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# Kol Ezras Israel



## Rabbi's Message



There is a custom at Jewish weddings to break a glass under the chuppah. This is so that even at the time of our greatest joy, we do not forget the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash and the situation that Eretz Yisroel finds itself in. Pesach is approaching; a time of great joy and happiness as we celebrate the founding of our nation and our status as the chosen people. Unfortunately, this year we

do not need to break a glass to remind us of the situation that Eretz Yisroel finds itself in. Yes, we can and should feel joy in the upcoming Chag. But simultaneously, we are experiencing the pain of our brothers in Eretz Yisroel.

The Chag of Purim has just passed. During that time, there was a decree that all of the Jews were to be wiped out. They were saved only through the prayers and teshuvah of all of the Jewish people. Let us take a lesson from the salvation that was achieved through their prayers at

that time. May our tefillos during this time ascend to the heavens and bring about a salvation for the Jewish nation. "During the month of Nissan, our fathers were redeemed, and in the month of Nissan, we will be redeemed in the future".

Let us pray that the month of Nissan, which is designated as a month of redemption, be the month that we see the redemption that we await.

*Rabbi Eliezer Kreiser*

## Kliksbergs Honored at Annual Dinner

Over 75 friends, family and Ezras Israel members celebrated Ana and Bernardo Kliksberg as recipients of the Fourth Annual Ezras Israel Community Service Award at the annual dinner at the Ring House on Sunday evening, March 3. Dr. Saul Sosnowski, Director of International Programs and the Latin American Study Center at the University of Maryland, College Park, was Guest Speaker. Dr. Sosnowski, also from Argentina, had welcomed Ana and Bernardo to Washington D.C. over six years ago and helped ease their transition to life in the United States. Sunday night he

helped us understand the history of the current circumstances in which Argentine Jews now find themselves and the commitment of the Kliksbergs to change their plight.

After an Hors-d'oeuvres hour with background piano compliments of her husband Ricki, Ilene Van Houter, the Dinner Chair, started the evening with guest introductions. After Rabbi Kreiser read Teshuvah for peace in Israel, Dr. Sosnowski presented his speech as the dinner attendees noshed on guacamole dip. Rachmil Jacobovits then introduced distinguished dinner at-



**Rachmil, Ana & Bernardo, Rabbi** attendees: Dan Mariaschin, Executive Vice President of World Wide Bnai Brith, Dina Sieguel, Executive Vice President of Latin America Bnai Brith, Claudio Grossman, Dean of American University Law School, and

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## Board Members Nominated

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the Nominating Committee has successfully completed its work and has seven nominees for the upcoming elections to the Board.

Sheldon Needle has agreed to run for the President's position on the Executive Board. Lazer Fuerst has agreed to continue as Treasurer as

has Ilene Van Houter in the role of Recording Secretary. Ben Beroukhim has agreed to assume the responsibility of Financial Secretary, currently held by Sheldon.

A while ago the Board agreed to allow for the increase in the size of the Board. Itzhak Goldberg and Manny Zymelman have agreed to be nominated for these additional

positions. Paid-up members will receive ballots during Pesach. If you don't know all the nominees, I'll be happy to introduce you.

My sincere thanks to Manny, Lazer, and Ben for their participation on the Nominating Committee.

*Janet Weiner, Chairperson,  
Nominating Committee*

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# President's Message

With this issue of KOL Ezras Israel my latest (and last) term as the shul's President comes to an end. With your indulgence, I am using my "lame duck" status to reflect on where our shul has



