



## CONGREGATION VOTES IN FAVOR OF WOMEN TRUSTEES

### Proposal To Allow Women To Be Elected Trustees Passes Overwhelmingly

#### Ami Texon Is First Woman Trustee

#### Nathan Salzman Re-elected President; Lebowitz, Low and Eisenstat to Continue

The 104th Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on Thursday evening, May 6th, before a capacity attendance of over 300 members of the congregation. The participants were involved in a history-making effort in the annals of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

Martin Markson, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, presented a proposal for an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the congregation. The amendment read in part as follows:

"1. Anything in this Certificate of Incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding:

Women who are married to regular members or who are special members are hereby eligible to serve as trustees.

2. Any provision of the by-laws which is inconsistent with the foregoing shall be deemed superseded or amended to the extent necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

3. All provisions of this Amendment shall take effect upon adoption."

#### Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Presents Background to the Amendment

The President then called upon Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, who explained the background of this Amendment. He described a conference which he and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein held with Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and upon which the Rabbis were basing their approval of the above Amendment. The Rabbi also added that he felt this Amendment was not only in keeping with the tradition of this congregation as an Orthodox congregation but also as a pace-setter which does what can be done to make Orthodox Judaism more responsive to the needs of contemporary Jews.

A brief discussion ensued during which one member expressed himself in opposition to the Amendment and



Mrs. Meyer Texon

two other members suggested changes in the Amendment. Following this discussion, the President called for a vote asking those in favor and opposed to rise. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the Amendment by what appeared to be a 10 to 1 margin.

#### The First Appointment

During the course of his appointment of Associate Trustees, Mr. Salzman presented the name of Mrs. Meyer Texon as the first woman Trustee. He cited her service to the congregation as President of the Sisterhood and participant in many other congregational affairs. Her appointment as an Associate Trustee was marked by vigorous applause. Ami Texon responded with a few of

her traditionally beautiful and well spoken words.

Other Associate Trustees elected with Mrs. Texon were:

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Milton Berkowitz   | Myron Poloner      |
| Benjamin Brown     | Hon. Norman C. Ryp |
| Charles Censor     | Romie Shapiro      |
| James Clark        | Leon Sigall        |
| Nathan Goldsmith   | Arthur C.          |
| Steven Gross       | Silverman          |
| Dr. William Herzig | Leon Spilky        |
| Saul Linzer        | Steven Stern       |
| Benjamin Mandelker | Raymond Ward       |

#### Other Elections

The election of the Officers of the congregation was moved by Joseph Moss, acting in place of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Harry Green. Mr. Moss proposed the same slate of officers as served this past year to serve again next year. Their election was accomplished by acclamation and with enthusiasm. Mr. Nathan Salzman will therefore continue to serve as President. William Lebowitz will serve as Vice-President, Ed Low will serve as Treasurer and Sandy Eisenstat will serve as Secretary.

Mr. Moss also nominated the following Trustees for re-election to terms of three years:

|                      |                    |
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| Max J. Etra          | Hon. George Postel |
| A. Phillip Goldsmith | Irwin Robins       |
| Harry Green          | Nathan Salzman     |
| William Lebowitz     | Elgin Shulsky      |
| Joseph Lorch         | Samuel Singer      |

Mr. Moss also nominated Samuel Silverstein and Samuel M. Eisenstat to serve as Trustees for two-year

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#### Sisterhood

CLOSING MEETING . . . Monday, May 17th at 12:30

#### A Trialogue:

Sam Levenson and Rabbis Joseph and Haskel Lookstein

All ladies are invited



## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

### Birthdays —

Many happy returns of the day to Miss Gertrude Block, Mrs. Eva W. Brent, Mrs. Frank A. Cohen, Mrs. Julius Cohen, Steven L. Cohen, Abraham L. Esses, Harold Greenberg, Alexander Gross, Meyer A. Gross, Mrs. David Kahn, Mrs. Jack Lefkowitz, Mrs. Adolph Levy, Edward Low, Herbert Lukashok, Hermann Merkin, Mrs. Jonathan D. Messeloff, Norman D. Mosesson, Mrs. Joseph H. Moss, Mrs. Solomon J. Novick, Hon. George Postel, Mrs. Thomas H. Rosenthal, Richard M. Sachar, Adolph Shenker, Elgin Shulsky, Mrs. Abraham Silver, Mrs. Fred L. Sommer, Mr. and Mrs. Steven E. Stern, Mrs. Oscar Trencher, George Weiss, Hyman Weiss, Joseph Wolf, Deborah J. Ziskin.

