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THE HAGGADAH THROUGH HISTORY - THE HISTORY OF THE HAGGADAH

Rabbi Jeffrey Woolf To Be Scholar At Annual Synagogue Shabbaton

April 6 - 7

Friday Dinner and Shabbat Lunch, The Sabbath Before Passover

The 17th Annual Synagogue Shabbaton will be held this year on Friday evening, April 6, and Saturday, April 7, 1990. We welcome a most distinguished leader of the Orthodox Jewish community, Rabbi Jeffrey Woolf. His presentations will give a real intellectual "shot in the arm" in preparation for anybody's Passover Seder discussions.

FRIDAY EVENING

On Friday evening, following Shabbat Dinner, Rabbi Woolf will discuss the history and development of the Haggadah and the Seder. His goal will be to clarify the observance of various portions of the service and make Passover more meaningful to us. Services that evening in the Main Synagogue begin at 6:45 PM.

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MR. ISRAEL D. ROSENBERG RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS

We are saddened to inform the congregation of the official retirement of Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg who served this congregation as Ritual Director from 1954 until this past month.

Mr. Rosenberg has been an expert Torah reader and ba'al tefilla, an outstanding teacher of the students of Ramaz and the Bar Mitzvah boys from the congregation, a wonderful friend to many members and a great influence in helping develop an atmosphere of piety and study at KJ. His wife, Goldie, and his children whom they raised in our community, have also contributed very significantly to the life and ambience at Kehilath Jeshurun.

His retirement was officially supposed to begin as of May but Mr. Rosenberg has not been feeling well while in Florida this winter and he asked to advance the beginning of his retirement by a couple of months. We will miss him but the memory of his beautiful liturgical chants will remain forever in our hearts.

The Officers of the congregation have extended our search committee for a Chazan to include one for a Ritual Director. We have a number of very fine possibilities, one of whom distinguished himself at a trial Shabbat this past week. We look forward to the possibility of making an official appointment at the Annual Meeting scheduled for May.

SAMUEL SILVERSTEIN HONORED BY YESHIVA UNIVERSITY WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

One hundred members and friends of the KJ/Ramaz community were present at the annual dinner of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University on Sunday evening, March 18, at the New York Hilton, to participate in a tribute to our Trustee, Sam Silverstein, who was honored by YU with its Community Service Award. Dr. Norman Lamm, President of the University, spoke movingly about Sam's work in behalf of Jewish education in Westchester where he was a leading personality in the Talmud Torah movement. He touched briefly upon Sam's pioneering role in bikkur cholim work in our community, where he actually launched our Bikkur Cholim Society through his work in Lenox Hill Hospital.

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The New York Times
Anxiety Over Anti-Semitism
Spurs Soviet Warning on Hatred

ONE NEW YORK POST
Wiesel: Soviet Jews living
in terror of Gorbachev downfall

Herald Tribune
Fearing Arab Attacks,
Soviets Are Reported to Go on Alert

The Washington Post
Third Exodus

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WHISPERS OF HATRE
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Los Angeles Times
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Soviet Jews
Attacks, rumors of pogroms
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ANNUAL SHABBATON FRIDAY DINNER SATURDAY LUNCH

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SATURDAY MORNING

Following services and kiddush Saturday morning, Rabbi Woolf will make his second presentation. He will focus on the new approach to the Haggadah which he has developed. He will use this approach to show in a startling way how the commentaries of the Haggadah interpret the very same passages quite differently due to their own unique historical experiences.

RABBI JEFFREY WOOLF

Rabbi Woolf is currently the Executive Chairman of the Orthodox Roundtable, a Centrist Orthodox think tank. He also serves as the Scholar in Residence of the Riverdale Y and is a member of the faculties of both the Wexner Heritage Foundation and the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education.

Rabbi Woolf, a native of Boston, received his BA from Boston University and his Masters in Medieval Jewish History from Harvard University. He received his ordination from Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and spent several years as a congregational rabbi. A warm person and a dynamic speaker, Kehilath Jeshurun is proud to welcome Rabbi Woolf to our community.

THE SABBATH BEFORE PASSOVER

(No Cooking For You)

One of the most exciting advantages of the timing of this weekend which is on Shabbat Ha'Gadol, the Sabbath before Passover, is that by our serving Friday dinner and Saturday lunch, it means a Shabbat of no cooking for you!

Dinner will be served Friday evening and lunch on Saturday to those who have previously made reservations. The cost is \$40 for dinner and lunch (two meals) for adults and \$25 for children (for the two meals).

The deadline for reservations - *space permitting* - is Monday, April 2. A check in the full amount must accompany all reservations.

