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From The Rabbi's Desk

How I wish I could pray with the expected passion of a serious Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

I imagine the prayer of a person whose life hangs in the balance. I picture the supplications of one on hands and knees in front of an all-powerful ruler pleading for forgiveness. I recall the stories of people storming the gates of heaven with their prayers of the Yamim Noraim. I imagine. I picture. I recall. I have rarely been able to actually pray so passionately.

It is difficult to stir emotions on demand. Even one who is aware of the importance of these Days of Judgment and who believes in them has difficulty translating those recognitions into fervent prayer. It seems as if all the problems we have with prayer over the course of the year intensify just as we are told that our prayers are more important than ever.

There are programmed moments of solemnity; Unetane Tokef, Kol Nidrei, and the Avodah on Yom Kippur. I appreciate the external stimuli, but remain frustrated by the lack of inner

passion. I don't want to rely only on the external.

I refuse to lower my expectations. I balk at redefining our mission so that I may feel more successful in my spiritual endeavors. I am no longer tempted to cynically dismiss the entire idea of a temporary surge in religious passion as hypocritical. This is a special time. "Search out God when He may be found", said Yeshayahu referring to these days, and I intend to take full advantage of God's availability. If only I knew how.

Our difficulty with Tefilla during the Days of Awe is actually a reflection of our problems with Teshuva. There is the same discomfort with the temporary acceleration of our religious lives. The problem of being unable to accurately measure the success of our prayers applies all the more so to our repentance. The desire to act with enduring results makes us question the validity of our changes.

We suppose that we cannot afford to be judged as who we are, nor to pray with only the passion that is already ours. We err when we assume that our repentance and prayers are to be those of a person transformed. The judgment is not on whom we can transform

ourselves into being, but on our ability to affect transformation. Our prayers are not measured on a scale of righteousness and passion. They are evaluated by the power of change with which we have infused them.

Our challenge during Elul is to imbue our prayers with a sense of change, not necessarily passion. We can choose specific tefillot to practice, reflecting on them and discovering new meanings. The power of change is far more significant than the power of passion. It is also more lasting. The specific changes are less important to our judgment than the ability to change. Perhaps the best way to develop the ability to change is to appreciate the numerous changes we have undergone throughout the past year.

I have had the opportunity to witness such an ability to change in hundreds of people over this past year. It is a power that permeates our community. I feel confident that our judgment will be one of tremendous growth and great accomplishments.

Dodi and my children join me in wishing each of you a Ketiva V'chatima Tova.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We lead double lives. A believing Jew is commanded to balance the physical world and the spiritual world, and sometimes I find that balance hard to maintain. Hard work in the business world sometimes seems to me to be so far from my religious experience in the synagogue, from our Shabbos and Yom Tov table, that I wonder how I ever make the trip from one to the other. And at this time of year in particular, the Yamim Noraim, beginning with Rosh Hashanah, moving to Yom Kippur, and so quickly into Succos, I often get anxious. After all, there are going to be many days when I will turn my back on business, and others when business will snap me back into the secular world.

Will I be able to focus effectively on business in the half-weeks and half-days that lie ahead? Will I be able to focus sincerely on the spiritual refreshment, the awe, the majesty of the religious opportunity of the coming weeks? Or will I find my mind wandering from one to the other at the wrong moments?

Serving as president of Lincoln Square Synagogue has given me a sharper insight into the dilemma. Before becoming an officer of the shul, I would walk through the doors, take my seat, open a siddur and daven. Of course, I knew that someone had varnished the door, upholstered the seat and placed the siddur there for me to find, but I had no part in personally preparing the physical environment. This year I have. The refurbishing of the shul is clear to everyone -- and, I hope, welcome, -- but to me it is a religious lesson. A synagogue, whether it is a spacious beit kneset as we have, or a tiny shtetl, is the physical environment in which we strive for the spiritual. Surely, the individual can seek God anywhere, but I believe that as a community, we must have a place which is conducive to a communal religious experience.

And so, the officers, the staff, and I have tried to provide the LSS community with the physical environment in which our shared religious life will be enhanced -- from the new sidewalk to the refurbished sanctuary and our new siddurim, we hope you like it. More importantly, we hope the improved physical structure will enhance our religious endeavors and be of spiritual benefit to us all.

