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THE LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE 30TH ANNUAL DINNER

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 31, 1994

HONORING

RABBI SHLOMO RISKIN
RABBI HERSCHEL COHEN
RABBI SAUL BERMAN
RABBI SIMCHA WEINBERG

Reservations are starting to pour in for the historic 30th Anniversary Dinner of Lincoln Square Synagogue. In a striking display of unity, all three of the men who have served as Senior Rabbis: Shlomo Riskin, Saul Berman and Simcha Weinberg will be honored, along with Rabbi Herschel Cohen who has served as Associate Rabbi to all three.

The gala event will take place at the Synagogue on Tuesday evening, May 31st and will feature a multimedia presentation highlighting the contributions of the four rabbis to Lincoln Square Synagogue's illustrious history. A presentation will be made to the honorees by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Co-chairman Morton Landowne issued the following warning: "To insure the comfort and safety of the attendees, we are forced to limit attendance to the first 400 reservations we receive. I urge everyone to respond to your invitation immediately so that you will not be disappointed and be shut out of what promises to be a festive, nostalgic and emotional evening. Our dinners usually sell out, so reserve now."

A "Scroll of Honor" will be prepared by a committee headed by Dr. Norman Ruttner and Joseph Blank to be presented to the honorees in lieu of a journal. A merchant's guide is also in the works. Mrs. Martha Cohen is once again heading up the phone solicitations.

The dinner will be chaired by Francesca Berkowitz and Renee Leicht and catered by Kay Caterers. Please contact the Synagogue office if you have not received your invitation or need additional ad blanks.



From l. to r.: Rabbi Simcha Weinberg, Rabbi Saul Berman, Rabbi Herschel Cohen, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin



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LSS SERVICES

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Shabbat Morning Children services meet in the Annex and Main Building at 9:30 am and are divided by grade - 1st & 2nd grade group and 3rd-6th Grade Group.

Junior High & High Schoolers meet every other week at Manhattan Day School for Teen Minyan.

Childcare begins at 9:30, 1-3 year olds meet in the library, and 4-5 year olds meet in Classroom 1.

Daily Mincha & Maariv Services

Week of May 8th	7:50 pm
From May 17th	7:55 pm
Week of May 22nd	8:00 pm
Week of May 29th	8:05 pm
Week of June 5th	8:10 pm
Week of June 12th	8:15 pm
Week of June 19th	8:15 pm
Week of June 26th	8:15 pm



The LSS Mishna Program

The Lincoln Square Community will collectively complete the study of the Mishna by Shavuot and celebrate at a lunchtime Siyum on May 17, 1994 - the second day of Shavuot.

We hope that you and your family will join us at this Seudah, even if you do not otherwise participate in the program. All those who attend will share in our collective achievement. In addition to completing the Mishna cycle, we will sing and eat together and continue to honor the day with a short program about the study of Mishna.

If you have an assignment, you must complete it before the Siyum can be held. If you have not already begun to learn, please set aside a regular study time so that you will complete your assignment on time. We are counting on you. We will complete the Mishna only if YOU complete your assignment.

If you are concerned about running short of time, set aside the first night of Shavuot to complete your portion. We have reserved a room at the Shul to serve as our own Beit Midrash where Mishna Project participants can learn their respective portions alongside one another.

There is still time to join us in learning or in celebration our accomplishment. To get an assignment, call us at 732-4888. A reservation form has been mailed and if you have not received one, please call the synagogue office at 874-6100. Reservations must be received by May 10.

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MESSAGES

From the Rabbi's Desk

My shul in St. Louis had a history of more than a century. It had once been the largest Orthodox synagogue in the city. When the congregation moved to the suburbs ahead of everyone else, the thought was that this time the Orthodox would be the first to deal with the migration west, not the last, as had happened so many times in the past. Unfortunately, the year was 1973, and along came the gas crunch. People stopped moving west to the suburbs, and the shul membership decreased considerably. The long time members who had moved expecting all their friends to follow, as planned, felt abandoned. They never stopped looking back onto their past longingly, hoping to recapture what once was. No matter how much the membership increased, they couldn't be consoled. They were trying to recapture what once was, and what, because of the realities of demographics and the economy would never again be.

