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ULTIMATE ISSUES: A SHABBAT OF ETHICAL INQUIRY PROFESSOR SID Z. LEIMAN

Scholar-In-Residence

Friday and Saturday, November 13-14, 1987

Friday Evening Shabbat Dinner — Saturday Afternoon Seudah Shlishit

FRIDAY EVENING

**Who Shall Live
and Who Shall Die?**

*Jewish Perspectives
on Lifeboat Ethics*

An introduction to the essential teachings of Jewish Ethics by means of a case study: the shipwreck of the William Brown. In 1841, an American ship, the William Brown, struck an iceberg and began to sink. A lifeboat was lowered from the main ship and some 40 passengers and crew members managed to jump into it. Unfortunately, this was twice the number of people it could hold under the best of circumstances. In order to prevent the lifeboat from sinking and taking everyone to his death, 20 people had to be cast overboard. The deed was done; and when the survivors returned safely to the United States, they accused the officer in charge (on the lifeboat) of murder on the high seas. He was tried, found guilty, and sent off to prison. Is it permissible for an officer at sea to decide which passengers will be cast overboard, and then to physically evict them against their will? What criteria should be used in deciding who lives and who dies? How does Jewish teaching address the issue of "Who shall live and who shall die?"

SATURDAY MORNING AT SHABBAT SERVICES

Rabbi Abraham Isaac

Hacohen Kook:

*Portrait of a Gadol on the
50th Anniversary of his Death*

The lecture will focus on *ahavath yisrael*, as reflected in Rav Kook's dramatic intervention in the Arlosoroff affair. In one of the most courageous acts in Jewish history, Rabbi Kook — the late Chief Rabbi of Palestine (d. 1935) — single handedly saved the life of the Jew who was accused, tried, and convicted of murdering a leader of the new



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yishuv, Chaim Arlosoroff. The Mandate court in British Palestine sentenced him to death by hanging. Rabbi Kook came to his rescue, but alienated the entire Jewish community of workers in Palestine, who considered his stance outrageous and an affront

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RESERVATIONS FOR FRIDAY DINNER NOVEMBER 13

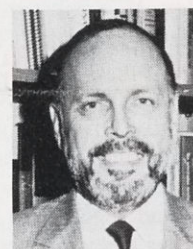
The several Friday night dinners held throughout the year have become a very popular part of the synagogue calendar. It is a time to share in the tradition of the Sabbath including the joyful singing of shabbat zmirot. Frequently we have been oversubscribed and, unfortunately, many people who wished to join us could not be accommodated. We, therefore, urge you to make reservations immediately so that you may share in the spirit of the evening. The cost for adults is \$17.50 and for children, including full-time students through university level is \$10.00.

A check in the full amount must accompany your reservation. Due to space limitations, only those attending the Friday evening dinner can be accommodated for the lecture that evening.

RAMAZ PARENTS COUNCIL JUBILEE II DINNER DANCE TO HONOR

DR. NOAM SHUDOFSKY

Sunday, January 17
at the Marriot Marquis



Dr. Noam Shudofsky

We are happy to announce that our esteemed member and co-worker, Dr. Noam Shudofsky, who is completing his 25th year of service to Ramaz, will be the guest of honor at the Jubilee II Dinner Dance of the Ramaz Parents Council on Sunday, January 17, at the Marriott Marquis. The Dinner celebrates the second half of our 50th Anniversary celebration. The school was founded in September 1937 and completed its first year in June of 1938.

Dr. Shudofsky came to Ramaz 25 years ago as a teacher in the senior class and as an assistant to Mrs. Lillian Jacobs. He has now served for a score of years as the Administrator of the school, in which capacity he is responsible for a good deal of the fund raising, the office management, the supervision of the buildings and of all purchases and many other things which help to make Ramaz the school that it is. In actuality, he is deeply involved in the educational life of the school and his relationship with students and faculty is extraordinarily good.

We are proud to salute Dr. Shudofsky, his wife Nechi, and his entire family on this much deserved honor. We hope that many members of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will want to join in this tribute and in the celebration of Ramaz's 50th year. Tickets to the Dinner Dance can be obtained through the Ramaz Upper School office at 427-1000, 60 East 78th Street. The charge is \$500 per couple.