### Anniversaries —

Warmest greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Abram J. Abeloff, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heyman, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kotimsky, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Leifert, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Mandelbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Nadler, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silverstein, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Skydell, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Stromberg, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wald.

### Births —

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feder upon becoming great grandparents through the birth of a daughter to their grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Septimus.

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Kalischer upon the birth of a grandchild, a daughter born to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Meyers.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snyder upon the birth of a son to their children Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Snyder.

May all the new arrivals grow up to Torah, Chupah and Ma'asim Tovim.

### Belated Congratulations —

Warmest congratulations to Mrs. Norman Salit, our devoted member, who is the proud grandmother of Norman D. Birnbach whose Bar-

## Bar Mitzvah



David Biderman

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Biderman upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, David, which will take place in our synagogue on Sunday, Rosh Chodesh Sivan, May 30th.

David, a student in Form I of Ramaz, will lead services and read the Torah on that morning. We wish him and his family happiness and blessing on that occasion and in the years ahead.

Mitzvah was celebrated so joyously in our Synagogue two weeks ago. We wish Mrs. Salit many more happy occasions together with her family.

### Aufruf —

Mazel tov to our member, Mrs. Fred Kahn, upon the forthcoming aufruf of her son, Richard, which will take place on Shabbat morning, May 29th. Congratulations also to David Kahn, brother of the groom, and to the entire Kahn family. The congregation will be guests of the Kahn family for kiddush following services.

### Wedding —

We are pleased to congratulate our devoted member Mrs. Estelle Goldman upon the forthcoming marriage of her daughter Edith to Morton D. Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffman of Boston, Mass. We pray that the wedding will take place in happiness and good fortune.

### Communal Honors —

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kaufman upon the selection of their son-in-law, Marcel Lindenbaum, as a guest of honor at Yeshiva University's Heritage Dinner which will take place on Sunday, May 16th, at the Americana Hotel. Marcel and his wife, Belda, are both

## A Farewell to Rabbi Lavit

With this issue of the Bulletin, we bid a fond farewell to Rabbi Gary Lavit who has served as Rabbinic Administrator of the congregation for the past two years. Rabbi Lavit came to us at the completion of his rabbinic studies at Yeshiva University and has rendered yeoman's service to the congregation during his tenure here.

These last two years have been years of growth, in numbers and in the variety of our activities. The membership has increased; new programs have been introduced; older programs have been expanded. Through our Shabbaton programs for young, old and Ramaz grades and through our chavurah projects we have developed a need for an expert in organization and administration. Rabbi Lavit has served that need admirably.

He has won many friends at the congregation and he has made possible the smooth functioning of our office and all of the synagogue's activities. We are very grateful to him for the years which he has given us.

As we bid him a farewell, we wish him success in his continuing studies and we hope that he will continue to serve the Jewish community in his own modest, effective and dedicated manner.

### ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

In our next issue of the Bulletin which will be the final one for this season, we would like to record news about all members of the congregation and their children who may be observing academic milestones or who may have received honors during this season of the year. Please send in all such items of interest within the next few days, so that we can give credit in the proper manner. Thank you for your cooperation.

graduates of Ramaz and very active in the support of our school. We join the Kaufman family in rejoicing and taking pride in this well-deserved honor.

### Condolence —

Our condolences to Mrs. Barry Cooper on the passing of her father, Ancel Berkowitz. May she be comforted together with all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.



## 104th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION



Martin Markson presenting the resolution concerning women trustees.



Nathan Salzman delivering the 104th Annual Report.



Arthur C. Silverman presenting the new members for induction.



Mr. and Mrs. Max Backer — 50th Anniversary Celebrants — receive rabbi's congratulations as new members look on.



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn — 35th Year Anniversaries — being congratulated by the president.



Joseph Moss delivering the report of the Nominations Committee.



