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STANLEY GUREWITSCH ELECTED PRESIDENT AT 117TH ANNUAL MEETING DAVID LEVY AND FRED DISTENFELD, VICE PRESIDENTS; DR. GILBERT N. KAHN, SECRETARY FREDERIC H. BAUMGARTEN, TREASURER; AND STEPHEN J. KULE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN GIVES MEMORIAL LECTURE

The 117th Annual Meeting of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun was a great and memorable event. Held on Wednesday, May 17, in the Kamber Auditorium, it began with an invocation by Rabbi Steven Cohen and the singing of the National Anthems led by Cantor Avrum Davis.

President Benjamin Brown then called upon Martine Fox, Co-President of the Couples Club, to present 54 new members of the congregation for official election by the membership.

Their names are:

Wilma and Arthur Aeder
Judith and Dr. Howard Altman
Victoria and Marshall Aronow
Erwin Atkins
Gerald Barad and Cheryl Orbach
Rona and Michael Berns
Lauren and Jacques Blinbaum
Rachel Blinken
Viviane and Dr. Arnold Breitbart
Debbie and Mark Cooper
Vivian and Larry Creizman
Goody Dane
Leon Farber
Howard Farkas
Irene and Bernard Feuerstein
Shelley and Dr. Phillip Fleshner
Barbara and Henry Frommer
Dr. Martin Goldman
Jill and Gregg Haft
Jesse Hauser
Ronit and Eli Hirschenboim
Jane Jacobson
Faiga and Michael Joseph
Cori and Dr. Harvey Katz
Elizabeth and Dr. Joseph Klarfeld
Zahava and Abraham Kohen
Dr. Charles Langer
Agatha Leifer
Sheila and Dr. Wallace Lehman
Rhonda and Jeffrey Luxenberg
Sandy and Dr. Norman Magid
Dorica and Emanoil Marcovici
Vivian and David Mark
Dr. Meryl and Joseph Mark
Shelly and Dr. David Mitnick
Janet and Warren Newcorn
Dr. Orly and Robert Nobel
Helen and Dr. Emile Pincus
Dr. Nathan Rosenfeld
Vera and Hon. Meir Rosenne

Jennifer and Jeffrey Roth
Abbe Ruttenberg
Aliza and Hon. Uriel Savir
Rita Schiffren
Barbara Seitz
Dr. Sue Shapiro
Joanna and Ronald Slevin
Maxine and Arthur Steinkoler
Barbara E. Waitman
Debra and Dr. Daniel Weiss
Gigi and Dr. Wayne Winnick
Merle and David Wolff
Marlene and Dr. Joachim Yahalom
Joel Yunis
Marjorie and Harvey Zuckerman

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein then presented citations to a number of members of the congregation who were celebrating significant milestones of their affiliation with KJ. Mrs. Harry W. Baumgarten and Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith were honored on the occasion of their 40th anniversaries. The

following were cited as 25th anniversary celebrants: Brenda and Albert H. Bernstein, Dr. Nathalie and Israel Friedman, Hannah and Joseph Lorch, Gabriella and Dr. William Major, Carol and Ralph Perlberger, and Sam Silverstein.

Presidential Report

Benjamin Brown then gave a beautiful Presidential Report as he completed his 6th term in the Presidency of KJ. He talked about what a special place KJ is and how supportive the congregation has been of Fran and himself and their sons since Alan's accident. He called special attention to the enhancement this year of the work of the Social Action Committee, the creation of a Political Action group and the development of a Hatzolah organization on the East Side which was created through the special efforts of Dr. Stephen Stowe and others from the KJ community along with several others from congregations on the Upper East Side.

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RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN UPPER SCHOOL OF RAMAZ GRADUATES 84 SENIORS 30 Graduates to Study in Israel Next Year 2 National Merit Scholarship Winners; 7 Semi-Finalists and 18 Letters of Commendation

One of the finest classes in the history of Ramaz was graduated from the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School at exercises held in our Main Synagogue on Wednesday, June 14. Of the 84 graduates, 30 will be spending next year in Israel, 26 of them in the full-time study of Torah with four others in part-time programs of Judaic Studies. This is the best percentage among graduating classes since the development of the Israel study programs.

The students have distinguished themselves in many ways. Their performance on the National Merit Scholarship Contest is probably a record for the country. Twenty-seven out of the 84 graduates received some sort of recognition in that contest. That is over 32 percent of the class. Two of the students were National Merit Winners, 7 were Semi-Finalists in the competition, while 18 received Letters of Commendation.

We are very proud of this graduating class

which has excelled not alone in academic work and inter-scholastic competition of all sorts, but also in *menshlichkeit*. As a group, they conduct themselves with dignity, refinement and a sense of commitment to their fellow human beings that is truly remarkable. They represent, on the whole, much of what a Ramaz education is all about.

In addition, they have been admitted to some of the finest colleges in the country in large numbers. Among the schools which our graduates will be attending are the following: Barnard, Bar-Ilan, Brandeis, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, CUNY, Dartmouth, Duke, Goucher, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, NYU, Princeton, Stern, SUNY, Tufts, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Washington University, Williams College, Yale and Yeshiva, among others.

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THE SADDEST SHIP AFLOAT: A HALF-CENTURY LATER

By HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

On May 13, 1939, the St. Louis, a luxurious cruiseship of the Hamburg-America Line, set sail from Hamburg, bound for Havana. On board were 907 German Jews, fleeing from Nazi Germany, who held landing certificates entitling them to enter Cuba. These certificates, purchased for \$150 to \$300, were not honored by the Cuban government to the consternation and horror of the St. Louis passengers. The ship remained in the port of Havana from May 27 until June 2, after which it was forced to depart.

The ship sailed slowly up and down the Florida coast while negotiations were conducted with Cuba by Lawrence Berenson of the Joint Distribution Committee. The distress of the passengers was front page news in The New York Times on June 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. On three occasions the Times editorialized about "The Saddest Ship Afloat Today," laden with her "cargo of despair," cruising off the coast of Miami whose shimmering towers were "only the embattlements of another forbidden city." These unfortunates, who were rejected by everyone, wrote The Times, will be welcomed home by "Germany, with all the hospitality of its concentration camps."

On June 9, The Times editorialized: "We can only hope that some hearts will soften somewhere and some refuge be found. The cruise of the St. Louis cries high to heaven of man's inhumanity to man."