We Welcome

The Children of the Ramaz Nursery
and Their Parents
to Shabbat Services and Luncheon on
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scholar-In-Residence continued

to British justice. Rabbi Kook defended his stance in an incredible and masterful letter which has largely gone unnoticed. The presentation will make available—for the first time—an English rendition of Rabbi Kook's letter.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON
SEUDAH SHLISHIT —
4:00 PM

Scholars and Scoundrels:
A Study in Jewish Forgery

The contemporary Jewish community is plagued by literary and artistic forgeries that are sold in Jewish bookstores and art galleries as if they were genuine. The presentation focuses on one rather extraordinary forgery, how it was done, and how it was exposed. Specifically, a rabbi forged several volumes of the Talmud, sold thousands of copies, and managed to fool some of the leading rabbis and scholars of a previous generation. It was a work of genius, and it took a team of even greater geniuses to expose the forgery and identify it as a fraud.

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DR. SID Z. LEIMAN

Dr. Sid Z. Leiman is Professor of Jewish History and Literature and Chairman of the Department of Judaic Studies at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. He previously served as Professor of Jewish History and Literature and Dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University.

Professor Leiman was a visiting scholar in Jewish Law and Ethics at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics in Washington, D.C. and was a senior scholar in Judaic Studies at Yale University.

A widely read author, Rabbi Leiman has also contributed articles to the Encyclopedia Britannica and to the Encyclopedia Judaica. He holds a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
November 13-14, 1987

Please reserve _____ adult and _____ child(ren's) places for Friday dinner.
Adults \$17.50 Children \$10.00

Enclosed please find \$ _____.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (day) _____

(evening) _____

THE HIGH HOLY DAY SEASON IS OVER BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The *yomim tovim* were beautiful and memorable. It was all made possible by the work and devotion of many people. Our profound thanks, therefore, to the following.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Rabbi Dale Polakoff, and to Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg for their sermons, leadership of our services and chanting of the prayers.

Cantor Avrum Davis, Cantor Mayer Davis and Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz for their beautiful *chazanut* and inspiring singing.

Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg for his great care in organizing so many facets of the services and also for his Torah reading.

Dr. Adam Bender, Dr. Marrick Kukin and Mr. Steven Wagner for their sounding of the shofar which touched us and, we trust, reached God.

Arthur Eckstein who davened Shacharit so nicely in our Social Hall service.

Joshua Lookstein and Jonathan Blum who read the Torah so beautifully in our two

parallel services.

Robert J. Leifert who, together with **Chani Wolk** of our synagogue office, was responsible for seating close to 1,600 people on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and who gave attention to every request and tried, within the realm of possibility, to honor the requests.

Ella M. Leffler, Florence Cohen and Hattie Murphy who worked well beyond the call of duty to prepare so many things which enhanced the services.

Rudy Arjune and the maintenance staff of the congregation who worked with great diligence, devotion and commitment to do the things that had to be done behind the scenes in order to make the holidays so beautiful.

Our Officers, our Gaba'im and our volunteer Ushers for maintaining the smooth operation of the services in a spirit of dignity and piety.

AN UNFORGETTABLE SUKKOT

Our Thanks to

Asher Levitsky and Company

Sukkot of 1987 will be remembered as the biggest and best ever. For the first time, we had to have a second sitting at one of our meals. On the first night of Sukkot 92 members of the congregation volunteered to begin their meal at around 9:15 so that everybody could be accommodated in the Sukkah. During the course of six meals, from Wednesday night through Shabbat lunch, we served approximately 1,500 meals, enjoying a capacity attendance at virtually every sitting.

Asher Levitsky and his volunteer crew ran everything with extraordinary devotion and expertise. Ella Leffler took care of all of the reservations in a very efficient manner. Rudy Arjune, our superintendent, together with a large staff of maintenance and kitchen workers, somehow held everything together and did not collapse in the process although they worked extraordinarily hard. David Scharf Caterers provided very tasty meals for everybody.

But the lion's share of the credit belongs to Asher. He ran all of the meals and he had some wonderful help. Among those who helped him to do the job well were:

Jack and Susan Alpert

Drs. Paula and Adam Bender

Ida Frankel

Sheila Freilich

Dr. Ted and Suzanne Goldstein

Lily Levitsky

Michal, Shimon and Koby Oppenheim

Dr. Stephen Stowe

Ted Goldstein

and his Succah Decorators

We would also like to thank Dr. Ted Goldstein, President of the Men's Club, who led the decorating effort for the Sukkah. He took this job over from Ady Trautman who had done it for years. She continued as the supervisor but Ted and his volunteer crew did the work. We would like to thank the men of the Men's Club, the women of the Sisterhood, the couples of the Couples Club, the members of our Synagogue Chavurot and a wonderful group of children who truly made this a family effort.

