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# Ramaz Dinner Dance To Be Held at the Hotel Americana Sunday, January 19, 1975

We are proud to announce that the Annual Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Parents Council of the Ramaz School, will be held this year on January 19, at the Americana Hotel. It had originally been scheduled for the Waldorf Astoria. The site, however, was changed because of the accommodations extended to the P.L.O. murderers at that prestigious hotel.

The Ramaz Dinner is the sole major fund raising event of the school, which is sponsored by the synagogue. Through the proceeds of that Dinner, more than \$100,000 of scholarship aid is made available to students whose parents could not otherwise afford to

send them to Ramaz.

The Co-Chairmen of the Dinner — all members of the congregation — are Morton Kassover, Myron Poloner and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Shuchman. They extend a warm invitation to members of the Kehilath Jeshurun family to participate in the Dinner this year and to support Ramaz through that participation.

Reservations for the Dinner may be made through the Ramaz Office, 427-1000, ext. 31. The cost is \$250 per couple and may be either contributed directly or raised in ads for the

Journal.

This year is an extremely difficult one for all educational institutions, Ramaz included. You can help ease the situation by your generous participation. Please call and make your reservations and contributions.

# Yeshiva University Chanukah Dinner

This Sunday Evening, Dec. 8th at the Waldorf

Guest of Honor — Mayor Beame

Guest Speaker — Governor-Elect Carey

#### ON SHABBAT CHANUKAH December 14, 1974

at 11:00 A.M.

The Congregation will be addressed by



#### General Haim Herzog

Services Begin at 8:45 A.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

#### Will Gil Barken or Enlighten the World?

Chanukah this year comes at a troubled time for the Jewish people. We have been battered by a corrupt United Nations. We have been threatened by murderers in the Arab world. We have been assaulted by a Chief of Staff of the United States Armed Forces. We have been left almost friendless in a world which does not understand our plight or care for our survival.

The dominant substance which underlies all of our trouble is oil. It is the black oil that lies beneath the surface of the Arabian Peninsula and which makes it possible — for the moment — for the enemies of Israel to blackmail an entire world and to force the isolation of the people of Israel

Perhaps this year more than ever, it is important to remember the message of the oil of Chanukah. While that oil too was a physical substance which was used for the kindling of a menorah, it was essentially symbolic of a spiritual way of life which had been threatened by the Syrian Greeks and which was being restored by the heroic Maccabees.

The world has decided that the oil which supplies energy and fuel to the machinery of this earth takes priority over the oil which represents the spiritual blessings of the world: knowledge, law, love of one's fellow man and love of God. As usual, when the material world supersedes the spiritual world, the Jew is threatened.

The lesson of this season of the year is that however dark the world may become, we have the capacity to bring light to that darkness and to restore the permanent values of Torah to their proper place. Two thousand years ago at this time God helped us to achieve this in a miraculous fashion. We pray to Him and we are confident that He will hear us and help us to accomplish this once again.

The message of Chanukah as contained in the Prophet Zachariah was never more significant: "Not by might, nor by strength, but by My spirit, sayeth the Lord."

A happy, blessed and spiritually meaningful Chanukah to all of us and to all Israel!

H. L.

SHABBAT, DECEMBER 7th, SERMON by: RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

#### WITHIN OUR FAMILY

#### Birthdays-

Many happy returns of the day to Dr. Abram J. Abeloff, Harry W. Baumgarten, Mrs. Bertram S. Bermar, Dr. Mortimer J. Blumenthal, Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Elliott H. Eisman, Mrs. Max J. Etra, Andrew Fier, Mrs. Isadore Givner, Mrs. Dezso Goldner, Eugene Hollander, Michael David Jaspan, Mrs. Sarah Klein, Miss Esther H. Kolatch, William Lebowitz, Irving Levine, Mrs. Emil Mandelbaum, Mrs. Henrik, Markovits, Marion Markson, Mrs. Norman D. Mosesson, Saul H. Nack, Solomon J. Novick, Dr. Gisella Perl, Mrs. Herman Riederman, Mrs. Meyer Shapiro, Amos Shuchman, Leon Sigall, Fred L. Sommer and Marco Wachter.

#### Anniversaries-

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Bernstein, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Chabon, Dr. and Mrs. Kasriel K. Eilender, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Halper, Mr. and Mrs. Mordie Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben N. Popkin, Hon. and Mrs. George Postel, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Sachar, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smilow, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Usdan and Mr. and Mrs. George wolf.

