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DR. DEBORAH E. LIPSTADT TO HIGHLIGHT SHABBAT HAGADOL SHABBATON IN MEMORY OF CYNTHIA APRIL MARCH 22 - 23

We are happy to announce that Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, Professor of Religion and Jewish Studies at Occidental College in Los Angeles and the Director of Research of the Skirball Institute on American Values, an arm of the American Jewish Committee, will be our guest scholar at the Annual *Shabbat Hagadol Shabbaton* on Friday, March 23, and *Shabbat*, March 24.

The scholar for the weekend is sponsored under a special grant in memory of Cynthia April. Cindy was strongly committed to Jewish education and an active participant in programs of the KJ Institute of Continuing Jewish Education. We are honored to honor her memory in this way.

FRIDAY EVENING

On Friday night she will discuss *Israelis and American Jews: One But Not The Same*. In this talk she will explore some of the fundamental differences that result from the diverse political traditions of Israel and the United States, as well as economic and social issues which sometimes set American and Israeli Jews apart. Dinner is served.

SATURDAY MORNING

On *Shabbat* morning, after the conclusion of our regular service, Dr. Lipstadt will discuss *V'Asu li Midkash: Sources for Jewish Identity in America*. She will review some of the things which make us feel Jewish here in the United States. Among these are Zionism, social relationships, organized charity and anti-Semitism. She will inquire as to whether these

are sufficient to ensure the survival of Judaism in America and pose the question about what *kedusha* can do to enhance our lives as Jews.

OUR SCHOLAR, DR. LIPSTADT

The author of the widely acclaimed book *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust*, an examination of how the American press covered the news of the persecution of European Jewry 1933-45, Dr. Lipstadt has a very impressive career in Jewish studies, political science, and sociology. She is the former director of the Brandeis Bardin Institute and she served as professor of Modern Jewish Studies at the University of California at Los Angeles. She holds a B.A. from City College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Brandeis University.

Of course, Dr. Lipstadt is well known to us in the Manhattan community. Most of her childhood years were spent in the Far Rockaway community and in the Jewish Center on the West Side. She has many friends in the neighborhood and she even has two nephews who are students in Ramaz. We look forward to her appearance here as a veritable homecoming which we hope will bring her much satisfaction even as it will bring to us enlightenment and inspiration.

Reservations must be made now for the Friday dinner and *Shabbat* lunch. Please do not delay because this popular program is always sold out. The costs are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children for the two meals.

THE SABBATH BEFORE PASSOVER

(No Cooking For You)

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

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

The deadline for reservations - space permitting - is this Monday, March 18. A check in the full amount must accompany all reservations.

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YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 PM

YOM HAATZMAUT

Israel Independence Day

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 PM

RABBI DRATCH TO DELIVER SHABBAT HAGADOL DISCOURSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 5:30 PM

"The Mitzvah of Talebearing: The Natures of the Passover Haggadah" will be the subject of Rabbi Mark Dratch's Shabbat HaGadol discourse on Saturday, March 23, 1991. In this traditional halachic and aggadic discourse, Rabbi Dratch will explore the often misunderstood and forgotten meanings and purposes of recounting the exodus from Egypt. He will discuss aspects of the Haggadah that will make our Seder experiences more meaningful and inspiring. The shiur will be delivered following mincha which begins at 5:30 PM.

PASSOVER RELIEF IS PARTICULARLY URGENT THIS YEAR WE NEED YOUR GENEROUS HELP NOW

With Purim behind us, the first order of responsibility in preparation for Passover is *Maot Chittim* - Passover Relief. This is the major appeal of the year for the Benevolent Fund which right now must meet several very pressing needs.

1. Our major contribution will go to the Joint Passover Association which is the community effort to take care of the needy in advance of Passover.

2. Our second concern will be to help individuals who do not come to communal attention but who look to us at Passover time for special assistance. *Their needs are particularly great this year.*

3. We also must respond to many deserving *Torah* and *chesed* institutions both here and in Israel which are pressing us very hard to help them at a time when their contributions have fallen off due to economic conditions and the fallout from the Gulf War.

