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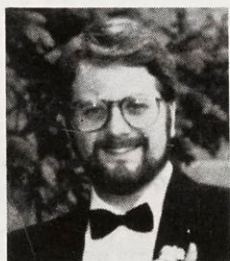


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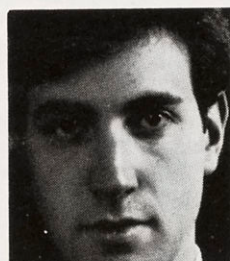
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15 Tammuz, 5748

WELCOME TO RABBI STEVEN COHEN AND RABBI MICHAEL D. GARTENBERG



Rabbi Steven Cohen



Rabbi Michael D. Gartenberg

We are pleased to welcome to the congregation two new Assistant Rabbis who will begin their responsibilities in July.

Rabbi Steven Cohen is a graduate of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, with a Master's of Science from its Azrieli Graduate Institute of Jewish Education and Administration, and a B.A. from Yeshiva College. He studied for two years in Bet Midrash L'Torah in Jerusalem.

He joins our professional staff here after serving as administrator of the Hebrew schools at the Lincoln Square Synagogue where he was also program director of its singles organization. He was also the director of the Yeshiva University High School residence hall, and the director and creator of a special program, for the past three years, to bring Yeshiva and Columbia students to Israel each summer to volunteer their services in the religious and social education of Ethiopian Jewish children in Israeli development towns. He also served as editor of the Yeshiva University *Haggadah*.

Rabbi Cohen's primary responsibility will be to serve as a pulpit rabbi, to provide pastoral services here in our community, and to help with running all of the programs of the congregation. He will also have a teaching responsibility in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

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116th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT RABBIS *And The Establishment of a Women's Tefillah Group*

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Memorialized by Samuel M. Eisenstat

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The 116th Annual Meeting of the congregation was held on Tuesday evening, April 26, in the Kamber Auditorium. Following the National Anthems sung by Cantor Avrum Davis, Irwin B. Robins presented the names of the following for membership in the congregation.

New Members

KATY AND BERNARD AIDAN
ADELE AND LOU BACON
LINDA AND DANIEL J. BELLER
EDIE AND ARTHUR BERGEN
FRED ALLEN BRASCH
ALVIN BROOME
IRIS AND ILAN COHEN
ARLENE AND LAWRENCE COHEN
BARBARA AND ERIC EIGEN
SUSAN AND HARLAN ELLIS
FLORENCE AND DR. PHILIP FELIG

SUSAN AND WAYNE FORMAN
MARJORIE AND ALBERT FORTINSKY
JANET AND J. MICHAEL FRIED
SMADAR AND ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
JOANNE AND DR. VICTOR GRAZI
LLOYD GREEN
DR. TED GUTOWSKI
PAUL GUTTENTAG
SHELLY AND STEVEN HOLM
LAURIE HUTNER
LAWRENCE JACOBS
RALPH KATZOWITZ
MARCIA KRAMER
RUTH LINDENBAUM
JULIE AND RICHARD LOBEL
DORA MANDEL
SHEERA AND MICHAEL MARKOVITCH
HILARY AND JEFFREY MARKOWITZ
LEE NADLER

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Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz Graduates 89 Seniors

17 TO STUDY TORAH IN ISRAEL NEXT YEAR Rabbi Goldmintz Wins Creative Teaching Award

We are happy to congratulate the Ramaz School upon the graduation of another wonderful class from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School. Eighty-nine students make up the graduating class, a good number of them having been students at Ramaz since their nursery and kindergarten years.

Seventeen of the students will be studying next year at a variety of Torah institutions in Israel including, among others: Michlelet Bruriah and Machon Gold for women, and for the men, Yeshivat Har Etzion, Yeshiva Sha'alvim, Yeshivat HaKotel and Bet Midrash L'Torah.

Out of sixty seven students eligible to compete for the New York State Regents Scholarship, forty-seven actually won scholarships, a very high percentage. Two students were winners in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, two students were semi-finalists and twelve students earned Letters of Commendation. This means that eighteen percent of the class was honored in this competition. One student, Brian Zuckerman, was a win-

ner in the Westinghouse Science Competition which attracts the finest science and mathematics students in the country. Brian was one of forty winners nationwide.

The students were accepted in multiple numbers by a variety of fine colleges and universities, including Barnard, Bar-Ilan, Brandeis, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, CUNY, Dartmouth, Goucher, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, NYU, Princeton, Stern, 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 safety in their mission in behalf of the Jewish people at a most critical and difficult time in the history of the Jewish State.

Rabbi Goldmintz Honored

We are proud to announce that Rabbi Jay Goldmintz, Chairman of the Department of Judaism in the Upper School and a member

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SYNAGOGUES ASKED TO OPEN THEIR DOORS TO ANTI-ADDICTION PROGRAMS

Kehilath Jeshurun Considered a Pioneer in Such Efforts

L'HITRAOT TO RABBI AND MRS. JACK BIELER

We extend our fond farewell and *l'hitraot* to Rabbi Jack Bieler and to Dr. Joan Bieler, along with their children, Donny, Miriam, Sarah, and Avi. For the past eleven years they have contributed in so many ways to the intellectual and religious life here at KJ.

Many of our members studied in the *shiurim* given by Rabbi Bieler. Still others were hosted by the Bielers in their home. Everyone came to like the whole family for its piety, integrity and openness.

Rabbi Bieler was Chairman of the Talmud Department at the Ramaz Upper School, at which he has been an instructor for the past fourteen years. During that time he made an indelible impression upon the school as a whole and the faculty and the students in particular.

We wish the Bielers well as Rabbi Bieler goes to Silver Spring, Maryland where he will be a lead teacher and director of the Judaic Studies curriculum at the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington. We look forward to hearing good things from them in the years to come.

NEW OFFICERS FOR RAMAZ HIGH SCHOOL G.O.

The congregation is pleased to congratulate the following young people who were elected to office by their peers in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz to head the student organization there. Elizur Agus was elected President; Ari Ackerman, Senior Vice President; Adam Scheer, Junior Vice President; Daniel Brown, Secretary; and Elena Katzap, Treasurer. We wish the young people well in guiding the student body in the Upper School.

THREE RAMAZ STUDENTS WIN CAROLINE ZELAZNIK GRUSS AND JOSEPH S. GRUSS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

We are proud to announce that two graduating seniors from Ramaz, Moshe Simon and Iris Haimoff and Reva Avital (an alumna, class of '87), have been selected as recipients of the Caroline Zelaznik Gruss and Joseph S. Gruss Life Monument Scholarships for Higher Education. These scholarships were established through the estate of the late Mrs. Gruss to provide financial assistance to motivated and talented graduates of Jewish Day High Schools in the New York area.

This is the first year in which these scholarship were awarded. We are proud of the fact that three Ramaz graduates are among the recipients.

The UJA-Federation Commission on Synagogue Relations has called on congregations throughout the Metropolitan New York area to open their doors to programs to help fight various addictions in the Jewish community.

Addictions specialists report that Jewish men and women make up a significant portion of the addicts they see. Federation's Task Force on Addictions estimates that there are thousands of Jews who are addicts in Greater New York and the number is steadily growing.

The conventional wisdom that Jews never drink to excess or depend on drugs or gamble compulsively is a myth. It has led Jewish addicts and their families to deny the problem and avoid seeking help. It has closed most synagogue doors to such vital rehabilitative self-help programs.

Denial is a danger to the health of the American Jewish community. In recent years, there has been a dramatic rise in alcoholism, drug dependence and pathological gambling among Jews. Dependency has become a significant cause of disruption in Jewish family and communal life.

Currently, Jewish addicts seek support through self-help groups like Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous. Their families go to ALANON, NARANON and GAMANON. These groups meet mostly in churches and civic centers, places where Jews are often not comfortable. These groups provide a compassionate setting for identification and interaction with people who have similar problems. They have been proven to be an effective approach for dealing with addictions.

Of course, many are concerned that opening the doors of a synagogue to addiction groups sends the wrong message about Jewish life to the general public. Judaism believes, however, that we are our brothers' keepers and that providing space for support groups is a positive Jewish statement of our concerns and willingness to help. As in the non-Jewish programs now operating, those that meet in synagogues are open to all the addicted, regardless of race or creed. The Talmud makes healing of the non-Jewish sick an obligatory mitzvah. Just the fact that such a program takes place in a synagogue may be one of the best long-range means for dealing with the problems and discouraging young people from becoming susceptible to various types of addictions.

Kehilath Jeshurun is proud to have been amongst the first congregations in the city to host an addiction group. Currently, Alcoholics Anonymous meets in our building on Monday and Wednesday evenings (2 different groups) beginning at 6:30 PM promptly. The group welcomes new participants who feel they might gain from such a program and members of the congregation or friends and acquaintances of members who would find it beneficial are encouraged to avail themselves of these meetings.

For further information about addiction in the Jewish community and what is being done about it, one can write to the Task Force on Addictions in the Jewish Community, Commission on Synagogue Relations, UJA-Federation, 130 East 59th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022. Telephone (212) 980-1000.

PAPERBACK EDITION OF RABBI LOOKSTEIN'S BOOK RECEIVING WIDE CIRCULATION

We are proud to report that the soft cover edition of Rabbi Lookstein's book: *WERE WE OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS: THE PUBLIC RESPONSE OF AMERICAN JEWS TO THE HOLOCAUST 1938-1944*.

