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115th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION PAYS TRIBUTE TO RAMAZ ON ITS JUBILEE CELEBRATION RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN AND MAX J. ETRA MEMORIALIZED OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The 115th Annual Meeting of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun was held on Wednesday evening, April 29, in the Kamber Auditorium. Following the National Anthems led by Cantor Mayer Davis and the invocation delivered by Rabbi Dale Polakoff, 61 new members were presented for membership in the congregation. Elaine Schreiber, Chairperson of the Welcoming Committee, introduced the following who were unanimously elected into membership:

Mr. Hershel Y. Allerhand
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alpert
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Banon
Dr. and Mrs. Paruiz Benhuri
Ms. Gitelle Berman
Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Berns
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Bernstein
Mr. Norman Birnbach
Mrs. Minnie Blank
Barry A. Bryer and Meryl E. Wiener
Mr. Arthur Chabon
Mr. and Mrs. Steven De Arakie
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deborah
Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel de Rothschild
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dicker
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edelsburg
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Elisofon
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fuchs
Mr. and Mrs. John Gelbard
Mr. and Mrs. Arie Genger
Mr. and Mrs. Baruch Glaubach
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Goldberg
Ms. Joyce Gottlieb
Mr. and Mrs. Uziel Haimoff
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Heller
Ms. Sharon Hyman
Drs. Jonathan and Marcia Javitt
Mr. Bernard Jereski
Mrs. Werner Josephs
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Kallet
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Kerzner
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Korman
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Lester Lederer
Dr. and Mrs. Mark Lebowhl

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Levene
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Levine
Mr. Paul Levitis
Mr. and Mrs. Meir Levy
Dr. Marvin F. Loring
Mr. Nathan A. Low
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey David Marcus
Mr. and Mrs. Israel A. Max
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miles
Mr. and Mrs. Marc Norris
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pellet
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Potaznik

Mr. Michael Rosenblum
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rubin
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Sacks
Mr. and Mrs. Les Schachter
Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Schluss
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schwartz
Ms. Irene Septimus
Mr. Isaac Richard Shalom
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sheena
Mr. Gabriel Sherover
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shipper
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RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN UPPER SCHOOL OF RAMAZ GRADUATES 101 SENIORS 32 to Study Torah in Israel Next Year Noga Aharoni Wins Third Place in World Bible Contest

Once again, Ramaz has graduated the largest class in its history at graduation exercises in the Main Synagogue of Kehilath Jeshurun on Wednesday, June 17. The class, in addition to being quantitatively large, is also qualitatively excellent in terms of the *menshlichkeit*, religious commitment and academic achievements of its members.

At least 32 of the graduating seniors will spend next year studying Torah at a variety of *yeshivot* and Torah institutions for men and women in Israel. This represents the highest percentage of seniors ever to make this decision to spend their first year after high school devoted to Judaic Studies in the atmosphere of Jerusalem and other parts of the Jewish State.

Congratulations to Noga Aharoni

We are very proud to announce that one of our seniors, Noga Aharoni, who came to us from the Dov Revel Yeshiva in Forest Hills, has, for the second time during her high school years, won acclaim in the International Bible Contest held in Jerusalem on Yom Ha'atzmaut. This time she placed third in the competition. She was actually first of all of the students from the diaspora. The two who placed above her are two yeshiva

boys from Israel.

Honors and Academic Achievements

The seniors continued in the Ramaz tradition by distinguishing themselves in academics and scholastic honors. In the National Merit Competition almost one-third of the class was cited for excellence, with one winner, three finalists and 27 letters of commendation. In the Regents Scholarship Competition, out of the 82 students who were eligible for Regents Scholarships, 64 won them, which represents almost an 80 percent winning record, probably the highest such record in the State of New York.

The students were accepted in multiple numbers by a variety of fine colleges and universities, including Barnard, Bar-Ilan, Brandeis, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, CUNY, Goucher, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, NYU, Princeton, Stern College, SUNY, University of Pennsylvania, Yale and Yeshiva, among others.

Finally, three students of the graduating class are Israeli citizens and will be returning this summer to Israel to enter the Armed Forces of Israel. We pray for their well-being and for safety in their mission in behalf of the Jewish people.

61 NEW FAMILIES INDUCTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

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Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Storch
Mr. Steven Tenenbaum
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vorcheimer
Prof. Reuvain Zahavy

Nominations

Following the election of the new members, Mr. Nathan Salzman presented the Nominating Committee report. He thanked Mr. Sam Silverstein, who had completed nine years of service on the Board, and was therefore ineligible to be nominated again. Mr. Salzman particularly noted Mr. Silverstein's exemplary participation in all aspects of synagogue involvement and expressed the hope for his continued active participation in the life of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Mr. Salzman then nominated the following for three year terms:

Eugene Alpert	Isaac Pollak
Tova Bulow	Mortimer J. Propp
Steven R. Gross	Herman Riederman
Dr. Bernard Kabakow	Joseph Roth
Edward Low	Frederik J. Schwartzberg

Fred Distenfeld, a member of the Associate Board was then nominated as a Regular Trustee for two years to fill the unexpired term of the late Max J. Etra.

The Nominating Committee Chairman re-nominated the current Officers of the congregation for an additional term, noting that they represent the best in Kehilath Jeshurun. The following, then, were re-elected by acclamation: Benjamin Brown, President; Stanley Gurewitsch, Vice President; Norman Bulow, Treasurer; and Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal, Secretary.

Appointment of Associate Trustees

Benjamin Brown then appointed the following as Associate Trustees for one year on the Board:

Harvey Arfa	Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn
Dr. Adam Bender	Harry Kleinhaus
Ruby Davis	Richard Kobrin
Abe Esses	Seymour Kramer
Harvey Geisler	Edward Lukashok
Ira Gober	George Rohr
Suzanne Javitt	Ronald Tauber
Burton L. Usdan	

Presentation of Resolution Concerning Membership Dues

Noting that the synagogue has accumulated a significant deficit over the past few years President Benjamin Brown presented a resolution to increase membership dues. The expansion of programming and resources that Kehilath Jeshurun has made available to the community increased

the costs of running a first class synagogue such as ours. Since the dues have not increased for three years, dues income, although growing from an influx of new members, has not been able to meet these needs. Mr. Brown explained that the extraordinary generosity of those who contribute to the Annual Synagogue Appeal has enabled the synagogue to continue and he expressed the hope that such contributions would continue to grow in the future. He added, however, that the Officers and Trustees felt that the responsibility for the budgetary needs of the congregation should be more fairly spread out among the broader membership.

After a lively discussion the By-Laws were amended to reflect the increased dues structure. Mr. Brown then thanked the membership for their continuing support and urged anyone who felt that the new dues was beyond their ability to pay to contact either Rabbi Lookstein or Rabbi Polakoff so that a special dues arrangement could be made.

Memorial to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

The President then had the pleasure and privilege of calling upon the Honorable Robert Abrams, Attorney General of the State of New York, to deliver the memorial tribute to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. The choice of the Attorney General was particularly appropriate because his record as a public servant reflects many of the ideals of fairness, compassion and heroism that were reflected by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. Mr. Abrams and his wife, Diane, have been members of the congregation for several years and their daughter attends the

Ramaz Lower School. The text of his address is printed elsewhere in this bulletin.

Memorial to Departed Members

Rabbi Lookstein then offered a special memorial tribute to Max J. Etra, an honorary President of the congregation, who had suddenly passed away three weeks before the Annual Meeting. He said as follows:

It was just three weeks ago today that the late Max J. Etra, Honorary President of the Congregation, passed away suddenly. It was perhaps symbolic that he died just after having attended morning services at Kehilath Jeshurun.