We want to respond to these three needs. Our ability to do so will be directly dependent upon your generosity. Please give as much as you possibly can to help us perform acts of charity in the coming weeks.

May God bless us all with a happy and kosher Passover.

119th ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 24
8:00 PM

WOMEN'S TEFILLAH GROUP

This Saturday morning,

March 16, 1991

9:00 AM

In the Max J. Etra Chapel

All women are invited to attend.
Last one of the year will be May 11.

We welcome the children
of the Nursery of Ramaz
and their parents
to their Shabbaton at KJ
April 20, 1991

ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

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

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

We hope to hear from you soon.

ISRAEL & ELLI KRAKOWSKI HONORED BY FAMILY AND PARK EAST SYNAGOGUE

We are happy to wish a mazel tov to Israel and Elli Krakowski upon a special celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary in the form of a writing of a Sefer Torah, which was completed on February 24 and presented to the Park East Synagogue where the Krakowskis are also members and active worshipers. Israel and Elli will also be the guests of honor at the annual dinner of the Park East Synagogue later this year.

We congratulate the Krakowskis on this wonderful tribute from their children Lili and Axel Stawski and Andrea and Harry Krakowski, and also by the celebration of their achievements on the part of the Park East Synagogue. May they continue to deserve the love and tributes of their family and community for many years to come.

THE KEHILATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD *proudly announces its*

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Doris Weiss, Chairperson

YOM YERUSHALYIM

The members of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun
The parents, faculty, alumni and students of Ramaz School
are invited to a

Yom Yerushalyim service and celebration
in recognition of the reunification of Jerusalem

including a

Performance of Tribute

by the

Ramaz Lower School Chorus

Sunday, May 12, 1991

in the Main Synagogue

9:30 AM

Collation to follow

SEUDAH SHLISHIT SCHEDULE

sponsored for the entire congregation by the KJ Men's Club

March 16 (March 23)	Rabbi Eli Rubin Rabbi Mark Dratch	Pre-Passover Lecture Shabbat HaGadol Drasha (No Seudah)
April 13	Rabbi Eli Rubin	Pre-Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) Lecture
April 20 May 4	Rabbi Mark Dratch Rabbi Mark Dratch	The Death Penalty Obligation of Jews to Non-Jews

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ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

MARCH 22-23, 1991

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Adults: \$40.00

Children: \$25.00

Enclosed please find \$ _____

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NEW TOY DONATIONS RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM

We are pleased to report that the KJ new toy collection has been proceeding very well. Children of the congregation select one brand new toy received for their birthday and donate it through KJ to a child in need who might not otherwise receive such presents for his or her birthday. The response of our children has been impressive and we are proud of each one who has donated such a brand new gift.

Earlier this year, the committee presented a group of them to Mishkon, an agency of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's services located in Brooklyn. The following is an excerpt of a letter we received from them:

We received your package of toys and immediately distributed them to children who are having birthdays this month. This is a wonderful gesture from the children of Kehilath Jeshurun. Their reactions were wonderful and appreciation obvious.

Please thank the KJ children and their parents in the name of the children of Mishkon.

Members of the congregation and children of Ramaz who have not yet signed up to participate in this program and who would wish to present a new present for redistribution are urged to do so and may bring such gifts to the synagogue office and may register there at that time as well.

85TH STREET CARVEL NO LONGER UNDER SUPERVISION

We are sorry to report that the Carvel Ice Cream store at 85th Street and First Avenue is no longer under the kosher supervision of the Kof-K.

Only packaged products which carry a Kof-K on the wrapper in that store can be assumed to be under kosher supervision.

AM HASEFER TO DISCUSS "NEW YORK'S JEWISH JEWS" SUNDAY, MARCH 17

"New York's Jewish Jews—The Orthodox Community in the Inter-war Years" by Dr. Jenna Joselit will be the book discussed at the next Am HaSefer Book Discussion Club meeting this Sunday evening, March 17.

The book is of special interest to us, as Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein's unpublished autobiography supplied much information for the author. The book also describes many features of our congregation and Synagogue.

Dr. Joselit, a distinguished author and historian will be our special guest at the discussion. The book is available in Classics by Doina located in the Synagogue Lobby.