been, where it is going and hopefully, with Hashem's help and all of your participation, where it is going. I am writing this the evening after our Fourth Annual Dinner where we honored the Kliksbergs for their lifetime of service to the Latin American Jewish Community, we raised a little money to help with the shul's expenses and where we all had a wonderful time. The overwhelming sentiment of the evening was that our shul is a special, warm and embracing place. For lack of any better descriptions, Rabbi Groner (Z"L) called it the "shul of your childhood" because it made you feel at home; where you can daven like (and with) your parents no matter how observant you are. The Rabbi conveys a sense of Torah learning, not unlike the kind you felt while growing up. He brings you into his reassuring inner circle even if your religious knowledge and practice is not great today, with his and the shul's help and a little effort on your part you too can achieve spiritual self-actualization as a Torah observant Jew. Some of the people who came to and through our shul have in fact gone through that transformation. For those, our shul has proven itself worthy in the most profound, spiritual-life-altering, purpose -- the highest purpose a shul can have. For most of the rest of us, the shul offers this potential. Yet, we are very much rooted in the practical issues of communal life, running a minyan, keeping an eruv, establishing and running a cemetery, organizing a kiddush, sending Chesed cards, remembering a Yahrzeit,

## Annual Dinner Continued

Harry Bodansky of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Rabbi Kreiser gave a Dvar Torah on Parshat Ki Tisa instructing us on the divinely inspired message to take care of each other

Jose, the oldest of Ana and Bernardo's three sons, then shared some filial observations of



**Charles Futrovsky & Roz & Sheldon Needle**

preparing for and doing the Torah Reading, organizing and participating in Torah and other learning sessions, shul parties, and other temporal activities that a social and religious organization does. Both of these, our spiritual and the temporal activities, help create and strengthen bonds of affection and commitment among ourselves and to our heritage. Fundamental to all these feelings of belonging and accomplishments is that we actively participate in the life of the shul in every way that helps us get closer to each other and to Hashem. It is in this area, the involvement of all members in shul activity during my tenure as President over 7 years, that I have seen both my greatest accomplishments and my greatest disappointments. As I leave the responsibility of the presidency to my successor, Sheldon Needle, should your ballots confirm the Board's Nominee, I am glad about how many people work in ways described above and many others to help make us a vibrant and caring community. My only wish is that more people would identify with one the many activities today performed by too few or with an activity like, Bikur Cholim, Chevra Kadisha, shabbos hospitality, Development, etc. where we do not have any one formally identified with these very important shul functions, but which if done, would strengthen our shul and our community. My regret is that I did not contribute enough to enlarging the circle of participants -- because I inadvertently alienated some, did not possess the leadership qualities to persuade others or was otherwise too impatient for results and did too much on my own. I do not reflect on my accomplishments or my failings either for self-promotion or to exhibit undue modesty, but simply to offer a realistic self-appraisal that can help us all make our shul a better place by getting personally involved in shul functions to help Sheldon be a better shul President than I was.

### Rachmil, Dr. Sosnowski & Bernardo



their real Yiddische Mami and Papi. At this point the gifts, and the paella, started coming. After Dr. Sosnowski's, Rachmil presented Ana and Bernardo with the shul's community service award. Bernardo spoke about the situation for Argentine Jews and presented a paper he wrote, which will be

dent than I was.

Thank you for your support over these many years. A special thanks goes to Lazer Fuerst for the many years of service as Treasurer and for his continuing to carry on that responsibility for the shul. Without his many hours of dedicated service running the shul "back office" we could not have made the progress we made. When you see him tell your own personal thank you by promptly paying your dues and other obligations to the shul. Thanks to Ben Beroukhim who in addition to continuing as the shul's web master, will also assume the role of Financial Secretary. A special thanks to Ilene Van Houter for continuing to serve the important function of Recording Secretary, while also working to help the shul in many other areas. My thanks to Sheldon for agreeing to assume the leadership responsibility, and a special welcome and thanks to Itzhak Goldberg for agreeing to serve on the Board for the first time and seeking ways to help the shul with Programming and finally, thank you to Manny Zymelman for agreeing to resume serving on the Board after a few years absence. Please confirm our nominees with your ballots and with your prompt payment of membership dues. Most importantly find ways to involve yourself in the life of the shul even without being a Board member in ways that will make our shul even a better place for you, and all our needs.

May we, through our work and prayers on behalf of Ezras Israel merit to see peace and security be restored to our beloved Israel. Wishing you all a Chag Pesach Kosher V'Someach.

See you in shul!

