THE 28TH ANNUAL
SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON
MARCH 30 - 31, 2001
SHABBAT DINNER AND LUNCH

SHABBAT SCHOLAR
MALCOLM HOENLEIN
THE EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN
OF
The Conference of Presidents of
Major American Jewish Organizations
Further details will be coming.

We urge you to mark the date down on your calendar now and make reservations so that you do not miss this great Shabbat at KJ.

JUST A WEEK BEFORE PASSOVER
This Means
NO COOKING FOR YOU!

MEMBERS:
Adults $50 for 2 meals
Children $35
NON-MEMBERS: Add $10
RSVP by Mon. March 26
Space Permitting

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
Each workshop offers an overview of the laws and customs related to the historical events that we commemorate each holiday, an analysis of the texts used and honest-to-goodness real explanations of why we do the things we do.

PURIM
March 5, 8:00-9:30 PM
(Monday)
RABBI YITZ MOTECHIN

PASSOVER
April 2, 8:00-9:30 PM
(Monday)
RABBI YITZ MOTECHIN

Men, Women and Children
THE LAST FRIDAY EVENING
RABBI SHLOMO CARLEBACH
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
OF THIS SEASON
WITH
CANTOR MAYER DAVIS
March 2 at 5:45 PM
March 23 at 6:05 PM

PURIM SHIUR
Tuesday, March 6
at 8:00 PM
Taught By
RABBI JOSHUA CYPESS

RABBI
HERSHEL SCHACHTER
TO SPEAK ON
“MITZVAT HA’TEFILLAH:
AN IN-DEPTH VIEW
OF THE SIDDUR”
Wednesday
March 7, 8:00 PM

KJ SISTERHOOD
MINI PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE
Monday, March 26, 2001
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM
RIKLIS SOCIAL HALL
Hats and Linens
WHEN WILL WE LEARN?  
by Esther Wachsmann

I recently read how “fortunate” it was that the explosive that hit the school bus near Kfar Darom was a few meters off the mark, and could have otherwise killed everyone on the bus. How “lucky” we are that “only” two adults were killed, and a few children “merely” lost some limbs. For who knows what Israel would have done had the casualties been greater.

How does one measure disaster, catastrophe, tragedy, pain, loss, suffering and death? Is there a formula for how many Jews must spill blood until we cry “enough?” Does it matter how many lives, or whose lives, or in what geographic area one loses his life? How can “they” live there and expose their children to danger, some of our brethren ask?

Allow me to enlighten you with the words of Philip Roth, in his wonderful short story, “Eli the Fanatic” — “They are us, we are them.” Why do you buy produce in Mahaneh Yehuda? Why do you shop at malls, ride buses, go to cafes and malls, then “something is rotten in the State of Denmark.”

Before his kidnapping and murder, my son, Nachshon, served his country for four months in Lebanon, watched his sergeant fall, a good friend from his neighborhood fall right beside him, and another dear friend kidnapped and murdered. All this is the norm in our country for 18-year-olds, who anywhere else would be partying in their college dorms.

Nachshon was kidnapped three kilometers from Ben Gurion Airport, in the heart of Israel! His brother is now in a pre-military yeshiva in — yes — Gush Katif, as are hundreds of others in many “dangerous” areas in Israel. Would he be safer here in Ramot? Would anyone sleep more soundly in Tel Aviv (remember the bombs in Dizengoff, Apropo, and the No. 5 bus) or somewhere in the North, heaven forbid?

As I write these lines, I hear the news about the massive bomb set off in Hedera. Two are dead, five are critically wounded, others are severely or moderately wounded. So now, my dear readers, is it time to “give back” Hedera? If you look at the map, you will see that Hedera is very close to the Green Line and a large Arab population borders this city.

According to the logic of those who rightly advise Israelis to live in “safe” places, I now ask — where? This time, Arafat did not even bother to condemn the bombing and the killing, and IDF Intelligence places the terrorist attack at his doorstep. This is our partner in peace, recipient of the Nobel Peace Price (which, by the way, was announced Friday morning, October 14, 1994 — the day my son was murdered).

Terrorist groups are falling over themselves to take “credit” for this atrocity — at their head, Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, who praised it. They have announced that no place in Israel is safe from this long arm of terror. Barak, as usual, responded, “we will know what to do.” We are waiting, Mr. Barak.

Will those who will not see, please open their eyes, and those who will not hear, please open their ears? Nothing short of our total destruction will ever satisfy our enemies. May I please be proven wrong.
ESTHER WACHSMAN
MOTHER OF NACHSHON WACHSMAN
TO SPEAK AT SHABBAT SERVICES
March 3
RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN
TO BE HONORED AT SHALVA DINNER

We are proud to announce that Mrs. Esther Wachsman, will speak from our pulpit at Shabbat morning services on March 3. Mrs. Wachsman is, of course, the mother of Israeli soldier, Nachshon Wachsman, of blessed memory, who was kidnapped and brutally murdered by Hamas terrorists in 1994.

Mrs. Wachsman was born in Germany to Holocaust survivors and grew up in the United States. She graduated from Yeshiva University High School for Girls and the Teacher's Institute of YU. She emigrated to Israel in 1969 to pursue a Master’s Degree in history at the Hebrew University. In 1995 she was awarded an honorary doctorate by Yeshiva University at its graduation where she delivered the commencement address in Madison Square Garden.

In addition to her efforts on behalf of peace for Israel, Esther Wachsman dedicates her life to the Shalva Children’s Center, Beit Nachshon, for mentally and physically handicapped children in Israel. Shalva helps these children in daytime programs allowing them to remain home as part of their families, rather than in a permanent care institution.