#### Weddings-

Mazel Tov to our member Lanny Binstock on his marriage to the former Judith Feigenbaum. Our best wishes to the father of the groom, our member, Mr. Victor Binstock.

Mazel Tov also to David Kahn upon his marriage to the former Debbie Moseson. Warmest greetings to David's mother, our member, Mrs. Fred Kahn.

#### Births-

Mazel Tov to our new members, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meltzer, upon the birth of their first child, Sarah.

Similar good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Deutsch who have become grandparents for the first time through the birth of a baby boy to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Deutsch of Washington, D.C.

Mazel Tov also to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zigman upon the birth of their son, their first child. Warmest wishes to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wolf.

Mazel Tov to Mrs. Harry Burak upon the birth of a grandson born to her children, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burak.

Similar good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lukashok upon the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lukashok.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Walter

Gruenstein, a new family which has just applied for membership in the congregation and which has now been blessed with the birth of a third son.

We hope that all of the new arrivals will grow up in the best tradition of Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

#### Community Service-

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and our member, Andrew Fier, have both been appointed as members of the new Synagogue Advisory Council, a group organized by the joint UJA-Federation Campaign to coordinate synagogue activities with respect to UJA-Federation.

#### Communal Honors-

We are very proud to announce that our members, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Kobrin, have been designated as the Jewish Family of the Year by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. They will receive the Annual Samuel W. and Rose Hurwitz Award at a special luncheon of the Commission on Synagogue Relations on Thursday, December 19 at the Federation Building, 130 East 59th Street.

We congratulate Ruth and Larry Kobrin, together with their children, Jeffrey and Rebecca, on his significant honor in their lives.

#### Academic Achievement-

Mazel Tov to our new member, Dr. Gary Bulmash who has just been awarded the Ph.D. degree in Business Administration at the University of Maryland. We hope that this latest degree will enhance his academic career.

#### Academic Honors-

Mazel Tov to Eric Wachtel, son of Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Wachtel, who has just been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard College. Eric is majoring in English and Ancient Greek at Harvard. We congratulate him on this outstanding honor to which his excellent academic record has entitled him.

#### Seudah Shlishit This Shabbat

IN HONOR OF DEENA RACHEL COHEN

Mazel Tov and all good wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cohen upon the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah celebration of their daughter, Deena Rachel. A gifted student in Form I of the Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz, Deena will deliver a D'var Torah at a special Seudah Shlishit in her honor this Shabbat afternoon, December 7.

The entire congregation is invited to Mincha services at 4:15 and to the Seudah Shlishit, sponsored by the Cohen family, which will follow it.

# Sisterhood Theatre Party

March 12, 1975

"In Praise of Love"

Rex Harrison Julie Harris Martin Gabel

# Chanukah Youth Celebration

All members of Shabbat Afternoon Youth Groups are invited to a Chanukah Celebration on the second night of Chanukah, December 9, at 7:30 P.M. There will be latkes and dreidelplaying. The special attraction will be a play presented by our 4th-6th grade girls' group, led by Etta Kabakow.

# SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH MEETING

Monday, December 16th at 12:00 Noon

Luncheon — Chanukah Musicale by Ramaz Students

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will discuss the new book

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#### In Response to the **New Soviet Line** On Emigration

Recently, in the Los Angeles Times, there appeared a syndicated column by Robert Toth, using figures of Soviet origin, which tried to demonstrate that the number of Jewish applicants for emigration from the Soviet Union is decreasing. The article stated that there are very few applications now outstanding.

In this article we begin to see a new approach on the part of the Soviet Union toward bypassing the Jackson-Kissinger Agreement. The method is a simple one. If you define an applicant as one who has received a visa, then there are very few applicants left in the Soviet Union.

In reality, however, there are more than 140,000 Jews in the Soviet Union who are applicants in various stages of the process of receiving visas. At present, many new obstacles have been placed in their path. For example, the Ovir Office which handles applications for emigration, is often open nly part time. In Kishnev, it is open three days a week and can handle very few cases during office hours. At present, there are 1,500 Jews who are anxious to apply for emigration from that city. Of course, by Soviet standards, "very few have applied."

Another new form of harassment is to dismiss an employee when he receives an invitation from Israel to rejoin his family. The purpose of this action is to discourage Jews from even asking for invitations, let alone

applying for visas.