A partial view of the 42 new families who joined the congregation.





Dr. Louis Berk, celebrating his 35th year of membership in Kehilath Jeshurun.



Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Flatow, 25th Year Anniversarians.

### THE KJ - RAMAZ DELEGATION TO THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE OF WORLD JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ON SOVIET JEWRY



The New York Delegation to the Brussels World Conference in February was enhanced by a large group affiliated with Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and Ramaz. Many of them were active participants in the Conference. Shown here are: Foreground: Shira Kavon, President of the Students Organization of the Upper School; seated: Mrs. Alvin Turner of Morristown, N.J., Mrs. Charles I. Cohen, Co-Chairman of the Manhattan Coalition on Soviet Jewry, Mrs. Walter Koppel who, with her husband, is active in the Businessman's Committee for Soviet Jewry, Mrs. Noam Shudofsky, representing the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America; standing, left to right: Abraham J. Bayer, a Ramaz parent who is Director of Soviet Jewry work at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, Mr. Noam Shudofsky, a member of the professional advisory group of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Honorable Percy Sutton, who joined us as an unofficial member of the KJ — Ramaz delegation, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, a member of the Executive Committee of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Walter Koppel, Dr. Alvin Turner (a Ramaz graduate), Theodore Comet of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds who early in his career served as Executive Director of our Congregation.

*Photos of the 104th Annual Meeting taken by Daniel Gruen and Teddy Podhorser with the co-operation of Mr. Jesse Auerbach of the Ramaz School faculty.*



**Annual Meeting (Cont'd)**

terms. The election of all the Trustees was accomplished by acclamation.

**Forty Two New Members Inducted**

One of the highlights of this 104th Annual Meeting was the induction of forty-two new members into the congregation. Their membership was proposed by Arthur C. Silverman and approved by acclamation. The following are the new members whom we welcome with enthusiasm and whose affiliation with us we hope will be a long, happy and mutually rewarding one:

Mr. Jack Benishi  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Bergman  
Mrs. Harry Burak  
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Cooper  
Mr. and Mrs. Avrom I. Dof  
Mrs. Florence Edelman  
Dr. and Mrs. William Etra  
Dr. and Mrs. Bruce David Fisher,  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frankel  
Mr. and Mrs. Israel Friedman  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Geisler  
Dr. and Mrs. Burt Gelberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greenberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Muni Hammer  
Prof. and Mrs. Lawrence King  
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kaufman  
Philip Kremin  
Jeffrey S. Krulwich  
Mrs. Jack Kurzweil  
Rochelle Levine  
Dr. Max Levy  
Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Lewin  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Mantel  
Mrs. Eileen Metchik  
David S. Movsky  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mukasey  
Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Muller  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Palitz  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pomerance  
Jerome J. Rindner  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosan  
Mr. and Mrs. J. William Rosenbluth  
Lawrence Rosenbluth  
Dr. Gerald Sabath  
Mr. and Mrs. Sanford F. Seplov  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smigel  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Steinthal  
Dr. Leonard Tabachnik  
Mr. and Mrs. David Tendler  
Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Waldman  
Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Weisbuch  
Dr. Michael Wyschogrod

**Presentation of Anniversary Celebrants**

One of the most moving parts of the program was the presentation by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein of members who were celebrating happy milestones in their affiliation with Kehilath Jeshurun. Mr. and Mrs. Max Backer were cited upon the completion of fifty years as members. Dr. Louis H. Berk and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kahn were commended upon their thirty-fifth anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Flatow were honored on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary.

The President delivered his Annual Report to the membership. In it, he cited many of the new activi-

ties of the congregation this year. He complimented the various people whose help was necessary in order to run the congregation and to expand its activities. The President's report was extremely well received.

**Memorial to Departed Members**

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, toward the end of the program, offered brief eulogies for the following members of the congregation who were called to their eternal reward in the past year:

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| Mrs. Isidore     | Adolph Levy     |
| Berkowitz        | Emil Mandelbaum |
| Victor Binstock  | Mrs. Reuben N.  |
| Arthur Brown     | Popkin          |
| Dr. Irwin Chabon | Jess Ward       |
| Meir Goldstein   | Sidney Zimet    |
| Pincus Kohn      |                 |

Following the eulogies, the membership rose in memory of the departed and listened as Cantor Avrum Davis chanted the Memorial Prayer.

