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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Judaism values the discreet. Tefillin shel yad, the tefillin worn on the arm, is a sign to the wearer, not others. Hence, there is a practice to cover the shel yad. Public displays of piety are considered akin to arrogance. The Midrash lays part of the blame for the smashing of the first Luchot on their very public presentation. The second Luchot, which were given privately, lasted. The discreet is preferred. Why then, are we having such an elaborate week of "Installation, Education, Celebration?"

There are three mitzvot for which "pirsumei nisa", the publicizing of a miracle, is essential; the Four Cups of Pesach, the reading of the Megilla on Purim, and Chanukah candles. The Four Cups of Pesach are part of fulfilling the mitzvah of v'higadtah l'vincha, the recounting of the vents of the Exodus to our children. On Purim, the pirsumei nisa is done in the synagogue as we read the Megilla. The Chanukah candles are lit for the passerby on the street. They are the most public of the three mitzvot. The pirsum hanes is done in our home, for our family.

The Egyptians attempted to undermine the very institution which transmits faith, the family. According to the Midrash, Pharaoh made the men do women's work and the women men's work, and enforced the separation of husband and wife. The resulting despair was so pervasive that even Amram, the father of Moshe and the leader of his generation, divorced his wife, Yocheved. How appropriate, then, that the mitzvah that publicizes the redemption from Egypt takes place within the context of the family.

The story of Purim begins with a party. Achashveirosh was celebrating the failure of God to redeem the Jews and rebuild the Temple, the Beit Hamikdash. He even flashed the captured Holy Vessels of the Beit Hamikdash before the eyes of the assembled as evidence that God's relationship with the Jews had ended. Thus the pirsumei nisa of the Megilla is fulfilled in the synagogue, the small mikdash, the sign that our relationship with God continues.

The challenge of the Chanukah story was the spiritual challenge of the surrounding general culture. Our response is to publicize the miracle of Chanukah to declare to all those around

us that we treasure our Torah, and through its values shape our way of life.

A synagogue has many responsibilities. It must work to strengthen the family unit, to foster a sense of community and to provide a clear vision of Judaism in a very complicated world. We have worked hard to meet these responsibilities. We need to take stock and to celebrate. I see the installation as a family event, internal, for us the members of Lincoln Square. The education programs will celebrate our role in articulating a Jewish approach to the spiritual challenges for today's culture.

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INSTALLATION
OF
RABBI SIMCHA WEINBERG
as SENIOR RABBI
OF LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE
MONDAY, MAY 25, 1992, 6:45 pm
Everyone is cordially invited!
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pesach summons our commitment as Jews perhaps more than any other Yom Tov. It is anything but casual. This festival requires an enormous amount of preparation. We kasher our homes, search for chometz in the pockets of long forgotten garments, or we sell it all and make reservations -- but we can't just let it happen, we must make it happen. Food labels, tape on cabinets, scouring, boiling, covering, we apply diligence and planning with a passion that borders on the obsessive. The result is often a frenetic, near-chaotic frenzy in anticipation of eight distinctive days of the year.

Like Pesach, Lincoln Square Synagogue requires effort. We could never have had our massive Mishloach Manos campaign without the close collaboration of staff and membership. Nor would we have been able to mount the successful Arts and Crafts Festival or the extraordinary Wednesday Night Lecture Series, or the comprehensive Joseph Shapiro Institute program without painstaking preparation, forethought and long hours of physical labor. Our K'lei Kodesh, staff and membership pour effort into these endeavors far beyond the call of duty.

And like Pesach, at LSS everyone has his personal role to play. The Seder provides a part for everyone. This one leads, this one cooks, this one asks the questions -- parents, children, grandparents, guests, each brings his individual contribution to the Seder. And in the same way, we bring our individual contributions to this amazing shul.