In Los Angeles, I led what had been a traditional synagogue for almost 50 years that decided to install a mechitzah and remove the microphone. It was actually a conglomerate of five or six congregations that had merged into one large shul, each as its members died off and its youth left Judaism. There was a time when it was filled with the voices of children, when there was programming, and there were balls and trips. Once the average age rose to seventy or so, it was no longer the place it once was. Everyone was nostalgic for the good old days. Days that were over for good. The images of the past haunted everyone. Even as the synagogue began to regenerate, the older members were so stuck in the past that it was difficult to move ahead.

The challenge in leading each of those congregations was in refocusing everyone's efforts from regaining what once was, and thinking about what could still be. The difficulty lay in having people take pride in new successes, including programs far different from anything in the synagogue's past.

In a few weeks we will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Lincoln Square Synagogue. Under the leadership of Rabbis Riskin, Berman and Cohen, we have changed the face of Orthodoxy. We have shaped peoples' ideas about outreach, inclusion, social action, and Orthodoxy's ability to engage modernity. The accomplishments of the past are historic and monumental. Yet, we have never turned back. We have always been focused on the future. We know that the achievements of the past are preludes to the future. It is our ability to constantly focus on the future that is the legacy of my predecessors, and the pride of our community.

This celebration is forward looking. We have turned our attention to focusing on the spontaneous and the spiritual, and to infusing freshness in ritual and relationship. We have shifted our

attention to a generation that shifted from fate to choice. We have accepted the challenge of developing a community of people who observe the mitzvot as choices. A

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gathering of people who live with the awareness of the meaning of each decision. A congregation of those who feel that each determination adds significance to their lives, and enhances their relationship with God.

I join with you in honoring three other rabbis who have made a difference, and who want nothing more than that their work be perceived as preparation for the future and the challenges of a new generation.

Rabbi Simcha Weinberg

Executive Director's Message

Despite the terrible weather, our programs during the winter months were a great success. I want to extend a special thank you to all of those who helped make this possible.

We have many new programs and projects planned for the LSS community in the coming months. Our new "Music for Toddlers" is about to begin and has a full enrollment. For the first time we are offering a "Summer at LSS" for children ages 3 through 5. (Look for details in Echod.) We will continue to focus on our youngest members in the fall with a new "Mommy and Me" program which will begin after the High Holy Days. Our Senior members and Couples Club can look forward to some new activities before the summer. In addition to this we have applied for several grants from the Gruss Fund to support Outreach to families with young children and for Single Parent families, and to the UJA-Federation for a major grant for Outreach and Family Education.

A great deal of organization is needed to enable a busy place like LSS to run smoothly and we are always looking to provide better, and more efficient services to our community. During the summer we will compile a resource book for committees which will help them in their work. We will have a major meeting of all committees and arms of the synagogue in order to plan a much needed master calendar for LSS activities during the year. We are also putting the finishing touches to "A Guide to LSS". This will contain information on our programs, departments, projects, staff and our history, along with our mission and purpose statement. It will promote our synagogue and will be helpful to new and prospective members.

Over the next two months you will receive a member profile. We ask you to fill in incomplete & correct any inaccurate information so that we can update our records. This is very important since correct data will enable us to direct our programming and other services more effectively.

Over the past several months we have worked to improve the functioning of the offices. The computer network and systems were up-graded, the copiers were replaced with modern, state of the art, and more cost effective machines, and zip-plus-four and bar codes were added to our mail, which allowed us to take advantage of postal discounts. These are just a few of the things which have kept us busy. During the summer the offices will be

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HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Hebrew School News

Just when you thought the busy Pesach season was behind you, along comes the real busy part of the Hebrew School season. But, before we go on, it's time to hear some feedback about our Pre-Pesach Model Seder. Several parents came back with rave reviews. Every student was able to follow the seder and several even offered explanations about the various customs that are practiced during the seder. One participant of the Model Seder was even able to lead her own seder for other children sharing Pesach at her home.

Now that we have finished gloating it's time to move on. In keeping with the tradition of Jewish institutions spanning the globe, the Hebrew School had a Yom HaShoah memorial program. Each class had it's own personalized program. Level II and Morah Judy examined Kristalnacht and some of the objects that may have been significant concentration camp Terezin. After the reading each student put down in their own words what the poem meant to them.

Next on the Hebrew School calendar was the Yom Ha-Atzmaut celebration. To honor the State of Israel a real live Israeli soldier spoke to the students. He expressed what it means to be an Israeli soldier, and all that he experienced while on active duty. Much emphasis was placed on the gratitude that we all should extend to all Israeli soldiers. Following a question and answer period, we all watched the moving film Operation Thunderbolt. All Hebrew school parents received a Yom Ha-Atzmaut booklet in honor of that special day.