*Rachmil*

available at the shul. Bernardo described how his parents' commitment to Jewish values became his mission also. Rachmil then recognized those involved in the Dinner and Journal and Lazer led us in Berchat Hamazon. It was a tasty and inspirational evening. (See our website for more pictures.)



**The Chakakian and Beroukhim Families**

## Learning and Social Programming Schedule

- **Rabbi Kreiser will be available for mechiras chametz (selling chametz) at the following times:**  
**Wednesday, March 13**, at the shul between 8:00 & 9:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, March 21**, at the shul between 8:00 & 9:00 p.m. \*Note change in date!\*  
**Sunday mornings** after Shacharit at the Ring House.
- **Lag B'Omer Women's Celebration Monday, April 29th @ 8 PM**  
 Come to the shul for a night of **pampering** and **camaraderie**.  
 Haircut, Massage and Hot Paraffin Wax Treatment all for only **\$50!** Reservations Required,  
 Limited Space Available. Make checks payable to Ezras Israel Congregation. Call Ilene at 301.984.4730  
 email ilenevanh@onebox.com to make your reservations
- **Keep Wednesday evening, May 15, open for exciting all night study program**
- Monday evenings at 8:30, Rabbi's weekly **Parsha Class** at the Aish Center
- Sunday mornings following Shacharis, Rabbi's **Talmud Class** at the Ring House (Light breakfast served)
- Sunday evenings at 8:30-Rabbi's Weekly **Mishnayos Group**. Those interested in joining this group,  
 please contact Rabbi Kreiser at 301.468.3268.

## Mazel Tov



**Rachmil Jacobovits** on 37 years in the United States

**Dora Feldgreber** on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter **Annie Ben Ami**, daughter of **Shirley Ben Ami**.

**Frederick Goldberg** on the birth of twin great grandchildren in Connecticut and the engagement of a grandson.

**The Lubin Family** on Ariel's Engagement and upcoming marriage to **Herschel Dovid Lutsch**.

**Ben Beroukhim** on his recent earning of a

PhD in Computer Science.

**Itzhak and Odette Goldberg** for **Nadav's** graduation from the JDS and winning the Math Prize.

**Neemat Pedoim**, and the **Somekhian Family**, on **Omi d's** graduation from JDS and winning the Sports Medicine Prize.

**The Mayer/Rachmil Jacobovits Families** on their children **Orly** and **Ari's** graduation from JDS and going to Israel for three months. We wish them a safe,

learning and fun trip.

**Mazel Tov** and **Yasher Koach** to **Ana and Bernardo Kliksberg** for winning the shul's Community Service Award and providing us the opportunity for an informative and fun Award Banquet.

**Manny and Nancy Zymelman** and **Ari and Kerry Zymelman and Talia** on the birth of their grandson/son/brother **Yosef Moshe**.

**Mr. and Mrs. Yakov Shuvalsky** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Meier Simcha** on Shabbat Parshyot **Vayakhel/Pekudei**.

## Condolences



**Mrs. Betti Jacobs** and **Dr. Ron Jacobs** on the death of her husband /his father **Dr. Nathan Jacobs**

**Mrs. Blanche Polachek** on the death of her husband **Rabbi Dr. Harry Polachek**  
**Ms. Peggy Perlstein** and sisters on the

death of their mother **Adele Kronsberg**  
**Dr. Hans Nussbaum** and **Larry Nussbaum** on the death of his wife/mother **Ana Nussbaum**

**Dr. Ozzie Orbach** and sisters on the death of their mother **Devorah Gutterman**

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

## Yasher Koach



**Rabbi Eliezer and Perel Kreiser**

for a festive Purim Seudah in their home  
**Lazer Fuerst** and **Ron Unger** for Megillah Reading on Purim Evening & Morning  
**Mrs. Ozer Unger** in Israel, for working with crafts people in Israel and helping to design and procure the two menorahs surrounding our new Ark.

**Hanan Edry** for donating his time and expertise to install the new ark, menorahs, lighting for the memorial plaques, timed switches and exterior lighting.

