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Ramaz 40th Anniversary Dinner Sunday Night January 16th

On Sunday night, January 16th, the Ramaz Parents Council will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the school's founding with a Dinner-Dance at the New York Hilton Hotel.

We invite the members and friends of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun to rejoice with Ramaz on this occasion and to help support the scholarship fund through their attendance or gifts. The charge per plate is \$125.

Your participation will help to maintain this great institution named for the sainted Rabbi M. Z. Margolies (who served this congregation from 1906 until 1936), founded and nurtured by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and now led by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Please call or write to the Ramaz office today. Join in this sacred and much needed effort.

The Jess Ward Library Is Open For Your Use

We are happy to remind our readers that the library of the congregation which was dedicated in memory of the late and beloved Jess Ward by Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Ward and Raymond Ward, is open for your use on Shabbat and during the rest of the days of the week. The library has been redecorated and refurbished so that it is more comfortable to use and more spiritually inviting to students of all ages.

The Shabbat Afternoon Talmud Class, the Sunday morning El Am Talmud group and the Women's Talmud Class all meet in the Ward Library. The Shabbat shelf, comprising books of interest on Jewish subjects, Torah commentaries, explanations of the Prayer Book and history volumes is also available for your use.

We invite the community to use the Jess Ward Library and to make it one of the most active and inspirational rooms on the synagogue premises.

You are invited to
Youth Shabbat at Kehilath Jeshurun
on
Shabbat Chanukah
December 18, 1976

Torah Readers

Elias Kabakow
David Kagan
Eugene Major

Carl Mosesson
Roger Mosesson
Moshe Rosenberg

Ethan Schwartz

Cantors

Allan Friedman
Binyamin Shudofsky

... Following Mincha ...

You Are Cordially Invited
By the Men's Club
to a
Seudah Shlishit

Guest Speakers

Honorable Zvi Levine
Israel Consul
For Jewish Affairs

Debbie Millstein
North American Jewish Youth
Representative at
Recent Conference
in Jerusalem

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Welcomes the Children and Parents Of Grade 3 of Ramaz

They will be our guests at Shabbat Services
This Saturday, December 18.

Sermon Schedule

December 18 — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein
December 25 — Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
January 1 — Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
January 8 — Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

PROCEDURES FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES

Beginning with Thursday Evening, December 16

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 home.

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 candle lighter faces it. Each night an additional candle is lit.

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 any practical use of the Chanukah candles. These lights are holy and their sole purpose is a ritual one — to proclaim the miracle of Chanukah.

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 us from our enemies.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birth

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Albert Hornblass upon the birth of their second son. May he grow up in the finest tradition of Torah, Chupah, and Ma'asim Tovim.

Communal Honours

We are very pleased to congratulate our members, Jerome I. Rindner and Ruth Lazar who will be among the honorees of the Leadership Development Council of the U.J.A.-Federation Joint Campaign. The honour will be extended to them at a dinner in the Plaza Hotel on Sunday evening, December 12th.

Ms. Lazar is being honoured as an outgoing member of the Council. Mr. Rindner is receiving his honor as an outgoing associate chairman. We know that both of them will continue to serve U.J.A.-Federation admirably in the future.

Condolence

We extend our sincere condolences to our esteemed member, Mr. Joseph Gruss, on the passing of his beloved brother, Oscar Gruss. May he be comforted among all who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle invites you to celebrate Chanukah with them on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 12:30 p.m., in the Social Hall.

The festivities will feature entertainment by the students of Ramaz. There will be Chanukah music and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

In Memoriam

Gertrude and Hyman Weiss

We mourn the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Weiss who died within ten days of each other during the past two weeks.

The Weisses were members of our congregation for almost forty years. During that time they never missed worshipping with us during the High Holy Days and they helped the Synagogue and Ramaz School in many ways.

Quiet and retiring by nature, precise and honorable in all of their dealings, they earned the respect of this community and of all those with whom they came in contact.

Inseparable in life, they are now joined in the *Olam ha-Emet*. May their family be comforted among all of us who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

J. K. Oneg Shabbat

An Oneg Shabbat will be held on January 14, beginning at 8:00 p.m., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Kabakow, 1025 Fifth Avenue.

The relaxed Shabbat atmosphere which characterizes every Oneg will be supplemented by refreshments and the ambience of the Kabakow home. Raymond Harari (known to many through Seminars and Shabbatonim) will speak on his encounter with the Australian Jewish community.

J. K. Ski Weekend

Plans are being made for a very special program on the weekend of January 21-23 — a small group of skiers will be spending Shabbat together in a country home and go skiing together the next day at Great Gorge. The number of those who will be able to go is limited. If you are interested, contact Bernie or Ricki at 289-4921. More information will be available in the J.K. Newsletter.

J. K. Movie Night

J.K.'s annual movie night will take place this year on Saturday night, January 29. The feature this year is Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove," starring Peter Sellers and George C. Scott. This classic satire has won over 60 international awards. The movie will begin at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. Call Ronnie (860-4804) or Josh (988-9785) for more details.

Junior Congregation

The first trip of the year for regular members was both fun and delicious — bowling and Carvel. Our thanks to all those who made it so successful — including Kenny Rochlin's last-minute upset victory with a 66, Joshua Rochlin's double-strike followed by a gutter ball, and the lady in Carvel who not only gave us a discount but replaced a dropped cone. Plans are already underway for our next trip. Come to Junior Congregation and be eligible for it.

