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Trustees Announce 'Community' (Ohel Leah, UJC) Free Membership Plan for New Robinson Road Jewish Centre All members to enjoy right to vote, serve on management committee

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The Incorporated Trustees of the Jewish Community of Hong Kong have declared their intention to create 'an entirely new institution' at the site of the old Jewish Recreation Club on Robinson Road at which all UJC and Ohel Leah members will enjoy free membership and the right to vote. The new 40,000 square-foot Jewish Community Centre (JCC) is expected to open mid-1995 as part of a twintower, 43-story apartment complex.

In an announcement to the community, the Trustees said 'The new JCC will be for the benefit of all members of the Community' and 'will have nothing to do with the former Jewish Club [now in Melbourne Plaza]. 'There will be no membership fees payable directly to the JCC; instead, the recognized Congregations will be responsible for paying capitation fees [a per person fee] for their members.

A new constitution being drafted by the Trustees would make all members of the Jewish Community, as defined by the Trustees, members of the JCC. "When we speak of the 'Community'", the announcement said, 'we mean all Jews living in Hong Kong who or whose families belong to the Ohel Leah Synagogue or the United Jewish Congregation. There may be other Synagogues or Congregations in existence with properly constituted membership lists which we will wish to recognize and others to be added to the list in the future.'

The Trustees said that under the new constitution, all members of the Centre will be eligible to vote and serve on the Committee that manages the Centre.

A seven-member working group named by the Trustees and headed by Trustee Robert Dorfman will consider the proposed constitution, arrange for the election of the first JCC Committee, assist in transitional arrangements, and liaise with Clive Lawton (Executive Director of Jewish Continuity of the U.K.) to hire a program director. The Committee will be responsible for day-to-day running of

all activities except for 'the School [Carmel School] Premises, or the Auditorium, which will be managed by the Trustees.' Mr. Dorfman said those named to the working group were intended to represent the various Jewish religious and institutional interests in the Community.

The Trustees said they envisioned the Centre would be 'buzzing with a variety of activities to suit the varied tastes of all its members both young and old.' In addition to a kosher restaurant, the new facility will have squash courts, gym, swimming pool, and all-purpose sports hall. Also as part of the deal with Swire Properties to redevelop the 70 Robinson Road site, the Community gets 33 apartments and a 'super-profit' estimated

by some at over US\$100 million as a share of sales revenues from over 600 of the apartments.

UJC members welcomed the announcement. Chairman Bob Green expressed the hope that the plan 'would help level the playing field,' pointing out that at present, only Jewish Club members who are also members of Ohel Leah Synagogue can vote and serve in a policymaking role.

The Trustees declared their intentions at the June 1993 AGM of the Jewish Club to create a JCC separate from Ohel Leah Synagogue that would 'serve the educational, social and religious needs of all our [Community] members. They voiced similar intentions at the 1994 AGM.

Welcome New Members

Kurt Berney (USA) Elan Cohen (USA) George and Miriam Bloch, British Kenneth and Elyce Fleisher & Jordan, 13 (USA) Opher Elia-Shaul (British/Israeli) David Faktor (British) Scott and Rosanna Felder (USA) Eric Goldman Daniel Kirwin (USA) Daniel Krassenstein (USA) Seth Lazarus Ionathan Meyers (USA) Bernard & Ruth Miller (USA) Jeff Pepper Marc Rogoff & Aaron, 6 (USA) Philip Segal (Canada) Matthew Temple (USA) Ellen Yachin (USA) Wendy Zaman (USA)

from Rabbi Kosovske's study . . .

How to make Chanukkah fun, beautiful, and totally Jewish

We have all heard it said that Chanukkah is a 'minor festival,' and it is. But what that means only is that Chanukah is not a Biblical festival, and we do not take days off from school or work to observe it. It does not mean that it is an unimportant festival. Chanukkah is the festival which celebrates the Macabbean victory in the revolt against the Syrian Greeks in a fight over whether we we going to be Jews or Greeks. As such, Chanukkah ends up as the celebration of our being who we are, and that is very important indeed.