It is inconceivable to think about Kehilath Jeshurun without thinking about Max Etra. He was part of the heartbeat of this congregation. He loved every inch of it and he was zealous about every aspect of it. He wanted it to be the best it could possibly be and he spared no effort to help us reach that goal.

He was the first to arrive at services daily and on the Sabbath. He guarded the sanctity and dignity of the synagogue with no compromise. He greeted every member of the daily minyan and he particularly sought out those who would be ignored by others. The echo of his daily parting words: "Have a good day, you all" can still be heard reverberating in the Max J. Etra Chapel three weeks after his passing.

He served the congregation for twenty-nine years as president. He led two building and fund drives, one in 1946 which involved a radical refurbishing of the Main Synagogue and the synagogue house, and one in 1962 which made possible the construction of an annex to the synagogue house and an expansion of the facilities of Ramaz.



Attorney General Robert Abrams delivers Memorial Tribute to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

In 1937, when he was treasurer of the congregation, he made a significant pledge and gift to the school which enabled my father, of blessed memory, to launch this pioneer effort in Jewish education.

Max J. Etra's name, personality and impact will transcend his physical passing from our midst. We are proud to unveil a portrait tonight which will hang in the Jess Ward Library and which will be a physical reminder of his unforgettable role in our congregational family."

The Rabbi then offered brief eulogies for the following members of the congregation who were called to their eternal reward since we met last April:

Dr. Albert Cornell	Frances Lippoff
Joseph J. Einhorn	Ruth Magnus
Max J. Etra	Bess Sadinoff
Samuel Kassover	Leon Sigall
Hilda Berger	Dr. Anne Steinmann
Kaufman	Dr. Helen Zuckerman

The eulogies were followed by a memorial prayer chanted by Cantor Mayer Davis.

Special Presentation

As a surprise even to the people being honored, Benjamin Brown then made a special presentation in behalf of the congregation. He expressed the gratitude of Kehilath Jeshurun to Yvonne Koppel for her untiring efforts in running the KJ-Ramaz Judaica Shop over the past three years. Noting her devotion of time and talent, President Brown called Mrs. Koppel to the main floor where she received a beautiful gift presented by Rae Gurewitsch, president of the Sisterhood.

Mr. Brown also thanked Arlene Cohen who has been the major salesperson in the shop, as well as all the other women who have helped to maintain the Judaica Shop.



Portrait of Max J. Etra

Presentation of Ramaz Honorees

Acknowledging the observance of Ramaz's 50th year, the Annual Meeting became both celebrative and commemorative. In the spirit of Hakarat HaTov—gratitude—Rabbi Lookstein took special notice of individuals and families who played a decisive role in the founding and development of Ramaz and presented a certificate of appreciation to the following honorees:

Hannah Adler
Estelle Baumgarten
Lillian Brown Borenstein
Max J. Etra
Eleanor Gaynes

A. Phillip Goldsmith
Dr. Samuel Goodside
Lola Gross
Lillian and George Jacobs
Rita Kaufman
Hortense and Irving Kobrin
Gertrude S. Lookstein
Muriel Lukashok
Benjamin Miller
Mary Rem
The Sadinoff Family
Eleanor and Sidney Scheinberg
Linore Ward

The President then adjourned the 115th Annual Meeting and called upon Melvin D. Newman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz to conduct the Annual Meeting of the Ramaz School. Mr. Newman then called upon Lawrence A. Kobrin, Chairman of the Nominations Committee for the Ramaz School. Mr. Kobrin, who also serves as Chairman of the Ramaz Jubilee Celebration Committee and as Honorary Chairman of the School's Board of Trustees, presented the nominations report on behalf of the committee which included Co-Chairman Joseph Lorch, Benjamin Brown, Abe Esses, Ira Gober and Rosalie Kleinhaus. The following were nominated for three year terms as Regular Trustees:

Benjamin Brown	A. Phillip Goldsmith
Samuel Eisenstat	Steven R. Gross
Lillian Eisman	Ira Gober
Abe Esses	Ronnie Heyman
Fred Schwartzberg	

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Presentation to Yvonne Koppel.

In Memoriam to

EULOGIES DELIVERED BY RABBIS NORMAN LAMM AND HASKEL LOOKSTEIN AT THE

By Dr. Norman Lamm

Max Etra was more than an individual. He was an institution. He cut a large and unique figure in his community and in his society during the more than four score years that he inhabited this planet.

I knew him for more than thirty-five years, from the first day that I began my career in the rabbinate in this very building and in this very room. I learned quickly to appreciate the singularity of Max Etra, the last surviving member of that generation of a powerful family distinguished in the life of New York and American Jewry.

Perhaps a most appropriate, relevant, and timely way to describe Max Etra and his contributions to our community would be by referring to the introductory passage of the Haggadah. On the Seder night, we lift up the matzohs and we say: "*ha lahma anya*."

These words are usually translated as, "This is the bread of affliction," or poor man's bread. That could hardly be said about Max Etra. I prefer the alternative explanation given by the Sages: This is the bread *she'onim alav devarim harbeh*, over which many words are recited, the bread on which hangs a tale that bears repetition. And indeed, there is much to say, to tell and retell, about Max Etra.

This is the unleavened bread *di akhalu avhatana*, which our ancestors ate. It is an item which focuses us on our roots. It teaches us to appreciate our past, our origins.

Living in a generation of modernity and modernism, where the past is deprecated, the future is uncertain, and the present is ever evanescent, Max Etra knew who he was and where he came from. He was not one to derogate his progenitors, his family, his background.

Max was a loyal brother and brother-in-law, a doting uncle—he boasted of the fact that he practiced law with two nephews—but, above all, he was a good son. He took exemplary care of his mother. When she was widowed, he accepted upon himself every aspect of her care and comfort, travelling with her, and providing for all her needs. He considered no chore beneath his dignity. He also learned from her, fulfilling the Solomonic commandment, "Do not forsake the teaching of your mother." I remember casually suggesting to him, only a few years ago, that we do something to celebrate his 80th birthday. He recoiled, almost in pain, and said, "No way! My mother told me a long time ago that you don't reveal or celebrate

your birthdays, especially when you get older . . ."

Max was proud of his family, and they were proud of him. He became their "Etra"—a corruption of the original *Atarah*, "crown." He became the crown, the diadem, of the Etra family.

And even more than pride in his family and its Galician origins, he was a firm believer in tradition. The traditions of Judaism were dear and precious to him. He came to "daven" regularly, and he loved this shul. He was fierce in demanding respect for Jewish traditions and Jewish law.

His profound Jewishness expressed itself in his communal, charitable, philanthropic, and religious life. One could well divide his communal interest into two parts, parallel to the two expressions of invitations to join in the Passover feast: *Kol dikhfin yetei ve'yekhol*, "Let everyone who is hungry come and eat." This is an open invitation of universal dimensions—to the hungry and the needy of all people. The second expression is *Kol di'zrikh yetei ve'yifsa*, "Let all who are in need come and join us in the Passover Seder." Here the reference is to the specific Jewish dimension, symbolized by Passover.

Max Etra fulfilled his obligations in both respects. He was concerned with the poor and helped the needy, the lonely, and the sick. For many, many years he was a shining light in the leadership of Beth Israel Hospital, and he contributed to Federation for the same purpose.

And he was enormously dedicated to the Jewish dimension. He invited all to share at his Passover Seder. He cherished the Jewish people, Jewish faith, Jewish tradition, Jewish education—every aspect of Torah. That is why he was so active in Israel Bonds and UJA, and so fond of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, of Ramaz, and especially—Yeshiva University.

