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ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

"What do Paul Newman and Bruce Springsteen know about Mitzvot that we don't know?"

Danny Siegel to keynote weekend

Friday Dinner and Shabbat Lunch the Sabbath before Passover

The fifteenth Annual Synagogue Shabbaton will be held this year on Friday evening, March 25 and Saturday, March 26, 1988. We welcome Mr. Danny Siegel, noted author, poet and lecturer whose theme for the weekend will be WHAT DO PAUL NEWMAN AND BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN KNOW ABOUT MITZVOT THAT WE DON'T KNOW? One of the most exciting advantages of the timing of this weekend which is on Shabbat HaGadol, the Sabbath before Passover, is that by our serving Friday dinner and Saturday lunch, it means a Shabbat of no cooking for you!

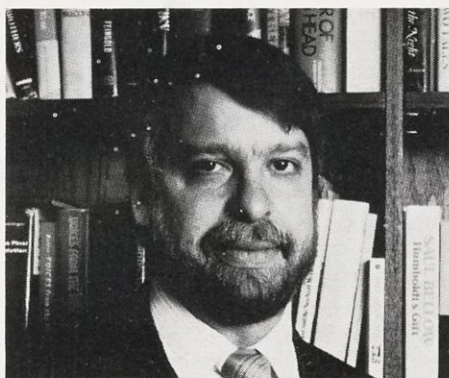
The theme of the Friday evening presentation will be MITZVAHPowerHungriNess — EVERY DAY MIRACLES. It should be a most interesting and thought provoking presentation. It will be made following dinner in the Kamber Auditorium.

The Saturday presentation is entitled GETTING A's AND BEING A MENSCH: MITZVOT, STATUS AND ACHIEVEMENT. It will deal with Jewish values and character education.

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Danny Siegel has been described as an author, poet, scholar, teacher and mitzvah maker. He has authored fifteen books and has had articles and poems published in *Moment* magazine, *The National Jewish Monthly*, *Sh'ma*, *Present Tense*, *New Traditions*, *Response*, *The Jewish Spectator*, *The Baltimore Jewish Times*, and *The Pedagogic Reporter*.

He is the originator of The Tzedakah Project for collection and distribution of funds to little known individuals and projects especial-



DANNY SIEGEL

ly in Israel. He serves as a board member of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, and American Friends of Life Line for the Old. A graduate of Columbia University, Mr. Siegel holds Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Hebrew Literature.

A warm, charismatic and dynamic speaker, Danny Siegel has often been called the best

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RABBI JACK BIELER TO CONDUCT PASSOVER LECTURE THIS SATURDAY

Rabbi Jack Bieler will give the fourth discourse in his pre-Yom Tov series on Saturday afternoon, March 19.

The pre-Pesach shiur will be held one hour before Mincha at 5:00 PM in the Etra Chapel.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO DISCUSS WOMEN'S TEFILA GROUPS AT SHABBAT HAGADOL LECTURE

On Saturday afternoon, March 26, *Shabbat Hagadol*, Rabbi Lookstein will deliver a discourse on the subject of WOMEN'S TEFILA GROUPS. He will explore some of the *halakhic* and policy issues that are involved in women davening together.

The subject is of more than academic concern for our congregation. The Board of Trustees has already approved in principle the plans for such a group at KJ. A specific proposal on this will probably be brought to the Annual Meeting on April 26. There are more than a dozen women's *tefila* groups meeting in the New York area and around the country.

There are many *halakhic* issues involved in the creation and functioning of such a group. What prayers may be said and which prayers may not be said? What role is there for women in the reading of the Torah? In *aliyot*? Are there broad *halakhic* concerns which touch on communal policy and which might affect the creation of such a group? Could such a group be used for *s'machot* such as observing a Bat Mitzvah or calling a woman to the Torah before her wedding? Can men be present while such a group is conducting services?

These and other issues will be explored by the rabbi in his discourse. *Mincha* services that afternoon will be at 5:00 o'clock. The discourse will begin at about 5:25. We will allow about an hour and twenty minutes for the discourse and for an opportunity for people to ask questions on any aspect of this issue so that the matter may be aired comprehensively and a maximum amount of information can be provided.

We extend an invitation to the entire community to come, to listen, and to participate in a discussion of a most relevant issue for our day and for our congregation. Child care will be provided.

YOM HASHOAH
Wednesday, April 13
7:30 PM

YOM HAATZMAUT
Wednesday, April 20
7:30 PM

ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 26
8:00 PM

JUDAICA CLASSICS BY DOINA Gift Shop Opens Under New Management

We are very happy to announce that the KJR Judaica Shop, which was run by the congregation and Ramaz School for the past six years, has just opened under the private management and ownership of our devoted member, Doina Bryskin. Mrs. Bryskin will carry a full inventory of religious articles, books and Judaica from around the country and all over the world.

The shop will meet the needs of our community as a place where all kinds of gifts may be purchased and necessities for a Jewish home acquired. Those of us who know Doina are certain that the quality of her choices will be esthetically appealing and artistically excellent, in addition to being authentically Jewish.

If you want a fine seder plate or mezuzah, shofar or Megillah, talit or tefillin, ketuba or a siddur, chanukiah, or candlesticks, Judaica Classics by Doina will be a place where you can shop comfortably and comprehensively.

Mrs. Bryskin will have a registry for Bar and Bat Mitzvah boys and girls, as well as for couples who are getting married. The shop will be a center for KJ, Ramaz and the wider community.