Despite its compassionate editorial, The Times failed to ask why the St. Louis refugees were not offered asylum in the United States. It remained for James Cannon Jr., Episcopal bishop of Richmond, Va., to raise that question in a letter to the Richmond Times-Dispatch: "Why did not the President, Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Labor and other officials...arrange for the landing of these refugees who had been caught in this maelstrom of distress and agony through no fault of their own?"

Cannon's obvious question, which eluded most observers, was not posed even by Jewish writers. The Yiddish press in New York and the Anglo-Jewish press all over the country bemoaned the plight of the St. Louis passengers, printed their cries of anguish in the form of telegrams from the St. Louis, told the story as it unfolded day-by-day, but they never asked why the passengers could not be received here in the United States.

Fifty years later we understand the reasons for Jewish reticence. Anti-Semitism in America was at its height. The Father Coughlins of that day preached hatred of Jews over coast-to-coast radio networks and struck fear into the hearts of American Jews. Furthermore, the anti-alien forces in Congress were powerful and influential. People like Senator Reynolds of North Carolina and Congressman Rankin of

Mississippi intimidated the Jewish community and made Jews fearful of pleading with the U.S. government to open the doors of America to these 907 unfortunate people.

American Jews feared that were they to ask for this simple humanitarian gesture the forces arrayed against them in Congress would demand that the doors be shut entirely and that all refugees be barred. Looking back on the double tragedy of refugees without a haven and American Jews too frightened to plead for their rescue, Jacob Lestschinsky wrote in the Congress Bulletin on June 16, 1939:

"It did not even occur to Jews to appeal to the American Government to find a way of saving the hapless passengers of the St. Louis... (We are) showing increasing signs of becoming spiritually and morally reconciled to accept the ghetto and almost voluntarily to surrender the positions won by the emancipation. Our own depression and demoralization are immeasurably more dangerous to ourselves than the blows of our enemies."

As the St. Louis steamed slowly back across the Atlantic toward an expected, tragic landing in Hamburg, Morris Troper of the Joint Distribution Committee worked feverishly to find a haven someplace in the world for these doomed passengers. Finally, one day before the ship was to arrive in Germany, he successfully negotiated with The Netherlands, Belgium, France and England to each take one-quarter of the passengers. Thus ended what one observer has called "the voyage of the damned," a tragic saga of hopeless victims and helpless bystanders.

In our own day history has repeated itself. The story of the St. Louis has recurred, most recently in the case of the boat people of South Vietnam and other benighted lands of Southeast Asia. The lessons of the St. Louis has not been ignored. The United States and other countries have admitted hundreds of thousands of these refugees.

In a remarkable twist of history, Israel was the first to open its doors to the boat people. On June 21, 1977, the day Menachem Begin took office as prime minister, his first official act was to grant asylum to 66 Vietnamese who had been picked up by an Israeli freighter and rejected at several Far Eastern ports. The day, by coincidence, was exactly 38 years to the day from that when the last of the St. Louis refugees disembarked in Southampton, England.

Haskel Lookstein is rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and the principal of Ramaz School in New York. The above article is adapted from his book, "Were We Our Brothers' Keepers? The Public Response of American Jews to the Holocaust, 1938-1944."

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

Friday evening, September 29

Saturday and Sunday

September 30 and October 1

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday evening and Monday

October 8 and 9

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.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN ELECTED A VICE PRESIDENT OF SCA

We are proud to note that Rabbi Haskel Lookstein has been elected Second Vice President of the Synagogue Council of America.

The SCA is the umbrella organization of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform lay and rabbinic organizations.

We wish Rabbi Lookstein well in this endeavor and know that the Synagogue Council has made a wise choice in selecting our Rabbi in pursuit of Jewish unity.

ROBERTA BAUMGARTEN AND DR. ROSALIND LEVINE NEW PRESIDENTS OF COUPLES CLUB

The congregation is pleased to announce that Roberta Baumgarten and Dr. Rosalind Levine will serve as the new Presidents of the Couples Club for 1989-1990. They succeed Martine Fox and Isaac Pollak who have served in that capacity for the past year. Robbie has served as Vice President of the Couples Club for the past two years and has chaired such events as the Couples Club's Annual Shabbaton and New Member Sabbath and Kiddush.

Roz has served as Treasurer of the Couples Club and chaired the Purim Mishloach Manot project that included all members of the Couples Club in relation to all senior members of the congregation.

Members of the Couples Club Board for the coming year include: Susan Alpert, Vivian Creizman, Karen Gibofsky, Howard Katz, Dr.

Jerilyn Kronen, John Lieberman, Dr. Norman Magid, Rochelle Major, Warren Newcorn, Dr. Emile Pincus, Helen Potaznik and Ronald Slevin. Martine Fox and Isaac Pollak will serve the Board as Past Presidents.

A SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes to those members of the Couple Club Board who served this past season and who will not be continuing during the coming year. They include: Past President Dr. Adam Bender, Ida Frankel, Eugene Major, Elaine Schreiber and Jonathan Wagner. We thank these members of the congregation for their devoted service and look forward to their continued support of the Couples Club in its activities and are looking forward to their further involvement in congregational activities.

TO RABBI AND MRS. ASHER BERKOWITZ L'HITRA'OT

We bid fond farewell and l'hitra'ot to Rabbi Asher Berkowitz and to his wife Shoshana Bulow Berkowitz and their two daughters Rivka and Talia as they leave our congregation after four years. During that time Rabbi Berkowitz ran the Beginyan prayers services for beginners and taught in our Adult Education program.

Rabbi Berkowitz also served as a wonderful member of the faculty in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz where he taught many of our children not only the content material of Judaic Studies, but also the feeling and the commitment. A graduate of Ramaz himself - as is Shoshana - he brought special feeling to his teaching and he was able to reach the students in an admirable way.

Rabbi Berkowitz and his family will be moving to Cleveland where he will serve as a teacher in the developing junior high school division of the Bet Sefer Mizrahi, a centrist Orthodox school in Cleveland Heights. We wish them well and we look forward to seeing the whole family from time to time and to hearing very good things about their work in behalf of the Jewish people.

HONORED GUESTS FROM ISRAEL VISIT KJ BETWEEN PESACH AND SHAVUOT

During the weeks of sefira and ending with the Shavuot festival, a number of guests from Israel visited our congregation and addressed various groups in the community.

Alexander Kholmyansky spent a Shabbat with us. He emigrated from the Soviet Union a year and a half ago after having served a term in Soviet prisons as a prisoner of Zion. Our own members, Mel Stein and Irving Kagan, presented briefs in Moscow in support of Alexander's case. Mr. Kholmyansky participated in one of Rabbi Lookstein's Talmud shiurim and gave a thrilling account of how he first became interested in Judaism and in aliyah.

