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Rabbi Meir Kessler
Director, Boca Raton Jewish Recovery Center

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DEAR PARTICIPANTS,

Welcome to the 8th annual Jewish Recovery Center Retreat & Shabbaton. We would like to extend a special welcome to those participants joining us for their very first JRC Retreat. We sincerely appreciate your participation and look forward to spending an incredible weekend together with you. The theme of this year's Retreat is "Lo Alecha Hamelacha Ligmor" (Spiritual Progress Rather than Spiritual Perfection.) It reminds us that our job is not to seek or even hope for perfection; our job is to "Do the hard work and Leave the perfection to G-d". More importantly, our inability to reach perfection, real or imagined is no excuse for us to walk away from the work altogether.

It is our sincere hope that all of you who have made the effort to join us, will have a meaningful and inspiring weekend.

This Retreat would not be possible without a dedicated group of volunteers and the incredible support of our sponsors.

Let me begin by thanking Avi Shaulson of Millennium Management for being our Corporate sponsor the third year in a row. Avi is a philanthropist who supports many charitable causes across the globe, but Avi has a special place in his heart for the JRC and we are deeply grateful for his continuous generosity and support.

We would like to thank our Contributing Sponsor, Brad Sorte, and Caron Renaissance, for their sponsorship of this year's Retreat and for the many years of continued support of the JRC.

There are those who give of their financial resources to support causes near and dear to their heart. Then there are those who make such causes their own. I want to thank my dear friend Boruch Duchman for his unwavering support, dedication, and advocacy on behalf of the JRC. and for making the JRC "His" cause.

Recovery is what we do, but a Jewish organization we are, and as such food is central to everything we do. We are lucky to be based in a city whose premier Kosher food establishment is owned by a family as generous as the Goldmans. We would like to thank, Shlomo & Chaya Goldman of the Grove Kosher Market, for being the longest standing continuous supporters of the JRC, and for catering the 8th annual Retreat & Shabbaton.

We are honored to have longtime supporters and friends Bruce and Cindy Miller join us for this year's Retreat. Thank you for the support and more importantly for your friendship.

A special thank you to Pinny & Nitza for your ongoing support, and for keeping us on our toes in the culinary and religion arena.

Berel Strohli who does not possess the capability of putting the letters N and O together to form a word in all matters JRC. Thank you for always being there and for making the cause of the JRC a family affair.

We would like to thank Danielle Hartman of Jewish Family Services, Mrs. Fonda Roth, and Sharon Burns Carter for their continued support and dedication to the JRC and to this annual event.

Our sincere thanks to David Berkowitz and Avi Bash of Net Profession, for their efforts and technical assistance in all matters. A very special thank you to Shlomo Walden for taking charge of the technical aspects of the Retreat and for your relentless pursuit of JRC Alumni.

The 8th annual Retreat will be the most attended ever, it is only through the hard work and support of all the above mentioned that the rest of us are able to partake in this incredible event.

We look forward to sharing an inspiring and uplifting weekend, enough to carry all of us until at least next year this time.

Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

Yosef Chaim Brook

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

3:00PM - 6:45PM
 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 7:12 PM
 7:35 PM - 8:20 PM
 7:20 PM - 8:20 PM
 7:30 PM - 8:20 PM

 8:30 PM - 11:00 PM
 11:30 PM - 12:30 AM

 11:15 AM - 1:30 AM

Welcome & Registration
Lunch & Refreshments - טועמיה
Candle Lighting; Shabbat Begins
Women's Circle with Rebbetzins Kessler & Kaplan
Friday Night Prayer Services - Kabbalat Shabat with Rabbi Shneini Kaplan
Why I'm not in Shul Right Now (an opportunity for those struggling with G-d to discuss their hurts, fears, confusion....) with David Kaufman *30 & under
Friday Night Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Simon Jacobson & Sarge
12-STEP RECOVERY MEETINGS
AA with Jeff E.
NA with Steve D. & Boruch D. (OPEN)
Alanon with Steve C (OPEN)
GA with Arnie W. (CLOSED)
SA with Moshe Yachnes (CLOSED)
OA with a Friend (CLOSED)
Oneg - The JRC Chill Hosted by Shragi Sponsored by Bentzi & Mordche

Ballroom Foyer
 Salon I
 Key Largo
 Hillsboro
 Hibiscus

 Everglades
 Grand Ballroom

 Hillsboro
 Everglades II
 Hibiscus
 Captain's Room
 Coral Room
 Everglades I
 Salon I

SHABBAT

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM
 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM
 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