The Judaica Shop will be open for business Tuesdays through Thursdays 11:00 AM-4:30 PM, on Fridays from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, and every Sunday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.

We wish Doina Bryskin much satisfaction in this new enterprise. Her success will be ours as well, both in service to the community and in tangible benefits to the congregation and Ramaz.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE DEDICATED TO FEEDING THE HUNGRY

The Social Action Committee met on Sunday, February 28, 1988, to make plans for its upcoming program. The Committee decided that it would work with local groups including Dorot in order to reach out to the elderly, the poor and others who may be isolated and be in need of assistance. These efforts will be coordinated by a subcommittee chaired by Doris Travis, with subcommittee members Anne Addison, Suzanne Eisenstat and Shirley Kagan. It is hoped that the Subcommittee will be in a position to begin its efforts during the Pesach season.

The Committee also decided to continue its efforts to make the Synagogue accessible to the handicapped. Among other things, the Committee will seek the advice of experts in the field of rehabilitation in order to effect the necessary structural changes to facilitate access. Finally, the Committee is planning a conference on the AIDS crisis to be held in the Fall of 1988. An agenda is now being planned by Dr. Stephen Stowe and Prof. Herbert Lukashok.

The next meeting of the Committee is set for Sunday morning, March 27, 1988 at 9:00 A.M. at the Synagogue and those interested in participating are cordially invited. The Social Action Committee is co-chaired by Sue Javitt and Mark Meirowitz.

ASHER LEVITSKY NEW PRESIDENT OF MEN'S CLUB

We are proud to announce that Asher Levitsky, a Manhattan attorney has been elected as the new President of the Men's club. He succeeds Dr. Ted Goldstein who has served most admirably as President since 1985.

Joining Asher in the Men's Club leadership is Dr. Stephen Stowe who will serve as Vice President. Steve has recently accepted a new appointment at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Serving as Secretary of the Men's Club will be Mark Meirowitz, also an attorney and President of the Manhattan Division of the American Jewish Congress. Treasurer of the Men's Club is John Lieberman, a Certified Public Accountant.

Asher Levitsky formerly served as President of the KJ Couples Club, as an active member in one of the Congregation's Chavurot, headed the Congregation's Sukkah meals for the past several years and has been chairman of the Men's Club Seudat Shlishit program for the past two years.

We wish Asher, Steve, Mark and John well in these new leadership roles and in service to the Congregation and community. Mazel tov to them all.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND RETREAT

Kehilath Jeshurun is proud to join with the New York Region of the Orthodox Union which will be holding its eighth annual Torah Retreat, Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-30, 1988, at the Homowack Lodge in Spring Glen, New York. The Retreat has come to be known as a weekend of outstanding symposia and shiurim given by a faculty of renowned rabbis.

This year's theme will be "KEDUSHAT AM YISRAEL — THE SANCTITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE." It will focus on such issues as conversion, marriage, divorce, and will touch upon such complex matters as patrilineal des-

RABBI LOOKSTEIN'S BOOK PUBLISHED BY VINTAGE IN PAPERBACK

We are proud to announce that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein's Book, *Were We Our Brothers' Keepers?: The Public Response of American Jews to the Holocaust, 1938-1944* was published in paperback last month by Vintage Press and is now available at bookstores around the country. The list price is \$8.95.

The book has been reviewed very favorably in the general and Jewish press. For the first time it will now be accessible to a wider readership.

The first edition, in hardcover, has almost entirely been sold out. We have a few copies left at the synagogue office for those who may wish to purchase it. We also have the softcover edition available should you want to come and buy copies. They can also be found in Barnes and Noble on East 86th Street and at other fine bookstores.

cent, Ethiopian Jewry, and problems with *mamzeirut*. As might be expected, given these topics, we are proud to announce that Rabbi Lookstein will be serving on the faculty of this Retreat.

The weekend will consist of four days of friendship, study, recreation and entertainment in the enjoyable surroundings of the Homowack Lodge. A special singles programs will also be featured.

For more information, call our Executive Director, Robert Leifert at the synagogue office (427-1000) or the New York Region office of the OU (563-4000).

UJA CAMPAIGN BEGINS AT GLORIA AND RICHARD KORBIN'S HOME

Impressive Increase in Gifts Marks Inspiring Evening

The UJA-Federation Campaign of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun began at a cocktail reception in the home of Gloria and Richard Kobrin on Monday, February 8. A large attendance of members of the congregation came together to create a marvelous mood, with extraordinarily good results.

A total of \$276,000 was announced that evening, representing a 25 percent card for card increase over what the same people gave in 1987. Considering the fact that we are living in a post-October 19 world, with a great deal of turmoil in the financial markets and in Israel, the figure of total gifts and the percentage increase are most gratifying.

We would like to thank the Kobrins for spearheading this wonderful evening and to remind the entire congregation that this

represents only the beginning of our campaign at KJ. We hope that the entire membership will stand up and be counted this year at a time when the Jewish community in New York, in Israel and around the world needs our help.

AM HASEFER Sunday Evening, April 17

The next meeting of the Am HaSefer Book Discussion Club will be held on Sunday evening, April 17, at the home of Dr. Robert and Cynthia April, 40 East 88 Street, between Park and Madison Avenues.

The book under discussion will be *Arab and Jew* by David Shipper. The discussion will be led by Dr. Eli Einbinder.

All members of the congregation are invited to participate in Am HaSefer and are asked to call the Aprils' at 722-4911 or the Synagogue office to indicate your attendance that evening.