And Finally . . . Boris Klotz

One of the most beautiful moments during Sukkot was the appearance in our *shul* of Boris Klotz, formerly of Moscow and now of Jerusalem. He and his wife attended services in our synagogue on the first day. Boris received the first *aliyah* of his life and he also recited the *gomel* blessing, thanking God for his liberation from the Soviet prison. He then spoke from the pulpit and delivered an interesting and stirring message to a community about which he knew a great deal (Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein had met him and talked extensively with him in Moscow last May) and which he urged to continue its work in behalf of all those who were left behind.

We have now had the privilege of welcoming so many Soviet Jews to our synagogue and to our pulpit. In late August we welcomed Anatoly Scharansky. Now it was Boris Klotz. We are waiting anxiously for Vladimir and Masha Slepak.

WE NEED YOU

There is a life threatening issue that needs your response! The shortage of blood has reached crisis proportions. One hour of your time can truly make the difference in the life of an individual.

Mark your calendars now. THE ANNUAL KJ-RAMAZ BLOOD DRIVE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 9:15 AM-2:45 PM, KJ SOCIAL HALL.

Join with us in the mitzvah of sustaining life.

IF YOU NEED US

Should you need blood donations, we will contact our donors for direct blood transfusions. At least one week's notice is generally needed.

To arrange for a transfusion in advance of an operation or birth or for other expected needs, please call any of the following individuals of our Blood Drive Committee:

Janie Trencher Jaffee534-2529
Judy or Barry Kluger879-0973
Jerry Berkowitz988-6255
Claire Deutsch288-4225
Robert Leifert (synagogue office)
.427-1000

The Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood
cordially invites its members and friends to its next

OPEN MEETING

Monday, November 30, 1987 - 12:30 PM

in the KJ Social Hall

*A Sisterhood farewell tribute to
Rabbi Dale and Gail Polakoff
and an art slide show by Gail Polakoff*

A light lunch will be served

AM HASEFER TO BEGIN NEW SEASON NEW PARTICIPANTS INVITED Sunday, November 15, 8:00 PM

The 1987-88 season of Am HaSefer begins on Sunday evening, November 15, at 8:00 PM with a discussion of the book *Adieu, Volodya* by Simonne Signoret.

One of France's best loved actresses, Signoret was also a woman who fought for the rights of oppressed people around the world. Beginning as a Communist Party "Fellow Traveler" she soon grew disillusioned with Communism and deeply involved with the cause of those oppressed at the hands of State, especially those Jews massacred in the Gulag Camps of the Soviet Union. In this novel, published posthumously, she pours out her concerns for such people.

The Am HaSefer Book Reading Club provides the opportunity to read and discuss books which shed light on contemporary Jewish life. Discussions are held in the homes of participants and are led by members of the group.

The first discussion will be led by Dr. Robert April and will be hosted by him and his wife in their home at 40 East 88th Street, between Park and Madison Avenues.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to join the group and asked to give the synagogue office a call to advise us that you will be attending.

GALIL RESTAURANT OPENS ON LEXINGTON AT 85TH

We are proud to welcome as our new neighbor the GALIL RESTAURANT, a glatt kosher eatery with an Israeli-style menu around the corner from KJ on Lexington Avenue between 84th and 85th Streets. It is five stores south of 85th on the west side of the avenue.

The establishment which is open for lunch and dinner Sunday through Friday afternoon serves an a la carte menu with main dish items varying in price from \$6.00-\$16.00 per person. Main dish items are served with vegetable salad and a choice of rice or french fries.

GALIL serves several appetizers, side orders, salads, a daily soup, beverages including Israeli beer and a variety of delicious desserts. There are several daily specials that are added to the menu each day.

The Middle Eastern and Moroccan specialties are prepared well and served in a very pleasant ambiance by a dedicated and warmly devoted staff. They also have an extensive take out menu.

We invite and encourage you to patronize this establishment in order both to enjoy it and to help keep such a kosher restaurant prospering in our community. Tell them: "I'm from KJ, the synagogue around the corner." Let them know we welcome their presence and the service they are providing for our community.

KJ TO HOST JEWISH COMMUNITY BENEFIT CONCERT

The second annual Midtown Jewish Community Benefit Concert will be held on Sunday, December 6, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Main Synagogue of Kehilath Jeshurun. We are proud to note that two members of our family have taken leadership roles in producing this program. Cantor Avrum Davis is serving as cantorial concert chairman and Carroll Goldberg, Director of Music for the Ramaz Upper School is serving as Choral Coordinator.

