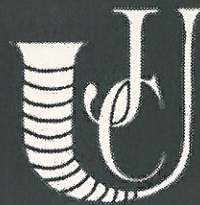


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Yonah Shimmel at the keyboard

Distant cousin of UJC member to star 'Jewish Rock Through the Ages' to Play Here

Hit cabaret show 'Jewish Rock Through the Ages' starring Yonah Shimmel is to tour the Far East.

Growing up as the only Jew in a small, all-American, New Jersey town devoted to cars, drinking, and building model airplanes, Shimmel's talents in music and blood sports went practically unrecognized until recently.

Shimmel credits blues singer Bessie Smith as his earliest influence although later compositions synthesize the best and worst of rock, punk, and heavy metal in capturing the soul of Jewish music. His version of one Hashmonite favorite, 'Haman Was a Wicked, Wicked Man', became an instant success with his large teen following and can now be heard almost every night in Temple social halls across the nation. Shimmel is best known, perhaps, for his rap version of 'Go Down, Moses.'

Shimmel's move to cultivate the counter-culture audience by giving up his pony tail and Armani suits has paid off handsomely. Bookings have poured in from the Peace Hotel in Shanghai, Tribal Research Institute of Thailand, Singapore's Changi Airport Barber's Lounge, Union Church, and the Trustees' Towers here in Hong Kong.

Simultaneous translation of services into Hindi, Greek, and Chinese planned UJC to Annex Governor's Mansion for Services, Study, Social Needs Trustees pledge 'separate but equal' support for Orthodox

In response to concern that the new Jewish Community Center at Robinson Place will not be large enough to accommodate the fast-growing Reform and Conservative Jewish Community, plans have been announced to annex a portion of the Governor's Mansion from July 1, 1997.

To facilitate relations within the community, Trustees have agreed to subsidize a shuttle bus service between the Mansion (to be renamed Progressive Place) and Robinson Place that will operate every day except Saturday and holidays. Reform Jewish drivers will be allowed to park at Robinson Place on Saturdays but permission will be denied to Orthodox Jewish drivers. The Trustees have also stipulated that no kosher food may be served nor swimming and badminton-playing allowed at Progressive Place in order to encourage consumption of food and beverages and use of recreational facilities at Robinson Place.

Anticipating the move, Rabbi Kosovske has suggested, in recognition of the Reform Community's diverse membership, that facilities be installed at Progressive Place to allow simultaneous translation of services into a number of languages, starting with Hindi, Greek, and Chinese. Since arriving in Hong Kong, the Rabbi has been developing a new version of the traditional Shabbat service which he says will be eco-friendly, non-sexist, non-racist, handicapped-accessible and cosmologically correct in every respect. In addition to regular Shabbat services at the old Mansion, he will also be leading weekly services on Internet for religious junkies, Jewish techno-nerds, and friends and family in Boston.

Observing the Command to be Crazy

Every once in a while, we learn from our tradition, it's a healthy thing to take a step back and have a laugh at our own expense. Purim calls on us to give free rein to that dimension of our personalities signified by the phrase *ad de-lo-yada* — the state of not knowing the difference between Haman and Mordechai — a time when all rules and inhibitions are swept away. We enter the world of the drunk, a world of blissful ignorance of reality.

The state of *ad de-lo-yada* also enables us to see how easy it is to change from Mordechai into Haman, from a crusader for justice into simply a crusader. That is why the Talmud says that we fully accept Torah only on Purim, for only when we can mock the tradition can we fully accept it. Only then are we safe to do so; otherwise we make the tradition into an idolatry rather than a smasher of idols, into frozen-in-stone dogma of what once was, rather than a living faith.*

In observing the command to be crazy on Purim, The UJC publishes, for the first time, a Purim edition of its newsletter. We hope you will enter the fantasy world we have created on this page with the understanding that we're only joking. We also hope our readers will respond with stories of their own construction which can be used for future editions of *The Chauffeur*.

* *The Jewish Holidays* by Michael Strassfeld, Harper & Row, New York.

From the Rabbi's Study . . .

For years I have wondered why the rules of Jewish propriety go out the window on Purim. On Purim, we encourage ourselves to do all sorts of things that at any other time we strongly condemn. We allow ourselves to spoof our sacred traditions, personages, and institutions. We encourage each other to make raucous noises in the synagogue while a sacred text is read. We tell ourselves that it's okay to go off and get drunk (but only with a designated driver). We deny reality and dress up and become someone else. And in some circles we even tell our kids to go down the street and mooch hamentaschen off of the neighbors.*

I think that I have at last figured out the reason. Because of what the underlying message of Purim is, while we are considering the message, almost anything else in comparison just doesn't warrant being taken so seriously. And that's why we have license thoroughly, albeit only for a day, to blow just about everything else off.

The message, of course, is the consequence of the most extreme form of anti-Semitism imaginable. Haman is the prototype of the ultimate anti-Semite. In the Book of Esther, the goal of his machinations is to destroy Jews. That's serious stuff. At the possibility of being annihilated, little else matters. The celebration of Purim, therefore, displays a lot of very nervous laughter.

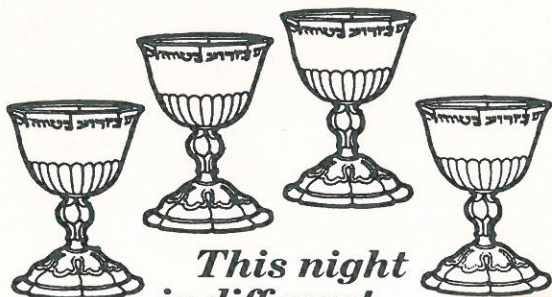
And it should. We live in a post-Holocaust world. Those of us who are old enough very vividly remember The War. Those of us who aren't became a part of it nonetheless because it is one of the few things we have talked about continuously. And on a world-wide basis, anti-Semitism is still around. There are still enough misguided individuals who given the chance will paint swastikas on synagogue walls.

However, despite this, I think we now have a new positive element in the equation that we never had before. Now there are signs that there are people around who really do care about us, people who will not sit by idly, for instance, and remain silent when revisionists try to claim that the Holocaust never happened, or, better yet, even tolerate anti-Semitism at all. I, for example, cannot be anything other than deeply moved when, with all of the great museums in Washington, DC, the Holocaust Museum becomes the museum most frequently visited. Or when a Schindler's List becomes the great, well-attended movie on a world-wide basis that it was. At least I know that, maybe for the first time, we are not alone in all of this. Certainly, that is cause for celebration because when others are with us we have the strongest deterrent possible against any Haman. When that happens, maybe for the first time we can begin to shift our priority away from concern for our physical survival to concern about our spiritual survival.

Purim, as you know, is a time to rejoice and have fun. My hope this year is that maybe, just maybe, the fun we will have will be due to the fact that this is the start of a new time. And that is something really to rejoice about!

Howard A. Kosovske

* I learned the fine art of trick-or-treating from my father, *alav hashalom*, who related to me this, the Jewish version of the sport of schnorring (literally, begging, but here, mooching), which was part of the memories of his childhood in Chicago. On Purim, children would go to their Jewish neighbors' houses, knock on the door, and recite this jingle: *Heint ist Purim, Morgen ist ois, Gib mir a hamentasch, Unt varf mir arois*. (Today is Purim, Tomorrow it's over, Give me a hamentasch, And throw me out).