 1:45 PM - 4:00 PM
 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Continental Breakfast
Consciousness of Contact, Finding G-d in the Last Place We Would Have Thought to Look... Our Own Heart with Menachem Poznanski
Sacrificing Your Animal with Rabbi Dov Greenberg
Wrestling with Faith with Rabbi Simon Jacobson
Shabbat Morning Services - Davening
Women's Spirituality Group with Rebbetzin Devorah Kaplan
Sex & Recovery (For Men Only) with David Kaufman
Spousal Support Group (For Women Only) with Sharon Burns Carter
Kiddush - Light Snacks and Refreshments
CO-CURRENT MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS
1: Accept a Teacher and Sponsor Upon Yourself with Lew Abrams ACSW, LCSW, CASAC, CSAT
2: DNA of Your Soul: The Original 4000-Year-Old 7 Step Program
 In this intimate, introspective and interactive session we will dissect the core emotional energies that make you tick. Take a journey back to your childhood -- retracing the steps to the original point when these faculties were at their purest and most innocent. Followed by the experiences that distorted your perceptions and feelings, concluding with tools to release and reclaim the beautiful child trapped in your adult body.
with Rabbi Simon Jacobson
3: Experience Strength & Hope with Josh K. & Shraga B.
4: "Are You Calling Me Defective?!" Learning how the 12 steps can be a path to finding your strengths and channeling them into your life in all the ways they were destined to with Menachem Poznanski LCSW & Aryeh Buchsbayew LCSW
Shabbat Lunch with Menachem Poznanski & Rabbi Dov Greenberg
CO-CURRENT MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS
1: "Progress in Recovery - More Than Just the Bottom Line" When One Addictive Behavior Fuses into Another with Moshe Yachnes LCSW, CASAC, CSAT
2: Recovery: A Spiritual Program of Action- Interactive Therapy Group with Faith Niece M.A. LMHC, LMFT, ASAT
3: Recovery in Shushan, How Mordechai and Esther Worked a Program with Rabbi Shneini & Rebbetzin Devorah Kaplan
4: Getting Real About Marijuana with Menachem Poznansky LCSW & Aryeh Buchsbayew LCSW

Salon I

 Everglades II
 Everglades I
 Key Largo
 Hibiscus
 Hillsboro
 Key Largo
 Hillsboro
 Ballroom Foyer

 Everglades I

 Hillsboro
 Key Largo

 Everglades II
 Grand Ballroom

 Everglades I

 Hillsboro
 Key Largo

 Everglades II

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Event	Location
SHABBAT cont.	5:30 PM – 5:50 PM	Mincha Services	Hibiscus
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Hear Their Story <i>with Eli N. & Tani K.</i>	Hibiscus
	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Ever Have a Question You Were Afraid To Ask? All Questions Welcome <i>with Rabbi Simon Jacobson & Rabbi Dov Greenberg</i>	Hibiscus
	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	As the Sun Sets, a Melodious Journey <i>with Yeedle, Meilech & Rabbi Shneini Kaplan, accompanied by the Meزامrim</i>	Hillsboro
	8:10 PM	Maariv & Havdalah Service <i>with Rabbi Shneini Kaplan</i>	Hibiscus
	9:30 PM -12:00 AM	Grand Melava Malka & Kumzitz Dinner & Concert <i>Gathering of the Souls with Rabbi Simon Jacobson & Rabbi Shneini Kaplan</i>	Grand Ballroom Hillsboro
	12:00 AM - 1:00 AM	Concert <i>with Yeedle, Meilech Kohn & Nosson Zand, accompanied by the JRC Meزامrim</i> Open 12 Step Recovery Meeting All Fellowship	Grand Ballroom Hillsboro
SUNDAY	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Torah Class <i>with Rabbi Simon Jacobson</i>	Everglades I
	8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Full Breakfast	Salon I
	8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	Morning Services – Shacharis	Hibiscus
	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Face Your Fears and Celebrate: How to Overcome the 7 Universal Fears <i>with David Kaufman</i>	Hillsboro
	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Shabbaton Process <i>with Moshe Yachnes, Faith Niece, Aryeh Buchsabayew, Menachem Poznansky, Lew Abrams</i>	Salon I
	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Experience Strength & Hope - 3 JRC-ers Share their E.S.H. <i>with Matti M., Yossi F., Nosson Z.</i>	Grand Ballroom
	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	The Wisdom I Accumulated in 60 Years of Psychiatric Practice <i>Live from Jerusalem: Rabbi Dr. Abraham J. Twerski</i>	Grand Ballroom
	1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Q&A <i>Rabbi Dr. Abraham J. Twerski</i>	Grand Ballroom
	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Afternoon Refreshments	Salon I
	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Rebel Recovery - Naloxone Training	Salon II

