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SHABBAT SHUVA DISCOURSE "JEWISH LAW JUSTICE AND COMPASSION"

An Analysis of the Laws of Geirut
as They Apply to Children"

One of the most pressing problems that faces the Jewish community today concerns the conversion of adopted children who were born to non-Jewish mothers and adopted by Jewish parents. With an infertility rate among Jewish couples of approximately 20 percent, many couples who would like to have children are turning to adoption as a satisfying way to bring up Jewish children and create a family.

Almost all adopted children are born from non-Jewish parents. They are converted usually during the first year of their lives in a simple ceremony which raises a *halakhic* question: How can a child under the age of one year accept upon himself or herself the responsibilities of living as a Jew?

The question has been analyzed by rabbinic sources through the ages and it in turn poses other questions. Must the adopting parents conduct themselves strictly in accordance with Jewish Law? If so, what are the standards for such conduct? (how strict are they?). Must the child be told about the conversion and, if so, at what age? If the parents themselves are not observant does that mean that the child cannot be converted? Supposing one of the adopting parents is not Jewish — would a conversion be permitted?

These are not theoretical issues in our day of increasing adoption, intermarriage and pluralistic Jewish behavior. They must be answered by the *halakhic* community or else we must leave this kind of conversion to others who may not follow *halakhic* standards which we hold sacred.

What are the parameters of the question? What are the limits of the *halakha* in this matter? Rabbi Lookstein will devote himself to this entire subject with many of its ramifications at his *Shabbat Shuva* discourse which will be entitled: "Jewish Law - Justice and Compassion: An Analysis of the Laws of Geirut as They Apply to Children."

The discourse will be held, please God, on Saturday, October 7, in the Main Synagogue, following *Mincha* services which will begin at 5:40. The entire community is invited to hear an analysis of a critical Jewish problem for our day.

*All members, their families and friends,
and neighbors and guests of our community*

S'lichot Services

Saturday evening, September 23
10 PM — The Main Synagogue

Social Hour

9:15 PM — The Social Hall

Please bring an unopened can or box of food
for the hungry and homeless of our community.

ON THE EVE OF 5750

This past year has been a very difficult one for the Jewish people. Someone commented that we have had so many problems recently with the intifada and with the anti-Israel forces both from without and within we would gladly exchange all of these problems for our former difficulty of anti-Semitism. In truth, it hasn't been an easy year.

However, there is another perspective and that is to look at our history and marvel at the fact that we are still a people 4,000 years after our forefather Abraham, more than 3,000 years after we stood at Sinai, and almost 2,000 years after the destruction of the Second Temple. Our problems are great but our blessings are even greater.

Let me wish the entire KJ/Ramaz family and klal Yisrael a year of health, happiness, blessing and peace.

Haskel Lookstein

RABBI SACHS TO GIVE ROSH HASHANA SHIUR Saturday, September 23rd

We are delighted to announce that, as part of our communal preparation for the High Holy Days, Rabbi Jonathan Sachs will once again deliver a Rosh Hashana Shiur.

It will take place on Saturday afternoon, September 23, at a Seudah Shlishit sponsored by the KJ Men's Club between *Mincha* and *Maariv*. *Mincha* will begin at 5:45 P.M. The entire community is invited to come.

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY FUND AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT IS WELL UNDER WAY

During the summer months, the first project of the Twenty-First Century Fund has been initiated in the form of a complete redoing of the air conditioning in the synagogue building and the laying of the groundwork for the air conditioning of the entire Synagogue House and Ramaz Lower School building.

A Carrier Air Conditioning crew has been at work daily in repiping the building. New heating and air conditioning units should be in by the time the heating season begins and the actual air conditioning of the Ramaz School building should be operational long before next spring.

At the same time, a new air conditioning system is being installed for the Main Synagogue and all of the major rooms which the congregation uses - the Auditorium, the Social Hall and the Chapel/Library. Much of the work behind the scenes has already been accomplished. The actual operation of the new air conditioning system will not take place until the spring. Work, however, will continue in the Main Synagogue through the winter in a manner which should not disrupt our normal services and activities.

Approximately \$2,000,000 has been raised for the Twenty-First Century Fund thus far. We look forward to the continued participation of members of the congregation and families and friends of Ramaz in this very important Fund which is designed to take care of the physical needs and the financial needs of the congregation and the school for the next decade and into the twenty-first century.