The officers for the months of Kislev-Teveeth are:

Moshe ScheinfeldPresident
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Shabbat Afternoon Groups

There will be no afternoon groups during the vacation period. (Saturday, December 25 and January 1)

A LETTER FROM EZRA

[The letter below was received by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Principal of Ramaz, from Misha Avramoff, Director Project Ezra, a non-profit Jewish student organization serving the aged on the Lower East Side.]

"Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

I am writing this letter to express my admiration for a segment of your student body on its involvement with our Project on the Lower East Side.

The relationship began last Erev Shavuot when some of your students came to clean up two of the synagogues suffering from neglect and lack of funds. Another group of students helped us clean other synagogues for the High Holidays. Both events became a reality because of the work of Leah Rosenberg and Beth Kabakow.

I just heard about the car wash and the \$350.00 the students collected for Anshei Berzan on Stanton Street. The synagogue is still a vital communal center for the elderly in the area. The money they had collected will contribute towards the overall cost of painting the shul.

Above all, your students cared to become involved at a time when students are only interested in colleges and careers. It is refreshing to see that the literature of the Prophets has relevance and importance to these young people.

Shalom,

Misha G. Avramoff

KOSHER BUTCHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the information of residents of our neighborhood, we list the butchers under the supervision of the Midtown Kashruth Board.

Max Backer

202 East 87th St., AT 9-7234

Meskin & Gurewitz

1224 Lexington Ave., RE 7-9800

Abe Heisler

1200 Madison Ave., AT 9-5461

Park East Kosher Butchers

1163 Madison Ave., SU 7-3545

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren Visits Ramaz School



Behind Rabbi Goren are, left to right: Dov Bergwerk, president of the G.O., Mr. Martin Lilker and Rabbi Joshua Bakst, Headmasters, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.

Five hundred and fifty students of the Middle and Upper Schools of Ramaz enjoyed one of the greatest spiritual experiences of their lives when Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of the State of Israel came to the school on Wednesday, December 1st, to address the student body of the Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

The Chief Rabbi, who was in America for a brief visit, took time out from a very hectic schedule to visit what he called "the pioneer of Day Schools and Yeshivot in America" which was founded by Rabbi Goren's good friend, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, and which is led now by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein as Principal.

Rabbi Goren was greeted at the school by hundreds of children with Israeli flags, who sang a welcome to him. Several members of the student body including Dov Bergwerk, Eileen Eisenbach, Roger Mosesson and Isaac Herzog — the latter, the son of Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations and named for the second Chief Rabbi of Israel, Isaac Ha-Levi Herzog — presented greetings and *divrei Torah* to the Chief Rabbi.

Rabbi Joshua S. Bakst, Headmaster of Judaic Studies, presented Rabbi Goren to the student body. Rabbi Goren responded with an exhilarating address in which he demonstrated not only his well-known scholarship but also his ability to communicate to children of a junior high school and high school age in a manner befitting the great teacher that he is.

Rabbi Goren spoke about the role of a teacher as father and engaged the hundreds of students in his audience in a dialogue on the subject. The Chief Rabbi was particularly pleased that he could address this large student body exclusively in Hebrew and when he asked the students whether they preferred English or Hebrew, they voted overwhelmingly for the language of Israel.

Rabbi Goren, obviously moved by the experience, closed with a prayer that in the near future he would see all of these children in Israel as students and as *Olim*.

A BOOK FROM ISRAEL

We are proud to announce the publication of a paperback entitled "THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL: Economic Aggression and World Reaction" by Dan S. Chill, a graduate of Ramaz, Class of 1963. The book, which was published by Praeger Publishers, discusses how the Arab boycott works and what the reactions of governments have been.

The book also discusses how the law can controvert the Arab boycott. It also suggests a program for the Jewish community. The author suggests that the power to put an end to this boycott rests with the political, business and organizational leadership of the international community.

Those interested in obtaining a copy of the book are asked to write to Rabbi Haskel Lookstein at the synagogue office.

Bikkur Cholim

If you would like to be visited at home or by phone, or if you know someone who would, or if you would like to be a visitor or caller, please contact Alice Geisler, 734-2315.

The Bikkur Cholim Society invites participants for its hospital program — a project which is aided by the New York Board of Rabbis and which supplements the excellent work being done by the Board. For more information call Sue Robins, 744-0995.

Notice

Please retain this Bulletin for reference through January 13. Due to difficulties with mailings at this season of the year, this issue covers four weeks.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday mornings	7:30
Sunday mornings	8:30
Father and Son Minyan*	9:30
Weekday evenings	4:30
Friday evenings	4:30
Saturday mornings	9:00

Sabbath Schedule

		Candle Lighting	Saturday Afternoon Service	Sabbath Ends
December				
17-18	Vayeshev Shabbat Chanukah Rosh Chodesh prayers	4:10	4:30	5:11
24-25	Miketz	4:13	4:30	5:13
Dec. 31-				
Jan. 1	Vayigash	4:18	4:30	5:19
January				
7-8	Vayehi	4:25	4:40	5:25

*No sessions December 26 and January 2.

Special Dates

Rosh Chodesh Tevet
Fast of the Tenth of Tevet

Wednesday, December 22
Friday, December 31

Morning Services both days at 7:15.

Neediest Cases

Mrs. Joseph Roth, Chairman of the Neediest Cases Fund, wishes to thank the following contributors: Mrs. Nathan Goldsmith, Mrs. Harry Greene, The Heyman Family, Mrs. Bertha Kelin, Mrs. Abraham R. Kir-

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