Without our trying to turn Chanukkah into a celebration that looks like a certain celebration of our non-Jewish neighbors at this time of year, Chanukkah has some wonderful Jewish observances. Unlike some other festivals, the traditions of Chanukkah are relatively easy to observe. Therefore, to help you become conversant with some of those observances, I am encapsulating for you the things you need to know to make your Chanukkah celebrating

fun, beautiful, and totally Jewish.

Because Judaism views all of us as being included in the miracle of Chanukkah, every person in the house should have his/her own chanukkiah (a chanukkiah is the proper name for a Chanukkah menorah). However, if there is only one chanukkiah for the household, everyone's lighting it together fulfills the obligation that each of us has to kindle Chanukkah lights. (It provides a nice feeling when each person has his/her own chanukkiah. Therefore, something worth doing over a period of years is to develop a family chanukkiah collection. A particularly moving thing to do is to acquire a chanukkiah for each child before Chanukkah during the first year of the child's life. That way the child will grow up participating in the miracle.)

A proper *chanukkiah* will have a place for eight lights plus an additional place for the *shammash* (servant light). The places for the eight lights will all be at the same level. If the place for the *shammash* is off to the side and on the same level, however, that is okay. A proper *chanukkiah* may either be made for use with wicks and oil, or for use with candles. Some *chanukkiot* that use wicks and oil for the eight lights use a candle for the *shammash*. An electric *chanukkiah* may serve as a decoration only. It may not be used to fulfill the mitzvah of lighting Chanukkah lights.

The wicks and oils and/or candles must be of sufficient quality and quantity to burn for a minimum of a half-hour.

The Talmud teaches us that we are supposed to publicize the miracle of Chanukkah. Therefore, in normal times and situations, the most correct location for your *chanukkiot* is where they will be visible to passersby outside of the house while they are burning.

We light one light in each of our *chanukkiot* the first night, two the second, three the third, and so on. This,

each night, is in addition to the shammash.

When we load a *chanukkiah*, we place a candle (or oil and wick) in the right-most position of the *chanukkiah* on the first night of Chanukkah. On the second night, we add a light to its left. On the third night, we add a light to the left of that, and so on. In other words, we load the *shammash*.

When we light the *chanukkiah*, we light the newest light first and work our way toward the oldest light. In other words, we light the *chanukkiah* from left to right.

Our tradition is to use a new *shammash* each night and let it burn down completely with the other lights.

After you load the *chanukkiah* kindle it in this manner: Light the *shammash*.

Say these blessings:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גַר שֶׁל חֲנָכָּה.

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melekh ha'olam asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel chanukkah.

You are blessed, our Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe! You have made us holy by Your *mitzvot*, commanding us to light the Chanukkah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׁה נְסִים

לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וּלְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֶם בַּזְמֵן הַזֶּה.

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melekh ha'olam she'asa nissim lavoteinu ul'imoteinu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh.

You are blessed, our Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe! You performed miracles for our ancestors at this season in ancient days.

(On the first night, also add:)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶּדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֵיֵנוּ וְקִיְמֶנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמֵן הַזֶּה.

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melekh ha'olam shehecheyanu v'kiyyemanu v'higgianu lazman hazeh.

You are blessed, our Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe! You have given us life. You have kept us alive that we might live to this time.

Take the *shammash* and light the lights with it.

Replace the *shammash* in its proper place in the *chanukkiah*.

The light from the *chanukkiah* may not be used for any utilitarian purpose save the enjoyment of looking at the light.

The time for lighting the *chanukkiah* is as close to nightfall as possible.

On Friday night, we kindle the *chanukkiah* before we

light Shabbat candles.
On Saturday night, we kindle the *chanukkiah* after we

recite Havdalah.