Some of us are in shul all day. Some for davening every day. Others once a week. Still others we greet for classes, or several times a year. Even those who line up for Yizkor and are not even members are apart of the fabric of the community that is Lincoln Square Synagogue, which stands as an example of the diversity of Jewish life in our time. This shul is proud to reflect that spectrum. It's what we're all about -- a role for everyone. Like the Seder, like Pesach.

Pesach is the quintessential festival of freedom, and yet it places upon us severe restrictions. We change everything -- our homes, pockets, dishes and diets. Pesach the festival of freedom, imposes restraints unlike any other Yom Tov, and so asserts emphatically that there is no freedom without law and tradition. And so it is at LSS. Diversity, yes. Varying levels of commitment, more or less passion, greater or lesser amounts of time. At LSS we have no lack of differing opinions, philosophies and agendas, and there is room for all of them. We are free to be who we are, but not to do anything we like. We gather as a diverse assembly of individuals within the borders of Jewish law and tradition.

Pesach is a magnet that draws even the most distant of Jews to the Seder table. Likewise, Lincoln Square Synagogue continues to be a magnet for Jews of all backgrounds.

CHAG KASHER V'SAMEACH!

Steven Spira

*Rabbi and Mrs. Weinberg are pleased to invite
the members of Lincoln Square Synagogue
to the upsherenish (ritual haircutting ceremony)
of their son Oriel Chasadya
on Monday morning, May 25th
immediately following the second minyan.*

*** Installation * Education ***
*** Celebration ***

A week of events in honor of Rabbi Simcha Weinberg
 and Lincoln Square Synagogue

"It's an embarrassment of riches" concludes program co-chair **Margie-Ruth Davis** as she completes the list of Rabanim who will be participation in this year's week-long series of events that begins with the installation of **Rabbi Simcha Weinberg** and culminates with the shul dinner.

Shul goers, who've undoubtedly noticed the large poster in the shul lobby, are aware by now, that the theme of the week is **INSTALLATION EDUCATION CELEBRATION**.

The installation of Rabbi Simcha Weinberg will be held on the evening of May 25th at the shul. Committee member **Herman Samson** explains the program will revolve around a Mincha/Maariv service with the induction of Rabbi Weinberg in-between and a reception afterward. He expects the evening to strain the shul to capacity.

The program will be led with a speech by LSS founding **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin**. **Rabbi Maurice Lamm**, Rabbi Weinberg's father-in-law, will perform the induction ceremony, and then the shul will hear from Rabbi Weinberg.

For those of you who are wondering if this ceremony is coming a little late, it is in fact nine months late, but as Margie-Ruth Davis notes, it's a shul tradition. The installation of Rabbi Berman was equally as late, and, she says, it's possible we never had an installation of Rabbi Riskin.

While the installation cements the relationship between the shul and the Rabbi, the second them **EDUCATION** is the bedrock upon which Lincoln Square was founded. During that week, there will be a series of lectures at the shul, by prominent New York Rabbis, and one **Rebbetzin, Dodi Lee Weinberg**. The week of education continues of course on Shabbat, when **Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm**, the President of Yeshiva University, will give the Shabbat morning drasha. In the afternoon, **Rabbi Saul Berman** will give a shiur.

Finally, on May 31st, the shul comes together to celebrate our community at the annual dinner. Dinner Committee co-chair **Barbara Alexander** says she took on this daunting task this year out of a great personal sense of admiration for Rabbi Weinberg and his wife.

She describes the great warmth extended towards her family by Rabbi Weinberg during their period of mourning earlier this year. She describes the excitement of his classes, that are drawing more and more participants each week. She goes on to recite some of the stories being retold in the shul about Rabbi Weinberg that describe his warmth and his knowledge.

Everyone knows by now that he walked up 15-flights of stairs to attend a Shalom Zachor, even though he had a broken toe. They know too of his incredible memory feats, including his ability to remember everyone's name, after one introduction.