Rabbi, UJC Join Battle Over Antisemitic Remarks in Philippines

Rabbi Kosovske and Executive Committee member Mr. Dennis Leventhal were on the phone and fax to contacts in the U.S. within a short time of learning about antisemitic remarks in the Philippine press directed against a friend of UJC members here.

As reported in the February 14 edition of the *Jerusalem Post*, "The target of the attacks is David Weil, who represents a number of multinational firms that supply goods to the Duty Free Philippines (DFP) stores. Weil and DFP General-Manager Benjamin Lim are engaged in a bitter business dispute, whose ramifications apparently reach the highest levels of government.

Columnists in some major Filipino newspapers have entered the dispute by focusing repeatedly on Weil's Jewishness. A column in the *Manila Times*, considered the country's leading daily, carried the headline, 'Jewty Free' and the writer consistently refers to Weil as 'Mr. Jewty Free.'

Another columnist, writing in the *Manila Bulletin*, quotes an unidentified reader who lambastes 'this Jewish trader . . . and foreigner,' while a third paper refers to 'a Jew named David Weil.'

In response to an alert from Mr. Leventhal, Dr. Neil Sandberg, director of the American Jewish Committee's Pacific Rim Institute, sent a protest to the Philippine ambassador in Washington, Raul Ch. Rabe. The ambassador promised to alert government and press officials in Manila to the antisemitic attacks.

Rabbi Kosovske informed Mr. Kenneth Jacobson of the Anti-Defamation League in the U.S. about the situation which resulted in a letter from ADL director Abraham Foxman to the ambassador expressing concern.

The story has been circulated to Jewish communities around the world through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, according to Mr. Sandberg.

Mr. Weil told The UJC in late February that the Archbishop of Manila, Jaime L. Cardinal Sin, had given him the strongest support in the matter. In a letter to Weil, the Archbishop wrote 'The Catholic church is one with you in this protest. We are brothers.' The businessman said there has been almost no action taken by the Government to correct the situation, however and implied that he is still under attack, although less overtly.

New members bring new skills, new interests Who Joins The UJC?

New member reception set for March 27

The UJC attracts some of the best and brightest of newcomers to Hong Kong. In looking over the dozens of applications received in the last few months, we find top professionals from a wide variety of fields.

The UJC certainly gets more than its share of bankers, investment specialists (is there anyone working for Smith Barney who is *not* a UJC member?) and lawyers. We also count several academics, journalists, and diplomats in the latest 'wave', a number of businessmen (both independents and those representing large multinationals), plus an accountant, architect, and psychologist. This presents the opportunity, at any of The UJC functions, to network with interesting people in your own field, make useful professional contacts, meet someone interesting, or even get a job. All of these things are not only possible but happen on a regular basis. Given the number of newcomers who have managed to make contacts leading to jobs, The UJC should probably consider registering as an employment agency. Compared to professional employment agencies and the head-hunters, we're certainly the best deal in town. Charles Monat, among a number of other members, has helped steer newcomers in productive directions.

The UJC also guarantees interesting conversations, no matter what the subject — politics, philosophy, computers, and certainly, religion. If you need the answer to a question, come to Shabbat services and there is certain to be someone there who can help.

You might also be surprised to find, in looking over the applications, just how many members come from Conservative, even Orthodox backgrounds. Although The UJC started six years ago in response to needs felt primarily by those coming from Reform backgrounds, it has recognized the need to serve other constituencies as well. If the UJC needed a motto, it might go something like 'From Diversity Comes Strength.' The surge of energy that fuels new programs and projects derives from the wide variety of needs and interests of our membership. As Rabbi Kosovske pointed out recently, it would be hard to find many congregations in the U.S. with as many programs as The UJC.

How do new members find us? It's said that the best advertising is by word of mouth and so, we must be doing something right. Out of 35 recent applications, 26 checked the box designated 'a friend' to indicate how they learned about The UJC. The weekly notice on the religious pages of the 'Post' and 'Standard' caught the eye of the other six members responding. Another avenue is the telephone directory. Under 'Jewish' you will find the entry 'Jewish Congregation of HK United, Queen's Place.' How many newcomers would think to look under 'United'? And incidentally, what a great-sounding address, especially if you're a feminist!

The chance to 'officially' welcome new members comes Monday, March 27, 6:45 P.M., at a reception in the Kam Shan Room of the American Club. Join us for a glass of wine and, in the tradition of The UJC, help make this a particularly warm welcome.

Welcome New Members

Marvin and Phyllia Kohl (USA)

Nabuko Yokoyama (Japan)

*Michael and Robin Abrams
& Sarah, 11, Libby, 6 (USA)*

Stephane and Sophie Wilmet (France)

Marcia Gethin-Jones (USA)

Alistaire Hayman (British)

Dr. Gerald A. Fleischer (USA)

Andrew Gordon (British)

Terry and Jeff Paule (USA)

Richard Reitknecht (USA)

Malcolm and Beverley Brenner (USA)

*Jonathan Feiger and Nancy Laben
& Leah, 3, Joyce, 10 months (USA)*

Outreach to those in interfaith relationships

The search for common ground

Once a month, individuals and couples, Jews and non-Jews, gather in Rabbi Kosovske's apartment to explore issues that arise in homes in which one person is not, or has not been born Jewish. Parents of people in interfaith relationships are also welcome. Each session takes its direction from the needs of those present, thus producing an agenda which is always different. Although the issues are oftentimes difficult, the process and objective is always the same — the search for common ground and understanding, drawing not only on shared experiences, but also on the Rabbi's extensive knowledge of our tradition and the wide body of 'responsa' to situations that have arisen in the past. As a result, these evenings have proven to be extremely helpful to those attending.

The next sessions are Monday, March 20 and Thursday, April 20, beginning promptly at 8:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served. The Rabbi's address is: 1/f Repulse Bay Garden 28 Belleview Dr., Repulse Bay, Hong Kong.

Impoverished mother needs help

Help! There is a poor, single mother living in a nearby island fishing village who desperately needs baby clothes and furniture for her newborn child. If you have items to donate and would like to be part of a real *mitzvah*, please contact Diana Bennett-Satok at 2987-1353. Our tradition teaches, a person who saves a life saves a whole world. Your act of *zedakah* will make a difference.

■ Diana Bennett-Satok



Coming Events

Adult Purim Celebration

In this UJC first-ever adult Purim celebration, Rabbi Kosovske will lead us through an 'unexpurgated' reading of the Megillah with chances for members to take a part. This will be followed by a Purim banquet which costs only \$180.00. As we have learned from our rabbis, 'when the month of Adar arrives, joy increases in the world, and it is indeed a *mitzvah* to imbibe until the difference between the good guy Mordechai and bad guy Ham becomes obliterated.' Please RSVP with Sarah.

March 15, 6:45 P.M.
Ladies Recreation Club
10 Old Peak Road, Mid-Levels

Introduction to Judaism

A 14-week course on Jewish thought, history, and practice taught by Rabbi Howard Kosovske. Please contact the office for information about course material, tuition, etc.

Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M.
March 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26

Hong Kong Diamond Exchange, 6/f
Duddell Street, Central District
(Robert Meyer's office)

Brown-bagging with the Rabbi

Fashioned to fit the fast-paced, time-conscious Hong Kong lifestyle, this midday Jewish study program begins and finishes exactly on time.

Become a regular part of these encounters with Jewish tradition — a feast of food and Torah. Come earlier and stay later if you wish, but give us your attention for 40 minutes of study.