L'shanah Tova Tikatevu

-- Steven Spira --

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Because Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness

Those of you who have been away for the summer may notice a newer and nicer looking Lincoln Square Synagogue upon your return. Numerous improvements have been made to give the synagogue a fresher and cleaner look.

Even before entering the building you will see some changes. The sidewalk in front of the building, which had deteriorated from normal usage (and much standing around after services on Shabbat mornings!), has been completely repaired from 69th Street to the Red Apple Supermarket. The shrubs and gardens around the plaza have also been spruced up to add some life outside the synagogue.

The front of the main building and Annex has been sandblasted and pressure-washed to regain its original white coloring. The windows to both buildings have been cleaned, and the curtains to the Annex have been refurbished. New lights are being installed outside both buildings, and soon the fence to the plaza will include a gate to keep out loiterers.

However, Lincoln Square Synagogue will not only shine from the outside. The building is open 365 days a year and sees much wear-and-tear. Therefore, the staircase leading up to the second floor, the second floor hallway, and both classrooms have been repainted. Six doors have been replaced,

new cabinets for the Hebrew School have been purchased, the floors have been polished, and the Beit Midrash chairs have been cleaned. New, cost-efficient, yet better light fixtures are being installed throughout the buildings.

Last, but not least, the Main Sanctuary has not been neglected. Both the ceiling and floors have been painted, and the lights have been extended for a much brighter look. All the wood on the benches has been sanded and refinished. Price quotes to replace the seat cushions have been solicited, but nothing has been done yet (even Rome wasn't built in one summer!). A new microphone system has been installed for lectures, and the air-conditioning is still being worked on to attempt to achieve a balanced and comfortable temperature for the room. In addition, many siddurim and chumashim have been purchased or rebound.

Several individuals must be acknowledged for the many improvements to the synagogue. They include our Executive Director, Joseph Schwarz, and Chaim Freud ("Construction R Us"), who is responsible for maintaining the building and grounds. A few members have been exemplary in their dedication as they carefully watched and guided every step of the process. Those, who were most involved, include Steven Spira, Elliot Gibber, Jerry Kestenbaum, and David Katz.

We hope you take pride and appreciate the many improvements to our synagogue. Please help us maintain our higher standards of cleanliness.

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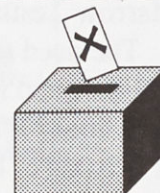
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A Time To Remember

Dear Congregants and Friends:

During the Yizkor service, there is a passage in which one pledges an offering to charity in the name of the deceased who is being remembered. Lincoln Square Synagogue will once again be publishing a Remembrance Book in which names of departed friends and relatives may be listed.

Please return the form below to LSS with the names of those friends and relatives you wish to include in the Remembrance Book. The Remembrance Book will be published in time for our Yom Kippur services.

May the memories of our loved ones be with us forever.

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A contribution of \$18 or more is suggested for each name listed.

Please send your forms in by Wednesday, September 30th.

Your name _____

(as you would like it printed)

Joining Forces

Lincoln Square Synagogue is joining with Congregation Ansche Chesed and the Jewish Community Center of the Upper Westside on Sunday, October 25, 1992, between 10:00 am and 3:15 pm at the Ansche Chesed Congregation, 251 West 100th Street, for a community-wide Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Testing Program.

The need for clean blood is ever increasing, and the need for bone marrow donors intensifies. Please respond -- call Shirley Wald at 873-4956, leave a message, and she will return your call.

You never know when a relative or even you may require blood. NOW is the time to give, not the next blood drive.

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Time. Never seem to have enough of it. Accordingly, this request may seem impossible to satisfy, but please read on. The synagogue, in order to provide the necessary services to the community, needs volunteers. So, if you can find the time and would like to volunteer either doing some office work, answering phones, stuffing envelopes or on any of our numerous committees, please call the synagogue office, 874-6100.

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LSS Hebrew School News

Greetings everybody!

It's hard to believe the summer is almost over, and with the end of summer comes the promise of another exciting year of LSS Hebrew School. We look forward to intense exploration of our Jewish Heritage, innovative programming, and family activities, such as our annual Shabbaton, that are fun and educational.