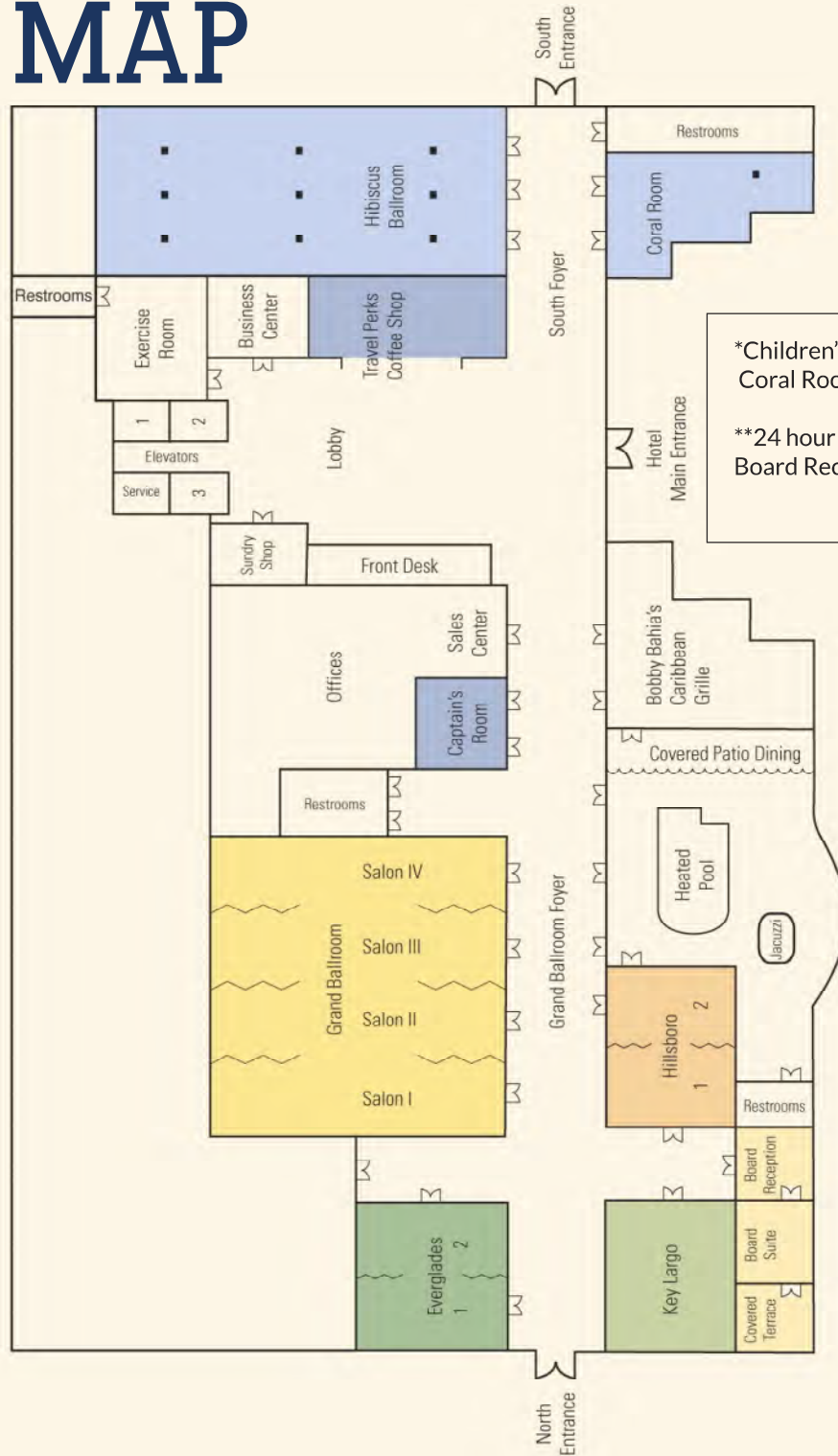
CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

The **CORAL ROOM** will be open for special performances, exciting games, stories and delicious children's meals. The room will be staffed by JRC counselors.

Day	Time	Event
FRIDAY	7:15-8:00 PM	Children's Kabbalat Shabbat Service
	8:00-8:45 PM	Children's Shabbat Dinner
	8:45-11:00 PM	Children's Program with JRC Staff
	11:00 PM	CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CLOSED
SHABBAT	9:30-10:15 AM	Children's Shacharit Service
	10:15-11:30 AM	Children's Program with JRC Staff
	11:30-12:15 PM	Kiddush - CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CLOSED
	12:15-1:15 PM	**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE** The Bubble Show
	1:30-2:15 PM	Children's Shabbat Lunch
	2:15-5:00 PM	Children's Program with JRC Staff
	5:00-6:00 PM	CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CLOSED
	6:00-7:00 PM	**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE** The Magic Touch of Arnaldo Leggi
	7:00-7:30 PM	Children's Seudat Shlishit/Dinner
	7:30-8:00 PM	Children's Program with JRC Staff
8:00 PM	CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CLOSED	

PLEASE NOTE: The CORAL ROOM closes Friday at 11:00PM and Saturday at 8:00PM. Additionally, the staff will be on break on Shabbat from 11:30AM-12:15AM and 5:00-6:00PM. Please make sure your children are with you during those times.

MAP



*Children's play area:
Coral Room

**24 hour tea room in the
Board Reception Room

MEET OUR PRESENTERS



Lewis J. Abrams, ACSW, LCSW, CASAC, CSAT

Lewis J. Abrams has been treating those afflicted with addictions and mental health challenges including adolescents, adults, couples and families for the past 33 years. He has created and directed programs at all levels of care including traditional outpatient, partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient and residential services throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mr. Abrams was the Clinical Director of Marworth Treatment Center (1991 -2001), a nationally recognized system of addiction treatment services located outside of Scranton, Pennsylvania.