The concert will benefit the Midtown Board of Kashrut, the Mid-Manhattan Mikveh and Hatzolah - the West Side Division Ambulance Corp.

The featured artists are Cantors: Peter Barron of the Jewish Center; Moshe Gefen, Park East Synagogue; Sherwood Goffin, Lincoln Square Synagogue; Shimon Kugel, West Side Institutional Synagogue; Philip Sherman, Shearith Israel-Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue; David Tevlovits, Orach Chaim and our own Mayer Davis as Host Cantor from Kehilath Jeshurun. A special treat will be the children's choirs of Manhattan Day School, Park East Day School and our own pride and joy, the children of Ramaz.

The concert is sponsored by twelve leading synagogues and day schools in the midtown area. It is a tribute to the growth and strength of the Midtown Jewish community that we are witnessing a reacclimation of solidarity in a demonstration of communal concern.

Concert sponsorship at \$100 entitles two people to preferential seating and admission to the post-Concert champagne reception. General admission tickets are available at \$20 each. As host congregation and school, we are particularly anxious for a strong showing from our synagogue and school community and, therefore, encourage you to attend and to invite others to join with you here in the Main Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, December 6.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$20.00 each.

☐ We wish to be sponsors (entitles you to two preferential seats and admission to post-concert champagne reception) at \$100.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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Address _____

Phone (day) _____

(eve) _____

GOOD NEWS FOR WOMEN SEEKING RELIGIOUS DIVORCE

by Haskel Lookstein, Reprinted from *The Jewish Week*

There is good news for the year 5748. The year 5747 saw a first in the New York Jewish community: Rabbis of all different viewpoints worked together on a religious problem and brought it closer to a solution.

The problem we faced is vexing: How to enable all Jews to marry freely with each other. One reason the problem exists is that many Jewish marriages today end in divorce—about one in four. Most of the divorced couples obtain only civil divorce. They do not arrange for a *get* (religious divorce). Most divorcees marry a second time. That marriage is invalid, according to Orthodox and Conservative Jews, unless a *get* has been obtained to end the first marriage. In the case of a second marriage for a woman who has not received a *get*, children of that second marriage are considered *mamzerim* (illegitimate), according to Torah law, and are ineligible to marry other Jews except for *mamzerim*.

The problem is exacerbated by a number of factors. First, most Jews do not even know what a *get* is. Second, most Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis do not require a *get* as a prerequisite for remarriage.

No one is really at fault, certainly not the children of that second marriage. The situation has simply developed over the years, and its seriousness has increased as the incidence of divorces—and remarriage—have risen.

When a candidate for remarriage suddenly needs a *get*, he or his former spouse may be uncooperative, vindictive or ask outrageous sums to gain compliance. (Would any sum not be outrageous?) The aggrieved party then has two choices: to marry contrary to Jewish law—at least as far as Orthodox and Conservative Jews understand it—or to remain single (an *agunah*).

A committee of the New York Board of Rabbis was authorized by the board to propose a resolution to solve this problem. The participants included Rabbis Gunther Hirschberg and Marc Gelman (Reform), Gilbert Rosenthal and Allan Blaine (Conservative), Robert Aronowitz (Reconstructionist), and Marc Angel and myself (Orthodox).

We were all united on the desire to solve the problem. The biggest hurdle was the egalitarian structure of a *get* (the man gives it; the woman accepts it). Some suggested that if we could egalitarianize the document, there would be no problem. Others countered that if we did that, there would be no *get* either.

We decided together—and some of my colleagues compromised greatly on this—that as important as egalitarianism may be as a religious principle for some of us, the ability of all our children to marry freely among each other was of greater import to all of us.

The resolution, which was passed both unanimously and enthusiastically by the Board on May 13, contained the following three parts:

1. We called upon every rabbi to counsel his (or her) congregants that in the event of a civil divorce the congregant should make certain to arrange for a Jewish divorce—*get*—from a religiously recognized tribunal authorized to issue such a document.

2. We called upon synagogues and the wider community to take sanctions against any divorced person who refused to cooperate with a former spouse who wished to obtain a *get*. Such sanctions would include the withholding from such a person of any honors or privileges within a congregation, or any officeholding of honors in the wider community.

3. We suggested that rabbis encourage couples who are about to be married to sign a prenuptial agreement providing that in the event, God forbid, the marriage ends in a civil divorce, the husband and wife will cooperate in the giving and receiving of a *get*.