WELCOME TO RABBI AND MRS. ELIEZER RUBIN

We are happy to welcome Rabbi and Mrs. Eliezer Rubin to the KJ/Ramaz community. Rabbi Rubin will be an instructor in Judaic Studies in the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School and he will also serve as a scholar in residence in the KJ community, teaching adults and teenagers in a variety of settings.

Rabbi Rubin was born in New York and attended yeshivot and Queens College in this city. He went on aliyah to Israel ten years ago and studied first at Bet Midrash L'Torah and then for eight years at Yeshivat Mercaz HaRav, from which he received rabbinic ordination. He also has licensing from the Chief Rabbinate confirming his qualifications to be a community rabbi in the State of Israel.

A Lieutenant in the Golani Brigade where he serves as a Chaplain, Rabbi Rubin taught for several years at Bet Midrash L'Torah where he had a great influence on many of our students who spend a year of Torah study in Israel following their graduation from Ramaz. He also taught at Yeshivat Ohr Yerushalayim and Ramot Shapira, among other institutions.

His wife, Carolyn Silver, is a graduate of Ramaz, class of 1977, with a B.A. from SUNY. They have four children: Taire (who will be in our first grade), Shira (kindergarten), Yitzchak Mayer (named for his sainted great-grandfather Irving Bunim) and Michal.

We welcome the Rubin family to the KJ community and we hope that they will bring the love of the Land of Israel and the Torah of Israel to us even as they enjoy their association with our community.

KJ SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR CANTORIAL POSITION BEGINNING JANUARY 1990

The retirement of Cantor Avrum Davis at the end of December, 1989 means that we are now looking for a Cantor to fill his position as of January 1, 1990. Applications will be accepted through October 31, 1989. Candidates who are interested are asked to send a letter detailing their experience and training and a tape with some of their chazanut and renditions of the prayers.

President Stanley Gurewitsch has announced the appointment of a Search Committee to be headed by Sandy Eisenstat and to include the six officers of the congregation, Irwin B. Robins as Gabbai and Benjamin Brown, immediate past president. The Rabbis and Cantor Davis will serve on the committee ex-officio.

If any members of the congregation are aware of candidates whom we should interview, they are asked to notify Sandy Eisenstat or Rabbi Lookstein. We will be inviting several candidates to come for a Shabbat at KJ and serve as Cantor so that the members will be able to get an impression and form some conclusions.

MASSIVE FOOD DRIVE SET FOR KOL NIDRE NIGHT

Once again under the leadership of the KJ Social Action Committee, our congregation will conduct on Kol Nidre night a massive effort to collect food for homeless and hungry people in the community. This effort will be coupled with one on S'lichot night as well and the participation of many members of KJ in Project Dorot's effort to distribute Yom Tov food to elderly Jews on the Upper West Side.

KOL NIDRE NIGHT

On the eve of Yom Kippur, prior to Kol Nidre services on Sunday, October 8, each man, woman and child is asked to bring at least one unopened box or can of food so that we may distribute these items to the poor and homeless of New York.

Barrels will be set up in the entrance lobby of the synagogue so that as congregants enter the building, they may drop their packages right into these receptacles. Over the past two years, our efforts have met with outstanding success. We need to do even better this year and thus we ask *everyone* to participate and to bring as many items as you can. We prefer that the items be kosher in order to serve Jewish needs to the greatest extent possible.

S'lichot Night

As a "kick off" to our high holiday special effort to feed the hungry, and to prepare ourselves for performing this mitzvah again

on Kol Nidre night, we will also have bins in the entrance lobby in the synagogue so that as congregants arrive to begin the S'lichot season, they may bring then too, unopened boxes and cans of food. Our teshuvah must be aimed at both God and man and efforts such as giving food to the hungry are acts of chesed which we are required to do.

Therefore, please remember to bring food both on S'lichot night, Saturday, September 23 and prior to Kol Nidre as we begin Yom Kippur.

PROJECT DOROT

A number of members of the congregation will be participating in the Dorot Food Distribution Project to elderly Jewish people on the Upper West Side.

It will be held on Sunday, September 24 and the KJ contingent will gather at 10:30 a.m. at the Lindenbaum Center at 270 West 89 Street between Broadway and West End Avenues. At that time, we will be given a brief orientation and assigned a person to visit for about an hour. Participants can go in pairs if they wish to do so.

Please let our Social Action Committee Chairperson, Doris Travis know that you are interested in this outstanding volunteer program by calling her in the evening at 755-5376.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN'S SINGLES COMMITTEE

IS PROUD TO PRESENT A
SINGLES SUKKA SUPPER

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16, 6:30 P.M.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE AT 427-1000 OR A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE AT 570-9435.