The discussion will be held at the home of Dr. Nathalie and Israel Friedman, 451 West End Avenue, between 81st and 82nd Streets. Please call Chani Wolk in the Synagogue Office, 427-1000 to advise us of your participation.

SIMCHA SHARING FUND MAKES THREE DISTRIBUTIONS

At a recent meeting of the Social Action Committee's Simcha Sharing Fund Subcommittee, three distributions were announced. The committee designated that its funds should help feed the hungry, consistent with the fact that the three percent voluntary contributions to the fund are based on food functions celebrating *s'machot* in our community.

The recipients are:

PROJECT DOROT - This kosher food program provides meals for a period of five days to homebound seniors at a cost of \$8.18 per week. The Simcha Sharing Fund donated \$818 to cover 100 kosher meal deliveries (500 meals) which Dorot will distribute on the Upper West Side.

PROJECT O.R.E. (Outreach to the Elderly) - Under the sponsorship of the Educational Alliance, this crisis intervention and rehabilitation organization puts needy people back into the work force attempting to house

and feed them in the process with dignity. This year, they held a Purim Seduah for 50 clients at a cost of \$6.00 per person. To make this happen, the Simcha Sharing Fund underwrote the program at a cost of \$300.

THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK COORDINATING COUNCIL ON JEWISH POVERTY - We have also given them a contribution of \$300 at this time, intended for specific food programs.

Members of the congregation are strongly urged by a vote of the Board of Trustees and the initiative of the Social Action Committee to contribute three percent of the cost of celebrating a simcha when a bris, simchat bat, birthday, bat mitzvah, bar mitzvah, engagement, wedding, or anniversary celebration is held in order that we may take a moment from our happy festivities to share with those who are less fortunate. Checks should be made out to the KJ Simcha Sharing Fund and sent to the synagogue office. A three percent contribution is suggested.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Board of Trustees and the Social Action Committee

gratefully acknowledges the donations of those who have observed Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, Birthday, Engagement and other family Simcha celebrations

to

The Simcha Sharing Fund

May hungry and needy members of our New York Jewish community continue to benefit from these voluntary three percent contributions of our members upon their celebrations.

DOROT DELIVERY TO SENIORS Sunday, March 24

Dorot, the organization of volunteers which aids elderly Jews on the West Side, will hold its annual Passover food package delivery on Sunday, March 24. We are proud that members of Kehilath Jeshurun participate in these programs several times a year through the endorsement of the Social Action Committee.

Members of KJ should meet that Sunday morning at the Lindenbaum Center, 270 West 89th Street, near Broadway, at 10:30 AM sharp.

We encourage new participants to join in this beautiful and important act of chesed.

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

and

SEUDAH SHLISHIT

with

RABBI ELIEZER RUBIN

This Saturday, March 16

5:30 PM

PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

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I. WHAT IS CHAMETZ

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

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

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

Compliance with the prohibition of eating or owning *chametz* takes three forms. The first is the actual removal of *chametz* from our homes, either through consuming it or disposing of it. This culminates in a search for *chametz* on the evening before Passover (*b'dikat chametz*) which is done this year on Thursday night, and in a symbolic burning of the *chametz* on the morning before Passover (*bi'ur chametz*) which is performed this year on Friday morning, before 10:45 AM. The second is the recitation of a formula of nullification of ownership over any *chametz* we still might have in our possession (*bitul chametz*). Finally, any *chametz* which can neither be consumed nor disposed of before Passover may be sold to a non-Jew through the Rabbi of the synagogue (*m'chirat chametz*). After Pesach, the non-Jew usually sells the *chametz* back to its original owner.

II. PREPARING THE HOME FOR PASSOVER

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

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

1. Silver and Metal Utensils

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

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

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

2. Glassware

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

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

3. The Stove, Oven and Microwave

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

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

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

4. Dishwasher

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

III. PASSOVER FOODS

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

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PREPARING FOR PASSOVER *(continued)*

1. Grain Products

All grain products require strict rabbinic supervision for Passover use.

2. Milk and Dairy Products

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

3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

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

4. Dried Fruits

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

5. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

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

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

Frozen vegetables should only be used with Passover supervision.