If you are in Central at lunchtime on any Tuesday, grab a sandwich and head over to Chuck Monat's office in Dina House.

Tuesdays, 12:40 P.M.

March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 21, 25

702 Dina House
11 Duddell Street, Central District
(Chuck Monat's office)

First Nighters

Let the First Nighters bring out the Jewish 'ham' in you at their second play reading — *Teibele and Her Demon* — a masterpiece of Jewish theatre. In Isaac Bashevis Singer's portrayal of the *shtetl* in Russia, we enter the life of a young beautiful woman who, deserted by her husband, finds a substitute mate. Be with us when we bid Shabbat farewell and welcome a new week with the Havdalah ceremony. After the reading, join Rabbi Kosovske will lead a brief discussion about the play's message. No experience required to read, act or participate as audience.

Saturday, March 25
7:30 P.M.: coffee and dessert
8:00 P.M.: curtain

28 Bellevue Drive, 1/F
Repulse Bay Gardens, Repulse Bay
(home of the Kosovskes)

RSVP before March 20 to The UJC

April 29: venue to be announced

For more information, call Karen Rushfield (2877-6269) or Barbara Kosovske (2592-9325)

Jewish Filmfest '95

Don't miss these classic Jewish films at the last three showings of Jewish Filmfest '95. Special 3-film package is only \$60.00. Please send check to The UJC office.

March 16: Der Purimshpiler (Yiddish)

March 23: The Eagle Way (Hebrew)

March 30: Bye, Bye America (English, German, Yiddish, and Polish)

(all films with English subtitles)

Thursday's, 7:30 P.M.

The Fleet Club, Fenwick Pier
Wanchai, Hong Kong



Moroccan Night

The menu and music is Middle Eastern and the price is right — only \$110.00. After dinner, musicologist Alan Hunnicutt will present a selection of Sephardic melodies from his huge collection together with an historical and cultural overlay. Before the musical presentation, we will indulge our appetites for delicious Middle Eastern food at Shalom Grill's Moroccan Buffet. Please RSVP with Sarah, pay at the restaurant.

Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 P.M.

Shalom Grill

Fortune House, 2nd floor,
61 Connaught Road, Central

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbats are special Shabbats with stories, songs, arts and crafts, dance and Torah for 2-5 year-olds and their parents.. The focus is on creating a 'together' celebration, and what we do will be moving for everyone. Experience the joy of Shabbat with Rabbi Kosovske.

Saturdays, 10:00 A.M.

April 1

Royal Cliff Dance Studio
park at 28 Bellevue Drive, call
Ann Friedman for details (2813-8121)

B'Yachad

On these Shabbat occasions, our 6 to 11-year-olds gather with their parents and Rabbi Kosovske for learning and sharing experiences relating to the Jewish holidays and festivals. For this session Rabbi Kosovske will conduct a model seder.

Saturday, April 8, 10:00 A.M.

Ladies Recreation Club

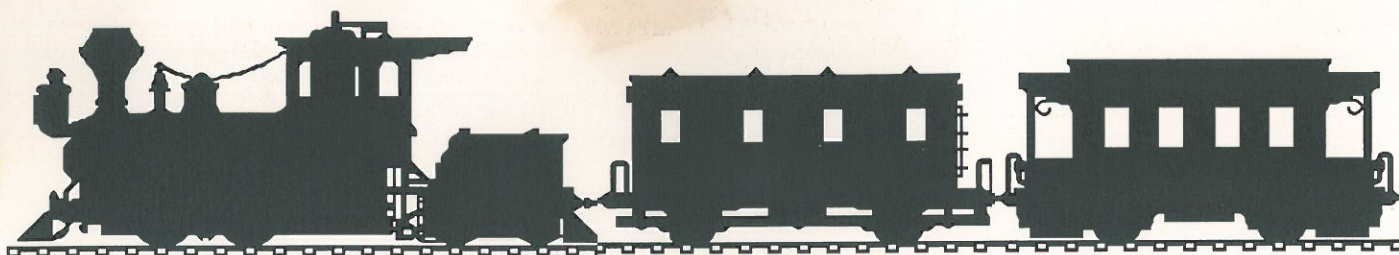
10 Old Peak Road, Mid-Levels

Yad B'Yad

Something totally new in The UJC! This twice-a-month Jewish play group is geared to 2-4-year olds and their parents. Call Ann Friedman for details (2813-8121)

March 23, 3:30 P.M.

Function Room, Bamboo Grove
78 Kennedy Road, Mid-Levels



All aboard the Shanghai Express

UJC Heritage Tour #2: Shanghai

Departure May 7 — Return May 9

Join UJC friends and family on a journey that will:

- * recapture the flavor and feel of life in the large Jewish refugee community of China's great metropolis during its occupation by the Japanese Imperial Army
- * familiarize you with the contributions and legacy of the Sassoons, Kadoories, and other prominent Jewish families and philanthropists
- * help you discover what makes Shanghai so exciting

The UJC package includes:

- ★ round-trip flights on Dragonair!
- ★ accommodations at Holiday Inn Crown Plaza including breakfasts!
- ★ full-day tour of Shanghai's Jewish sites escorted by Professor Pan Guang, Dean of the Center of Jewish Studies!
 - ★ city tour of Shanghai!
 - ★ lunches on both tours!
 - ★ option to stay an extra day
- ★ Rabbi Howard Kosovske will accompany the group.

HK\$5,750.00 per person, double occupancy (\$910.00 single supplement)

extra day option including breakfast: \$1,145 per person double occupancy; \$1,240 single occupancy
price does not include visa, airport departure taxes, and meals other than those noted above

BOOK NOW. RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 18.

Please mail with your check, payable to The United Jewish
Congregation of Hong Kong, to The UJC, GPO Box 5259, Hong Kong

Name (Names) _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

- ☐ Check here if you wish to have single room.
☐ Check here if you wish to stay an extra day.

I(we) are enclosing our check for _____ to join the UJC Heritage Tour which includes the basic cost (plus single room supplement and/or extra day option, as applicable).

For more information, please call Al Fine at 2987-4963

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Friday, March 17, 6:45 P.M.
preceded from 6:15 by
Shabbat fellowship gathering

Shabbat Service

Conducted by
Rabbi Howard A. Kosovske

The American Club

Kam Shan Room
Exchange Square II, 49/f
Central District, Hong Kong

Shabbat services at the
American Club are followed by:

Italian Buffet Supper

Members:
adults \$135.00, children \$85.00
Non-members:
Adults \$150.00, children \$100.00

*Join us for large-sized
portions of delicious food,
friendly people, and
stimulating discussion.
Make The UJC
part of your family.*

New!

From March 17, enjoy reduced prices for the buffet by purchasing tickets in advance at \$130.00 and \$80.00 each. Drinks tickets also available. Buying tickets in advance will save our Shabbat volunteers a lot of work. Please call Sarah for details.



Friday, March 24, 6:45 P.M.
preceded from 6:15 by
Shabbat fellowship gathering

Shabbat Service

Conducted by
Rabbi Howard A. Kosovske
followed by buffet supper

The American Club

Kam Shan Room
Exchange Square II, 49/f
Central District, Hong Kong

Heinz Klatte

will speak following dinner on

My Work in China with the Mentally Ill and Handicapped

Mr. Klatte, a mental health specialist from Germany who has been working with his wife in China since 1986, has been instrumental in launching several inspiring projects to help the mentally ill and handicapped — projects which have earned him prestigious awards from both the German and Chinese governments.