Just as the hard cover edition was so well received (a few copies of which are still available through the synagogue office) the soft cover edition has also been highly acclaimed. We are pleased to reprint below one such review by Dr. Stephen T. Katz, Professor of Jewish History and Religion at Cornell University.

"The luciferian events which are subsumed by the all-encompassing term *Shoah* raise painful, accusing questions for every and all parties involved. The Vatican, the international political agencies, the Allies, the Free-World countries, the Red Cross, the Jews of Europe and of America all, in varying degrees, did less than they might have done to secure Jewish lives. Not the least consequence of the Holocaust is this fact: every group, to a marked degree, and for differing reasons, failed to be what it might have been. In the American Jewish community this failure has generated a whole host of difficult moral and political questions regarding its responsibility for what transpired. And in the past 20 years or so a number of distinguished scholars, starting with Arthur Morse, Henry Feingold and David Wyman, have attempted to address these pressing, if elusive, matters. Now Rabbi Haskel Lookstein has enriched the ongoing dialogue with a technically competent, historically informed and, above all, highly sensitive study of the American Jewish Communities' response to the destruction of European Jewry. He finds the American Jewish community in default, guilty of not having done enough, not having cared enough. But—and here is the essence of his real contribution—he makes this repercussive judgment with great care, sensitive to the real limitations that constrained the American Jewish community in that tragic time and place. He in no sense exonerates the Jewish leadership, but he understands them, and he helps us understand them in our very different circumstances. I know of no other serious study of this delicate issue that is written with such moral balance, such refined ethical sensibility. These qualities, this authorial voice, make the book basic, required reading for all those who would understand those unprecedented times as well as our own.

—Steven T. Katz
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MEN'S CLUB CONCLUDES SEASON WITH SHAVUOT DINNER

Under the leadership of President Ted Goldstein and his successor, Asher Levitsky, the Men's Club served the congregation well this year with a series of outstanding programs and activities.

The year began with the annual Sukkah supper featuring Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, President of the Synagogue Council of America, who reported on his participation with the delegation of Jewish leaders who met with Pope John Paul II.

Expanding on its efforts of a year ago to bring more seudah shlishit programs to the congregation, the Men's Club maintained the pace averaging more than one a month this year. Included amongst our guest speakers were Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg, Congressman Wayne Owens, a group of Ramaz student and faculty members describing their visit to the Soviet Union, and the final address as Assistant Rabbi of KJ by Rabbi Dale Polakoff. Through the Men's Club's efforts, former U.S. Ambassador to Austria, Ronald Lauder, spoke at services on Yom Hashoah.

RAMAZ GRADUATES 89

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of the College Guidance staff, has been chosen as one of two recipients throughout the city for the 1988 Benjamin and Esther Gottesman Creative Teaching Award presented annually by the Board of Jewish Education. Rabbi Goldmintz was the only Upper School teacher chosen for this award. He was cited for the special curriculum which he developed and implemented in the Judaism Department in Ramaz. The award is an annual one, endowed by our own member Esther Gottesman in memory of her beloved husband, Benjamin, the father of our member Milton Gottesman and the grandfather of our member Robert Gottesman.

LOWER SCHOOL NOTES

It is worthy of note that among all of the special projects in the Ramaz Lower School this year, two stand out in particular. Ms. Sandra Brickman, Headmistress for General Studies, taught forty mitzvot to the students of grades one and two over the course of the year as a celebration of Israel's fortieth anniversary. Symbolically, this program was designed to demonstrate quite graphically that "out of Zion shall come forth the Law."

Rabbi Moskowitz, Headmaster for Judaic Studies, joined with Rabbi Meir Brueckheimer, the Assistant to the Headmasters, to teach fifty mishnayot to grades three, four, five and six—both students and teachers—as part of the celebration of the fiftieth Jubilee of Ramaz. What a beautiful way in which to commemorate the anniversary of a school which has devoted itself to Torah education over this past half a century.

The Men's Club kept the year going with a number of its annual events including an evening of theater to see "Breaking the Code," the annual Blood Drive sponsored jointly with the Ramaz Parents' Council, and a night at Shea Stadium in support of the Mets enabling them to defeat the Giants in their only victory over that team so far this year. The Men's Club has also been working closely with the Social Action Committee in an effort to make the synagogue accessible to the physically handicapped.

The Men's Club, all of whose activities are open to all men and women of the congregation is happy to give advance notice that the annual Sukkah supper will take place this year on Thursday evening, September 29. Mark your calendars now and plan to come and also know that the Men's Club welcomes new people to come and help organize and lead activities for the religious, social and educational benefit of the community. If you are interested in working in any of these areas, please let President Asher Levitsky or any one of the other officers know.

MARTINE FOX AND ISAAC POLLAK TO BE PRESIDENTS OF COUPLES CLUB

The congregation is pleased to announce that Martine Fox and Isaac Pollak will serve as the new Presidents of the Couples Club for 1988-1989. They succeed Dr. Adam N. Bender who has served in that capacity for the past year. Isaac previously served as Club President and Martine is a former Vice President. They will now share the top spot. Roberta Baumgarten will continue as Vice President. The balance of the Board will be announced in the September issue of the *Bulletin*.

Under this year's Board of Officers, the Couples Club enjoyed an outstanding season. The progressive dinner at the start of the year gave many new and veteran families a chance to meet one another and become involved in synagogue life. The Baby Life Seminar gave important guidance on the health and safety of raising a child. The mid-winter forum on Women's Issues in Judaism gave important impetus to the establishment of a Women's Tefillah Group for the congregation which took place later in the spring. The New Member's Kiddush and home luncheon gave new affiliates and their families a chance to know leaders of the Couples Club on a more intimate basis. The annual shabbaton which received a capacity crowd was a beautiful celebration of the year's activities. Finally, the dinner dance Boat Cruise around lower Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty at sunset was a magnificent culmination to an outstanding program and was most enthusiastically enjoyed by all who participated.

DEDE ALPERT SUCCEEDS RAE GUREWITSCH AS SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

We are delighted to announce that a new slate of officers of the KJ Sisterhood was installed by Rabbi Lookstein at its closing meeting on June 13. Serving as the new President and succeeding Rae Gurewitsch is former Vice President Dede Alpert. Dede has been a devoted officer for many, many years and is an active participant in congregational events and programs. She serves on our Bikur Cholim and Social Action Committees and is an important leader in Hadassah. Her husband, Eugene, is a Trustee of the Congregation.

The other officers of the new administration include Program Vice Presidents Tova Bulow and Ida Frankel; Hospitality Vice President, Monica Meislin; Social Secretary, Rita Distenfeld; Recording Secretary, Donna Silverman; and Treasurers, Bertha Witkin and former President Joan Weisselberger.

In her farewell address at the Sisterhood's Annual Luncheon, Rae Gurewitsch lauded Ann Davenport, Luncheon Chairwoman on the outstanding success of that event and the Boutique that preceded it, which was chaired by Claire Deutsch, Rita Distenfeld and Paula Menche.

Rae went on to speak of a number of other contributions that the Sisterhood has made during this past year including its helping to purchase a new portable sound system for the synagogue and a new set of shiva chairs needed for houses of mourners where the Sisterhood also takes on responsibility for serving the first meal to the mourners after a funeral. The Sisterhood underwrites the congregational kiddush expenses throughout the year and takes on a major share of responsibility for Sukkah decorations. They sponsored the congregation's Scholar-In-Residence Sabbath and hosted about sixty members of Project Ezra for a luncheon and program at KJ.

Outside organizations which receive Sisterhood support include Joint Passover Association, UJA, The Jewish Braille Institute of America, Yeshiva University and a generous scholarship to Ramaz School. Through the Women's Branch of the Orthodox Union, the Sisterhood donated a significant number of shabbat candlesticks to hospitals and nursing homes in both New York and Florida. This year, the Sisterhood completed payment on the new memorial tablet in the Main Synagogue. We thank the officers who have done such an outstanding job this past year and pay particular tribute to outgoing Programming Vice President June Falk for her excellent work with Rae.

Thanks go to the members of the Board who contributed to the success of this year's activities including Adam, Robbie, Isaac and Martine mentioned above as well as Treasurer Alan Singer, Secretary Ida Frankel, Adam Dicker, Sharon Katz, Lynette and Steve Koppel, Phyllis Kukin, Robert Kurzweil, Dr. Rosalind Levine and Elaine Schreiberman.

116th ANNUAL MEETING WELCOMES NEW RABBIS

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CAROLE AND DR. MICHAEL NIMAROFF
TEENA AND STANLEY OLAN
ALLETTE OLIVAR
RENA AND DR. H. LEON PACHTER
SUSAN AND DR. SHELDON PIKE
RANDEE RAPPOPORT
LOUISE AND FRANK RING
CAROLYN AND DR. SIMON ROSENBERG
SELIG SACKS
DRS. DEBRA AND GERARD SCHILLER
LOUELLA MERIN-SCHOCHAT AND
MICHAEL SCHOCHAT
PEARL SCHUB
JANE AND ROBERT SCHWALBE
CAROLINE AND DAVID SCHWARCZ
LYNN SCHWARTZ
GREGG SOLOMON
JUDY AND DR. ALAN SPIEGEL
CAROL STEIN
CYNTHIA AND
DR. STEVEN STEINSCHRIEBER
CHARLES J. SYNES
EVA AND EMIL TALEL
DORIS TRAVIS
EVA WALD
RUTI AND JERRY WARSHAW
SIDNEY WEINGARTEN
CHARENE ZALIS
JUDY AND MARK ZBOROWSKI
CATHY AND SEYMOUR ZISES

Following the approval of these members, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein cited a number of people on the occasion of important anniversaries of their association with KJ. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Holzer were honored on the occasion of their 40th anniversary in our congregation. They were married in the study of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

Among the 25th anniversary celebrants were Mrs. Deszo Goldner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gura, Dr. and Mrs. William F. Herzig, Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Newborn, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Orwasher, Dr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky, Mrs. Abraham Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Trencher.