Aryeh Buchsbayew, LCSW

Aryeh Buchsbayew is a New York State licensed clinical social worker and has worked in the field of substance abuse and addiction since 2005. Aryeh is trained in CBT, DBT, and EMDR and specializes in trauma work. Currently serving as a clinical supervisor at OHEL Children's Home and Family Services, Aryeh is also clinical coordinator at The Living Room (TLR), a program for Jewish young adults in recovery. Aryeh is co-author of *Stepping Out of The Abyss: A Jewish guide to Recovery*. Aryeh received his master's degree in social work from Fordham University in 2012. Aryeh also maintains a private practice in Woodmere, NY where he lives with his wife and children.



Sharon Burns-Carter, CAC

Sharon Burns-Carter has extensive experience working with individuals suffering from Substance Use Disorders and their family members. Her focus is on innovative transitional protocols for clients as they move through the continuum of care, as well as ongoing guidance for family members as they heal. In addition to her skilled approach to recovery management, Sharon has extensive experience in program and staff development. On a personal note, Sharon Burns-Carter is a woman in long term recovery and the proud mom of two sons in long term recovery. Sharon believes that peer support, community and service is at the heart of sustained recovery and a fulfilled life.

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Rabbi Dov Greenberg

Rabbi Dov Greenberg leads Stanford Chabad and lectures across the world. From his student center at Stanford University, lots of people like this Rabbi. We're talking millions. With an army of Facebook followers, Rabbi Dov Greenberg is a trailblazing Chassidic teacher with a knack for condensing deep mystical concepts into compact, relevant sound bites that resonate across mediums and mentalities. He's no stranger to what Judaism means to a new, thinking generation. His essays on contemporary issues appear regularly in newspapers and on the Internet. He lives with his family in Palo Alto, California.



Rabbi Simon Jacobson

Rabbi Simon Jacobson is one of the greatest scholars and sought after speakers in the Jewish world today. He has lectured to diverse audiences on six continents and in forty states on psycho-spiritual issues and applying Jewish thought to contemporary life. His voice is rooted in the timeless teachings of Torah, yet at the same time is profoundly timely, relevant, unique, and cutting edge. For over 14 years Rabbi Jacobson, as Editor-in-Chief of Vaad Hanochos Hatmimim, was responsible for publishing the talks of the late Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe. He was privileged to work in close association with the Rebbe and published more than 1000 of the Rebbe's talks. Rabbi Jacobson also heads The Meaningful Life Center, which bridges the secular and

the spiritual, through a wide variety of live and on-line programming. The Meaningful Life Center presents to people of all backgrounds the universal teachings of Torah as a blueprint for life. He is the author of the best-selling book *Toward a Meaningful Life*, a publication that has sold over 300,000 copies to date and has been translated into 14 languages.



Devorah Kaplan

Devorah Kaplan is the Rebbetzin and program director of the Downtown Chabad Jewish Center in East Fort Lauderdale. Together with her husband Schneur, they founded the DJCC in 2001. Devorah has whole heartedly devoted herself to the fruition of the Jewish community in Fort Lauderdale, particularly in the arena of Jewish education. She received her teaching degree in France at the age of 19 and has made education the benchmark of her life and work. She is the founder and Director of a thriving Reggio Amelia Preschool and flourishing Hebrew School. Devorah has taught children and adults of all ages for over 20 years. She teaches a weekly women's class (since 2001), covering a breadth of topics from kabbalah, Talmud and biblical sources that attracts

women from all walks of life, from 'stay at home moms' to Doctors, grandmas, lawyers and therapists. She has passionately embraced and connected with the diverse Jews of Fort Lauderdale with her love, wisdom and thirst for knowledge and growth. Her enthusiasm and 'Joi De Vivre' is contagious and palpable in all she does. Devorah is married to Rabbi Schneur Kaplan and has seven children.

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Rabbi Schneur Kaplan

Rabbi Kaplan, fondly referred to by his friends as “Shneini”, is the spiritual leader and rabbi of the Downtown Chabad Jewish Center in Fort Lauderdale FL . Together with his wife Devorah, they founded DJCC in 2001 and have been serving this diverse Jewish Community with devotion, love and acceptance embracing Jews from all backgrounds and ways of life! Rabbi Kaplan is a distinguished lecturer and inspiring teacher. He is also a cantor and musician, often performing uplifting and moving kumzits and spiritual farbrengens. In addition to his work in the Downtown Community, Rabbi Kaplan has devoted much of his time, energy and expertise in the world of recovery. He currently leads 2 groups in weekly spiritual sessions and is a personal mentor for numerous men

and women. He is beloved by many and respected for his tremendous work assisting and guiding the many who reach out to him for support. Rabbi Kaplan is married to Devorah Kaplan (nee Hecht) and is the father of 7 amazing children. BH!!