Only last week, he was Guest of Honor at the Centennial Celebration that was initiated, conceived, and executed by the undergraduate students of Yeshiva University. It was *their* decision to honor him—and he was genuinely moved by the invitation and proud of the honor. The students summed up the importance of Max Etra in one line: "His contribution to Yeshiva University was monumental." Indeed, Max will need no engraved stone marker as his monument. Yeshiva University and its progress are his greatest monument.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees for over forty years, and its Chairman for

close to a quarter of a century, then becoming Chairman Emeritus. He liked to tell of the share he had in beginning the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The late Dr. Belkin, whom he loved and revered, turned to a distinguished member of the community in the presence of Max Etra, and asked him for a major gift—a sum that is significant even by today's standards. The gentleman said he would do it only if someone else would take the lead and make a similar contribution first. Dr. Belkin looked at Max Etra in near despair and said, "What are we going to do now?" Max replied, "I will do it!"—without having the least notion of how he would be able to fulfill that obligation.

But Max's philanthropy was more than a matter of money. It was a *personal* commitment. He came to every event, every meeting, every celebration, every Commencement, of Yeshiva University. He considered our supporters and friends part of a larger family, and therefore made it his business to be present at every significant occasion in their lives, sad or happy. And in the early years, he travelled from city to city, spreading the good word about Yeshiva and Einstein.

He sought not only funds for Yeshiva University. He aspired too to make friends for us. He applied to Yeshiva what the Rabbis define as the means of applying the love of God: "To love God means to act in such a manner that people will love the God you worship."

In soliciting friends and strangers for Yeshiva, as well as for other causes, he went to considerable pains never to hurt the more modest donor, never to embarrass the one who could not give as much as he expected. He approached people with the utmost sensitivity—almost with what might be called a stylized graciousness.

The truth is that Max did not just work for causes that he cherished. He was married to them. He loved them, lived for them, believed in them. Yeshiva University, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, Ramaz, Beth Israel Hospital, all the others—they gave him his meaning in life. They were as a family to him—with all the nuances of a complex family relationship, with all its ambivalences and intricacies. To these institutions and their leadership he was, as to one's family, a loving critic and a critical lover. And now we, his extended family, are his survivors and mourners.

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Max J. Etra

FUNERAL IN THE MAIN SYNAGOGUE OF KEHILATH JESHURUN — APRIL 9, 1987

by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

We gather on the eve of *Shabbat Hagadol* to mourn the passing from our midst of a *gadol* — a giant of our day, a man who most of us felt would somehow go on forever. If ever there were an appropriate time, however, to bid farewell to Max J. Etra, that time is now, on the eve of *Shabbat Hagadol*. One of the reasons for the name which this *Shabbat* bears is that on this *Shabbat* the *d'rasha* was given by the *gadol* of the community. It was, literally, the *Shabbat* of the *gadol*.

Today, as Mr. Etra's soul rises to an *olam she-kulo Shabbat* — a world of Sabbath peace — it is truly for him and for us the eve of *Shabbat Hagadol*. For that is what he was: a *gadol*, a giant in our midst, a great man, a powerful personality in his family, in the community and in his private piety before God.

The obituaries and the tributes will be impressive and extensive, but they will eclipse to some extent the foundation of Mr. Etra's *gadlut*; for he was first and foremost, before everything else, a *gadol ha-bayit*, a giant in his family. It began with honoring his parents and, particularly, with the extraordinary devotion to and care for his mother. Rarely has a man demonstrated such regard and respect as Max Etra displayed for the matriarch of his family. Until her passing he was her servant and guardian. He continued in that role for the whole family. Every day he called around to check in: "How are you?" "What's new?" Every birthday, anniversary and *yahrzeit* was meticulously recorded in his bulging pocket diary and observed with absolute faithfulness.

His family, in turn, treated him as the *gadol ha-bayit*; with deference, respect and endless love. His sisters-in-law were exceptionally devoted to him. His nephews and nieces showed him deference. Four of his nephews will share the *kaddish* for him during the next eleven months. *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* were always spent with the family. Passover was the crowning event of the year. For decades, here in *shul* and then at the home of one of the brothers and sisters-in-law, the *Seder* was conducted and Max was the organizer. It was *his* holiday and, appropriately, it was his birthday, too. This Passover he would have been 84 years old.

If his life began as a *gadol ha-bayit*, it continued as a *gadol la yehudim* — a giant in the community. Others will touch on his great contributions to Yeshiva University —

his greatest passion — and to Beth Israel, the United Jewish Appeal, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (of which he was a past President), and the widest range of communal concerns. But KJ was his home. Wherever else he contributed his time and talent, his humor and commitment, his precise sense of what was right and what was wrong, he always felt that KJ was his home.

For 29 years, from 1940 to 1969, he presided over this congregation as President during its greatest period of growth and development, helping my father, of blessed memory, to bring KJ into the forefront of modern Orthodox Jewish life. It is literally impossible to imagine this *shul* and congregation without him. It is inconceivable that he is not sitting in his seat right now listening, looking, observing and making informed judgments about this funeral service. In fact, I guess in some way he is doing just that and I would almost love to hear some of his choice comments about how this service was arranged, who is here and who is not. He never missed a trick.

He loved this *shul* and this *shul* loved him. He was its heart and soul. He was at every daily *minyan* for years. He never missed a funeral, a *shiva* or a hospital visit. Just the other day he visited a lady in Lenox Hill Hospital who is a stroke victim and who can't communicate. But her children said that when Mr. Etra walked in her eyes lit up. How many eyes did he light up in this manner over his four score years?

Fifty years ago he played a pivotal role in the founding of Ramaz. My father wanted to start Ramaz in 1937. Times were bad. The depression was not over. The congregation's Board of Trustees was hesitant. Mr. Etra, then Treasurer of KJ, asked my father at a Board meeting how much the deficit for the first year would be. My father gave a figure. Max J. Etra answered, "You got it!" And so Ramaz was born — and was he proud of its children. He gloried in their accomplishments, even as he considered the honor paid to him two weeks ago by the students of Yeshiva and Stern College, to be the finest tribute in his life.

He will be missed here by all of us — but perhaps most of all by the children. He playfully gave candy to many of them every *Shabbat*. He came with his pockets bulging. For many of those children it was part of their joy of Judaism and their happiness in the synagogue.

He was *gadol la-yehudim* — a great man

to leaders, to rabbis, to lay people and, yes, especially, to the children.

Finally, he was a *gadol* before God, in his own private, humble, unostentatious manner. He was a pious Jew. He didn't miss a word of *davening*, a syllable of the Torah reading, or a beat of the *hoshanos* on Hoshana Rabbah. He was a *shomer Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* scrupulously and he guarded the sanctity of the synagogue in his abiding concern for precision, decorum and dignity.

As a pious Jew he was also a *ba'al tzedaka* — not just in important, large gifts to worthy institutions, but also in the small contributions in need. He carried an envelope with him for emergency *tzedaka* purposes. He supported many indigent rabbis whose families his mother used to support. And he was always ready to help another Jew with a favor, a call, an intercession of a gift. This, too, is *gadlut* before God.

Max Etra died probably in the way he would have wanted to when God's appointed time came. He was in *shul* yesterday morning, a half hour early as usual. He finished the Psalm for the day which, on Wednesday, ends with *l'chu n'ranana* — the opening verses of greeting for the Sabbath — this week the Sabbath of the *gadol*. He waited for the announcement of the time for *mincha* and then said to everyone, as he did every morning: "Have a good day, you all!" Shortly thereafter, he died.

Dear Mr. Etra: For the last few years you have suffered quietly in pain. You never wanted to become infirm. And you never did. You died *bnishika* with a kiss from God whom you served and whose people you loved.