Also a specialist in the treatment of epilepsy, Mr. Klatte, as president of the German Association for Socialpsychiatrie, was in charge of rehabilitation in a 3,500-bed hospital in Germany.

Our guest will speak about the community projects he has helped initiate in Wuhan, capital city of the Chinese province of Hubei, working with a few young Chinese doctors.

Through Mr. Klatte's eyes, you will learn about the enormous difficulties the mentally ill and handicapped in China have faced historically and now, ironically, those that have resulted from the country's recent economic reforms. He will also share with us his hopes for the future and news about plans and projects underway to benefit this unfortunate minority.



Saturday, March 25, 10:00 A.M.
preceded by
Shabbat fellowship gathering

Study & Shabbat Service

Conducted by
Rabbi Howard A. Kosovske
followed by buffet lunch

Royal HK Yacht Club

Gun Room
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Become a sponsor

The UJC hopes that members will take a turn hosting or co-hosting the buffet brunch kiddush following Saturday services at the Yacht Club. The cost is surprisingly reasonable and offers the opportunity to share blessings of the Sabbath with fellow-congregants in a way that is particularly meaningful. You not only help The UJC make Saturday Shabbos a wonderful weekend fellowship opportunity, but also save other members the burdensome task of collecting from or billing those attending. Commemorate a special occasion, a stroke of good fortune or the memory of a loved one by sponsoring the kiddush and making these very special mornings for everyone. To host or co-host a kiddush, please contact Sarah or the Rabbi. If you like, we can help find a co-host.



Celebrate Purim

with friends from The UJC,
noisemakers, and lots of hamantaschen



The

UJC Purim Party

Hong Kong Country Club

Deep Water Bay, Hong Kong

Saturday, March 18, 4:00 — 6:00 P.M.

- ★ **Megillah Reading** — boo Haman, crank up your greggers
- ★ **Magic Show** — by one of the most amazing magicians in HK
- ★ **Costume parade** — dress up or down, adults included
- ★ **Delicious buffet** — prepared by world-famous chefs

Members: adults, \$160.00; children 3 — 11, \$60.00; toddlers, FREE
Non-members: adults, \$250.00; children 4-10, \$150.00; toddlers, \$90.00

URGENT: We need sponsors to subsidize our much-below cost price
for children. Please call Sarah Millard at 2523-2985 if you can
help or simply enclose something extra with your reservation.

Name _____

Address _____

I enclose a check for \$_____ for _____ adults(s) _____ child(ren) _____ toddlers,
made payable to The United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong.

Please mail to The UJC, GPO Box 5259, Hong Kong

Reservations, with check, must reach the office by Wednesday, March 15.

Saturday, the rabbi had a cold

It certainly wasn't the weather — grey, drizzling, cold — a miserable morning in late February that did little to defuse a cough almost as explosive as his name. And yet you could tell as soon as he stepped into the room that Rabbi Kosovske felt inspired. But of course, he should have felt inspired, even with a terrible cold. It was Shabbat, after all. What was it, then, that signalled this morning was somehow different?

We felt it also. The coffee smelled great, the cookies tasted even better than the American Club's, and we couldn't stop joking, as we rearranged the chairs from rows into a circle — Sephardic style, the Rabbi explained, the better for study and prayer — about what talented, university-educated chair movers we were.

How lovely are Your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling-places, O Israel! So the service began.

Our tent was lovely indeed — an almost circular room, hung with chandeliers and surrounded by windows looking out onto the busy, mid-morning harbour traffic — ferry boats, junks, freighters, and Saturday sailors. Across the water, The Nine Dragons rose out of the mist, or so the mountain peaks are named that gave Kowloon its name.

The heavens declare the glory of God; the arch of sky reveals His handiwork, we read from Sabbath Morning Service I, handouts which the Rabbi and Sarah had prepared to simplify the logistics of transporting prayer books for just this occasion.

A temple without walls makes for interesting and beautiful venues — like The American Club, Ladies Recreation Club, and today, The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. It also makes for some heavy hauling, getting books, kippas, candlesticks, and the Torah from one place to another. Even if your wife is willing to carry the wine, what other Congregation stresses physical fitness as a chief qualification? *Blessed is the Eternal our God, who girds our people Israel with strength,* the Rabbi read from Gates of Prayer, holding back a sneeze.

Who could have predicted 30 people? Surely it takes more than scrambled eggs, cream cheese and lox, even apple strudel, to get a turnout like this, especially considering this was our first-ever study and worship Shabbat morning service.

It was a discovery of something with dimensions that differed for almost everyone present, but who nevertheless shared the enthusiasm of all being present for the find.

For Rabbi Kosovske, sensitive to the wide diversity of UJC membership, here was the chance to introduce and explain traditional forms of ritual and observance, old melodies which were

new melodies to some of those in this Saturday constituency.

Larry Lipsher made a special trip from China to attend. 'I can't relate to the chants and tunes the Reform movement has on Friday nights,' he said. 'The Saturday service is more traditional.'

On Shabbat morning, we feel rested and fresh, the Rabbi explained. The mood is quiet, more intellectual; we learn and teach Torah. We are more receptive to both spiritual and intellectual experiences. How could the common cold, even Hong Kong's dreaded variety, be a match for the Sabbath Bride? Still, the Rabbi thought to himself before leaving his apartment, it would be wise to bring along an extra handkerchief for the encounter.

For Sean Debow, it was just too hard to get away from his new job at Merrill-Lynch in time to make it to Friday night services. Saturday was perfect for him and Jennifer. Suzi and Eli Schwartz were here this morning and said they'd

come again. For them, Friday night meant Shabbat at home — a huge dinner for family and friends complete with blessings, songs, and prayers, sometimes 15 or more at the table. Suzi would invite everyone, if her house was as big as her heart. You wouldn't forget the experience.

For me, the morning heightened the realization that this powerful institution exists within our tradition which can, if you let it, elevate us for a few precious

hours above work-week concerns and help restore the balance between selfish interests and noble instincts.

The Torah of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

The teaching of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

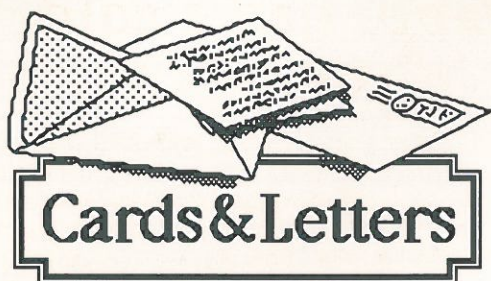
And so, what's Shabbat without good food and good talk? The UJC certainly has its share of good talkers. And rising to the occasion, the Yacht Club produced what must have been its first-ever bagels, not a distant version, I thought, of the Chinese brown-crust, steamed bread-rolls called *man-tou*. As a measure of the morning's success and the baker's skill, the talk went on, long beyond the last bagel.

We welcomed the strangers (one of them a dead ringer for Tevye) and wondered how they found us on this slightly remote edge of Victoria Harbour. The Sabbath spirit, you'd call it community if you counted the countries, prevailed. And so did the Rabbi's cold.

A garland of glory have You given us, a crown of salvation: a day of rest and holiness. Abraham rejoiced in it, Isaac sang, Jacob and his children were refreshed by its rest.