While the Chanukkah lights are burning, the tradition is to do no work in the house. A wonderful activity therefore is to exchange Chanukkah gifts, sing Chanukkah songs, and play Chanukkah games such as *dreidel*.

The first light of Chanukkah is kindled on Sunday, No-

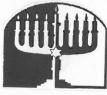
vember 27, 1994.

Barbara and I wish you a happy Chanukkah. May our festival signal a time which, as the song, *Ma'oz Tzur*, goes in English, 'will see all men free, tyrants disappearing . . .'

L'shalom.

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Howard A. Kosovske Rabbi



Coming Events



'Shedding Light' Chanukkah Class

UJC members who want to know more about the Chanukkah will learn from Rabbi Kosovske the real meaning of this important festival and how we incorporate it into our celebration. As parents, how do we convey it to our children? This adult education class is called, most appropriately, 'Chanukkah: Shedding Light on Hidden Darkness.'

Monday, November 21, 8:15 P.M.

Borrett Mansion, 8/f

8A Bowen Road (home of Robert Meyer)

'Hand in Hand' **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. It's a chance to do something Jewish together in a way that is meaningful for both parent and child. The group meets on Thursday afternoons. For more information, call Sharon Yoel at 537-5193.

Thursday December 1, 15, 3:30 P.M. Function Room, Bamboo Grove
82 Kennedy Road, Mid-Levels



'Let Freedom Ring' Thanksgiving Observance

For the second straight year, The UJC teams up with the congregation of Union Church for a special Thanksgiving observance. present last year will recall it as an extremely impressive, moving event. This year, with the participation of professional musicians and a stirring, dramatic presentation directed by Karen Rushfield, the program should be even more memorable. The UJC has helped create a wonderful tradition of joining together for a time of reflection and celebration with other members of the Hong Kong religious community. You will not want to miss this this experience.

As Rabbi Kosovske has written, 'With many things to be thankful for, we gather to ponder what we have and at the same time give voice to our longings for the values we hope yet will reign supreme throughout the world.'

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 P.M.

Union Church

22A Kennedy Rd., Mid-Levels



'Together' **B'Yachad**

On these Shabbat occasions, our 6 to 11-year-olds gather together with their parents and Rabbi Kosovske for learning and sharing experiences relating to the Jewish holidays and festivals. The November meeting will center on Chanukah which starts just a day-and-a-half later. It promises to be a family education experience not to be missed.

Saturday, November 26,10:00 A.M. Ladies Recreation Club 10 Old Peak Road, Mid-Levels



First Nighters 'Jewish Hams'

Share the fun of reading, exploring and discussing Jewish-theme plays. Participate as a reader/actor or audience in creative and stimulating First Nighter social evenings.

First Nighter evenings will begin with the warmth of the Havdalah ceremony as we bid Shabbat farewell and welcome the first night of the new week. After each play, Rabbi Howard Kosovske will lead the group in a brief discussion of its Jewish theme.

The plays we will read (or read from) are *Diary of Anne Frank, JB, The Dybbuk,* and *Edith Stein.* Plan to join your friends off-Broadway for this Saturday series.

January 14, February 11, March 11, April 29

(times and places to be announced)

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbats are special Shabbats with stories, songs, arts and crafts, dance and Torah. The focus is on creating a 'together' celebration, and what we do will be moving for everyone.

Saturday, December 10,10:00 A.M. Ladies Recreation Club

10 Old Peak Road, Mid-Levels



Text in Full of Trustees' Announcement

The Trustees have been working for some time on the arrangements for the new Jewish Community Centre. Now that these are firming up, we want to inform the Community about our plans. I must explain at the outset that, when we speak of the 'Community', we mean all Jews living in Hong Kong who or whose families belong to the Ohel Leah Synagogue or the United Jewish Congregation. There may be other Synagogues or Congregations in existence with properly constituted membership lists which we will wish to recognize and others to be added to the list in the future.