SHALVA DINNER

The Annual Shalva Children’s Center Dinner this year in support of Beit Nachshon will be held on Sunday evening, March 4 at 5:30 PM. Our own Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will be the guest of honor at the dinner and members of the congregation are encouraged to make reservations to attend and support this very worthy institution. It will be at the Regent Hotel, 55 Wall Street.

To make reservations for the dinner call the Shalva office at 212-921-8947. Shalva’s office is at 1170 Broadway, Suite 806, New York, NY 10001.

MIMI SHERATON TO SPEAK
AT COMBINED MEN'S CLUB
SUPPER LECTURE
AND AM HASEFER MEETING
SUNDAY EVENING
MARCH 18 AT 7:00 PM

Mimi Sheraton, a former New York Times critic who now freelances for the Times, Vanity Fair, Food and Wine, and other magazines, will be our guest author and speaker at our combined Men’s Club Supper Lecture and Am Hasefer Book Discussion Club meeting on Sunday evening, March 18 at 7:00 PM. Her cookbook, “The Whole World Loves Chicken Soup” won both the Julia Child Award and the James Beard Award.

Her new book, “The Bialy Eaters – The Story of a Bread and a Lost World” has just been published. Her research brought her to the Polish town of Bialystok to explore the history of this Jewish staple. She set out from New York in search of the people who invented this marvelous bread. Instead, she found a place of utter desolation, where turn of the century massacres followed by the Holocaust, had reduced the number of Jewish residents from 50,000 to just five people.

The “Bialy Eaters” transports readers to a lost world. It is a tribute to the human spirit.

Dinner is $20 per person. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 13.

EXCERPTS FROM “THE BIALY EATERS”

“On a gray and rainy day in November, 1992, I stood on Rynek Kosciuszko, the deserted town square of Bialystok, Poland, and was suddenly overcome by the same shadowy sense of loss that I had felt in the old Jewish quarters of Kazimierz in Cracow and Mikulov in Moravia. To anyone who knows the tragic history, these empty streets appear ominously haunting, especially in the somber twilight of the wet, gray afternoon. The damp air seems charged with the echoes of silent voices and ghostly wings and the minor key melodies of fiddlers on rooftops.”

“As a slight chill went through me, I had vague intimations that I was at the beginning of an adventure. I could not guess, however, that what had started as a whimsical search would lead me along a more serious path that I was unable to forsake for seven years. Even now, I am not sure my quest is over, nor that I want it to be.”
PLANNING A SIMCHA?

We all know the amount of thought that goes into planning the menu for a once in a lifetime affair and the important part the caterer plays in that planning. Yet the event usually goes by so quickly that we often wish there was a way to make it last longer. One way for your wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah or other special event to be enjoyed the next day by a new group of “guests” is to ask your caterer to donate any unused food to City Harvest’s Kosher Initiative. We are proud to note that our own Foremost Caterers is an original participant in this project.

The City Harvest Kosher Initiative, in partnership with the New York Metropolitan Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty, The Nash Family Foundation and Kraft Foods, with assistance from the UFA-Federation of New York, provides food to hungry men, women and children who observe kashrut. Using refrigerated trucks, City Harvest can pick up any excess food from your caterer after your affair is over and transport it to people who need it within a matter of hours.

The process is easy and begins with a simple phone call to City Harvest. Volunteers are available from the Metropolitan Council to assist your caterer with packing the food for pickup. Contact Wendy Liederman at Met Council, 718-743-0575, ext. 125 for information on obtaining volunteers.

Why not plan on ensuring that your caterer remembers City Harvest the next time you plan an affair? It’s a wonderful way to allow more people to share in your happiness! For more information, call Rabbi Mayer Mayerfeld at City Harvest, 917-351-8700.

KJ BEGINNER’S SEDER

Under the leadership of Rabbi Joshua Lookstein, KJ will again host a beginner’s Seder, designed and planned as a learning experience. It is intended for those who wish to learn and understand more about the content and meaning of the Seder and how to conduct it properly. This special Seder will be held on the first night of Passover, Saturday, April 7.

The cost will be $65 per adult and $45 per child.

Reservations can be made by forwarding a check to the synagogue office listing the names of those planning to attend. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, April 1.

CHESED COMMITTEE
KJ PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, MARCH 18
THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
Help us help Project Ezra’s effort to provide Passover food for elderly Jews in need on the Lower East Side.

Donations from the KJ community are necessary for Project Ezra to fulfill its goal.

WE NEED:

Egg Matzohs Soups Gefilte Fish Honey
Vegetable Oil Instant Coffee & Decaf Tea Bags Jelly
Tuna Sardines Dried Fruits and Nuts

ALL ITEMS MUST BE OU-P KOSHER FOR PASSOVER AND/OR LISTED IN THE OU PASSOVER DIRECTORY

LOW SALT AND SUGAR FREE ARE PREFERRED.

SHMURAH MATZOHS

Kehilath Jeshurun is again pleased to offer its membership the opportunity to purchase Shmurah Matzoh through the synagogue. The Matzohs are available at $13.00 per pound.

The pick up will be on Sunday morning, April 1st, in the synagogue lobby. That is the same day as the Kasher-In, and Mezuzah, Tefillin and Shatnez testing.

All orders must be prepaid and ordered by Tuesday, March 27th.

Please reserve _____ pounds of Shmurah Matzoh at $13.00 per pound.

Make checks payable to the “KJ Special Projects Fund.” $_______.

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Address

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Phone(Day)

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Phone(Evening)
KJ HOST TO TWO RALLIES FOR JERUSALEM

On Monday, January 8, at 11:30 AM, the Main Synagogue of the congregation was filled to overflowing, with more than one thousand adults and children gathered to demonstrate their love for Jerusalem at the same time as Natan Sharansky was conducting a rally for hundreds of thousands around the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem in Israel.