This is, truly, your *Shabbat*, your good day, a time for you to be rewarded for all that you have done. So, Mr. Etra, all of us now say to you: Good *Shabbos*. We will remember you and all that you stood for. We will try to maintain your standards as best we can. May you, in turn, inherit a *yom she-kulo tov* — a really good day, a day of eternal rest, reward and peace. Amen.

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Kehilath Jeshurun extends heartiest co

Leah Brueckheimer, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Meir Brueckheimer, upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz as a recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. She has been named a Max Stern Scholar at Yeshiva University. Leah received the Myer Appleman Memorial Award for excellence in and commitment to religious studies; The Aron and Leah Swergold Memorial Award for excellence in Talmud; Isaac Rapaport Bible Award for excellence in the study of Bible, and the French Award for outstanding ability in French. Leah will study for a year at Michlelet Bruria in Jerusalem, before beginning her studies at Stern College.

Stuart Perry Chesner, son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky, upon receiving his Doctorate in Psychology from Case Western Reserve University. His thesis was a study of Children's Cognitions Pertaining to Developmental Issues and Adjustment at Summer Camp.

Jason Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cohen, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He has been a member of the hockey team for three years and Chairman of the Young Democrats. Jason received the Fanny Popkin Memorial Award for excellence in fine arts. He will attend SUNY Binghamton in the fall.

Jacob W. Doft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avrum Doft, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship and as a recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship contest. He was co-captain of the hockey team and a member of the softball team. Both of those teams won championships this year. Jacob was a founder and President of BIC (Business Investment Club) and ran the Math Clinic. He was one of 150 teen tycoons who participated in a conference at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, about which an article was written in the *Wall Street Journal*. Jacob will attend the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Jonathan Doft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Doft, upon his graduation from York Prep. He will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Michael Doft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Doft, upon his participation in the London program at Syracuse University. He has completed his second year at Syracuse.

Abraham Marc Eisenstat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Eisenstat and grandson of Mrs. Esther Eisenstat, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was a member of the hockey team and co-chairman of the

Tzedakah Committee. Abe was also found of BIC. He will study for a year at Yeshivat HaKotel before entering the Honors Program at Lehman College.

Nicole Freezer, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Salzman, upon her making the Dean's List at Brandeis University.

Michael F. Fried, son of Mrs. Annette Schwartz, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship and as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. He wrote for *RamPage* and did photo work for the yearbook. Michael starred in English and Hebrew dramatic productions. He will attend Hebrew University in the fall.

Robert Eric Geisler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Geisler, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was co-captain of the basketball team and a member of the AV squad. He received the Sports Award for outstanding performance in athletics. Robert will attend the University of Maryland in the fall.

Beth Goldman, daughter of Mrs. Estelle Goldman, upon her graduation from Harvard Law School. She will be working as a law clerk for Judge Sifton.

Robert Greenfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenfield, upon his graduation from Syracuse University with a BS in Finance. He will be working on Wall Street.

Anne Gurewitsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gurewitsch and granddaughter of Mrs. Rose Gurewitsch, upon her graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. She has been a member of the chorus and the Bikur Cholim Society, as well as a youth leader at KJ. Anne will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

Daniel P. Hirsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hirsch, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He has been a goalie for the hockey team, and a member of BIC and the tech crew of the AV squad. Daniel delivered the closing prayer at the Commencement Exercises. He will attend Boston University in the fall.

Judah Holstein, grandson of Mrs. Gertrude Bloch, who is presently a Belkin Scholar in the Early Admissions Program of Yeshiva University, has won a New York Regents Scholarship and received a National Merit Scholarship Commendation.

Jonathan Seth Hornblass, son of Hon.

and Mrs. Jerome Hornblass, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was a member of the hockey team and scored the only goal for Ramaz in the hockey championship game. J.J. was co-chairman of the Tzedakah Committee. He will attend BMT in Jerusalem in the fall.

Joshua Kagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kagan and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation Magna Cum Laude from Brandeis University with a BS in political science.

Sharon Katz upon her graduation from FIT with a degree in Fashion Marketing.

Eli Kavon, son of Cantor and Mrs. Paul Kavon and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation Magna Cum Laude from Columbia University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received a Hofstadter Fellowship in the History Department to pursue a Masters and Ph.D. over a four year period at Columbia.

Seth Alan Kenvin, son of Mrs. Evelyn Kenvin Rosenbloom, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship and as a recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. He was captain of the Math team, which finished first in the Senior A Division of the New York City Interscholastic Math League and was director of finance for BIC. He was also one of three Ramaz students on a team in the 1987 Annual American High School Mathematics Exam, which had the fourth highest score in the metropolitan New York area. Seth was a congressional intern last summer. He received the David Franklin Memorial Award for outstanding work and dedication to the scientific method and the City of New York Comptroller's award for outstanding achievement in science, mathematics, computer technology or economics. Seth also received the Physics Award and Mathematics Award. He will attend Cornell University in the fall.

Elyssa Aileen Klotz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klotz, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She has been a member of the Ramaz family for the past twelve years. She will attend NYU in the fall.

Jeffrey B. Kobrin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Kobrin and grandson of Mr.

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and Mrs. Irving Kobrin, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He was coordinator of Freshman Seminar and the director of the senior play. Jeffrey was chairman of the Jewish Affairs Committee and editorial editor of *RamPage*. He received the Keter Shem Tov Award for exemplifying the qualities and character advocated in Pirke Avot; the Lillian Jacobs Award for excellence in character and dedication to the spirit of Jewish ethics; the School Service Award for contributions to school programs, and the Debby Sacks Award for excellence in English Dramatics. Jeffrey will study for a year at Yeshivat Shalevim in Israel, before beginning his studies at Columbia University.

Barbara Kramer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Kramer and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Queens College with a BS in Economics. She will be working in the real estate field.

Diane Lederman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lederman and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Brandeis University with a BA in English.

Nancy I. Lederman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lederman, upon her graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. She was a member of the band and chorus. Nancy will attend SUNY-Albany in the fall.

Yael Tamar Lewin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Lewin, upon her graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. She was co-editor of *Parallax* and in her senior project, she worked at Sotheby's in Chinese art collection and was called the best intern they have ever had. Yael has studied modern dance and ballet for many years. She will attend Barnard in the fall with a double major in dance and English.

David Lewittes, son of Hon. and Mrs. Joel Lewittes, upon his graduation from NYU Law School. He will be an associate at Kaye Scholer Fierman Hays and Handler in New York City.

Ronald Lewittes, son of Hon. and Mrs. Joel Lewittes, upon his graduation from Boston University Law School. He will be an associate at Webster and Sheffield in New York City.

Felice Lindenbaum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Lindenbaum, upon her graduation with honors from The Forman School in Litchfield, Connecticut. She will attend Mount Vernon College in Georgetown in the fall.

Shira Lookstein, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskell Lookstein, and granddaughter of Mrs. Morris Katz and Mrs. Joseph Lookstein, upon her graduation from Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University Cum Laude. She was Associate Literary Editor of the *Literary Art Journal* and Literary Editor of the Stern College Yearbook. Shira served in March as Head Advisor at the Yeshiva Seminar for high school sophomores. She will be an Assistant Teacher in the Ramaz Kindergarten in the fall.

Deborah Major, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Major, upon her graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. She was co-chairman of the Chesed Committee and a member of the chorus. Debbie received the Sue Moskowitz Chesed Award for demonstrating exceptional concern for people and kindness to those in need. She will study for a year at Michlelet Bruria in Jerusalem, before beginning her studies at Barnard.

Peter Neal Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from Harvard University with a BA in History and Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude and an MA in History. He was awarded a Hoopes Prize for a distinguished senior thesis and was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. In October he will begin work on a Ph.D. in History at Trinity College, Cambridge University, where he received a three year scholarship.