Save the Date . . .

Mens Club Theater Party THREE PENNY OPERA

Saturday Evening, January 6, 1990

RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO DISCUSS IRVING GREENBERG'S BOOK AT OPENING SISTERHOOD MEETING SEPTEMBER 25

The opening meeting of the Sisterhood for this season will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 25. A light luncheon will be served.

Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Haskel Lookstein who will review Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg's new book "The Jewish Way: Living The Holidays." The book, according to Rabbi Lookstein, is a marvelous review of the principles, meaning and relevance of the festivals that run throughout the Jewish calendar. Rabbi Greenberg is the President of the CLAL Organization through which he has had a major impact on all kinds of Jews around the country. His book has been written for the widest possible audience. It will inform the uninformed, inspire the passive, and excite the involved as well. It will be as interesting for Orthodox Jews as for secular ones. He has managed to address the full range of American Jewry on a fascinating subject.

We know the Rabbi's opinion of his colleague's book. On September 25 we will find out the reasons for that opinion. We extend a cordial invitation to all of the women in our community to attend this first meeting of the Sisterhood for the 1989-90 year on Monday, September 25, at 12:30 o'clock.

COUPLES CLUB TO GO APPLE PICKING THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

A special KJ Couples Club coach will whisk away apple picking members this Sunday morning, September 17 to a beautiful orchard in Connecticut. The departure from in front of KJ will be at 9:00 a.m.

Adults and children participating in the first family outing of the year, will be able to pick their own red, juicy apples - browse through farm and craft stands, pet the farm animals in a special corral and take beautiful early fall New England photographs while enjoying a wonderful day!

Participants should bring a sandwich lunch and the Couples Club will supply doughnuts and fresh apple cider.

The cost for this pre-Rosh HaShanah outing is \$18.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children over two years of age. There is no charge for children under two years of age.

For last minute reservations call Chairperson Susan Alpert at 289-1028.

RABBI HERSHEL SCHACHTER TO DELIVER SECOND ANNUAL TESHUVA SHIUR

On Wednesday, October 4, at 8:00 PM, Rabbi Hershel Schachter will deliver his second annual Teshuva shiur in the Main Synagogue of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Rabbi Schachter, who is the Rosh Kollel at Yeshiva University, is one of the outstanding Talmudic scholars of our generation. His lecture will help us prepare ourselves spiritually for the upcoming High Holy Day season.

Last year's Teshuva shiur drew a crowd of some 300 people. All who attended felt themselves spiritually invigorated and emotionally charged in preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Teshuva, repentance, is the major theme of the entire High Holy Day season. As such, it deserves our attention and forethought, in order to make the High Holy Days a more meaningful experience for us all.

The Teshuva shiur inaugurates a monthly series of shiurim which Rabbi Schachter will present at KJ. The series, entitled "Focus on Mitzvot", will be held on the first Wednesday of each month through March, 1990. The

schedule, which you may choose to cut out and save, follows this article. A subscription to the entire series is \$25 per person.

The entire community is invited to participate in this important lecture. Admission is \$5 at the door. Cassette tapes of the shiur can be ordered through the synagogue office, 427-1000.

November 1	Mikva and Tevilat Keilim - Ritual Immersion of Dishes and Utensils
December 6	Business Ethics
January 3	Talmud Torah - Torah Study
February 7	Kibud Av va'Em - Honoring Fathers and Mothers
March 7	Tzedaka and Pidyon Shevuyim - Charity and the Redemption of Captives

KJ TO OFFER CRASH COURSE WITH NJOP

This fall and throughout the year, KJ will be offering two crash courses in Basic Judaism and Hebrew reading, presented in conjunction with the National Jewish Outreach Program. Both courses are open to the congregation and the larger Jewish Community and are free of charge.

The **Crash Course in Basic Judaism** is a five-part series that will explore the foundations of Jewish philosophy and will deal with the following issues: (Although the series began last Monday, you may join at this time.)

Session One:	Belief in God and Foundations of Jewish Thought <i>September 11 - 7:30 p.m.</i>
Session Two:	What is Prayer and Why is Prayer an Obligation? <i>September 18 - 7:30 p.m.</i>
Session Three:	Shabbat - The Day of Rest <i>September 25 - 7:30 p.m.</i>
Session Four:	The Rituals & the Commandments: The Structure, Method & Meaning of Observance <i>October 16 - 7:30 p.m.</i>
Session Five:	Human Sexuality - A Jewish Perspective <i>October 23 - 7:30 p.m.</i>

CRASH COURSE IN HEBREW READING

The **Crash Course in Hebrew Reading** is a series of five classes designed to teach the basics of Hebrew reading to the beginner in time for the High Holidays. The Hebrew reading course began on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m. and meets on Wednesday nights through October 4th. Both classes will be repeated throughout the year.