The keynote speaker was Rabbi Haskel Lookstein whose address is printed on page 6 in this Bulletin. Other speakers included Representative Gary Ackerman; Speaker of the City Council, Peter Vallone; as well as other Jewish leaders. The rally was organized by Betty Ehrenberg of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and was supported by AMIT Women, Emanah Women of America, the National Council of Young Israel, the Religious Zionists of America, and Poalei Agudas Yisroel.

This great demonstration of the love of Jerusalem and loyalty to Jerusalem on the part of the Orthodox community of New York was widely covered in the Jerusalem Post and featured on the 5:00 o’clock news on Channel 4.

A DAY SCHOOL RALLY ON JANUARY 16

Another mammoth rally was held in our Main Synagogue on the following Tuesday morning, January 16. Students from Day Schools all over the metropolitan area assembled at KJ to demonstrate their solidarity with Jerusalem at this critical time. Once again, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein was the keynote speaker and he lifted the spirits of the young people and their teachers.

What was quite astonishing was the exceptionally fine behavior of some 1400 children who were in the Main Synagogue and also in the Heyman Auditorium where the proceedings were shown on a screen. It was a great kiddush Hashem for Jerusalem and the Day School movement.

Our compliments to Rabbi Eliezer Rubin who organized the rally, as well as Rabbi Joel Cohen of SAR who was another of the main designers of this important gathering.

EXCERPTS OF REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN GARY ACKERMAN

“I come here not as a politician, because this is not about politics. I come here as a Jew, a Jew who is troubled, concerned, pained, and angry.”

“We fully understand that in forging a peace, peace means compromise. But compromise does not mean surrender.”

“It’s time to let the world know that Jerusalem will never, ever again be divided!”
A RALLY FOR JERUSALEM

A RALLY FOR WHAT?

ADDRESS BY RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

AT THE SOLIDARITY RALLY FOR JERUSALEM

IN THE MAIN SYNAGOGUE OF CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001 — 11:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

When one comes to a rally one must know clearly what one is rallying for. There are those who consider this rally to be of a political nature and therefore it crosses the line of what is proper for the American Jewish community. Leaving aside the questions of what is proper today — and I refer you to Abe Foxman’s excellent article in this past weekend’s edition of the Jewish Week — this rally is not political any more than a rally of solidarity with the State of Israel would be political. It supports no party or candidate, and it opposes no party or candidate.

Why, then are we here at this rally?

Why are we here? It seems to me there are three reasons.

I. We are here because Natan Sharansky is here. At this very moment, former Absorption Minister Sharansky is marching with hundreds of thousands of Israelis around the walls of Jerusalem to demonstrate the centrality of the Old City of Jerusalem to the history and contemporary life of the Jewish people. Because he is there now we are here now. We identify with the man and his message.

Natan Sharansky is one of the few credible heroes of our day among the Jewish people and among the peoples of the world. He first established himself as a hero when he stood up against the entire KGB and the Gulag in the former Soviet Union, when he refused to succumb to their pressure and harsh treatment through nine years of imprisonment, much of it spent in solitary punishment cells. He showed us what it was to live for principle and ideals.

But it is only since he came to Israel that he has demonstrated what, for me, is the most impressive manifestation of heroism. As a minister in the former government he resigned from the Cabinet when he felt that the government was making concessions which were inimical to the interests of the State of Israel and of the people of Israel. It is one thing to be heroic and powerless; it is quite another to be in the seat of power and to relinquish that power in order to live by principles and ideals. That may be the highest form of heroism.

“Who is a hero? He who overcomes his own self.”

We are here, first and foremost because he is there. We know quite well that if we were there marching around the walls of Jerusalem and he were in America, he would be in this synagogue today.

II. Second, we are here because the prospect of giving away pieces of Jerusalem is too frightening to consider from a practical point of view. We are here because one Gilo is enough. I drove through Gilo six weeks ago. We rode on the street which faces Beit Jala from which, every night, bullets are fired into the homes that front on the street. The government is installing bulletproof windows in the homes on that street. The very thought of it frightens us to the core. Which country in the world would allow neighborhoods of its capital to be fired upon with impunity, night after night; and, instead of preventing the attacks, would install bulletproof windows? One Gilo is enough. We do not need French Hill to become a Gilo, or Ma’ale Adumim to become a Gilo. We are here because the safety of our Jewish brothers, sisters and children is at stake.

Finally, we are here because we believe that Jerusalem and Har Ha’Bayit are not negotiable any more than Tel Aviv is. The fact that Palestinian Arabs disagree with us on this doesn’t make Jerusalem and Har Ha’Bayit negotiable. There is reason to believe that the Arabs disagree with us on Tel Aviv as well. Would we, therefore, negotiate for Tel Aviv? As important as Tel Aviv is, Jerusalem and Har Ha’Bayit are more important. They are the foundation upon which the Jewish people was built. They are the foundation upon which the entire dream of Zionism rests. If we do not have Zion and Jerusalem, we have nothing. Let the Arabs deal with their own history and their own mythology. Jerusalem has been the center of the Jewish people since the time of Abraham and if there is, in fact, an address of God on this earth, that address is Number One Har Ha’Bayit.

Why are we here? We are here because Sharansky and 250,000 Israelis are there. We are here because one Gilo is too much; we cannot tolerate anymore. We are here because Jerusalem and Har Ha’Bayit represent the soul of the Jewish people.

“Jerusalem is surrounded by mountains and God surrounds the Jewish people of Israel, now and forever.”