Action on President's Report

Following Benjamin Brown's report, Arthur C. Silverman presented the two new Assistant Rabbis for approval by the membership. He described the specific roles of both Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Gartenberg (an article welcoming the new Rabbis appears elsewhere in this *Bulletin*). Their appointment by the Board of Trustees was approved unanimously by the membership.

Dr. Paula Elbirt-Bender was then called upon to present the idea of forming a new women's tefillah group in the congregation. The establishment of this group was approved unanimously and enthusiastically by the congregation and an announcement was made that the first service of the group would be held on Shabbat morning, April 30. The D'var Torah presented at this first women's service is included elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

Arthur C. Silverman, in behalf of the nominating committee (Nathan Salzman, Chairman; Sandy Eisenstat, Co-Chairman; Joseph Lorch and Arthur C. Silverman, Members), then presented the report of the Nominations Committee. He indicated that the Committee has proposed to the Board of Trustees that two new Offices be created for the next year: a Second Vice President and a Financial Secretary. In a congregation that is approaching 800 members it is felt that six Officers would serve better than four. The Board of Trustees voted to create these offices for the next year without amending the Constitution. The Board chose David Levy as Second Vice President and Frederic H. Baumgarten as Financial Secretary. The appointment of these new Officers was then approved by the membership meeting.

Mr. Silverman then recommended that Hon. George Postel and Bertha Witkin be elected as Honorary Trustees. These two suggestions were enthusiastically approved.

Mr. Silverman then presented the following Trustees for re-election:

JOSHUA DEUTSCH
A. PHILLIP GOLDSMITH
SAM GRADOWSKI
BERL JANOWSKI
WILLIAM LEBOWITZ
NATHAN SALZMAN
ARTHUR C. SILVERMAN

He then proposed the following Trustees to fill vacancies on the Board:

REUBEN DAVIS
ABRAHAM ESSES
DR. NATHALIE FRIEDMAN
SEYMOUR KRAMER

The nomination of these Trustees was then approved by the membership.

Election of Officers

Mr. Silverman then expressed the gratitude of the congregation to Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal and Norman Bulow who were retiring as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Both men have contributed greatly to the warmth and spirit of our services, they have made people feel at home in the synagogue and they have impacted upon the present and future plans of Kehilath Jeshurun as to governance and activities. Both asked to be relieved of their offices at the present time. Mr. Silverman expressed the hope that they would continue to be actively involved in the affairs of the congregation.

Mr. Silverman proposed the following as Officers of Kehilath Jeshurun: Benjamin Brown, President; Stanley Gurewitsch, Vice President; Fred Distenfeld, Treasurer; and Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn, Secretary; in addition to David Levy and Frederic Baumgarten who had previously been elected. All the Officers were approved unanimously.

Appointment of Associate Trustees

Mr. Brown thanked the Nominating Committee for its very careful work in helping to provide leadership for the congregation in the year ahead. He then announced the appointment of the following as Associate Trustees for terms of one year:

HARVEY ARFA
DR. ADAM N. BENDER
HARVEY GEISLER
IRA GOBER
SUZANNE JAVITT
HARRY KLEINHAUS
RICHARD KOBRIN
EDWARD LUKASHOK
GEORGE ROHR
RONALD TAUBER
BURT USDAN

All of these are currently serving as Associate Trustees. In addition, Mr. Brown announced the appointment of the following as new Associate Trustees:

FRAN BROWN
LIONEL ETRA
MARTINE FOX
MICHAEL JASPAN

Memorial to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Every year at the Annual Meeting a member of the community who knew the late Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein well delivers a memorial tribute to the Rabbi who for 56 years led the congregation in all of its endeavors. This year the honor of delivering that memorial was given to Samuel M. Eisenstat, a past President of the congregation. His memorial tribute appears elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

Following the memorial to the Rabbi, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein offered brief eulogies of the following members of our congregation who were called to their eternal reward since the last Annual Meeting.

Departed Members

TILLIE BACKER
ESTHER EISENSTAT
NATHAN FINK
ELEANOR GAYNES
SAM GYENES
ALFRED I. KAHN
IRVIN KRULWICH
THEODORE JOSEPH KRULWICH
SYLVIA MARCUS
DR. MAX MILLER
GLORIA SHENKER
ELAINE BRODY SILVERBERG
DR. DAVID WEISSELBERGER

Following the eulogies, Cantor Davis chanted the memorial prayer for all of those whom we remembered that night.

Annual Meeting of Ramaz School

Mr. Brown then called upon Rosalie Kleinhaus, a past President of the Parents Council of Ramaz, to conduct the Annual meeting for the Ramaz School Corporation. The members of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun serve also as the members of the Ramaz School Corporation. The only item of business on the agenda was the election of Trustees for the school. Mrs. Kleinhaus called upon Joseph Lorch, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, to present the report.

Mr. Lorch, speaking in behalf of Abe Esses, Ira Gober, Rosalie Kleinhaus and himself, presented the following report:

For nomination as Life Trustees:

LAWRENCE A. KOBRIN
MELVIN D. NEWMAN

For nomination for a**full three-year term as Regular Trustees:**

BENJAMIN BROWN
FRED DISTENFELD
ISRAEL ENGLANDER
JOYCE HIRSCH
DAVID KAHN
ROSALIE KLEINHAUS
HANNAH LOW
ISAAC POLLAK
DAVID SARNA
AXEL STAWSKI
JUDY TANZ

For three-year terms as Parent Trustees:

ROCHELLE FANG
SEYMOUR KRAMER
STEPHANIE TRUMP

For three-year terms as Alumni Trustees:

BELDA LINDENBAUM
EZRA MERKIN
IAN SCHORR

Mr. Lorch then expressed thanks to Diane Abrams, George Baumgarten, Nancy Dubler and Herschel Waldman who have completed their terms in office. He moved the adoption of the Nominations Committee report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. With that the Annual Meeting of Ramaz School was concluded.

The president then called upon Rabbi Lookstein for a few closing remarks. The Rabbi spoke about his pride in the activities of this congregation: in its strong support of unity in the Jewish community and, particularly, the continued presence of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America in the Synagogue Council of America; the establishment of a women's tefillah group in a proper and inspiring fashion; the new and vital activity of our Social Action Committee; the continued wonderful work of our Bikkur Cholim Society; the maintenance of a very warm atmosphere at our Shabbat services (he gave a number of examples of this and he cited once again Dr. Mortimer Blumenthal and Norman Bulow for their contributions to that spirit).

The Rabbi thanked all of the officials of the congregation: Mr. Rosenberg, Chazan Davis, Bob Leifert; the ladies in the office: Florence Cohen, Hattie Murphy and Chani Wolk; and then he thanked Benjamin Brown, whose service to the congregation was made particularly

HIGH HOLY DAY SEAT RESERVATIONS DUE NOW

Members of the congregation and friends in the community have already been asked to submit their High Holy Day seat requests to the synagogue office.

The holidays this year come as follows:

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday evening, September 11
Monday and Tuesday
September 12 and 13

YOM KIPPUR:

Tuesday evening and Wednesday
September 20 and 21

We have asked each member family to indicate to us on the seat reservation card whether or not they will be with us for the holidays, and if they do intend to join us to indicate how many men's and women's seats are needed and for whom they are intended. In that way the names can be properly entered on the seat ticket and entered on the ushers' lists.

In addition to those seats to which a member is entitled, we are happy to try to arrange additional reservations for members of one's family as space permits. The price for seats for guests is available from the synagogue office.

Services, as in the past, will again take place in the Main Synagogue, the Kamber Auditorium and the Social Hall. Children over the age of twelve are required to have reservations. Members' children from the age of twelve through the completion of their full time education may be enrolled as Junior Members which entitles them to a reserved seat as space permits. No such seats are available in the women's section of the Main Synagogue.

All ticket requests should be directed to our Executive Director, Mr. Robert Leifert or to Chani Wolk of the synagogue office staff. The processing of requests has already begun and, therefore, those who have not yet submitted their requests should do so immediately.

difficult by Alan's accident during this past year but who, nevertheless, carried on his role as lay leader of KJ in an admirable way. He thanked Stanley Gurewitsch for his assistance as Vice President and he expressed his gratitude to all of the Officers, Trustees, and the membership for helping to maintain this congregation as a unified family, with no divisiveness, no politics, no unbecoming, grasping for power as often exists in other places. He said it was a privilege to serve this congregation for the past 30 years and he wished all of us well in the year to come.

The evening ended with a delightful social hour in the Social Hall, at which people were able to greet each other and enjoy a lovely collation.

DIVA CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS KOSHER RESTAURANT

We are delighted to extend a mazel tov to Diva Restaurant upon the first anniversary of its becoming kosher. Its presence in our community has done much to enhance Jewish life on the Upper East Side.

Located in a townhouse at 306 East 81st Street, just east of Second Avenue, one enters to soft piano music in a quiet intimate atmosphere.

Diva had been considered a stylish supper spot for six years before its owner, Louis Stewart decided to make it kosher in early 1987. There are overflow crowds there nightly and reservations are strongly recommended.