Gloria Kestenbaum, who is co-chairing this year's journal, says she senses the shul's delight with Rabbi Weinberg, and she hopes that will reflected in the journal. The journal will include congregants ads and their expressions of well wishes, and will also likely include copies of the speeches given over the course of the week.

It will tie together the week's events of installation, education and celebration, and will hopefully be a book to hold on to.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

I wish to thank the Rabbis, the Cantor and all my friends for the expressions of love and appreciation on the occasion of my recent special birthday.

MARTHA COHN

Clothesline Bulletin

Are you going to Israel? Would you like to help new immigrants while you enjoy your trip? Have you even a little room in your luggage? If you answer "YES" to all three of these questions, have we got a deal for you! In Jerusalem there is an organization, Keren Klita, made up of over 1000 volunteers, that offers concrete help and friendship to new arrivals. This group, run by modern orthodox Anglo-Israeli women, is largely non-ideological, just doing the kind of thing they did before making aliya. They can use your help to improve the lot of the Russian and Ethiopian families that have recently arrived. They need items of a quality that you would give to a friend, not a rag-bag. Among the things they need are:

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This information was supplied thanks to Glenn Richter.

Wendy Baker, Chairperson

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And work for all they're worth?"
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--Author Unknown

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SERVICE WITH A SMILE!

Ed Koch at Lincoln Square Synagogue

The man who told the world that Secretary of State James Baker had cursed the Jews could not be prouder of the fact that his column in the *New York Post* caused such a storm. But Ed Koch does not believe Mr. Baker's four-letter dismissal of Jewish voters was necessarily anti-Semitic.

"It was vulgar, crude, and crass, and [showed that the administration's] unacceptable political policy towards America's only constant ally in the Middle East has been adopted solely to punish those who didn't vote for Bush in 1988," said Mr. Koch. The former Mayor of New York made his remarks as part of a talk entitled "Anti-Semitism in New York City," sponsored by Lincoln Square Synagogue.

As Mr. Koch had written in his column, Mr. Baker made his comment about Jews at a White House meeting after at least one member of the Bush administration protested the decision to link granting Israel loan guarantees to Jewish settlement activity in Judea and Samaria. "The Bush Administration wants the West Bank to be *Judenrein*, and that is--or should be --unacceptable to any Jew I know," said Mr. Koch.

Important 2 Percent

At issue, said Mr. Koch, was not the Bush administration's foreign policy, but, rather, the administration's decision "to punish those who won't vote for its candidate."

Mr. Koch suggested that Mr. Baker's opinion might be politically skewed. While Jews account for approximately 2 percent of the votes in the United States, their numbers are strongest in New York, Florida, California, and Illinois, where approximately 35 percent of Jewish voters opted for Mr. Bush in 1988. "If the President loses that 35 percent in those four states, he won't be President anymore. Nobody can be elected President of the United States without those four states," he said, recognizing that asking Jews to put Jewish issues at the top of their

political agenda is probably a lost cause.

Jewish reluctance to do so is at least partially to blame for Mr. Baker's ability to make such a statement with seeming impunity, said Mr. Koch. "If Baker had made that statement about blacks, Jews would be the first to protest. Why can't we stand up as vehemently for ourselves?" he asked.

But American- Jewish leaders, in general, are, according to Mr. Koch, "a big disappointment." "Many should be thrown out," he said. "We have wealthy, powerful Jews in the media, but they don't want to be seen as concerned with Jewish issues."

These Jews, as well as those who quietly acquiesce, he said, send the Bush administration a message: It's okay. Keep it up. There's a general lack of support for Israel even among Jews.

Crown Heights

At no time was this attitude among Jews more visible than in the aftermath of the Crown Heights riots last summer, he said, explaining that, after the "pogrom" he called on several Jewish organizational leaders to arrange a march against anti-Semitism.

