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Parashat

April 3	<i>Chol Hamoed 3</i>
April 10	<i>Shemini</i>
April 17	<i>Tazria-Metzora</i>
April 24	<i>Acharie Mot-Kedoshim</i>

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

April 2	5:51PM
April 9	5:52PM
April 16	5:53PM
April 23	5:54PM
April 30	5:54PM

ROSH CHODESH

April 14 and 15

WEEKLY

Sunday: 8:00 am Minian/ 9:30 am Hebrew School

Monday: 7:15 am Minian Shacharit

Tuesday: 11:00 am class with Rabbanit

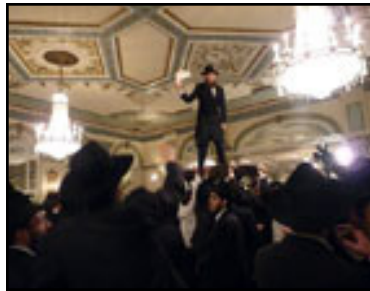
Thursday: 7:15 am Minian Shacharit

Friday: 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat: 9:30 am Minian followed by Kiddush



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Special Kiddush's

April 3	Betsy, Fiona, Simon and Salito Malca in Honor of Jessica, Miriam and Erika
April 10	Alpha Kwok for Natalie and Roy Shem-Tov Safe Trip and Total Wellness
April 17	Frank and Julia Holz in memory of Dr. Barnard H. Benjamin
April 24	In Honor of the Amsili's

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Minyan 7:15AM Followed by Breakfast	2	3 Children's Service 10:30
4 Hebrew and Torah Classes for Children	5 Minyan 7:15AM Followed by Breakfast	6 Ladies Lesson 11AM	7	8 Minyan 7:15AM Followed by Breakfast	9	10 Children's Service 10:30
11 Hebrew and Torah Classes for Children	12 Minyan 7:15AM Followed by Breakfast Hebrew Lesson 7PM	13 Ladies Lesson 11AM	14 Rosh Chodesh Hebrew Lesson 7PM	15 Rosh Cho- desh Minyan 7:15AM Followed by Breakfast	16	17 Children's Service 10:30
18 Hebrew and Torah Classes for Children	19 Minyan 7:15AM Followed by Breakfast	20 Ladies Lesson 11AM	21	22 Minyan 7:15AM Followed by Breakfast Lesson with the Rabbi 6:30	23	24 Children's Service 10:30
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Do you know that membership in the Jewish Association of the Philippines only costs **PHP18,000** per year for a family and **PHP14,000** per year for singles? Do you know that this small amount goes to paying for all the Shabaton lunches, dinners, events, salaries, lights, maintenance and up-keep of the building. And in addition to all this, your Jewish Association does alot of charity work.

VISIT YOUR SYNAGOGUE

We are WIFI. Come in, browse the library, have coffee and surf the net.

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Mazel Tov Albert and Carina Sarfati on the Birth of their Son Rafa



Rabbi Sharabi

We were blessed this month with the visit of Rabbi Sharabi. He spent a week with our community and gave a wonderful shiur.



Mazel Tov Rabbi Getzy and Shaina Markowitz on their Wedding



April Birthday's

CHIEL	David	April 2
LONDON	Michael Jeffrey	April 3
MALCA	Erika	April 8
BENJAMIN	Nora	April 10
SMITH	Mica Riley	April 11
WANG	Kenizha	April 17
ABREU	Rachel	April 18
AMSILI	Tatoo	April 20
PAZNER	Gilles	April 20
CARDEMA	Vivian Gal	April 21
SAGIV	Sun Ying	April 22
POCHARD	Laurence	April 23
SHERMAN	Ruth	April 24
WILCOK	Adam	April 25
ABREU	Gregorio	April 26
BLUMENTHAL	Lee	April 30
CARDEMA	Vladimir	April 30
MOSES	Albert	April 30



Recreate Your Bar Mitzvah

Remember the good old days???. Just contact us and let us know what was your Parasha. Or just tell us the date it took place. Read your portion, read the Haftorah. Let's all celebrate your Bar Mitzvah together, again. Call the Rabbi for details.

The Bat Mitzvah of Raphaela Schranz



From The East Bronx To Iraq

By Susan Lax Goldstein

I've been a member of CLASSMATES.COM for more than a decade. When they suggested that members enter their places of employment, I entered P.S. 92 as the school I taught at from 1961 to 1963.

About a year and a half ago, I got an e-mail from a student that I had as a second-grader my first year of teaching. He had wonderful things to say about me, was grateful that he found me and informed me that he had become a rabbi, joined the Navy and was stationed in Iraq.

WOW!

Commander Mitchell Schranz and I corresponded for about six months, during which time he shared pictures of how he celebrated the Jewish holidays with the troops at the bases around Iraq. In January of 2007, Commander Schranz indicated that he was finished with his tour of duty in Iraq and would be returning to the Naval Base at Newport, Rhode Island, and to his family there. I was, of course, happy to hear that he was safely returning to the states.

Incidentally, I do remember him in my class. He was bright, shy and well mannered. He was also very proud of the fact that he had learned to write his name in Hebrew and he proudly demon-



The author with a former student who never forgot his second-grade teacher.