The normal harassment procedures continue unabated. These include the closing of telephone lines, physical violence by local "goon squads", denunciation of individual Jews by colleagues at professional meetings convened specifically for that purpose, demotion or dismissal upon a request for the character reference which is necessary from one's employer in order for the employee to obtain a isa, etc., etc., etc.

The list is long, but the point is clear. The cries of pain from our Soviet brothers and sisters are also clear. It is necessary for all of us to remain concerned and alert.

#### PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES Beginning with Sunday Night, December 8

While the practice of gift giving has become an integral part of the Festival of Lights, the lights themselves are the principal observance of the holiday and should be highlighted as the central feature of Chanukah in the

The following are a few items which should be kept in mind:

- 1. The Menorah While one Menorah suffices for the household, it is customary — and desirable — for each member of the household to light his own Menorah. This is particularly recommended for the children in the family who will take special delight in kindling their own Chanukah lamps.
- 2. The Time for Lighting The candles should be lit as soon as possible after nightfall (30 minutes after sunset). They should be allowed to burn for at least 30 minutes.

On Saturday night at home, the candles are lit after Havdalah. On Friday afternoon they are lit before the Sabbath candles and they should be large enough so that they will remain lit for about an hour and a half.

- 3. Arranging the Candles The candles are set from the right side of the Menorah as the candlelighter faces it. Each night an additional candle is
- 4. Lighting the Candles The candles are lit from left to right - starting with the newest candle first. We begin by lighting the "Shamash." Then the blessings are recited - three on the first night and two on the other nights. After the blessings are recited we light the candles by the flame of the "Shamash."

The reason for using the "Shamash" is in order to avoid using the candles themselves - the candles are holy (for ritual purposes only) and may not be used (for light or for kindling each other).

5. Concluding Songs - Following the lighting of the candles we sing ha-Nerot ha-Lalu, which explains the reason for the ceremony, and Maoz Tzur, a ballad which describes in several stanzas how Divine Providence has intervened at various points in history to save the beleaguered Jews from their enemies.

#### Many Thanks To Our Young People

The Congregation wishes to thank a group of young people who made last Shabbat so memorable. In the midst of our troubles and concerns for Israel and world Jewry they gave us a much needed lift both spiritually and intellectually.

At our Friday Night at the Synagogue, Fred Baumgarten moderated a panel discussion on the theme, "If I were Yitzchak Rabin . . ." The first speaker was Debbie Ziskind, a new member of the congregation who is a graduate of the University of Chicago and who serves as a security analyst for Equitable Life. The second speaker was Diane Wyschogrod (Ramaz '72), a gifted Junior at Barnard College. Her speech will be excerpted in our next issue.

We were also privileged that evening to hear Yosef Ciechanover of Israel's Defense mission to the United States who reacted to the presentations of our young people. His comments and insights were most instruc-

#### Young Adults Sabbath

Throughout the Sabbath we were treated to the inspiring davening and Torah reading of our young men. We would like to acknowledge particularly the excellent participation of the following:

Alvin Smilow (Ramaz '70) a graduate of CUNY and an accountant at S. D. Leidesdorf.

Samuel Friedman (Ramaz '71), a senior at Yeshiva College and a former National Vice President of NCSY.

Jerald Berkowitz (Ramaz '74), a Freshman at the University of Pennsyl-

Samuel Blumenthal (Ramaz '69), who was graduated from Columbia and is now a second year student at the Albert Einstein College of Medi-

George Blumenthal (Ramaz '73), a sophomore at N.Y.U.

To be able to listen to young men of this caliber reading the Torah and serving as Ba'alei Tephilah is a privilege of which Kehilath Jeshurun is justifiably proud. May they grow in number and influence!

#### And Finally . . . .

Our special thanks to Barbara and Milton Berkowitz for directing our Friday night at the Synagogue. The program, which was sponsored by the Men's Club, was enjoyed by a full house of Kehilath Jeshurunites of all ages.

