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*"The Eternal One is the Healer of the broken hearted
And the One who binds their sorrow." (Psalms 147:3)*

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The Conference And Beyond

*Rabbi Yaacov Rone,
President*

Dear Chevre,

Our twenty-second Annual Conference is behind us with over 130 participants enjoying a beautiful setting in Scottsdale, Arizona, chock full of outstanding programming, plenary sessions, limud, and socializing. My kipah is off to all who contributed to this wonderful program.

Message From The President

What goes on behind the scenes is most notable. Thank you and yashar koach to:

Our Executive Vice President, Cecille Asekoff, together with her assistants, Gail Herman and Kira Breytburd, as well as Nancy Fisher, all of whom handled the technical and administrative side superbly;

Our conference chair, Ephraim Karp, and his co-chair, Alison Kestenbaum, who did their usual qualitatively outstanding work in making this a memorable conference;

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NAJC CRISIS HOTLINE/CARELINE

The NAJC Crisis Hotline/Careline is available 24/6 for chaplains needing peer support during stressful times. Our hotline chaplain is Sheila Segal, BCC. She can be reached at 610-668-8069 or sfsegal@comcast.net.



Message from the President, continued.

Seth Bernstein who has concluded his tenure as Certification Commission chair as we welcome Sara Paasche-Orlow and Myrna Matsa into our ranks as certified members; and

Shira Stern, Chair of the Ethics Committee, for successfully undertaking the training sessions led by our attorney, Anne Underwood, in helping us hone the skills of those people tasked with dealing with this very sensitive area (may we never need it).

We continue to move forward ... next year in Cleveland! And the possibility exists of convening in 2014 in Jerusalem (in January, in conjunction with the Reshet and the Spiritual Care Kenes).

But NAJC is much more than just our annual conference. Check out our brand new website (with kudos to our professional, Dan Federman, who made a presentation during our annual meeting). It has been designed so as to provide information both to members and the public. I hope that you will be pleased with it. And again, my thanks to all who worked on this project – Steph Roberts, Yehudah Blank and Sam Seicol.

Please, if you have any suggestions as to how we can be of greater service to you, do be in touch via e-mail, phone, and even snail mail.

I wish you all a chag Purim samayach.

Rabbi Yaacov Rone

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Treasurer's Report

Rabbi Maurice S. Kaprow, M.A., B.C.C., Treasurer

Dear Chevre,

NAJC is over the halfway point in our budget year and is on track in meeting and executing the budget we established last June. This is due in large part to the help and support we receive from all of our members.

Last year we added a category of Institutional Non-Profit Sponsor to NAJC. The idea is that our members will approach the institutions for which they work and ask them to support NAJC in the amount of \$150 each year. This simple action will help us continue to expand our services to the membership. These services include a number of NAJC-sponsored Y'mei Iyun that have been conducted throughout the country with more planned for the coming months.

Our new website located at www.najc.org is absolutely outstanding. Much easier to navigate than our old site, it shows the work we do and is a site for sharing resources. In addition, you can now make secure contributions online using your credit card and our secure server with an SSL interface. From the site, you can easily contribute to any of the funds or campaigns we operate. We hope you visit our site often.

Once more, I thank you for all of your support in the past and look forward to your continued support in the future as we all help NAJC grow in its activities. With your support, we will not falter.

B'vracha,

Rabbi Maurice S. Kaprow

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NAJC Announces:

Mishloach Manot 5771!

Send A Virtual Mishloach Manot To Friends & Family
And Help Raise Funds For The NAJC



\$18.00 for 3
email addresses

\$72.00 for 40
email addresses

\$180.00 for the
Entire NAJC
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Names and addresses must be emailed by
March 16th to: gherman@ujcnj.org

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Certification Commission Report

Rabbi David Glicksman

Interim Certification Commission, Chair

If you have been a Regular/Full Member of NAJC for at least one year and have fulfilled the requirements for certification which are found in the Certification Handbook, we encourage you to pursue board certification. The National Office of NAJC and I need to know of your intent to appear before a June, 2011 committee by March 4, 2011. All of your written materials must be sent to the National Office by April 5, 2011 for an appearance in June, 2011.

The certification handbook and application can be found either on our website (www.najc.org) or obtained from the office (gberman@ujcnj.org).

The certification interviews will be held at the Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center in Reisterstown, MD which is outside of Baltimore, MD on June 5-6, 2011 during the National Board Retreat.

Please be sure to consult the Certification Handbook. Should you have any questions regarding certification, please contact me at either dglicksman@verizon.net or 732-688-4197.