**Annual Meeting of Ramaz School**

Mr. Joseph Lorch, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, convened the Annual Meeting of Ramaz School as part of this evening. The only item on the agenda was the election of Trustees. Ed Low, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Trustees:

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| Marcia Barany      | Melvin D. Newman |
| Albert H.          | Max Sadinoff     |
| Bernstein          | Irwin Shapiro    |
| George Jacobs      | Arthur Silverman |
| Lawrence A. Kobrin | Samuel Singer    |

He also presented Samuel M. Eisenstat as an Alumni Trustee for one year, Belda Lindenbaum as an Alumni Trustee for three years and Alvin K. Hellerstein as a Parent Trustee for three years.

Mr. Low also presented the name of Abraham R. Kirshon, a veteran member of the congregation whom he nominated to serve as an Honorary Trustee of the Ramaz School.

The entire slate was elected by acclamation whereupon Mr. Lorch adjourned the meeting of Ramaz School.

The closing remarks of the evening were delivered by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein. He complimented the membership upon the historic occasion that marked this Annual Meeting. He indicated that despite this new development in the corporate structure of the congregation, we all expect that Kehilath Jeshurun will remain absolutely true to its traditional character as an Orthodox synagogue even as it has in the past. He predicted that our action tonight will help to ensure that our grand-

**For Those Who Are Ill**

It is accepted Jewish custom to make a **Mi She'berach** prayer for those who are seriously ill. In connection with such a prayer, the following should be held in mind.

1. Prayers for the ill can be offered by the person who is himself ill or by members of his family or friends. Such prayers have a special place in the **Amida** when we recite the paragraph that begins with **Refaenu**. It is most desirable for the ill person and his immediate family to recite those prayers at that part of the service.

2. We have introduced the practice in our synagogue of making a collective **Mi She'berach** at the close of the Torah reading. Those who would want prayers offered at that time should inform the Ritual Director in advance and give him the name of the person who is ill. When there are sudden illness emergencies the prayer can be requested without prior notice.

It should be remembered that actually according to Jewish law no such prayer should be offered on the Sabbath. It is a concession of Jewish law to do so only in the case of serious illness. People, therefore, should exercise judgment. Not every indisposition requires a prayer, especially on the Sabbath.

May God give healing to all who need it and may He bless all of us with enduring good health.

J. H. L.

**STORYTELLING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AT Y.U. MUSEUM, SUNDAY, MAY 23**

A free storytelling program for children 6 years of age and older will be offered at the Yeshiva University Museum, 185th Street and Amsterdam Avenue on Sunday, May 23rd, at 2:00 P.M. The program, the first of its kind at the museum, will be presented by Peninnah Schram, well known for her storytelling workshops and children's activities. The program is free of charge and open to the general public. It is sponsored by the Friends of Yeshiva University Museum.

children will be members of an Orthodox synagogue just as we are.

The meeting was concluded with a delightful collation in the Social Hall. The members mingled for a long time before departing for home on a very happy note.



# KEHILATH JESHURUN BULLETIN CONG. KEHILATH JESHURUN

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## Synagogue Officials

Joseph H. Lookstein ..... *Senior Rabbi*  
Haskel Lookstein ..... *Rabbi*  
Avrum Davis ..... *Cantor*  
Israel D. Rosenberg ..... *Ritual Director*  
Gary J. Lavit ..... *Rabbinic Administrator*

## Officers of the Congregation

Harry W. Baumgarten ..... *Hon. President*  
Max J. Etra ..... *Hon. President*  
Nathan Salzman ..... *President*  
William G. Lebowitz ..... *Vice President*  
Samuel M. Eisenstat ..... *Secretary*  
Edward Low ..... *Treasurer*  
Mrs. Haskel Lookstein ..... *Pres. Sist'd*  
Milton Berkowitz ..... *Pres. Men's Club*  
Asher S. Levitsky ..... *Pres. Couples Club*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Friday, May 14