If you have any questions about these two classes, please do not hesitate to call Rabbi Gartenberg at the Synagogue office (427-1000).

MAZEL TOV TO BERNDT KATZ THE KEEPER OF THE GATE

Berndt Katz who has been the guard at the door of our synagogue and school for more than thirty years was honored at a quiet ceremony at the beginning of the school year for his thirty-two years of service to this community. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein presented him with a beautiful silver kiddush cup and tray on which were inscribed the words "dor l'dor yeshabach ma'asecha" - to Berndt Katz.

It is not generally known that during the course of his tenure as our door guard, Berndt

Katz, who is both a Kohain and an observant Jew, has apprehended several criminals on our block and around the corner when he was pressed into service by someone who was robbed or mugged. He has been decorated several times by the Police Department and cited for his acts of heroism and bravery.

We salute this servant of the Lord and of people and wish him many years of continued health and happiness in our midst.

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THIS IS THE SEASON

ELUL

The forty day period beginning with Rosh Chodesh Elul and continuing through Yom Kippur has historically been a time of repentance and forgiveness for the Jewish people. These days correspond to the time when Moses received from God the second set of Tablets. These second tablets serve as an indication of God's capacity for forgiving, specifically His forgiveness for our sin with the Golden Calf. Therefore, numerous customs have been instituted throughout the generations to enable us to take advantage of this opportunity for divine forgiveness.

One of the most beautiful and moving of these customs is the sounding of the shofar each morning after the Shacharit service. The blasts of the Shofar serve as a divine alarm clock, awakening all of us to the need for self-evaluation and improvement.

Similarly, we continue the custom of reciting, as a community, the entire Book of Psalms during this period of the year. It is a custom that was initiated by Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, of blessed memory, and helps to sensitize us to the messages transmitted by the Psalmist.

Finally, beginning with the week which precedes Rosh Hashanah we recite Selichot prayers each morning. The essence of these prayers is the recitation of God's Thirteen Attributes of mercy upon which we call during this period of penitence. We also recite the Vidui (Confessional) during the Selichot prayers and in so doing begin our petition for God's forgiveness.

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of our year, brings with it all of the resolution for spiritual improvement that are part of a new beginning. The tone of the day is determined by a mixture of feelings of trepidation and celebration. We remain aware of this day as the beginning of God's judgement, and yet we enter into it with the confidence that God will accept our prayers and grant us forgiveness. It is a time which has traditionally been associated with the synagogue service, and yet there are many beautiful ceremonies that take place at home.

At the Table

The festival is ushered in by the lighting of candles over which the special festival blessing is recited. The special benediction "Shehecheyanu" is added.

After the reciting of kiddush and the washing of hands, a "motzi" is made over two round challahs (symbolizing the cycle of the year) and the bread is dipped into honey before it is eaten. The symbol concerning a sweet year is readily apparent. The use of a round challah and the dipping of the bread into honey is continued for the entire High Holy Day season, ending with Hoshanah Rabbah.

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah, an apple is dipped into honey. Before tasting the apple, the blessing over fruit is recited. After tasting the apple, a special prayer is recited: "May it be Thy Will to grant us a good and sweet year."

On the second night, it is customary to wear a new garment and to have it in mind when the blessing "shehecheyanu" is recited as part of the kiddush. In addition, a new fruit, not previously enjoyed this season, is eaten. Before eating the fruit, the blessing over fruit is recited.

Tashlich

The Tashlich service takes place this year on the second afternoon of Rosh Hashanah which this year falls on Sunday. This ceremony takes place along the banks of a river or some other body of fresh water. Appropriate prayers are recited as part of this mystical custom, indicating our desire to cast off all sins from our person and correct our ways.

In our community, we customarily gather for Tashlich before Mincha, at 5:15 PM, near the 85th Street entrance to the reservoir path in Central Park, or at 86th Street and the East River in Carl Shurz Park.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

On Rosh Hashanah, upon leaving the Synagogue, all extend the High Holy Day greeting:

לשנה טובה תכתבו

"May You Be Inscribed For A Good Year!"