This resolution was made possible by a spirit of mutual love and respect which members of the New York Board of Rabbis have for each other. We do not obscure our differences. But we accept each other as idealistic proponents of differing points of view arrived at by deep religious convictions.

In most areas, we simply agree to disagree. But on the issue of *get*, we saw a problem which threatens to divide our people into two groups, whose members will not be able to marry each other. Because our commitment to the Jewish people as a whole transcends whatever adjective may be prefixed to our interpretation of Judaism (Reform, Reconstructionist, etc.), we acted as one. We hope that other boards of rabbis will do the same.

In this season of the year we all recite the same prayer: "May all be bound together as one to perform Thy will with a full heart." May this be fulfilled for all Jews this year and for many years to come.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB

cordially invites you to its

Annual Fall Theatre Party BREAKING THE CODE

Starring Derek Jacobi

Written by High Whitmore

Directed by Clifford Williams

Saturday Nite, December 5th

THE NEIL SIMON THEATRE
250 West 52nd Street

\$60.00 Per Ticket
Payable to K.J. Men's Club

THE STORY

The story is based on the best-selling biography *The Enigma of Intelligence* by Andrew Hodges. It tells the immensely moving and sensitive true story of Alan Turing, the extraordinary Cambridge mathematics genius who is considered the father of the modern computer and who was hailed by Winston Churchill for service to this country when he broke and deciphered the impossibly intricate major German wartime code.

THE REVIEWS

Breaking The Code is described as a "brilliant . . . intelligent and engrossing" smash hit in London where Jacobi, as the show's original star, gave a most distinguished performance.

London reviews of Jacobi describe him as magnificent and remarkable in his portrayal of the British mathematician Turing. He is remembered in America for his exceptional leading performances in the popular Masterpiece Theatre series, "I, Claudius," and for his Broadway debut in the drama "The Suicide."

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL FALL THEATRE PARTY

Please reserve _____ tickets for the K.J. Men's Club Theatre Party on Saturday Nite, December 5th.

Enclosed is \$ _____ payable to the K.J. Men's Club.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Day _____ Evening _____

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS AT KJ NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that an extensive calendar of activities geared toward senior members of the congregation has now been developed covering the period from now through June.

Activities on the calendar include:

*a weekly Lunch and Learn program on Wednesdays from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

*almost monthly visits to the Philharmonic for their Thursday morning rehearsals

*Ramaz Upper and Lower School theatrical productions, holiday celebrations and other events

*two special intergenerational Shabbat luncheons, one to be held in January and the other to be held in April

*and a two day bus trip to Philadelphia scheduled for next June

The Lunch and Learn programs include a cycle of four presentations which will be:

**Contemporary American Jewish Fiction* led by Nancy Gallin

**Jews and Early America—A Bicentennial*

Discussion led by Robert J. Leifert

**The World of Jewish Music and Art* led by Elana Weinberg

**Yiddish and Yiddish Folklore* led by Rabbi Mayer Moskowitz

We are very pleased with what we consider to be a most exciting calendar of events for our community and are very thankful to Donna Silverman who has taken a leadership role in coordinating these programs.

We also call to your attention an article on this page regarding a special Torah Retreat for seniors which we are pleased to co-sponsor with the Orthodox Union. We encourage your participation in it.

All seniors of the congregation, senior relatives of members of the congregation and their friends are invited to take advantage of our programs and participate with us. Copies of the calendar can be obtained by calling Chani Wolk in the synagogue office (427-1000).

TORAH RETREAT FOR MATURE ADULTS

Under the leadership of the Orthodox Union, a Torah Retreat will be held at the Homowack Lodge in Spring Glen, New York, from Sunday through Wednesday, November 15-18. It is intended for mature adults as an experience in Torah living and learning aimed at both couples and singles, ages 55 and older.

In the pleasant setting of the Homowack Lodge, participants will be able to explore the topics and issues which have made this "THE CENTURY OF DESTINY." Lectures, discussions and shiurim throughout the day will stimulate attendees who will combine an opportunity to enjoy warm friendships with an inspiring purpose. There will also be ample time to utilize the Homowack's many recreational facilities including miniature golf, bowling, health clubs for men and women, an indoor swimming

pool—all set in the beautiful surroundings of the Catskill Mountains.