Diana Hilary Newman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Newman, upon her graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship and as a recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. She was co-chairman of the Assembly Committee. Diana was named a Centennial Scholar at Barnard, one of eight entering freshman so named. She will study for a year at Michlelet Bruria in Jerusalem, before beginning her studies at Barnard.

Evelyn Rochlin on being awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee for this summer. Her topic of study will be "Feminist Classics in American Culture."

Burt Rosen, son of Mrs. Marcella Rosen and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from University of Chicago with a BA in History.

Richard Rubenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rubenstein and grandson of Mrs. Ada Rubenstein and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from New York University College of Business and Public Administration with a BS in Finance.

Steven Rubenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rubenstein and grandson of Mrs. Ada Rubenstein, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He was co-captain and star of the basketball team. He served as senior Vice President of the General Organization and was a member of Mishmar. Steven received the David Kagan Memorial Award which is presented to the student athlete who best exemplifies the values of sportsmanship and *menschlichkeit* both on and off the playing field. He will study for a year at Yeshivat HaKotel in Jerusalem, before beginning his studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Benjamin S. Ryp, six year old son of Hon. and Mrs. Norman C. Ryp, on his selection as the youngest awardee in the UJA-Federation 1987 New York City Children's Art Contest, winning second prize for his color drawing on Tzedakah.

Kenneth Isaack Sadinoff, grandson of the late Max and Bess Sadinoff, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He was a member of the soccer team and the chorus. Kenny has been active in English drama for many years and is the recipient of the Debby Sacks Award for excellence in English Dramatics. He will study for a year in BMT in Israel, before beginning his studies at Boston University.

Jonathan Scharfstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Scharfstein, upon his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine.

Suzanne Scharfstein, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Scharfstein, upon her graduation from the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine.

Jeremy Nicholas Schwalbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schwalbe, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was captain of the Service Squad and a member of the basketball team. Jeremy will study for a year at Yeshivat HaKotel in Jerusalem, before beginning his studies at Yeshiva University.

Jonathan Shapiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shapiro and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feder, upon his graduation from the Marsha Stern Talmudical High School. He will be attending Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel in the fall.

Sandy Shapiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shapiro and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feder, upon his graduation with honors from Yeshiva College.

Leora Shudofsky, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Queens College with honors in English Literature. She will continue her studies at the Hunter College School of Social Work.

Daniel Edward Silverman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Silverman, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was co-chairman of the Chesed Committee and a member of the hockey team. Danny will study for a year at BMT in Jerusalem, before beginning his studies at Yeshiva University.

Alexander Waldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Waldman and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Waldman, upon his graduation from Moriah School in Englewood, N.J. He will be entering Form III at Ramaz in the fall.

RAMAZ LOWER SCHOOL EXCELS IN MATHEMATICS CONTEST

The Ramaz Lower School participated in the New York Math League Elementary Grades Contest and had the second highest score in the State among 882 schools which participated. We had the highest score in Manhattan. Two of our students were tied for third place among all of the students in Manhattan. The top scorers in grade 6 were Roy Astrachan, Jared Chipkin, Ari Tuchman, and Daniel Haimoff. Zoe Cohen of grade 5 was among our top five scorers.

Congratulations to the individuals and special commendation to the entire elementary school staff for this collective achievement.

RABBI MOSHE ROSENBERG MARRIES DINA MEYER

The entire congregational family wishes a hearty mazel tov to our Ritual Director and Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg on the marriage of their son, Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg to the former Dina Meyer. Dina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Meyer of Monsey.

The wedding took place on June 7 in the Main Synagogue.

Rabbi Rosenberg was literally born into the congregation and has grown up in our midst. He has been an Assistant Youth Director, a teacher in our Adult Institute, a frequent Torah reader on Saturday mornings and Rabbi of one of our Parallel Services on the High Holy Days. We are happy to welcome Dina into our congregational family. Those of us who have already met her know what a fine young woman she is and look forward to greeting her again during the summer and on Rosh Hashanah. May Dina and Moshe be blessed with many years of happiness.

MAY THEY GO HIGHER AND HIGHER

We extend a warm Mazel Tov to the following young members of the Congregation who participated in Advancement Day Exercises as they completed the Ramaz Lower School.

Joshua Crane
son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Crane
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son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Esses
Rachel Fried
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son of Drs. Vladimiro and Sara Rosenberg
Ari Tuchman
son of Dr. Alan Tuchman and Dr. Shera Aranoff

KJ PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL AT 92ND STREET Y

Kehilath Jeshurun was one of 44 organizations represented at the JEWISH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL AND SALUTE TO THE JEWISH MOTHER held at the 92nd Street Y on Mother's Day, May 10.

The program featured performances and concerts, organization booths, celebrity talks, music, slides, dance, wine tasting and food, seminars and storytelling.

The primary goal of the event was to give local organizations a forum to showcase themselves and thereby to inform the community as to the extraordinary Jewish resources in our midst.

A special slide show about the congregation was developed by Howard Katz and Ella Leffler. It was an outstanding presentation of life at KJ, the many activities we conduct and the people who make up our fellowship.

Special thanks go to the members of our congregation who represented KJ and Ramaz throughout the day at our booth. They were: Sharon, Howard, Amber and Jonathan Katz, Dr. Robert April, Isaac Pollak, Marty Rochlin, Ori and Eitan Plasse and Dr. Ted and Suzanne Goldstein. Additionally, the committee included Harry Kleinhaus and Phyllis Kukin. We appreciate the work that each of them did and also thank our Administrative Director, Ella Leffler, who coordinated the entire project.

SURVEY OF RAMAZ ALUMNI

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Ramaz, a survey of all alumni for whom addresses are available is being conducted. The purpose of the research is to find out what former Ramaz students have been doing since they left school and what their thoughts are about their Ramaz education.

In April, 1600 questionnaires were sent out and, as we go to press, over 500 have been returned. Dr. Nathalie Friedman of Columbia University, who is conducting the study, noted that while the response thus far is encouraging, the accuracy and utility of the results of this study depend upon the response of *each* former Ramaz student.

Accordingly, if you, or a member of your family, have received a questionnaire, but have not as yet returned it, please do so just as quickly as possible. (If, by any chance, you or a family member are a Ramaz graduate but have not received a questionnaire, please call Dr. Noam Shudofsky's office at Ramaz—HA 7-1000—and one will be sent out immediately.)

The study findings are to be published in the forthcoming Jubilee Volume, a collection of scholarly articles in honor of Ramaz' 50th anniversary, scheduled to go to press at the end of this summer.

TWO KJ TEENS ELECTED TO RAMAZ G.O. OFFICE

We are proud to extend a Mazel Tov to two young members of the congregation who have been elected to office in the Ramaz Student General Organization.

They are: Larry Tanz, President, and Ari Ackerman, Secretary.

We wish them and their fellow officers well and are pleased to see the leadership of the Jewish community being passed on to another generation.

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A beautiful and traditional way of observing a yahrzeit, anniversary, birthday or special simcha is to celebrate with the community by sponsoring a Shabbat morning kiddush.

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Memorial to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

By Hon. Robert Abrams, Attorney General of The State of New York

In PIRKEI AVOT it is written:

He whose wisdom exceeds his works, to what is he compared? To a tree whose branches are many, but whose roots are few; and the wind comes and plucks it up and overturns it upon its face.

But he whose works exceed his wisdom, to what is he compared? To a tree whose branches are few, but whose roots are many, so that even if all the winds in the world come and blow upon it, it cannot be stirred from its place.

The life of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, of blessed memory, was blessed with wisdom and works. His 76 years were marked by endless examples of both. There was no necessity to philosophize which virtue was more important. Each enriched the other and yielded to us an extraordinary legacy of achievement.