BRIAN ZUCKERMAN A WESTINGHOUSE WINNER RAMAZ IS 6th ON ALL-TIME WINNERS LIST

We are very proud to announce that Brian Zuckerman, son of Theda and Joseph Zuckerman, a senior in Ramaz, has been declared a National Winner in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search. He is the only winner in New York from a non-public school.

Brian, who has been a student at Ramaz since kindergarten, participated in a research project at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine under the direction of Dr. Terry Ann Krulwich, Dean of the Graduate School of Biochemistry. The topic of his paper was *Bacillus acidocaldarius*. Brian was among 40 winners throughout the country, chosen from 1339 highly qualified entrants in the nation's top science competition.

We have been informed by the Westinghouse Science Talent Search program that Ramaz ranks number six in the country in the number of winners in the history of this program. What a wonderful tribute to the school and to its students.

We congratulate Brian and his parents, his classmates, his teachers and the administration of Ramaz on this great honor.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME We Have Some Good News and Bad News

The good news about daylight savings time is that it begins after the second Seder on Saturday night, April 2. This means that the Seder will be able to begin one hour earlier than it would have begun had daylight savings time gone into effect before it. The bad news is that we will all have one hour less of sleep on Saturday night because daylight savings time will go into effect at 2:00 AM on Sunday, April 3.

Please note, therefore, that services on the second day of Passover will begin at 9:00 AM Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Also, Mincha Sunday afternoon will begin at 7:15 PM.

SCHEDULE FOR PASSOVER SERVICES

Friday	April 1 — Passover Eve
Morning Service	7:15 AM
A special service for the first born (Siyum) will be conducted following the regular services.	
Evening	6:15 PM
Candle Lighting	6:03 PM
Saturday, April 2 — Passover I	
Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	6:15 PM
Candle Lighting	AFTER 6:57 PM
Sunday, April 3 — Passover II	
Morning	(DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME) 9:00 AM
Evening	(DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME) 7:15 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov	(DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME) 7:58 PM
SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF CHOL HAMOED	
Morning	7:15 AM
Evening	6:15 PM
Thursday, April 7	
Evening	6:45 PM
Candle Lighting	7:09 PM
Friday, April 8 — Passover VII	
Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	7:20 PM
Candle Lighting	AFTER 7:10 PM
Saturday, April 9 — Passover VIII	
Morning	9:00 AM
Yizkor is recited as part of this service	
Evening	7:20 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov	8:06 PM

PASSOVER RELIEF — WE NEED YOUR GIFT NOW

The first order of business in preparing for Passover is to provide funds for the needy. This practice is recorded in the first paragraph of the Code of Jewish Law in the section which deals with Passover. It is, therefore, on our minds right now.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Benevolent Fund undertakes an annual appeal at this season of the year in order to do several things:

1. To make a substantial contribution to the Joint Passover Association which provides direct assistance to needy Jews in this city.
2. To provide help and sustenance to others who might not come to the attention of the JPA or who need extraordinary assistance.

3. To send substantial subventions to a variety of institutions both here and in Israel which call upon us now and throughout the year in order to help them in their work: Jewish hospitals in Israel, yeshivot, chesed organizations of all kinds and other similar causes.

We do not conduct appeals for individual organizations throughout the year. Your one gift at Passover time serves, therefore, a variety of needs and causes. We ask you to keep this in mind as you decide on your contribution to Passover Relief this year. Please be as generous as you can so that we will be able to be as magnanimous as possible to those who depend on us.

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FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, _____, do hereby authorize
RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN, of 125 East 85th Street, City, State and County of New
York, to sell, transfer and assign all Chametz of whatever kind and nature which I possess,
or in which I may have an interest, wheresoever situated,
in my residence at _____

_____ or in my place of business, or in any other
place, without reservation and limitation.

If you plan to spend Passover in Israel please check this box ☐

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return to the Synagogue office by Friday, April 1, at 8:30 A.M.

PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

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I. WHAT IS CHAMETZ?

Chametz results when one of the five types of grain (wheat, barley, spelt, rye, oats) comes in contact with water and is allowed to stand for a brief period of time without being baked. In commemoration of the haste with which the Jews left Egypt, we are forbidden during the Passover festival to eat, own or derive benefit from anything that has been allowed the time to rise. Therefore, all grain products or mixtures of grain are prohibited on Passover.

Jews of Ashkenazic descent also avoid legumes (*kitniyot*) such as beans, peas, rice and other grains which could be ground into flour and confused with *chametz*. This prohibition applies only to the *eating* of such products, whereas their *possession* is permissible.

Matzah, on the other hand, is the unleavened bread which we eat on Passover to commemorate the oppression of our ancestors by the Egyptians and their hasty departure from the Land. It is known as the "bread of affliction" and, as we eat it, we recall our debt of gratitude to God for bringing us out of Egypt and for the beginnings of our national history.

Compliance with the prohibition of eating or owning *chametz* takes three forms. The first is the actual removal of *chametz* from our homes, either through consuming it or disposing of it. This culminates in a search for *chametz* on the evening before Passover (*bedikat chametz*) which is done this year on Thursday night, and in a symbolic burning of the *chametz* on the morning before Passover (*bi'ur chametz*) which is performed this year on Friday morning, before 10:30 AM. The second is the recitation of a formula of nullification of ownership over any *chametz* we still might have in our possession (*bitul chametz*). Finally, any *chametz* which can neither be consumed nor disposed of before Passover may be sold to a non-Jew through the Rabbi of the synagogue (*m'chirat chametz*). After Pesach, the non-Jew usually sells the *chametz* back to its original owner.