Beginning May 9th, two of the classes will take part in the special music week program s. Our very own Cantor Goffin and the Cantorial intern Michael Cohen will join the classes to teach some of the Jewish classics.

As of press time all the classes are preparing for the Lincoln Square Synagogue Hebrew School Pre-Shavuot Extravaganza Trivia Contest to be held on Wednesday, May 11th. Each student has received study material for the big event. Great prizes will be awarded to all the winners.

Our biggest day of the year will take place on Wednesday, June, 8th at our Promotion and Graduation ceremony. All the students, parents, faculty and administrators will join together to give each student his/her hard earned recognition. As an added attraction some of the classes will sing the songs they learned during our music weeks program. It promises to be an exciting event and all members are invited to attend.

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MEDICINE

MONDAY, MAY 9 7:30 PM
Organ Transplants - Halachic Parameters

DR. FRED ROSNER

CHAIRPERSON: DR. MARK FREILICH

Does Jewish law restrict the use of these potentially life-saving procedures? May one donate to, or take organs, from a non-Jewish person? Can a kohen receive an organ from a person who has died?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 8:45 PM
Can we know too much?

Torah views of genetic testing & screening.

RABBI TZVI FLAUM, DR. ROBERT SCHULMAN

CHAIRPERSON: DR. ARI KLAPHOLTZ

Great advances have been made in the field of genetics; but has science gone too far? May mothers test babies in utero, to know in advance if genetic problems exist? Should potential "shidduchim" be screened before the dating process begins? What opportunities and problems lie ahead?

LAW

MONDAY, MAY 9 8:45 PM
Agunah: Legal & Contractual Remedies

RABBI MORDECHAI WILLIG

CHAIRPERSON: RABBI MARC PENNER

Divorce in our society is running rampant. Come and learn about the controversial "get law", pre-nuptial agreements and other solutions to the agunah problem.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 7:30 PM
Jewish Wills, Secular Law: Problems & Solutions
 RABBI BARRY FREUNDEL, MATTHEW E. HOFFMAN

CHAIRPERSON: GERALD KAHN

Is it possible to write a will that takes advantage of secular estate planning concepts and flexibility without sacrificing the halachic mandates all the benefits and priorities of inheritance? A will structure will be discussed which strives to preserve traditional duals while minimizing the risk of adverse tax consequences and costly civil litigation.

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MONDAY, MAY 23 8:45 PM

Good Lawyers And Good People?

RABBI YITZCHOK BREITOWITZ

CHAIRPERSON: IRV ROTTER

Is the adversary system consistent with the search for truth? Can there be zealous representation within the bounds of halachic morality? Can one defend a client despite suspicions of guilt? How does the preservation of confidentiality weigh against concerns for public safety? These, and other ethical issues for lawyers will be explored.

BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 7:30 PM

Ribit and the Heter Iska

RABBI YECHIEL GRUNHAUS

CHAIRPERSON: IVAN BERKOWITZ

An analysis of the laws of usury as they affect commercial and noncommercial, promissory and mortgage loans. Explore the many areas affected by these halachot and the partnership agreement which can circumvent this issue in many cases.

MONDAY, MAY 23 7:30 PM

Psychotherapy with Teenagers:

Adolescent Turmoil vs. Religious Conflict

DR. BARRY HOLZER, DR. LISA KORMAN

CHAIRPERSON: DR. LU STEINBERG

How do religious issues affect adolescent development? Can religious growth sometimes conflict with developmental goals? The impact on therapy for teenagers and adults.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 8:45 PM

Confronting the Interfaith Relationship Crisis

DR. MICHELLE FRIEDMAN, DR. MARK SIRKIN

CHAIRPERSON: DR. HEDDA RUDOLPH

A psychiatrist and a family systems therapist discuss conflicts of, and therapeutic approaches to, interfaith dating and marriage.



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presents

A Yom Iyun L'Nashim

with

Rabbi Dr. Martin L. Gordon

Sunday, June 5, 1994

(please note date change)

10:00 am to 7:30 pm

Topic: "The Female Image: A progressive Rabbinic View (without apologies)"

Focus: Covanantal Moments of the Jewish Woman & Kevod HaTzibbur

The program will consist of two periods of chavruta study based on source material prepared by Rabbi Gordon, and a lecture following each study period. Lunch will be served following the first lecture, followed by Mincha, the second study period and the closing lecture. Rabbi Dr. Gordon is the Coordinator of Judaic Studies at Empire State College SUNY Israel Program.