May all of the Jewish people stand firmly in solidarity with Jerusalem and may God, in turn, stand firmly in support of the Jewish State, now and forever.
AMIT PRESIDENT SANDRA SOKAL ADDRESSES JERUSALEM SOLIDARITY GATHERING

We stand here today united with our fellow Jews the world over. Whatever our affiliation, whatever our political persuasion, whatever differences we may have, Jerusalem unites us.

Let the world know — that four thousand years ago Avraham Avinu stood on a mount in the midst of that place that would be Jerusalem and revealed the depth of his faith in Hashem.

Let the world know — that three thousand years ago, David, the king, David Hamelech made his capital, our capital — Yerushalayim, the City of David, the City of Peace.

Let the world know — that two thousand years ago the Second Temple stood where the First Temple stood a thousand years earlier, where Abraham walked with Isaac and where the Shechina resided.

Let the world know — that for all the days of our dispersion among the nations of the world, Jews prayed and still pray three time a day facing Jerusalem.

Let the world know — that almost 53 years ago, when Israel was attacked on all sides by the armies of five Arab states on the day she was born, commanders in the north and south pleaded for arms, ammunition and reinforcements while Jerusalem lay under siege and Yitzhak Rabin z”l, who led the liberation of Jerusalem, replied that if we lose a part of the north or a part of the south, we lose a part of an arm or a leg, but if we lose Jerusalem, we lose our heart.

Let the world know — that under Israel’s control, adherents of any religion can and do pray in Jerusalem at the places that are holy to them.

Let the world know — that when Jerusalem was not under Israel’s control, ancient tombstones from Jewish cemeteries were used to pave streets and build latrines.

Let the world know — that for three thousand years Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people, and that for no other people does Jerusalem hold such a central and holy place. As Elie Wiesel said, “A Jew may be Jewish far from Jerusalem, but not without Jerusalem. Though a Jew may not live in Jerusalem, Jerusalem lives inside him.”

We know. We know these facts. Now let our voices be heard loud and clear. Now let us make sure the world knows — Jerusalem, eternal, undivided, the holy possession of the entire Jewish people.

OPERATION L’HITRA’OT III

KJ / RAMAZ SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL FOR PESACH This Year In Jerusalem April 4 - April 16 10 Nights At The Inbal Hotel (formerly the Laromme) 1 Seder, Shabbat & Yom Tov Dinners & Lunches

Adult: $2,664 (based on double occupancy) (single supplement: $960)
2 Adults & 1 Child: $6,452 if sharing parents’ room
2 Adults & 1 Youth: $6,864 if sharing parents’ room
2 Adults & 2 Children: $8,312 in 2 rooms
2 Adults & 3 Children: $9,298 in 2 rooms
2 Adults & 2 Youths: $9,111 in 2 rooms
2 Adults & 3 Youths: $10,533 in 2 rooms

(Airport tax of $55.60 per person not included.)

$100 deposit per person payable to: “KJ Special Projects Fund”

For further information, please contact the synagogue office: 774-5600

Save the Date

129TH ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE MEETING

Wednesday, May 9 at 8:00 PM
KJ/RAMAZ TO HOST
ANNUAL YACHAD SHABBATON
MARCH 23 - 24, 2001

On March 31st KJ/Ramaz will be hosting the annual YACHAD shabbaton. YACHAD is responsible for a multitude of programs for developmentally and learning disabled Jewish young adults. These programs allow the YACHAD members to be mainstreamed with young people their own age and give them the opportunity to have a great time. Additionally, it gives their daily caregivers a much needed and well-deserved rest.

Each year the YACHAD shabbaton is a rewarding experience for all of us who participate. It helps us to realize how much these special people have to offer us in our community and the importance of our including them in our activities.

There will be a community wide seudah shlishit with the YACHAD members and staff on Shabbat afternoon. Beautiful singing and divrei Torah from YACHAD members are the highlights of the afternoon. It will be an experience to remember! Mincha will start at 5:45 PM.

If you would like to house a YACHAD member and a staff counselor or would like to help in any other way please contact Ari Segal at 774-5635 as soon as possible.

KJ YOUTH GROUPS
Youth groups have been a sensational success so far this year. But there is still so much more to come. Read on to find out about what we have done and what new and exciting things are still to come.

About 175 children attend age appropriate groups on Shabbat and Holiday mornings. The groups are both fun and educational. Shabbat afternoon groups have grown tremendously since last year. With minyan, divrei Torah, sports, games and prizes there is something for everyone. Groups are open for grades 2 through 8. Each week there are approximately 80 kids who attend these groups.

Children participate in the intramural KJBL basketball league (over 100 kids this year). It was an amazing success and we will be looking to start a Girls league next year. This year we will be running a baseball league. It will involve teams from other synagogues. Stay tuned for more details. Regardless of athletic ability, every child can partake in these events.

The Youth Department also provides frequent social activities. More than 60 kids in 2nd through 8th grades attend a monthly Open Gym, Video Game and Video Nights on Motzei Shabbat. We also have special “ladies only” open gyms that attract over 25 girls and offers them activities ranging from dance to basketball and everything in between. The Youth Department also provides a teen open gym on many Saturday nights. It is a great way for teenagers to spend a Saturday night in a fun, yet supervised environment. KJ Youth will be attending a Nets basketball game on February 25th. Price includes transportation, dinner and ticket to the game. Call now to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Every month, children ages 2 to 8 learn about the Jewish holidays through Sunday morning Arts &
OUT YOUTH

Crafts/Pizza parties. These activities are packed — with over 40 children (and their parents) in attendance. The next one will be on March 4th and we hope to see you and your children there. We can promise you that you will not regret coming.