David Kaufman

David Kaufman is a Narrative and Solution Focused Brief Therapist and Addictions counselor (C.A.A.C.F.). He has lectured and taught on a wide variety of mental health topics such as trauma, stress management and conflict resolution. As well as philosophic and theological issues. He has lectured throughout Israel and Canada, including York University, Hinks Dellcrest Family Therapy Center, Shaarei Tzedek Hospital, amongst others. In 1985 David received the Black Student Union Appreciation Award for his community work. David and his wife Estair lived in Bratislava, working for The Foundation for The Education and Welfare for Jews of Czechoslovakia, establishing the first Jewish school and educational program in Czechoslovakia since WWII. He also co-

founded the Narrative Therapy Center in Jerusalem, and was an honorary Staff member at the Hinks Dellcrest Institute as a member of a University of Toronto research project concerning Narrative Therapy techniques. Since that time he has been teaching, working for JACS, and maintaining a private practice in Toronto.



Rabbi Meir Kessler

Rabbi Meir Kessler is the Director of the Jewish Recovery Center in Boca Raton Florida. He was ordained in 2001 by the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem. Rabbi Kessler began his Rabbinical career as a pulpit Rabbi in Delray Beach. Before long he came to the realization that the area is inhabited by a very unique and special population, people in treatment and those in early recovery. Rabbi Kessler & his wife Frumi decided to dedicate their lives to serving this community and founded the Jewish Recovery Center for this purpose.

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Faith Niece, MA, LMHC, LMFT, CSAT

Faith Niece, MA, LMHC, LMFT, CSAT is a therapist in Boca Raton, FL, who helps clients to lead healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives. Faith firmly believes that everyone has the right and ability to break free from destructive patterns and transform their lives for the better. Faith specializes in helping clients suffering from trauma, as well as couples and families looking to build a happier and more loving life together. Faith has worked in the field of addiction counseling since 2007 and has been a private-practice therapist since 2013, helping hundreds of clients transform their lives using carefully structured techniques selected to meet the needs of each individual. Faith is also trained in holistic wellness modalities and emphasizes the role of healthy lifestyle choices in promoting long-term mental health. In addition to providing therapy and healing services, Faith Niece is a skilled speaker on podcasts and other media forms, she presents at professional conferences and regularly facilitates a variety of therapeutic and educational workshops.



Menachem Poznanski, LCSW

MENACHEM POZNANSKI, a New York State licensed clinical social worker and author, has worked in the field of substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment, and recovery support for the past fifteen years. Since 2004, Mr. Poznanski has served as clinical director of The Living Room (TLR), a program for Jewish young adults in recovery from addictions of all forms. TLR, was the first Jewish program of its kind providing outreach and on-going support services specifically to Jewish young adults in recovery. Menachem is the co-author of *Stepping Out of the Abyss: A Jewish Guide to the Twelve Steps*, a Mosaica Press publication. Menachem received his master's degree in social work from the Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Mr. Poznanski maintains a private practice as a psychotherapist, and is also a consultant to high schools in addressing issues of substance abuse and addiction. Mr. Poznanski lives in Cedarhurst, New York, with his wife Naomi and their two children.



Sarge Pickman

Sarge Pickman is an extraordinary entertainer. SARGE has performed worldwide to adoring audiences. His sidesplitting comedy, touching vocals and stunning display of dexterity as a pianist have wowed crowds for decades. He is one of the highest energy, multi-talented acts in show business today. Not only a hysterical stand-up comedian, SARGE sings in his own voice and a dozen others including Harry Connick, Jr., Sammy Davis, Jr., Lionel Richie and Stevie Wonder. Additionally, his dead on impressions of Marv Albert, Mike Tyson, Kermit the Frog and Gilbert Gottfried leave audiences howling and clamoring for more. SARGE has been clean and sober since December 26, 1990, and he has dedicated himself to assisting others who are facing the battle of addiction.

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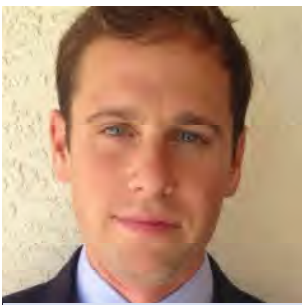
Rabbi Dr. Abraham J. Twerski

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski is a psychiatrist and founder of Gateway Rehabilitation Center in Pittsburgh, one of America's leading facilities for addiction treatment. He is the author of more than 70 books, and lectures extensively on the topics of chemical dependency, stress, self-esteem and spirituality. For 20 years, he served as clinical director of the Department of Psychiatry at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh, and was associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. Rabbi Twerski is recognized as an international authority in the chemical dependency field. He began the first Pennsylvania program for nurses with alcohol or drug problems, "Nurses off Chemicals," served on the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and was Chairman of the Pennsylvania Medical Society Committee on the impaired Physician. Rabbi Dr. Twerski is an ordained rabbi, and traces his ancestry to the Baal Shem Tov, founder of the Chassidic movement.



Arnie Wexler, CCGC LCADC

Arnie Wexler, CCGC LCADC has presented educational work shops nationally and internationally. Arnie is a recovering compulsive gambler whose last bet was April 10, 1968. Arnie also runs a national help line (888.LAST.BET) and works at Recovery Road, a treatment facility in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida that specializes in the treatment of those suffering with gambling addiction.