COOL THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT KJ



On Sunday, February 11, 85th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues, was completely shut down while a huge crane and a team of men installed the huge main parts of a brand new central air conditioning system replacing what we previously had in the Main Synagogue, Auditorium and Social Hall and adding, for the first time, a system that will air condition the entire Ramaz School building and all other rooms in our KJ/Ramaz complex. The finishing touches should be complete in time for Passover.

The air conditioning is the first phase of the 21st Century Fund Project.

SAMUEL SILVERSTEIN HONORED BY YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

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Sam Silverstein has served on the Adult Education Committee of the congregation for many years and has spearheaded the growth in both the number and quality of shiurim in our shul. Personalities like Rabbi Hershel Schachter and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks have been supported in their efforts by Sam who personally attends every one of their shiurim and who also galvanizes support from others

in the community. He is also a regular participant in the Shabbat morning and afternoon Talmud shiurim.

In addition, Sam is a stalwart of the daily minyan and also a personal practitioner of the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim—home hospitality to guests.

We are proud of the honor bestowed upon him by Yeshiva in consideration of his many years of generosity to that institution and his efforts to interest others in support of this most important institution of Jewish learning in the United States.

Congratulations, Sam, from all of us here at KJ and Ramaz who love and admire you and who are very pleased to join in this significant communal tribute to you. May you continue to lead the community in important works and endeavors for many happy and healthy years to come.

ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

APRIL 6-7, 1990

Please reserve _____ adult and _____ child(ren's) places for Friday Dinner and Saturday Lunch.

Adults: \$40.00

Children: \$25.00

Enclosed please find \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PASSES HISTORIC SIMCHA SHARING PLAN

After many months of careful consideration and deliberations by the Social Action Committee of the Congregation and the Board of Trustees, a SIMCHA SHARING PROGRAM has been established for Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. The plan calls for the *voluntary* contribution of 3 percent of the cost of a simcha celebration to a special congregational fund to aid people in need or the organizations that service them.

The Social Action Committee will research the organizations servicing the Jewish poor

and homeless. The criteria established for recipient organizations require that they serve primarily Jewish people, that operating costs not be excessive, that good administration be evident and the programs be proven effective.

The SIMCHA SHARING FUND will be administered by a committee of five persons representing two people from the Social Action Committee, an Officer and a Trustee of the Congregation and Rabbi Lookstein.

Members of the congregation celebrating a simcha will be reminded of this program close

to the date of their celebration.

We commend the Social Action Committee for coming up with this plan and the Board of Trustees for its consideration and approval. By doing this, we hope that Kehilath Jeshurun will send a message to the Jewish community at large that we must make a greater effort to meet the urgent needs of hunger and homelessness within the Jewish community of New York including Soviet and Ethiopian refugees, but not to the exclusion of other worthy causes.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO DELIVER DISCOURSE ON ORGAN DONATIONS AND TRANSPLANTS ON SHABBAT HAGADOL, APRIL 7

Continuing a tradition that he has established over the past few years, Rabbi Lookstein will discuss a relevant religious and practical issue at his Shabbat Hagadol Drasha on Saturday afternoon, April 7, following Mincha services which will begin at 6:40.

His subject this year will be "ORGAN DONATIONS: Are They Permissible? Are they Mandatory?" The issues associated with this subject come down to a number of questions:

1. Is it permissible to donate eyes and other organs to organ banks or to specific individuals either during life (in the case of kidney), or after death?

2. If it is permissible to make such donations, is it possible that it is a mitzvah—an

obligation—to do so?

3. What are the rules concerning the time that a donation may be made? What constitutes death after which a donation would be permitted and before which it would be prohibited?

4. Must the donation be made to a Jew or can it be given to a non-Jew?

These and other questions will be addressed by the Rabbi in a learned discourse which will explore the halakha on this issue and also the general moral implications. We extend an invitation to the entire congregational family to attend this Drasha which will begin after Mincha at 6:40 PM on Shabbat, April 7.

ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR MINIMUM GOAL SET BY NEW YORK UJA-FEDERATION FOR OPERATION EXODUS

At an historic meeting of the Board of Trustees of UJA-Federation in New York, a special campaign of at least \$100,000,000 was voted unanimously for Operation Exodus. This campaign, which is over and above the regular UJA-Federation campaign, will go in its entirety for the financing of the exodus of Soviet Jews and their immigration and absorption in Israel.

The prospects for redeeming a lost remnant of the Jewish people have suddenly brightened in a way that changes the demography of the Jewish world in general and the State of Israel in particular. An historic challenge and opportunity has suddenly been thrust upon us. The people of Israel are doing all in their power to accommodate and absorb this magnificent aliyah. It is up to us in America, however, to shoulder our responsibility and to help Israel meet this challenge and opportunity successfully.