II. PREPARING THE HOME FOR PASSOVER

In addition to not using *chametz* products during the festival, we also avoid the use of dishes and utensils which have been used with *chametz* all year round. For that reason it is necessary to have two additional sets of dishes for Passover use. These are stored away in a closet throughout the year and brought out for use only on Passover. At the same time, the year-round dishes and utensils are stored away, out of sight, during the Passover festival.

There are certain types of utensils that can be ritually cleansed—or kashered—for Passover use. These are discussed below.

1. Silver and Metal Utensils

Silverware, small pots and metal utensils may be kashered for Passover use. They must first be cleansed thoroughly and then allowed to stand unused for at least twenty-four

hours. They are then completely immersed in a kettle or vat of boiling water.

Larger pots and kettles may be kashered by first cleansing them as above, allowing them to stand for 24 hours, then filling them with water to the very top, allowing the water to boil. A hot iron or stone is then placed inside the pot so that the boiling water runs over the sides of the pot.

We might add that china, pottery, earthenware, utensils that have different parts glued together and items that cannot be cleansed thoroughly (such as a sieve) cannot be kashered for Passover use.

2. Glassware

Glasses or glass plates which have *not* been used for hot liquids or solids during the year may be kashered for Passover by immersing them in cold water for a period of 72 hours. The water should be changed every 24 hours.

May we stress that glass utensils, pyrex, corningware, and the like which are used with heat must be treated as china and cannot be kashered. The best procedure for glassware is to have separate glassware for Passover use.

3. The Stove and Oven

Every part of the oven and stove must be *thoroughly* cleansed with a chemical cleanser and then allowed to stand for twenty-four hours or more without being used. The oven and racks must then be heated at the highest setting and allowed to stand for one hour at that setting.

The burners of the stove should be completely turned on in order to heat the grates at their maximum temperature for about 15 minutes. The other areas on the sides of the stove should be covered.

Microwave ovens may be used for Passover. They must first be thoroughly cleansed and allowed to sit for twenty-four hours. Then a large paper container of water is brought to a boil inside the oven. Finally, a paper liner must cover the sides and bottom of the oven. A microwave oven may not be used on Shabbat or Yom Tov.

4. Dishwasher

Difficulties in kashering a dishwasher revolve around the difficulties in thoroughly cleaning it. Assuming that all of the corners, edges, and openings can be thoroughly cleaned with a commercial cleaner, a stainless steel or plastic lined dishwasher should not be used for 24 hours, and then run through three hot water cycles, using soap in the first one. There are also opinions that permit this to be done to a porcelain lined dishwasher when there is a great need. Racks which cannot be thoroughly cleaned should be replaced.

III. PASSOVER FOODS

Most foods that are used on Passover require rabbinic supervision. This is especially true of all processed foods. It is important to realize that a label indicating that the product is "Kosher for Passover" does not assure us of the adequacy of the supervision. Wherever

possible, congregants should use ® products which have a special Passover supervision. If not, it is important to check on the reliability of the particular Rabbi who is giving the endorsement. Please feel free to ask Rabbi Lookstein in the event of any doubt on this matter.

1. Grain Products

All grain products require strict rabbinic supervision for Passover use.

2. Milk and Dairy Products

These, too, require supervision. Milk, however, may be purchased before Passover without supervision. If one has to purchase it during the festival, however, it requires supervision. Powdered milk, such as Alba, may be used on Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

All of these may be used (except for legumes — peas, beans, rice and corn which are all treated like *chametz*). If these fruits and vegetables are sold in a general grocery store, they should be washed very carefully before being used on Passover.

4. Dried Fruits

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

5. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

With the exception of the legumes that were mentioned above, frozen fruits and vegetables, with no additives listed are usable for Passover without a rabbinic endorsement. Pure fruit juices, (such as orange, grapefruit and pineapple) with the exception of grape juice, may be purchased before Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

Processed juices such as tomato, apple and prune require supervision.

6. Cosmetics

All cosmetic lotions, creams, ointments and toothpaste need no special Passover supervision.

7. Baby Foods

Most infant formulas contain corn or soy beans as starting ingredients. Since these are considered *kitniyot*, the baby's utensils and foods should be kept absolutely separate from everything else in the house. If an infant must eat *chametz* products, in accordance with a doctor's directive, a rabbi should be consulted. Otherwise all *chametz* products should be avoided.

8. Coffee

Some questions have arisen in the past about the adulteration of coffee with grain products. In the absence of specification, therefore, it would be preferable to purchase coffee with proper supervision for Passover.

9. All other foods

Those processed foods not mentioned in this listing require special supervision for Passover use.

A Special Dayenu for the 40th Anniversary of Israel's Independence

Through the auspices of CLAL—The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership—we are happy to provide an English and Hebrew version of a special DAYENU for use at your SEDER. This work, which was the result of efforts by two rabbis—Orthodox and Conservative—speaks eloquently to our feeling today as we prepare for the Passover which will serve as the preface to a glorious celebration of Israel's 40th Anniversary of Independence. May we all be privileged to continue to be able to sing DAYENU in gratitude for our national blessings.

"IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH..."

Had God upheld us throughout two thousand years of Dispersion,
But not preserved our hope for return

Dayenu!

Had God preserved our hope for return,
But not sent us leaders to make the dream a reality

Dayenu!