6. Cosmetics

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

7. Baby Foods

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

8. Coffee

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

9. All other foods

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

10. Chametz after Passover

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

WHAT TO DO WITH CHAMETZ

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

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

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

of the *Kasher-In* on Sunday morning, March 24, between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon or at any other time between now and Passover. We will then arrange for this food to be distributed to the non-Jewish needy and hungry of our community.

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

KASHER-IN

Sunday, March 24

Kehilath Jeshurun will sponsor its *Kasher-In* this year on Sunday, March 24, between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.

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

A Word of Caution

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

FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

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

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

If you plan to spend Passover in Israel or Europe please check this box ☐
 If you plan to spend Passover in another US time zone please circle
 Central Rocky Mountain Pacific

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return to the Synagogue office by Friday, March 29, at 8:30 A.M.

"Don't Miss It!"

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
(day) _____ (evening) _____

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born males. It is obligatory upon every first born man who cannot observe the fast on Friday, to attend the special service on that day, to join Rabbi Lookstein in completing a tractate from the Talmud, and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (*Siyum Bechorim*) will be held in the Main Synagogue on Friday, March 29 as part of the regular morning service which begins at 7:00 A.M.

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

Evening	7:15 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov and Shabbat	8:02 PM

PASSOVER FOOD NEEDED

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

KJ will be collecting food kosher for Passover over a three day period only—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday/March 24, 25 and 26 ONLY. When you come to the Kasher-In, bring Passover foods for this purpose as well.

When you are making out your shopping list for Passover, please include additional items for the poor and hungry of our people.

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

Please fill it up generously between March 24-26.

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The Fifth Child THE ONE WHO CANNOT ASK

On this night, we remember a fifth child.

This is a child of the Shoah (Holocaust), who did not survive to ask.

Therefore, we ask for that child—Why?

We are like the simple child. We have no answer.

We can only follow the footsteps of Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah, who could not bring himself to mention the Exodus at night until Ben Zoma explained it to him through the verse:

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

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

We answer that child's question with silence.

In silence, we remember that dark time.

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

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

(lift the cup of Elijah)

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

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

*Ani ma'amin b'emunah shleimah, beviat Hamashiah,
V'af al pi she-yitma-meah, im kol zeh ani ma'amin.*

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

SOME SEDER SUGGESTIONS

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

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

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Chasin upon the birth of a granddaughter, Rachel Emily, to their children Joseph and Cheryl Chasin of Alexandria, Virginia.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Murray Davidson upon the birth of a grandson, to their children Marion and William Amodeo.

Mazel tov to our Trustee Ruby and Helen Davis on the birth of a son, brother of Erica and Steven. Similar good wishes to the proud grandparents, Cantor Emeritus Avrum and Esther Davis and our Trustee Bert and Selma Janowski.

Mazel tov to Rosie and Mark Friedman upon the birth of a son, Aryeh Leib Binyamin, brother to Davida, Ariela, Yael and Yosef.

Mazel tov to Drs. David and Arielle Kauvar upon the birth of a son.

Mazel tov to Meryl and Meir Levy upon the birth of a son, Gabriel, brother to Ariel, Ilanit and Daniela.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Norman Orentreich upon the birth of a grandson, Jeremy Nathaniel to their children, Catherine and David Orloff.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Scheinberg upon the birth of a granddaughter, Aurora Malka to their children, Sari and Sverker Alange.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Schloss upon the birth of a daughter.

Mazel tov to Annette and Stan Schwartz upon the birth of a granddaughter, Amanda Jill to their children, Larry and Dorit Schwartz.

Mazel tov to Dr. and Mrs. David Woldenberg upon the birth of a grandson, to their children, David and Merle Wolff.