Rabbi David Glicksman

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Mazel Tov To Our Recently Certified Chaplains!



Certification Ceremony. Front: Zahara Davidowtiz-Farkas, Pearl Lebovic, Myrna Matsa, Yehuda Blank, Seth Bernstein
Back: Edie Meyerson, Sam Seicol

Peer Review and Professional Chaplaincy

*Rabbis Moshe A. Abramowitz, Charles P. Rabinowitz & Sara Berman
Continuing Education and Peer Review Committee*

Each year chaplains certified by NAJC or other agencies are required to provide evidence of continuing educational activities during the past year and what steps have been taken to keep professionally current. The NAJC Continuing Education and Peer Review Committee assists our certified members with this requirement.

In the third year after Certification and each third year thereafter, participation in a Peer Review is required. The experience provides a venue through which Board Certified Jewish Chaplains have an opportunity for consultation regarding personal and professional growth issues and receive support and counsel from peers in chaplaincy. Any time peer review is undertaken, and it may be more often than every third year, the annual reporting of continuing education hours is not required. Only the chaplain's summary of the peer review is submitted.

Here are some pointers and requirements worthy of explanation. Any of our Committee members can assist with the details of setting up a peer review panel.

- ▶ Since the chaplain being reviewed is responsible for setting up the panel and scheduling the meeting, give yourself enough time to find panel members and coordinate the meeting.
- ▶ Remember that a panel consists of two members and a Chairperson. Only one member of the panel can come from your own religious stream. Any deviation from this model must be discussed with the Committee.
- ▶ The Chair of the Peer Review provides a review and/or recommendations to the chaplain following the review. This is usually written and is the basis for the report the chaplain provides to NAJC. (Document available on the NAJC website entitled: Peer Review Process Summary Form)
- ▶ Chaplains should turn to our Committee for assistance when constituting the panel is a problem or when location makes such a meeting difficult. One alternative is to look to the annual NAJC Conference when Peer Review is easily arranged, at regional NAJC Board meetings, or Yemei Iyun. Again, the Committee can help with these details.
- ▶ Please check the notification you are sent acknowledging completion of the annual requirement for the past year. It states which report is needed for the coming year. Also, a reminder of what you need to report for the coming year is sent each fall. If you feel what is being asked for is in error or if you have other questions, just call.

We have found that peer review is an extremely positive experience. The genuine concern and caring shown at these meetings leave the chaplain with a sense of *Hizuk* and *Chavershaft*.

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Spiritual Care in Israel and Torah

Einat Ashramon

From Mekhilta de-Rabbi Ishmael, Tractate de-be-Hodesh, Jethro.

“For what reason was the Torah not given in the Land of Israel? So as not to give a reason to the other nations to say, ‘we did not accept the Torah because it was given to them in their Land.’ Also, so that the tribes would not argue amongst themselves that the Torah was given in their portion of the Land. Therefore, the Torah was given in the desert, publicly, in ownerless territory. In three elements it was given: in desert, fire and water, which are freely available to all people; so the words of the Torah are also available to all people.”

The lesson that this midrash teaches about Torah can be applied to the Spiritual Care Program as we have established it in Israel over the last few years. Just as the Torah was given in an open place rather than in a specific tribe’s territory, here too, the Spiritual Caring Program did not develop within a particular cultural or religious stream in Judaism but was established by different people and organizations who share a passion for the idea.

As the ancient midrash teaches, the Torah was given in three primary elements in nature. So do we strive to provide spiritual care in three primary elements in humanity: listening; the human connection to our rich Jewish and Israeli literary sources; and finding the way to grant meaning and hope in life.

In actuality, the field of Spiritual Caring in Israel is unmatched in its ability to bring together Jews from different streams and different outlooks, to exchange views on Judaism and Jewish spiritual education, without leading to argument or hostility. In the Spiritual Care Program, the children of different tribes in modern Israel - the Orthodox and the non-Orthodox - meet on the ground of the most basic shared human, spiritual and Jewish experience.

A short anecdote, one of many, demonstrates the important contribution the program makes towards bringing people closer together. At our Shabbat table in Jerusalem we host many people and when they hear of my involvement in designing a core curriculum for all spiritual care programs, often one of our guests will add from his knowledge to the discussion. A year ago we hosted a Dutch woman who works as a spiritual care provider. She sent me a statement of principles and training guide of the western European network of spiritual care providers of which she is a member. Here we see a case of ‘the Torah is available to all people.’ Another example: two weeks ago, a Haredi Yeshiva student was at our table, and when he heard of my work he told us that he volunteered with terminally ill patients at ‘Yad Natan,’ a Haredi organization also supported by the New York Federation. Small world. We immediately found a common topic of conversation, a shared occupation.