Had God sent us leaders to make the dream a reality,
But not given us success in the U.N. vote

Dayenu!

Had God given us success in the U.N. vote,
But not defeated our attackers in 1948

Dayenu!

Had God defeated our attackers in 1948,
But not unified Jerusalem

Dayenu!

Had God unified Jerusalem,
But not led us towards peace with Egypt

Dayenu!

Had God returned us to the Land of our ancestors,
But not filled it with our children

Dayenu!

Had God filled it with our children,
But not caused the desert to bloom

Dayenu!

Had God caused the desert to bloom,
But not built for us cities and towns

Dayenu!

Had God rescued our remnants from the Holocaust's flames,
But not brought our brothers from Arab lands

Dayenu!

Had God brought our brothers from Arab lands,
But not opened the gate for Russia's Jews

Dayenu!

Had God opened the gate for Russia's Jews,
But not redeemed our people from Ethiopia

Dayenu!

Had God redeemed our people from Ethiopia,
But not strengthened our hands throughout
forty years of Statehood

Dayenu!

Had God strengthened our hands throughout
forty years of Statehood,
But not planted in our hearts a covenant of
one people

Dayenu!

Had God planted in our hearts a covenant of
one people
But not sustained in our souls a vision of a
perfected world

Dayenu!

You will note that this contemporary DANAYU is divided into three sections. The first recounts some of the historical events that moved us towards our goals. The second celebrates the growth and blossoming of the Land of Israel. The third focuses on the centrality of redemption in the life of our people.

דיינו

אלו קימנו שנות אלפים בגלות
ולא שמר בנו את תקנת שובנו

דיינו

אלו שמר בנו את תקנת שובנו
ולא שלח לנו מנהיגים להגשימה

דיינו

אלו שלח לנו מנהיגים להגשימה
ולא זכנו בהצבעת האו"ם

דיינו

אלו זכנו בהצבעת האו"ם
ולא נצח את רודפינו בתש"ח

דיינו

אלו נצח את רודפינו בתש"ח
ולא אחד את ירושלים

דיינו

א! אחד את ירושלים
ולא הוליכנו לקראת שלום עם מצרים

דיינו

אלו החזיקנו לארץ אבותינו
ולא הרבה בה ילדנו וטפנו

דיינו

אלו הרבה בה ילדנו וטפנו
ולא הפריח את המדבר

דיינו

אלו הפריח את המדבר
ולא בנה לנו עיר וכפר

דיינו

אלו הציל את שרידינו מאש השואה
ולא קבץ את אחינו מתפוצות ערב

דיינו

אלו קבץ את אחינו מתפוצות ערב
ולא פתח שער ליהודי רוסיה

דיינו

אלו פתח שער ליהודי רוסיה
ולא גאל את אחינו מארץ כוש

דיינו

אלו גאל את אחינו מארץ כוש
ולא החזיק את ידנו במדינה ארבעים שנה

דיינו

אלו החזיק את ידנו במדינה ארבעים שנה
ולא נטע בלבנו ברית עם אחר

דיינו

אלו נטע בלבנו ברית עם אחר
ולא קים בנפשנו חזון תקון עולם

דיינו

FAMINE RELIEF FOR ETHIOPIA

The JDC is opening a mail box for donations for non-sectarian famine relief in Ethiopia. The draught in Ethiopia is extremely serious and the situation is grave.

If you would like to contribute to this relief program you may send your contributions to: Ethiopia Open Mail Box, AJJDC, 711 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

KASHER-IN

Monday, March 28

Kehilath Jeshurun will sponsor its *Kasher-In* this year on Monday evening, March 28, between 7:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.

Large containers of boiling water will be available in the second floor kitchen of the Kamber Auditorium so that people can bring their silver and metal utensils and prepare them for Passover use.

A Word of Caution

Remember that in order to *kasher* something for Passover the item to be *kashered* must first be cleansed thoroughly with a chemical cleanser and allowed to stand unused for at least 24 hours before the actual *kashering* procedure.

SOME SEDER SUGGESTIONS

The Passover Seder is probably the most meaningful of all home observances in the Jewish calendar year. It has been designed as a masterpiece of pedagogic method to interest the young, to maintain their enthusiasm and to teach important lessons. In order to get the most out of the Seder, there are a number of things that should be kept in mind.

1. Be sure that there is a Haggadah for each member of the Seder.

2. The leader of the Seder should study the Haggadah in advance and decide upon questions and stories which he might want to use at various points in order to awaken interest.

3. The reading of the Haggadah should be rotated among the different people around the Seder table. Passages can be read in Hebrew and/or in English.

4. Recite all blessings in unison so that everyone feels a part of the ceremony.

5. Do not be afraid to interrupt in the middle of a reading to ask a question, to make a point or to launch a discussion. Wherever possible, try to relate the historical passages to modern events.

6. Children should perhaps be asked to prepare in advance a dramatization of certain portions of the Haggadah which lend themselves to such an exercise. Examples are the Four Sons and also the Pesach, Matzah and Maror.

7. Do not let the hunt for the *Afikoman* transcend the importance of the Seder itself. Let that be done during the meal. The determined "thief" should be rewarded with a prize of Jewish significance.

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THE NEW MATZAH OF HOPE

At the Seder table one should have four matzot, the three traditional ones and an additional matzah, which will not be eaten and which symbolizes the plight of our brethren of the Soviet Union, most of whom are unable to obtain matzah for Passover.