Mazel tov to Cathy and Seymour Zises upon the birth of a daughter, Natalie Sara, sister to Aaron, Samuel and Benjamin.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to Nancee Haft upon her engagement to Robert Bloom.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Yvonne Koppel-Kopans upon the engagement of her son, Michael to Sharon Stone, daughter of Mrs. Lynne Stone of Staten Island.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jules Lassner upon the engagement of their son, Andrew to Jessica Ehrenreich, daughter of Irma and Milton Ehrenreich of Miami Beach, Florida.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Rubin upon the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne to Philip Schein, son of Harry and Jane Schein of Englewood, New Jersey.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Marco Wachter upon the engagement of their daughter, Frederica to David Tuaty, son of Corina and Moishe Tuaty of Bogota, Columbia.

May these weddings take place in happiness and blessing.

TWO GRANDCHILDREN BORN TO RABBI AND MRS. HASKEL LOOKSTEIN

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein upon the recent birth of two grandchildren: Marissa Beth, born to Mindy and Dr. Jay Cinnamon of West Hempstead, Long Island, and David, born to Shira and Dr. Larry Baruch who are members of the congregation, residing in our community.

We extend our best wishes and mazel tov greetings to the proud great-grandmothers, Mrs. Esther Katz and Mrs. Gertrude S. Lookstein, upon this happy development in the life of their family. May the newborns grow up in the tradition of *Torah, chupah* and *ma'asim tovim*, as a source of joy and *nachas* to their families and to *klal Yisrael*.

WEDDINGS

Mazel tov to Yvonne Koppel on her recent marriage to Dr. Albert Kopans.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shapiro upon the marriage of their son, Sandy to Monica Laufer, daughter of Helen and Daniel Laufer of Kew Gardens. Similar good wishes to Sandy's proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Feder and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Shapiro.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Anne Addison on the loss of her sister, Lea Wolkowitz in Rio de Janeiro.

Our condolences to Nathan Royce Silverstein on the loss of his mother, Elizabeth Blume Silverstein.

Our condolences to Judy Tanz on the loss of her father, Milton Jacobs.

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

BNAI MITZVAH



ARIELA TAL FRIEDMAN

Mazel tov to Rosie and Mark S. Friedman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ariela Tal, which took place on Sunday, March 3, at the Young Israel of Forest Hills. She delivered a Dvar Torah on the Parshiot Vayakhel, Pikudei and the subject of the Mishkan.

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

DANIEL GOLDSTEIN

Mazel tov to Dr. Abraham and Smadar Goldstein on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, which will take place on Saturday, April 6, in Israel. He will read the weekly portion of Shemini and the Haftarah.

Daniel is a student in the seventh grade of the Horace Mann School.

In Memoriam

ROSE ETRA

For many years, she was a stalwart member of the congregation. American born in Harlem, she remained a traditional Jewish woman all her life.

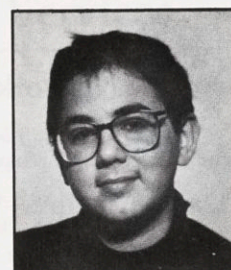
She was an outstanding *balabosta* who took great pride in her home. An old-fashioned wife, she revered her husband and her greatest pleasure was to make him happy. Yet, for 44 of her 93 years she was a widow.

She was an exceptional mother to three sons, an adoring grandmother who in turn was adored by her grandchildren.

Born into a religious family, her late husband, William, carried on that tradition and she herself maintained a kosher home and was Sabbath observant all of her life. May her family carry on her noble tradition.

COMMUNAL SERVICE

We are very proud to congratulate our member, Ken Kronen, who is Chairman of the American Friends of Assaf Harofeh. This is the major support group for the Assaf Harofeh Medical Center in Israel.



EITAN PLASSE

Mazel tov to Dr. Terry and Barbara Plasse on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eitan, which will take place on Saturday, May 4, in the Main Synagogue. He will read the weekly portion of Emor and the Haftarah.

Eitan is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.



MICHELLE HAIMOFF

Mazel tov to Uriel Haimoff and Deborah Haimoff on the forthcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Michelle, on Sunday, May 5, at the Helmsley Palace. She will deliver a Dvar Torah.

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

In Memoriam

CYNTHIA APRIL

How shall we remember Cindy April? We could remember her as a young woman, struck down in the prime of her life. Or we could remember her as she really was: a beautiful, loving, courageous, talented and warm personality.

She was a loving wife to her husband Bob, an extraordinary devoted mother to Alexandra and Sarah. Her love for them knew no bounds.