On Shabbat, May 27, Yuli Kosharovsky was our guest. Having arrived in Israel just two months ago, he spent a few weeks here as the guest of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. KJ was the only congregation he visited in the New York area. Mr. Kosharovsky addressed the congregation from the pulpit on Shabbat morning and spoke about how meaningful our support for him was as he waited 17 years for a visa.

On the Shabbat before Shavuot we had the honor of hosting Leah Shakdiel, the heroic Jewish woman who was elected to the Religious Council of Yerucham, a development town in the Negev, and who had to fight the establishment in order to occupy her seat on that Council. Mrs. Shakdiel gave a memorable address at a seudah sh'lishit on the subject of "Jewish responsibility for the Jewish woman of today."

Finally, on Shavuot we had the honor of having Rabbi Aharon and Rabanit Malka Bina in our congregation and in the community. Rabbi and Mrs. Bina gave shiurim during the Tikun Leil Shavuot and they davened with us on the first day of Yom Tov and the Shabbat which followed. Rabbi and Mrs. Bina are of course the primary teachers and advisors to the American students at Yeshivat Hakotel.

All in all, the weeks between Pesach and Shavuot were fascinating and exciting at KJ and afforded many of us an opportunity to meet and to listen to some of the wonderful Israelis of our day.

KJ LETTER CAMPAIGN TAKES OFF

We are very happy to announce that we have received in the office dozens of letters from members of the congregation to Secretary of State Baker, Senators Moynihan and D'Amato, and several Congressmen expressing their strong support for Israel in its current struggle. These letters were written in response to appeals by Rabbi Lookstein and the suggestions made by Malcolm Hoenlein and others at our Annual Shabbaton. The mailing by our Political Affairs Committee was instrumental in stimulating many letters.

Among the copies that we received in our

office were responses from the Secretary, the Senators and Congressmen who received the letters.

We ask that every reader of this Bulletin take a few moments to write to at least one governmental personality to express support for Israel in this critical time. Remember: the letters are weighed as well as counted. Right now, the weight and the count are going heavily for the Arabs. The only way to change that is for each person to do his or her part.

It is literally up to YOU!

SHIRA LOOKSTEIN ENGAGED

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein upon the engagement of their daughter, Shira to Dr. Larry Baruch, son of Mrs. Gladys Baruch and the late David Baruch of Forest Hills, New York.

The chatan is a graduate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and is a resident in medicine pursuing a specialty in cardiology at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The bride is a graduate of Ramaz and Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University and now serves as a member of the faculty of the Ramaz Lower School.

Mazel tov to Shira's grandmothers, Mrs. Morris Katz and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein on this great milestone in their granddaughter's life. May the wedding, scheduled for Sunday, November 5, take place in happiness and in blessing.

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Kehilath Jeshurun extends heriest

Stephanie Cohen Abrahams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cohen and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Queens College with a BA in Early Childhood Education.

Ari Jack Ackerman, son of Mrs. Mona Ackerman, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He was Senior Vice President of the G.O. and served on the basketball team. Ari was a member of the Business Investment Club and the Republican Conservative Club. He will attend Duke University in the fall.

Daniel Lewis Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brown and grandson of Mrs. Lillian Brown Borenstein, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He was Secretary of the G.O. and a member of the Business Investment Club and the basketball team. Daniel will attend University of Michigan in the fall.

Dara L. Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cohen, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She received the Sherut Award for outstanding commitment in service to the school. Dara was captain of the Service Squad and head of the stage crew and cheerleading. She will attend SUNY Albany in the fall.

Jessica Leah Cohen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cohen, upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz with an Empire State Scholarship and as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. She received the Drama Award and was co-director of the senior play. Jessica will attend MABAT in Jerusalem in the fall before beginning her studies at Columbia.

Carolyn Hochstadter Dicker, upon her graduation from Columbia Law School as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. She also received an award for highest academic achievement from the Department of Germanic Languages. Carolyn will be working at the law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby and MacRae this fall.

David B. Doft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avrom Doft, upon his graduation from the Horace Mann School with honors in mathematics. He was awarded a New York State Regents Scholarship and is the recipient of a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. David was a member of the varsity football team and the varsity track team. He was a founder and president of the Business Investment Club. David will attend the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Michael Doft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Doft, upon his graduation from Syracuse University with a degree in American Studies.

Jacob Heller Eisenstat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Eisenstat, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He was Chairman of the Business Investment Club and captain of the Hockey team. He was also active on the Tzedakah Committee. Jackie will attend Yeshivat HaKotel in Jerusalem in the fall before beginning his studies at University of Pennsylvania.

Daniel Etra, son of Nitza Etra and Aaron Etra, and grandson of Blanche G. Etra and the late Harry Etra and a graduate of the Ramaz Lower School, upon his graduation from the Horace Mann School. Daniel received early admission to Yale College.

Ian Etra, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Etra and grandson of Rebe Etra and the late Max J. Etra, upon his graduation from the Collegiate School as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. Ian will attend Dartmouth College in the fall.

Daniel A. Freedman, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer and son of Dr. Louis and Nancy Freedman, who is a former Ramaz student, upon winning first place in the local and Pennsylvania state competitions for National History Day in the individual media category. He also presented "Elie Wiesel: A Cry for Humanity" at the National competition at the University of Maryland. Daniel also successfully completed the requirements for the talent search conducted by the Johns Hopkins University Center for the Advancement of Academically Talented Youth by his superior performance on the college SAT exam. He will be attending an intensive three week program at Franklin and Marshall College in July.

Noah Goldstein, son of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Goldstein, upon his graduation from the Fieldston School as Captain of its Track and Swimming Teams. He will attend the University of California at Santa Cruz in the fall.

Ariella Graetz, granddaughter of Mrs. Charlotte Lebovics and daughter of Rabbi Michael and Naomi Graetz, who is a Ramaz graduate, upon her acceptance to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, after completing her army duty.

Ilya Grozovsky, son of Dr. Inna Bakker, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was a member of the Business Investment Club and the hockey team. Ilya will attend University of Maryland in the fall.

Steven Gurewitsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gurewitsch and grandson of Mrs. Rose Gurewitsch, upon his graduation from Brandeis University.

Michael Haber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Haber and a graduate of Ramaz, who is presently a student at the L.A. Arts Center College of Design, upon receiving an Italian-American Scholarship for 1989-90 at the European Institute of Design in Milan. He will be the first exchange student from the L.A. Arts Center to study in Milan.

