eisenstat (Jewish Community Relations Council), Alvin K. Hellerstein (Board of Jewish Education), Daniel Ordan (JACY/Hillel), David S. Weil (Immediate Past Officer of the Coalition)

Executive Members at Large: Hon. Harrison J. Goldin, Pearl Hack, Joseph Kaplan, Irving Kagan and Irwin B. Robins.

Past Chairman: Hon. Robert Abrams

Board of Directors Members at Large: Tova Bulow, Nancy Dubler, Dr. Albert Hornblass, Ceil Kabakow and Marcella Rosen

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KEHILATH JESHURUN JOINS MAZON IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE HUNGRY

Affirming the tradition of being in the forefront of meeting communal needs, Kehilath Jeshurun has actively endorsed Mazon and joined with them in their efforts to help alleviate hunger in this country and around the world. MAZON (the hebrew word for *sustenance*) is an independent organization dedicated to galvanizing the Jewish community in an effort to meet the needs of those who are hungry. The idea for Mazon was first put forward in an article in MOMENT magazine in April 1985. The idea was to create a Jewish Response to Hunger and after an enthusiastic response, the original concept was translated into a practical plan of action. Essentially a volunteer organization, Mazon depends upon contributions from the Jewish community to support its efforts in the fight against hunger. Its goal is to make participation in Mazon an integral part of Jewish celebrations. With approximately 40,000 Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations each year and about as many Jewish weddings, the base of support is very broad. Mazon's suggestion of a donation of 3% of the cost of each celebration can go a long way in making a powerful difference. American Jews spend between \$500-800 million a year on catered functions. Even if only 20% contribute to Mazon, that's \$3 million a year. There's no reason that the Jewish community can't do considerably better than that.

While Mazon is particularly sensitive and responsive to Jewish needs, it nevertheless supports non-Jewish needs as well. This balance between parochial and universal demands is in accordance with the best of our tradition. Mazon's board of directors consists of leaders from all walks of Jewish life, from all over the country. Through grant requests and extensive research, Mazon is able to strategically accomplish even more than its dollars would indicate. We would like to see Mazon become a routine at Kehilath Jeshurun. It's a way in which we can share that with which we are blessed with those less fortunate. It's one of the most important things that we can do and it will ultimately be as beneficial for us as it will be for others.

Please contact Rabbi Polakoff at the synagogue office for further information.

RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

ANDREW FIER
Director

180 West 76th St.
(at AMSTERDAM AVE.)
ENdicott 2-6600

The KJ Community Players

presents

GREASE

A 50's Rock & Roll Musical

Book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

Directed by Carroll Goldberg

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 PM

\$15.00 per ticket

Sunday, March 22, 2:30 PM

Adults \$10.00 Children \$6.00

FOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE TO AID THE POOR

The Kehilath Jeshurun Food Drive Committee has been formed to help the poor and hungry in New York City. There are well over 60,000 people that are homeless and of this amount, more than one out of five are children. The committee, with your help and support, seeks to provide food for these less fortunate people.

Each month a certain type of food will be selected to be the "food of the month." The food selected for February is *canned fruit* such as peaches, pears, fruit cocktail and other similar items. The designated item should be brought to the synagogue and placed in the large food collection box in the lobby near the Ramaz school entrance.

At the end of each month, the goods will be distributed to two organizations, Project

Ezra and the Yorkville Common Pantry. Project Ezra is a non-profit organization which provides food and social services to the Jewish elderly and poor on the lower East Side. The Yorkville Common Pantry maintains a soup kitchen in the Yorkville community.

As it is written in the Torah, "If there is a needy man within any of our gates, we should not shut our hand from him, but should surely open our hand unto him." [Deuteronomy, Chap. 16, Verses 7 & 8.]

Please give each month, once, twice or as many times as you can so that we may help feed the needy and hungry within our midst. Each time you give you will have performed another mitzvah. It requires little effort and has such rewarding results.

PRICE OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO RISE NEXT SPRING

We are gratified by the number of new plaques that have been ordered and some already placed on the new memorial tablet on the western wall of the Main Synagogue.

The cost of a plaque on the memorial tablets has been \$500.00 for quite some time now. Inasmuch as we have limited space, the officers of the congregation have decided to increase the price for those plaques to \$650.00. That increase will not take place until May 1, 1987. Those who would like to reserve plaques for relatives who have passed away can continue to do so during the next few months through a contribution of \$500.00.

Arrangements can be made by contacting Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Leifert, or Ms. Leffler in the synagogue office. Please be prepared to provide the name in Hebrew as well as in English and both the English and Hebrew dates of death.

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BIRTHS

Mazel tov to our Trustee and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Baumgarten on the birth of their son, Harry William. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Muni Hammer on the birth of their grandson Jordon, born to their children, Drs. Claudette and Steven Kunkes.

Mazel tov to Dr. Daniel Javitt and Dr. Reba Kizner on the birth of their son, Michael Jacob. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, our Trustees, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Javitt.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nadler on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Aaron, to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Nate Lebowhl. Similar good wishes to the proud great grandmother, Mrs. Nettie Alpert.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Taic on the birth of their son, Alexander Kevin.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Apfelbaum on the birth of their son. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Apfelbaum.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schwartz upon the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Grace Fried to Nir Granot of Givatayim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baruch Garmazi of Tel Aviv.

May their wedding take place with happiness and blessing.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. Doina Bryskin on the passing of her father, Ludovic Levi.

Our condolences to Mr. Benson Frankel on the passing of his father, George Frankel.