One of our goals for this year is to integrate the Hebrew School and its parent body into the mainstream of LSS activity, enabling those who so desire to access the rich and enriching tradition of outreach for which LSS is famous.

We also realize that, while many in LSS have the opportunity to send their children to yeshiva day school, they may be aware of associates from the work place, etc., who might be interested in providing for their children's Jewish education who might not be ready for a full-time commitment. It is with these parents in mind that LSS Hebrew School was created. If you know of anyone who fits this description, feel free to contact me at 874-6105.

We invite you to look upon the Hebrew School as a vital part of LSS programming.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Marjorie B. Hirsch

Administrator - LSS Hebrew School



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- ◆ **Sunday, September 13** 7:00-9:00 pm
"Film: *The Quarrel*

- ◆ **Monday, September 14** 7:30-9:00 pm
"A Recipe for a Sweet New Year"
Mrs. Tzivvia Jacobson

- ◆ **Wednesday, September 16** 7:00-8:00 pm
"How Noble of You to Feel Guilty: Is Your
Guilt a Means or an End"
Rabbi Chaim Wasserman

- 8:15-9:15 pm
- "It's About Time: Time Management from a Jewish
Perspective"
Rabbi Michael Levy

- ◆ **Saturday, September 19** 7:15-8:15 pm

- "Beginnings and the New Year"
Professor Shlomo Eckstein No Charge
- 11:30 pm

- Pre-Selichot Lecture
Rabbi Simcha Weinberg No Charge

- ◆ **Sunday, September 20** 7:00-8:00 pm

- "The Halachic Aspects of Tefilah as it Relates to
Rosh Hashanah"
Rabbi Yonassan Sacks

- 8:15-9:15 pm
- Does What We Say Matter? The Value of the
Spoken Word"
Rabbi Michael Taubes

- ◆ **Monday, September 21** 7:00-8:00 pm
"A Nation of Philanthropists: Applications to Jews
and Non-Jews"
Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt

- 8:15-9:15 pm
- "Kol Nidre: The Nullification of Vows and Yom
Kippur Prayer"
Rabbi Adam Mintz

- ◆ **Wednesday, September 23** 7:00-8:00 pm
"The Machzor: A Guide to a More Interesting
Rosh HaShanah"
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

- ◆ **Wednesday, September 23** 8:15-9:15 pm
"The High Holiday Melodies"
Cantor Sherwood Goffin

- ◆ **Wednesday, September 30** 7:30-8:30 pm
"The Long and Winding Road"
Prof. Sara Reguer

- 8:45-9:45 pm
- "A Legend in Our Time"
Dr. Slava Shifrin

- ◆ **Sunday, October 4** 7:00-8:00 pm
"Dynamics of Teshuvah Process"
Rabbi Tzvi Flaum

- 8:15-9:15 pm
- "The Cohen Gadol: A Demonstration"
Rabbi Simcha Weinberg

- ◆ **Monday, October 5**
7:30-9:00 pm - (Part I)
9:15-10:30 pm - (Part II)
"Yom Kippur Survival Strategies: How to Turn the
Day of Atonement in the Experience of a Lifetime"
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, Rebbetzin Esther
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- ◆ **Monday, October 5** 6:00-10:00 pm
Bone Marrow No Charge

- ◆ **Wednesday, October 14** 6:00-10:00 pm
"Simchat Beit HaShoevah: The Water Libation
Festival"
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- ◆ **Saturday, October 17** 9:00 pm-2:00 am
"Last Night of Teshuvah"
Rabbi Simcha Weinberg no charge

Unless noted all lectures are priced as follows:
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per evening whether attending one or two
lectures.