We already have indication of a number of participants coming from Kehilath Jeshurun and we hope to have a very nice representation from our congregational family. Members of KJ who wish to attend or who have relatives or friends who may wish to attend are asked to call either Robert Leifert at the synagogue office (427-1000) or Donna Silverman at 744-2391.

The cost for the four days and three nights is \$135.00 per person plus a \$25.00 registration fee which covers lodging, three meals per day, gratuities, tax and use of all hotel facilities. It is expected that bus transportation will be available for an additional fee. Please call us at once if you wish to participate.

TO DIE WITH DIGNITY

On Sunday morning, November 8, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will host a program on W/WOR-TV (Channel 9) on the topic: TO DIE WITH DIGNITY. The program airs at 7:00 A.M.

Appearing with the Rabbi will be Navah Farlow, Dr. Samuel Klagsbrun, and Rabbi

Moses Tendler. They will be discussing Jewish perspectives on patients' rights to control the end of their lives.

If per chance, you do not wake up that early on Sunday morning, we encourage you to set your VCRs.

FAREWELL TO ELLA LEFFLER

It is with reluctance that we bid farewell to Ella Leffler from her capacity as Administrative Director of the Congregation.

Ella, a member of the synagogue, has served on our staff for the past year and has distinguished herself on a number of important projects. Particularly outstanding were her efforts to collect food for the homeless and hungry and other acts of *chesed*.

We appreciate what she has done for the KJ/Ramaz Community and wish her well in her new endeavors.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY FOURTEEN FAMILIES

Saturday Evening, November 14

The KJ Couples Club is proud to announce the fourteen families who will be hosting its fourth annual Progressive Dinner to be held this year on Saturday evening, November 14, following the Synagogue's Scholar-In-Residence Shabbat.

Hors d'oeuvres, beginning at 7:30 PM, will be hosted at the home of Mrs. Morris B. Bender by herself and her children, Drs. Adam and Paula Bender.

At 9:00 PM, the assemblage will proceed to the homes of the following Couples Club members:

Ellen and Fred Baumgarten
Beth and Ronald Bernard
Elise and Henry Feuerstein
Sharon and Howard Katz
Jerilyn and Kenneth Kronen
Vivianne and Bob Kurzweil
Rosalind and Daniel Levine
Drs. Deborah and Robert Lipner
Rochelle and Eugene Major
Bonnie and Isaac Pollak
Elysee and Myron Rumeld
Phyllis and Jonathan Wagner

At 11:00 PM everyone will regather at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein for a delicious array of desserts.

In addition to serving an important fund raising role for the Couples Club in its support of the Congregation, the Progressive Dinner has been a wonderful social evening and an effective way to make new friends amongst the new as well as established families of the congregation.

The cost is \$60.00 per couple and reservations may be made, space permitting, by calling the co-chairpersons of the Dinner: Sharon Katz—722-1940; Phyllis Kukin—628-4723; or Paula Menche—772-7765.

IDA NUDEL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun is proud to welcome Ida Nudel home to Eretz Yisrael and life in the free world. Her picture has stood alongside our Holy Ark in one or the other of our High Holy Day services several times over the last few years. Our prayers have been with her and tears came to the eyes of many of our congregants on Yom Kippur when the Rabbis announced in shul that shortly before Kol Nidre on Friday, October 2, she was granted a visa and permission to emigrate to Israel. Our prayers have been answered.

Ms. Nudel had been denied permission to leave the Soviet Union since her first application in 1971. The decision to release her is attributed to the unremitting efforts of the Soviet Jewry Movement on her behalf and the persistence of Secretary of State Schultz and others in the Reagan Administration in emphasizing Jewish emigration and human rights in recent discussions with the Soviet Union.

In 1978, Nudel hung a banner from her Moscow apartment reading "KGB, GIVE ME MY VISA." She was arrested and charged with "malicious hooliganism." Leaving the courtroom after her conviction, she said, "I walk proudly with my head high as a human being and a Jewish woman." Nudel served her sentence in exile in a remote Siberian village 6,000 miles from Moscow. There she suffered relentless and brutal beatings from male inmates. In 1982, after completing her four year prison term, she was not allowed to return to her home in Moscow and was only permitted to live in a remote Soviet town called Bendery, Moldavia. Despite her isolation, she continued her campaign on behalf of Soviet Jewry, meeting with leading figures from the West, including our member and Nobel Laureate, Elie Wiesel and with actress Jane Fonda. On hearing the news that Ida received an exit visa, Professor Wiesel said, "this is the greatest gift the Jewish community could get before Yom Kippur. This brave and heroic woman will now open a door for the Slepaks, the Lerner, the Volvovskys, and many, many others." His words have already proven to be most prophetic.