In the divided Jewish world, in which we study in separate schools and live in segregated neighborhoods (although perhaps we enjoy the benefits of good fences making good neighbors, as the expression goes), it is hard to imagine a shared purpose such as has been created here, between those who stand by the side of the old, the infirm, and the vulnerable; strengthening and being strengthened by them, as well as giving strength to one another.

Here, then, is the ownerless area that belongs to no one tribe and is the meeting point for all the tribes – the different groups in Israel and the Jewish community in America (who provides us with guidance – more on that later), Yeshiva students with liberal Jews, modern Orthodox with the secular, and all of us together. This is the area and the professional field that must be strengthened, for all our sakes, for the sake of Israel, and for the sake of our children’s future as Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora.

Einat Ashramon

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Journal of Jewish Spiritual Care, Call For Articles

Rabbi Beth Naditch, Editor

The next issue of the Journal of Jewish Spiritual Care covers our exciting conference on Professionalism: Promoting and Advancing Chaplaincy through Membership, Education and Advocacy. We expect articles from all of our Plenary Speakers: Rev. Ronsheim, Exec. Director of AAPC on Professional Chaplaincy; Anne Underwood on Applied Ethics; The Rev. Sue Wintz on Standards of Practice; Rabbis Shira Stern and Maurice Kaprow on Professional Assessments & Evaluations and Rabbis Ephraim Karp and Myrna Matsa on Reflecting & Assessing Ourselves as Professionals.

Many of our colleagues will turn their workshops into articles: Rabbi Rafael Goldstein on Research and Chaplaincy; Rabbi Sara Paaasch-Orlow on a Case Study on Professionalism; Rabbi Jane S. Berman on Rewriting Eichah; Rabbi Ruth Smith on Evidence Based Practice and Rabbi Ralph Dalin on Cell Phone Chaplaincy.

Already submitted are articles from Rabbis Nancy Wiener and Jo Hirschmann on Sacred Transformations; Marion Yager Hammermesh on A New Paradigm for Theological Reflection in CPE and Rabbi Yeheskel Lebovic on Chassidism and Chaplaincy.

The deadline to submit your article is March 15.

Rabbi Beth Naditch

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The NAJC Webpage

Rabbi Leonard (Yehuda) Blank, MS, BCC

According to Pirkei Avos, Ethics of Our Fathers, the world stands on three things: Torah, Avodah and Gemilut Chasadim. The Torah, the prophets, sages and other Jewish leaders have taught and guided us through the generations on how to care for others and for each other.

We are all bound up in dedicating our lives for caring with the spiritual essence of kindness, goodness, chesed, and the love of Hashem and our heritage.

We now have a wonderful opportunity to enhance the lives of so many throughout the world, through the technology of the NAJC website, the professional and creative work of Dan and Jeffery Federman of Puffycoat Web Designers, Matt Halpern Web Master and the dedication of our chaplains.

For years, we were fortunate to have Sam Seicol as our web master. With a limited budget, he was able to keep our website going to allow us to share important information. Yet, while other national organizations were entering the 21st century with advanced website technology, NAJC was still far behind. Even though every Executive Board wanted to see our website grow and were supportive of the proposals discussed through the past 10 years, due to continuous budget constraints, it wasn't possible. However, it was finally announced at the NAJC conference in Scottsdale, Arizona 2011-5752, that the new, state of the art website with advanced capabilities has finally arrived. The website contains News & Journals with many worthy articles and information, Events, Resources and a growing list of links to other websites including other professional chaplain organizations, Plainviews from Health Care Chaplaincy, Jewish organizations, professional organizations and advanced schools of education.

Our goal is to have the National Association of Jewish Chaplains, known throughout the world. Our site will be the place chaplains, professionals and the general public will learn more about the wonderful gemilut chasadim, that we do as professional chaplains and the knowledge we have in many facets of chaplaincy. Our website will have archives filled with articles, presentations, book reviews on many topics. Eventually there will be links to community resources with information such as local rabbis, synagogues, Bikur Cholim's, Jewish Community

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NAJC Web Page, cont.