The menu at Diva includes primarily Italian and fish entrees. No meat is served. All of the items are prepared with dairy ingredients in much the same way as they were prepared by the same Italian chef before the restaurant became kosher. An interesting selection of creative appetizers can be followed by a very tasty soup. An excellent selection of imported wines may accompany dinner and incredibly delicious desserts are available too, along with espresso to conclude the meal.

For reservations, call Louis Stewart at 650-1928. Much of the KJ/Ramaz community has already been enjoying Diva for the last year.

WELCOME RABBIS COHEN AND GARTENBERG

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We welcome Rabbi Cohen and his bride (they were married at the end of May), Beth, and we look forward to a long and happy association with them here at KJ.

Rabbi Michael D. Gartenberg also has smicha from Yeshiva University, a Bachelor of Arts from Yeshiva College, and a Master of Science degree from Azrieli, with a concentration in Jewish secondary education. He has just recently served as Assistant Director of Development for Outreach and Regional Programs for the Northern New Jersey Region of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY). He also served as assistant director of regional programming for that region for the years 1982 through 1987. He has particular skills in desk-top publishing, computer programming and guitar.

Rabbi Gartenberg's primary responsibility at KJ will be as director of all of our youth activities, with responsibility to run many of our congregational programs. In addition, he will give shiurim and, from time to time, serve in the pulpit. He will also have a limited teaching position in the Ramaz Upper School.

We welcome Rabbi Gartenberg and his wife Miriam, who will also have a teaching responsibility at Ramaz, and we wish them a long and happy association with us here at KJ.

Simona Abraham, daughter of Mr. Dan Abraham and Mrs. Estanne Fawer, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was co-captain of the volleyball team and is the last in her family to graduate from Ramaz. Simona will attend George Washington University in the fall.

Mona Riklis Ackerman upon receiving her doctorate in clinical psychology from the Ferkauf Graduate School of Yeshiva University. Her dissertation topic was *The Prediction to Attachment at One Year from Observed Social Interaction at Two and Four Months*.

Pia E. Ascher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ascher, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She is a past member of the chorus and the chesed committee. Pia was the secretary of the Likrat Shabbat. She will attend Stern College in the fall, majoring in sociology.

Shoshana Bulow Berkowitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bulow and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation *magna cum laude* from Columbia University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received a BA in psychology. Shoshana managed to do this while, thank God, bringing two daughters into the world and helping her husband, Rabbi Asher Berkowitz, in his activities in both the shul and school.

Jonathan Blum, son of Mrs. Ida Frankel, who is a Judaic Honor Roll student at Yeshiva University High School for Boys. He will begin the Early Admissions Program of Yeshiva University in the fall.

Adam Michael Brenner, son of Mrs. Robin Davenport, 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 AV Squad. Adam will attend Dartmouth College this fall.

Matthew Aaron Cohen, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from Columbia with a BA in History. He will attend the Mt. Sinai Medical School in the fall.

Dr. Oren J. Cohen, son-in-law of Mrs. Eva Wald, who is beginning his second year residency in internal medicine at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Sharon Koren Cohen, daughter-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen, upon her graduation from Columbia with a BA in History. She will begin graduate studies in Medieval History at Yale University in the fall.

David Debora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Debora, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He has been in the chorus and chamber chorus for four years and was manager of the boys' varsity basketball team. David will attend Queens College in the fall.

Elizabeth Eilender, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kasriel Eilender, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She spent many years in the Volunteer Service at Lenox Hill Hospital. She will attend the Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

Jeffrey Eilender, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kasriel Eilender and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation *magna cum laude* from Cornell University arts and sciences where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received a BA in History. Jeffrey will attend Columbia Law School in the fall.

Dana Eisman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Eisman and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation *magna cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Philosophy. She will attend Columbia Business School in the fall.

Steven Howard Eisman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Eisman and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation *cum laude* from Howard Law School. He will be working as a law clerk for a Federal judge in the Eastern Division.

David Lawrence Elisofon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Elisofon, upon his graduation with honors from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He was Literary Editor of the Yearbook. David will attend Dartmouth College in the fall.

Dovid Feldman, grandson of Mrs. Gertrude Linzer and son of a Ramaz alumnus, Carol Linzer Feldman, upon his graduation with honors from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He will be working at the Hospital for Joint Diseases.

Joshua Gallin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gallin, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He won a National Merit Special Corporate Scholarship. Josh was a member of the varsity basketball team and was Photography editor of the Yearbook. He will attend Carlton College in the fall.

Dana L. Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Gross and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation *cum laude* from Barnard College with a degree in Sociology. She spent her junior year at the City University of London and served as Music Editor of *The Columbia Spectator* while at Barnard.

Jennifer P. Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Gross and a graduate of Ramaz, upon being awarded a Dean's scholarship at the Gallatin Division of NYU, where she is studying Art Education. She is also employed at Arista Records as Alternative Marketing Representative.

Pamela Gross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Gross upon her graduation from the Calhoun School with honors in Spanish. She will attend Hunter College in the fall.

Ethan Katsh, son of Prof. and Mrs. Abraham Katsh and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his appointment to full professorship of Legal

ACADEMIC

Kehilath Jeshurun extends hearty congratulations to

Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amhurst.

Alan Lefkowitz, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, upon his graduation as valedictorian from Albany High School. He will attend Harvard in the fall.

Amiel Nathan Lindenbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Lindenbaum, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was co-president of the senior class and a member of the hockey team. Amiel will study for a year at BMT in Israel before beginning his studies at Clark University.

Debbie Lookstein Senders, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein and granddaughter of Mrs. Morris Katz and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein upon receiving her second Masters Degree, an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Cleveland State University.

Joshua Lookstein, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein and grandson of Mrs. Morris Katz and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He was co-chairman of the Jewish Affairs Committee, co-director of the senior play, and a member of the varsity tennis team. Josh was co-chairman of the Service Squad and received a School Service Award for contributions to school programs. He is the youngest of Mrs. Lookstein's eight grandchildren, everyone of whom graduated from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz. Joshua will study for a year at Yeshivat Hakotel before beginning his studies at Yeshiva University.

Jeffrey A. Mittler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mittler, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was Managing Editor of the Yearbook and co-chairman of the Sports Committee. He was a member of the varsity basketball and tennis teams. Jeffrey served as an outstanding leader of Junior Congregation at KJ for the past two years. He will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

Rona Neustadter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neustadter, upon her graduation from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons with an MS in Physical Therapy.

Jillian Perlberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perlberger, upon her graduation from Dalton as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. She will attend Williams College in Massachusetts in the fall.

Jody Perlberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perlberger, upon successful completion of her first year at Middlesex College in Vermont.

C H O N O R S

heartiest congratulations to.....

Deborah L. Podell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Podell, upon her graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. She was Executive Layout Editor of the Yearbook. Deborah will attend Barnard College in the fall.

Joshua F. Rochlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rochlin and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation *summa cum laude* from Columbia University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received a BA in History. Josh won the Robert I. Herz Fellowship for concern for social issues and public service. He won the *Crain's* New York Business and Association for a Better New York Entrepreneur Competition. Josh will attend Columbia Law School in the fall.

Esther Roshwalb upon her receiving her Doctorate in Biblical Studies and Ancient Near East Literature and Language from the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies in the School of Arts and Sciences at New York University. Her dissertation topic was *Build-Up and Climax in Ugaritic Literature with Biblical Parallels and its Bearing on Biblical Studies*. Esther has a Master's degree in Modern Hebrew Literature from New York University also. She is an Adjunct Professor of Modern Hebrew Literature in the Jewish Studies Division of Stern College.

Yael Roshwalb, daughter of Eugene and Dr. Esther Roshwalb, and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Barnard College with a BA in Political Science. She will be working for Morgan Stanley.

Adam Sanders, son of Martin Sanders and Erica Sanders, upon his graduation from the Dwight School. He will begin his university studies at the Hebrew University this summer. His plans are to remain in Israel as an *oleh chadash*.

Jessica Sanders, daughter of Martin Sanders and Erica Sanders, upon her graduation with honors from Amhurst College with a Master's Degree in Fine Arts. She is moving to San Francisco to pursue her career.

Michelle Sanders, daughter of Martin Sanders and Erica Sanders, upon her graduation with honors from Bryn Mawr College with a BA. She is director of a child care center for battered women in Philadelphia.

Daniel O. Scharfstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Scharfstein, upon his graduation *magna cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania with a dual degree from the Wharton School of Business and the Moore School of Engineering. He will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, as a doctoral candidate in Operations, Research and Management.

Deva Schluss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Schluss, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was co-chairman of the Jewish Affairs Committee and head advisor of Freshman Seminar. She was also manager of the varsity basketball team. Deva received a School Service Award for contributions to school programs and the Sue Moskowitz Chesed Award for demonstrating exceptional concern for people and kindness to those in need. Deva will study for a year at Brovenders in Israel, before beginning her studies at Goucher College.

Fred Schwartz, son of Mr. Stanley Schwartz, upon his graduation from Yeshiva College with a BS degree. He is the recipient of the Louis and Lena Lankisky Memorial Award for excellence in Talmud studies.

Jeremy M. Steindecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steindecker and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Political Science. He will be starting his own sports management business in Philadelphia.

Michelle Dena Steindecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Steindecker, upon her graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. She was co-captain of the varsity basketball and tennis teams and co-chairman of the Service Squad. Michelle received a School Service Award for contributions to school programs. She will attend the Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

Susan Judy Steintal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steintal, upon her graduation with honors 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-Editor-In-Chief of the Yearbook and a member of the dance club. Susan received an English Award for excellence in literature and critical writing and a Dance Award. She will attend Princeton University in the fall.