His project met with constant disappointment. Initially, he wanted the march to be held in Crown Heights, but that area, the Jewish leaders told him, was "too dangerous for our people." The leaders agreed to hold the march on a Sunday in lower Manhattan from Fulton Street to Foley Square. Mr. Koch's response to them was: "I used to work in that area. Have new people moved in since then? Does even the mayor come in on Sunday? Better we should march from 79th to Lincoln Center. Even upper West Side Jews would support a march against anti-Semitism."

Eventually, no more than 2,000 Jews marched from 14th to 25th Streets, where they were addressed by Rep. Bill Green (D-NY) and Sen. Al D'Amato (R-NY). "I came hoping to see the gorgeous mosaic," said Mr. Koch, referring to the phrase used by current New York Mayor David Dinkins. "But even Dinkins was not there. Can you imagine what would have happened if there had been a march against apartheid while I was mayor, and I had not shown up?"

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THANK YOU!!THANK YOU!!

Dear LSS Committee,

Thank you very much for the unexpected wonderful surprise I received Purim. It was really much.

I know whoever received this same gift (luckily) of Mishloach Manot was as thrilled as I was. This year you out did yourselves.

I hope you and we are always able to do good things for LSS.

Love,
Froomie Cohen

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Saying "Thank You" For the Good

More than a year has passed since my mother, of blessed memory, passed away. Of course, it was not an easy year, but it flew by rapidly.

Many of the laws and customs of aveylut (mourning) had a deep impact on me. But, the requirement to say Kaddish with a minyan every morning and evening had a particularly profound impact, throwing my already tumultuous life into even greater turmoil. There were times when I was delayed on trains and planes, and was certain that I had missed Kaddish. But somehow, I never missed reciting Kaddish even once during the entire year -- which is quite a tribute to the New York subway system! Often it required something little short of a miracle, but I made it, and now I can finally take a deep breath, and plod on.

I must admit that saying Kaddish for me was not a terrible inconvenience, since, even before I became a mourner, I regularly attend Shacharit and Mincha services daily, and tried as often as I could to attend Maariv services. I can't fathom how difficult this new routine must be for those who do not attend minyan regularly. The tensions I experienced, as someone who was used to going to services, were enormous. How overwhelming it must be for someone who is suddenly thrust into this awesome regimen.

What really amazed me was how casual my attitude toward synagogue attendance became immediately after the first Yahrtzeit. It took less than three weeks for me to miss my first minyan, and while I am sincerely trying not to miss too often, it is very likely that I am going to miss far more

frequently than I did during my year of mourning. Yes, I recognize the irony. Now, thank God, that everyone is OK, my 88 year-old father is doing well, my wife and children are healthy, my work is fulfilling -- now that everything is hunky-dory -- I somehow can't manage to get to synagogue as regularly as I did during my mourning. When mother was ill, and after she passed away, I never missed. And now, when I have so much for which to be grateful, I am back to being casual about it! And then when, God forbid, tragedy strikes, as it will inevitably, we call out, "O God, O God, why have you forsaken me!"

"Where were you, Buchwald, when everything was OK?", He may justifiably ask. "You couldn't find the time to say 'Thank you'?"

Lincoln Square Synagogue is certainly one of the most successful and acclaimed synagogues in the land. And justifiably so. We have two nice-sized minyanim in the morning and a well-attended evening service. But all told, probably no more than a hundred people out of a membership of 1300, attend weekday services. Very likely, many of our members attend other synagogues during the week. But daily synagogue attendance at LSS could easily increase threefold, fourfold or more.

So join me, Rabbi Weinberg and Rabbi Cohen in expressing thanks daily for the good God continues to do. Don't wait for a tragedy.

Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald



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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK, *cont'd. from page 1*

I hope that the dinner will be a celebration of community. We are diverse, demanding, and difficult, but our combined strengths are the key to our past and future successes.

After binding ourselves with the Shel Yad, the discreet, we are ready to wear the Shel Rosh, a sign to others of the glory granted us by God. I pray that our week of events will allow us to discover more of our glory, our strengths and potential, so that we may shine as an example to all Klal Yisrael.