Program sponsors - \$100

Non-sponsors - \$25

Childcare and children's programs will be provided.



Wednesday Evening
February 1, 1995

Lincoln Square Synagogue
Theatre Party
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Andrew Lloyd Webber's New Blockbuster Hit in London and Los Angeles.

Glenn Close stars in this most sought after show coming to the Shubert Theatre this Fall.

Seating on a "first-come, first-serve" basis, of course! Theatre Party Celebration information to follow.

\$125.00 per ticket \$150 per sponsor ticket

Chairs:

Suzan Ehrman

Gloria Kestenbaum

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*Drama
Story Time
Kaballat Shabbat*



Day Camp Schedule

- 9:30 Arrival
- 9:45 - 10:30 Free Play (arts, crafts, cooking, etc.)
- 10:30 - 11:00 Story Time & Movement/Drama
- 11:00 - 11:15 Snack (Juice, cookies, crackers, etc.)
- 11:15 Prepare for Outing
- 11:20 - 12:15 Park Outing (Ball games, walking on stilts, climbing, sliding)
- 12:30 Shalom!!

LSS SINGLES COMMITTEE LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH, 8:00 PM
When Must You Listen To Your Rabbi?
Authority and Independence in Judaism
Speaker: Rabbi Dr. Michael Berger

MONDAY, MAY 23RD, 7:30 PM
Temporary or Permanent?
Creating a Single Life Style
Speaker: Rabbi Simcha Weinberg

LSS Members - \$10.00 per lecture
Non-Members - \$12.00 per lecture

Tuesday, May 10th 8:00 PM

David Kreizelman

Deputy Director
of the Government Press Office
& the Director
of the Department of Visiting Journalists
will speak on

Topic: Israel & the Media



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Religion on the Job Lecture	3	4 Religion on the Job Lecture	5	6  7:39 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 7:45 pm	7 Behar Bechukkatai Morning Svcs 8:45 am Daf Yomi 6:05 pm Bible Class 6:35 pm Talmud Class 6:50 pm Mincha 7:35 pm
8	9 Yom Yerushalayim Morning Svcs 7 & 7:40 am Religion on the Job Lecture	10 David Kreizelman Israel & the Media 8:00 pm	11 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Morning Svcs 7 & 7:40 am Singles Lecture Religion on the Job Lecture	12	13  7:46 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 7:50 pm	14 Bemidbar Morning Svcs 8:45 am Daf Yomi 6:10 pm Bible Class 6:40 pm Talmud Class 6:55 pm Mincha 7:40 pm
15  Erev Shavuot 7:48 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Yom Tov 7:55 pm Midnight Bible Class 11:30 pm	16 Hashkama Minyan 5:05 am Main Minyan 8:45 am Daf Yomi & Bible Classes 7:05 pm  Kindle Yom Tov candles not before 8:48 pm	17 Yom Tov Morning Svcs including Yizkor 8:00 & 8:45 am Mincha followed by Seudah Shlisheet 7:50 pm Neilat Hachag 7:50 pm	18	19	20  7:53 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 8:00 pm	21 Naso Morning Svcs 8:45 am Daf Yomi 6:20 pm Bible Class 6:50 pm Talmud Class 7:05 pm Mincha 7:50 pm
17	23 Singles Lecture 7:30 pm Religion on the Job Lecture	24	25 Religion on the Job Lecture	26	27  7:59 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 & 8:05 pm	28 Behaalotecha Morning Svcs 8:45 am Daf Yomi 6:25 pm Bible Class 6:55 pm Talmud Class 7:10 pm Mincha 7:55 pm
24	29	30 Memorial Day Morning Svcs 7:05 & 8:30 am	31 30th Anniversary Dinner of Lincoln Square Synagogue	A Kiddush Every Week! Better Food! Less Expensive To Sponsor! How Is This Possible? <u>The Plan</u> By allowing several people to co-sponsor at the same time, we can keep the price down to only \$125. By setting up a voluntary Kiddush fund, to guarantee a Kiddush, even when sponsors are few. <u>Your Part</u> Co-sponsor a Kiddush for only \$125. Volunteer to help set up the Kiddush. Call the synagogue office, 874-6100.		