Rabbi Joseph Lookstein's wisdom was exhibited in his writings, his sermons, and in the classrooms where he taught brilliantly for so many decades. His insightful thoughts were an inspiration and guidepost for multitudes. That wisdom was imparted with a special eloquence.

His works are legion. The nurturing and development of this great congregation, Kehilath Jeshurun; the molding of a great university in Israel, Bar Ilan. He served as President of an incredible number of Jewish organizations including: The Rabbinical Council of America, Mizrachi, The Synagogue Council of America, the New York Board of Rabbis, and The Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the Jewish National Welfare Board. Of course, his greatest contribution was the conception and creation of Ramaz.

Joseph, of ancient biblical days, was a visionary. He was an interpreter of dreams. Rabbi Joseph Lookstein was also a visionary. He, however, was not limited to interpreting the dreams of others. His creative, fertile mind allowed him to dream dreams and then,

with courage, energy and enthusiasm, bring them to living, working reality. The creation of a Hebrew day school which would combine the scholarly and reverent teaching of our faith and heritage together with a full secular curriculum was a startling vision of Jewish pride and progress. His dream was of a school where TORAH scholarship could rival that found anywhere in the world, whether in Eastern Europe, Palestine or in Williamsburgh, here at home. The spiritual strength of Torah would enrich and undergird a secular curriculum that would be the pride and envy of any American, a bold and radical idea at the time. The creation of a unique school in this unique land which would produce proud, informed, educated and observant American Jews. Rabbi Lookstein, the visionary, was boldly standing up to the extremists on both the right and the left. Ramaz was the first progressive Jewish day school in the country and became the model for the hundreds that have followed. It represented then, as it does today, the balance between a modern American existence and a respect and inculcation of Jewish values.

Rabbi Lookstein was special because he not only was the religious scholar but also the wonderful human being. Talmud Torah Im Derech Eretz. We must learn Torah together with appropriate respect for our brothers and sisters. Menschlichkeit, tolerance, respect, balance, decency. These were crucial words and concepts in the Lookstein philosophy.

He was not only our Rabbi, but our friend and confidant. The twinkle in his eye, his sense of humor, and his zest for life were spellbinding and indeed contagious. He was a man of enormous talent but yet so humble. I was amazed each year, as I marched in the Israel Day Parade with Diane, Rachel and my parents, how when we passed him sitting on his folding chair on 84th Street and 5th Avenue, he would jump up, wave, yell and applaud. What a nice man!

We gather for this occasion between the

celebration of Holocaust Remembrance Day and Israel Independence Day. Just as this evening's program bridges these two events, so did Rabbi Lookstein's life. He lived through the darkest hour of our people and participated as well in rebuilding the Jewish State from the ashes of the holocaust. He was a man of hope and optimism. He pressed forward in times of adversity, striving for days of celebration.

Rabbi Lookstein could not have led such a magnificent life of contribution if he did not have a stalwart partner at his side. Gertrude was a strong, encouraging, comforting, elegant force in his life. She owns and deserves a special place in our hearts.

Rabbi Lookstein's children were not only living and devoted but gave him nachas. Nathalie's academic and professional accomplishments, as well as her wonderful family, were a constant source of pride. He admired her personal strength and resiliency in overcoming family tragedy. Joe kvell-ed as Haskel's professional standing and attainments kept ascending and, of course, when he assumed the pulpit here at Kehilath Jeshurun. Appropriately, our Rabbi is maintaining the Lookstein tradition of leadership in so many ways including the Presidency of the New York Board of Rabbis and his important initiatives in seeking unity for the Jewish community during these tumultuous times.

We celebrate tonight the memory of a great man. We celebrate the 50th Anniversary of one of his monuments. We take time to reflect on his extraordinary life in the hope that his wisdom will abide with us and illuminate our minds and souls. As parents, as citizens, as Jews we face great challenges. We best honor Rabbi Joseph Lookstein by meeting these challenges with the same prayerful grace and humble courage which permeated his life and deeds.

It has been said that—"It is easier to fight for your principles than it is to live up to them." Rabbi Joseph Lookstein lived by and fought for a single set of principles. Principles which, if we hold dear and loyally follow, will continue to lead this congregation and the Jewish people on the path of righteousness and achievement.

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ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS RAMAZ JUBILEE

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Dr. Perry Davis and Ronald Tauber were nominated as Parent Trustees and Frederic S. Goldstein and Steven Koppel were nominated as Alumni Trustees. Mr. Kobrin then thanked Ezra Levin, Ira Rennert, Marcella Rosen and Frances Schub for having served with distinction as members of the Board of Ramaz.

All of the nominations were approved by acclamation. Thereupon Mr. Kobrin declared the Annual Meeting of Ramaz to be adjourned.

Benjamin Brown then called upon Rabbi Haskel Lookstein for closing remarks. Rabbi Lookstein spoke briefly about the gratitude of everyone for the exceptional commitment and dedication exhibited by the Officers, Trustees and congregational members to the well-being of both Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz. He encouraged those who were newly affiliated with the congregation to participate in the many activities and services offered by Kehilath Jeshurun. Reflecting on the significant contributions of Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz to the general and Jewish community over the past fifty years, Rabbi Lookstein offered the hope and prayer that the next fifty years will see both of these institutions going from strength to strength as they continue to grow and develop.

Following the Rabbi's remarks the members participated in a delightful social hour in the Social Hall.

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Presentation to the first of the Ramaz honorees, Mrs. Joseph Adler, by Lawrence A. Kobrin, Benjamin Brown and Melvin D. Newman.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN'S BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED IN SOFT COVER BY VINTAGE NEXT WINTER

We are very happy to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's book, *Were We Our Brothers' Keepers? The Public Response of American Jews to the Holocaust, 1938-1944* has been accepted for publication by Vintage, a division of Random House. The soft cover publication is scheduled for January, 1988.

The forthcoming publication by this prestigious house will ensure that the Rabbi's book will be found in bookstores all over the country and that copies of the book will remain in print for a long time. That is the tradition of the Vintage label.

We congratulate the Rabbi on this wonderful news. It is a source of particular gratification to us that the message of the Rabbi's book

will now reach the widest possible audience.

There are only a few hard cover copies left out of the original printing of almost 6,000. Those who are interested in obtaining copies of the hard cover edition can do so by contacting Florence Cohen in our office. The books are still available through our office at the special price of \$14.95 plus tax, \$4.00 below the list price of \$18.95. They should be part of every library in every concerned Jewish home. They will also make wonderful gifts for children and adults who will be able to use them for reference in the years ahead and to pass on to future generations the history of the American Jewish response to the Holocaust while it was occurring.

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Rabbi Lamm Eulogizes Max J. Etra (continued from page 4)

We, the entire community, owe Max Etra so very much. Having passed away just five days before the Passover holiday, perhaps our special Kaddish for him should come in the form of the *Dayyenu* hymn. Let us paraphrase the *Dayyenu* for Max Etra:

If Max Etra had only been the kind of man who attracted little children to Torah with sweets—*Dayyenu*, it would have been enough.

If Max Etra had only been generous in financial support of so many causes—*Dayyenu*, that would have sufficed.

If Max Etra had only assumed a leadership role in various community organizations—*Dayyenu*.

If he had only been committed to us emotionally—*Dayyenu*.

If he had only been concerned with the sick and the hungry and lonely—*Dayyenu*.

If Max Etra had only been involved in synagogues and Day Schools, in Yeshiva University and all Jewish education, out of concern for the Jewish future and the future of the State of Israel—*Dayyenu*.