■ Bob Green





Thoughts on leaving

To the community,

On the eve of our departure to Kuala Lumpur, we thought we'd write a few words of appreciation. We'd firstly like to thank you, the community, for welcoming us and making our Friday nights far more interesting than they had been. You are a wonderful group of people. Secondly, we'd like to thank Rabbi Kosovske for his special role in making our Friday nights spiritually and intellectually enlightening.

Rabbi Kosovske has only been here a short time but in this time he has left a very strong, positive impression upon us. His Friday night services have been a joy to attend because of the obvious thought he has put into his *parsha* and his seemingly spontaneous delivery. Rabbi Howard's ability to teach us aspects of our tradition throughout the service is the sign of a knowledgeable rabbi and a natural teacher.

Another aspect of Rabbi Howard's personality that we have really appreciated is his warmth towards individuals in the community. The characteristic that stands out the most is the way he really listens while one speaks to him and then follows up by asking about the issue in the following weeks. This has really touched us.

Our departure is (currently) intended to be only for one year, although it is impossible to guess at what the situation will be in a year's time. We hope that if we do return, as scheduled, we will return to the same warm community that we left behind.

Natalie Richter and Gideon Shep

Saturday Shabbat

Dear Bob,

This is just a short note to let you know how much I appreciated this past Saturday morning's UJC 'Saturday shul'. Your effort to coordinate such an event is sincerely appreciated as it filled a religious/cultural void in my life. . . . I will definitely make the effort to attend on a monthly basis!!!

Thanks, again.

Laurence E. Lipsher, C.P.A.
Lipsher Accountancy Corporation
202 Dina House

Fellow Congregants:

I would like to thank Bob Green, Chuck Monat, and Rabbi Kosovske for the beautiful and touching service that you made possible this past Saturday. It was wonderful in that

the morning had a different focus from that of our regular Friday Sabbath services. The discussion and service were very meaningful and each of us who were present took something away with us in our hearts.

Although the weather was not as bright and sunny as we all had wished, it made me feel bright and happy inside when I looked around at all the warm and friendly faces in their room around me.

For those who were not able to attend the first Saturday morning service and brunch at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club I highly recommend coming to the next service. It is a wonderful way to wind down from a long and busy week and to start a new week of adventure in Hong Kong. I must also tell you Oy . . . was the buffet wonderful!

Look forward to seeing you at the next Sabbath morning service.

Jennifer Debow

Basketball & Bagels

Fax from Mel Bazerman

Subject of this fax: New definition of the word Community for our dictionary.

The word community as newly defined in relation of community service, above and beyond the call of duty.

Pronounced come-unity as in . . . The entire Alter family, showing up *en masse* to our basketball tourney, didn't have time to eat or play but just wanted to help us set up so that the day and event would be a success. They could not stay or play because the kids are studying for tests . . .

Now that is what I call community!

Mel Bazerman

Fax to Mel Bazerman

Dear Mel—

Just wanted to thank you for a job well done. I know it wasn't easy and I can't think of anyone else in the Congregation who would have been so persistent, hard-working and determined. The reward, I'm sure you found, was seen in the faces of those kids (not to say the adults didn't have a great time as well, except for a dislocated shoulder and possibly broken finger).

More importantly, in bringing about this first-ever UJC recreational event, you offered all of us a vision of what can be accomplished in the future—a new way to benefit our members and families and bring them closer to Judaism. The dividends are long-term and very significant. So in addition to patting others on the back, as deserving as they are, lets start with the most deserving—yourself and, I'm sure, Paulette.

It really makes me feel proud to know I'm part of a Congregation with such fine folks. I'm taking the liberty of copying a few of your co-workers with this fax, even at the risk of embarrassing you. Meanwhile, I must confess that I forgot to pay yesterday so I will be sending a check to Sarah immediately, fearing the consequences from such a super organizer like yourself if I don't.

Bob Green

All about the Trust —structure, management, finances, responsibilities

The following responses from The Hon. Mr. Justice Godfrey, Justice of Appeal, were sent in reply to a series of questions from Ms Niomi Kaiz, a member of the community. The Shofar is obliged to Justice Godfrey, one of the Trustees, who has kindly submitted them for publication here, as they have been, in full.

Please explain how the Trustees are nominated to the lifetime position of being a Trustee. How many Trustees are there, and can that number increase/decrease?

The Trustees are nominated under the provisions of their constitution, approved by the court by an order of 7 April 1986. They consist of a body of not less than four nor more than seven; clause 3(a) of the constitution. If any of the Trustees dies, or desires to be discharged from, or refuses or becomes incapable, of acting, the surviving and continuing Trustees or Trustee, or the last retiring Trustees, or Trustee, or the personal representative of the last surviving Trustee, may appoint a new Trustee or new Trustees in the place of the Trustee or Trustees so as aforesaid dying, desiring to be discharged or retiring or becoming incapable of action: clause 3(b).

Why are the Trustees 'tearing up the current constitution' and disbanding the general committee elected from last spring?

This question refers, no doubt, to the Jewish Club. The Trustees are not 'tearing up the current constitution' of the Jewish Club. Nor are they 'disbanding' its general committee. The Jewish Club is a members' social club. Only the members themselves can 'disband' it. Only the members themselves can 'tear up' its constitution. Nobody can 'disband' its general committee. But the Jewish Club operates at present in premises at 33/35 Queen's Road Central, provided for its use, rent free, by the Trustees, who have not only provided those premises but have undertaken financial responsibility for the operation of the Jewish Club. When the new Jewish Community Centre becomes operational, the Trustees do not intend to continue so to support the operation of the Jewish Club. If the Jewish Club wishes to continue its operations, it is at liberty to do so in whatever premises it chooses. The members of its general committee would then, of course, have to bear financial responsibility for that operation, no doubt relying on their right to be indemnified for the costs of doing so out of Club funds, which funds would have to be provided by the members of the Club; this is how members' social clubs usually operate. The present regime, under which the Trustees provide premises for the Club, and undertake financial responsibility for its operation, is quite exceptional. The Trustees cannot allow it to continue.

Do the Trustees 'consider themselves accountable to the Community in the decisions they make'? And which Community [does] that refer to?

The Trustees do not consider themselves 'accountable' to any individual or class of individuals. They consider themselves bound (as indeed by law they are bound) to apply trust funds in accordance with the provisions of

the scheme for the administration of the Charity (approved by the order of the court referred to above) of which they are the Trustees. They are entitled to apply trust funds towards the objects of the Charity, and to no other objects. Clause 3 (which sets out those objects) provides as follows:

3. The objects of the Charity shall be:

(1) To advance the Jewish religion by

(a) the provision and maintenance of one or more Synagogues or other places of worship or religious education with appurtenant buildings for the Jewish Community in Hong Kong;

(b) the provision and maintenance of a residence or residences for the *Hazan* or other the Rabbi or Rabbis of such Synagogue or Synagogues;

(c) the payment of or contribution towards the salaries of the *Hazan* or other the Rabbi or Rabbis of such Synagogue or Synagogues;

(2) To make donations or contributions to the Jewish Benevolent Society or in any other way to assist and alleviate the sufferings of the poor of the Jewish Community of Hong Kong.

(3) To make donations or contributions to other charitable bodies or purposes in Hong Kong and in particular to provide funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Jewish Cemetery at Shan Kwong Road, Hong Kong and to further the charitable purposes of the Jewish Women's Association.'

You will appreciate that these objects do not include the (non-charitable) object of supporting a members' social club, not even a members' social club for Jews.

What is the current net worth of the Trust and has there been in the past any worry that the trust fund would run out and no longer be available to serve the Community?