Holidays are special times in the KJ Youth Department. Coming up is our annual gala Purim carnival attended literally by hundreds. It will have many exciting inflatable attractions, a hilarious and exciting show and tons of great prizes. We will also be having a Pesach trip to Great Adventure. Most significantly, this Purim we will have a special treat. Many of the talented artists among our youth have been working diligently on art projects. These will be displayed in a first-ever Jewish Celebration of the Arts on Purim night. If you are interested in helping out in any way or your child would like to participate, please contact Ari Segal as soon as possible.

This summer, the synagogue will again be sponsoring an exciting basketball camp. The camp will combine top-notch basketball with a nurturing Jewish environment. Our former assistant youth director Reuven Zakheim, a former all-met basketball player from Washington, D.C., will run the program. It is sure to be a success.

Finally, and most importantly, we will again be hosting the YACHAD Shabbatons this year. YACHAD is an amazing organization that helps to mainstream developmentally disabled young adults. A YACHAD Shabbaton is an unforgettable experience for the YACHAD members, but more importantly, for the members of the congregation. If you can house YACHAD members and their advisors or would like to attend a meal with them, please contact Ari Segal at 212-774-5635.

KJ RESPONDS TO THE TRAGEDY OF RABBI HILLEL LIEBERMAN

Just before Yom Kippur, we all learned of the tragic death of Rabbi Hillel Lieberman near the Yeshiva that was a part of the shrine of Joseph’s Tomb. Rabbi Lieberman was a Rosh Yeshiva there.

Announcements were made at all of our services on Yom Kippur that contributions could be made to the Benevolent Fund in order to help his wife and his seven children sustain themselves after the passing of this young man in his mid-thirties. A similar announcement was made on the first day of Sukkot.

We are grateful that contributions began pouring in immediately. As of the date of publication of this Bulletin, $46,757.00 has been contributed to this special fund. All of the contributions were sent by the Benevolent Fund to Congregation Beth Torah to create the Beit Hillel Children’s Fund which will be used to purchase an annuity to maintain the family until the children are all grown up.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who responded so generously to this extraordinary need. May we be able to perform acts of charity in the future in health and in peace.

SUMMER LEARNING FOR WOMEN IN JERUSALEM

Nishmat Offers Three Week Experience

NISHMAT, the Jerusalem Center for Jewish Study for Women, is offering an almost three week program of Jewish learning for women on beginner’s, intermediate, and advanced levels. The program will run from July 2 to July 19. The Dean of Nishmat is Rabbanit Chana Henkin who has been received so warmly and enthusiastically at Kehilath Jeshurun when she has spoken from our pulpit in the past.

The beginner's program is an introduction to Jewish study and living for women. The atmosphere is warm, intimate, with a close-knit community of teachers and students and a spirit of open inquiry.

The advanced program is a challenging opportunity for those who are already able to handle Jewish texts.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Student housing is available on campus at Nishmat, on a first-come, first-served basis, or as part of a reduced-price package of participating Jerusalem hotels.

Tuition for the program is $595 and dormitory accommodations are $265. Limited financial assistance is available based on need.

For an application for the program, contact American Friends of Nishmat, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 2112, New York, NY 10165. Their phone number is 983-6975.

To contact Nishmat by email, write to: Nishmat@netvisions.net.il.

The Nishmat website is www.nishmat.net.
PURIM NEWS

SHUSHAN ELECTION OFFICIALS ORDER RECOUNT
MORDECAI CHARGES HAMAN IS “SNIPPY”

✦ FAST OF ESTHER
Fast begins at 5:07 AM
Morning Services begin at 6:45 AM

✦ MINCHA AND
MAIN MEGILLAH READING
In The Main Synagogue 5:30 PM

✦ CHILDREN
Children from nursery through grade 6 should
arrive between 5:15 and 5:30 PM and should meet
in the Etra Chapel on the lobby level.
Children will be escorted to special sections
reserved for them in the front of the Main
Synagogue. Parents may reclaim their children
from the chapel after services conclude in the Main
Synagogue.

✦ SECOND EVENING READING
In The Gottesman Center 6:20 PM
This Megillah Reading and Maariv is for adults
only and will take place in the Ramaz Middle
School across the street from the shul.
The Megillah will be read by:

RAFAEL MAGID
ALEX MEIROWITZ
YITZCHAK RUBIN
ANDREW TUCHMAN

✦ PURIM PIZZA PARTY AND CHAGIGA
WITH RABBI AVRUMI SACKS
To be held in the Heyman Auditorium following
the reading of the Megillah in the Main synagogue.
Music and food. The cost is $5 per person.

✦ BEGINNER’S MEGILLAH READING
This will take place at 8:00 PM in the Riklis Social
Hall.
The Megillah will be followed by Purim refreshments and singing. The program will be lead by Rabbi Yitz Motechin.

PURIM MORNING

✦ EARLY MORNING SERVICE
AND MEGILLAH
This will take place at 7:00 AM in the Main
Synagogue. It will be read by

RAFAEL MAGID
ALEX MEIROWITZ
YITZCHAK RUBIN
ANDREW TUCHMAN

There will be a Purim Seudah Breakfast following this reading. No reservations are required. Please come as guests of the congregation.

✦ LATE SERVICE AND MEGILLAH
This will take place at 9:30 AM in the Main Synagogue. There will again be a Purim Seudah Breakfast. No reservations are required. Please come as guests of the congregation.