But he did all these things, and much more, and for this we pay him this last tribute—and of such tribute we can never say *Dayyenu*, that is enough for him.

I began this eulogy with the definition of *lahma anya* as the kind of bread over which much is recited. Permit me to conclude with the added sentence provided by that great commentator, Rashi.

Rashi adds: what is it that we recite over the matzoh?

"We chant the entire Hallel (the praise of God from the Psalms) to its conclusion, and we recite the Haggadah."

We here are *gomer et ha-Hallel*. We conclude (*gomer*) this last tribute to Max Etra, the last time he will be Guest of Honor, by praising him and hailing him for a life well and nobly spent; and we will recite the Haggadah of his profoundly significant contributions from generation to generation.

May his noble soul be bound up in the bond of immortal life.

BIKKUR CHOLIM SOCIETY HONORED BY MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING

On Tuesday evening, May 12, the Bikkur Cholim Society of Kehilath Jeshurun was honored by the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The occasion was the Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony of the Cancer Center and our Bikkur Cholim was presented with a magnificent scroll of honor for its ten years of service to the hospital and to the community.

On every Shabbat and Yom Tov for the past ten years members of the Bikkur Cholim Society of Kehilath Jeshurun have been conducting services, visiting patients and helping to provide for the special needs of Jewish patients and their families at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. On Rosh HaShana volunteers walk the hallways in search of patients who have not yet heard the Shofar being blown. On Sukkot they take Lulav and Etrog in hand and offer this Mitzvah to patients in the hospital who would not otherwise have this chance. They also make kiddush in the Sukkah that the Hospital builds for its Jewish patients. And on all Yom Tovim they run Yizkor services so that those who were unable to be in a synagogue have the opportunity to remember friends and family who have passed away.

The Bikkur Cholim Society is best known for its Shabbat visits. Whether it is just a simple greeting of Shabbat Shalom, the chance to make kiddush for someone confined to bed, or the opportunity to help someone down to the Chapel to participate in Shabbat services, our group is greeted warmly by the staff and patients of the hospital. These acts of Chesed, done every week for the past ten years, have given a sense of fulfillment to the members of Bikkur Cholim and a great deal of pride to all of us at Kehilath Jeshurun.

The Bikkur Cholim Society is open to anyone from Kehilath Jeshurun who would like to participate in any aspect of its program. For more information please call Rabbi Polakoff at the synagogue office.

HATZOLAH TO BE STARTED ON THE EAST SIDE

Following the establishment of a Hatzolah unit on Manhattan's West Side, a number of our members have inquired about the possibility of such a unit existing on the East Side as well. Hatzolah is a Jewish volunteer ambulance corp staffed by community members who have been trained and certified as New York State Emergency Medical Technicians. This training, which is equivalent to that received by the Emergency Medical Technicians of the city's 911 system, plus the commitment to the community of its members results in a very rapid response time in the case of a life threatening illness. Often a delay of only a few minutes can result in the difference between life and death.

In order for our efforts to be successful, we are looking for people who work in the community during the day and who would be available to be "on call." Anyone who fits such a description and is interested in receiving the training and serving with Hatzolah, or who is interested in helping to establish such a unit should contact Rabbi Polakoff at the synagogue office.

ANDREW FIER OPENS NEW JEWISH FUNERAL HOME ON THE UPPER WEST SIDE Plaza Memorial Chapel

Amsterdam Avenue and 91st Street

We are pleased to announce that our devoted member, Andrew Fier who used to be the President of the Riverside Memorial Chapel, has now opened a new Jewish funeral home, the Plaza Memorial Home, on the corner of Amsterdam Avenue and 91st Street.

Mr. Fier was for many years the President of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America. He led the fight for traditional funeral practices in Jewish establishments throughout the country. For many years he has been the prime mover behind an annual conference, sponsored jointly by Yeshiva University and the Jewish Funeral Directors of America, on subjects related to death, mourning and bereavement.

We feel that Mr. Fier is rendering a very important communal function by opening this chapel and we wish him well in this new service to our congregation and to the wider community.

The Plaza Memorial Chapel can be reached at 212 769-4400.

The congregation will continue, of course, to service our members, their families and the wider community at the Riverside as well as at the Plaza Memorial Home. Our Chevra Kaddisha for men and for women can conduct a *tahara* at either place.

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Mazel tov to David and Ricki Bernstein of Jerusalem on the birth of their son, Yonatan Chaim.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Zew Braun on the birth of their son Jonathan Merom. Similar good wishes to the proud great grandmother, Mrs. Rita Kaufman.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brinn on the birth of their son David Elliot.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Murray Davidson on the birth of their grandson Daniel Benjamin, to their children, Marian and Bill Amodeo.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Sasha Englard on the birth of their grandson Menachem Manus, to their children, Ilana Sarith and Dr. Steven Tennenbaum.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Gustave Etra on the birth of a great granddaughter, Jamie, to her grandchildren, Elizabeth and Daniel Jick of Newton, Massachusetts.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Warren Hammerschlag on the birth of their daughter Sara Ann. Similar congratulations to the proud grandparents, our Trustee and Mrs. Irwin Shapiro and Dr. and Mrs. Irving Hammerschlag, and to the great grandparents, our long time members, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feder, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Shapiro.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hess on the birth of their daughter Gabrielle Dina.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jesselson on the birth of their son Jonathan Judah.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. James Kardon on the birth of their son Joseph Bertrand.

Mazel tov to Prof. and Mrs. Abraham Katsh on the birth of their grandson Gideon Noam, to their children, Prof. Ethan and Dr. Beverly Katsch of Springfield, Mass.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kronen on the arrival of their son Joshua Eric.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Levine on the birth of their son Hart Z.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Levine on the birth of their daughter Calley Hannah. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Levine.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Rita Kaufman on the birth of her granddaughter, Talya Akiva, to her children Dr. Adam and Meryl Hurwich of Boston.

Mazel tov to Mr. Joseph Roth on the birth of a great granddaughter, Sara Rachel, to his grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maganziner.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sanders on the birth of their son Emmanuel.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Schacter on the birth of their daughter Margo Bess. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedman and the proud great grandmother, Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Tobie Tugendhaft on the birth of their daughter, Brigitte Rifka.

Mazel tov to Dr. Alan Tuchman and Dr. Shera Aranoff on the birth of their son.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Zlotogorski on the birth of their son. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wyszogrod.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gallin on the birth of their eighth child, a daughter named Catherine Simone.

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. Albert Bernstein on the engagement of their daughter, Eva Michaela to Clifford L. Wasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wasser of Long Island.

Mazel tov to Joel Mandelbaum on his engagement to Kayla Braun of the West Side. Similar good wishes to the happy father of the groom, Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum.

Mazel tov to Dan Ordan and Debbie Parnass on their recent engagement. They met at Kehilath Jeshurun.

Mazel tov to Dr. Philip Wilner on his engagement to Judy Schaer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schaer.

May these weddings take place with happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to Hershel Allerhand and Elizabeth Coffin on their recent marriage.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Scharfstein on the marriage of their son Dr. Jonathan Scharfstein to Dr. Shoshana King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald King.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Weiler on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary. May they enjoy many, many more years together in happiness and good health.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Steven Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brown, has signed a multi-year contract as head coach with Timra, a professional ice hockey team located in the North of Sweden. We wish Steven much success as Sweden's youngest professional ice hockey coach.

We are pleased to congratulate Rabbi Leon A. Feldman, Professor of Hebraic Studies at Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, for publishing a critical edition of R. Nissim ben Reuben's *Commentary on Babyl. Talmud tractate Shavuoth*, (RaN). He also had a learned article "Las' Responsa de Rabi Nissim Girondi y Puntos Desconocidos Segun Los Manuscritos" included in the *Anuario de Filologia* (10,1987) of the Universidad de Barcelona.