\*Lighting of Candles ..... 7:45  
Evening ..... 6:30

### Saturday

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Pre-School Service ..... 11:00  
Weekly Portion: Behar  
Haftorah: Jeremiah 32

Evening ..... 7:50  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 8:46

### Friday, May 21

\*Lighting of Candles ..... 7:52  
Evening ..... 6:30

### Saturday

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Pre-School Service ..... 11:00  
Weekly Portion: Behukotai  
Haftorah: Jeremiah 16

Evening ..... 8:00  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 8:54

### Friday, May 28

\*Lighting of Candles ..... 7:58  
Evening ..... 6:30

### Saturday

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:15  
Pre-School Service ..... 11:00  
Weekly Portion: Bamidbar  
Haftorah: I Samuel 20

### ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS

Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be  
observed on Sunday, May 30

Evening ..... 8:00  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 9:00

### Weekday Services

Morning ..... 7:30  
Sunday Morning ..... 8:30  
Evening ..... 6:30

\*This is the latest time for the  
lighting of Shabbat candles. Can-  
dles may be lit earlier, however,  
in accordance with our schedule  
of services.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The 1976-77 Book of Remembrance  
will go to press within days. Those  
who wish to include names of de-  
parted relatives, and who have not  
already done so, are advised to call  
the synagogue office immediately.

## SUNDAY NIGHT STUDIES

The closing lecture in Dr. Mayer  
Herskovics' series on **Latter Day  
Jewish Luminaries** will be held on  
Sunday evening, May 23rd at  
8 o'clock in the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. Irwin Shapiro, 1100 Park Ave-  
nue.

## Yom Yerushalayim

### SPECIAL SERVICE

Friday, May 28th  
at 7:30 A.M.

## OF INTEREST TO TRAVELLERS TO SAN FRANCISCO

Congregation Adath Israel is pro-  
viding a new service to travellers  
interested in Kosher food in San  
Francisco. They will arrange ac-  
commodations and Kosher meals for  
you. They will also arrange for your  
spending a Shabbat in the commu-  
nity.

For further information, write to  
Rabbi Jacob Traub, Congregation  
Adath Israel, 1851 Noriega Street,  
San Francisco, California 94122.  
Telephone number (415) 564-5665.

## Reserve the Date

Sunday, June 6th  
U.J.A. Mobilization Day

## RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

CARL GROSSBERG  
ANDREW FIER  
Directors

180 West 76th St.  
(at AMSTERDAM AVE.)  
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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### J.K.'s Tikun Leil Shavuot

The second annual All-Night Learn-  
In will be held on Thursday night-  
Friday morning, June 3-4. Included  
will be special study sessions, lively  
informal discussions, and snacks,  
capped by a sunrise Schachrit prayer  
and breakfast. Come for this unfor-  
gettable experience. More details will  
be forthcoming in the mail.

### 8th grade Shabbaton: June 11-12

Calling all 8th graders to a special  
weekend open to Ramaz students, those  
entering next year, and 8th graders  
in the community. The program will  
run from Friday evening through Sat-  
urday night, and the total cost is  
\$10.00 including all meals and the spe-  
cial Saturday night activity. Housing  
will be arranged for those not living  
in the neighborhood. For more details,  
call Bernie or Ricki at 289-4921.

### Junior Congregation Trip

The closing Junior Congregation  
trip will be the annual baseball game.  
This year we will go on Sunday, May  
23 to Yankee Stadium to see the  
Yankee-Boston Red Sox game at 2  
P.M. We will meet in front of K.J. at  
12:45 P.M. The tickets will be pro-  
vided by the synagogue, and all reg-  
ular Junior Congregation members are  
invited.

### Jr. Congregation Concluding June 5

Jr. Congregation will finish its reg-  
ular meetings on Saturday, June 5  
(Shavuot). We wish all our members  
a wonderful summer and hope to see  
them all in September.

### Shabbat Afternoon Groups Schedule

The afternoon groups wind-up the  
season with the final week of the  
3-week "Maccabiah" on May 22. We  
hope to see you all there for the ex-  
citing conclusion of the second annual  
K.J. Maccabiah, and to learn the re-  
sults of the competition between "Pal-  
mach" (blue) and "Minutemen" (red).

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