At KJ we feel we must take a leading role in this effort. Consequently, earlier this week the Board of Trustees of the Congregation together with an expanded group of members, met in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein to discuss the outline of the

campaign, the precise sums which are required, and their own personal gifts to both the regular campaign and to Operation Exodus.

This coming Shabbat morning, March 31, we will have an open appeal in the synagogue led by Rabbi Lookstein, the Officers, and the Board of Trustees in which we will try to raise a minimum of \$900,000 above and beyond our regular pledges to UJA-Federation. That \$900,000 represents the cost of transportation, immigration and absorption of 50 Soviet Jewish families with three members (approximately \$6,000 per person). The costs cover the first year of their stay in Israel.

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE GIVEN TWO YEARS AGO FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING 200,000 SOVIET JEWS A YEAR INTO ISRAEL? The answer to that question will help each and every one of us decide for himself or herself what we should be doing now when our wishful thinking has become a blessed reality.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the congregation present in shul on March 31 for this Jewish opportunity of a lifetime.

A NOTICE ON ALIYOT

With the growth of the congregation, thank God, the demand upon the Gabaiim for aliyot grows. At the same time, we are very anxious to keep the time of the service on Shabbatot and Yamim Tovim to less than three hours and much closer to between two-and-a-half and two-and-three-quarter hours. If we are to do this we must limit the number of aliyot which we provide.

As a general rule, therefore, when a man has a *yahrzeit* during the following week, if that *yahrzeit* is for a mother or father or a wife we would plan to invite the person for an aliyah on the preceding Shabbat. We would, of course, appreciate it if people would relinquish their aliyot when the list is long and when time, therefore, becomes a factor.

We cannot, as a rule, provide an aliyah for a person who has a *yahrzeit* for a brother during the following week unless there is no one else to keep the *yahrzeit*. We ask that our members cooperate with us in helping us to sustain this practice.

WOMEN'S TEFILLAH GROUP

Saturday morning,

APRIL 21, 1990

9:00 AM

In the Max J. Etra Chapel

All women are invited to attend.

CHAMETZ AFTER PASSOVER

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

YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Saturday, April 21

9:30 PM

YOM HAATZMAUT

Israel Independence Day

Sunday, April 29

7:30 PM

118th ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 15

8:00 PM

A VOLUNTEER BECOMES A PROFESSIONAL

A current issue of the *Mount Sinai Volunteer* describes how Nadine Rosenthal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rosenthal, when a senior at Ramaz, volunteered in the Emergency Room and found that she wasn't getting the orientation and supervision needed. The next year, as a freshman at Barnard, she drafted a proposal calling for revised guidelines, a highly structured training and development program and an on-sight volunteer supervisor to help select, orient and support the volunteers.

Nadine Rosenthal was ultimately hired as that supervisor. She's the Emergency Room Volunteer Coordinator at Mount Sinai where volunteers are now given the training, orientation and supervision required.

Nadine: KJ and Ramaz are very proud of you!

Schedule of Passover Services

Monday April 9 - Passover Eve

Morning Service 7:00 AM

A special service for the first born (Siyum) will be conducted following the regular services.

Chometz may not be eaten after 10:47 AM

Candle Lighting 7:09 PM

Evening 7:20 PM

Start the seder after 8:06 PM

Tuesday, April 10 - Passover I

Morning 9:00 AM

Evening 7:30 PM

Candle Lighting and start of the Seder AFTER 8:07 PM

Wednesday, April 11 - Passover II

Morning 9:00 AM

Evening 7:30 PM

Conclusion of Yom Tov 8:08 PM

Services for Thursday and Friday Chol Hamoed

Morning 7:00 AM

Evening 6:45 PM

Lighting of Candles on Friday Evening 7:13 PM

Saturday, April 14 - Shabbat Chol HaMoed

Morning 9:00 AM

Song of Songs (Shir HaShirim) will be read

Evening 7:30 PM

Conclusion of Shabbat 8:12 PM

Sunday, April 15

Morning 8:30 AM

Candle Lighting 7:15 PM

Evening 7:30 PM

Monday, April 16 - Passover VII

Morning 9:00 AM

Evening 7:40 PM

Candle Lighting AFTER 8:14 PM

Tuesday, April 17 - Passover VIII

Morning 9:00 AM

Yizkor (Memorial Services) is recited as part of this Service

Evening 7:40 PM

Conclusion of Yom Tov 8:15 PM

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

proudly announces its

Annual Luncheon and Boutique

TUESDAY, MAY 8th, 1990

Please send in your reservations now.