Moshe A. Yachnes LMSW, CSAT, CASACT

Moshe A. Yachnes LMSW, CSAT, CASACT, graduated from Fordham University with a masters degree in clinical social work. He has extensively trained in addictions therapy as well as fulfilled the requirements for a credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselor (CASAC). In 2007, Moshe was awarded with a specialization in education and training in substance abuse. He has worked with individuals and families struggling with abuse and addiction for ten years including two years as weekend supervisor at MLN National Jewish Youth Rehabilitation, an inpatient dual diagnosis residential facility for Jewish adolescents. Moshe has been trained by the International Institute for Trauma and Addiction Professionals (IITAP), and is a certified sex addiction therapist (CSAT). He has been acknowledged by the BECK Institute for his training in CBT interventions. Moshe served as clinical director of Madraigos in Woodmere N.Y where he was responsible to all therapeutic programming. He spent 3 years providing psychotherapy in private practice in Cedarhurst NY.

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Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

Mazel Tov on the occasion of your
8th Annual Jewish Recovery Center Retreat.

Your tremendous support, dedication and
devotion to our entire family, to the entire
recovery community, and to the Jewish
community at large is greatly appreciated by
us all.

May Hashem bless you and your entire
beautiful family with good health and
happiness and the strength to continue your
most important work for 120 years
with great appreciation and gratitude,

BRUCE, CINDY, DANIELLE AND ADAM

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to

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AMAZING WORK THAT**

Rabbi Meir and Frumi Kessler

**do week in and week out, helping those
recovering from the disease of addiction.**

**Their self sacrifice to the Rebbe's mission of
bringing light into the world of darkness
is an inspiration to us all.**



**With Gratitude,
Basha, Moishe, Yisroel & Manny Goldstein**

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*Yeshuat Hashem K'heref Ayin -
The salvation of God is like the blink of an eye*

IN HONOUR OF THE

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Jewish Recovery Center
Retreat & Shabbaton**

THE ROTH FAMILY



SAPPHIRE

May the Neshomo of

*Boruch
ben
Bailoh*

have an Aliyah.



May we forever warm each other's
hearts the way Boruch warmed ours.

Thank you Rabbi Kessler and Frumi
for the wonderful work you do.

Respectfully,
ELI AND ITA POSNER



TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS

Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

**Congratulations on the occasion of the
8th Annual Jewish Recovery Retreat.**

**May G-d continue to grant you the strength
to persevere, the ability to achieve and
the will to share your success combating
the growing problem of addiction in the
Jewish community.**



**With much appreciation,
The Klein Family**

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**Your selfless dedication
is an inspiration.
We are proud to call
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**Shmuly & Aliza Ainsworth
& Family**



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Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

Words do not suffice to express our gratitude
and admiration for the Kessler's and
the Jewish Recovery Center.

Their selfless caring and mission driven lives
are a true Kiddush Hashem.

May hashem bless them to continue
michayil el chayil and see only joy
and happiness from their beautiful family.



TO MENACHEM:
You are a rockstar! Keep it up!

Chaim & Shani Gross

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Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

You lead by example. Your home is open to all in need 24/7. The work is long and the day is short.

May Hashem repay you 100x for your relentless commitment to the Recovery community with the triple blessings of Gezunt, Parnassah and Nachas from your children!

DINA & MENACHEM KRANZ



Rabbi Kessler & the JRC,

**You did NOT change my life.
You made me.**

**My character and my soul
were sullied by the darkness
of my addiction, and drowning
in its depths.**

The light could not shine through.

**Thank you and the whole JRC family
for supporting me through the years
with love!**

JIMMY GUINDI

Rabbi Kessler & Frumi,

Thank you for everything
you do for Klal Yisroel!

With love,

**Rabbi Fishel Zaklos and family,
Chabad of Naples**



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THANK YOU TO

Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

on another amazing year.

Your dedication, commitment and selfless help to this cause is truly amazing as we have witnessed first-hand the countless families that you have continued to touch.

May Hashem give both you and your family much health and success in continuing the Rebbe's work!

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salutes the **JEWISH RECOVERY CENTER** and

Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

for the incredible life-saving work they do
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Salutes *Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler*
and the entire Jewish Recover Center
for your tireless efforts and
tremendous accomplishments.

May Hashem bless you with
continued success.

RABBI YOSEF & BAYLA BISTON
RABBI SHUEY & SARAH BISTON
RABBI MENDY & ESTIE GUTNICK



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MAZAL TOV & YASHAR KOACH TO

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Kessler

for the remarkable work you're doing with the
Jewish Recovery Center!

It's so inspiring to see how much you're
accomplishing turning around so many people's
lives with your programs!

It's a genuine honor to be able to be a very
small part of your growing programs!

I wish you and all your participants continued
and increasing successes and to go from
strength to strength!

JOEL PASSICK, MD
North Palm Beach, Florida

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IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Meir Kessler

Whose devotion to Chessed is legendary.

We wish him continued Hatzlach in everything.