SHOFAR TIME 10 O'CLOCK

We call the attention of our worshippers that the sounding of the *Shofar* on Sunday morning of Rosh Hashanah will take place at approximately 10:00 A.M.

Please plan to be in attendance at services by that hour so that you will be present for this important religious observance.

THE FAST OF GEDALIAH

On the day after Rosh Hashana, Monday, October 2, we observe the fast of Gedaliah, in memory of the assassination of Gedaliah ben Achikam, the governor of Jerusalem following the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE. The death of Gedaliah marked the final hammer blow, as it were, to the first Jewish Commonwealth.

The fast day is observed from before dawn until nightfall which is at 7:10 p.m.

THE TEN DAYS OF REPENTANCE

The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are traditionally days when Jews aspire to greater spiritual accomplishments. It is customary during this time to accept upon one's self some additional behavior which demonstrates our seriousness and desire to improve. Whether that behavior be in the realm of our relationship with God or our relationship with each other, it provides us with the opportunity to acquire new good habits and to continue them throughout the year.

YOM KIPPUR A Day of Self-Denial

The Day of Atonement is, among other things, a day of self-denial. In addition to avoiding food, drink, washing, and the use of lotions and oils, Jewish tradition calls for refraining from the wearing of leather shoes.

The reason for this provision is that wearing a proper pair of shoes makes one feel complete and well-groomed. It is precisely the absence of that feeling of completeness which is called for on the Day of Atonement. Through this mood of moderate self-denial, we are moved to prayer, penitence, and wholesome introspection.

May we request our worshippers take a step in the direction of Jewish tradition by arranging for a pair of non-leather footwear for Yom Kippur this year. An ample selection is available in any shoe store. We think you will find that conforming with this practice will help you to derive more from the most meaningful day on the Jewish calendar.

YOM KIPPUR CANDLE LIGHTING

Provision has been made for the kindling of candles in the Synagogue House on Yom Kippur Eve, Sunday, October 8, prior to 6:09 P.M.

Candles will be set up in the lower lobby near the checkroom.

WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP TO HOLD SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE Sunday, October 22

The Women's Tefillah Group of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will begin its season of tefilot on Simchat Torah morning with a special service of prayer, hakafot and Torah reading. We invite those women of the congregation and the community who would like to join in this service to come at 9:30 to the Social Hall where the service will be held.

Further information can be obtained by calling the synagogue office or Dr. Paula Bender or Mrs. Carol Newman.

The schedule for the KJ Women's Tefillah Group for the balance of the year is as follows (all services during the year will begin at 9:00 AM):

November 18	- Vayera
January 27	- Vaera
March 10	- Tetzaveh
June 9	- Behaalotcha

BLESSING THE CHILDREN ON YOM KIPPUR EVE

There is a beautiful custom that a father—or mother—bless his or her child on the eve of Yom Kippur after the meal before the fast. The blessing is much more detailed than the simple Biblical priestly blessing which is given to the children on Friday evening before *kid-dush*. We would recommend to you that you bless your children every Friday but that, in particular, you bless them on Yom Kippur eve. The text of the blessing and a translation appear below.

FOR BOYS:

*"May the Lord make you as
Ephraim and as Menasheh"*

FOR GIRLS:

*"May the Lord make you as Sarah,
Rebecca, Rachel and Leah"*

May it be the will of our Father in Heaven to place within your heart love and reverence for Him. May you revere God all the days of your life so that you will not sin. May He bless you with the desire to study Torah and observe His commandments. May your eyes look straight ahead, your mouth speak wisdom and may your heart be filled with reverence. May your hands always be involved in the accomplishment of Mitzvot and may your feet run to do God's bidding.

May the Almighty grant you righteous sons and daughters who will also occupy themselves with Torah and Mitzvot all the days of their lives. May He grant you moral substance and livelihood—morally, graciously and abundantly—and may you never have to depend on human help. May your profession always allow time for service to God.

May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Good and Long Life together with all the righteous of Israel. *Amen*

For a boy:

יְשׁוּעָה אֱלֹהִים כְּאַפְרַיִם
וּכְמִנְשֵׁה.

For a girl:

יְשׁוּעָה אֱלֹהִים כְּסָרָה רַבְקָה
רָחֵל וְלֵאָה.

יְבָרְכֶךָ

יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ. יְאֹר יְהוָה
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פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וְיִשֶּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם.