Dara Stern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Stern, upon her graduation as an honor student at the Riverdale Country Day School. She will attend Cornell University in the fall.

Lawrence E. Tanz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Tanz, upon his graduation with honors from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship and as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. He was President of the G.O. and a member of the varsity basketball and softball teams. Larry received the Governor's Citation for outstanding academic achievements; the Spanish Award for outstanding ability in Spanish, and 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 attend Harvard University in the fall.

Lewis Trencher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Trencher and a graduate of Ramaz, who is a senior accounting major at NYU's College of Business and Public Administration. He is taking part in the college's special five-month internship program, in which he spends five months at full salary at a major accounting firm in New York as part of his regular curriculum.

Marla F. Wald, M.D., daughter of Mrs. Eva Wald who will begin a residency in psychiatry at New York University Medical Center.

Deena Cohen Zimmerman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine as a member of the AOA Honor Society. She is beginning her residency in pediatrics at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital of Rutgers University.

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.

RACHEL ABRAMS
daughter of Hon. and Mrs.
Robert Abrams

HARLAN COHEN
son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cohen

BRIAN COOPER
son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Cooper

REBECCA DEUTSCH
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Howard Deutsch and granddaughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Deutsch

TESSA DEUTSCH
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Stanley Deutsch and granddaughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Deutsch

MICHAEL ELISOFFON
son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Elisoffon

SARAH FALK
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Falk

RANDI GOBER
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gober

AMY GROSS
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Gross

MARNIE HUTNER
daughter of Mrs. Laurie Hutner

LILY LEVITSKY
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Asher Levitsky

JOSHUA NADEL
son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nadel

LAURA SCHWARTZ
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Jesse Schwartz

LOUIS ZWIEBEL
son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Zweibel

WOMEN AND KEDUSHA

by Dr. Judith Hauptman-Adesnik

We reprint below the d'var Torah presented by Dr. Judith Hauptman-Adesnik at the first womens' tefillah service in our congregation on April 30 of this year. The view in her d'rasha reflects one way of looking at a service which turned out to be a wonderful example of religious practice and education for and by women. The service was attended by over 125 women who experienced a level of kavana and tefillah which are objectively extremely impressive and subjectively very important to those who were experiencing it.

—H.L.

The second *parashah* we read this morning, *Kedoshim tih'yu*, charges Jews with the responsibility of seeking a life of *kedushah* (holiness.) Is there a connection between this commandment and women gathering to pray together this morning? According to many men the answer is no. They claim that women are not seeking to pray together in order to reach out to God but simply to behave like men. That this perception is incorrect can best be shown by examining what this *parashah* has to say about women and *kedushah*.

The second verse of Chapter 19 says that we should be holy because God is holy. But what does it mean to be *kadosh* (holy)? The rest of Chapter 19 lists many kinds of prescribed behavior. The first two are to hold one's parents in awe, both father and mother, and to observe God's Shabbat. How does one observe Shabbat? By making a distinction between what one does on the six days of the week, namely work, and what one does on the seventh, namely desisting from work. That is, one pays homage to God by not working when He rested from work. Similarly, fearing parents is also to be understood as treating them differently from the way we treat everyone else, mainly by avoiding doing anything which might be considered disrespectful to parents. Elsewhere the Torah tells us not to strike or curse parents. The rabbis of the Talmud define *mora av v'em* (fear of parents) as not sitting in a parent's regular seat, not standing in a parent's regular place, and not contradicting a parent's words [Kiddushin 31B]. As a result of refraining from these actions we honor our parents. Notice that in this context mothers rank the same as fathers.

What follows the two commandments of fearing parents and observing the Sabbath is a long list of proscribed actions, including a ban on stealing and lying, swearing falsely, withholding wages from employees, cursing the deaf, putting an obstacle in front of the blind, and miscarrying justice. By not depriving others of their honor or property or life we come to respect their personal integrity. And if they are unable to fend for themselves, the Torah tells us that we must share some of what is ours with them, e.g., by leaving gifts for the poor in the field. Furthermore, we are not to bear grudges or take revenge but to love our fellow man as ourselves, apparently meaning that by not engaging in these forbidden activities we acknowledge that he possesses the same level of humanity that we do—a kind of egalitarian message.

The principle that emerges from this long list of rules is that by exercising control over ourselves, by not exploiting others for our own benefit, and by offering help to individuals in trouble, we come to realize the intrinsic worth of every other human being and thereby attain holiness. Note that this chapter places God and man on the same continuum: *Kedushah* begins with proper behavior toward God and continues with proper behavior toward man.

What we now need to establish is to whom this message of holiness is directed. Is it to the entire people of Israel, women included? We cannot say that that was the case, because the long lists of forbidden sexual liaisons in the preceding and following chapters, with minor exceptions, only state which women are forbidden to each man—e.g., his mother, his sister—not which men are forbidden to each woman. These laws were addressed to men because they were the heads of household, as can be seen by the discussion of vows in Bamidbar 30. We learn there that a daughter or a wife could only keep a vow if her father or husband approved of it. Men, however, did not need their wife's approval to keep their vows. The Torah's laws were mediated to women through men, by fathers and husbands who gave instructions to their wives and daughters.

Even though women were not addressed directly by Torah, it is important to note that they were not viewed by Torah as economically or socially disadvantaged. Unlike the poor and aliens who had no one to take care of them, women were supported and protected by the men of their family. The only women perceived of as subject to abuse were widows, just as the only children perceived of as subject of abuse were orphans. For this reason, women in general were not considered in need of special legislative attention.

Today the situation is different. Women feel that in certain areas they are not treated fairly. They are lodging complaints about the difficulty they have in obtaining a *get* from a recalcitrant husband and about their inability to pursue a life of the mind or a life of the spirit because study of many Jewish texts is forbidden to women as is leading a group in prayer or reading from the Torah. The control of women by men used to be seen as the normal and even desirable course of social behavior. But now women have begun to perceive of control and subordination as abuse. They have begun to realize that the basic Jewish texts which they love and by which they live—texts like *parashat Kedoshim* which preach respect for the humanity of every individual—still need to be fully implemented.

What do women want today? Men think that what women want is to become equal to and the same as men. But men are misunderstanding the message: what women want is equal access to *kedushah* for both men and women. Equality is not a goal in and of

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE MEETING WITH OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

On behalf of the Social Action Committee and the Chavurah group that is coordinating it, we are pleased to report that the food and clothing drive has captured widespread support from the congregation and children and families of the Ramaz Lower School. It has been of tremendous help to a large number of homeless and otherwise disadvantaged people in New York at this time.

In the first two months of the effort, from mid-April to mid-June, more than 4,000 garments have been brought to the collection box in the lobby. Even as the Committee was dividing and bagging clothing that had previously come in, another hundred items were brought in one Sunday morning.

The clothing is being distributed through various organizations that have direct contact with those in need including the Jewish organizations in the city and non-Jewish organizations in the community. A letter from one such organization received recently said:

Dear Mr. Leifert,

Thank you for the clothes collection for the needy families in our community. What made your contribution particularly good was the excellent condition of the clothing you gave us making it possible for us to distribute it immediately. When clothes are clean like the ones you collected, it saves us from having to send them to the cleaners which takes time and is costly.

We feel blessed to have received them and are grateful to you for allowing us to have distributed them. Thank you for all you have done for this worthwhile cause.

—TEAMWORK ASSOCIATION
FOR THE COMMUNITY

The collection baskets will continue to be in the lower lobby throughout the summer, during which time any kind of clothing and packaged or canned foods may be brought in.

itself; it is a means to an end. Women are yearning to utter the words, study the texts, and perform the acts which will put women in touch with God, which will catapult women into the realm of *kedushah*. As comfortable as the Torah's scheme of things is for women, as safe as it may be to be supported and protected, as easy as it is not to be obligated to the *mitzvot* in the same way men are, the price women pay for these exemptions is that they forego the opportunity to live in the dimension of *kedushah*. Therefore, *Kedoshim tih'yu* is precisely the right *parashah* to read today at a service in which women are trying to appropriate *kedushah* for themselves.

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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

Delivered By Sandy Eisenstat At The Annual Meeting

I cried like a baby at his funeral. There I was, 39 years old, President of one of the most prestigious synagogues in the world, a person who had been involved in communal and professional life, and I cried—and I didn't even care if any of the overflowing crowd in the Shul saw me.

Why did I react this way? He was my rabbi, my principal, my teacher; he was a great Jewish leader, but he wasn't my relative, he wasn't a parent. What caused me to express myself in such an uncontrolled and emotional way.

I have thought about this many times since that day, and in the few minutes allotted to me this evening, I would like to share with you my thoughts as to the life and more importantly the impact on others of the life of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

Unlike many seated in the audience tonight, I was privileged to know Rabbi Joseph Lookstein since my early years in Ramaz. I knew him first as a legendary friend of the family, then as a principal, then as a teacher, and finally as my Rabbi.

Our relationship spanned more than 30 years—with the relationship becoming much closer during the last years of his life.

My first recollection of him was at the model Passover seder in Ramaz. It was the highlight of the day, for after we had done our thing at the seder—each student getting up to recite mechanically three or four words from the Haggadah—Rabbi Lookstein would join us and put us to a test. It never failed, an excitement filled the air as the Rabbi began to speak, and then he challenged us. He would ask the student four questions, and if we knew the answers—if four students could answer the questions, the entire student body would get ice cream at the forthcoming Lag B'Omer outing.