Gail Hannah Javitt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Javitt and a graduate of Ramaz, upon receiving the Professor Carl H. Boyer Memorial Prize for the best undergraduate essay in the History of Science at Columbia University. Gail is entering her senior year at Columbia.

Amber Katz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Katz, upon placing third in all of New York City in the 1989 National Science and Technology Budding Genius Writing Competition sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences. The Ramaz Upper School, where she will be entering ninth grade in the fall, submitted her paper "Non-Fatal Attraction" in the 8th grade section of the competition.

Rebecca Amy Kobrin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kobrin and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kobrin, 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 received The Walter Koppel Jewish Political Action Award for demonstrating leadership and commitment to political action for the benefit of the Jewish people. Rebecca was Chairman of the Jewish Affairs Committee and served on the yearbook staff. She will attend MABAT in Jerusalem in the fall before beginning her studies at Yale.

David H. Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Kramer, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was a member of the Business Investment Club and the hockey team. David will attend NYU in the fall.

Toby Ellen Lazarus, daughter of Naomi Lazarus and the late Mel Lazarus and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation with honors from the Johns Hopkins University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She will continue her doctoral studies in Psychology at the University of Chicago, where she received both a full tuition and graduate studies scholarship.

Scott David Lebowitz, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Lebowitz, upon being accepted in the National Honors Society of the Secondary Schools for scholastic achievements.

Mark Lefkowitz, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, upon his graduation from Columbia University. In his senior year, Mark was the Student President of Columbia's Council of Jewish Organizations.

Michal Lemberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Lemberger, upon her graduation with honors from Ramaz. She received the Edith Schrank Memorial Award for outstanding work in creative writing as well as the Band Award. Michal was co-editor of Parallax. She will attend Midreshet Moriah in Jerusalem in the fall before beginning her studies at Barnard.

Daniel Max Libin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Libin, upon his graduation from Ramaz with a New York State Regents Scholarship. He received the Minyan Award for outstanding assistance in the daily Minyan and the David Kagan Memorial Award for exemplifying the values of sportsmanship and menschlichkeit both on and off the playing field. Daniel also served on the tennis and softball teams. He will attend NYU in the fall.

HONORS

s heliest congratulations to

Jane Rebecca Lukashok, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lukashok and granddaughter of Mrs. Muriel Lukashok, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She was an active member of the chorus. Jane will attend Machon Gold in Jerusalem in the fall before beginning her studies at Queens College.

Dr. Mark Meirowitz, an attorney with Bear, Stern and Upham, upon receiving his doctorate in Political Science from Fordham University.

Joshua Nathaniel Nathanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nathanson, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He served as Photography Editor of the yearbook. Joshua will attend Boston University in the fall.

Aminda Newman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Newman and granddaughter of Mrs. Rita Kaufman, and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Barnard with a BA in Political Science.

Zvi Gil Pagovich, son of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pagovich, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He served on the basketball and softball teams. Gil will attend Syracuse University in the fall.

Rodney Propp, son of Mrs. Eve Propp and a graduate of the Ramaz Lower School, upon his graduation with an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Alan Rechtschaffen, son of Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from Columbia University with a BA in Political Science. He will attend law school in the fall.

Tamara Rennert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rennert and a former student at Ramaz, upon her graduation from the Fieldston School. She will attend Barnard College in the fall.

Hannah Robins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Robins and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Queens College. She will assume the position of Assistant Teacher in the third grade of the Ramaz Lower School.

Kenneth Rochlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rochlin and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his appointment to the Presidency of the Yeshiva University Drama Society. He received the Dr. Abraham Tauber Memorial Award, which is given to a junior for excellence in speech and drama. Kenny was appointed Business Editor of the Yeshiva's newsletter, The Commentator.

Lisa Rosen, daughter of Mrs. Marcella Rosen and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from Johns Hopkins University with a BA.

Josiah M. Rotenberg, grandson of Mrs. Charlotte Lebovics, and son of Dr. Aubey and Menorah Rotenberg, who is a Ramaz graduate,

upon his graduation from Frisch Yeshiva High School. He will enter Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

Carolyn Judith Rubin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Rubin, upon her graduation from Ramaz. She received the School Service Award for contributions to school programs. Carolyn was co-captain of the Service Squad and a member of the tennis team. She will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

Susie K. Rubin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Rubin and a graduate of Ramaz, upon her graduation from NYU with a BA in Art. She will be working with an art broker.

Marc Lee Saroff, son of Mrs. Michael Mukasey and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from Dartmouth College with a BA in Psychology.

Noah Scheinfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Scheinfeld, upon his graduation with honors from Harvard Law School. He was appointed a Teaching Fellow in American History at Harvard this past semester. Noah will be an associate in a large law firm this coming year.

Allan Schwartz, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow, upon his graduation from Yeshiva of Central Queens. He will attend the Ramaz Upper School in the fall.

Leonard Silverman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Silverman and a graduate of Ramaz, upon his graduation from Brandeis University with highest honors in English and American Literature, one of forty students out of a graduating class of 660 to receive such academic recognition. He minored in Near East and Judaic Studies. Leonard spent the past five months studying at Yeshivat HaKotel in Israel. He will attend the University of Pennsylvania Law School in the fall.

Stephen Smigel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loluis Smigel, upon his graduation from the Horace Mann School. He was on the varsity football team and was captain of the lacrosse team. He was also an officer of the Horace Mann Business Investment Club. Stephen will attend the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania this fall.

Sanford I. Smokler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smokler and grandson of Mrs. Lola Gross, upon his graduation from Ramaz. He was captain of the softball team and the AV Squad. Sandy served on the hockey team and was a member of the stage crew. He will attend Boston University in the fall.

Steven Tanz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Tanz and a graduate of Ramaz, upon receiving the Chancellor's Service Award at NYU Stern School of Business for a broad record of leadership efforts ranging from orientation to alumni outreach.

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.

SPENCER BAGLEY

son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bagley

GREGORY BRENNER

son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brenner

ROGER COHEN

son of Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Cohen

MARK CREIZMAN

son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Creizman

ADAM DAYAN

son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Dayan

DANIEL EDELSTEIN

son of Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Edelstein

DANIELLE ELISOFON

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Elisofon

DAVIDA FRIEDMAN

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Friedman

SUSANNAH GALLIN

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gallin

ADAM HIRSCH

son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hirsch

EMIL KLEINHAUS

son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kleinhaus

DEBRA KOBRIN

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kobrin and

granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kobrin

JESSICA KOBRIN

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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.