*This program has been funded in part in
memory of Louis Landowne by his family.*

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Shabbat Morning Schedule Hashkoma 7:50 am Main 8:45 am Beginner Services 9:15 am Shiur, Cholent, Kugel 9:45 am			16	17	18  6:42 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:50 pm	19 Ki Tavo Daf Yomi 5:10 pm Bible Class 5:40 pm Talmud Class 5:55 Mincha 6:40 pm Early Selichot 10:15 Rabbi's Drasha 11:30 pm
20 Morning Services 7:10 & 8:30 am	21 Morning Services 6:40 & 8:30 am	22 Morning Services 6:40 & 7:30 am	23 Morning Services 6:40 & 7:30 am	24 Morning Services 6:40 & 7:30 am	25 Morning Services 6:40 & 7:30 am  6:29 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	26 Nizavim Daf Yomi 4:55 pm Bible Class 5:25 pm Talmud Class 5:40 pm Mincha 6:25 pm
27 Erev Rosh Hashanah Selichot & Morning Services 6:00 & 8:00 am  6:30 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Rosh Hashanah 6:35 pm	28 Rosh Hashanah Services 7:45 am Beginner Service 9:00 am Mincha 6:35 pm followed by Maariv & Daf Yomi  Not before 7:26 pm	29 Rosh Hashanah Services 7:45 am Beginners Service 9:00 am Daf Yomi 5:30 pm Mincha 6:30 pm	30 Fast of Gedalia Fast begins 5:39 am Selichot & Morning Services 6:35 & 7:15 am Mincha 6:10 pm Fast concludes 7:11pm	Daily Mincha & Maariv Schedule Week of the 13th: Mincha & Maariv 6:55 pm Week of the 20th: Mincha & Maariv 6:45 pm Monday, September 28th Tashlich Walk 5:35 pm		

Kosher Update....

A great many changes in the "kosher" community have taken place on the West Side this spring and summer. Expectations were high that there would be new places to patronize. Alas, it did not happen that way.

There is though, a new kosher service that we can patronize right from our homes. It is called Express Kosher Foods and is operated by a young man named

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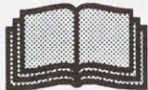
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Women's Tefillah Group Tuesday, 20th 9:00 am Meets at the Esplanade					 6:19 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:25 pm	Daf Yomi 8:00 am Mincha 5:30 pm Followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Shabbat Shuvah Discourse
4 Selichot & Morning Services 6:35 & 8:00 am	5 Selichot & Morning Services 6:35 & 7:15 am	6 Erev Yom Kippur Selichot & Morning Services 7:00 & 7:30 am  Memorial & Yom Kippur Candles 6:12 pm Kol Nidre 6:15 pm	7 Yom Kippur Main Sanctuary 8:00 am Auditorium 9:00 am Beginner 9:00 am Public Yizkor 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30 pm Final Shofar Blast 7:12 pm	8	9  6:09 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm	10 Haazinu Daf Yomi 4:35 pm Bible Class 5:05 pm Talmud Class 5:20 pm Mincha 6:05 pm
11 Erev Sukkot Morning Services 7:10 & 8:30 am  6:04 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Yom Tov 6:10 pm	12 Sukkot Morning Services 8:00 & 8:45 am Talmud Class 5:05 pm Mincha 6:05 pm  Not Before 7:01 pm	13 Sukkot Morning Services 8:00 & 8:45 am Talmud Class 5:05 pm Mincha 6:05 pm	14 Chol Hamoed Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 am	15 Chol Hamoed Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 am	16 Chol Hamoed Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 am  5:57 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm	17 Chol Hamoed Talmud Class 4:50 pm Mincha 5:50 pm Seudah Shlishit in the Sukkah
18 Hoshana Rabba Morning Services 6:30 & 8:00 am  5:54 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Yom Tov 6:00 pm	19 Shemini Atzeret Morning Services including Yizkor 8:00 8:45 & 9:30 am Talmud Class 4:55 pm Mincha 5:55 pm  Not Before 6:52 pm	20 Simchat Torah Hashkamah Minyan 6:45 am Morning Service 8:30 am Family Service & Late Minyan 9:00am	21	22	23  5:47 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:55 pm	24 Bereshit Talmud & Bible Classes 4:10 pm Mincha 5:10 pm Move Clock Back 1 Hour
25 BLOOD DRIVE 10:00 am - 3:15 pm Ansche Chesed Congregation	26	27 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 am	28 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 am	29	30  4:37 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:45 pm	31 Noach Daf Yomi 8:00 am Talmud & Bible Classes 3:50 pm Mincha 4:35 pm