וַיְהִי רָצוֹן * מִלְּפָנֶי אֲבִינוּ
שְׁבַשְׁמִים, שִׂיתֵן

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לִידֶיךָ יַעֲסֹקוּ בְּמִצְוֹת; רַגְלֶיךָ יִרְצוּ
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עוֹסְקִים בְּתוֹרָה וּבְמִצְוֹת כָּל
יְמֵיהֶם. וַיְהִי מְקוֹרֶךָ בְּרוּךְ * וְנִזְמִין
לְךָ פְּרִנְסָתְךָ בְּהִתְרַבְּתָּ וּבְכִירוּת,
מִתַּחַת יְדוֹ הִרְחַבְהָ, וְלֹא עַל יְדֵי
מִתְנֵת כֶּשֶׁר וְנֶרֶם; פְּרִנְסָה שֶׁתִּהְיֶה
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וְתַחֲתֶם לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְאַרוּכִים,
בְּתוֹךְ כָּל צְדִיקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. אָמֵן.

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 29, Rosh Hashanah Eve

S'lichot Service (Z'chor Brit) 6:30 AM
Regular morning services will follow

Evening 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting 6:24 PM

Saturday, September 30, Rosh Hashanah I

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 6:20 PM
Candle Lighting after 7:15 PM

Sunday, October 1, Rosh Hashanah II

Morning 8:00 AM
Evening 6:20 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov 7:14 PM

TSOM (FAST OF) GEDALIAH

Monday, October 2

Morning 6:45 AM
Evening 6:20 PM
Fast Concludes 7:10 PM

DAILY SERVICES (between the Festivals)

Mornings - Monday and Thursday 6:45 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00 AM
Evenings 6:20 PM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, October 6

Evening 6:20 PM
Candle Lighting 6:12 PM

Saturday, October 7

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 5:30 PM

Shabbat Shuvah Discourse by Rabbi Lookstein

Conclusion of Shabbat 7:05 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, October 8, Yom Kippur Eve

Morning 8:15 AM
Mincha 2:30 PM
Candle Lighting 6:09 PM
Kol Nidre 6:15 PM

Monday, October 9, Yom Kippur

Morning - Main Synagogue 8:30 AM
Auditorium and Social Hall 9:00 AM

Yizkor is recited as part of this service.

DAILY SERVICES (between Yom Kippur and Sukkot)

Morning - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 AM
Thursday 7:15 AM
Evening 6:15 PM

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCHEDULE

One of the greatest delights in our High Holy Days experience is the continuing increase in the number of children who worship with us on these important days. In keeping with the KJ tradition of maintaining a beautiful and meaning religious experience for both children and adults, the following arrangements have been made:

All children over the age of twelve (seventh grade and up) should have tickets for them in either the Main Synagogue or one of the Parallel Services.

Children in the sixth grade and younger should participate in one of the several children's services listed below. In this way, all children and their parents, are able to participate in the synagogue aspects of the High Holy Days.

ROSH HASHANAH I & II 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Junior Congregation 2nd to 6th Grades) 3rd floor
Nursery-Kindergarten-1st Grade 4th floor
Toddler Congregation (Ages 1-3) Gym

YOM KIPPUR KOL NIDRE NIGHT 6:35 P.M.

Junior Congregation (2nd to 6th Grades) 3rd floor
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YOM KIPPUR DAY 11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

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SUKKAH MEALS

Four catered meals will be served in the Synagogue Sukkah this year. The meals offered will be:

Friday, October 13
SUKKOT EVE: DINNER

(Two sittings)

Saturday, October 14
SUKKOT I: LUNCH
DINNER

Sunday, October 15
SUKKOT II: LUNCH

Due to the overwhelming demand for Sukkah meals, we must restrict initial reservations to KJ members and their immediate families. The fee for adults is \$20 per meal and for children through high school age \$13 each.

A reservation form will be sent under separate cover. We recommend immediate response because requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis.

The deadline, space permitting is Wednesday, October 4.

RESERVE YOUR LULAV AND ETROG

The congregation will be pleased to provide a lulav and etrog set to all those who are interested. The four species (lulav, etrog, hadassim, and aravot) are used throughout the Sukkot festival and particularly during the Hallel service and the procession around the synagogue.

This year, lulavim and etrogim will be provided to you without charge but with an understanding that you will make an appropriate contribution to the congregation for this service. We are happy to provide this to you as a way to encourage as many people as possible to acquire a lulav and etrog for Sukkot.

Reservation forms for lulavim and etrogim will be sent to your home shortly. Please send the forms to us as soon as you receive them along with your contribution which should reflect your own spirit of generosity at this season of the year.