✦ PURIM YOUTH CARNIVAL
This will take place on Sunday, March 11, from
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

MEGILLAH READERS — 5761

| Ross Banon       | Daniel Lauchheimer |
| Max Berk         | Yehudah Magid      |
| Jason Brenner    | Rafi Nunberg       |
| Natan Edelsburg  | Jacob Oldort       |
| David Ellenberg  | Ezra Rapoport      |
| Ben Gordon       | Eric Rechtshaffen  |
| Avi Grumet       | Kenny Rubin        |
| Joseph Jaspan    | Clifford Schochat  |
| Andrew Kluger    | Jonathon Speiser   |
Recent documents, uncovered by the archivists at KJ, have led to an investigation into the weekly Hineni lectures held on Tuesday evenings in the Main Synagogue. Long thought to be a money maker for KJ, it was discovered that instead of each person paying $5 to come in, with much of the proceeds going to the shul, the single rabbis at KJ have been reimbursing Hineni $5 per female attendees. When confronted with the evidence by President Edelstein, one of the rabbis was reported to have said, “If I were the King of 127 countries, I would have other means of recourse. Until then, LONG LIVE REBBETZIN JUNGREIS.”

COVERT WEEKLY PAGEANT, IN EXISTENCE FOR YEARS, TO FIND WIVES FOR 3 SINGLE KJ RABBIS

KJ MOVIE REVIEWS

TRAFFIC – City planners are brought in to deal with Hoshanos and coatroom and stroller congestion. They almost named this one Mission Impossible 3.

THIRTEEN DAYS – Real life documentary recording Shabbat services at Kehilath Jeshurun when there is a Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, 2 births, 1 Aufruf and an anniversary. This is the uncut, unedited version. Rated R (Really long).

PAST AWAY – Action thriller about a Rabbi marooned at a cemetery after the funeral procession leaves without him.

THE PLEDGE – Oh come on. There is no need to review this for the KJ membership.

CHOCOLAT – A Science-Fiction thriller in which a youth turns into a blob of chocolate after ingesting too much candy at KJ Youth Groups.

WHAT WOMEN WANT – Live coverage of this year’s JOFA conference. For modern-Orthodox audiences only. Includes women praying, holding sifrei Torah and answering questions about taharat ha’mishpacha. Rated MO (Modern Orthodox). Davener Discretion Advised.

MINUTES FROM THE RABBIS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING SHABBAT SCHOLAR – RABBI ROB RABINOWITZ

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein opened the meeting by stating that Rabbi Rabinowitz needed to know who would be introducing him and in what slots he and the KJ Rabbis would be speaking. Rabbi Lookstein suggested that the Assistant Rabbi, Rabbi Josh Lookstein introduce him on Friday night. The Rabbinic Scholar, Rabbi David Flatto interjected that he felt that the Rabbinic Assistant, Rabbi Josh Cypess would be best suited to do the introduction. The Beginner's Rabbi, Rabbi Yitz Motechin and the Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Eliezer Rubin suggested that the Rabbi, Rabbi Lookstein do the introduction. All Rabbis agreed.

The Rabbi said that he felt that the order of those speaking that Shabbat should be determined in advance and asked for any suggestions from his fellow Rabbinic colleagues. The Assistant Rabbi said that he felt the order should be the Rabbi, the Rabbinic Scholar, Rabbi Rubin, the Rabbinic Assistant, Rabbi Rabinowitz and then the Assistant Rabbi with Rabbi Yitz finishing up. The Rabbinic Assistant said that while he agreed with the Assistant rabbi with regard to some of the order, he felt that the Rabbinic Scholar and the Scholar in Residence should be switched.

At this point, the soon to be Rabbi and Youth Director Ari Segal entered the meeting and was asked his opinion on the Rabbi Rabinowitz matter. He stated that “rabbinically, Rabbi Rubin's remarkable rabbinical recitation skills, require the Rabbi to remove the Assistant Rabbi, the Rabbinic Scholar and the Rabbinic Assistant from this rabbinical reflection. However, the resolution is that Rabbi Rabinowitz would be most Rabbinic if introduced by the Rabbinic Superintendent, Rudy Arjune.” The Rabbi agreed and sent soon-to-be-Rabbi Segal on his way.

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BOOK REVIEW

Chicken Soup for the KJ Soul
Excerpts from “Dressed for Success”
by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

...It was a difficult Friday night. I barely slept at all. I had so much on my mind. KJ, Ramaz, KJ/Ramaz, Israel. I got out of bed at 7:00. I knew the only thing that could remove this malaise. I began to get dressed...As I put on my pants I began to feel better. There's just something special about striped trousers. I went to the closet to pick out a tie and gazed at all of the magnificent colors: gray, white, black, charcoal, ash, jet black, light gray, dark gray. My eyes could barely handle the glare. I was warmed by the double layer of vest and jacket and then the piece de resistance, my high-hat perched at the top of my head. When I finally looked into the mirror, I realized that everything would turn out okay...

What people are saying:
“I live my life by this book.”
Jay Lunzer

“Page 18.”
Chaim Ophir

“Rudy is the one who makes this place go.”
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

“Rudy signs all of the checks. After all, he raises all of the money.”
Chaim Edelstein

“It’s Rudy who inspires the Beginners to keep coming back for more.”
George Rohr

“A great challenge to our synagogues to take you on, Rudy!”
Rabbi Joshua Lookstein

About the book: Rudy Arjune, the Superintendent at KJ, has had a remarkable influence on the KJ/Ramaz community that goes well beyond the physical structure of the buildings involved. Some of his feats are well known to all, such as his begging and pleading with God on our behalf throughout the summer to ensure that there will be no rain during Sukkot. Other acts of extraordinary piety and kindness, though, are less known. Not anymore.