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Joseph Shapiro Institute Fall Term Commences 	3 Election Day 	4	5	6  4:29 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:35 pm	7 Lech Lecha Daf Yomi 8:00 am Talmud & Bible Classes 3:40 pm Mincha 4:25 pm
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13  4:22 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:25 pm	14 Vayera Daf Yomi 8:00 am Talmud & Bible Classes 3:35 pm Mincha 4:20 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20  4:17 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:20 pm	21 Chayye Sarah Daf Yomi 8:00 am Talmud & Bible Classes 3:30 pm Mincha 4:15 pm
22	23	24	25	26 Rosh Chodesh Kislev Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 am Thanksgiving	27  4:13 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15 pm	28 Toledot Daf Yomi 8:00 am Talmud & Bible Classes 3:25 pm Mincha 4:10 pm
29	30	Daily Mincha & Maariv Schedule Week of the 1st: Mincha/Maariv 4:40 pm Week of the 22nd: Mincha/Maariv 4:25 pm Week of the 8th: Mincha/ Maariv 4:30 pm Week of the 29th: Mincha & Maariv 4:25 pm Week of the 15th : Mincha /Maariv 4:25 pm All month: Maariv only - Monday - Thurday 6:20 pm				

High Holiday Laws and Customs

Hadlakot Hanerot - The woman of the house lights candles in honor of the New Year so that warmth and love may permeate the home. Just before the nightfall which ushers in each evening of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the following two blessings are recited upon the candles:

"Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His Commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Festival lights." On Yom Kippur substitute: "the lights of the Day of Forgiveness."

"Blessed are Thou, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season."

Apple and Honey - at the beginning of the holiday meal it is customary to dip the challah and then a slice of apple into honey with the prayer: "May it be Thy will to renew unto us a good and sweet year."

Shofar - ram's horn, blown during morning services and at the conclusion of the Yom Kippur fast. Blown to rouse the individual to repentance and to remind God and ourselves of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son, as well as proclaiming God's sovereignty.

Tashlich - literally, to cast away (one's transgressions). The first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah usually marks the Tashlich ceremony, which takes place on the bank of a river or near some body of fresh water. Appropriate prayers are recited, and then it is customary for each person to shake the corner of his garment.

Aseret Yemai Teshuva - the ten days of penitence. These are the days between and including

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It is customary to ask forgiveness from one another for any transgression that may have been committed during the past year. We greet one another during this period with the blessing: "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year (Ketiva Vechatima Tova)."

Shabbat Shuvah - The Sabbath of Return, which is the designation for the Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur Fast - In ordaining Yom Kippur, the Bible states: "You shall afflict your souls." This is the basis of fasting, the abstinence from food and drink on the Day of Forgiveness. The purpose of the fast is to emphasize the spiritual nature of man and demonstrate the God-like quality in each of us.

Kol Nidre - "All vows," the beginning of the dramatic prayer which inaugurates Yom Kippur. The haunting and inspiring melody speaks of God's absolution of religious vows. It is conjectured that the music was composed during the Spanish Inquisition (1492), when many Jews were forced to publicly vow their allegiance to Christianity.

Non-Leather Shoes - It is customary to wear non-leather shoes during the entire Yom Kippur period. This is because leather is a sign of luxury and the death of an animal is necessary in the production of leather shoes. On Yom Kippur we must be made aware of the dependence upon a Higher Source which unites all of God's creatures.

Other Prohibitions - On Yom Kippur, we are not permitted to engage in sexual relations. Bathing and excessive grooming are also prohibited.

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Chag HaAsif - The Feast of In-Gathering is another name for the Festival of Sukkot. Due to the agricultural significance of the holiday, the synagogue becomes permeated with the colors and fragrances of the four species and the glories of nature.

Ethrog - The Bible commands us to take the "fruit of a goodly tree, branches of palm trees, boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook and you shall rejoice before the Lord, your God, seven days." By "fruit of a goodly tree" was meant the Ethrog, a citrus fruit which has many similarities to a lemon but is of a different species. Usually an Ethrog is imported from Israel for the Sukkot celebration, thus recalling to us the beautiful land of our fathers where the Chag HaAsif was originally celebrated. It is permissible to use an Ethrog from any other part of the world, provided it meets the halachic requirements.