Just prior to the reciting of the four questions, the leader of the Seder should list this extra matzah and read the following proclamation:

This Matzah which we set aside as a symbol of hope for the Jews of the Soviet Union, reminds us of the indestructible links that exist between us.

As we observe this Festival of Freedom, we recall that Soviet Jews are not free to leave without harassment; to learn of their past; to pass on their religious traditions; to learn the language of their fathers; to train teachers and rabbis of future generations.

We remember the scores who fought to live as Jews and struggled to leave for Israel—the land of our fathers—but now languish in Soviet labor camps. Their struggle against their oppressors goes on. They will not be forgotten.

We will stand with them in their struggle until the light of freedom and redemption shines forth.

WHAT TO DO WITH CHAMETZ

The best thing to do with *chametz* during Passover is not to have it.

There are very many poor people in our city who cannot afford to eat properly and are unable to purchase adequate food for minimal sustenance.

We, therefore, urge you to bring sealed packages, cans, jars, bottles and other containers of *unopened* food to KJ at the time of the *Kasher-In* on Monday evening, March 28, between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM or at any other time between now and Passover. We will then arrange for this food to be distributed to the non-Jewish needy and hungry of our community.

Performing this act of *chesed* is an important means of expressing the commandment to *love thy neighbor as theyself*.

CHAMETZ AFTER PASSOVER

According to Jewish law *chametz* which was owned by a Jew during the holiday may never again be used by any other Jew. Therefore, after the holiday is over, one should make sure to buy *chametz* products from a Jew who has sold his *chametz* and not from a Jewish establishment which might have had the particular *chametz* product on the shelf during Passover. In order to avoid confusion, it is best to purchase such products from non-Jewish storekeepers until such time as the Passover stock has been completely used up and replenished with new foods.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

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

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein	628-0340
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Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg	831-3684
Mr. Robert J. Leifert	(201) 837-1018

ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

(Continued From Page 1)

known unknown Jewish author in America. We are proud to have him join the Kehilath Jeshurun family for this special Shabbat.

NO COOKING FOR YOU

Dinner will be served Friday evening to those who have previously made reservations. As we go to press, a small number of reservations remain available. It is \$36.00 for dinner and lunch (2 meals) for adults and \$24.00 for children for the two meals. The deadline for reservations — *space permitting* — is this Monday, March 28.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I BRING?

In addition to the cost for the meals listed above, each participant arriving Friday evening for Mincha *prior to Shabbat* is asked to bring a canned or boxed food item previously unopened. Each *person*, man, woman and child should bring his or her own contribution which we will then distribute to the homeless and hungry in our community. We ask you to do this as was so beautifully done on Purim night as well.

The Annual Synagogue Shabbaton is sponsored by the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood. Child care will be provided during the presentations.

PROJECT EZRA NEEDS USED OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Project Ezra, which does such an outstanding job of serving the Jewish elderly on the Lower East Side of New York, is in desperate need of the following items for its office:

1. a desktop copier
2. a small black and white TV for one of their senior citizens
3. an IBM-PC compatible XT computer, preferably with hard drive and any old software packages, with their manuals.

The above items could be obtained when another office decides to upgrade its equipment. The people who lead Project Ezra feel uncomfortable spending thousands of dollars on such equipment although it is badly needed. They prefer to spend their funds on direct services to the elderly.

Gifts to Project Ezra are tax-deductible

Kehilath Jeshurun has a long and warm relationship with Project Ezra. Each year, the KJ Sisterhood sponsors a meeting and program at which it hosts participants in Project Ezra at KJ. Food from contributions to our lobby basket go to Project Ezra and last year they participated in our Annual Synagogue Shabbaton which discussed Jewish responsibility to the hungry and the homeless. One of our members, Alison Alpert serves on its Board of Directors.

Should you have equipment they need, please call Gerry or Sheila at their office, 982-4124.

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Now In Preparation

Once again during this season of the year, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will publish a **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite *Yizkor* for them four times a year. At the *Yizkor* service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom *Yizkor* was recited.

Members of the congregation and the community-at-large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of \$10 or more for each name to be memorialized. Please use the form below if you wish us to record names for you.

The Book will go to press on Monday, April 25, so that it will be ready in time for *Shavuot*.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Book of Remembrance

Enclosed please find my *Yizkor* offerings* for the entire year in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** published by the congregation.

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B'DIKAT CHAMETZ

"Don't Miss It!"

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is *b'dikat chametz* — the search for *chametz*. The ceremony is composed of five parts.

1. Reciting a special blessing over the *mitzvah* of the removal of *chametz*.

2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of *chametz*.

3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.

4. The burning or disposal of any *chametz* found during the search.

5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Thursday evening, March 31. The disposal and final nullification should take place on Friday morning. It is important to note that both formulas of nullification must be recited in a language that one understands. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore,

be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

The children should be asked to place the pieces of *chametz* in the various rooms—a practice which ensures that the search will not be in vain. They can hold the candle and the feather; they should examine their own possessions, dressers and desks, for long forgotten relics of *chametz*.

Passover is a beautiful festival. It is a serious one, too. Both these aspects can be captured in advance of the festival by a careful observance of the ritual of *b'dikat chametz*.

Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on Friday morning, April 1 after 9:30 A.M. All *chametz* must be completely disposed of by 10:30 A.M.

Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Friday morning, April 1. There are those who prefer to perform this ritual in person. Rabbi Lookstein and Mr. Rosenberg are available for this purpose. For those who

cannot attend to this matter in person, there is a form provided in this bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Lookstein to sell your *chametz*. THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 1, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 A.M.