Here is what people are saying:
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George Rohr

“Remember the Shabbat HaGadol Drasha last year?...Rudy!”
Rabbi Joshua Lookstein
CHEVRA KADDISHA, BIKUR CHOLIM AND HOTZOLAH TO BE HONORED AT DINNER
Thursday, March 1, 6:15 PM
As is the custom in many Jewish communities, Kehilath Jeshurun will honor the members of the Chevra Kaddisha/ Burial Society on the 7th of Adar, Thursday, March 1. Traditionally, this event is held on this date in recognition of the Yahrzeit of Moshe (Moses) Rabbeinu.
At KJ, on this occasion, we also honor the members of our Bikur Cholim society who visit the sick in area hospitals and who make other accommodations for the families of those who are in these area facilities. We are also proud to honor the members of the Upper East Side division of Hotzolah, our volunteer Ambulance corps, who also perform a valiant service for the members of our community whenever the need arises.
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will present a shiur on the topic “CAN WE PRAY FOR THE Terminally ILL.”
Those who participate in any of these three groups or who wish to become involved in one of them is invited to attend this dinner as a guest of the congregation. Please call the synagogue office (774-5600) to make a reservation.

CONDOLENCES
Our condolences to:
Larry Adolf on the passing of his father, Max Adolf.
Annie Berdy on the passing of her husband, Charles Umansky.
Alan Friedman on the passing of his father, Sidney Friedman.
Norman Greenberg on the passing of his sister, Helen Greenberg.
Naomi Max on the passing of her father, Morris Burstein.
Arleen Rubin on the passing of her father, Joseph Rubin.
May they be comforted among those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

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In Memoriam

TONI KAHN
A woman of exceptional strength throughout her life and particular courage in her last years, Toni Kahn was a member of KJ for over sixty years, since she and her late husband, Alfred, came to the United States from England.
The proud mother of our Vice President, Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn, and our member, Ruth Keller, Toni Kahn ran a beautiful home which centered on her children and grandchildren. During her shiva, her grandchildren learned Mishnayot in her memory as a fitting tribute to a very special Jewish lady.
Possessed of a sharp wit and an outspoken nature, she had strong opinions about everything. But her greatest passion was her own Jewish life and that of her children, her grandchildren and the community.

ESTHER KATZ
She was a member of our congregation for thirty years, since she and her husband, Morris, moved from Crown Heights. She gloried in the synagogue in which her daughter, Audrey, and son-in-law, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, play such an important role.
Her speciality was that of motherhood and her particular gift was that of grandmotherhood and great-grandmotherhood. Nothing was more important to her than her four grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.
A woman of exquisite taste and style, she was at the same time deeply pious and loyal to God, to Torah and to Israel

DR. CONRAD MEHLER
A longtime seat holder for many years, he joined the congregation recently and very much enjoyed his association with us.
Dr. Mehler was a prince of a man and a Jew. He had dignity and character, professional expertise and worldly wisdom. He was a loving husband to his dear wife, Chana, and a wonderful head of a fine Jewish family.

JOYCE WARSHA VSKY
A bright and perceptive woman, she was a gifted writer of children’s books.
Blessed with fifty-five years of marriage to her dear husband, Murray, she was extremely devoted to her children, among whom is our member, Dr. Calvin Roberts.
The end of her life showed her great strength of character as she prepared to meet her maker with courage, with faith and with extraordinary dignity.

We extend our condolences to all the bereaved families.
May they be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.
LEANDRA MEDINE
Mazel tov to Lyora and Mois Medine on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Leandra, which took place on Saturday night, February 3. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Leyla and Hayim Medine. Leandra delivered a Dvar Torah on the pasuk “Ei’zehu Ashir – Ha’sameach b’chelko – Who is Rich? One who is Happy with His Lot.”
Leandra is a student in the eighth grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.

ARIEL RINA ZBOROWSKI
Mazel tov to Murry and Annette Zborowski on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ariel, on Saturday, February 24th at KJ. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Eli Zborowski. She will deliver a Dvar Torah on “Important Women in Jewish History.”

RACHEL               MICHAL
FRIEDMAN               RUBIN
Mazel tov to Drs. Diana and Robert Friedman and Carolyn and Rabbi Eliezer Rubin on the joint celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughters, Rachel Friedman and Michal Rubin, which took place on Sunday, February 4th. After learning together in chavruta, Rachel and Michal delivered a Dvar Torah about their Hebrew names, Rachel Leah and Michal Devorah.
Rachel and Michal are students in the sixth grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.

MARNINA BRITTANY
SHREIBMAN
Mazel tov to Elaine and Dore Schreibman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Marnina, which will take place on Saturday night, March 3rd. She will deliver a Dvar Torah on “The Ultimate Sacrifice: Queen Esther.”
Marnina is a student in the sixth grade of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Westchester.

ROSE DANA GOLDBERG
Mazel tov to Dale and Saul Goldberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rose, which took place on Saturday night, February 10th. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Lili and William Goldberg. Rose delivered a Dvar Torah on the significance of her Hebrew name, Shoshana, in the Tanach and other biblical texts.
Rose is a student in the sixth grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.

JAKEAGOOS
Mazel tov to Ellen and Mitchel Agoos on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jake, which will take place on Saturday, March 10th at KJ. He will read the weekly portion of Tetzaveh and the Haftarah. He will also deliver a Dvar Torah on “The Mistakes of Haman: Chasing Empty Dreams or Valuing Substance as it Relates to the Precious Stones of the Choshen Mishpat.”
Jake is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.

GABRIELLE ESTHER WILNER
Mazel tov to Judy and Dr. Philip Wilner on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Gabi, which will take place on Saturday night, March 10th at the Ramaz Upper School. She will deliver a Dvar Torah on “Esther HaMalkah: The Real Story.”
Gabi is a student in the sixth grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.