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ketubah Those who cannot locate their original Ketubah should please contact Rabbi Weinberg immediately for the necessary replacement Ketubah.			1	2	3	4
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Fast of 17th Day of Tammuz Fast begins 4:14am Morning Svcs 7:00 & 8:30 am Mincha 8:05 pm Fast ends 9:02 pm						

Bikur Cholim Society

The Bikur Cholim Society will visit any member of LSS who is in the hospital, recuperating at home, or homebound. If you would like to be visited, or know of someone who would, please contact the synagogue office.



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Chevra Kadisha

One service of LSS which we pray may be unnecessary is that of the Chevra Kadisha. To insure the provision of a proper burial service, we urge our members to contact immediately any of those listed below.

Rabbi Weinberg	721-3393	Rachel Herlands	799-2176
Rabbi Cohen	877-1504	Samuel Horwitz	496-7101
Danny Besdin	595-0970	Andrea Penkower Rosen	873-9895

Yahrzeit

Those who have yahrzeit should call the shul before coming to Minyon to make sure that the second Minyon has not been moved to a Shiva home.

ISSUES TO BE EXAMINED

Positions

In early December, I asked the congregation to consider the adoption of a settlement as a show of support for what they have achieved for the entire country, and the role they serve in strengthening Israelis' hand in negotiations.

Although there were some who opposed the proposal, the response was overwhelmingly positive. LSS had decided on its own, long before any similar communal effort to consider the possibility of such a program. From the start, our commitment was not meant to be an expression displeasure with the current Israeli Government. It was meant both as a humanitarian effort and a religious statement.

The settlers are living in limbo. Psychological support is necessary. Investment, contributions, and funding all but ceased even for maintenance of current programs, let alone for the future.

We cannot separate the politics of Israel from religion. We cry out against those who, inverting the words from Ulysses, cry out "History is a nightmare into which we are trying not to slip history is in our hands." We are a history making and history conscious people. Israel allowed us to move toward the center of history, toward redemption. We cannot allow the religious significance of Israel to slip away because we fear our own religiosity. We don't want to make a political statement but a religious one. The world may call it political and so be it. We must fight for what we are religiously compelled to do. Are we different than the Khomeinis of the world? Absolutely. He was Khomeini before he became involved in politics. We are who we are.

We are not fighting the current position of the Israeli Government. If they want to dismantle, we will end our adoption immediately. We are making a statement of our religious and humanitarian concerns. We hope to make our adoption different than others; adding a moral tone of support of coexistence. We must reaffirm our support. I am proud that the Board voted to adopt a settlement. I urge the entire congregation to join us as we lead the community.

I hope that the letters published below both pro and con will allow all to see both sides of the debate and choose whichever they see is best.

Rabbi Simcha Weinberg

To the Readers of ECHAD:

Unfortunately due to space limitations, we are unable to include all the letters from the congregation on this issue and some of those appearing have been condensed without any attempt to change their meanings.

To conserve space the letters are presented without their salutations.

Ella Leffler, Editor

...It was evident that LSS exercised great care to explicitly state its support for the human rights of the Jewish residents of the Jordan Valley. It is to Lincoln Square's credit that the humanitarian issue was at the fore. Rabbi Weinberg is to be complimented for his even handed handling of this topic in the midst of a heated political atmosphere.

Please continue this voluntary opportunity for Lincoln Square members to demonstrate their chesed and tzedakah.

Yocheved & Irving Reinstein

...Our synagogue membership is a varied one, representing many political positions both Israeli and American. For LSS to support either side in the current internal Israeli debate on the issue of the peace process and the settlements, if only with "humanitarian" assistance, will cause dissension within the community. I would certainly oppose my synagogue's offering "humanitarian" aid to impoverished Palestinians, as a political act. I treasure the E Pluribus Unum quality of our synagogue too much to see it split by a political action. As individuals we all have the right, and perhaps the duty to express our views and act on them in a legal fashion. It seems wrong to me, for the synagogue to act without total unanimity.

WB

...We wish to express our congratulations and wholehearted support for undertaking the unique program with the Jordan Valley Settlement and for being a part of what we feel is a very important show of humanity and solidarity with the Jewish people. We are convinced that the Jewish settlements play an important strategic role in the protection of Israel's population and natural resources.