Adam Scheer was elected President; Elisha Wiesel, Senior Vice President; Sam Rascoff, Junior Vice President; Julie Stern, Secretary and Rachel Falk, Treasurer.

We wish the young people well in guiding the student body in the Upper School.

A TIME TO EMBRACE AND A TIME TO LET GO

10th MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

On Wednesday evening, June 29, 1979, my father, of blessed memory, began a chapter in his unfinished autobiography. He entitled it "A Time To Embrace And A Time To Let Go." It was a sad chapter. It spoke of the need to give up leadership of institutions and causes that he held particularly dear. The first two pages which he wrote that night ended with the midrashic portrayal of the sons of Aaron walking behind Moses and Aaron and saying to each other: "When Will These Two Old Men . . ."

My father never finished that sentence. He never completed the thought. He put his pen down without writing the word "Die." And he never wrote again. During that night he suffered the stroke that led to his passing sixteen days later.

That's about as close as one should come to ascribing to his premonitions or prescience. It is almost a "Rabaiyishe" story. But it is true; and it leaves me with one message in two parts. First, my father, like other great Jewish personalities, did not die. As his children - physical and spiritual - live on, he lives on as well. Second, there is a time to embrace and a time to let go, but when we let go, we let go only of the person; we continue to embrace the principles. We let go of the man but we continue to embrace the message. We let go of the physical being but we continue to embrace the spiritual essence.

Ten years after his passing we might assess what it is that we are trying to embrace.

First and foremost, we try to embrace his qualities as a family man. In a letter that he wrote two and a half years before his passing he urged the family to remain close, as, thank God, we have always been. He assured us that "Whatever occasions you will celebrate together, be sure that my spirit will be there." In the almost ten years since his passing we have been blessed by the fact that every one of us is still here except for an uncle, my father's sister's husband, who passed away several years ago. And at every happy family occasion - and there have been many - we have felt his spirit. When he died, he and my mother only had two great-grandchildren. Now, thank God, there are sixteen, more than one of them named for him. He would have loved that. He would have had sixteen different Yiddish terms of endearment for each of the great-grandchildren, as he had for the two - Erica and Lizzy - whom he knew and loved.

My mother continues, thank God, to be the center of our family. We know that her home is what it always was: A gathering place for all of us. That is what we embrace even as we let go.

Second, all of us try to embrace him as a leader of our community. I looked around the Shul at morning services today and I saw that two-thirds of the Minyan was composed of Ramaz graduates or parents - and, in one case, a grandparent - of Ramaz students. My father would have loved that. However, he would have been very upset by the small number of people at the service and he would have let us know in no uncertain terms how upset he was. But he would have liked and he would have appreciated the nature of the *Daveners*.

He would be thrilled to see Benjy as President of this Shul, Benjy whom he loved as a

child. I am sure he would have been as devastated as anyone over Alan's accident, but he would have given the family encouragement and perhaps that is one of the sources for their extraordinary strength - beginning with Alan himself. He would have been so proud of his young people taking leadership in the Shul: Fred Baumgarten, whom he would have called Freddy; and Gil Kahn, and a host of others who are on the boards of the Shul and the School. What Nachas he would have had from Mel Newman as a Past Chairman of the Ramaz Board, and Steve Gross as a Vice Chairman and David Kahn as Treasurer and David Sarna as Financial Secretary. It isn't every community that is fortunate enough to have such continuity. He founded Ramaz, in part, in order to give permanence to this community.

He would have been proud of the fact that one young man who was approached to serve as a trustee responded with the following words: "I don't think I am sufficiently religious and observant to be a Trustee of this congregation. I think that a Trustee of a Shul like this ought to be someone at whom people can look and say he represents what the Shul stands for." You know, we accepted this temporary demurrer, but what this young man could not know is that my father would have considered such a response to be an absolute indication of how deserving that young man was to be a Trustee of his Shul.

He would have loved the baby carriages in the downstairs vestibule on Shabbat morning, but he would not have loved the sounds that some of the children make in Shul. He would have been thrilled with the increase in attendance, but upset about the rising decibel level of conversation. We have to be careful about these things. He wanted this Shul to be as beautiful and as aesthetically appealing as a reform temple and yet as warm and as vibrant as a Chassidic Shteibel. We will never reach either extreme but we should never stop striving to attain them. God forbid that we should end up with the esthetics of a Shteibel and the warmth and vibrancy of a temple. (And I mean no offense to either Shteiblach or temples.)

We have not let go of his vision of Ramaz either. As Rav Soloveitchik said to me a few years ago when he asked me how the enrollment of Ramaz was going and I told him, thank God it was going very well, he responded: "That's because you haven't changed." When I asked him what he meant by that, he answered: "You haven't moved to the right; don't let them pull you to the right."

Ten years after the passing of Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein we have not pulled to the right. We are self-conscious about our religious goals and purposeful about the message we are trying to communicate, but we remain a Centrist Synagogue and school, committed to teaching and preaching *menschlichkeit*, tolerance, respect for all Jews and *derekh erez* toward all people. We will strive to be holy but not holier than thou; righteous but not self-righteous; observant of Torah and Mitzvot but not competitive in the search for the *Chumra* of the month.

As an institution and as a community we are embracing virtually all of the values and principles which my father taught us throughout his 56 years.

Finally, we are trying to hold fast to another major principle of my father's life: his *Ahavat Yisrael*. Many times during the last ten years I would have given anything just to be able to ask him what he thought about the internecine hatred which abounds among Jews today. I can just about imagine his well chosen words to describe the stone throwers on the haredi right and the Orthodox bashers on the liberal left; the intolerant and insensitive religious power brokers in Israel and the opportunistic opponents from liberal Judaism in America who are trying to seize political power in Israel and who demand communal funds for projects and programs that do not even yet exist. My father would have disagreed strongly with the Lubavitcher Rebbe in the "Who is a Jew" controversy in November, but it would not have diminished in the slightest his love and admiration for the Rebbe. He had the ability to love and respect those with whom he did not agree because he viewed all Jews as members of a family. We have tried to embrace that attitude at a time when people are choosing sides and lining up to hurl insults at each other.