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SCHEDULE OF SUKKOT SERVICES

SUKKOT

Friday, October 13, Sukkot Eve

Evening 6:15 PM
Candle Lighting 6:01 PM

Saturday, October 14, Sukkot I

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:10 PM
Candle Lighting after 6:52 PM

Sunday, October 15, Sukkot II

Morning 9:00 AM
Evening 6:10 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov 6:51 PM

DAILY SERVICES CHOL HAMOE'D

Morning 7:00 AM
Evening 6:00 PM

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Friday, October 20, Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning 6:45 AM
Evening 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 5:51 PM

Saturday, October 21, Sh'mini Atzeret

Morning 8:30 AM
Kohelet and Yizkor are recited as part of this service
Mincha 5:50 PM
Ma'ariv and Hakafof will follow

Candle Lighting after 6:44 PM

Sunday, October 22, Simchat Torah

Morning 9:00 AM
Women's Tefilah Group 9:30 AM
Evening 5:50 PM
Conclusion of Tom Tov 6:43 PM

KJ YOUTH DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES NEW SEASON KENNETH ROCHLIN NEW DIRECTOR

The congregation is delighted to announce the appointment of Kenneth Rochlin as the new KJ Director of Youth Activities. Ken grew up in our congregation, is a graduate of Ramaz, has been an exciting leader of Junior Congregation since his sophomore year in high school, served two terms as President of our KJ Teen organization and last year served as Assistant Director following his return from a year of study in Israel. Kenneth is currently a student at Yeshiva University.

The congregation is also pleased to announce the appointment of a new Assistant Director, Dov Pinchot. Dov, also a student at Yeshiva University, is known to many of our young people from his work on our staff last year. We welcome him to this new and higher level of responsibility.

The Youth Department program has already begun for the year and all children of members of the congregation are urged to become actively involved in this year's activities.

SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS

Shabbat morning programs began last Saturday, September 9.

The TEEN MINYAN is a regular service coordinated by our high school students. It is open to all those in grades 7 to college who wish to participate in a meaningful and inspiring tefillah geared to young people. It meets in the eighth floor Board Room on Saturday morn-

ings promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Junior Congregation is for all children of the congregation in grades 2-6 and gathers each Shabbat in the Max J. Etra Chapel beginning at 10:30 a.m. It also meets on all holidays beginning with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur including Kol Nidre night. The schedule for holiday services appears elsewhere in this bulletin.

Morning groups for nursery - 1st grade begin at 10:30 a.m. on the third floor in the rooms of the Ramaz dining hall. These groups include both structured activities and free play time.

Our Toddler Congregation meets in the gym each Shabbat and Yom Tov morning also beginning at 10:30 a.m.

SPECIAL TRIPS

On erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 29, there will be a special trip for 1st-6th graders to The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

Our children will depart from in front of the congregation by bus at 10:30 a.m. promptly and will return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Space is limited so please send in your reservation with a check for \$7.50 per child to the synagogue office now in order to reserve a spot.

On Sunday, September 24, our Teens are planning a canoe trip. Further details will be forthcoming.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. John Lieberman on the birth of a son, Evan Charles.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Lustig on the birth of a son, Jason Franklin.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Moed on the birth of a granddaughter, Jessica Amy, to their children Sondra and Howard Blank.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nadler on the birth of a granddaughter, Emma Leora, to their children Sherri and Dr. Nate Lebowitz of Miami. Similar good wishes to the proud great grandmother, Mrs. Nettie Alpert.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon on the birth of a granddaughter, Jessica Lauren, to their children, Sylvia and Thomas Rogers.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. David Weinstein on the birth of a daughter, Jenna Lauren. Similar good wishes to the delighted grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greenberg and the proud great grandfather, Mr. Samuel Greenberg.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. John Wolff on the birth of a son, Matthew Aaron. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Eppler.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Dr. Steven Gruenstein upon his engagement to Dr. Lynn Chinitz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Chinitz of Belle Harbor. Similar good wishes to Steven's delighted mother, Mrs. Walter Gruenstein.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kagan on the engagement of their son, Joshua to Joan Leviton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Al Leviton of Boston.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Hadassah Markson on the engagement of her daughter, Dina to Dr. Andrew Seidman, son of Estelle and Stanley Seidman of Long Island.

Mazel tov to Hannah and Neal Ranells upon the engagement of their son, Jona to Deborah Kalish, daughter of Helene Kalish of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

May these weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to Rachel Blumenthal on her recent marriage to Jerry Epstein. Similar good wishes to Rachel's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Blumenthal.