I don't know how it happened, but one year after he asked a question, he called on me—God must have been very understanding that day—for I answered it correctly and, as I did, I recall a broad smile appearing on the Rabbi's face. I often wondered if he actually paid for the ice cream!

My next memory of the Rabbi was at the Lag B'Omer outing. I think it was in Cunningham Park in Queens. There he was, not giving out ice cream but on the pitching mound, pitching in the student-faculty softball game. he was some ballplayer—I can remember it as if it was yesterday. He had this big wind-up and the ball would sail in. He was very serious, and if anyone hit his pitch . . . watch out!

Rabbi Lookstein was a very special teacher, one of the best I ever had. He taught a course in our junior year of high school called, I believe, "Judaism." It was a course on modern Jewish history and how we should conduct ourselves when we went into the real world.

Let me confess to you that I wrote the book on excuses to get out of class. I showed my greatest creativity in fabricating reasons why I could not attend a particular class (a trait that I may have passed on to my children). But I couldn't and wouldn't miss the Rabbi's class. It was alive, exciting . . . education at its best. It was my first real taste of the greatness of this man, and was, unknown to me at the time, a sample of what was to come.

When I got married, moved into the neighborhood and joined the Shul, my relationship with the Rabbi took on a different dimension, first as a member of the Congregation, then an officer; and it was in this latter capacity that I truly got to know the Rabbi and was afforded the unique opportunity of developing a very special relationship with him. It was in these, the last years of his life, that I was privileged to experience the genius of this great man.

What made him so special? What caused this 5 foot tall human being to be considered a giant in my eyes and in the eyes of many who knew him? I would like to suggest to you a number of reasons:

He loved life. He approached life with a bounce, in his step and in his attitude. "God owes me nothing," he would say. You knew when he was coming. Why? Because he came with gusto. There was nothing parve about this man. He savored life and enjoyed it to its fullest—even when on occasion he was dealt a bad hand, he took it, made the best of it and went on.

Do you remember his face, cherubic but with a gleam in his eye? I don't remember the original color of his hair, but if you told me it was red, I would not be surprised.

He was not afraid to speak out or take positions that he believed in, notwithstanding the fact that it could generate controversy. If he had something on his mind, you would know it in no uncertain terms.

He loved people—and the people knew it. He would enter a room and the mood in the room would change. A little word to this one, a greeting to that one—every person felt that the Rabbi was concerned for his or her welfare, and he was!

Most of all he loved children. Oh yes, when they ran around in Shul he would get upset, but he was more upset at the parents for not controlling their children. I recall the time I brought my daughter Lilly to Shul on Yom Tov. she was about 2 years old. She came in just before the Cohanim began to duchen. The Rabbi and the officers and other Klei Kodesh had walked to the center Bimah and the cohanim began their service.

This was my daughter's first "priestly benediction" and when she looked up and saw the group of cohanim swaying to and fro with their talesim over their heads, she shouted, "Monsters!" The Rabbi wheeled around to see the perpetrator, and when he saw me holding Lilly, he burst out laughing. And when he laughed, he laughed! His whole body shook.

Rabbi Lookstein loved children and you knew it. Starting with his own, whom he adored and including his extended family—the Congregation and Ramaz—children were his life. I wouldn't be surprised were it not this love for Jewish children that in great part caused him to establish Ramaz.

He loved his country. He was a great patriot and he adored America. He was grateful for the opportunity that these United States afforded Jews and was truly proud to be an American. He served his country with pride as a Chaplain in the Armed Forces and when, in the course of his life he had the opportunity to meet with Presidents and other leaders of this country, he did so with pride and dignity coupled with a sense of humility and gratitude.

He was determined to prove that one could live a pious Jewish life while remaining loyal and active as a committed American. He took the best of European Jewish traditions and combined them with modern American qualities, creating a religious atmosphere that would be palatable to both the Orthodox and those who were not yet Orthodox.

He loved the Jewish people. What a proud Jew, an elegant Jew, a devoted Jew. He was a meykil for everyone else, but a machmir on himself.

I remember on a number of occasions coming into the Synagogue office prior to Shachris to take care of some Shul business, and the Rabbi was davening himself in his office with his tallis over his head. In public he would never put the tallis over his head, except when he read Zchor bris, but in private—that's another story.

His involvement as one of the founders of Bar-Ilan University and his relentless commitment and devotion to Ramaz were manifestations of his love for the Jewish people. The Jewish people could not survive unless there were institutions of learning—and not just the learning of Torah—but religious and general studies were essential if the Jewish people were to survive as a modern people.

If I had to guess, as much as he loved Ramaz and took pride in its students and alumni, it was this Synagogue, the 85th Street Shul (as it was known) that was his pride and joy. He loved the ritual, the tradition, the service. He brought dignity and decorum into the tradition and took pride in all the activities and developments in Synagogue life.

When he walked into the pulpit to deliver a sermon—and he was the best—you could feel his excitement. He had the ability to draw his listeners into his subject and impart a strong and critical message, week after week, year after year. And when he went after someone in his speech, I would pity the subject of his anger.

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BAR-ILAN HONORS RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

At its annual dinner on June 16, Bar-Ilan University conferred upon Rabbi Haskel Lookstein the prestigious Joseph H. Lookstein Memorial Award for service to the Jewish community. This was the fourth such award given by Bar-Ilan. The first three went to Elie Wiesel, Cynthia Ozick and Honorable Binyamin Netanyahu. As part of the Award Ceremonies, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, Chancellor of the University presented our Rabbi in a manner which we felt our readers would want to share. Rabbi Rackman said:

"You may recall, Haskel, that two years ago when the celebrated Jewish author Cynthia Ozick received the prestigious award which it is my privilege to present to you tonight, she, with characteristic modesty, asked how she can be said to have served the community! She felt that writing in the privacy of her home did not make her a community figure. We had to reassure her that she was worthy of the award that bears the name of your illustrious father.

"No matter how modest you are, Haskel, I cannot believe that you have any doubts that you have emerged as one of the most prominent and effective leaders of our Jewish community—locally, nationally and internationally. Indeed, there is no area of communal activity to which you have not made a notable contribution. I mention only a few to indicate the scope and diversity of your activity.

"First and foremost you are the spiritual leader of one of the world's most important orthodox congregations where three generations in your family held high the banner of our religious heritage, and especially *you* have held fast in your commitment to modern or-

thodoxy despite the unceasing attempts in our day to delegitimize what your great-grandfather and father of blessed memory espoused. In that synagogue you preached eloquently to thousands of parishioners and at Yeshiva University you expounded your views to hundreds of students.

"In the sphere of Jewish education you made your own alma mater, the Ramaz School, internationally famous—you not only enlarged on it physically and numerically but you are responsible for its academic enrichment and the deepening of its spiritual dimension.

"But that is not all. You were a leader in the struggle for the liberation of Soviet Jewry. You not only wrote impressively on at least one aspect of the Holocaust but you also sharpened the consciousness of young and old with regard to the enormity of humanity's greatest crime.

"You became a voice to be heard in the effort to achieve Jewish-unity, or better yet, to achieve respect for differences in the Jewish community—the so-called pluralism. You did this in your capacity as president of the New York Board of Rabbis and you also are a leader in the cause of the liberation of the Jewish woman both in the synagogue and within the Jewish family.

"For Israel you not only raised very substantial sums but you also sought to Zionize observant Jews and Judaize those who are secularists. For the sake of Israel and Jews in bondage outside of Israel you not only talked much and travelled extensively but also joined with peers to give militant expression to the demands of Jewry for basic elementary justice from the world's powers.

"How much more could anyone have done for the Jewish community! And are you not, therefore, overwhelmingly entitled to receive our prestigious award.

"But I must add a personal note.

"Long ago I was honored to have been invited by your father to preach the Shabbat sermon at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun on the occasion of your becoming a Bar-Mitzvah. How could I have imagined that some 40 years later I would be honoring his son, with an award bearing the father's name! Ten years ago—in this month of June I had the honor of conferring an honorary degree on your father in the name of Bar-Ilan's Senate and Board of Trustees.

"What a memorable sequence to that it is for me to stand here now and present his son as the fourth awardee of the American Friends of Bar-Ilan University—succeeding Elie Wiesel, Cynthia Ozick and Ambassador Netanyahu.

"Madame President, it is you who will now deliver the award with your own inimitably charming comment."

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MEMORIAL TO RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

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He had an amazing facility of expression. He was a homoletic star. He could turn a phrase as well as anyone, and communicate ideas and thoughts in an uncanny and innovative way. He was able to take the most routine, mundane thought and present it in a manner that caught the attention of his listeners and enabled him to make his point.

He was very persuasive and in addition to his great intellect, he was street-smart and charming.

When he first discussed my becoming President of the Shul, I shared with him my great reluctance and reservations. Finally, when I realized it was getting very difficult for me and that I was going to lose, I came up with what I thought was an ingenious idea, and told him if my wife Suzie agreed, I would do it, figuring, based on prior conversations with Suzie that there was no way in this world she would acquiesce.

Suzie and I arrived for a meeting with the Rabbi one morning after services. We spent the better part of an hour listening to him talk about everything under the sun, from Kosher

cheese to Jewish communal activities in the United States. Somehow both Suzie and I agreed that I would serve as President—I don't to this day understand how it happened, or more importantly, when it happened.

Finally, he took great pride in his family. He adored his wife and constantly relied on her advice and judgment. They were a team—an allstar team—and it was this mutual love and respect that was the basis of his strength and fortitude.