**Ruben Lamdany** for joining the shul's

Torah Reading club so ably served by **Larry Raigrodsky**, **Ron Unger** and **Rabbi Kreiser**

**Judy Lowitz** for serving as the Shul's Kiddush Coordinator

**Morris Altschuler**, for serving as Ezras Israel's Cemetery Committee Chairman.

**Mati Jacobovits** and **Prographics** for a wonderful job of designing our Fourth Annual Dinner Journal

**Ilene Van Houter** for successfully chairing our Fourth Annual Community Service Award Dinner.

**Janet Weiner** and **Lazer Fuerst** for all of their hard work on the Dinner Journal  
**Janet Weiner** for successfully Chairing the Nominating Committee.

*For sponsoring a Shabbat kiddush:*

**Rachmil and Agi Jacobovits**

**Janet Weiner, Dora Feldgreber**

**Joel and Jane Lubin**

**Lazer and Sue Fuerst (two)**

**Rabbi Eliezer and Perel Kreiser**

**Benjamin and Naomi Beroukhim**

**Frederick Goldberg**

**Manny and Nancy Zymelman**

**For Gan Zikaron Cemetery info.**

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Winyan Times

Luach Hazmanim

Date Day Parasha - Chag - Event Candle Lighting Chag Mincha Chag Mincha Shabbat / Chag Shabbat / Chag Ends

9-Mar	Fr-Sat	Vayakhel-Pekudei / Mev. Nisan (Thushabbat Hachodesh	5:50	5:50	5:40	6:54
16-Mar	Fr-Sat	Vayikra	5:57	5:55	5:45	7:01
23-Mar	Fr-Sat	Tzav / Shabbat Hagadol	6:04	6:05	5:55	7:08
27-Mar	Wed	Taanit Bechorim - Erev Pesach Erev Tavshilin	6:09	6:10	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
28-Mar	Thu	Pesach - Day 1	7:14	XXXXXX	6:10	XXXXXX
29-Mar	Fr-Sat	Pesach - Day 2	6:11	XXXXXX	6:10	XXXXXX
30-Mar	Sat	Shabbat - Chol Hamoed	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	6:00	7:15
2-Apr	Tue	Erev Yom Tov	6:15	6:15	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
3-Apr	Wed	Pesach - Day 7	7:20	XXXXXX	6:20	XXXXXX
4-Apr	Thu	Pesach - Day 8 / Yizkor	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	6:20	7:20
6-Apr	Fr-Sat	Shmini / Mevorchim Iyar (FrSat)	6:18	6:20	6:10	7:22
7-Apr	Sun	Move clocks forward one hour	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
9-Apr	Tue	Yom Hashoah	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
13-Apr	Fr-Sat	TazriaH-Metzorah (Rosh Chodesh Iyar)	7:25	7:00	7:15	8:29
17-Apr	Wed	Yom Ha'atzmaut	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
20-Apr	Fr-Sat	Acharei-Kedoshim	7:31	7:00	7:20	8:35
27-Apr	Fr-Sat	Emor	7:38	7:00	7:30	8:42
30-Apr	Tue	Lag B'Omer	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
4-May	Fr-Sat	Behar-Bechukotai	7:45	7:00	7:35	8:49
10-May	Fr	Yom Yerusalayim	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
11-May	Fr-Sat	Bamidbar / Mevorchim Sivan (Sun)	7:52	7:00	7:40	8:56
16-May	Thu	Erev Shevuot (Erev Tavshilin)	7:57	7:55	XXXXXX	XXXXXX
17-May	Fr	Shevuot - Day 1	7:58	XXXXXX	8:00	XXXXXX
18-May	Sat	Shevuot - Day 2 (Yizkor)	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	7:50	9:02
25-May	Fr-Sat	Naso	8:04	7:00	7:55	9:08

Shabbat at Ezras Israel: Friday Evenings See above (near candle lighting)  
 Shacharit  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv See above (10 min. before Friday evening Mincha)  
 Sunday - Friday Shacharit at Ring House, Activity Room 4:  
 8:30 a.m. Followed by Rabbi's shur and refreshments.  
 Mondays and Thursdays 8:05 a.m.  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8:15 a.m.

(Also the time on Rosh Chodesh & other weekdays we read Torah)