Centers, Federations, seminaries, Chevreh Kaddisha, Chapels and so much more. NAJC will be offering cutting edge webinars, seminars and online conferences. We will have more links to other organizations and sites as well as follow up activities from our conferences, such as conference archives, discussion groups for Long Term, Disaster, Mental Health, Hospice, Correctional Institutions, Healing Centers, Geriatric Centers, Nursing Homes, Community Chaplaincies, Hospitals, Military and others. Members seeking other chaplains for peer review, could be in touch with colleagues. The NAJC website will hopefully acquire thousands of hits throughout the year. Information of interest and importance to our members, professionals and the general public will constantly be updated. The site will be colorful and interactive. You will be able to choose donation opportunities, learn how to join, certification requirements and learn about NAJC. Information about career opportunities, and updates about what our chaplains are doing to enhance the quality of life all over the world and any advocacy we are doing will be available.

Our members have made important contributions dealing with the many challenges of life such as the mental health of patients of all ages, preparing and responding to death and dying, illness, and creative ways of celebrating times of joy and happiness. Our website will give the world at large an opportunity to see chaplaincy as a serious profession with professional standards.

The NAJC website is another important way to bond and be connected with Jews throughout the world. For the world to see our accomplishments and the pride we have caring for others and how we collaborate with other professional chaplaincy organizations to promote good will and care for all.

Many thanks to our President Yaacov Rone, his Executive Board and Board members, to Cecille Asekoff, Executive Vice President and her entire staff for making the NEW website a reality.

Special thanks and appreciation to the Executive Boards and Board members of previous years who were supportive of having a new website.

Rabbi Yehuda Blank

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New Program Provides Pastoral Training To Israeli Congregational Rabbis

NAJC is collaborating with LIFE'S Door-Tishkofet in offering a course in Israel for community rabbis in pastoral skills. The course has been named in memory of Rabbi Melvin Jay Glatt. The Glatt family inaugurated the course at the 17th yarzeit of Rabbi Glatt on 11 Adar I at an Azkara held at the Jerusalem Life's Door-Tishkofet Center. The course will begin with a group of Zohar Community Rabbis.

Mel Glatt was an early pioneer in Jewish Chaplaincy and the NAJC. In 1995, the NAJC paid tribute to Mel at our conference in New Jersey. At that Conference, Rabbi Isadore Tennenbaum, then the Executive Director of the Jewish Geriatric Home in Cherry Hill, paid personal tribute to Rabbi Glatt. In addition, Dr. Samuel Klagsbrun presented a lecture: "Jewish Chaplains in the 21st Century, Spiritual and Ethical Dilemmas."

It is most appropriate for the NAJC to collaborate with Tishkofet on this project. Ben and Dvora Corn made Aliyah from Cherry Hill and had the privilege of knowing Rabbi Glatt as both a friend and colleague who inspired them by his work with the sick and their families. The Corns are the founders of Tishkofet.

At the Azkarah, Rabbi Glatt's daughter read from his journal. We share some of those words on the following page.

Cecille Allman Asekoff

Dvora Corn

From The Journal Of Rabbi Melvin Jay Glatt שליט"א:

Walking down the hospital corridor, I hear a porter singing: "If I ruled the world, there'd be no sorrow in it."

The thank you note from Marilyn L. reads: "...Your caring and understanding of my poor mother's situation means more than I can say. Maybe the meaning of Rabbi should not only be teacher. With men such as you, they should add the additional meaning of friend..."

As I enter the room of Toby K., a hospital patient: "This is a butcher shop. I wouldn't send my cat here."

On Monday this patient would enter the hospital for various medical procedures. The Saturday night prior, Jeanette S. says to me: "If I die, I want you to bury me. I really do."

Conversational encounter with a patient:

She: "I found God. People thought He died."

I: "So then, He's alive and well."

She: "He's alive but not well. Pray for Him."

Jennie G. extends good wishes to me from her hospital bed: "...But you look like a doctor, God bless you."

Coming to visit Reba M. in the hospital: "Your prayers didn't help me. I'm still here."

Written message for me from a hospital patient and given to me by his nurse: "Friday I go to for laser surgery. Would you do me a favor tonight? Make a phone call to my father. We had a fight. Tell him I am sorry. I love him a lot. And thank him for his help and support. He is out until about 8:30 to 9."

Mildred B., age 86, a hospital patient: "...and what is your specialty? The soul?"

Visiting Meyer C., age 82, a hospital patient. He says, "...I appreciate your spirit. You give goodness to me."

At the end of a visit to her during which she has described her beautiful childhood, Tillie Z., a woman in her upper nineties and a resident in a senior care facility, tightly holds my hand. "Come again," she says, "come again soon. You just have to understand. When you visit me you take me out of here."