We are proud of the effort this community has extended in her behalf and in behalf of all Soviet Jews and hope we will soon be able to welcome to freedom all Soviet Jews seeking to gain that freedom.

DIAL

Soviet Jewry Action Line
391-0954
Weekly Recorded Message

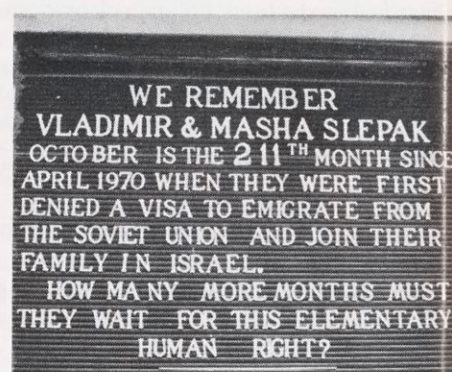
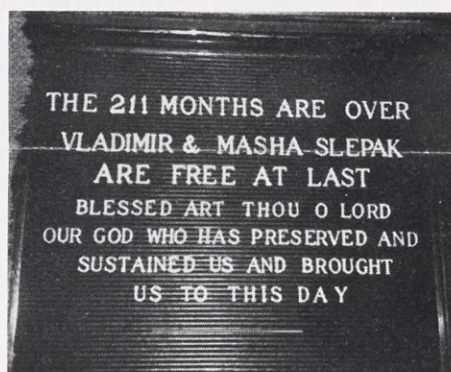
SLEPAKS FREE AFTER 211 MONTHS

As this *Bulletin* goes to press, we are jubilant with the news that Vladimir and Masha Slepak have arrived in Vienna having flown there from the Soviet Union on their way to aliyah in Israel. The Slepaks, who had been refused permission to leave Russia, finally ended a seventeen year old struggle to emigrate.

For the last several years, Vladimir Slepak's picture has stood on a chair alongside the Holy Ark throughout the High

Holy Day season. This year too, it was there in the Main Synagogue. It was while it was there on *Erev Shmini Atzeret* that Rabbi Lookstein announced from the pulpit the news that the Slepaks were granted permission to leave and that they would be in Israel before the end of October.

We welcome them to freedom, to life in Eretz Yisrael and look forward to greeting them at a future date here at Kehilath Jeshurun.



Those Who Sow In Tears Will Harvest In Joy A Message For The Slepaks and For Us

The Bulletin board in front of the synagogue changed each month as we inside prayed and hoped for the release of Vladimir and Masha Slepak. On Sunday, October 25,

their dream of freedom was realized and we at KJ are able to change the Bulletin board on 85th Street.

JEWISH BOOKS AND OBJECTS TO BE COLLECTED FOR SOVIET JEWS

Kehilath Jeshurun is pleased to join the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews in a campaign to collect Jewish books and ritual objects to send to Soviet Jews. We ask you to search through your book shelves and closets for the following material and to bring them to the synagogue office:

1. Hebrew language textbooks (current and in good condition)
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3. Seforim (Siddurim, Bibles, etc.).
4. Jewish novels (especially by Israeli authors)
5. Ritual objects (mezuzot, chais, mogens, davids, kiddush cups, candlesticks, talitot, tefillin, etc.)

Please make every effort to bring in whatever materials you can. This is a great opportunity to help Soviet Jews in a tangible and meaningful way.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Asher Berkowitz on the birth of their daughter, Talia Ora. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, our Treasurer and Trustee, Norman and Tova Bulow.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Davenport on the birth of their daughter, Ashley Yaffa. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davenport.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Davis on the birth of their son, Steven Benjamin. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Cantor and Mrs. Avrum Davis and our Trustee and Mrs. Berl Janowski.

Mazel tov to Robert Ellenberg and Linda Ossad on the birth of their daughter, Ilana Gila.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Feldstein on the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Esther. Similar good wishes to the proud great grandmother, Mrs. Rita Kaufman.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Eleanor Friedman on the birth of a granddaughter in Israel to her children, Debby and Samuel Friedman.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pinn on the birth of their son.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen upon the engagement of their son, Matthew to Sharon Koren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Koren. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Ramaz and will soon both become graduates of Columbia University.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenfield upon the engagement of their son, Seth to Lori Steiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steiner of Plantation, Florida.