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In appreciation of
Rabbi & Rebbetzin Kessler
and
The entire JRC

for your dedication and commitment
to all of our clients
while they are in your care
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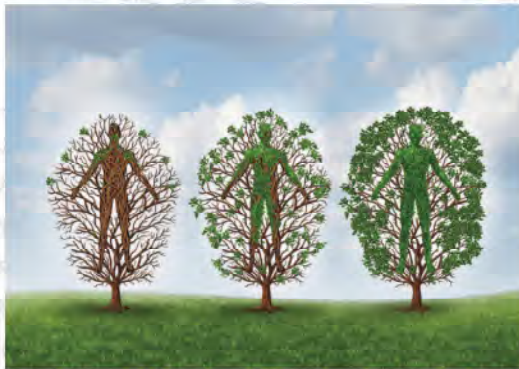
With eternal gratitude
for always being just a phone call away

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On the road to
RECOVERY
through every
STRUGGLE ...



...through the
painful process
of rehabilitating
and reviving
our soul
back to life ...

... the human touch to intervene
every step of the way
& help prevent the continues
domino effect
of the devastating disease
of addiction ...



... was you/The Jewish Recovery Center !!

The strength that you instill in us is the
"cementing powder" that holds all the blocks together

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ADDICTION DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE

HAVING AN ORGANIZATION LIKE JRC TO SERVICE OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE RECOVERY PROCESS IS THE REASON

WHY WE ARE ABLE TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES

CLIMB MOUNTAINS

AND FACE LIFE'S DAILY CHALLENGES



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SPECIAL THANKS TO

RABBI MEIR

AND

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KESSLER

AND THE ENTIRE JRC STAFF



**WISHING YOU
A SUCCESSFULL WEEKEND**

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THANK YOU TO

Rabbi & Frumi Kessler

along with the entire JRC staff, for being a light in the all consuming darkness that is addiction.

The Kesslers have willingly sacrificed the privacy of their home, a pleasure many of us take for granted, in order to let countless addicts grapple with the challenge of pursuing recovery in a loving and spiritual environment.

May G-D continue to bless you with the strength and support to carry out your mission for many years to come!

YOSSI & ABIGAIL FELDMAN
NOSSON & PESHY ZAND



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Mazal Tov!

On another amazing year of bringing boundless joy, dignity, support and unconditional love to so many precious souls.

May
RABBI MEIR & FRUMI KESSLER
and the entire JRC team
go from strength to strength!!!

We are so proud of you!

Rabbi Elazar and Esther Bogomilsky



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Meir & Frumi,

May Hashem provide you
with strength to keep up
this important and much
needed work!

DOVID AND CHANIE KATZ



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IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

Thank you for your unceasing and tireless
work on behalf of Klal Yisroel.

לא עליך המלאכה לגמור

"Spirituality is one of those realities that you have
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-Ernest Kurtz, The Spirituality of Imperfection

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We love you so much and we are so proud of all your important work!!!!!!

May you be blessed with the ability to help others in their journey of healing and growth

Love you always,

**Mendy, Nechamy
and the Segal Family**

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IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

Your dedication and tireless efforts remain
and inspiration to all.

May you be blessed to continue your
tremendous work in good health and strength.

With heartfelt appreciation,
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**DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY
OF OUR SON, BROTHER & UNCLES**



*Yaakov Yisroel
Topper*

YY was impacted so greatly by those around him in the last period of his life and his void in this world can only be filled with the inspiration and positive strides made by those who he knew and effected.

May his memory remain in all of our minds and hearts and may we always use his example to continue to better ourselves on a daily basis!



With Love,
**MOMMY, TOTTY,
SORA ESTHER, ELI, COBY, AVRUMI,
SHEVI, ELISHA ZEV, SHALVA & ZELDY**

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IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler's

continued success with the Jewish Recovery Center.

May you continue to go from strength to strength.

Thank you for all of your care, love and support
you have given our family over the years.

Mazal Tov from your first family.