The new JCC will be for the benefit of all members of the Community as defined above. It will be an entirely new institution, and will have nothing to do with the former Jewish Club. which the Trustees will cease to support once the new JCC is open and the premises presently occupied by the Jewish Club under license from the Trustees have been vacated. We are preparing a draft constitution for the new JCC. The basis for this constitution is that all members of the Community will be members of the JCC. There will be no membership fees payable directly to the JCC; instead, the recognized Congregations will be responsible for paying capitation fees for their members. (We know that some Jews living in Hong Kong are not members of any Congregation and so we have allowed for a small number of such people to use the JCC by paying a direct entrance fee and monthly dues; but these people will never exceed more than five percent of the whole, and will not have the rights of members.

We envision that the JCC will be a place buzzing with a variety of activities to suit the varied tastes of all its members both young and old. It will employ a Programme Director to arrange these activities. The activities will be the main focus of the JCC; and Kosher food and beverage facilities will be available in support of those attending the JCC and its activities.

As we have previously indicated we would do, we are putting in place a small working group to assist the Trustees with the interim arrangements between now and the time when the first AGM of the JCC is held. We have invited a number of persons to be part of this group and they have all indicated their willingness to take part. This group will succeed the current redevelopment and constitution committees of the

Jewish Club's General Committee in advising and assisting the Trustees. Its membership and terms of reference will be as set out in the Appendix to this announcement.

Once we move to the JCC, arrangements will be made for election to the first elected JCC Committee. All members of the JCC will be eligible to stand and to vote. The JCC Committee will be responsible for the day to day running of all the activities which take place on the premises of the JCC. The premises will not include the School Premises, or the Auditorium, which will be managed by the Trustees.

We have put in place new arrangements for the running of the Ohel Leah Synagogue, which is now managed by Wardens appointed by the Trustees. We have decided that, in future, members of the Ohel Leah Synagogue will have the right to elect two of the Wardens. We are still considering the best way to deal with day to day running of the Ezekiel Abraham School.

Appendix

Jewish Community Centre Working Group

Membership

- (1) Robert Dorfman (Trustee) to act as Chairman of the Working Group
- (2) Stuart Cotsen (Chairman of present Jewish Club; member, Ohel Leah Synagogue; Chabad links)
- (3) Ivan Greenstein (Carmel School; Chabad links);
- (4) Clive Grossman, Q.C. (member, Ohel Leah Synagogue; long-time HK resident)
- (5) Anne Godfrey (past Chairman, Jewish Club and JWA);
 - (6) Bob Green (Chairman, UJC)
- (7) Phyllis Gerstell (member, UJC; secretary Jewish Club, general committee; past secretary, JWA) to act as Secretary to the Working Group

Terms of reference

- (1) To consider the proposed Constitution for the JCC;
- (2) To make arrangements for the first meeting of members of the JCC and for the first elections to its board of management;
- (3) To make transitional arrangements for the winding-up of the Jewish Club and the transfer of the functions of its committee to the new board of management;
 - (4) To prepare a job description for



Community 'One-Roof' Event Jewish Club Plans Weekend Teen Meet

The Jewish Club has invited all Jewish teenagers in Hong Kong to get together 'under one roof' for 'an experience they will never forget.'

The first-ever Youth Shabbaton, planned for the weekend of November 25-27, includes 'exciting programs and special trips,' according to organizers. The events include Shabbat, Havdalah, and Chanukah menorah lighting services, meals at the Jewish Club, games, debates, an outing to the New Territories, bowling, a picnic, sports activities, etc.

Community members in the mid-levels have opened their homes for the teenagers to say in over the weekend. 'This will give the participants a chance to meet other Jewish teenagers of their own age,'according to an announcement of the event. The organizers are hoping 'to bring together all the Jewish teenagers in Hong Kong under one roof.'

The event begins Friday, November 25 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jewish Club. The sign-up deadline is Monday, November 21. All bookings must be made directly through the Jewish Club. For further information, call Issac Kamhin (545-5255 or 521-1433), Michelle Yarrow (572-5294) or Rochel-Dina Feuerstein (801-5440).



the new JCC programme director and liaise with Clive Lawton over recruitment of the director (and any interim or ancillary staff);

(5) To consider such other matters as may be referred by the Trustees for consideration by the Working Group at 70 Robinson Road.