Thank you for the honor you have bestowed on me and Dodi. Thank you for providing me with an endless sources of challenges to grow in many ways. I thank you most of all for the warmth which you have received all of us.

Rabbi Simcha Weinberg

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United States(1992) and the role of
Lincoln Square Synagogue"
Wednesday, May 27th, 8:00 pm

Dr. Norman Lamm

Shabbat Morning D'Rasha
Shabbat morning, May 30th,
Parshat Bechukotai

Rabbi Dr. Saul Berman

Communal Shiur
Shabbat afternoon, May 30th, 7:00 pm

Yom Hashoah Commemoration at LSS

Lincoln Square Synagogue has joined together with The Jewish Center, Ohab Zedek, Ohav Shalom, Shearith Israel and WSIS for Yom Hashoah, Yom Haatsmaut and Yom Yerushalayim. On Wednesday evening, April 29, Yom Hashoah will be commemorated with a special program at LSS.

This year we are fortunate to be able to host Mrs. Susan Beer, who will give "A Testimony of Faith and Endurance" as she describes her personal experiences in surviving the Nazi horrors.

Mr. Morris Zryl, a five-time president of Second Generation, an organization of children of survivors, will discuss the legacy of this generation. Everyone is invited to what will undoubtedly be a very moving evening.

You are cordially invited to attend the

INSTALLATION

of

*Rabbi Simcha Weinberg
as Senior Rabbi
of Lincoln Square Synagogue*

*address by Rabbi Shlomo Riskin
induction by Rabbi Maurice Lamm
acceptance by Rabbi Simcha Weinberg*

*on Monday Evening, May 25, 1992
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Champagne Reception to follow

MAY 1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Morning Services: Shabbat 8:45am*Sun. 7:15 & 8:30am*Mon./Thurs. 7:05 & 7:50 am*Tues./Wed./Fri. 7:10 & 7:30am 2nd: Mincha 7:35 pm/Daily Mincha & Maariv 7:45pm 9th: Mincha 7:40pm/Daily Mincha & Maariv 7:55pm				1 Shabbat Candles 7:34 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 7:45 pm		2 Acharai Mot Machar Chodesh
3 Rosh Chodesh Iyar Israeli Day Parade 12:00 - 6:00 pm LSS Clothes Drive	4 Rosh Chodesh Iyar Gruss Kollel Elyon Lecture	5	6 Yom Haatzmaut at The Jewish Center 7:00 pm	7	8 TFNIS Shabbat Candles 7:41 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 7:50 pm	9 Kedoshim
10 Mother's Day	11 Gruss Kollel Elyon Lecture Kosher Cooking Class	12	13 Lecture Tova Mordechai	14	15 Shabbat Candles 7:48 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 8:00 pm	16 Emor Shabbaton for Single People
17 Pesach Sheni	18 Gruss Kollel Elyon Lecture	19	20 Lecture Rabbi Simon Jacobson	21 Lag B'Omer	22 Shabbat Candles 7:55 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 pm & 8:05 pm	23 Behar
24	25 Memorial Day Morning Services 7:05 & 8:30 am Installation	26 Lecture Dodi Lee Weinberg 8:00 pm	27 Lecture Rabbi Dr. Jacob Schachter 8:00 pm	28	29 Shabbat Candles 8:00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 8:10 pm	30 Bechukotai Dr. Norman Lamm Rabbi Dr. Saul Berman
31 Yom Yerushalayim LSS Dinner						
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JUNE 1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 am	3	4	5 Shabbat Candles 8:06 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	6 B'Midbar Kindle Yom Tov Candles 9:06 pm Classes 11:30 pm
7 Hashkama Minyan 4:45 am Shavuot Kindle Yom Tov candles not before 9:07 pm	8 Shavuot Yom Tov Morning services including Yizkor 8:00 & 8:45 am	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Candles 8:09 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 8:20 pm	13 Naso
14	15 Gruss Kollel Elyon Lecture	16	17	18	19 Shabbat Candles 8:09 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 8:20 pm	20 Behaalotecha
21 Father's Day	22 Gruss Kollel Elyon Lecture Summer Classes Begin	23	24	25	26 Shabbat Candles 8:13 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 8:20 pm	27 Shelach Lecha
28	29	30				

