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From The Rabbi's Desk...

There is an old Midrashic saying that if every Jew were to observe two Sabbaths properly, the Messiah would arrive and the redemption would be at hand. Aside from the obvious interpretation that the institution of the Sabbath expresses the reverence for life and total harmony within nature which is the hallmark of redemption, there is a profound suggestion that the Midrash is speaking of the two particular Sabbaths which surround Tisha B'Av (the Fast marking the destruction of the Holy Temple): *Shabbat Chazon* and *Shabat Nachomu*. *Shabbat Chazon* precedes the fast and the prophetic portion of that week agonizingly describes the failures and tragedies of our people. *Shabbat Nachomu* follows the fast and the prophetic portion of that week joyfully proclaims our faith in Israel's future. If every Jew would but be sensitive of Jewish exile and retain belief in Jewish redemption, then the exile would come to an end and the millennium would be ushered in.

In contemporary Jewish life, I am persuaded that if every Jew were to properly experience Yom HaShoah (the Day in Commemoration of the Destruction of Six Million) and Yom Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), the same result would be achieved. If we were all to kindle six Yahrzeit candles and fast on Yom HaShoah (the kindling on Saturday night, April 28; the fasting on Sunday, April 29); if we were all to feel deeply the inhumanity of an immoral world which could stand silently by and allow one-third of our people to be mercilessly slaughtered; if we were all to resolve that every one of our survivors is infinitely precious and is to be imbued with Jewish destiny so as not to allow a posthumous victory to the Nazi beasts; if we were all to maintain that such destruction must never occur again and it remains our divine mission to "perfect the world under the kingship of the Almighty"; if we were all to bear witness to the historic miracle of the rebirth of the State of Israel after two-thousand years of Jewish exile and prayer; if we were all to adequately sing songs of praise to God (Hallel) and joyously celebrate Yom Atzmaut, the day



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which more than any other confirms the eternality of our nation (the festivities on Sunday evening and Monday, May 6 and 7); if we were all to adequately respond to the challenge of a Jewish state and a Jerusalem reborn by igniting our faith in our task to become a "light unto nations," a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation;" if indeed every moment of our lives could be touched by the shadow of Auschwitz and the promise of Jerusalem, I am convinced that the Messiah would arrive and the redemption would be at hand.

Thank you from Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Klein

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful Melave Malka which was recently held in our honor. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Debra Tiefenbrunn and her co-workers who, with great efficiency and devotion, did not stint any effort. We also deeply appreciate the gift of a Kiddush cup. This Melave Malka — crowned with our great Rabbi's scholarly speech — was an event we shall never forget. We shall always treasure the friendship of LSS community.

L'Hitraot

Elmer and Elisabeth Klein

Schedule of Services

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 AND

THURSDAY, MAY 3

ROSH CHODESH IYAR

FRIDAY, MAY 4

*Kindle Sabbath Candles7:35 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat6:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 5 (KEDOSHIM)

Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.

Leviticus 19:1-20:27,

Ezekiel 22:1-19

Talmud Class7:00 P.M.

Mincha7:45 P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 7

Israel Independence Day

FRIDAY, MAY 11

*Kindle Sabbath Candles7:42 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat6:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 12 (EMOR)

Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.

Leviticus 21:1-24:23,

Ezekiel 44:15-31

Talmud Class7:10 P.M.

Mincha7:55 P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

*Kindle Sabbath Candles7:49 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat6:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 (BEHAR)

Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.

Leviticus 25:1-26:2,

Jeremiah 32:6-27

Talmud Class7:15 P.M.

Mincha8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

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FRIDAY, MAY 25

*Kindle Sabbath Candles7:55 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat6:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 (BECHUKOTAI)

Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.

Leviticus 26:3-27:34,

Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Talmud Class7:20 P.M.

Mincha8:05 P.M.

*It is our custom to begin Mincha Friday afternoon at 6:45 P.M. throughout Daylight Savings Time. Those who usher in the Sabbath earlier with the

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Beginning with the second night of Passover and every night thereafter the days are counted for a period of seven weeks until the fiftieth day when the major festival of Shavuot is celebrated. This fulfills the precept of the counting of the Omer as it is written in the law: "From the day after the day of rest (referring to the first day of Passover), the day that you bring the sheaf (omer) of wave offering, you shall keep count for seven full weeks; you shall count fifty days, until the day after the seventh week (Lev. 23.5-16); (then) there shall be a holy convocation to you" (Shavuot). Since the start of the counting coincides with the day on which a certain measurement (omer) of barley was cut down and brought to the Temple as an offering (on the second day of Passover), the entire period of the counting became known as Sefirat Omer, the counting of the Omer. In the course of time these days became associated with a mood of sadness and semi-mourning, for it was during the period of the Sefira, during the second century, 24 thousand disciples of Rabbi Akiva perished in a plague. It was at that time, after the destruction of the second Temple, that Bar Kochba attempted to throw off the burden of Roman rule which made it dangerous to study or teach Torah. Customs vary in different communities regarding the Sefira period, but the prevailing custom is to abstain from any joyous celebrations during the days of the Omer with the exception of the New Moons of Iyar and Sivan and the holiday of Lag B'Omer.