LAUREN ELIZABETH SPRINGER
Mazel tov to Barbara Sundberg and Steven Springer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Nathan, which will take place at the Kotel on Thursday, April 12th, Chol Hamoed Pesach, when he will lead the davening and read from the Torah. He will also celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at KJ on Saturday, March 3rd, when he will deliver a Dvar Torah on "Mordechai: The Complete Jew”.
Lauren is a student in the sixth grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.

NATHAN SCHOENKIN
Mazel tov to Viviane and Charles Schoenkin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Nathan, which will take place at the Kotel on Thursday, April 12th, Chol Hamoed Pesach, when he will lead the davening and read from the Torah. He will also celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at KJ on Saturday, March 3rd, when he will deliver a Dvar Torah on "Mordechai: The Complete Jew”.
Nathan is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Haskel Lookstein Middle School of Ramaz.
WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS
Mazel tov to:
- Dominique and Miguel Bacal on the birth of a son, Andres.
- Marsha and Joel Handel on the birth of a granddaughter, Sophie, to their children, Marnie and Shir Nir.
- Karen and Michael Hershkowitz on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Leah.
- Hannah and KJ Trustee Edward Low on the birth of a granddaughter, Alexandra Talia, to their children, Debbie and Michael Doppelt.
- Rabia and Oliver Mitchell on the birth of a son, Ari Joseph.
- Stefanie and Ori Pagovich on the birth of a son. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Talia Pagovich.
- Sue and Irwin Robins on the birth of a daughter to their children, Hannah and Billy Kessler of Beit Shemesh.
- Bina and Marc Rosen on the birth of a son, Isaac Solomon.
- Dasi and Jeremy Schwalbe on the birth of a daughter, Molly. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Janie and KJ Trustee Robert Schwalbe.
- Annette and Stan Schwartz on the birth of a granddaughter, Ella Jane, to their children, Heidi and Rick Schwartz of Englewood, New Jersey.
- Adriane and Avi Shapira on the birth of a son, Aaron Ezra.
- KJ Trustee Surie and Robert Sugarman on the birth of a son to Bob’s children, Dana and Marc Zimmerman.

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

ENGAGEMENTS
Mazel tov to:
- DeeDee and Victor Benel on the engagement of their son, Daniel, a Ramaz graduate, to Lena Fishman, daughter of Susan and Dr. Paul Fishman of Denver, Colorado.
- Zella and Glenn Goldfinger on the engagement of their son, Justin, to Marla Braverman, daughter of Eileen and David Braverman.

Jaclyn and KJ Executive Director Robert J. Leifert on the engagement of their son, Aryeh Adin, a Ramaz graduate, to Michal Liba Rotenberg, daughter of Malka and Yosef Rotenberg of North Miami Beach.
- Perla and Dr. Julio Messer and Pamela and Rabbi Manfred Rechtschaffen on the engagement of their children, Monique Messer and Andrew Rechtschaffen, both Ramaz graduates.
- Abbe Ruttenberg, daughter of Roberta Ruttenberg, on her engagement to Michael Serphos, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Serphos of Harrison and Sue Serphos of Mamaroneck.

May these weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

WEDDINGS
Mazel tov to:
- Morris Massel on his marriage to Caroline Arfa. Similar good wishes to her proud parents, Barbara and Harvey Arfa.
- Michelle and Eric Creizman on their recent marriage. Similar good wishes to his proud parents, Vivian and Larry Creizman.
- Rosie and Dr. Mark Friedman on the marriage of their daughter, Ariela to Jeremy Fine, son of Susan and Stephen Fine of Woodmere.

May they enjoy their marriages with happiness and blessing.

BAR MITZVAH
Mazel tov to Brenda and Albert H. Bernstein upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah celebration of their grandson Jeremy, son of Eysee and Myron Rumeld. the Bar Mitzvah will be held in their own congregation, Magen David in Oakhurst, New Jersey.

BAT MITZVAH
Mazel tov to Mrs. Mildred Hostyk upon the Bat Mitzvah celebration of her granddaughter, Rochel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hostyk, at Congregation Har Tzion - Agudath Achim in Maryland. Rochel is a graduate of the Hebrew Day Institute and now attends the Hebrew Academy. Aaron is a Ramaz graduate.

COMMUNAL HONORS
Congratulations to our member Samuel Lawrence Brennglass who is the recipient of the Enid and Harold Boxer Memorial Award presented at the OU/NCSY Ben Zakkai Sixth Annual Scholarship Dinner.

Congratulations to our members, Lauren and Mitchell Presser, who were guests of honor at the Annual Dinner of our sister congregation, Orach Chaim. They were cited for devoted service to the congregation.

We join in celebrating this much deserved tribute.

COMMUNAL SERVICE
Mazel Tov to our new member, Fanya Gottsfeld Heller, upon her dedicating the new book store at the Center for Jewish History, in memory of her parents. Mrs. Gottsfeld Heller is herself an acclaimed author on Holocaust subjects. She spoke at our Yom Hashoah gathering last year and what she had to say remains vividly in our minds.

We are pleased that in just one more way she is rendering a very important service to the Jewish community while at the same time honoring her forebears.

REBECCA CINNAMON’S BAT MITZVAH
Congratulations to Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon upon the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rebecca which will be held in the Morris and Ida B. Newman Education Center of the Ramaz Upper School on Saturday night, February 24. Rebecca, who is a student in Grade 7 at the North Shore Hebrew Academy in Great Neck, will deliver a dvar Torah that evening. Mazel tov to the proud grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein.
SHABBAT SCHEDULE

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EVENING SERVICES

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 25 - March 1 .................. 5:40 p.m.
March 4-7 ................................ 5:45 p.m.
March 11-15 ............................. 5:55 p.m.

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