Join us for this spectacular celebration!

SPECIAL NOTE: Donations of raffle gifts are wanted.

Their *minimum* retail value should be \$30.00.

CORRECTION

We regret the omission in last month's Bulletin of Dr. Nathalie Friedman from those who serve our community in performing mitzvot for our Bikkur Cholim and/or Chevra Kadisha groups. A special kiddush was held in their honor on March 24.

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PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

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I. WHAT IS CHAMETZ

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

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

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

Compliance with the prohibition of eating or owning *chametz* takes three forms. The first is the actual removal of *chametz* from our homes, either through consuming it or disposing of it. This culminates in a search for *chametz* on the evening before Passover (*bidikat chametz*) which is done this year on Sunday night, and in a symbolic burning of the *chametz* on the morning before Passover (*bi'ur chametz*) which is performed this year on Monday morning, before 11:47 AM. The second is the recitation of a formula of nullification of ownership over any *chametz* we still might have in our possession (*bitul chametz*). Finally, any *chametz* which can neither be consumed nor disposed of before Passover may be sold to a non-Jew through the Rabbi of the synagogue (*m'chirat chametz*). After Pesach, the non-Jew usually sells the *chametz* to be sold back to its original owner.

II. PREPARING THE HOME FOR PASSOVER

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

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

1. Silver and Metal Utensils

Silverware, small pots and metal utensils may be kashered for Passover use. They must first be cleansed thoroughly and then allowed to stand unused for at least twenty-four hours. They are then completely immersed in a kettle or vat of boiling water.

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

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

2. Glassware

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

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

3. The Stove and Oven

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

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

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

4. Dishwasher

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

III. PASSOVER FOODS

Most foods that are used on Passover require rabbinic supervision. This is especially true of all processed foods. It is important to realize that a label indicating that the product is "Kosher for Passover" does not assure us of the adequacy of the supervision. Wherever possible, congregants should use OU products which have a special Passover supervision. If not, it is important to check on the reliability of the particular Rabbi who is giving the endorsement. Please feel free to ask Rabbis Lookstein, Cohen or Gartenberg in the event of any doubt on this matter.

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PREPARING FOR PASSOVER *(continued)*

1. Grain Products

All grain products require strict rabbinic supervision for Passover use.

2. Milk and Dairy Products

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

3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

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

4. Dried Fruits

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

5. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

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

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

Frozen vegetables should only be used with Passover supervision.

6. Cosmetics

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

7. Baby Foods

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

8. Coffee

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

9. All other foods

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

10. Chametz after Passover

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

WHAT TO DO WITH CHAMETZ

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

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

We, therefore, urge you to bring sealed packages, cans, jars, bottles and other containers of *unopened* food to KJ at the time

of the *Kasher-In* on Wednesday evening, April 4, between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM or at any other time between now and Passover. We will then arrange for this food to be distributed to the non-Jewish needy and hungry of our community.

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

KASHER-IN

Wednesday, April 4

Kehilath Jeshurun will sponsor its *Kasher-In* this year on Wednesday, April 4, between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

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

A Word of Caution

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

FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

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

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

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return to the Synagogue office by Monday, April 9, at 8:30 A.M.

AN INVITATION TO A TRADITIONAL SEDER EXPERIENCE

The Torah tells us that at the first seder on the night of the exodus from Egypt, families were urged to "share a lamb" with each other so that small families or single individuals would be able to enjoy a seder with either other small families or large ones. In these days, that idea increases in importance.

Two Requests

We, therefore, will again organize a home seder program in our community. We ask that all those planning to have a seder in their homes on the first night, Monday, April 9 and/or on the second night, Tuesday, April 10 — let us know that they are ready to accommodate a specific number of members of the community who would like to enjoy a home seder.

At the same time we invite single individuals and small families who will be home for Pesach to let us know that they would appreciate an invitation.

Please call us to make our role easier and let us know of your availability to either attend a seder or to make one in which you would like others to join (427-1000).

SHMURAH MATZAHS AVAILABLE AT KJ

Once again, Shotzer hand shmurah matzos will be available by *advance order only* at Kehilath Jeshurun this year.

The Shotzer hand matzos are under constant rabbinical supervision from the wheat cutting until the packaging of the matzos. They are renowned world wide for being well baked and tasty.

The Shotzer matzos are particularly fresh, noted for crispness, rolled very thin, and well baked and not burned. They have an extremely low water content.

The congregation is pleased to be able to bring this service to our community. The matzos come in one pound packages and are available at \$12.00 per pound. They may be picked up at the synagogue during the Kasher-In on Wednesday evening, April 4 between 7:00-9:00 PM.