There are a host of rules about the shape and appearance which an Ethrog should have. One of the important parts of an Ethrog is the Pitom, the blossom at the top of the fruit. If the Pitom has been removed, the Ethrog is no longer fit for ritual use. However, if the fruit grew originally without a Pitom, it is permissible to use it for Sukkot.

The Lulav, Hadassim and Aravot are bound together, the Hadassim on the right, and the Aravot on the left.

Intermediate Days - The third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh days of Sukkot are called Chol Hamoed, which might be translated as semi-holidays. The rules about forbidden kinds of labor on a holiday are greatly relaxed on these intermediate days. The prayers of these days have a dual character. The regular weekday prayers are recited, with the additions of *Ya'aleh V'Yavo* ("May there rise and come before Thee") in the "Eighteen Benedictions". In addition, Hallel and Hoshanot are recited every morning, and Musaf as well.

Hoshana Rabbah - The last of the Intermediate Days has a special character. It is called Hashanah Rabbah ("The Great Hashanah"). The morning service becomes infused with a solemn character similar to the Day of Atonement, and many of the prayers sound like an echo of the Yom Kippur service. According to

tradition, the final seal of the decree for the New Year (*G'mar Chatima Tova*) is proclaimed in heaven on this day. Another opportunity for repentance is granted at this time.

Shemini Atzeret - The eighth and ninth days are full Holy Days, with the same restrictions as the first two days of the Festival. The eighth day is called Shemini Atzeret. The translation of this phrase is "eighth day, a day of solemn assembly." The word Atzeret also suggests the thought of delay - to delay, as it were, the closing of the holiday season by celebrating an additional day before closing this month of holidays.

Simchat Torah - The final day of the holiday is the most joyous of all. Simchat Torah means, "the Festival of the Rejoicing of the Torah."

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Good Bye!

Dear Steve (Spira),

We will be leaving the neighborhood in the coming days.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Lincoln Square community for being our spiritual home in the few short years since we got married.

We were inspired by the leadership of Rabbi Weinberg and were graciously assisted by Rabbi Cohen in a variety of areas, most recently after the birth of our daughter Leah Rachel.

Enclosed please find a "farewell" contribution.

Again, thank you and we look forward to visiting the Shul in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Renee and Chaim Fromowitz

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Mr. Spira,

We are pleased to inform you that your esteemed cantor, Cantor Sherwood Goffin, has been elected as an Honorary President of the Cantorial Council of America.

During the many years of your cantor's association with us, we have grown to include cantors from across the United States, Canada and Israel, serving in some of the most important and prestigious congregations. Cantor Goffin's help has been a vital ingredient in these successful results.

We congratulate the members of the Lincoln Square Synagogue, and join you in the prayer that the Almighty grant Cantor Goffin and his family, many years filled with happiness, good health and the strength to continue to serve Hashem, your congregation and our organization in our pursuit of Mitzvot and good deeds.

With best wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy summer, and a "Kesivah Vachasima Tovah," a happy New Year, I remain,

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Mr. Begin thought so much of Rosenne's skill as a negotiator and his ability to handle Israel's most delicate and important international relations that he appointed him Ambassador to France where he served from 1979 to 1983. He left that post to become ambassador to the United States where he served for four years.

It is particularly timely that the Ambassador will speak to us during this period of the current Middle East peace talks. His special insights and range of experience as a key participant in past negotiations promises to make for an exciting, insider's perspective.

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- to Aviva and Marvin Sussman on the engagement of their son Avi to Rena Hain, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Kenneth Hain. Mazal Tov also to Avi's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendheim.
- to Jonathan Wolf on his engagement to Kathy Goetz.
- to Art Blazer on his engagement to Rachel Najar.
- to Nathan Lindenbaum on his engagement to Shari Appelman

MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov

- to Dr. Irving and Suzanne Davis on the marriage of their son Eric to Shelley Laulicht. Mazal Tov also to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Weidberg.
- to Deborah DeWinter and Philip Sussman on their marriage.
- to Barbara Goodstein on her marriage to Rob Rosenblatt.
- to Agnes Kish on her marriage to Roger Kurland.
- to Andrew Linder on his marriage to Dr. Helene Tapper.
- to Richard Roberts on his marriage to Devorah Ritterman.
- to Dr. Daniel Rothenberg on his marriage to Chana [Kiki] Hollander.
- to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sawyer on the marriage of their daughter Renee to Kenneth Machlin.
- to Barbara and Myron Smith on the marriage of their son Jeffrey to Sandra Mimran.
- to Howard and Linda Sterling on the marriage of their daughter Pamela to Jeffrey Vogel.
- to Moshe Zwebner on his marriage to Felicia Bench.

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov

- to Olga and Euval Barrekette on the birth of a grandson in Israel.
- to Michelle and Benjamin Belfer on the birth of a daughter.
- to Joyce and David Friedman on the birth of a daughter. And Mazal Tov to grandparents Deborah and Maurice Friedman.
- to Debbie and Steve Fruchter on the birth of a daughter.
- to Lisa and Alistair Gatoff on the birth of a daughter Dina Miriam Gatoff.
- to Phyllis and Frederic Goldstein on the birth of a daughter Emily Lefton Goldstein.
- to Michelle and Paul Grobman on the birth of a son.
- to Marlene and Elliot Herskowitz on the birth of a son.
- to Laura and Murray Huberfeld on the birth of a daughter.
- to Dena and Daniel Jarashow on the birth of a daughter.
- to Edna and Robert Lewicki on the birth of a daughter Mariette.
- to Judy and Joel Mandelbaum on the birth of a daughter Tova Gittel.
- to Miriam Morgenstern and Michael Laufer on the birth of a son.
- to Dr. Alise Reicin and Robert Boiarsky on the birth of a son.
- to Ruth and Dr. Robert Riemer on the birth of a grandson Yechezkiel Shraga.
- to Michelle and Eli Salig on the birth of a daughter.
- to Chia and Herman Samson on the birth of a granddaughter Hailey Rosenblatt.
- to Dr. Estelle and Mr. Arthur Schutzman on the birth of a granddaughter Melissa Gabrielle Alter.
- to Dr. Elissa Stieglitz Tuchman and Dr. Ari Tuchman on the birth of a son.
- to Diane and Jonathan Vahab on the birth of a son Yinon Eliyah.

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BAR AND BAT MITZVAH

Mazal Tov

to Elissa and Bob Burnat on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Benjamin. And Mazal Tov to grandmothers Mrs. Janet Abelow and Mrs. Esther Burnat.

to Leora and Kalmen Wiesenfeld on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Marc.

HONORS

Mazal Tov

to Judy and Cyrus Abbe on their 10th Wedding Anniversary and on their being guests of honor at a recent dinner of the American Friends of Ilan-Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children.

to Arthur and Barbara Alexander on the graduation of their daughter Dana from Ramaz Upper School and her leaving for a year's study in Yerushalayim.

to Rabbi Dr. Michael Berger on receiving his Ph.D. from Columbia University.

to Tsipi Goffin on receiving her Masters from Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

to Dr. William Pace on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

to Lenore and Glenn Richter on their 25th wedding anniversary.

to Janice Shoreinstein on her election as Vice President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC).

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CONDOLENCES

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to Rosalind and Alex Brownstein on the passing of their son Noah Brownstein.

to Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald on the passing of his father Moshe Buchwald.

to Judah Klein on the passing of his mother Julia Klein.

to Scott Liebman on the passing of his father Seymour Liebman.

to Chani Newman Lonner on the passing of her brother Ari Newman.

to Ellen Natter on the passing of her father Haskel Abrams.

to Alan D. Pekelner on the passing of his mother Beatrice Pekelner.

to Emil Redford on the passing of his sister Miriam Redford.

to Barbara Schwartz on the passing of her husband Joseph M. Schwartz.

to Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro on the passing of his father Benjamin Shapiro.

to Yosef Shein on the passing of his father Abraham Shein.

to Ruth Siev on the passing of her mother Edith Hellinger.

to Myron Smith on the passing of his sister Lily B. Smith.

to Yehudit Vegh on the passing of her father Gershon Vegh.



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