Installation - Then and Now

The approaching ceremony to celebrate the installation of a new Rabbi perpetuates a tradition that marked the succession of teachers and leaders since the beginning of our history.

The first and perhaps supreme transfer of leadership is dramatically described in the closing verses of the Torah as Moshe Rabbeinu "places his hands" on Yehoshua bin Nun and, as witnessed by the entire nation, bestows upon him the "spirit of wisdom" and the "duty to be steadfast and strong."

The appointing and anointing of Judges and Kings notwithstanding, perhaps the most elaborate inauguration can be found in the glorious induction rite for the Exilarch -- the Reish Galuta -- by the heads of the Babylonian Academies of Sura and Pumbeditha. A colorful account, found in a fragment preserved of the writings of the tenth century Babylonian Nathan ben Isaac Ha-Babli, was first published by Zacuto in *Sefer ha-Yuhasin* in Constantinople in 1566.

...When the community agreed to appoint a new Exilarch the two heads of the academies and the elders assembled in the house of a prominent member for whom the use of his home was a mark of distinction and esteem. On Thursday they assembled in the synagogue, blessed the Exilarch and placed their hands on him. They blew the shofar. On hearing the proclamation announcing the new appointment every member of the community sent a present according to his means. The wealthy sent magnificent clothes and beautiful ornaments, vessels of silver and gold. The Exilarch in turn responded with a banquet on Thursday and on Friday serving an assortment of foods and drinks and a variety of sweetmeats.

On the Sabbath he was escorted to the synagogue where a wooden pulpit had been erected for the occasion, covered by magnificent silks, blue, purple and scarlet. The Exilarch would then expound on the Biblical portion or confer the honor on the head of the Academy of Sura, who might in turn defer to the head of the Academy of Pumbeditha. An interpreter repeated the words to the congregation, expounding with awe, closing his eyes and wrapping himself with a Tallith. None in the congregation uttered a sound. If he became aware that anyone spoke he would open his eyes and fear and terror would fall upon the congregation.

At the concluding Kaddish the Chazan would bless the Exilarch and the heads of the academies. He would then bless the cities and villages who had contributed to the academies as well as those who busied themselves with the collection, listing the sums donated by each. As the congregation remained standing and specially chosen youths sang hymns, the Reish Galuta and elders would leave....

(adapted)

With the decline of the great academies and the dispersal of Jewish communities in the ensuing years the ceremony was all but lost. Installation celebrations were revived in the early part of the last century with the emergence of Rabbinic appointments as paid leaders and are vividly described in many festschriften published for these occasions. None, however, quite capture the pageantry of the ceremony described above.

Modern rites follow ancient traditions but often express them in a language of a particular time and place. More than one hundred fifty years ago the ceremony marking the induction of the first Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom set a pattern which endures today. The majesty and formality of that style were evident when, in 1967, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Jakobovits, was elected into office and again a few months ago when he was succeeded by Dr. Jonathan Sacks.

Closer to home, in 1888 Rabbi Jacob Joseph was named the first and only Chief Rabbi of New York City. There is little evidence of a formal investiture and unfortunately his appointment and short tenure were marred by opposition and strife within the Orthodox community. Nevertheless the ceremonial aspect of installation has been adopted on the local level. Even in our own synagogue, where evolving traditions are less formal than those of ancient Babylon and modern England, prayers were offered and psalms recited at the Ceremony of Installation for Rabbi Saul J. Berman on Yom Yerushalayim, 1985.