Individuals who will be in Israel for Passover should consult the rabbis in advance to make special arrangements.

Services for First Born

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born males. It is obligatory upon every first born man who cannot observe the fast on Friday, to attend the special service on that day, to join Rabbi Lookstein in completing a tractate from the Talmud, and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (*Siyum Bechorim*) will be held in the Main Synagogue on Friday, April 1, as part of the regular morning service which begins at 7:15 A.M.

When glasnost's promise fails

by MARTIN GILBERT

FROM OUR BULLETIN BOARD ON EAST 85th STREET

The plight of Yuli and Inna Kosharovsky has been featured on our sidewalk Bulletin Board since the wonderful day when Masha and Vladimir Slepak gained their freedom a few months ago. The Kosharovskys have been seeking their freedom for 203 months beginning in April 1971. Martin Gilbert, in the article that follows, writes of their plight. We at Kehilath Jeshurun and others in the free world continue to pray for their freedom. May it come very, very soon.

THE OPPORTUNITIES opened up by *glasnost* are apparently endless. Even in such a simple matter as telephone calls, it is now possible, for the first time in seven years, to dial direct to Moscow from the West.

Not only can one now make swift telephonic connections, but one can also measure in human terms the benefits of the new Soviet attitude. Last February, when I was present at the United Nations in Geneva to appeal on behalf of Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak, Victor Brailovsky and other long-term refuseniks, it seemed quite beyond the bounds of possibility that they—and so many of their fellow Jewish activists—would be living in Israel by the end of 1987 as they are now doing.

Yet these exciting changes hide a less pleasant reality: Tens of thousands (even hundreds of thousands) of Russia's two million Jews seem, by the newly-promulgated exit visa regulations, to have lost the right even to apply to leave. For those who might wish to apply to leave in future years, even in 1988, the outlook is bleak. Also among those for whom it seems the bell of *glasnost* does not toll are several families who have been waiting to leave for more than 16 years. One of these, Yuly Kosharovsky, recently appealed directly to Reagan and Gorbachev.

In his appeal, Kosharovsky explained that he had decided to write this letter to the leaders

"after 17 years of desperate and futile attempts to leave the USSR for Israel with my family." His children were growing up as refuseniks, unable openly to study "their own language, Hebrew," and in an atmosphere of "searches, arrests and the permanent threat of harassment."

Kosharovsky has been refused his exit visa on the grounds that he is in possession of Soviet state secrets. Yet 20 years have now passed since, as he explains in his letter. "I resigned from the Scientific Research Institute of Automatisation in Sverdlovsk, where I had access to secrets. When I resigned, I signed a declaration that I would not leave the Soviet Union for three years."

Those three years passed. Then, in 1970, Kosharovsky applied to leave for Israel. He was refused. The 20-year period since he resigned from his secret work, he notes in a section of his letter addressed specifically to Gorbachev, "constitutes a period seven times as long as the three-year restriction imposed on me at the time of my resignation; four times as long as the maximum period of the validity of secrets as announced by Piotr Demichev, the head of the special commission for emigration and citizenship, and a candidate member of the Politburo to visiting attorneys-general from the United States.

"It is even twice as long as the 10 years that

you, Mr. Secretary-General, mentioned in an interview with Frech television in 1985—and repeated in front of American congressmen in 1987—as the upper limit of preventing people from emigrating from the Soviet Union because of their knowledge of state secrets."

For more than two decades, Israel has been central to the dreams, thoughts and actions of Yuly Kosharovsky's life. As he explained to me when we first met, now nearly five years ago, like most Soviet Jews of his generation he had felt no identification at all with the Jewish State until 1967. Then, in his own words: "During the Six Day War the Soviet newspaper said Israel was being crushed. That thousands of Israelis were dead. That Israel was being swept away in an Arab sea."

"I made a big antenna in my house to try to get information. I couldn't. I felt a blow. I wanted to die with my people. But then the official news changed. Israel had won, but only as the aggressor, using overwhelming force against a defenseless foe. It was a clear lie against my people."

From that moment, Yuly Kosharovsky has devoted all his energies to being a part of his "people" in Israel—a place which for him is not merely an imaginary or idealized dream but a real and integral part of his struggle, and that of his refusenik friends.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

B'NAI MITZVAH

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen upon the birth of their grandson, Ari, to their children Rabbi Samuel and Deena Zimmerman.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hostyk upon the birth of their granddaughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hostyk of Omaha, Nebraska.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Norman Orentreich upon the birth of their grandson, Nicholas Alexander, to their children, David and Cathy Orentreich-Orloff.

Congratulations to Eleanor Friedman upon the birth of her grandchild, a daughter, Gila, born to her children Rabbi and Mrs. Allan Friedman in Passaic, N.J. Riva and Allan are planning to go on *aliyah* this summer with their two boys and their two girls. We wish them a wonderful *aliyah* and we hope that all of her children and grandchildren will continue to be a great source of *nachas* and joy to Eleanor Friedman.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fier upon the engagement of their daughter, Amy to Baruch Gitlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gitlin of North Massapequa, Long Island.

Mazel tov to Michael Horwitz upon his engagement to Sherry Weiser. Similar good wishes to the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Horwitz and the proud grandmother, Mrs. Israel Cummings.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Norman Orentreich upon the engagement of their daughter, Sari to Dr. Roger Donenfeld of Dayton, Ohio.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bernstein upon the marriage of their daughter, Eva Michaela to Clifford Lee Wasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wasser.