She became observant relatively recently and she so much enjoyed her kosher home and the observance of *Shabbat*. She shared it all with Bob and taught it all to their daughters.

She had a host of friends who marveled at her warmth and courage. They particularly were impressed by her uncomplaining nature and her optimism as she looked ahead.

We pray that her husband and children will carry on her beautiful tradition and that they, along with all of her friends, will enjoy health and happiness from now on.

HYMAN I. BUCHER

An Honorary Trustee of the congregation, Hy served as President of our Men's Club and Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. There wasn't a job at KJ that he was not ready to take on or a need in our congregation that he was not determined to fill.

He had a host of friends here and everywhere. The brilliant smile that lit up his face, his heart radiated love for people. As a husband to his late wife, Dorothy, he was matchless. They had a great life together, filled with love tenderness and mutual concern. During her long illness no one could have been more caring and compassionate.

Hy was extraordinarily generous toward every cause. There wasn't an appeal at KJ to which he did not contribute handsomely. A plaque in Ramaz bears witness to his generosity to the Building and, most recently, he became a Founder in our Twenty First Century Fund. But his charity was also manifested toward people — he gave everyone the benefit of a doubt.

There are very few like Hy. The standards of his life were the highest and the most worthy of emulation. May we prove worthy of his example.

We extend our condolences to all the members of the bereaved families. May their lives be filled with health, joy, and peace.

DR. CHARLES LANGER

He held a Ph.D. in chemistry from Europe and he was a fine *talmid chacham*. Dr. Charles Langer was a delightful member of our congregation. A regular at daily services whenever he could attend, he was also involved in every sort of *shiur* which our congregation holds. He was able to participate actively and perceptively.

A wonderful husband to his dear wife, Rose, the two of them supported each other in a beautiful and impressive manner. Well organized and fastidious in every phase of his life, he was a true Jewish gentleman. We shall miss him at KJ.

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JONATHAN ETRA

For most of his life he suffered from illness but to know him was to see how he fought the odds courageously, joyously and confidently.

Possessed of a brilliant smile, a twinkle in his eye, and words of optimism on his lips, he tried to make everyone around him, especially his mother, happy. "Lighten up mother" he would say. He loved to make his brothers and everyone else laugh. He expected to triumph over nature and, in a way, he did as he went about his life always upbeat.

An independent soul, he wrote prolifically on a variety of subjects. The holder of an M.A. in English from Yale and editor of the Yale Review, he had kaleidoscopic tastes and he particularly enjoyed being on the boards of four ballet groups.

His mother, his brothers, his many friends and his congregation will all miss him.

1 9 9 1 - 1 9 9 2 BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE — Now In Preparation —

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

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

The Book will go to press on Monday, April 15, so that it will be ready in time for *Shavuot*.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun Book of Remembrance

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

☐ Please duplicate last year's listing(s) Offering\$.....for.....people
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	Candle Lighting	Friday Evening Services	Saturday Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
MARCH				
15-16 Vayikra	5:43	6:00	5:30	6:39
22-23 Tzav	5:50	6:00	5:30	6:47
29-30 Pesach	5:57	6:10	6:10	6:59*

*CANDLE LIGHTING AFTER THIS TIME

APRIL				
12-13 Shemini	7:12	6:45	6:50	8:10
19-20 Tazria, Metzora	7:19	6:45	7:00	8:19
26-27 Ahare Mot-Kedoshim	7:27	6:45	7:40	8:27

MAY				
3-4 Emor	7:34	6:45	7:15	8:34
10-11 Behar-Behukotai	7:41	6:45	7:20	8:42

Evening Services

March 17-28 6:00

April 7-September 6:45

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

YOM HASHOAH
Wednesday, April 10 7:30 PM

ROSH CHODESH IYAR
Sunday, April 14, 8:30 AM
Monday, April 15 7:00 AM

YOM HaATZMAUT
Wednesday, April 17 7:30 PM
Thursday, April 18 7:00 AM

LAG B'OMER
Thursday, May 2 7:15 AM

YOM YERUSHALAYIM
Sunday, May 12 9:30 AM

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