MARRIAGE

Mazel tov to Arlene and Bernard Cohen upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Stephanie to Harvey Abrahams, son of Dr. Jesse Abrahams. We hope the wedding will take place in happiness and in joy.

Mazel tov to Dr. Philip Wilner and his new bride, the former Judy Schaer on their recent marriage.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Daniel Coleman Javitt, M.D. was the recipient of the 1987 APA/Pennwalt Resident Research Award. This award, which is for the best piece of research in psychiatry done by a resident was presented at the annual American Psychiatric Association convention last May in Chicago. Dr. Javitt completed his residency in psychiatry last June and is currently the principal investigator of a five-year National Institute of Mental Health Physician Scientist Award at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. His research concerns aspects of brain neurotransmission relating to schizophrenia.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We congratulate Steven Koppel upon being named a District Leader for the Lenox Hill Democratic Club. We wish him success and many fine achievements in this position of service for the community.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Edgar Culmann, III

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cullman, Jr. on the Bar Mitzvah of thier son, Edgar which will take place on Saturday, December 5. Edgar will read the Haftorah from the weekly portion of Vayishlach.

Edgar is a student in the seventh grade of St. Bernard's School.



Jeremy Deutsch

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Deutsch on the Bar Mitzvah of thier son, Jeremy which will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Deutsch. Jeremy will read the Torah portion of Vayetze.

Jeremy is a student in the Steven Gaynor School.



Benjamin Gruenstein

Mazel tov to Mrs. Elaine Gruenstein on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Benjamin which will take place on Saturday, November 28. Benjamin will read the weekly portion of Vayetze and the Haftorah.

Benjamin is a student in the eighth grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.



Michelle Lee Hirsch

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hirsch on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Michelle which will take place on Sunday, November 22. Michelle will deliver a D'var Torah on a Woman's Role in Judaism.

Michelle is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

ACADEMIC NEWS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Garfinkel on the election of their granddaughter Ilana Blumberg, to the National Torah Honor Society. Ilana is the daughter of Harriet and Paul Blumberg. She is a student at the Ida Crown Academy in Skokie, Ill.

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Weekly Portion: Vayera

Haftorah: II Kings 4

November 14

Weekly Portion: Chaye Sarah

Haftorah: I Kings 1

November 21

Weekly Portion: Toldot

Haftorah: I Samuel 20

November 28

Weekly Portion: Vayetze

Haftorah: Hosea 12

December 5

Weekly Portion: Vayishlach

Haftorah: Ovadiah 1

December 12

Weekly Portion: Vayeshev

Haftorah: Amos 2

December 19**SHABBAT CHANUKAH**

Weekly Portion: Miketz

Haftorah: Zechariah 2

December 26

Weekly Portion: Vayigash

Haftorah: Ezekiel 37

Service Schedule**CANDLE LIGHTING****Friday Evening**November 6 4:29 PM
November 13 4:22 PM
November 20 4:17 PM
November 27 4:13 PM
December 4 4:11 PM
December 11 4:11 PM
December 18 4:13 PM
December 25 4:16 PM**SABBATH SERVICES****Friday Evening**November 6 4:40 PM
November 13-December 25 4:30 PM**Saturday Morning**Shacharit 9:00 AM
Beginner's Service 10:00 AM
Youth Minyan 10:00 AM
Toddler Care 10:15 AM
Junior Congregation 10:30 AM
K'Tan Tan (Ages 3-4) 10:30 AM
Machon (Kindergarten) ... 10:30 AM**Saturday Afternoon**November 7 4:40 PM
November 14 4:00 PM
December 12 4:00 PM
November 21-December 26 4:30 PM**CONCLUSION OF SABBATH****Saturday Evening**November 7 5:23 PM
November 14 5:18 PM
November 21 5:13 PM
November 28 5:10 PM
December 5 5:08 PM
December 12 5:09 PM
December 19 5:11 PM
December 26 5:14 PM**Weekday Services**Morning 7:30 AM
Monday and Thursday 7:15 AM
Sunday 8:30 AM**Evening**

November 8-December 31 4:30 PM

SPECIAL DATES**Thursday, November 26****THANKSGIVING DAY**

Morning 8:30 AM

Tuesday evening, December 15**CHANUKAH EVE****December 16-23**

Weekday Mornings 7:15 AM

Monday, December 21 &**Tuesday, December 22****ROSH CHODESH TEVET**

Morning 7:15 AM

Friday, December 25

Morning 8:30 AM

Thursday, December 31

Asara B'tevet 7:00 AM