Make the Connection



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'... the truth sought by the Sages was not conceived as an end in itself. It was always intended to lead, directly or indirectly, to a way, to a course of action... Their striving for holiness and their sense of the imperative to which man is born made it impossible for them to conceive of the world of ide-

autonomous...

'There can be little doubt that teachings such as these had a very real impact on life and religion in the troubled times when they were spoken. They must have been particularly meaningful in ameliorating the social problems of people in distress.'

as as something abstract,

The Jews in Their Land in the Talmudic Age, Gershon Levi, Harvard University Press, 1989 at The Third Annual

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'The commandments of Scripture and tradition, ethical and social, as wel as ceremonial, are not to be adopted blindly. They must be considered thoughtfully and reverently. Only on the basis c genuine understanding can the individual make the decision as to which of the commandments he can and should obey, which should be modified, and which he may (or even should) discard. In arriving at such judgments, he may well be guided by the opinion of informed and committed members of his own religious community, and he will not lightly disregard the consensus. But, as a free person, he must assume the responsibility of the ultimate choice.'

Bernard Bamberger, 'The Stat of Jewish Belief,' Commentary, August 1966

includes overnight lodging; dinner, breakfast, and lunch; and study and discussion sessions

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Children's Education Options Widen Calling all 2-4 Year-Olds

On Thursday, November 3, we had the first meeting of our Children/Parent Play group, Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand). There was music with Gali Sagi, a story with Rabbi Kosovske, arts and crafts and fun for all who attended. We meet in the function room at Bamboo Grove on Kennedy Road from 3:30 - 5:00 P.M. on alternate Thursdays. Our next activities will include Preparing for Chanukah and a Chanukah Party. If you have a two, three or four-year old and are looking for an enjoyable time with some Jewish learning thrown in, please contact Ann Friedman at 813-8121 and JOIN US!

■ Elane Fine

Opening Doors

Rabbi Kosovske hosted an information evening last month with Mrs. Hanni Lopin, principal of the Ezekiel Abraham School. Parents of children 5 — 12 were encouraged to meet Mrs. Lopin and find out about the school. Ezekiel Abraham is a Jewish Community School which now has approximately 16 UJC members enrolled.

The Education Committee encourages anyone who wishes to further their children's Jewish education to consider this option. We will be informing you of events and open houses at the school and familiarize you with the curriculum. For further information about the school or B'yachad (Together) for children in this age group, please contact Rabbi Kosovske or Ben Frankel at 592-9080.

Temple Youth Group Formed

It's official! The UJC has a newly-formed Youth Group. We met for the first time last month to discuss plans for the year. The main thing we want to focus on is establishing a Southeast Asian Youth Group. We are starting to make contacts and hope to communicate with Jewish teenagers in several countries and hopefully meet them here in Hong Kong in the spring.

In the meantime, we plan to do some fun things like a Mystery Boat Ride on November 20, some service things like helping Sarah Millard at the UJC office, and some religious things like writing and planning a Shabbat service. We want and need every teenager in the community to join us. If you want to talk about it, please call me, Alexis

Fine at 813-7816.

Alexis Fine

UJC to Distribute Donor's Toys

The UJC has received nine big boxes of new toys from member Barry Shapiro. The toys will be given to children attending The UJC's Chanukah party, Carmel School, and various Hong Kong charities. Members Ann Friedman and Amy Meyer are handling the distribution. They will also coordinate with Asian Express, an organization that provides toys at Christmas to needy children. Members who would like to donate toys for distribution to charities or otherwise participate may call Ann Friedman at 813-8121.