All orders must be pre-paid and ordered by Friday, March 30. Checks should be made payable to the KJ Special Projects Fund.

Please reserve ___ lbs. of shmurah matzos at \$12.00 per pound. Make checks payable to the KJ Special Projects Fund.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

(day) _____ (evening) _____

The Fifth Child THE ONE WHO CANNOT ASK

On this night, we remember a fifth child.
This is a child of the Shoah (Holocaust), who did not survive to ask.

Therefore, we ask for that child—Why?

We are like the simple child. We have no answer.
We can only follow the footsteps of Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah, who could not bring himself to mention the Exodus at night until Ben Zoma explained it to him through the verse:

In order that you REMEMBER the day of your going out from Egypt, all the days of your life. (Deut. 16.3)

"The days of your life" indicates the daylight and the goodness of life. "All the days of your life" means even in the darkest nights when we have lost our firstborn, we must remember the Exodus.

We answer that child's question with silence.

In silence, we remember that dark time.

In silence, we remember that Jews preserved their image of God in the struggle for life.

In silence, we remember the seder nights spent in the forests, ghettos, and camps; we remember that seder night when the Warsaw Ghetto rose in revolt.

(lift the cup of Elijah)

In silence, let us pass the cup of Elijah, the cup of the final redemption yet-to-be. We remember our people's return to the land of Israel, the beginning of that redemption. Let us each fill Elijah's cup with some of our wine, expressing the hope that through our efforts, we will help bring closer that redemption.

We rise now and open our door to invite Elijah, the forerunner of the future which will bring an end to the nights of our people. We sing as they did:

*Animaamin b'emunah shleimah, beviat Hamashiah,
Vaf al pi Sh' yitmameah, im kol zeh ani maamin.*

For I firmly believe in the coming of the Messiah, and even though the Messiah may tarry, in spite of this, I still believe.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN MEN'S CLUB
INVITES MEN AND WOMEN OF THE COMMUNITY
to a PRE-PASSOVER LECTURE

and
SEUDAH SHLISHIT

with
RABBI JONATHAN SACKS

Saturday, March 31

5:45 PM

TRASTEVEVERE, IT'S KOSHER!

We are pleased to announce that Trastevere Restaurant, on 84th Street east of Lexington Avenue, is now under the supervision of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and is an acceptable kosher restaurant in our community.

Already a number of our members have eaten there since it received this supervision and have raved about the quality of the food and the service.

Along with Galil, Diva and My Most Favorite Dessert Company, we hope they have a long and prosperous stay in our community. We wish them well.

KJ MEMBER'S PICTURE NOMINATED FOR FOUR ACADEMY AWARDS

Congratulations to Steven Haft, producer of the "Dead Poets Society" upon the movie's nomination for four academy awards: Best picture; best actor; best director; and best original screen play. Readers of the Bulletin will recall that Rabbi Lookstein recommended this picture to everyone as a movie which had a powerful message for parents and children of our day. As far as we are concerned, Steve Haft is already a winner and not just a nominee.

Congratulations to him, to his wife, Lisa, and to his proud in-laws Naomi and Maks Birnbach.

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THE MATZAH OF HOPE FOR 1990

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

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

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

As we observe this Festival of Freedom, we rejoice in the knowledge that hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews are hopefully in a position to leave the Soviet Union and join the Jewish people in the State of Israel to live lives of freedom, commitment and purpose. For the first time in 70 years Jews in the Soviet Union are relatively free to observe their religious traditions, to learn the language of our fathers, and to pass on

the Jewish heritage from generation to generation.

We are aware, however, of the growing threat of anti-Semitism which frightens and terrifies our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union. We pray that this new wave of hatred will subside and be represented by the authorities and that Jews will continue to be free to leave the Soviet Union in great numbers and join the Jewish people in the upbuilding of the Land of Israel.

We will continue to stand with them in their struggle until all Soviet Jews are free.

HOW DO YOU CHANGE A LIFE?

We would like to report an incident that clearly demonstrates how a little caring and persistence can change one person's life.

Members of the Social Action Committee regularly participate with DOROT in its holiday package distribution to elderly and isolated people on the Upper West Side. Last Chanukah two of our members visited an elderly lady who exhibited symptoms of acute depression; it took them a long time talking to her to get to a comfort level where hostility, anger and frustration were at a more manageable level. The loneliness and intellectual isolation of this lady was distressing to her visitors.

As is customary, our members reported the woman's condition to DOROT via the feedback questionnaire that DOROT asks all its volunteers to complete. But it wasn't left at that. A follow-up call was made to DOROT and two months later a social worker has called to report that our members' evaluation of the elderly person visited was correct, and that DOROT's

social worker had now succeeded in reaching out to her. The social worker was hopeful that DOROT would be able to reduce her isolation.