If ceremonies serve as symbols and express a state of mind, perhaps the nature of an installation ceremony reflects more than the power and respect invested in the office or personality of the leader; it may contain the self-image of the community itself.

Installation Letter To Our Members

Dear LSS Member:

Rabbi Simcha Weinberg has entered our hearts. And from May 25th-May 31st, we will share a unique week to express our feelings.

First, **Installation. May 25th.** In an evening filled with tradition, we formally install our Rabbi. A dignified and meaningful ceremony will be followed by an elegant champagne reception.

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A **commemorative journal** is being published in honor of this special week and you're going to want to be part of it. Not just a journal, it will be a collector's item, a record of the installation, the week, the event. It's your chance to address the congregation and our new Rabbi personally.

Of course, the journal is also our synagogue's most important fund-raiser. Your ads will help generate the funds needed to allow our programs to thrive. The widest variety of programs offered by any synagogue in the world. Programs that touch the lives of all of us, each and every day.

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Jewish Priorities

But the fault for such attitudes, he stressed, lies at least in part, in the Jewish response. He singled out two prominent Jews for special criticism: former Ambassador Rita Hauser, who met publicly with Yasser Arafat and "embraced him physically and intellectually, took his cause, and denounced Israelis who see him as a murderer" and *New York Times* columnist Anthony Lewis ("If there's an Arabist in this city, he's it").

He denounced that segment within the Jewish community that "refuses to include among their priorities anything that is remotely Jewish." In this, he said, Jews differ from other groups, most of whom do not hesitate to trumpet their position.

Irish-Americans who speak out for Ireland or blacks who insist that the United States be completely anti-apartheid aren't lesser Americans, but so many of us lack the courage to stand up to support Jewish causes. When we do stand up, it doesn't make us lesser Americans. It makes us stronger Americans. Jews shouldn't be ashamed if our highest priority is Israel's security. When an American says his highest priority is saving the elephants, Jews applaud, but if I say my highest priority is making certain there is a safe haven for Jews, some Jews have a problem with that," he said, stressing that the definition of Zionism has changed since the time of Herzl, when it meant eventually residing in Israel.

"I will never live in Israel; my country is the United States," he said. "Zionism today means supporting the Jewish nation."

In this, he identified himself with all U.S. citizens whose antecedents reach back to "the old country." "They all support their countries of origins. So should Jews," he said.

The above is excerpted from an article by Susan Rosenbluth of The Jewish Voice and Opinion.

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Melanie Ross Youth Center News Update

Where do I begin???? There's just so much to tell all of you about the many fun and exciting programs that have been going on during these past couple of months. We've done everything from Ongei Shabbat to trips to the Children's Museum of Manhattan and the Knicks to a 3rd & 4th grade Film Festival and how about the 7th & 8th grade trip to the movies (Wayne's World and Radio Flyer) and Teen Minyan? But, there's more - the LSS/MRYC Basketball Team (2 and 0 at time of publication), and the tremendously successful 7th & 8th grade shabbaton, and the list goes on and on. Thank G-d, the staff of MRYC has its hands full of events for children of all ages. Here's a list of some of our great upcoming programs:

MRYC/DOROT SHOPPING FOR THE ELDERLY: This program helps the elderly residents of Lincoln Towers by providing a shopping service on a weekly basis. Our teens are among the founders of this worthy Dorot program. It is open to all High School students. Please contact Seth Gordon for more information.

THE MRYC LEARNATHON: Designed to increase the level of limud torah in our various divisions. This fund raiser will be run throughout the entire Youth Department.

Each youngster will get as many sponsors as possible and the "Thon" will culminate with a special learning program in May. Please support our youngsters in their quest to learn and to raise money for our Youth Department. Please call Dena Landowne for more details.

PESACH PROGRAMS: For 6th Grades through High School youngsters, there's the annual Chol Hamoed thrills and chills of Great Adventure - on Monday, April 20th. And, for younger kids a trip to Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus on Wednesday, April 22nd.