Chinese convinced we have the 'secret'

China, Israel to Strengthen Links

The president of Tel Aviv University, Professor Yoram Dinstein, has told Hong Kong's Jewish Community of plans to to set up a Center for Asian Studies in Israel. At a lunch hosted by George Bloch at the Jewish Club, he expressed his thanks to Mr. Bloch for his help in the project.

Also present and travelling with the President to China was the University's vice-president Col. Yohiel Ben-Zvi. The two were scheduled to meet university leaders in Beijing and Guangzhou. There are plans for a similar mission

to Shanghai next year.

Noting common interests, the professor spoke of plans to bring China and Israel closer together in the cultural and intellectual fields, Both countries recognized the importance of human resources and both had a diaspora consisting of millions of people scattered around the world. The two countries shared this problem of 'shaping that delicate dilemma,' he said. Another of China's main concerns is educating the masses, he noted, an area in which China felt Israel could be of great help. Like Israel, China has Moslem countries on its borders and is concerned about Islamic fundamentalism. The Chinese also recognize Israelis as experts on this subject, he said, and were eager to learn from them.

'The Chinese also have this myth that Jews are good at making money and can teach them how,' Professor Dinstein said. 'They think we have this secret written down someplace, probably on parchment, and have buried it some place, perhaps a cave in Jerusalem.' Rabbi Shmuel Lopin immediately asked 'How did they

Reviewing goals, interests and concerns shared by the two countries, the president said China had more in common with Israel than with the U.S. and even trusted Israel more.

He said China respected Israel's achievements. The professor told how Israel's intellectual richness had resulted in a number of significant scientific advances including the invention of the Intel computer chip and ultra-sound scanner. Although Israel invented these things, he said, they were produced elsewhere given the country's limited resources. The Intel chip, for example, was developed in California's Silicon Valley. Although Moses brought Israel to a land of milk and honey,' the president said, 'there was no coal or oil. No wonder the Israelites refused to follow him.

Professor Helps China with Eye Care

UJC member Michel Millodot, Professor and Head of Department of Optometry and Radiography at Hong Kong Polytechnic, has met with China's Minister of Health to discuss ways of improving eye care in China and training more practitioners, especially optometrists. Also present were the heads of the top medical universities of Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, and Tianjin. Professor Millodot travelled to Beijing as part of a ten-member International Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Health of the PRC.

Professor MIllodot told The Shofar that in some ways the trip was a disappointment. 'We felt a fair amount of political manoeuvring was unfolding. I felt that the model of Hong Kong did not appear to interest them and that in fact, each medical university appeared to spend time trying to outshine the others.' Nevertheless, he said, 'everyone agreed that the need for eye care is tremendous.'

The delegation and conference, supported by Johnson and Johnson, included, in addition to Professor Millodot, American and Australian academics. The objective is to implement, within two years, a comprehensive and official

program for training eye practitioners.



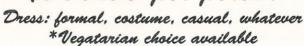
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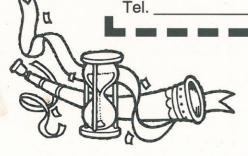
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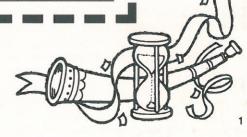
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Mazel Tov!

Keith and Ilran Jacobson on the birth of their daughter Sarah Barry Shapiro and Karen Hirsch on their marriage Jeremy Leifer on being named a partner at Richards Butler

Thanks!

Barry Shapiro for his generous donation of toys

Sonia Park, Amy Meyer, Naomi Mandel, Clare Ray for helping with

Rebecca Haase and Diana Satok for helping produce the membership directory

Ann Friedman, Ben Frankel, Amy Meyer, Marlene Gold for organizing the Chanukah party

Neal Horwitz, Sharon Yoel, Ben Frankel, Al Fine, Dennis Leventhal for their work on the Rabbi support committee

Elane Fine, Sharon Yoel, Mollie Blaum-Sherbin, Ann Friedman for helping with the Yad B'Yad program