This attitude is not simply manifested in words. It has been translated into action. The leadership role that our congregation played in operation Moses was an example of *Ahavat Yisrael* in practice. Our appeal this year for passage to freedom at the UJA kick-off in Alan and Elizabeth Dof's home is a further example. We have not lessened our support for the congregation, for Ramaz or for Yeshiva University. On the contrary, our membership is giving more and more generously to these causes which are so near to us. But most of us recognize that our first responsibility is to Klal Yisrael. That is what my father taught us. He probably learned it from my great-grandfather, Rabbi Moses Z. Margolies who taught a young Rabbinit radical from the Lower East Side how to appreciate Jewish secularists, how to promote Mizrahi and how to develop the attitude that every Jew is potentially religious. He or she may simply not be there yet. But no one is without a *neshama*.

So, almost ten years after his passing I am not sure exactly what he would have thought about every single activity of our community but I think, on the whole, he would have been pleased. I don't know, for example, what his reaction would have been to a Women's Tefillah Group in our chapel, but he probably would have been ready to give it a chance, and if he had heard his own daughter reading the Torah and even eavesdropped while a great-granddaughter read a portion, he just might have been flexible enough to have said: "Nu - it has its value." He was a trail blazer for most of his life and we are following the paths that he blazed for us.

"There is a time to embrace and a time to let go." Ten years ago we let go with tears and grief. Today, we embrace with love, with respect and with gratitude. His soul is forever bound up among the living - among the living in the Yeshiva Shel Ma'ala where he has earned his place and among us, the living, in the Yeshiva Shel Mata where we honor and preserve the kind of community that he labored so lovingly to create. That is his ultimate reward - and it is ours as well.

117th ANNUAL MEETING

GAVEL PASSES FROM BENJAMIN BROWN TO STANLEY GUREWITSCH

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Mr. Brown then spoke about the fact that this will be the third year in a row with the same dues structure. He told the membership that this is possible because of the extraordinary generosity of KJ members through the Annual Synagogue Appeal, which in the coming year must raise approximately \$450,000 in order to cover the difference between what our dues and normal income brings in and our expenses entail.

Benj closed with a special tribute to Fran for all of her support and encouragement. He thanked his family, his fellow Officers, the Rabbis and the entire membership. He assured us all that "I shall continue to be available to KJ in any capacity. I am leaving the Presidency, but I do not wish to leave an active involvement in the congregation's affairs. I feel greatly indebted to KJ for helping me to become what I never thought I would be. I shall try, with God's help, to express that gratitude by continued commitment to Torah and mitzvot and to all of you in this wonderful congregation."

The assemblage gave Benj a standing ovation in tribute not alone to his address but to his person and to all that he has meant to the congregation throughout the past six years.

Memorial to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Mr. Brown then called upon Rabbi Haskell Lookstein to deliver the annual tribute to his father. During the past eight years members of the congregation have given this tribute. This year it was felt that following the special memorial addresses by Dr. Norman Lamm, Dr. Emanuel Rackman and Prof. Elie Wiesel, it would be fitting for Rabbi Haskell Lookstein to deliver a special tribute. The text of that tribute is printed elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Report of Committee of Nominations

The President then called upon Richard E. Kobrin, a member of the Nominating Committee, to present the report of that committee, a report which was developed by Nathan Salzman, Joseph Lorch and Steven Gross, along with Mr. Kobrin.

Mr. Kobrin nominated Joseph Lorch, a former Vice President of KJ and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ramaz, and Fanny Wald, a cherished longtime member of KJ who has been devoted to numerous Jewish causes throughout her life, as Honorary Trustees.

Mr. Kobrin then indicated that Tova Bulow, Dr. Norman Javitt and Stephen J. Kule could no longer serve on the Board of Trustees because they have completed the constitutional limit of nine years on the Board. He thanked them for their service. He also noted that Lillian Brown Borenstein and Dr. Bernard Kabakow have asked to be relieved of the responsibility of serving as Trustees.

Mr. Kobrin then presented the following for three year terms on the Board: Harvey Arfa, Dr. Adam Bender, Elias Buchwald, Dr. Nathalie Friedman, Sue Javitt, Harry Kleinhaus, Richard Kobrin, Armand

Lindenbaum, Herb Mehl, Sue Robins, Irwin Shapiro, Sam Silverstein, and Israel Waldman.

The President called for a vote and the above Trustees were elected unanimously.

Mr. Kobrin then indicated that the Constitution, in Article 5, Section 1, provides that the Board of Trustees may, from time to time, elect other Officers besides President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that a second Vice President and a Financial Secretary be added, as was the case last year, and that a *Gabbai* also be added. Mr. Kobrin then nominated Irwin B. Robins as Gabbai, Fred Distenfeld as Second Vice President, and Stephen J. Kule as Financial Secretary. He then nominated, further, David Levy as Vice President, Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn as Secretary and Fred Baumgarten as Treasurer. All of these were elected unanimously.

Mr. Kobrin then thanked Benjamin Brown for his extraordinary service as President of the congregation and he placed in nomination the name of Stanley Gurewitsch for the office of President of the congregation. Mr. Gurewitsch was elected by acclamation.

Presentation to Benjamin Brown

As his first act in office, Mr. Gurewitsch expressed the thanks of the congregation to Benjamin Brown for all that he has done for this community and he expressed the hope that Benj would continue to serve KJ and its members for many years to come. On behalf of the congregation he presented the outgoing President with a beautiful challah board, encased in a modern silver tray together with a lovely challah knife inscribed to Mr. Brown from his friends in the congregation.

Appointment of Associate Trustees

In accordance with the provision of the Constitution, Mr. Gurewitsch then nominated 15 Associate Trustees to serve on the Board. They are: Neal Boyarsky, Francine Brown, Lionel Etra, Martine Fox, Ira Gober, Rae Gurewitsch, Michael Jaspan, Jeffrey Kaufman, Barry Kluger, Yvonne Koppel, Edward Lukashok, George Rohr, Dr. Stephen Stowe, Ronald Tauber, and Burton L. Usdan.

Memorial to Departed Members

Mr. Gurewitsch then called upon Rabbi Lookstein to present brief memorials to the following members of the congregation who passed away since our last Annual Meeting:

Lou Bacon
Bertha Citron
Esther Greenberg
Paula Herman
Jean Kassover
Walter Koppel
Melvin Lazarus
Lynette Levy
Jacob M. Miller

Annual Meeting of Ramaz

Mr. Gurewitsch then declared the 117th Annual Meeting of the congregation adjourned and he called upon Steven Gross to preside over the Annual Meeting of the Ramaz School. Mr. Gross called upon Joseph Lorch to present the report of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Lorch nominated for full terms on the Board of Ramaz Avrom Dof, Dr. Nathalie Friedman, Stephen J. Kule, Jean Lindenbaum, Roanna Shorofsky, Barbara Zimet.