Our condolences to Mrs. Edith Greenfield on the passing of her mother, Elizabeth Kreiss.

Our condolences to Dr. Andrea Thau Lieberman on the passing of her father, Dr. Edwin C. Thau.

Our condolences to Mr. Joseph Nathanson on the passing of his mother, Tillie Nathanson.

Our condolences to Mr. Leonard Smokler on the passing of his mother, Sophie Smokler.

Our condolences to Mrs. Rosalie Popper on the passing of her father, Abraham Haber.

Our condolences to Mr. Philip Stern on the passing of his father, Harry Stern.

May these Mourners be comforted among all those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

MAZEL TOV TO RABBI AND MRS. POLAKOFF

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Dale Polakoff upon the birth of their fourth child, a boy. The congregation celebrated the new baby's birth at a beautiful bris ceremony in the Main Synagogue on New Year's Day.

Yehuda Menachem joins his older siblings, Ephraim, Yosef and Elana as the Polakoff's newest addition to the KJ family. May the Polakoff children grow up to be a source of great pride and joy to their parents and strength to our community and to the Jewish people. We look forward to future happy occasions in their lives.

TWO MEMBERS OFF TO ISRAEL TO VOLUNTEER

We are happy to note that Miriam Levine and Bette Burak are now in Israel for a two month visit on a program called "The Hadassah Israel Winter Live-In Program." They are staying at the Blue Bay Hotel in Natanya and doing volunteer work in Israel. There are 90 people in the group.

We congratulate these two women on joining what sounds like a wonderful program and we look forward to hearing from them upon their return.

In Memoriam Frances Lippoff

We mourn the passing of a senior member of the congregation. Together with her late husband, David Lippoff, she loved to worship in our synagogue.

She was a warm human being, a wonderful mother and a generous person who accepted people as they were and enjoyed their company.

Mild and soft spoken, she nevertheless held her ideals firmly and was committed to her faith and her people. May her family be comforted among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

WEDDING

Mazel tov to our members, Jeff Kaufman and Carol Morgenstern upon their recent marriage.

COMMUNAL RECOGNITION

We congratulate Professor Leon Feldman upon his election to the Presidency of the Conference on Jewish Social Studies.

MAZEL TOV TO RABBI AND MRS. BIELER

A warm mazel tov to Rabbi Jack and Dr. Joan Bieler on the birth of their fourth child, a boy. His bris took place in our Main Synagogue when he was named Avraham Shmuel.

Avi joins his older siblings, Daniel, Miriam and Sara, all of whom are students at Ramaz, as a member of the KJ family and we welcome him. We look forward to his growing up in our midst and in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

A NOTE OF THANKS

One of the most important services that our community can provide is the maintenance of a minyan at a house of shiva. There is a tendency to not fully appreciate the importance and significance of that effort to a family which has sustained a tragic loss. We are sharing the following letter with you to show what a shiva minyan can mean to one such family. The feelings of this letter have been expressed to us time and time again. It should serve to underscore for all of us the need to attend a shiva minyan and to pay a visit to a mourner during the week of shiva.

Dear Rabbis Lookstein and Polakoff,

We wish to express our gratitude to the Rabbis and the congregants for the Mitzvah they fulfilled through their presence and participation in the daily Minyans and visits during the week of shiva with our family at our home.

Each service and its concluding Mishna was uplifting, helping to inspire comfort at this difficult time. It was very special to us that you tenderly touched our lives in this way.

*With sincere thanks,
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WEEKLY PORTION

February 7

Weekly Portion: Bo
Haftorah: Jeremiah 46

February 14

SHABBAT SHIRAH—
TU B'SHEVAT
Weekly Portion: Beshalach
Haftorah: Judges 4

February 21

Weekly Portion: Yitro
Haftorah: Isaiah 6

February 28

SHABBAT SHEKALIM
Weekly Portion: Mishpatim
Haftorah: II Kings 12

March 7

Weekly Portion: Teruma
Haftorah: I Kings 5

March 14

SHABBAT ZACHOR
Weekly Portion: Tezaveh
Haftorah: I Samuel 15

Service Schedule CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday Evening

February 6	5:02 PM
February 13	5:10 PM
February 20	5:19 PM
February 27	5:27 PM
March 6	5:35 PM
March 13	5:42 PM

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Evening

February 6	5:10 PM
February 13	5:15 PM
February 20	5:20 PM
February 27	5:30 PM
March 6	5:40 PM
March 13	5:50 PM

Saturday Morning

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Beginner's Service	10:00 AM
Youth Minyan	10:00 AM
Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
K'Tan Tan (Ages 3-4)	10:30 AM
Machon (Kindergarten-Grade 1)	10:30 AM

Saturday Afternoon

February 7	4:45 PM
February 14	5:15 PM
February 21	5:20 PM
February 28	5:30 PM
March 7	5:40 PM
March 14	5:50 PM

CONCLUSION OF SABBATH

Saturday Evening

February 7	5:57 PM
February 14	6:06 PM
February 21	6:14 PM
February 28	6:21 PM
March 7	6:30 PM
March 14	6:37 PM

Weekday Services

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

Evening

February 8-February 12	5:10 PM
February 15-February 19	5:15 PM
February 22-February 26	5:20 PM
March 1-March 5	5:30 PM
March 8-March 12	5:40 PM

SPECIAL DATES Morning Services

ROSH CHODESH ADAR	
Sunday, March 1	8:30 AM
Monday, March 2	7:15 AM
FAST OF ESTHER	
Thursday, March 12	7:15 AM
PURIM	
Sunday, March 14	9:00 AM