He loved his children, Nathalie and Haskel and their respective families. How proud he would be to see how Nathalie has achieved excellence in her chosen profession. And how his heart would be filled with pride to see his son carry on and build upon what he had started at his Synagogue and Ramaz and in the national Jewish community. And his grandchildren—that's another story and time doesn't permit it to be told tonight. Suffice it to say he must be kvelling.

I used to play a game when I was a child. If I had the opportunity to meet anyone, who would I choose?

Well, you know something? I was privileged to not only meet one such type of person but to know him. He wasn't perfect, he wasn't without faults, but he was the type of person that passed through this world and left his mark. He was an innovator and creator. Unlike Joseph of the Bible who interpreted dreams, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein caused his dreams to become reality. He was a role model of a proud American of the Jewish faith who was not afraid to take new imaginative positions so long as they conformed to *halacha*—even if his actions would draw criticism from his co-religionists. He was a man of principle and courage—coupled with a marvelous sense of humor. These traits enabled him to give his all, and succeed.

So I cried that day, having lost a mentor, a leader and a teacher, a person who impacted my life directly and indirectly as much as any other person. But part of the tears were tears of joy for having had the *zechus* of knowing and loving Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

May his memory be forever blessed.

A Personal Response To A Communal Award

BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

The following is the response of Rabbi Haskel Lookstein to Bar-Ilan University's bestowal upon him of the Joseph H. Lookstein Award for Jewish Communal Service at its Annual Dinner, June 16, 1988. We thought it would have special meaning for the congregation because of some of the statements that he makes about continuing the tradition at KJ which his father established before him. —ED.

This award has very special meaning to me for a number of reasons. First, it is important to me because I follow some of the most distinguished Jews who have received it in its first three years: Elie Wiesel, Cynthia Ozick and Hon. Binyamin Netanyahu. Secondly, it comes to me two days after I observed the 30th anniversary of my inaugural sermon at Kehilath Jeshurun—June 14, 1958. On that occasion the Vice President of the congregation presented me with a watch which I am wearing tonight. The presenter is here this evening, thank God: Mr. A. Phillip Goldsmith. I am sorry if I have not consulted that watch sufficiently during the course of 30 years of sermons. I will try to be more punctual in the future.

There is a third reason why this award means so much to me. It is because I receive it in the presence of the most precious people in my life: my wife, Audrey; my children; my mother, whose eighth grandchild was graduated just last night from the school which she helped my father to found 50 years ago (all eight of her grandchildren were graduated from the Ramaz Upper School); my mother-in-law, Esther Katz, who gave me the most precious gift in my life—Audrey; my sister and brother-in-law, Dr. Nathalie and Israel Friedman; and so many friends and co-workers at Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz.

Finally, and most importantly, I appreciate this award because it bears my father's name. I am not entirely sure that I fulfilled adequately the mitzvah of *kibbud av* during my father's lifetime (which son is?) although, if imitation is the highest form of flattery then perhaps I did. But I hope, at least, that his soul is satisfied with the way in which I have tried to follow his path since his passing nine years ago. I consciously feel his approval in three areas of my life, areas which touch upon the nature of Bar-Ilan University as well.

1. First, I think my father would like what is going on at KJ. It is still very much his shul. It is a little bigger than it was nine years ago and, consequently, a little noisier on Shabbat, but nevertheless it reaches for the goal he set for it: to have the esthetic beauty and dignity of a Reform temple and the warmth and precise halakhic standards of a *shteible*. We do not achieve either goal but we are close to each. Our congregation is responsive to UJA, to Operation Moses, to Soviet Jewry rallies, and it remains, as it was in my father's lifetime, a family above and beyond all else.

2. In Ramaz also we are continuing to follow his path. Several years ago I had occasion to meet privately with Rabbi Soloveitchik. After I asked him a number of questions which were on my mind, he asked me a question: "Haskel, how is Ramaz doing?" I answered: "Thank God, Rebbe, it is doing well." "Do you have more applications than you have places?" he continued. "Yes, thank God, we do." He looked at me and said words which I will never forget. "That's because you haven't changed." "What do you mean, Rebbe?" I asked. "You haven't move to the right, Haskel. Don't let them pull you to the right."

My father taught me the same thing. I am not entirely sure how happy he would be with the sharp turn to the right of the religious Jewish community today. We at Ramaz and KJ, however, have tried to maintain a centrist, middle of the road position. It is the place my father assigned to us and we are endeavoring to remain in that place. Rabbi Soloveitchik approved of this effort. I feel that my father's soul also smiles down upon us for it.

3. Finally, I feel his support in our efforts in behalf of *ahavat Yisrael*. My father taught me this. He used to have a favorite saying: "I love every Jew except a Jew who doesn't love other Jews." He abhorred divisiveness. Rashi, in this week's portion, comments on Moses who sought to meet with Korach and his rebellious cohorts and says: "From here we learn that one should never allow divisiveness to become the norm." All things are governed by the rule of *chazaka*—tradition, if you will. The *k'sav sofer*, reacting to Rashi's statement, warns, however, that divisiveness (*machlokes*) should never become a tradition. One must always feel that one can transcend *machlokes*.

Today the Jewish community suffers terribly from divisiveness, mistrust and unnecessary hatred. Today, more than ever, it is important to "love every Jew except a Jew who doesn't love other Jews." That is related to the unconditional love promoted by the late, sainted Chief Rabbi Kook.

If one has that kind of love for all Jews one can criticize Albert Vorspan without alienating him; one can differ with extremists, without rejecting them; one can talk respectfully and lovingly with Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist rabbinic colleagues and encourage them to recommend the use of a *get* after a civil divorce in order to ensure that we will be able to marry each other—and they will respond, because people respond to love and respect.

RABBI AND MRS. LOOKSTEIN BECOME GRANDPARENTS AGAIN

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun extends a most hearty mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein upon the birth of their first granddaughter, Rebecca Pearl Cinnamon, born to their children Dr. Jay and Mindy Cinnamon. Rebecca was most warmly welcomed by her older brother Michael Joseph at their home in West Hempstead.

We extend congratulations to the proud great grandmothers, Mrs. Esther Katz and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein.

We pray that Rebecca Pearl will grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim. May she be a source of pride and nachas to all.

We dare not make a tradition of *machlokes*. We must love each and every Jew and bring all Jews to Torah and *Mitzvot* through that love.

And what better place from which to draw such love than in Bar-Ilan. Bar-Ilan was founded by Dr. Pinchos Churgin, of blessed memory, whose warm smile and twinkle enveloped and attracted every Jew regardless of his or her background. Bar-Ilan was led for 20 years by my father in a spirit of centrism, moderation and modernity. And now, Bar-Ilan is presided over by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, the outspoken, courageous and fearless champion of tolerance and fairness and an all embracing love for the people and the land of Israel.

Let the word go forth from here, in the accents of the sainted Rav Kook: The Second Temple was destroyed because of *sin'at chinam* (unnecessary hatred). It will be rebuilt—and we will be rebuilt with it—through *ahavat chinam* (unconditional love).

And when Rabbi Kook was asked by a listener "What happens, Rabbi, if there is a Jew somewhere who simply does not deserve to be loved by us? What will you do then?" Rabbi Kook is supposed to have answered as follows: "No one is perfect. But if I have to make a mistake, let my mistake be that I love a Jew who doesn't deserve to be loved." Thank you.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Blumenthal on the birth of a grandson, Ezra Sasson, to their children Barbara and Dr. George Blumenthal. Mazel tov again to Dr. and Mrs. Blumenthal on the birth of a granddaughter, Shoshana Rifka, to their children, Claudia and Dr. Samuel Blumenthal.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Kabakow on the birth of a grandson, Gedalia Chaim, to their children, Batya and Daniel Kohn in Israel.

Mazel tov to Prof. and Mrs. Abraham Katsh on the birth of a granddaughter, Raya Zahava, to their children, Shelley Katsch and Dr. Mark Gabry.

Mazel tov to Lynette and Steven Koppel on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Ruth. Similar congratulations to her proud grandmother, Mrs. Walter Koppel.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Gertrude Linzer on the birth of a great granddaughter, Atara, to her grandchildren, David and Beth Feldman.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rothman on the birth of a son, Stanley Eugene.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Trencher on the birth of a granddaughter, Caroline Gail to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Trencher.

Mazel tov to Mrs. David Weisselberger on the birth of a grandson, Moshe Dov, to her children, Ethel and Rabbi David Wachs of Philadelphia.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. David Woldenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, to their children, Drs. Rona and Burt Greenberg.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Abby Gast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome F. Gast of New York City and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her engagement to Gabriel Strenger, son of Dr. and Mrs. Enrico Strenger of Basel, Switzerland.

Mazel tov to our members, Diane Hodges and Mark Snyder upon their recent engagement. Diane and Mark met at a Keshet Singles Friday night dinner at KJ.

May these weddings take place with happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Friedman on the marriage of their nephew, Richard Weiner to Marla Shragg from Minneapolis.

Mazel tov to Michael Horwitz upon his recent marriage to Sherri Robin Weiser. Similar good wishes to Michael's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Horwitz and to his proud grandmother, Mrs. Israel Cummings.

Mazel tov to Jamie Lassner, our former Director of Youth Activities, upon his recent marriage to Mara Scheinwald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Scheinwald of Rego Park. Similar good wishes to Jamie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Lassner.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schwartz on the marriage of his son, Larry to Dorit Wohlmuth.

Mazel tov to our members, Steven and Dana Tenenbaum on their recent marriage in Israel.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wolff on the marriage of their daughter, Audrey to Steven Winkleman.