We have since learned that she will be introduced to other seniors in her neighborhood for telephone contact, and she will also be encouraged to participate in a telephone conferencing "UNIVERSITY WITHOUT WALL". This intellectual stimulation for seniors is the latest in DOROT's excellent outreach programs. It comprises 11 classes which include a Yiddish Conversation Club, Women & Judaism, Music Appreciation, Current Events, Jewish Holiday Celebrations, etc. etc., all via the telephone!

On SUNDAY, APRIL 1 we will be distributing Pesach gift packages for DOROT. When we call on you to volunteer with the Social Action Committee, please set aside 2 hours before the big rally in behalf of Soviet Jewry for us, and help change a life.

ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

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

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

We hope to hear from you soon.

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PASSOVER FOOD NEEDED

This Passover there will be many individuals in New York City who will not be eating at a Seder overflowing with the traditional food of Passover and surrounded by friends and family. Rather, these individuals will be sitting at a table empty of food and family. They will celebrate Passover, the holiday of freedom, with food provided for them by such organizations as Project Ezra.

Since Purim, KJ has been collecting food Kosher for Passover and will continue to do so right up until April 9th. We, therefore, ask that when you are making out your shopping list for Passover, please include additional items for the poor and hungry of our people.

The specific foods that have been requested, all of which are to be labeled Kosher for Passover, are jams, jellies, honey, gefilte fish, tuna and sardines. Also needed are soups, fruit compotes in bags or jars, decaffeinated coffee and juice. All these items, wherever possible, should be in small jars and cans as Project Ezra will repack them in holiday baskets which they will distribute to approximately 300 people. A special wagon for kosher for Passover foods will be in the lower lobby. Please keep filling it up.

SOME SEDER SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Be sure that there is a Haggadah for each member of the Seder.
2. The leader of the Seder should study the Haggadah in advance and decide upon questions and stories which he might want to use at various points in order to awaken interest.
3. The reading of the Haggadah should be rotated among the different people around the Seder table. Passages can be read in Hebrew and/or in English.
4. Recite all blessings in unison so that everyone feels a part of the ceremony.
5. Do not be afraid to interrupt in the middle of a reading to ask a question, to make a point or to launch a discussion. Wherever possible, try to relate the historical passages to modern events.
6. Children should perhaps be asked to prepare in advance a dramatization of certain portions of the Haggadah which lend themselves to such an exercise. Examples are the Four Sons and also the Pesach, Matzah and Maror.
7. Do not let the hunt for the Afikoman transcend the importance of the Seder itself. Let that be done during the meal. The determined "thief" should be rewarded with a prize of Jewish significance.

PASSOVER RELIEF — WE NEED YOUR GIFT NOW

The first order of priorities in preparing for Passover is Maot Chitim, Passover Relief. It is our way of saying that our personal joy on the festival is incomplete if we do not share what we have with others who are less fortunate.

Who gives to Passover Relief? According to the Shulchan Aruch (The Code of Jewish Law) there are only two types of people as far as Passover relief is concerned: donors and recipients! If you are not a recipient you must be a donor.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Passover Relief Appeal serves first and foremost this communal mitzvah. Last year the readers of the Bulletin contributed more than \$35,000. It was a most gratifying response to a call for charitable funds. But, we need even more this year.

A large part of our funds go to the Joint Passover Appeal, which last year helped 16,134 individuals and 8,229 families, many of whom were sick and elderly.

There are additional causes which are helped generously by our appeal. They include among others:

- Gifts to needy individuals in our community.
- The New York Board of Rabbis Passover Fund for Jewish patients in hospitals and inmates in prisons.
- Many organizations and institutions who seek our help and depend on our assistance in this season and throughout the year.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun does not conduct appeals for all of these causes. Your one gift at Passover time represents your gift to a variety of recipients. Please be as generous as possible and please send in your contribution now when it will do the most good.

Our best wishes to you for a happy and kosher Passover. Please make your checks payable to KJ Benevolent Fund.

B'DIKAT CHAMETZ

"Don't Miss It!"

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

1. Reciting a special blessing over the *mitzvah* of the removal of *chametz*.
2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of *chametz*.
3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.
4. The burning or disposal of any *chametz* found during the search.
5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Sunday evening, April 8. The disposal and final nullification should take place on Monday morning. It is important to note that both formulas of nullification must be recited in a language that one understands. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

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

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

Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on, Monday morning, April 9 after 10:47 A.M. All *chametz* must be completely disposed of by 11:47 A.M.

Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Monday morning, April 9. There are those who prefer to perform this ritual in person. Rabbi Lookstein is available for this purpose. For those who cannot attend to this matter in person, there is a form provided in this Bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Lookstein to sell your *chametz*. THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 9, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 A.M.

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

Services for First Born

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born males. It is obligatory upon every first born man who cannot observe the fast on Monday, to attend the special service on that day, to join Rabbi Lookstein in completing a tractate from the Talmud, and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (*Siyum Bechorim*) will be held in the Main Synagogue on Monday, April 9 as part of the regular morning service which begins at 7:00 A.M.

OU PASSOVER FOOD DIRECTORY

There is a special directory published by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America which contains a complete listing of those food products they certify as kosher for Passover. It has been mailed to all members directly by the OU.

Additional copies are available in our office.

OU MARRIAGE COMMISSION EXPANDED

We are delighted to report that the Marriage Commission of the Orthodox Union has expanded both its program and staff in order to provide increased services as well as access to a wider pool of participants.

The goal of the Commission is to assist Jewish single men and women in their attempt to find suitable partners for marriage. They do this in two ways. First, through interviews and introductions and secondly, by scheduling a variety of exciting educational, cultural and recreational programs at which individuals can meet and socialize in a comfortable group setting.

Volunteers Needed

In its effort to further expand, the Commission needs volunteers to organize social events, conduct interviews and follow up. If you are among those who would like to share in this mitzvah of bringing people together, do volunteer.

For further information either on becoming a participant in the Marriage Commission's program or as a volunteer to aid their efforts, call Vicky de Vidas at the OU, 244-2011.

DO YOU HAVE YIDDISH BOOKS?

The National Yiddish Book Center has been collecting and distributing discarded books to libraries for several years and now confirms that there is a growing demand for Yiddish books throughout the Soviet Union. If you have books that you and your family are no longer using, please contact the center at Box 969, Old East Street School, Amherst, MA 01004, or call 1-413-256-1241. Pick ups can be arranged and the value of donated books may be claimed as a federal tax deduction.

YORKVILLE AND YOU

The Yorkville Civic Council annually compiles a Directory of the Yorkville Community for use by individuals and organizations in the Yorkville area (59th to 96th Streets/Central Park to the East River. This 65-page Directory includes listings of agencies, services, schools, cultural and religious institutions and other items of interest. If you wish to order a copy, please send \$7.00 for each Directory to:

The Yorkville Civic Council
350 East 88th Street
New York, New York 10128
For further information,
call 212-427-5629.

CARMELA RAIZ AND ZEV DASHEVSKY OBTAIN PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION

We are happy to announce that the Raiz family — Carmela, Vladimir and their two sons — received permission two weeks ago to emigrate from the Soviet Union and to proceed to Israel where they expect to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their son on July 5, at the Kotel. Mrs. Raiz spoke from the pulpit of our congregation following a Shabbat service at the end of February. Her appeal to us was filled with emotion and she made a powerful impact on the entire congregation.

Zev Dashevsky and his family also received permission to emigrate. The plight of the Dashevskys has been featured on our Bulletin Board for the past year since Yuli Kosherovski and his family received permission to emigrate. The Dashevskys have been waiting — months — for the right to return to their ancestral home in Israel.

We are happy to announce that, for the time being, we do not have a refusenik family to feature on our Bulletin Board. We hope that we will not have such a need.

1 9 9 0 - 1 9 9 1 BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Now In Preparation

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

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

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

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Book of Remembrance

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

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☐ Please check here if you did not have a listing last year.

*This offering is a token of reverence and is designed to be within reach of all.

We suggest a contribution of \$10 or more for each name.

This form should be returned to our office by Wednesday, April 25.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Barry Bryer and Meryle Wiener on the birth of twin sons, Duncan Chase and Randall Wesley. Congratulations to Maxwell and Jonathan on the birth of their twin brothers.

Mazel tov to Faith and Andy Charles on the birth of their son, Zachary Ross.

Mazel tov to Lisa and Steven Haft on the birth of their son, Samuel Michael. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Maks Birnbach.

Mazel tov to Drs. Marcia and Jonathan Javitt on the birth of their son, Zachary Aaron. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Dr. Norman Javitt and our Trustee, Sue Javitt.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Steven Kallet on the arrival of their son, Samuel Heller Kallet.

Mazel tov to Dr. Harvey and Cori Katz on the birth of their daughter, Randi. Congratulations to Jason also on the birth of his baby sister.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Rita Kaufman on the birth of her great-granddaughter, born to her grandchildren, Abby and Mordy Hurwich of Jerusalem.

Mazel tov to Kizi and Bill Kirschenbaum on the birth of a son. Congratulations to Benjamin also on the birth of his baby brother.