Mazel tov to Isaac Hoffman on his recent marriage to Vicki Noah.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lederman on the marriage of their daughter Diane to Chaim Sharon.

COMMUNAL HONORS

We are very pleased to note that our devoted member Pearl H. Hack and her daughter, Nadine B. Hack, will be honored with the 1989 Louise Waterman Wise Award at a special dinner sponsored by the American Jewish Congress at the Plaza Hotel, on Wednesday evening, November 15. We congratulate Pearl and her daughter on this significant recognition by a very important Jewish communal organization. They deserve the award and the AJC deserves our commendation for its perceptive choice.

Mazel tov to Alvin Smilow, son of Lili and Herman Smilow, who last Shavuot was installed as President of the Young Israel of Plainview. We are very proud of this young man who, thank God, now has a family with two children and who grew up in our neighborhood and now is a leader in his own community.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Mazel tov to Jeffrey Eilender, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kasriel Eilender and a graduate of Ramaz presently studying at Columbia Law School, upon being appointed a Harlen Stone Scholar and a member of Law Review.

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Lederman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lederman will be spending her junior year at Hebrew University and will then return to SUNY Albany for her senior year. We wish her much success.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to our Sisterhood President, Lenore Alpert on the loss of her mother, Ray Brody.

Our condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green on the tragic passing, in Florida, of their son, Michael E. Green.

Our condolences to Ralph Katzowitz and Suzanne Kayden on the tragic passing of their daughter, Laurie Kayden.

Our condolences to Dr. Rochelle Levine Morse on the loss of her father, Hyman Levine.

Our condolences to Rita Woldenberg on the loss of her mother, Rose Grabino.

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

RABBI LOOKSTEIN'S ARTICLE APPEARS IN HADASSAH VOLUME ON JEWISH MARITAL STATUS

The Hadassah Organization has just published a 387 page volume on Jewish attitudes toward various aspects of marriage and the family. Rabbi Lookstein is a contributor to that volume with a chapter entitled "Why Observe Niddah and Mikvah in the 1990's?" The book is available at bookstores and Judaica Classics by Doina here in our own synagogue lobby.

BAR MITZVAH

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nadel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua which will take place on Saturday, September 23, in the Main Synagogue. Joshua will read the weekly portion of Netzavim-Vayeilech and the Haftorah.

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

In Memoriam

Belle Etra

She was an outstanding member of the Jewish community of New York, a leader in UJA and Federation, an active participant in women's organizations in the Jewish Center and KJ, and simply an involved Jewish personality.

As the wife of the beloved late Gus Etra, she ran an open home and she raised fine children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved her and practiced the *mitzvah* of *kibbud aim* (honoring one's mother) in the most exemplary fashion.

She had an optimistic outlook on life and rarely did her smile fade from her glowing countenance. She was generous with herself and with her substance to a wide variety of worthy causes.

May her soul be forever bound up among the living.

JEWISH INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE

Each year, 20,000 New Yorkers call the Jewish Information and Referral Service (JIRS) with questions about health care, housing and other social services.

JIRS is a free service to the Jewish community which provides referral to the complete network of UJA-Federation agencies and institutions. These include camps, hospitals, community centers, geriatric and social services. Information about city, state and federal programs is also available.

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RABBI AND MRS. LOOKSTEIN TO HEAD KJ/RAMAZ DELEGATION UJA MISSION TO ISRAEL - APRIL 26 - MAY 4

2,000 New Yorkers to Join

UJA-Federation of New York plans to bring 2,000 New York Jews to Israel from April 26 through May 4, 1990. The mission will coincide with the observance of Israel's Memorial Day (Yom Hazikaron) and Israel Independence Day. It promises to be one of the most exciting opportunities for this community to express its solidarity with the people of Israel and, at the same time, to celebrate 42 years of Israel's independence.

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein have been asked to serve as hosts in this special mission and we hope that at least a busload of members of this community - KJ and Ramaz - will join

them and experience a thrill of a lifetime to be in Israel at this historic moment, to visit sights that are normally not visited and to do it all together with 2,000 other New Yorkers.

The cost of the trip will be \$1,600 and a minimum pledge of \$1,000 to UJA-Federation will be a prerequisite. Further details will be provided shortly in a special mailing.

In the meantime, mark your calendars and plan to join Rabbi and Mrs. Lookstein and your fellow and sister New Yorkers in one of the great experiences of our lives. We leave, please God, Thursday, April 26 and return Friday morning, May 4.



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