COMMUNAL HONORS

Mazel tov to Mrs. Blanche Etra upon receiving an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Yeshiva University. Mrs. Etra, who is the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Cardozo School of Law, received a degree at the 57th Annual Commencement Exercises of the University, which were held at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall.

Mazel tov to Larry and Ruth Kobrin upon their being honored by Yeshiva University's Manhattan Friends Division at a dinner on the Princess of New York Yacht.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Marcella Rosen on being honored by the Public Education Association at their Sixth Annual Distinguished Graduates Dinner, for her outstanding achievements in business and her volunteer work to better the quality of life in this city.

Roberta Caplan Baumgarten, Vice President of the Couples Club, has been appointed to the National Young Women's Leadership Cabinet of the UJA. The Cabinet is comprised of approximately 250 young women from across the country who have been recognized by their local communities for their ability and achievement and who have been tapped for involvement on the national level. Robbie serves on the Board of the Business and Professional Women's Division of Federation in New York City. We are proud that Robbie has been selected for this service to the community and we wish her well in carrying out her responsibilities.

We are proud to congratulate our esteemed member, Mrs. Fanny Wald, upon her election as President of the Women's Division of the Jewish Culture Foundation at New York University. It was established by Prof. Abraham I. Katsch, another esteemed member of the congregation. It is a delight for us to see the lay leadership of the women's arm of that organization remain in the family.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Seymour M. Cohen has been elected President of the New York Cancer Society.

We congratulate Dr. Leon A. Feldman on receiving the coveted Rav Maimon Prize for Excellence in Torah Research and Literature.

Dr. Feldman is Professor of Hebrew Studies in Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey and has served as a visiting professor at various universities here, in Israel and abroad. He has published and edited seven volumes and texts on the history and literature of the Jews in medieval Spain as well as more than forty articles dealing with that subject. All these achievements are being recognized in the award of the Maimon Prize.

Congratulations to Dr. Murrick Kukin on being awarded the Association of the Attending Staff/Bella Trachtenberg Award of the Mt. Sinai Hospital for "Scholarship, Clinical Excellence and Compassionate Patient Care." Additionally, Dr. Kukin was recently named a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine in the Subspecialty of Cardiovascular Diseases.

We congratulate Elliot Weiss, Composer of *Bittersweet: Songs of Experience* at Palsson's on the first anniversary of the show.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Emory Klein on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They have been members of our congregation for thirty-one years. Their two sons, Ronald and Steven grew up in our congregation and are graduates of Ramaz. May they continue to enjoy such happiness from each other for many, many years to come.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mezey on the celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary. Their relationship is a beautiful tribute to love and to the institution of marriage. May they continue to enjoy such happiness from each other for many, many years to come.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. Anne Addison on the passing of her father, Eli Cleeman (Kleiman).

Our condolences to Mrs. Barbara Esses on the passing of her father, Eugene Safier.

Our condolences to Mrs. Nancy Gallin on the passing of her mother, Sara Angoff.

Our condolences to Mrs. Karen Gibofsky on the passing of her father, Dr. Robert Sussman.

Our condolences to Mrs. Dezso Goldner on the passing of her sister, Mrs. Gizella von Freudinger Hornstein, in Jerusalem.

Our condolences to Mrs. Harry Green on the passing of her brother, David E. Rosengard.

Our condolences to Mrs. Harriet Kalischer on the passing of her brother, Leib Gutman.

Our condolences to Mrs. Lynette Levy on the passing of her sister, Sara Schuckman.

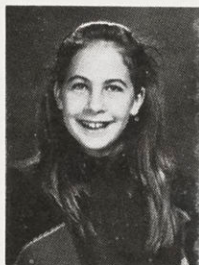
Our condolences to Dr. Simon Rosenberg on the passing of his father, Milton Rosenberg.

Our condolences to Mrs. Lenore Silver on the passing of her mother, Esther Tepper.

Our condolences to Mrs. Lois Smigel on the passing of her father, Sol Kanitzky.

Our condolences to Dr. Stephen Stowe on the passing of his brother, Jonathan Stowe.

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

B'NOT MITZVAH**Tessa Barak Deutsch**

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Stanely Deutsch on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Tessa, which took place on Wednesday, June 22.

Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Deutsch. Tessa delivered a message on Love, Friendship and Growing Up.

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

**Laura Beth Schwartz**

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schwartz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Laura, which took place on Sunday, June 12, in the Ramaz Upper School. Laura delivered a Dvar Torah connecting the theme of Self-Esteem to the weekly portion of Shelach.

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

Soviet Twin

Laura has chosen to share her Bat Mitzvah observance with Renata Prins, a Soviet Jewish girl who is otherwise unable to have such a ceremony. We, therefore, also extend a mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Lev Prins of Kishinev. May they soon have the opportunity to share s'machot with the Schwartz family and, indeed all of us, in freedom.

**Ari Tuchman**

Mazel tov to Drs. Alan and Sheera Aranoff Tuchman on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ari, which will take place on Saturday, July 16, in the Main Synagogue. He will read the weekly portion of Matot-Masei and the Haftarah.

Ari will enter the eighth grade of The Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

BAT MITZVAH

Mazel tov to Mrs. Charlotte Lebovics on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Elizabeth Michal, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Aubey Rotenberg. The simcha took place at Congregation Beth Shalom in Teaneck, New Jersey, on Shabbat Parshat Shelach Lecha. The Bat Mitzvah's mother, Menorah is a graduate of Ramaz.

RABBI AND MRS. MOSHE ROSENBERG BECOME PARENTS

The entire congregational family is happy to extend a warm mazel tov to Rabbi Moshe and Dina Rosenberg on the birth of their first child.

We are happy to welcome their new son, Yair Yosef Yissachar and to extend hearty congratulations to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg.

We pray that Yair Yosef Yissachar grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim. We shall look forward to meeting him when he comes to visit us here at Kehilath Jeshurun.

FANNIE WALD HONORED BY WOMEN'S BRANCH OF ORTHODOX UNION

We are pleased to announce that our devoted member, Fanny Wald, was honored by the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at a special luncheon at the home of Mrs. Jacques Schwalbe. Mrs. Wald was honored for her many decades of service to Women's Branch.

IN MEMORIAM**Walter Koppel**

He was one of the most impactful members of the KJ/Ramaz community. A former President of the Ramaz Parents' Council, a Trustee of the school, a past President of the Men's Club, and an ardent supporter of every effort in which the congregation and Ramaz were involved.

Meticulous and extraordinarily well organized in everything that he did, Walter pioneered in our Sukkah meals program. We still follow his table of organization in preparing for that festival.

A wonderful husband and father, a warm friend to many, a particularly fatherly personality to many of the children in our community, Walter's contributions to KJ and Ramaz will make his memory live in our midst eternally.

We extend our condolences to his dear wife, Yvonne, a past President of our Sisterhood, and to his children, Steven and Michael, both of whom are cherished graduates of Ramaz.

Jean Kassover

She was a senior member of our congregation, the widow of the late Samuel Kassover, one of the builders of the Atlantic Beach Jewish Center, and the mother of our member, Morton Kassover.

Mrs. Kassover was a generous supporter of the congregation and Ramaz. She gloried in the fact that her grandchildren attended and were graduated from our school.

Jacob M. Miller

Jack Miller died in Phoenix, Arizona after a long illness. His wife, Babette, was a great source of love and comfort to him throughout their marriage and, particularly, during these last difficult years.

The two of them enjoyed many happy years together. Jack loved our congregation. He appreciated its balance of tradition and modernity. He was an attentive listener to sermons and he loved to comment on them.

A first-rate intellectual, Jack had a profound knowledge of social work and, particularly, the care for the elderly. He was a compassionate, caring human being whose friends loved him because he himself was such a good friend. We mourn his passing and we extend our heartfelt condolences to Babette.

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Monday, Thursday and Rosh Chodesh Weekdays	7:15 A.M.
Sunday Mornings	8:30 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				
1-2	Balak	8:13	8:20	9:14
8-9	Pinchas	8:11	8:20	9:13
15-16	Matos-Masei	8:08	8:20	9:08
22-23	D'vorim (Shabbat Chazon)	8:03	8:15	9:02
29-30	Vaetchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	7:57	8:10	8:55
AUGUST				
5-6	Ekev	7:49	8:00	8:46
12-13	Re-eh (Shabbat Rosh Chodesh)	7:40	7:50	8:36
19-20	Shoftim	7:31	7:40	8:24
26-27	Kiteze	7:20	7:30	8:14
SEPT				
2-3	Kitavo	7:09	7:20	8:03
9-10	Nitzavim	6:58	7:10	7:50

NINTH YAHRZEIT 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 Saturday evening, July 2 and Sunday, July 3.
Services will be at 8:20 PM and 8:30 AM.

Dates To Remember

SUNDAY, JULY 3
Fast of the 17 of Tamuz
(Services at 8:30 AM)

SATURDAY, JULY 9
Blessing for the Month of Av

FRIDAY, JULY 15
Rosh Chodesh Av
(Services at 7:15 AM)

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 23
Tisha B'Av Eve
Mincha Services at 8:15 PM
followed by Maariv and
Reading of Eicha

SUNDAY, JULY 24
Tisha B'Av
(Morning Services at 8:30 with
appropriate readings)
Evening Services at 8:00 PM
Fast ends at 8:58 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
Blessings for the Month of Elul

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AUGUST 13 and 14
Rosh Chodesh Elul

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 3
The First Selichot at 10:00 PM
(Pre-Selichot Social Hour at 9:15 PM)

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