Mazel tov to Julie and Richard Lobel on the birth of a son. Congratulations to Joshua on the birth of his baby brother.

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Isaac Trainin and Mrs. Minnie Blank on the arrival of their granddaughter, Helena Nicole, to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Steven Blank.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Yvonne Koppel on her engagement to Dr. Albert Kopans of Great Neck.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Israel D. Rosenberg on the engagement of their granddaughter, Deborah, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Rosenberg, to Michael Eisenberg of Flatbush.

Mazel tov to Dr. Carol J. Weiss on her engagement to Marty Koshakow.

May these weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to our new members, Judy and Brian Bandler on their recent marriage which took place in our Main Synagogue.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Philip Felig on the recent marriage of their son, Clifford to Mina Ferziger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ferziger of Riverdale.

Mazel tov to Drs. Lynn and Steven Gruenstein on their recent marriage. Similar good wishes to Steven's proud mother, Mrs. Walter Gruenstein.

Mazel tov to our members, Andrea and Harry Krakowski on their recent marriage. Similar good wishes to the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Krakowski.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Jacob Avner on the loss of his sister, Rebecca Kaplan.

Our condolences to Richard Markowitz on the loss of his mother, Matty Markowitz.

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

COMMUNAL HONORS

We are very proud to announce that Mrs. Fanny Wald's son, Prof. Marvin Lee Minsky, a computer scientist and electrical engineer at MIT, has been declared the recipient of the prestigious 1990 Japan Prize for his work as a founder in the field of artificial intelligence. Prof. Minsky founded MIT's Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, and more recently helped to establish Thinking Machines, a Cambridge company which builds computers using large numbers of parallel processors.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wald on this outstanding achievement of her son.

COMMUNAL SERVICE

We are proud to announce that Jay Lefkowitz, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, served as an advisor to the United State Delegation to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights during January and February.

Our member, Jeffrey Busch, served as a Presidential delegate to that conference in Geneva and reported on the conference at a seudah shlishit on Shabbat, March 17. He was instrumental in pressing the Soviets to release the family of Vladimir and Carmela Raiz, the Vilna refuseniks who were the longest term refuseniks in the Soviet Union — 18 years. The Raiz family is now in Jerusalem where they will celebrate, please God, the Bar Mitzvah of their son Moshe on July 5, at the Kotel.

We are proud to announce that our member John Wolff has been appointed President of the Jewish Geriatric Center in Brooklyn.

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ELISSA KLEINHAUS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kleinhaus on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elissa, which will take place on Thursday, April 12, in Jerusalem. Elissa will deliver a dvar Torah on the role of women in Tanach. We extend a warm mazel tov as well to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Emil Mandelbaum.

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

In Memoriam

Herman Katz

We mourn the passing of a former Trustee of the congregation, Hon. Herman Katz. A former State Assemblyman from our district and for sixteen years the City Clerk in the City of New York, Herman was a devoted servant of the people and an exceptional lawyer whose ethical and moral standards were impeccable. A loyal and devoted Jew, for many years he worshipped regularly in our synagogue every Shabbat morning. His radiant smile greeted his numerous friends in the congregation and indicated his great joy at being associated with our House of God. For many years he was a leading personality in the Men's Club.

Devoted and adoring husband to his wife, Selma, who in turn was extraordinary in caring toward him, he exemplified many qualities which make for a total Jew: ethical, moral, holy and very devoted to his people.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife. We will all miss him.

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	Friday Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Sabbath Afternoon	Sabbath Ends
MARCH				
30-31 Vayikra	5:58	6:15	5:45	6:55
APRIL				
6-7 Tzav (Shabbat HaGadol)	7:06	6:45	6:40	8:03
20-21 Shemini	7:20	6:45	7:30	8:19
27-28 Tazria-Mezorah	7:28	6:45	7:40	8:28
MAY				
4-5 Achare-Kedoshim	7:35	6:45	7:50	8:35
11-12 Emor	7:42	6:45	7:50	8:43
18-19 Behar-Bechukotai	7:49	6:45	8:00	8:51
25-26 Bamidbar	7:55	6:45	8:10	8:58

Weekday Services

Evenings 6:30 PM

Mornings 7:30
Mondays, & Thursdays 7:15
Rosh Chodesh 7:00
Sunday 8:30

DATES TO REMEMBER

Yom HaShoah Observance

Saturday, April 21 9:30 PM

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Wednesday, April 25 7:00 AM

Thursday, April 26 7:00 AM

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Monday, April 30 7:00 AM

Yom Yerushalayim

Wednesday, May 23 7:15 AM

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Friday, May 25 7:00 AM

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