The net asset value of the trust property is difficult to estimate; and any estimate would be meaningless unless prepared by professional valuers. But as a result of the redevelopment of the site at 70 Robinson Road, the Trustees are possessed of assets the value of which is very substantial indeed; and, beyond doubt, more than sufficient to enable the Trustees successfully to achieve the objects of the Charity as set out above. This has not always been so. Before entering into the arrangements pursuant to which the development has been achieved, the Trustees were possessed of the 70 Robinson Road site, and the cemetery land, but of no funds sufficient properly to maintain these properties. Subscriptions from members of the Ohel Leah synagogue and of the Jewish Club were nowhere near sufficient for the purpose. The Synagogue, and the Club, were, in effect, subsidized by private donations. When it became essential to spend substantial sums on the 70 Robinson Road site so as to render it safe (and to avoid its forfeiture to the Hong Kong Government) it became essential to raise funds by entering into arrangements for redevelopment of the 70 Robinson Road site under which the land would be provided by the Trustees and the capital would be provided by a developer. Until the present arrangements with Swire Properties Ltd. were made, this was a serious worry. It is a worry no longer.

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Trustee Gerald Godfrey fields questions from the Community

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What is the 'secret deal' referred to in the Jewish Times [The Jewish Club newsletter] in regards to the redevelopment?

I have been unable to trace this reference. In any case, I do not understand it, unless it is intended to suggest that the Trustees should make available publicly details of their contractual arrangements with Swire Properties Ltd. But contractual arrangements of this sort must be kept confidential for commercial reasons. Certainly, Swire Properties Ltd. insisted (quite rightly) that this should be so.

Did the Trustees alter the trust in 1986 to facilitate the sale of a portion of the land to Swire Property for commercial development. If so, how can one legally alter the trust? And what was the need to do something so drastic?

The Trustees applied to the court in 1986 for an order to approve a scheme to facilitate the redevelopment. They were advised by solicitors and counsel that without such an order the proposed redevelopment could not proceed. The court accepted the necessity for such an order and made an order accordingly. The order itself is a public document. I shall be happy to supply you with a copy if you would like to have one. The power of the court to make such an order derives from its jurisdiction to regulate the affairs of charitable trusts. The need for such an order was, as explained above, to turn to account in the most advantageous way the locked-in value of the site at 70 Robinson Road, for the benefit of the Charity which it is the duty of the Trustees to administer.

Why is the Community unable to see a statement of affairs of the trust or the trust financial accounts if the trust is to benefit and serve the Community?

There has been some delay in the production of financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1993. The audit certificate, given by Price Waterhouse, certified public accountants, is dated 5 September 1994. For myself, I see no reason why you should not be afforded with a copy of the financial statements, but I propose first to ask my fellow Trustees if they have any objection to my sending such a copy to you.

Did the Trustees in the last AGM say 'they supported all Jewish organizations in Hong Kong?' What is your definition of organizations and support? What is the definition of congregation or recognized congregation of the Trustees?

I do not believe the Trustees, at the last Jewish Club AGM, said anything which could have led any reasonable person to believe that they supported anything going beyond the objects of the Charity as set out above. The Trustees are, accordingly, prepared to provide and maintain 'one or more Synagogues or other places of worship or religious education with appurtenant buildings for the Jewish Community in Hong Kong'. The Trustees are satisfied that they have power to apply trust funds in support of the Ohel Leah Synagogue; of the United Jewish Congregation; and any other Synagogue or Congregation which operates under a proper constitution demonstrating that its objects are strictly charitable. They are satisfied that they cannot

support any Synagogue or Congregation without such a constitution. The Jewish Community Centre will be provided as ancillary to the Trustees' support of the Synagogues or Congregations to which I have referred.'

The Jewish Community Centre Working Group, what was the thought process behind the choices of the hand picked members? Why no Israelis? (There are some Israelis who are members of Ohel Leah).

The Trustees invited to join the Working Group what you rightly call 'hand picked members' because they regarded the persons whom they 'hand picked' as members whose abilities, and past service to the Community, would make them of particular value as advisers to the Trustees in preparing plans for the constitution and operation of the new Jewish Community Centre. The Trustees regarded the persons they selected as representing a broad cross-section of the Jewish community of Hong Kong. Members of the Jewish community of Hong Kong come from many different places. The Trustees saw no special reason to select a 'British' Jew; or a 'French' Jew or an 'American' Jew; or an 'Australian' Jew; and an 'Israeli' Jew is in no different case. I must, I think, point out again that the objects of the trust are charitable objects; these do not include the provision of a members' social club for Israelis, or for that matter anybody else.

If one wishes to be a member of the JCC but cannot afford to affiliate with a recognized Congregation what are the alternatives?

The Jewish Community Centre will (and indeed must) be constituted primarily for the benefit of members of recognized Synagogues or Congregations. The Trustees do recognize that some members of the Jewish Community of Hong Kong will not affiliate with a recognized Synagogue or Congregation. The Trustees also appreciate that the Jewish Community Centre should make welcome Jewish visitors to Hong Kong who are not members of the Jewish Community of Hong Kong. The Trustees have decided to refer these matters to the Working Group to consider and advise the Trustees how best to cater for these (small) minorities. Certainly, the situation will be totally different from that which currently prevails in the Jewish Club. In particular, the Trustees have resolved that the food and beverage facilities offered in the Jewish Community Centre must be self-supporting. The Trustees have power, as I have explained, to apply trust funds only for charitable objects; these do not include the subsidizing of a loss-making food and beverage operation.

You say in your letter that you 'would be delighted if Chabad and Darwish could be recognized as well'. So would I. If, 'Chabad' and 'Darwish' apply for recognition, and satisfy the Trustees that they operate a Synagogue or Congregation under some proper form of constitution, the Trustees would have no difficulty with this. But, 'Chabad' has repeatedly told the Trustees that it has no members and 'Darwish' has not responded to the overtures which the Trustees have made. The door remains open.

You refer to the name which the 'United Jewish Congregation' has chosen for itself. You suggest that labels are 'important to everyone'. They are not important to the Trustees. The Trustees appreciate that there are some who do object to the name by which the UJC has chosen to describe itself and for my part I do understand this. But why anybody should consider it to be important is beyond me.

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US\$1000 scholarship offered to attend convention *Meeting to plan Hadassah chapter set for March 28*

We had the pleasure of meeting Carolyn Green of Hadassah International when she visited Hong Kong. She left us lots of information along with two videos titled 'The Work Of My Hands' and 'Maternity Pavilion Bundle of Joy Campaign' which both outline the incredible work Hadassah is involved in.

We have planned an evening to view these videos and discuss our formation of the first Asian chapter of Hadassah International. The meeting will be held at The Jewish Club, Melbourne Plaza, on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 P.M. Both men and women are invited to attend and become members. For further information please contact Diana Bennet-Satok at 2987-0503, Sharon Fine at 2987-9159, or Nancy Baker-Halpern at 2803-1248. We look forward to seeing you there.

Hadassah International is having their Ninth Annual Congress in Montreal, Canada from April 30 to May 3. The Tannenbaum Endowment Fund provides scholarships in the amount of US\$1000.00 each to make it possible for young leaders to attend (25 to 40 years-old of age, male or female). If interested, please get in touch with Diana Bennett-Satok as soon as possible.