At a time when many Jews in the settlements feel threatened by a situation seemingly out of their control, it is important to reassure them that the Jews in America support both the hard work which they have undertaken as well as the fact that they have put their lives on the line in defense of Medinat Yisrael. We are proud of our congregation's sense of responsibility as well as the manner in which it has been sensitive to the political realities of our times.

We hope that Lincoln Square Synagogue will not buckle under the rising pressure to dismantle the settlements and will continue to support this cause...We believe that abandoning the settlements would be a great mistakes on our part...We believe that Lincoln Square Synagogue should show its commitment through its financial, public and vocal support of the Jordan Valley Settlement and other settlements.

Thank you for your consideration on this very important matter.

Charlotte & Nathan Kruman

I have just received the Pesach issue of the *LSS Echad*, where on page 13 we are informed about the continuing effort to raise money for the West Bank community of Netiv Hagedot. It amazes me that in the aftermath of the tragic murders in Hebron not long ago, our synagogue would continue to maintain that this action is not political.

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ISSUES TO BE EXAMINED

I am writing to request that you put a stop to the new program of adopting a West Bank community. I do this not because I believe that Jews should not live in the West Bank; on the contrary, I believe that Jews should live there, in peace.

I am writing to you for many reasons that really come down to just tow.

First, a synagogue is a place of worship. When I joined LSS some 15 years ago, I never thought I was making a political choice. I felt I was making a religious choice. I would like to keep it that way.

Second, if you live outside the line of fire, you can only counsel peace. If you want to have a direct influence on Israel, go live there. Do not use powerful American dollars to influence an outcome you are not personally ready to be part of; Israel is in constant danger, and you may inadvertently be placing the citizens of Israel in danger.

I have been told that the LSS decision was not political. I find this a peculiar response--in some ways, an insulting one, for it implies that we do not know when a statement is a political statement. How can we "adopt" a community in the West Bank apolitically? Read the newspapers. Even in Israel itself there is much debate about the West Bank communities and their influence on the peace negotiations. We are told, "We are only buying computers for a community in the Jordan Valley. How can this be a political event?" If I buy a computer for a private school, a church, or a political party, is that not an act of choice? Does it not imply that I am taking a stand for this or that organization and its beliefs? Am I not thereby freeing up the community's funds for other purposes, which we might not be prepared to subsidize.

...Those of us here in the United States have a tremendous responsibility to act as responsible supporters of Israel. Please think about the consequences of your actions. Sitting here in the comfort of our homes in America, can we implore Israel to do anything other than to aim for peace. Is it ethical to give money to certain elements in Israel who as a result of American contributions might be able to engage in violence, as some have threatened, or cause delays in the peacemaking process that will lead to more bloodletting--while we sip cappuccino on the Upper West Side.

When you give not to the government of Israel but to a West Bank community, you are in effect contributing to groups that may lobby and, G-d forbid, fight the government of Israel as it attempts to negotiate an agreement with its Palestinian and other Arab neighbors. You are unfairly influencing the outcome by putting pressure on Israel. A failed agreement could mean another war. Will you or your children fight in it? Israel has no guarantee that it will emerge from another war unscathed. The Arabs have vastly more human and physical resources at their disposal. Endless wars are not the answer.

In the aftermath of the Hebron massacre, the government of Israel has outlawed Kach and Kahana Chai. Mainstream settler organizations feel that the government has acted unfairly. If we contribute to a community, we will then have to face a new political conundrum: Are we going to insist that our adopted community disavow settler groups opposed to the government? Are we going

to have them sign anti-Kach and anti-Kahane Chai affidavits? Will we support Kach and Kahane Chai? I won't.

The wisest course for our synagogue is to let the government of Israel make its decisions through the democratic process. Please keep our synagogue a place where all those who want to come, pray, and experience spirituality can do so without having to make any decision other than their commitment to Judaism.

Ran Kohn

On behalf of my wife and our many friends at LSS, I'd like to express my thanks for the role that Lincoln Square Synagogue has ... taken with the Jewish communities on the West Bank Golan and Gaza. The extraordinary turnout at the February 27th first follow-up meeting with Shaun and Oded Egrima and Rav Riskin, on a bitterly cold and despairing day, is the best testimony to the deep chord the twinning has struck in our shul.