We congratulate Dr. Seymour Cohen on his election as Vice President of the New York Cancer Society.

We are proud to congratulate Dr. Meyer Texon on the recent publication of his book entitled "Can The Cardiac Stand Trial?" In this important source book, based on his experience in 100 documented cases, Dr. Texon helps lawyers, physicians, and judges prepare for their courtroom appearances. The reports and opinions in this book are considered models for all who must wrestle with the difficult question of when cardiac patients can or cannot stand trial.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Philip Wilner has been appointed as chief resident in psychiatry at NYU Hospital - Payne Whitney Clinic. Dr. Wilner will begin a small private practice and conduct research in affective disorders.

We congratulate Ruth Frank Zlotnick on the publication of a book, of which she is co-author, entitled "The Book of Jewish Books: A Reader's Guide to Judaism." It is a popular reference book for the person who wants to learn and read about Judaism.

We congratulate Harriet Garfinkel Blumberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Garfinkel and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her being named Middle School Administrator and Educational Director at the Solomon Schechter Day School in her area of Chicago. Two of her three children are graduates of the school while one is in the 5th grade.

Communal Honors

Dr. Irwin Weisbuch was honored by Aishel Avraham Residential Health Facility at its Ninth Anniversary Dinner at the New York Hilton. Dr. Weisbuch was presented with the 1987 Medical Service Award for his extraordinary sensitivity to the needs of the patients at Aishel Avraham and for his exemplifying the tradition of Judaism in caring for the aged. We are pleased to note this fine honor bestowed upon such a wonderful man.

We extend best wishes to Dr. Lawrence A. Kobrin upon his election as president of the Jewish Center on West 86th St. We wish him success in this very important service to a sister synagogue.

Congratulations to Lillian Eisman on being honored by the Board of Jewish Education upon the completion of a three year term as President. When asked why she became involved in Jewish education, Mrs. Eisman answered: "My interest in Jewish education was a product of my children. They were a 'turn-on' for me. I always envied their Jewish education, and through them, realized the importance of Jewish learning."

We congratulate Rosalie Kleinhaus for completing three years as President of the Ramaz Parents Council. The scope and depth of activities sponsored by the Parents Council has grown enormously during her tenure in that position. We welcome Evelyn Katz as the new President and wish her much success in her new position.

We are pleased to note that the mother of Mrs. Ida Frankel, Mrs. Frances Becker Hirsch, was a guest of honor at a special scholarship reception tendered by the American Society for Technion. It is nice to see her philanthropy recognized by such a fine institution.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mr. Eugene Alpert on the passing of his mother, Esther Alpert.

Our condolences to Mrs. Susan Frankel on the passing of her father, Erich Levi.

Our condolences to Mr. Jeffrey Kaufman on the passing of his father, Martin Kaufman.

Our condolences to Mrs. Lois Kirsh on the passing of her father, Martin Max Urban.

Our condolences to Mrs. Joan Mantel on the passing of her father, Schia Licht.

Our condolences to Dr. Norman Orentreich on the passing of his mother, Anna Orentreich.

Our condolences to Mrs. Ashella Perlberger on the passing of her mother, Paula Marcus.

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

In Memoriam

Tillie Backer

She had been affiliated with our congregation for some 50 years. Together with her late husband, Max Backer, she saw the development of this congregation and watched generations of worshippers come and go.

A fine, pious lady, she reared her two sons in our midst and she served as a model of a Jewish wife and mother. We mourn her passing.

Dr. Albert Cornell

An outstanding physician, a devoted servant of the community, and a good friend to many in our congregation, Dr. Cornell was widely respected in the Mt. Sinai Medical community and beyond. He served for many years as a member of the Community Planning Board in our neighborhood.

He loved to *daven* in our *shul*. He would lead the services on a *yahrzeit* and he knew how to chant the prayers with expertise. A loving husband and father, his smiling countenance will be missed by his family and by the community.

Theodore Joseph Krulwich

A graduate of Columbia College and Columbia Law School, he passed away in the prime of life as the beloved son of our members Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Krulwich.

Ted was a precious personality, warm and loving to all whom he knew, devoted to Jewish causes, a servant of this community on its local Planning Board and a generous contributor to worthy causes.

He loved to study Talmud whether at KJ or in other places. He was a gifted lawyer, admired by his colleagues and cherished by his friends.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved parents and brothers.

Joseph J. Einhorn

Whenever he sat in shul there was a beautiful smile on his face. He loved KJ and everything about it. He contributed to our program and he was part of the life of this community.

A brilliant lawyer and an astute observer of political affairs, he believed in the ideals of public service and responsibility.

He was a mentor to younger colleagues and a counselor and guide to all who knew him. We will cherish his memory.

Samuel Kassover

He was a long distance member of ours but, nevertheless, a steadfast supporter of our congregation and a warm friend of Ramaz. His grandchildren are all graduates of our school.

Sam Kassover was a leading Jewish layman throughout a long and productive Jewish life. He was one of the founders and builders of the Atlantic Beach Jewish Center and he was a major supporter of many important Jewish causes in New York and around the world.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife, our member Jean Kassover, and also to Morty Kassover, Sam's son and our devoted member as well.

B'NOT MITZVAH



ELEANOR HEYMAN

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Heyman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Eleanor, which took place on Sunday, June 14, in Connecticut. Elie delivered a Dvar Torah on the message of the menorah and recited passages from the Bible and the Prophets.

Elie will enter the eighth grade at Horace Mann in September.



DANA LANDAU

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Leo Landau on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Dana, which will take place on Thursday, August 27, in Jerusalem. Dana will deliver a Dvar Torah on Israel's Holy Places.

Dana will enter the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz in September.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday Mornings	7:30 A.M.
Monday, Thursday and Rosh Chodesh Weekdays	7:15 A.M.
Sabbath Mornings	9:00 A.M.
Evenings (Except Saturday)	6:45 P.M.
Friday Evenings	6:45 P.M.

SABBATH SCHEDULE

	Friday Lighting of Candles	Sabbath Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
July			
3-4 Chukat	8:12	8:20	9:14
10-11 Balak	8:10	8:20	9:12
17-18 Pinchas	8:07	8:15	9:07
24-25 Matot-Masei	8:01	8:10	9:00
31-Aug 1 Devarim (Shabbat Chazon)	7:55	8:00	8:53
August			
7-8 Vaetchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	7:47	7:50	8:43
14-15 Ekev	7:38	7:45	8:32
21-22 Re-eh	7:28	7:40	8:22
28-29 Shoftim	7:17	7:30	8:10
September			
4-5 Kiteze	7:06	7:10	7:59
11-12 Kitavo	6:54	7:00	7:48
18-19 Nitzavim-Vayeilech	6:42	6:50	7:34
23 Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:34		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, July 14

The Fast of the 17th of Tamuz

Saturday, July 25

Blessing for the Month of Av

Monday, July 27

Rosh Chodesh Av

Monday, August 3

Tisha B'Av Eve

Mincha Services at 8:00 P.M. followed by Maariv and Reading of Eicha

Tuesday, August 4

Tisha B'Av (Morning Services at 7:00 A.M. with reading of Lamentations)

Evening Services at 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 22

Blessing for the Month of Elul

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 25 & 26

Rosh Chodesh Elul (Services at 7:15 A.M.)

Saturday Evening, September 19

The First Selichot at 10:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 23

Erev Rosh Hashanah

EIGHTH YAHREIT OF RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

The Yahrzeit of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein of Blessed Memory, will take place on the 18th of Tamuz corresponding to Tuesday evening, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15. Services will be at 6:45 P.M. and 7:30 A.M.