■ Diana Bennett-Satok

Trustee Replies (continued from page 11)

If Chabad supplied a list of names of people who agree to be considered as members of Hong Kong Chabad, would this be satisfactory or are you looking for something more substantial?

We are looking for something more substantial. We can support Synagogues, or, which in my opinion amounts to the same thing, Congregations. But in order to be a 'Congregation' for this purpose, you need to have some sort of constitution under which the 'membership' is constituted and a secretary or someone similar is appointed who can certify that any given person (in respect of whom a capitation fee will have to be paid to the J.C.C.) is a member of the 'Congregation'. The 'membership' under such a constitution will be eligible for membership of the J.C.C. In the absence of any such constitution, it would be impossible to ascertain whether any given person was or was not a member of the 'Congregation' in question.

Will the J.C.C. have a restaurant similar to the King David or will it only have a sandwich and snacks shop?

The J.C.C. is laid out so as to provide if desired restaurant facilities similar to those provided in the Jewish Club's temporary premises at Melbourne Plaza. But since the Trustees have to ensure that these facilities are self-supporting (as distinct from being subsidized by the Trustees) the Trustees will need to be satisfied in this connection before allowing the present facilities, consisting of the 'King David' restaurant and a separate 'coffee shop', to be replicated in the new premises. The preliminary working group appointed to advise the Trustees in connection with the establishment of the new J.C.C. will assist the Trustees in deciding just what food and beverage facilities ought to be provided in the J.C.C. There will, of course, be constraints; the most important of these will be that the facilities must be Kosher and that they must be self-supporting.

Trustees Name Administrator

The Incorporated Trustees of the Jewish Community of Hong Kong are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. David J. Lees as Trust Administrator. Mr. Lees, 46, has extensive experience in trust management having spent 11 years with Hong Kong Bank Trustee Ltd. overseeing domestic and international trust assets. Prior to joining Hong Kong Bank Trustee Ltd., Mr. Lees worked for Royal Trust Company of Canada in their London office as Trust Account Officer and for the accounting firm of Stoy Hayward and Co. as Trust Accountant.

In view of the increasing workload faced by the Trustees, the services of Price Waterhouse Executive Recruitment Services were employed in late 1994 to carry out an extensive search for a suitable Trust Administrator.

Mr. Lees will assist the Trustees in managing trust assets and help identify and monitor the various institutions to which the Trust will endow funds.

JHS submits plan, will propose budget

Working Group, Trustees Support Library Proposal

If all goes according to plan, users of the new Jewish Community Centre will be able to access the entire Soncino Talmud and encyclopedia on computers equipped with CD-Rom, participate in vibrant discussions of Jewish history, theology, politics and philosophy on Internet, or just sink into a large, overstuffed chair with a book chosen from a comprehensive Judaica collection.

The Trustees and 7-member JCC Working Group have endorsed a proposal by the Jewish Historical Society of Hong Kong (JHS) that will create a professionally-managed, well-lit, smoke-free facility that can be used for study by both children and adults. As written by Ms Tamar Shay, Director of Special Projects for the JHS, the submission also calls for improved systems for security and control, a wide selection of international newspapers, magazines and journals, a comprehensive video library of Jewish feature and educational films and a place for the Sino-Judaic archives.

'A library is the pride and treasure of a Jewish home,' Ms Shay wrote in her proposal. 'It reflects the importance placed on the Jewish intellectual inheritance of education and debate. The upcoming move of the existing collection to the premises of the Jewish Community Centre and the prospect of proper funding provides a unique opportunity to build on a vision of a library that serves the needs of the adults and children of the Jewish community of Hong Kong for many years to come.'

The Working Group, in coordination with the Trustees, has asked the JHS to submit a budget and has agreed to work closely with Mr. Dennis Leventhal, JHS chairman, and Ms Shay.

Help collect, give others a break

We are in need of help to collect for our Shabbat Buffet after services on Friday nights. We can rotate this job so all of us can enjoy dinner. Please contact Sarah at UJC office 2523-2985 or fax 2523-3961. Thank you, from Sharon Fine and Diana Bennett-Satok.



**Neal and Jane
Get Married**

Mazel Tov!

Neal and Jane Horowitz, on their marriage
Tilman Bender and Debbie Long on their marriage
Fiona Connell and Ben Frankel on the birth of their daughter, Hara
Phyllis and Glen Gerstell on the birth of their son, Jonathan
April and Peter Kaminsky on the birth of a son

Thanks!

Jeff and Nancy Halpern for their donation to *Hannukat Habagit*
Charles Monat and Bob Green for co-sponsoring the UJC's first
 Saturday Shabbat service at the HK Yacht Club
Paul and Cindy Theil, for their contribution to the expenses of Hebrew
 tutoring
Susan Millodot for providing candles and candleholders for Shabbat
 services at the Ladies Recreation Club
Ben Frankel, for the many hours spent in helping write and revise the new
 Jewish Community Centre constitution and for the brilliant work he
 produced in this and other position papers written on behalf of The UJC
Elaine Marden, Mollie Blaum-Sherbin, and Ann Friedman for donating
 baby clothes and equipment
Dianne and Leonard Patsiner for their contribution to the Rabbi's Dis-
 cretionary Fund in honor of the birthdays of their daughter-in-law
 Lucinda and Leonard's mother Rose.
Mollie and Robert Sherbin for their donation to the General Fund on the
 occasion of Grace Green's and Sharon Fine's birthday
Charles Monat and Robert Meyer for the use of their conference rooms
Rabbi and Barbara Kosovske for the use of their apartment for meetings
Mel and Paulette Bazerman; Ed Hoffman; Dan Kirwin; Elane, Joe and
Alexis Fine; Pat and Bernard Alter; Mel and Diana Satok, and Lois
Shulman on for their work on the Basketball and Bagels event.

Speedy Recovery

Barbara Holbert, Ann Friedman, and Jason Kasten

Condolences

Robin Kaptzan on the death of her father David George Gerofsky

Prayerbook Bookplate Fund

Al Fine in memory of his parents
Clare Ray in memory of her grandparents, in celebration of Rebecca's
 adoption anniversary, in celebration of 'Five cancer recover', in cele-
 bration of her mother's 75th birthday, Sybil Baker
Susan Millodot in memory of her mother, Dorothy Elliott
Leonard Patsiner in memory of his father, Benjamin, on the anniversary of
 his death

UJC Funds

There are many wonderful ways to honor, thank, and/or memorialize friends and loved ones in our tradition. One special way is to make a donation to one of the UJC Funds. There are the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund which is used by the Rabbi to subvent program expenses and help those who may need financial support to participate in a program; the Services Fund to help defray the expenses of renting function rooms for Shabbat and Holiday services; the Prayerbook Bookplate Fund which enables you to dedicate a prayerbook to a special person or event; the Rabbi's Fund and The UJC General Fund. Each of these funds have specific purposes which in the main help our Congregation with its expenses. Please consider a donation to a UJC Fund as a beautiful tribute to someone or something special.

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PESACH

You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day throughout the generations as an institution for all time. In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

—EXODUS 12:17-18

You shall observe this as an institution for all time, for you and your descendants.... And when your children ask you, "What do you mean by this rite?" You shall say, "It is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, because God passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and smote the Egyptians, but saved our houses."

—EXODUS 12:24, 2-27

You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread eating unleavened bread for seven days as I have commanded you—at the set time of the month of Aviv, for in the month of Aviv you went forth from Egypt.

—EXODUS 34:18

Join the UJC Family Seder for Passover

conducted by Rabbi Howard A. Kosovske

Friday, April 14, 6:00 P.M.