Dr. Patricia Arens for presenting a film program at the Jewish Club

Karen Rushfield, Carol Betson, Neal Horwitz, Mel Bazerman, Bob Green for helping with the interfaith Thanksgiving service

Al and Sharon Fine, Sean and Jennifer Debow, Barbara Kosovske, Mel and Diana Satok, Mel and Paulette Bazerman, Lois Shulman, Daniel Kirwin, and Ed Hoffman for helping on the fund-raising committee

Jeremy Leifer for assisting with legal work for the Congregation Ed Hoffman, Linda Simon, Sharon Fine and Diana Satok for helping with the Shabbat dinner collection

Charles Monat and Robert Meyer for the use of their conference rooms Rabbi and Barbara Kosovske for the use of their apartment for meetings

Condolences

Susan and Michel Millodot and family on the death of Susan's mother Ruth Sulke and family on the death of her husband Walter Martin Berman, and family on the death of his father Wanna and Ken Adler and family on the death of Wanna's mother

Prayerbook Bookplate Fund

Clare Ray to mark her parent's 53rd wedding anniversary and Rebecca's 10th birthday

Bob Green in memory of his brother David

Charles Monat in memory of his father Martin E. Monat

Mind and Body Member To Donate Fees from Therapy

The UJC's only 'Reiki Master/Reflexologist' has offered to donate all fees earned from other UJC members this month and next to the Congregation. Ms Ray describes the various forms of therapy she offers as 'relaxing experiences not to be missed.' According to its adherents, Reiki offers stress relief and a sense of inner well-being, eases pain, accelerates healing, and increases energy levels, among other benefits.

The therapist said she first experienced Reiki four years ago while recovering from cancer surgery. She was so impressed with the results that she learned the technique herself, studying with with five Reiki Masters in Hong Kong, Singapore, and U.K. In addition, she became a Certified Reflexologist in Singapore using both Taiwanese and Western methods of foot massage. She also teaches classes in these and other therapies...

Ms Ray can be reached at 894-8974.

UJC Funds: Opportunities for giving

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Dont Miss The UJC's Chanukah Party

Saturday, December 3, 4:00 P.M. The American Club, Tai Tam

28 Tai Tam Road

Bring your menorahs for the

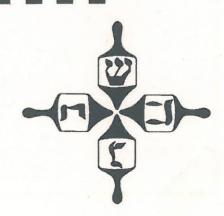
- * Chanukah and menorah lighting service Join in the games and contests
- * gifts, gelt, prizes for all children Enjoy a delicious
 - * Buffet dinner
 - * hamburgers * hot dogs * marinated cajun chicken drumsticks * chicken satay
 * corn on the cob * fried noodles with vegetables * french fries * potato latkes
 * vegetable samosas * salad bar * egg salad * potato salad * coleslaw
 * fresh fruit salad * choclate mousse * creme caramel * bourbon chocolate cake
 * chocolate almond macaroons * cookies * braided challah * coffee or tea

members: adults, \$230.00; children 3 -11, \$140.00; toddlers 1 -3, \$50.00 non-members: adults, \$270.00; children 4-10, \$170.00; children 1-3, toddlers, \$90.00

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Calendar: November/December 1994

Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 20, 10:00 P.M.

Temple Youth Group Mystery Trip

(see page 6)

Monday, Nov. 21, 8:15 p.m.

Adult Education Chanukah Class
Home of Robert Meyer (see page 3)

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 12:40 P.M.

Brown Bag with the Rabbi
Dina House

Wednesday, Nov.23, 7:00 P.M.

Thanksgiving Observance (see p. 3)
Union Church, 22A Kennedy Rd.

Friday, November 25, 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat Family Service

The American Club

Saturday, Nov. 26, 10:00 A.M.
Shabbat B'yachad Learning Experience
Ladies Recreation Club

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 12:40 P.M.

Brown Bag with the Rabbi

Dina House

Thursday, Dec. 1, 3:30 p.m.

Yad B'Yad (see p. 3)

Bamboo Grove, Kennedy Rd.