Mazel tov to Ronald Scheinberg upon his marriage to Stacy Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Weiss. Similar good wishes to his proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Scheinberg.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. Bette Burak on the untimely passing of her son, Dr. George Burak.

Our condolences to Zev Hack on the passing of his mother, Cina Hack.

Our condolences to Saul Nack on the passing of his brother, Irwin Nack and shortly thereafter, his sister-in-law Ethel Nack.

Our condolences to Mr. Morry Gerber on the passing of his father Edward Gerber.

ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

At this season of the year we are already beginning to think of the milestones and honors which the members of the Congregation and their families will be experiencing during the coming months.

We would like to record all of those honors in the *Bulletin*. If you or anyone you know is observing such a milestone or receiving a particular honor in academic or professional life, we ask you to please send us the information without delay. It is one more way of creating the family spirit we like to foster at KJ and Ramaz.

We hope to hear from you soon.



Joshua Crane

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Crane on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua, which will take place on Saturday, April 16 in the Main Synagogue. Joshua will read the weekly portion of Shemini and the Haftorah.

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



Randi Jordana Gober

Mazel tov to our Trustee and Mrs. Ira Gober on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Randi, which took place on Saturday night, February 27. Randi delivered a D'var Torah on Purim.

Randi is a student in the sixth grade of the Ramaz Lower School.



Ori Plasse

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Terry Plasse on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ori, which will take place on Saturday, April 30, in the Main Synagogue. Ori will read from the weekly portion of Kedoshim and the Haftorah.

Ori is a student in the seventh grade.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA EDITION OF THE ART SCROLL SIDDUR TO BE USED IN ETRA CHAPEL

We are pleased to announce that a quantity of Art Scroll *siddurim*, in the special edition prepared by the Rabbinical Council of America, has been presented to the congregation in loving memory of the late Herbert H. Schwartzberg.

These *siddurim* will be available shortly for the use of daily worshippers in the Max J. Etra Chapel. They have extensive commentary on all aspects of the *siddur*, as well as many laws and customs which will help to make the experience of *davening* more meaningful for everyone.

We invite the community to come and worship with us in the Max J. Etra Chapel and to enjoy using these new *siddurim*.

A LOVELY GIFT IN MEMORY OF DAVID KAGAN

We are grateful to Shirley and Irving Kagan for presenting the congregation with a special bookstand for our *shulchan* in the Main Synagogue, beautifully crafted and worded, as a memorial to their beloved son, David. It is such an appropriate way in which to memorialize this precious young man who meant so much to them and to us.

We are grateful also to Brenda and Albert Bernstein for their share in making this beautiful gift to the congregation. We hope that the *prayers* which will be recited from the *Siddur* which will rest on this bookstand will be answered for the well being of the entire congregation and the wider community.

LEONARD SILVERMAN AND A PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY AT BRANDEIS

In the Boston area a number of colleges have student organizations which sponsor a program called "Generations." It brings together college students with Jewish elderly.

An article last month from the *Jewish Advocate*, Boston's weekly Jewish newspaper, cites Leonard Silverman, son of Donna and Arthur Silverman, as Chairman for his third year of the Brandeis Generations Program. The director of the project, Rochelle Steinberg, talks about him as being "one of these special people." Leonard himself explains why he became interested in Generations: "I don't do this because I'm commanded to do so. I do this because I believe in the saying 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto yourself.' If I were old and had no family around, I would not want to be forgotten, which is what I see happening today. Sometimes I think what it would be like not to have someone there who cares for you. So while I'm young, and have the time, I participate in Generations because I would like to provide friendship and I am concerned for the elderly. In doing this, I hope to make them feel a little less lonely and a little less forgotten."

What a wonderful tribute to Leonard, to his parents, and to the entire KJ/Ramaz community. How well Leonard has integrated those things for which we stand and what a challenge he presents to us all to continue to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us."

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

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. Since August, there has been a sponsor each week, and others wishing to be sponsors have been unable to do so.

We list here some available dates in the coming months.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

		Friday Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Sabbath Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
April					
15-16	Shemini	7:17*	6:30	7:30	8:14
22-23	Tazria-Mezorah	7:24*	6:30	7:30	8:22
29-30	Achare-Kedoshim	7:32*	6:30	7:40	8:30
May					
6-7	Emor	7:39*	6:45	7:50	8:37
13-14	Behar-Bechukotai	7:46*	6:45	8:00	8:45

Weekday Mornings 7:30 AM

Monday, Thursday and

Rosh Chodesh Weekdays 7:15 AM

Evenings

(Except Saturday)

April 18-May 12 6:45 PM

May 15-19 6:45 PM

Saturday Morning

Shacharit 9:00 AM

Beginner's Service 10:00 AM

Youth Minyan 10:00 AM

Junior Congregation 10:30 AM

K'Tan Tan (Ages 3-4) 10:30 AM

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Sunday, April 17

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Monday, April 18

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Wednesday, April 21

Yom Ha'Atzmaut
(Morning Services at 7:15)

Sunday, May 15

Yom Yerushalayim
(Morning Services at 8:30)

WEEKLY PORTION

April 16

Weekly Portion: Shemini
Haftarah: I Samuel 20

April 23

Weekly Portion: Tazria-Metzora
Haftarah: II Kings 7

April 30

Weekly Portion: Acharei-Kedoshim
Haftarah: Amos 9

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Weekly Portion: Emor
Haftarah: Ezekiel 20

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