For Parent Trustees he nominated Judith Hauptman Adesnik, Jacob Berman, Joan Meyers.

As Alumni Trustees he placed in nomination the following names: Dr. Terry Ann Krulwich, Pamela Nash, Francine Gerber.

For Community Trustees, Mr. Gross nominated the following: Rabbi Neil Gillman, Pearl Hack, Joan Sadinoff Katz, Rabbi Dale Polakoff, Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, Radine Abramson Spier.

All of the people nominated by Mr. Lorch were elected by the assemblage at which point the Annual Meeting of the Ramaz School was adjourned.

Mr. Gurewitsch then called upon Rabbi Lookstein for a few closing remarks.

Rabbi Lookstein spoke about Benjamin Brown as an inspiring example of someone who helped the synagogue to establish itself on the three pillars with which the Ethics of the Fathers opens: Torah, worship, and acts of charity.

He described Benjamin Brown as a person devoted to the observance of Torah and its study. He cited the outgoing President for his consistent attendance at Talmud shiurim through the years. The Rabbi praised Benj Brown for his extraordinary reliability as a member of the daily minyan. We never had a President, he said, who worshipped literally every day in the morning throughout his tenure. We never had a President who was more devoted to the synagogue in terms of service. No task was too light, no responsibility was too taxing.

Finally, as a practitioner of the art of chesed, Benj and his family have established an enviable record. Both he and Fran are members of our chevra kadisha. They visit everyone in the hospital. They are the first to call for happy and sad occasions. They render acts of kindness with their substance and their persons. They are wonderful examples worthy of emulation.

The Rabbi expressed the hope that Benj be able to continue to work in behalf of the Jewish community in other positions of leadership and as a supporting member of the congregation. He then invited everyone to join together in the Social Hall for a collation and a social hour.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feder on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Amanda, to their grandchildren, Nancy and Jack Markovitch.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Eleanor Friedman on the birth of a grandson, Moshe Pesach to her children, Samuel and Debbie Friedman.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Halper on the birth of a granddaughter, Lea Aviva to their children, Deborah and Mark Giddins. Similar good wishes to the proud great-grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Lukashok.

Mazel tov to Debbie and Warren Hammerschlag on the birth of a son, Daniel Aron. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, our Trustee and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shapiro and the delighted great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feder.

Mazel tov to Faiga and Michael Joseph on the birth of a son. We again express similar good wishes to the proud great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feder.

Mazel tov to Prof. and Mrs. Abraham Katsh on the birth of a grandson, Emmett Reuven to their children Mr. and Mrs. Salem Katsh.

Mazel tov to our Trustee and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Low on the birth of a grandson, Andrew Judah to their children, Debbie and Michael Doppelt.

Mazel tov to Rhonda and Jeffrey Luxenberg on the birth of a son, Alexander Brett. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smokler and the delighted great-grandmother, Mrs. Lola Gross. Alexander, who is a fourth generation member of KJ, is named in loving memory of his maternal great-grandfather, Alexander Gross, who was a Trustee of the congregation.

Mazel tov to Rochelle and Eugene Major on the birth of a son, Kalman Calev. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. William Major.

Mazel tov to our Trustee and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mehl on the birth of a grandson, Brian Samuel to their children, Eva and Danny Hoeng.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Miller on the arrival of a grandson, Jonathan Ross to their children, Robert Miller and Sara Lee Kessler.

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Mayer Moskowitz on the birth of a granddaughter, Michael Gabriella to their children, Tammy and Steven Wagner.

Mazel tov to our Trustee and his wife, George and Pamela Rohr, on the birth of a son, Alexander Meir. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nash.

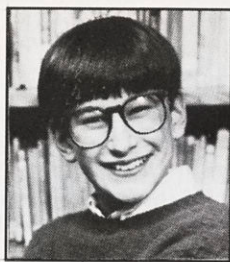
Mazel tov to Elaine and Dore Schreiber on the arrival of a son, Jake Aaron.

Mazel tov to Caroline and David Schwarcz on the birth of a son, M. Marlin.

Mazel tov to Jill and Daniel Wohlfarth on the birth of a daughter, Lea Alexandra.

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

BAR MITZVAH



Joshua Charles Schwalbe

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schwalbe on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua Charles which took place on Saturday, June 24, in Congregation Ahavath Torah in Englewood, New Jersey. Joshua read the weekly portion of Behaalotcha and the Haftorah.

Joshua will enter the eighth grade in the Moriah Hebrew Day School in Englewood, New Jersey, in the fall and will continue his high school studies at the Ramaz Upper School.

Bar Mitzvah

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Zuckerman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Yehuda Keri, which took place on Saturday, June 24, in Columbus, Ohio.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to our Trustee and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Buchwald, on the engagement of their daughter, Gena Golder to David Stern.

Mazel tov to David Leitman on his engagement to Chagit Baruch of Israel.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Roslyn Friedman upon the passing of her beloved father, Louis Brauer.

Our condolences to Tobin Kohane upon the passing of his beloved father, Solomon Kohane.

Our condolences to Jack Lefkowitz upon the passing of his brother, David Lefkowitz.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We are pleased to announce that Alvin H. Broome has been elected to the Board of Directors of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association.

We congratulate Dr. Seymour Cohen on his election to the Presidency of New York Cancer Society and the New York State Society of Medical Oncologists and Hematologists.

We congratulate Margo Feiden Cohen on the publication of her book, "Margo Feiden's The Calorie Factor".

We are pleased to congratulate M. Ethan Katsh, son of Prof. and Mrs. Abraham Katsh and a graduate of Ramaz and Professor of Law at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, on the publication of his book "The Electronic Media and the Transformation of Law", dedicated to his parents.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Congratulations to Drs. Daniel Coleman Javitt and Reba Kizner, who have become diplomates of their respective specialty boards, Psychiatry and Otolaryngology. Daniel is a clinical fellow at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Reba is a member of the

Manhattan Medical Group of H.I.P.

Congratulations to Dr. Jonathan Chaim Javitt on becoming a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology. He is currently an instructor in ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Congratulations to Dr. Marcia Javitt on her appointment as Associate Professor in Radiology and Head of Abdominal Imaging at the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Similar congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Norman Javitt on the achievements of their children.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

We are pleased to commend our member Steven Haft, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Maks Birnbach, on his producership of the new popular movie, "Dead Poets Society."

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Richard Dubin was recently elected a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology.