Marina Rooms, 2nd floor

The Excelsior Hotel

Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Members: adults, \$350.00; children 4 — 11, \$250.00; toddlers 1 — 3, free

Non-members: adults, \$450.00; children, \$350.00, toddlers, \$100.00

Inclusive of wine and grape juice. Cash bar available for soft drinks and other beverages. Families with infants up to 12 months are asked to provide their own infant seating.

Parking available at the World Trade Centre next to Excelsior.

Please call Sarah Millard at 2523-2985 if you have special dietary requirements or any questions.

The office also needs to know if you can bring your family Seder Plate, Elijah Cup and Matzoh cover. Please clearly label these items and plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early so they can be properly placed on the tables prior to the start of the Seder.

Seating is limited. Please book early.

MAIL to The UJC, GPO Box 5259, Hong Kong and send by Thursday, April 6. Reservations must be accompanied by a check.

Name _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____

Members

Non-members

_____ adults at \$350.00 = \$ _____

_____ adults at \$450.00 = \$ _____

_____ children at \$250.00 = \$ _____

_____ children at \$350.00 = \$ _____

_____ toddlers at \$100.00 = \$ _____

I(we) have enclosed a check for \$ _____ made payable to the United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong.

My (our) group includes _____ adults and _____ children for a total of _____ people.

Our names are (please indicate childrens' birthdates) _____

I/we would like to sit with _____

I will bring a Seder plate _____, matzoh plate _____ and/or Elijah's Cup _____

Reservations accepted on first-come, first serve basis.

Calendar: March/April, 1995

- Friday, March 10, 6:45 P.M.**
Shabbat Family Service
- Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 P.M.**
Adult & Children B'Nai Mitzvah Class
Diamond Exchange Building
- Wednesday, March 15, 6:45 P.M.**
Adult Megillah Reading
Ladies Recreation Club
- Thursday, March 16, 7:30 P.M.**
Film fest '95 (see page 3)
Fleet Arcades, Fenwick Pier
- Friday, March 17, 6:45 P.M.**
Shabbat Family Service
- Saturday, March 18, 4:00 P.M.**
Purim Party
Hong Kong Country Club
- Monday, March 20, 8:00 P.M.**
Rabbi's Outreach Meeting
Rabbi's apartment
- Tuesday, March 21, 12:40 P.M.**
Brown Bag with the Rabbi
- Tuesday, March 21, 4:00 P.M.**
B'Nai Mitzvah Class
Rabbi's apartment
- Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 P.M.**
Introduction to Judaism
- Thursday, March 23, 3:30 P.M.**
Yad B'Yad
Bamboo Grove, Kennedy Rd.
Ann Friedman (2813-8121) for details
- Thursday, March 23 7:30 P.M.**
Film fest '95 (see page 3)
Fleet Arcades, Fenwick Pier
- Friday, March 24, 6:45 P.M.**
Shabbat Family Service
Guest speaker: Heinze Klatte
- Saturday, March 25, 10:00 A.M.**
Shabbat Service
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
- Saturday, March 25, 7:30 P.M.**
First Nighters
(Rabbi and Mrs. Kosovske's apartment)
- Monday, March 27, 6:45 P.M.**
New Member Reception
The American Club
- Sunday, March 26, 11:00 A.M.**
Lox and Bagel Breakfast
Guest speaker: Terry Paule
USA Deli
- Tuesday, March 28, 12:40 P.M.**
Brown Bag with the Rabbi
- Tuesday, March 28, 4:00 P.M.**
B'Nai Mitzvah Class
Rabbi's apartment, Repulse Bay
- Tuesday, March 29, 8:00 P.M.**
Hadassah meeting
Jewish Club
- Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 P.M.**
Introduction to Judaism
- Thursday, March 30 7:30 P.M.**
Film fest '95 (see page 3)
Fleet Arcades
- Friday, March 31, 6:45 P.M.**
Shabbat Family Service
Services conducted by Temple Youth Group
- Sunday, April 1, 11:00 A.M.**
Tot Shabbat
Royal Cliff Dance Studio
park at 28 Bellevue Drive
Ann Friedman (2813-8121) for details
- Tuesday, April 4, 12:40 P.M.**
Brown Bag with the Rabbi
- Tuesday, April 4, 4:00 P.M.**
B'Nai Mitzvah Class
Rabbi's apartment, Repulse Bay
- Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 P.M.**
Musical Evening (Moroccan Night)
Shalom Grill, 2/f Fortune House,
61 Connaught Road, Central
- Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 P.M.**
Introduction to Judaism
- Thursday, April 6, 8:00 P.M.**
Rabbi's Adult Pesach Workshop
34 Horizon Drive, Chung Hom Kok
(home of Seth Maerowitz, Ann Friedman)
- Friday, April 7, 6:45 P.M.**
Shabbat Family Service
- Sunday, April 9, 11:00 A.M.**
Lox and Bagel Forum
Guest speaker: to be announced
USA Deli
- Tuesday, April 11, 12:40 P.M.**
Brown Bag with the Rabbi
- Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 P.M.**
Adult & Childrens B'Nai Mitzvah Class
6/f Diamond Exchange Building
- Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 P.M.**
Introduction to Judaism
- Friday, April 14, 6:00 P.M.**
Passover Seder
Marina Rooms, Excelsior Hotel, RSVP
- Tuesday, April 18, 12:40 P.M.**
Brown Bag with the Rabbi
- Tuesday, April 18, 4:00 P.M.**
B'Nai Mitzvah Class
Rabbi's apartment, Repulse Bay
- Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 P.M.**
Introduction to Judaism
- Thursday, April 20, 8:00 P.M.**
Rabbi's Outreach Meeting
Rabbi's apartment, Repulse Bay
- Friday, April 21, 6:45 P.M.**
Shabbat Family Service

- Saturday, April 22, 10:00 A.M.**
Shabbat Service
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
- Monday, April 24**
'Making Sure Your Children Succeed'
program led by the Rabbi
time and venue to be announced
- Tuesday, April 25, 12:40 P.M.**
Brown Bag with the Rabbi
Dina House, Central District
- Tuesday, April 25, 4:00 P.M.**
B'Nai Mitzvah Class
Rabbi's apartment, Repulse Bay
- Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 P.M.**
Introduction to Judaism
- Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 P.M.**
Introduction to Judaism class attends Ha-sho'ah service; details to be announced
- Friday, April 28, 6:45 P.M.**
Shabbat Family Service
- Saturday, March 25, 7:30 P.M.**
First Nighters
(venue to be announced)

Venues

- Friday night services (weekly)*
The American Club
Kam Shan Room, 49/f,
Exchange Square II, Central District
- Sat. morning services (monthly)*
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
- Brown Bag with the Rabbi*
702 Dina House
Rutonjee Center,
11 Duddell Street, Central District
(office of Charles Monat)
- Introduction to Judaism*
6/F, Diamond Exchange Bldg.
8 Duddell St., Central District
(office of Robert Meyer)
- Lox and Bagel Forums*
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8-12 Hennessy Toad, Wanchai, HK
- Ladies Recreation Club**
10 Old Peak Road, Mid-Levels
- The Jewish Club**
Melbourne Plaza, 4th floor
Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
- Fleet Arcades**
Fenwick Pier, Wanchai, HK
- Rabbi's Apartment**
1/f Repulse Bay Garden
28 Bellevue Dr., Repulse Bay, HK