Call For Presentations for NAJC Conference 2012: המעשה הוא העקר
Ha'Maaseh Hoo Ha'Ikar, Praxis: Applying Our Professional Skills
Sharing Best Practices, Management and Applied Research in a Jewish Context
January 15-18, 2012 in Cleveland Ohio

Our conference will look at practice in a Jewish context more than theory, focusing on the actions, skills and tools that we use in pastoral care. We welcome presentations that will focus on practice based applications and how we “do” pastoral care; how we operate and manage our chaplaincy in various settings; and how we engage our research tools and apply the outcomes. We are interested in considering how our roles as Jewish Chaplains and as Chaplains who are Jewish impact our functioning, as well as our context in Jewish and multi-faith settings. We are also looking to offer a few sessions specifically geared toward chaplains new to the field, as well as to chaplaincy career specialties.

We encourage all presentations to include practical researched information, emotional engagement and practical exercises for participants.

Name of Workshop _____

Name of Presenter(s) along with title and degree / certification letters: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Credentials / Qualifications _____

Presentation idea including a brief description for conference brochure (attach additional information):

Due date: Postmarked by May 1, 2011.
Materials for presentation due by: November 30, 2011.
Mail to the NAJC or email to: rabbikarp@yahoo.com

Honoring The Memory Of Jewish Chaplains Who Died In The Line Of Duty



The Jewish Federations
OF NORTH AMERICA

ACTION ALERT



Dear Colleagues and All Interested Parties:

As you may know, military chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support to Americans serving our nation all over the world, often placing themselves in dangerous situations. To date, 13 Jewish military chaplains have died in the line of duty. Chaplains Hill in Arlington National Cemetery memorializes the names of more than 200 chaplains who have perished while on active duty, but astonishingly, none of the 13 Jewish chaplains are memorialized on Chaplains Hill.

Private individuals and organizations have raised the funds to erect such a monument, but according to the rules of Arlington National Cemetery, the House and Senate must pass resolutions to provide a site on Chaplains Hill to honor the memory of these heroes. We urge you to express your support for H. Con. Res. 12 in the House and S. Con. Res. 4 in the Senate, in order to bring the resolutions to a vote and finally erect the memorial on Chaplains Hill.

The Jewish Federations of North America and more than 30 other Jewish organizations have written a letter to members of Congress urging them to cosponsor this legislation. We encourage you to reach out to your Senators and Representatives, share the Jewish community letter, and urge them to cosponsor. We hope you will take advantage of this bipartisan effort and use it as a tool for engaging and fostering relationships with members of the 112th Congress.

The House resolution is sponsored by Representatives Anthony Weiner (D-NY) and Tom Rooney (R-FL). The Senate resolution is sponsored by Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY). Please follow these links to read the text of the legislation, a list of current cosponsors, and the Jewish community letter.

House: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d112:1:/temp/~bdKF2P:@@P|/home/LegislativeData.php>. Senate: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:SC00004:@@P|/home/LegislativeData.php>. Jewish Community Letter: <http://www.jewishfederations.org/page.aspx?id=237759>

Many of us remember the story of Chaplain Alexander Goode, who bravely joined three other military chaplains in giving their own life jackets to soldiers aboard the *Dorchester* as it sunk off the coast of Greenland in February 1943 after being struck by a German torpedo. Rabbi Goode and the three Christian chaplains directed the soldiers to lifeboats, linked arms at the ship's railing, and prayed and sang to the soldiers below as the chaplains sank with the ship. The Jewish memorial at Chaplains Hill will ensure that Rabbi Goode will be remembered along with his colleagues for this act of bravery and sacrifice.

Military chaplains and their families sacrifice their personal lives and communities in order to serve the United States of America. It is time to honor the memories of Jewish military chaplains along with others who have died.

The NAJC has already submitted written support of these bills in collaboration with the Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) and Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Please, contact your Member of Congress and encourage them to support this important bill! For additional information, or if you have any questions about this issue, please contact Shelley Rood, Senior Legislative Associate at the Jewish Federations of North America at (202) 736-5880 or Shelley.Rood@JewishFederations.org.