A month ago, I had the opportunity to travel with 120 other concerned Americans and Canadians through Gaza, the West Bank, the Golan and Jordan Valley, speaking with many Israelis living there. Though they evidenced a wide range of opinions on the current negotiation process, they were united in their gratitude that American and Canadian Jews were thinking about them, and could share some of their concerns and dreams for peace. They urged us not to see our visit as a one-shot deal, and wanted to make sure they continued their relationship with us.

Glenn Richter

We are writing to express our appreciation for the supportive position that Lincoln Square Synagogue has taken in choosing to adopt the Jordan Valley communities in Israel. Frankly, we have been concerned about the Shul's wavering stance regarding the precarious position in which many Israelis in the Jordan Valley find themselves today - denied security, ambulance service, and funding for other basic community needs, merely because they have been put at the center of a political conflict by the current Israeli government.

In light of recent disturbing events which have occurred at the synagogue, we had questioned renewing our membership and our participation in the shul. We are heartened by the shul's ... commitment to ensuring that all Jews in Israel are provided basic needs and services. We now feel more confident in renewing our membership with renewed interest in active participation in shul events.

Marvin & Nancy Bleiberg

... Could a board not see that in February 1994 "twinning" with Jordan Valley settlements is at best (or worst) an implied statement about what their future should be? How was such a decision made? These are some of the possibilities lying behind the votes which I believe came into play;

(1) People of good intent believe they are simply acting

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with humanitarian goodness to help Jews at an insecure juncture in their lives. I consider this position -- not the empathy felt -- totally naive and unrealistic. Statements are not made in some kind of time vacuum. It is understood that we stand with our fellow Jews with regards to their health and well being.

(2) Believing that the Jordan Valley settlements must remain within Israel's borders, people believed that the specific adoption was one way of putting pressure on the Government of Israel to accept this position. Whether or not I agree with this position, this is certainly a political move. It was manipulative in the sense that the real purpose was couched in seemingly indisputable rhetoric -- high-minded selfless humanitarianism. The hidden agenda was kept just that -- hidden. It is difficult to view the choice of the tune, "This Land is My Land" to which lyrics were affixed, at the Jewish Center rally, as just a coincidence.

(3) Some felt the need to focus on the present and future security of Israel with regards to these settlements and Israel in general. Somewhere in the core of this concern for security, I feel, is a lack of trust in and support for the present government. Somehow security is not as critically important or not as well understood by it, as it is by us. How presumptuous of those living in the United States!

Voters may have considered one or more of these possibilities. Whatever the reasoning was, it is politically tainted. I believe it also gives a subtle message to those who are more extreme and more fanatic than most of us. It is not a message I want sent.

If the synagogue wanted to or wants to support humanitarianism, I once again suggest that it be done through support of the efforts and concerns on behalf of all the citizens of Israel, i.e., through the duly elected Government of Israel. If you have no interest in that, please do not lend my name to a political statement I did not wish to make. Private groups form for just that purpose and are the appropriate channels for such views.

Arlene R. Stone

Executive Director's Message,

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renovated. (A special thanks goes to Richard Kestenbaum for donating modular work stations from his company).

The number of people who use our buildings in any one week is truly amazing. As you look around you will notice that we have begun to repair the effects of so much traffic. The annex has been painted, the carpet on the main stair-well replaced, and the air conditioner controls reactivated, to name but a few things. The "spring cleaning" will continue over the summer so that our building will look its best for the holidays.

All in all it promises to be an exciting year at LSS and I hope that you will enjoy the many facilities our community has to offer. If you have an idea to share or see a need that is not being filled please call or stop by the office and let me know.

Michael Spingarn

A Few Short Blocks from Lincoln Center

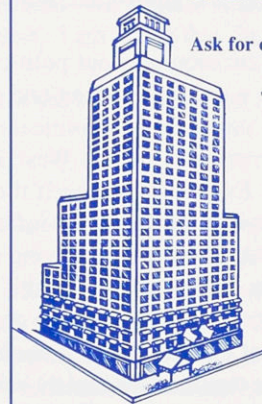
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Mentor Program

A program, named "Blacks and Jews in Conversation" is being developed for the first time in Brooklyn and Manhattan Courthouses for offenders between the ages of 16 and 19 who are charged with nonviolent crimes.

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If you are interested in this program and would consider becoming a mentor, please call Justice Jerome Hornblass at (212) 374-8441/2 or Justice William Thompson at (718) 825-1300.