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, December 6	
Lighting of Candles	4:10
Evening	4:30
SATURDAY	
Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	0:00
Pre-School Service	11:00
Weekly Portion: Vayeshev	

#### Weekly Portion: Vayeshev Haftorah: Amos 2 ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Teves will be on	
Saturday, December 14 and	
Sunday, December 15.	
Evening	4:15
Conclusion of Sabbath	

#### FRIDAY, December 14

Lighting	ot	Candles	4:10
Evening			4:30

#### SATURDAY, Shabbat Rosh Chodesh — Shabbat Chanukah

Morning	8:45
Junior Congregation1	0:00
Pre-School Service1	

#### Weekly Portion: Miketz Haftorah: Zechariah 2

Evening			4:30
Conclusio	on of	Sabbath	5:09

#### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning	7:30
Sunday Morning	
Father and Son Minyan	
Evening	4:30

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#### **YAHRZEITS**

December
6—Jacob Barany 6—Lena Sachar 6—Sarah Schenkman 6—Fannie Studnick 6—Gussie Lehr 6—Olivette Heinrich 7—Charles Rosen 7—Jacob Levin 7—Dr. Aladar Brody 7—Jacob Postel 7—Saul Nadler 7—Sophei Dorkin 7—Gabriel Neustadter 8—Rebecca Ringel 8—Sarah Shulsky 9—Charles Goldman 9—Morris N. Adler 9—Benjmain Klein 9—Harry Latucha 9—Rose Math 9—Sora Golda Kamber 9—Sadie Astalos 10—Samuel Kahn 10—Michael L. Schloss 10—Lillie Rosenthal 10—Elliot W. Siegel 11—Abbot S. Bernard 11—Henry Math 11—Leon Goldsmith 11—Joseph Gershman 12—Jacob S. Pofcher 12—Abraham Jacobs 12—Jacob Riskin 12—Helena Trencher 12—George Steinman 12—Lillian Lewis 13—Jacob M. Schultz 13—Tobe Mann 13—Lea Haber 13—Fred Kahn 14—Amelia Levy 15—Samuel Friedman 15—Joseph Levin 15—Lillian Mandelbaum 15—Joseph Levin 15—Lillian Mandelbaum 15—Benjamin Sommer 16—Julius Bayer 16—Sarah Freedman 15—Benjamin Sommer 16—Julius Bayer 16—Sarah Freedman 16—Frances Irene Sussman 17—Etta Golderich
6—Sarah Schenkman
6 Fannia Studnick
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7—Charles Rosen
7—Jacob Levin
7—Dr. Aladar Brody
7—Jacob Postel
7—Saul Nadler
7—Sophei Dorkin
7—Gabriel Neustadter
8_Rebecca Ringel
& Sarah Shulsky
O Charles Coldman
9—Charles Goldman
9—Morris N. Adler
9—Benjmain Klein
9—Harry Latucha
9—Rose Math
9—Sora Golda Kamber
9—Sadie Astalos
10-Samuel Aaron Herzig
10 Samuel Kahn
10 Michael I Cablega
10 Tillia Danathal
10—Lillie Rosenthal
10—Elliot W. Siegel
11—Abbot S. Bernard
11—Henry Math
11—Leon Goldsmith
11—Joseph Gershman
12—Jacob S. Pofcher
12—Abraham Jacobs
12 Jacob Riskin
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12—George Steinman
12—Lillian Lewis
13—Jacob M. Schultz
13—Tobe Mann
13—Lea Haber
13—Fred Kahn
14—Amelia Levy
15—Samuel Friedman
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#### RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

19—Julie Faerber

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#### **Teenage Oneg Shabbat**

An Oneg Shabbat for high-school age youth will take place on December 13, at 7:30 at the home of David and Ricki Bernstein, 425 East 861 Street, Apt. #2B. All are invited to attend an evening of fun, refreshment and Shabbat spirit.

### AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHABAD

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Every year at this season, the Lubavitch movement offers an opportunity for Jewish college students to spend a weekend of intensive study and dialogue at the headquarters of Lubavitch, 770 Eastern Parkway. All the participants live with Chassidic families within the community and in this way get a taste of Chassidic family life. On the Chabad weekend, doing, not just watching, is the theme, and everyone participates in prayer and study.

Those who are interested are advised that the session for women students will be held from December 19 to the 22nd, while that for men will be from December 26th through 29th.

Inquiries should be directed to Lubavitch Youth Organization, 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213 (tel: 778-4270)

#### **Apartment Available**

Are you looking for a co-op apartment within easy walking distance of the synagogue and Ramaz? We know of two large apartments that are available at present. If you would like to move into this neighborhood and you might be interested in a 3 or 4 bedroom apartment please call or write to our office. Perhaps we can help you and the community at the same time.

#### Situation Wanted

A skilled Russian patent lawyer, with a good working knowledge of English, seeks employment in a law firm as one of the necessary prerequisites to being admitted to the New Jersey Bar next summer. If you can help, please contact Rabbi Haskel Lookstein at the Synagogue Office.

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