With Love,

MARGIE & ED HURWITZ
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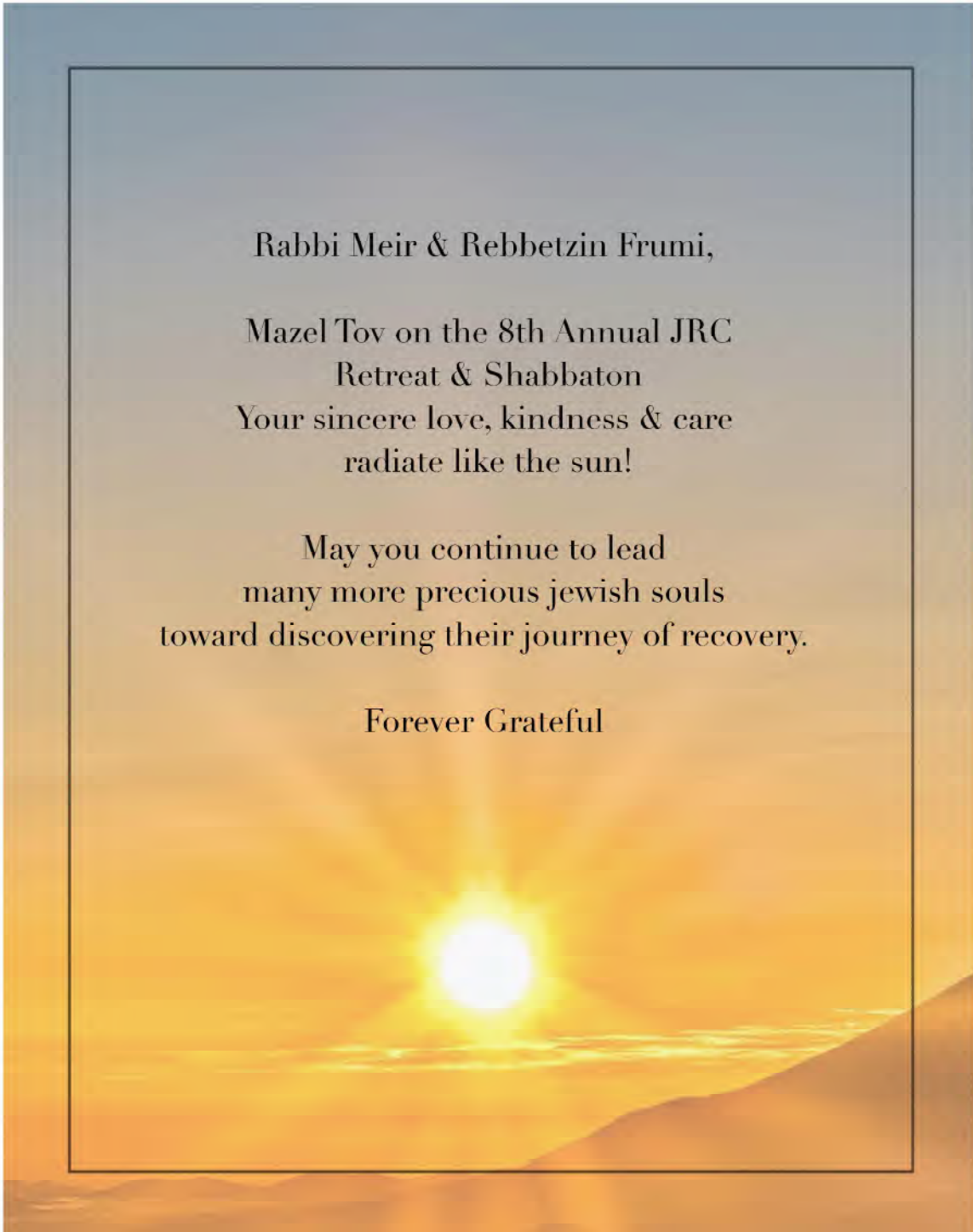
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Rabbi Meir & Rebbetzin Frumi,

Mazel Tov on the 8th Annual JRC
Retreat & Shabbaton
Your sincere love, kindness & care
radiate like the sun!

May you continue to lead
many more precious jewish souls
toward discovering their journey of recovery.

Forever Grateful



IN HONOR OF

Meir & Frumi Kessler

Thank you for the wonderful and tireless work you do for the Jewish Community! We are in awe of you!

Love,
Mendy & Chanala Kornfeld and Family

**SENDING OUR BEST WISHES TO THE JRC,
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF**

Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler and Family

וישם לך שלום

From the Cohen Family,
St. John's Wood, London

DEAR

Meir & Frumi

May Hashem continue to bless you with much
success in your holy work

הצלחה רבה ומופלגה ביותר למעלה מן המשוער!

Shmuly & Elana Kornfeld and Family

May the JRC continue to be a
“Beacon of Light” for those that are
still lost in the darkness of addiction.

Let's have an amazing weekend!

**BLESSINGS,
THE STEINBERGS**



Continued success and nothing but blessings upon the

Kessler Family

and all the amazing work they do day in and day out
for those that wish to recover from addiction.

Have a great weekend everyone,
THE BURGARDS



HERE'S TO A GREAT SHABBATON 2019!!!

We are once again truly blessed to be a small
part of this great organization.

We are of the belief that “Service to G-d and
His people is the greatest work of all.”



L'CHAIM! L'CHAIM!
PAMELA & JEFF EIDELBERG



Rabbi Meir & Frumi Kessler

We are so proud of you and your family's selfless dedication to your important, and much needed, work!

ELIEZER & CHAYA GURKOV
Pomona, New York

Meir & Frumi

We are soo proud of your work saving lives and bringing meaning and inspiration to hungry souls!!!

We love you!!

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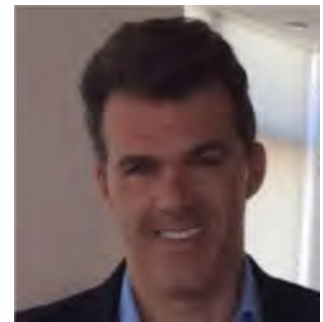
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May Hashem give you strength
to continue עד מאה ועשרים

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MAZAL TOV

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Kessler

in leading the Jewish recovery community
for another year.

Your love, support and open home is an
inspiration.

Keep up the great work!

NASHI & DEBBY KAGAN

Rabbi Meir & Family

What a wonderful retreat, what an amazing event,
what an awesome undertaking!

Good luck, good luck, good luck!

Hope this Shabbos takes off with much success.

Love,

DB, ZC, Ita and Nechemia Lewis

8th Annual
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