Scenes From NAJC Conference 5771 / 2011



Edie Meyerson, Yehuda Blank, Myrna Matsa, Seth Bernstein



Fred Klein & Sol Schiff



Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas, Pearl Lebovic, Sam Seicol



Israel & NAJC. L-R: Einat Ramon, Adi Samson, Naomi Kalish, Dvora, John Develder
Front: Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas, Cecille Allman Asekoff, Yaacov Rone



Western Contingent



New Jersey Contingent



Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas, Sara Paasche-Orlow

The NAJC Raffle For A

\$1,000 Travel Voucher

To



was won by:

Judith Edelstein!

מזל טוב



With Our Members

מזל טוב

Barbara Speyer on the birth of a granddaughter, Sylvia Rose Milstein, who was born Dec. 20th in Israel to Barbara's daughter and son-in-law, Rakhel and Scott.

Sanford Shudnow, whose daughter, Sarrit Michal Kovacs, received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Myrna Matsa on the birth of her grandson, Heir Nissan son of Moshe & Liat Matsa. Heir Nissan has a big sister, Esther and a big brother, Samuel!

Barry Kinzbrunner on the marriage of his son Seth to Rebecca Palgon in January.

Bryan Kinzbrunner on the marriage of his brother, Seth to Rebecca Palgon.

Gail Wallen has just taken on the position of Coordinator for Veterans Education and Transition Services at the University of Arizona. This is a brand new position, and Gail is the first Coordinator of the program. She continues to work, as well, at University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona, as a Chaplain.

Rabbi Bonnie Koppel was a Primary Selectee for the Army War College Distance Education Program. Rabbi Koppel was one of two chaplains who were primary selectees.

To the following chaplains who received Board Certification during the Annual Conference:

Myrna Matsa
Sara Paasche-Orlow

Also honored and recognized during the Annual Conference were the following chaplains who received Board Certification in June:

Pearl Lebovic
Heidi Waldmann

רפואה שלמה

Jaron Matlow,
(ירון בכור בן ישבלה)

Patti Haskel,
(הרב פרח אליאבה בת יוחנה ואפרים)

Jeff Marker,
(יעקב ישראל מרדכי בן חנה ויסף)

המקום ינחם

Dayle Friedman on the death of her mother-in-law Miriam Ferleger, mother of David Ferleger.

*Share your life's events by helping others!
Donate to NAJC through any of these funds:*

The General Fund

Endowment Fund

Israel Initiative

Chaplains Emergency Fund

Rabbi Howard Kummer Memorial Fund for Pastoral Education

*Donations may be made in honor of
or in memory of a friend or loved one.*

Contact the office for more information. 973-929-3168

Chaplain Happenings

ישר כוח

Chaplain Pearl Lebovic, of Maplewood NJ, has been accepted to be part of an 8-day Holocaust Seminar to take place in Jerusalem this coming Feb.28-March 8. This seminar is jointly sponsored by Yad Vashem and Chabad Merkaz Chinuch office.

Sanford Shudnow who served as guest speaker at the Pentagon Sukkot Celebration and Luncheon.

ברוכים הבאים

We Welcome These New חברים:

Members:

Chaplain Francine Chalin Los Angeles, CA	Rabbi Jeff Foust Newton, MA
Ms. Sharon Cohen Lexington, KY	
Rabbi Michael Rosenzweig Fair Lawn, NJ	
Rabbi Ruth Belonsky Hawthorne, CA	

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Rabbi Paulette Posner New York, NY	Ms. Sandra Wortzel Tucson, AZ
Ms. Lucy Kushner Portsmouth, VA	Rabbi Linda Steigman Overland Park, KS
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Rabbi Barbara Metzinger Metairie, LA	Mr. Robert Weiser Oak Park, CA

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Tekoa, Israel

Mr. Eli Sharon
Jerusalem, Israel

Ms. Ruhama Weiss
Jerusalem, Israel

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Freehold, NJ

Cantor Deborah Katcho-Gray
Ridgefield, CT

Rabbi Barbara Moskow
Phoenix, AZ

WELCOME

Traveling To Israel In 2011?

Please let the NAJC office know if you have plans to travel to Israel this year.

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May 23, 2011

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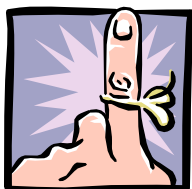
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These
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Yom Iyun South Florida:

May 10, 2011

Topic: Pediatrics

Israel Kenes & Du Siach:

May 17-18, 2011, Jerusalem

Mid-year Board Meeting:

June 5-6, 2011

Pearlstone Conference Center

Yom Iyun

San Francisco Bay Area:

June 17, 2011

*Co-sponsored with the Bay Area
Jewish Healing Center*

NAJC Annual Conference:

January 15-18, 2012
in Cleveland, OH