We congratulate Dr. Marrick L. Kukin on his election to Fellowship in the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Kukin is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He is currently an instructor in medicine at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

Mazel tov to Jaclyn K. Leifert upon her Award of Special Commendation by the United Jewish Community of Bergen County in recognition of more than a decade of dedicated teaching and outstanding service to Yavneh Academy in Paramus, New Jersey. Jackie previously taught at Ramaz.

We congratulate Dr. Andrea P. Thau (Mrs. John R. Lieberman) on her induction as a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. She also presented two research papers at the annual national meeting held in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Thau is currently an executive board member of the New York Academy of Optometry and a Chairperson of the New York State Optometric Association. An assistant professor at the State College of Optometry, she is also in private practice on Park Avenue.

KULES TO BE HONORED

We are proud to extend a mazel tov to our Financial Secretary and Mrs. Stephen J. Kule upon their selection as guests of honor at the Fortieth Annual Dinner Dance of the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach.

The event will take place on Sunday evening, August 20. We commend the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach on its selection of Wilma and Steve and are certain the dinner will be an outstanding success.

DAVID LEVY HONORED

We are proud to extend a mazel tov to Vice President David Levy upon his being honored by the Karlin Stolín Yeshivos of Jerusalem and Brooklyn.

He was the recipient of the distinguished Chesed and Yeshiva Award. May he continue to merit such accolades for his service to the Jewish community.

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MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH LORCH CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

A hearty mazel tov to Joseph and Hannah Lorch upon the occasion of their forthcoming 50th anniversary to be celebrated on July 3.

Joseph Lorch has served our community and the broader Jewish community in many, many ways including as Vice President of the congregation and Chairman of the Board of Ramaz School.

Our entire community is grateful for the work that the Lorches have done over the years and wish them well for many, many more years of happiness together.

HON. JEROME HORNBLASS CHOSEN AS PRESIDENT OF KIRUV

We are pleased to announce that the new President of Kiruv, the outreach organization sponsored by the Max Stern Division of Communal Services of Yeshiva University, is our own member, Hon. Jerome Hornblass. He is joined by several other members of the congregation as Officers of the organization: Fred Schwartzberg as Treasurer, and Ephraim and Gail Propp as Program Consultants. We wish the new administration of Kiruv great success in their outreach work to young Jews on the college campuses.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

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COMMUNAL HONORS

Congratulations to our Esteemed Former Trustee, Dr. Bernard Kabakow, upon his designation as a guest of honor at a dinner held by the Physicians Division of the UJA-Federation in New York. We are happy that Dr. Kabakow who has done so much for UJA, for Soviet Jewry and for many causes has been honored by his peers in this manner.

COMMUNAL SERVICE

Congratulations to Audrey Lookstein and Nechi Shudofsky upon their re-election for a second term as National Vice Presidents of Amit Women. We wish them much success and fulfillment in their work in behalf of this important organization.

We recognize Binny Shalev, son of Dr. and Mrs. Noam Shudofsky on his appointment as Assistant Director of the Geshar Foundation in Jerusalem. Binny lives with his wife Miriam and their three sons in Mitzpeh Hoshaya in the Galil.

COMMUNAL NOTE

We are proud to note that our Honorary Trustee, Mrs. Fanny Wald has endowed a Judaic Theme Essay Contest at New York University's Jewish Cultural Foundation in honor of our devoted member and JCF Founder, Professor Abraham I. Katsh.

FROM OUR BULLETIN BOARD ON 85th STREET DASHEVSKY DENIED EXIT VISA

We are saddened to note that Vladimir Dashevsky continues to be denied an exit visa for the purpose of emigrating to Israel. It is now more than ten years since March, 1979, when Dashevsky was first refused permission to leave the Soviet Union.

A fifty-one year old astrophysicist, Dashevsky's family includes his wife, Tatiana, who is thirty-one and their two sons, Shmuel who is eight, Daniel who is seven and their daughter, Tamar who turned two this month.

Zev and his family wish to be reunited with his daughter, Irina and her husband, Kara Ivanov, who have been in Israel since 1987.

THE STORY

Vladimir Dashevsky worked for many years in research at the Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism. Immediately after applying for an exit visa in 1977, he was forced to give up his prestigious position there and since then has been earning a living tutoring high school students in physics.

Two years after his application was submitted, he was refused on the grounds that he possessed state secrets, though he had never had access to classified information. Later this reason was dropped and the family received another refusal based on the grounds that Tatiana's parents refused to give their daughter permission to leave the USSR.

Dashevsky's broad intellectual interest brought him to the study of general philosophy through which he read the works of Martin Buber, five of whose books he translated into Russian. Dashevsky then became interested in his own Jewish background. He taught himself Hebrew and began studying texts in their original. He became an observant Jew and helped a large group of young Jews to study their language and heritage.

Anyone who may be travelling to the Soviet Union and who may wish further information should contact the synagogue office.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday mornings	7:30 A.M.
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

	Lighting of Candles	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Sabbath Ends
JUNE			
30-July 1 Shelach	8:13	8:20	9:14
JULY			
7-8 Korach	8:12	8:20	9:13
14-15 Chukat-Balak	8:09	8:20	9:09
21-22 Pinchas	8:04	8:15	9:00
28-29 Matot-Masei	7:58	8:10	8:54
AUGUST			
4-5 Devarim (Shabbat Chazon)	7:50	8:00	8:48
11-12 Vaetchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	7:42	7:50	8:38
18-19 Ekev	7:32	7:40	8:26
25-26 Re'eh	7:22	7:30	8:17
SEPTEMBER			
1-2 Shoftim	7:11	7:20	8:06
8-9 Ki Tetze	6:59	7:10	7:53
15-16 Ki Tavo	6:48	7:00	7:40
22-23 Nitzavim-Vayeilech	6:36	6:45	7:28

DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Blessing for the month of Tamuz

MONDAY, JULY 3 and

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Rosh Chodesh Tamuz

Services Monday morning at 7:15 A.M.

Tuesday morning at 8:30 A.M.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Fast of the 17 of Tamuz

Morning services at 7:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Blessing for the month of Av

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Rosh Chodesh Av

Morning services at 7:15 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Tisha B'Av eve

Mincha services at 7:45 P.M.

followed by Ma'ariv and
reading of Eicha

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

Tisha B'Av (morning services at 7:00 A.M.
with reading of lamentations)
Evening services at 7:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Blessing for the month of Elul

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 and

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Morning services at 7:15 A.M.

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23

The first Selichot at 10:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Erev Rosh Hashanah