30th ANNIVERSARY DINNER NEWS

Honor Roll

This year, in lieu of a journal we will be printing an Honor Roll with listings in various categories. Then names of each contributor will be presented to our honorees and all our dinner guests.

Please inscribe my/our name in the following category.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter	\$125
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Couvert: \$300 per person.

\$400 in contributions entitles you to one dinner reservation.

\$750 in contributions entitles you to two dinner reservations.

Honor Roll closing date is May 10, 1994.

Please make checks payable to Lincoln Square Synagogue.

Please list my/our name in the Honor Roll as follows:

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to

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We want to thank all of our dear friends at LSS
for your out pouring of good wishes to us
on this simcha for our family.

Your sincere wishes of mazal tov
have meant a lot to us.

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Holly Brandt on her engagement to Dr. Harry Zinn.
Charles and Valerie Diker on the engagement of their son,
Bruce Daniel to Sarita Rosenhaus in Israel.
Miriam Heller on the engagement of her grandson, Ari Dov
Bernstein in Jerusalem.
Dana Hudes on his engagement to Goldie Tchikvachvili.
Barry Kirschenbaum on his engagement to Dr. Corinne
Benchimol.
Edward Lowinger on his engagement to Sharon Cooperberg.
Rose and Simeon Schreiber on the engagement of their son,
David Zev to Laurie Gottlieb.
Debbie Veroba on her engagement to David Spier.
Sarah Weinstein on her engagement to Jay Schwartz.

MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov to

Fred and Suzan Ehrman on the marriage of their daughter,
Alyssa to Dr. Marc Loebenberg.
Paul Gugenheim on his marriage to Nancy Mason.
Joan Papier Lieberman and Dr. Henry Lieberman on the
marriage of her son, David Papier to Julie Faber.
Dr. Ellen Oppenheimer and Ken Tauber on their marriage.

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to

Barry and Debbie Eisenberg on the birth of a granddaughter.
Mazal Tov also to parents, Yaffa and Michael Eisenberg.
Mazal Tov also to great-grandparents, Charles and Els
Bendheim.
Gail and Michael Haas on the birth of a daughter.
Barry and Estie Hollander on the birth of a son.
Deena and Daniel Jarashow on the birth of a daughter.
Gila Leiter and James Lavin on the birth of a daughter.
Shari and Nathan Lindenbaum on the birth of a son.
Elizabeth and Rabbi Gidon Rothstein on the birth of a
daughter.
Leah and Ephraim Savitt on the birth of a son.

BAR AND BAT MITZVAH

Mazal Tov to

Aidel and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald on the Bat Mitzvah of
their daughter, Orly.
Arthur and Linda Meyer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
David.
Arthur and Linda Meyer on the Bat Mitzvah of their
daughter, Robin.

TSETCHEM L'SHALOM

Tsetchem L'Shalom to

Barry, Susan, and Jonathan Friedman on their making *aliyah*.
Dr. Leonard, Vardi, Ariella and Bezalel Jacober on their
making *aliyah*.

HONORS

Mazal Tov to

Sydney and Wendy Baker on their 30th Wedding
Anniversary.
Charlotte and Nathan Kruman on their 1st Wedding
Anniversary.
Sara Schmeidler on her becoming a third-generation
Phi Beta Kappa.
Sandra Spingarn on the completion of her Ph.D.
Steven Spira on his receiving Orthodox Union Synagogue
President's Award.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to

Barry Eisenberg on the passing of his father,
Isaiah Jacob [Sonny] Eisenberg.
Chester Fox on the passing of his father, Murray Fox.
Robert Hadi on the passing of his father, Azizullah Hadi.
The Handel family on the passing of Samuel Handel.
Irma Horwitz on the passing of her husband,
Clarence Horwitz.
The Kessler family on the passing of Jennie M. Kessler.
Ruth Kobrin on the passing of her mother,
Aurelia Freedman.
Armin Osgood on the passing of his father, Dr. Max Osgood.
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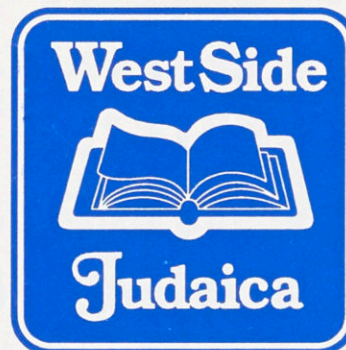
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