Friday, December 2, 6:45 P.M.

Shabbat Family Service
The American Club

Saturday, Dec. 3, 4:00 P.M.

Chanukah Party (see p. 9)

The American Club, Tai Tam

Monday, December 5, 6:00 P.M.

Pre-Concert Dinner (see right)
The Regent Hotel Coffee Shop

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 12:40 P.M.

Brown Bag with the Rabbi

Dina House

Thursday, Dec. 8, 8:00 p.m.
Interfaith Couples Meeting (see right)
1/f Repulse Bay Garden, 28 Belleview Dr.
(Rabbi Kosovske's home)

Friday, December 9, 6:45 P.M.

Shabbat Family Service
The American Club

Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:00 A.M.

Tot Shabbat

Ladies Recreation Club

Sunday, Dec. 11, 11:00 A.M.

Lox and Bagel Breakfast (see right)
USA Deli, 8-12 Hennessy Rd., Wanchai.

Monday, Dec. 12, 7:00 P.M.

Annual General Meeting
TheJewish Club, Melbourne Plaza

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 12:40 P.M.

Brown Bag with the Rabbi

Dina House

Thursday, Dec. 15, 3:30 p.m. Yad B'Yad Bamboo Grove, Kennedy Rd.

Friday, Dec. 16, 6:45 P.M.

Shabbat Family Service The American Club

Friday, Dec. 23, 6:45 P.M.

Shabbat Family Service

The American Club

Friday, Dec. 30, 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat Family Service
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Saturday, Dec. 30, 6:45 p.m. New Year's Eve Celebration (see p. 7) Ristorante Romano

Friday, January 6, 6:45 р.м. Shabbat Family Service The American Club

Friday, January 13, 6:45 P.M.

Shabbat Family Service
The American Club.

Saturday, January 14

First Nighter (see p. 3)
time and place to be announced

Friday, January 20, 6:45 P.M.

Shabbat Family Service
The American Club

Shabbat Services are preceded, from 6:15 P.M. by a social half-hour with coffee, tea, juice and cookies. Join us, after services, for:

Italian buffet supper

Members, \$135.00 adults, \$85.00 children under 12 Non-members, \$150.00 and \$100.00

Venues

The American Club Kam Shan Room, 49/f, Exchange Square II, Central District

702 Dina House Rutonjee Center, 11 Duddell Street, Central District (office of Charles Monat)

Ladies Recreation Club 10 Old Peak Road, Mid-Levels



AGM set for December 12

Three Slots Open on Executive Committee

Members attending the Annual General Committee will be asked to approve an election slate that includes three new canidates for the Executive Committee. If the slate, put together by vice-chairman Carol Betson, passes, Ben Frankel, Ånn Friedman, and Mel Satok will join the Committee in place of retiring members Mollie Blaum-Sherbin, Mel Bazerman, and Charles Monat.

Other items on the agenda are the presentation of the chairman's and treasurer's report and appointment of an auditor.

The meeting will take place Monday, December 12, 7:00 P.M. at The Jewish Club. Light refreshments will be served from 6:30 P.M.

UJC Reaches Out to Intermarrieds

'Revisiting the December Dilemma' will be the topic of The UJC's first outreach program to interfaith couples. Rabbi Kosovske will host the session at his home at 8:00 P.M., Monday, December 8. The address is Repulse Bay Garden, 1/f, 28 Belleview Drive, Hong Kong.

Good Food, Good Music

Going to the Yitzhak Pearlman concert December 5? Join UJC friends in the Regent Hotel coffee shop for a pre-concert dinner. Menu is a la carte. Please call The UJC office before Monday, November 28 for reservations (tel. 523-2985, fax 523-3961).



Food for Talk

On December 11, get together for some good food (lox and bagels) and good talk at The UJC's first-ever Sunday morning cultural gathering. Starting at 11:00 A.M., UJC members and friends will meet at the USA Deli, 8-12 Hennessy Road, Wanchai.