MRYC YOUTH SHABBOS: Run for cover - the kids are coming!!! Help educate our children by coming to our Youth Shabbos - That's when the kids take over the Shabbat Morning Minyanim followed by a gala luncheon. Look out for the synagogue mailing for more details.

And there's so much more going on!! Keep informed of upcoming MRYC events by calling the MRYC Hotline: 212-595-7498. Feel free to contact us with your questions and comments.

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- to Nancy Lackner and Marvin Bleiberg on their engagement.
- to Chani Newman on her engagement to Benji Lonner.
- to Barbara and Myron Smith on the engagement of their son Jeffrey to Sandra Mimran.
- to Rachel Spiro on her engagement to Dr. Bruce Greenberg son of our member Rubin Greenberg.

MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov

- to Dr. Marc Rosenblatt on his marriage to Dr. Kathy Halton.
- to Shelley Stangler on her marriage to Cliff Wener.

BIRTHS

Mazal tov

- to Rhoda Adler on the birth of a grandson.
And to the proud parents
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Adler.
- to Elisheva and Michael Berger on the birth of a son.
- to Shelly and Ruvan Cohen on the birth of a daughter Jaclyn.
- to Tova and David Cooper on the birth of a son.
- to Alice Harvey Eigner and Dr. John Eigner on the birth of a daughter.
- to Adina and Myron Greenfield on the birth of a grandson. And to the proud parents Debra and Sol Genuth.
- to Rose and Harvey Hoffman on the birth of a daughter.
- to Rose and Moses Janowski on the birth of a grandson.
- to Cynthia and Ashley Lazarus on the birth of a grandson. And to proud parents Tracey and David Fox. And on the birth of a granddaughter and to proud parents Vardi and Dr. Leonard Jacober.
- to Susan and Avery Neumark on the birth of a son.
- to Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Riskin on the birth of a grandson born to their children Elana and Menachem Feder. And to the great-grandparents Mrs. & Mrs. Harry Riskin and Mr. & Mrs. David Pollins.

- to Rivki and Lindsay Rosenwald on the birth of a daughter Demi [Dimyona Malka].
- to Jacqueline and Edward Rubin on the birth of a daughter.
- to Shari and Joseph Sonnenberg on the birth of a grandson in Israel.
- to Gwen Straus on the birth of a granddaughter Eliana Rebecca. And to the proud parents Zahava and Moshael Straus.

BAR AND BAT MITZVAH

Mazal tov

- to Marilyn Berne on the Bar Mitzvah of her son Aaron.
- to Aidel and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ayelet.
- to Ginger and Avi Najar on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joey.
- to Janice and Stuart Shorenstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Marissa.

HONORS

Mazal Tov

- to Mrs. Martha Cohn on her 90th birthday.
- to Elliot and Debbie Gibber on being honored by Manhattan Day School.
- to Marilyn and Sam Isler on their 40th wedding anniversary.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy

- to Dr. Irving Davis on the passing of his father Max Davis.
- to Debbie Indyk on the passing of her mother, founding LSS member Anna J. Cohen.
- to Beverly Novick on the passing of her father Samuel Drezin.
- to Alvin and Irving Reinstein on the passing of their father Joseph Reinstein.
- to Stuart Shorenstein on the passing of his brother Louis Shorenstein.
- to Dr. Stanley Yerlow on the passing of his mother Mildred Yerlow.

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	Talmud Class	6:50pm
May 9	Bible Class	6:40pm
	Talmud Class	6:55pm
May 16	Bible Class	6:50pm
	Talmud Class	7:05pm
May 23	Bible Class	6:55pm
	Talmud Class	7:10pm
May 30	Bible Class	7:00pm
	Talmud Class	7:15pm
June 6	Bible Class	7:05pm
	Talmud Class	7:20pm
June 13	Bible Class	7:10pm
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