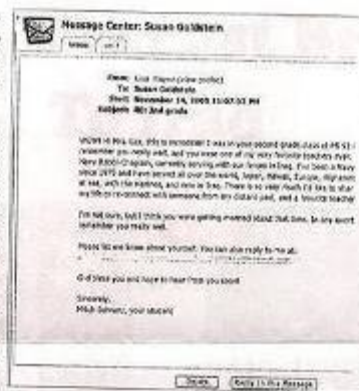
A warm embrace highlights Cmdr. Mitchell Schranz's retirement ceremony.

strated that on the blackboard one day for Show and Tell. Maybe I should have known that he would become a rabbi.

Later in 2007, I got another e-mail from Commander Schranz, saying that he was retiring from the Navy at the end of the summer and he would like me to be a guest of honor at his retirement ceremony aboard the USS Massachusetts. WOW! Of course I accepted and he extended the invitation to my family as well. In August of 2007, my daughter and I traveled to Newport, R.I.

Battle Ship Cove is an historic place. It is home to five battleships representing various periods in American Naval history. The USS Massachusetts is now a museum. It was an awesome experience to be aboard a battleship like that. I remember as a young child my father used to take me down along the West Side Highway to see the battleships docked there when the sailors came into New York for shore leave, but we never got to board any of these ships.

The ceremony on the deck of the USS Massachusetts lasted about two hours and was filled with all of the pomp and circumstance that you would expect from a formal United States Navy ceremony, including speeches praising the work that Commander Schranz had done, as well as accolades for his wife and her contributions and sacri-



A surprising email.



An official invitation.



A proud moment.

fices. Finally it was Commander Schranz's turn to speak. He called me up in front of all the guests and Navy Beas to relate how he felt I had been such an outstanding teacher, had encouraged and nurtured him and made a lasting impression on him. It was quite humbling, to say the least.

We had a dinner reception at the Naval Base, and in the evening we sat by the water and watched the boats come into port - a beautiful summer evening.

The following day, Commander Schranz had arranged for a guide in period costume to give his family and guests a tour of historic downtown Newport. The oldest synagogue in the country is located there as well. What a wonderful way to spend an awesome weekend.

How many teachers have a student who remembers them 40-plus years later, and thinks so highly of them that they want to honor them at such a huge event in their adult life? Not many, I'm sure. I am truly blessed.

Rabbi Schranz is now living in Manila in The Philippines.

Note: Susan Lax Goldstein, after 16 years of teaching in New York, Maryland, and Wisconsin, has been a realtor in Madison, Wisconsin, since 1979.

BOOKS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Every month we will review a book which is in our library. We encourage everyone to use our library. According to Rabbi Talmid, we have the largest library in Asia. It is here for your reading and learning pleasure.



Any bookshelf boasting an array of the world's greatest philosophical literature would not be complete without Yehuda HaLevi's 12th century classic, **The Kuzari**. In dialog format, it presents a meeting between the ruler of the Khazar kingdom and a Jewish sage, who together, discuss a series of theological, philosophical, and ideological dilemmas that are timely, timeless, and universal.

The Kuzari was so vital a text when it first appeared in Arabic, that it was soon translated into Hebrew to make the work more accessible to a broader public. Over the centuries, it remains an informative, fundamental literary resource. In part, this is due to

the breadth and depth of its content, but also to the engaging manner in which it clarifies a diverse range of essential Jewish concepts theological, philosophical, and historical.

Several translations have appeared in English over the last one hundred years, but none compare to the standard set in 1998 by Rabbi N. Daniel Korobkin. This critically acclaimed masterpiece stands out for its accuracy and clarity, while remaining loyal to the logic, passion, and spirit of the original text. The Korobkin Kuzari is an academic achievement of the highest order taking an enduring classic and making it readily accessible to a new generation of readers.

Out of print for years, Feldheim Publishers, as part of its distinguished Torah Classics Library, presents the Korobkin translation of The Kuzari in an updated, annotated edition that also benefits from several new and noteworthy features. An extensive introduction helps orient the reader with a biography of Yehuda HaLevi, a discussion of his philosophical approach to Judaism, as well as a brief history of the 8th century Khazar kingdom. This provides a broad yet thorough historical context that will add immeasurably to any reader's understanding of this treasured work.

For centuries, this influential text has been studied and enjoyed for the illuminating manner in which it addresses basic philosophical issues and concerns. This new edition makes this indispensable guide available to anyone thirsting for knowledge and a better understanding of Judaism's fundamental precepts.

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12:38	1. מחרוזת מאמנים
07:19	2. ארץ ושמיים (תימנית)
11:05	3. מחרוזת תהה השעה הזאת
08:57	4. מחרוזת פיוטים
08:26	5. מחרוזת ארץ אשר תמיד
11:25	6. מחרוזת כא"ל תערוג-רחם
08:59	7. מחרוזת שירו למלך
07:14	8. מחרוזת יתגורל ויתקדש

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כל הזכויות שמורות לאריסטו - 050-668082, 050-9418543

Time: 7PM

Date: Monday April 19

Place: Synagogue Social Hall

Price: PHP250 including Israeli Food

AVON HAS MOVED

Since the early 1980's, when the new Synagogue was opened in Makati, the building the Synagogue was in has been rented by Avon. We have been very fortunate that for all these years the rental was able to cover most of the Synagogue's overhead. As of December 1, they left. We are actively trying to rent the building. In the meantime, we need all the help we can get. We need families and individuals who are not members to join. We will annualize all membership dues to begin January 1, 2010. If you have paid already for part of 2010, we will pro rate. But all dues will begin starting January 1. Please also update all of your membership information including birthdays, anniversaries, yortzeits. Any help we can get to rent the building will be greatly appreciated. Information is below.



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Building available from December 1, 2009. There is parking in the front of the building.

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