Lag B'Omer, the thirty-third day of the Counting of the Omer (ל'ג is the Hebrew abbreviation meaning 33), corresponds to the 18th day of Iyar which was the cessation of the plague which was destroying the students of Rabbi Akiva. All restrictive laws that are observed during the other days of the Omer are suspended during this semi-holiday. Because of its identification with Rabbi Akiva, the day became known as "The Scholar's Festival." According to legend Simeon Bar Yohai, author of the most sacred book of mysticism, the Zohar, died on Lag B'Omer while transmitting revelations he had received. In Israel many Jews make a Lag B'Omer pilgrimage to the Galilee to the tomb of Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai as well as to the burial sites of other talmudic sages in the district of Meron.

A hymn entitled "Bar Yohai" which consists of ten stanzas, each stanza corresponding to one of the ten Sefirot (computations of the Divine Being), is sung in many communities on this day. Lag B'Omer is a favorite children's holiday marked by excursions into the fields, the making of bonfires and illuminations and playing with bows and arrows.

Abraham Davis Houtt

Schedule of Service (Cont'd)

Congregation must instruct their wives to kindle the Sabbath Candles by 7:10 P.M. Once the Congregation chants Mizmor Shir Leyom Hashabbat (the Psalm for the Sabbath Day) the Sabbath has officially begun for the worshippers and their families.

PIRKEI AVOT — Each Sabbath afternoon between Mincha and Maariv specifically between Passover and Shavuot, but customarily until the High Holy Days, a Mishna from the Ethics of the Fathers is taught and expounded upon by Rabbi

Riskin. Everyone is invited to benefit from this intellectually enriching and ethically inspiring experience.

DAILY MINYAN

Weekdays7:15 and 7:50 A.M.
Daily Mishna Study7:35 A.M.
Sundays and Holidays8:30 A.M.
Mincha and Maariv7:45 P.M.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Every Sabbath and Holiday morning at 10:00-11:00 A.M. with Kiddush following the Services.

Gahrzeits

IRVING J. COHEN
Wednesday Evening, May 2
Thursday, May 3

SOLOMON DUBNER
Thursday Evening, May 3
Friday, May 4

NATHAN MARGOLIS
Thursday Evening, May 3
Friday, May 4

MARTIN MORGENSTEIN
Tuesday Evening, May 8
Wednesday, May 9

MOLLIE RUBENSTEIN
Friday Evening, May 11
Saturday, May 12

ANDREW ARGANZA
Sunday Evening, May 13
Monday, May 14

HENRY ROSENBERG
Wednesday Evening, May 16
Thursday, May 17

MOLLY BROWNSTEIN
Thursday Evening, May 17
Friday, May 18

SARAH REDFORD
Thursday Evening, May 17
Friday, May 18

JENNIE GOLDSMITH
Monday Evening, May 21
Tuesday, May 22

MORRIS BROOKS
Wednesday Evening, May 23
Thursday, May 24

United Jewish Appeal Brunch

Sunday, June 3 - 9:45 A.M.

Guest Speaker —

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Sisterhood News

Sorry our words of praise and appreciation due the Purim party workers are being written a bit late, but better late than not at all. Special thanks must go to Deena Geller — the over all chairman who was involved in every detail (and there were many) — a member of the Bach group — a joy to work with — a most efficient gal! To Joel Wachs who contributed so much — we could not possibly take the space to enumerate his accomplishments. Joel is also a "Bacher" and a great one. Betty Alpert did much of the paper work. Many other young and energetic members of this young group helped considerably. Without them we could not have done it. The Junior League was well represented by the mountainous work done by Marion Spanbock with her daughter Betsy at her side being trained for the future of LSS. Chaya Gorsetman did no end of chores. Lenore Brown, the artistic one, created the amusing table decorations. Helen Anton, Jeanette Jarashow, Lillian Goodman, Jeanette Aptheker, Sylvia Giffler, Rosalind Brounstein, Annette Langer, Estelle Satin, Jeanette Orlowe, Lillian Davis, Bess Bergman, and Margaret Goldberg all graciously cooperated; many reporting for work as early as 7:00 A.M., on a Sunday morning yet! Mr. Frank Taks as always was the greatest!

Our Sisterhood has had a good year even though we did not appear in print too often. This season brought us about 50 new members, all of whom are members of the synagogue as well. Our fund raising was quite successful—we should do more in this area.

Our programs were well received. The holiday celebrations went very well and I hope we helped create an overall appreciation of the Jewish calendar. There was an Oneg Shabbat each week for many months and there is a kiddush every Shabbat morning. Here Hilda Goldner and Jeanette Jarashow do a beautiful job with the assistance of a few others, namely Dora Schneider, Adele Wexler, Florence Brody, and Jette Cohen. The Junior League has taken over a Shabbat each month which is a help to us.

Thanks to all my officers and others who cooperated with me to accomplish these results. I would have liked more helpers as there is so much to be done.

May we all, in good health, look forward to another year of devotion to our Synagogue and all it stands for.

Anne Abramson
President

Synagogue News & Notes

Thank you, Sam and Tirzah Kahane for conducting a Parashat HaShavua group on the Hebrew lunar calendar, and Morty and Rose Landowne, for conducting a Parashat HaShavua group on the Passover Sacrifice . . . Maurice and Marion Spanbock hosted a fascinating Book of the Month discussion on the "Best and the Brightest" . . . Laurie Kunkel, Ruth Bergman, and the entire Library Drop-In Center staff did a fine job in arranging a Seder-on-the-Lawn which was moved to the Bet Midrash due to rain . . . Jack Kunkel is waging a vigorous campaign to be elected to the School Board. Perhaps he too will run for Mayor . . . By the way, what happened to the Early Minyan?

Mazel Tov & Best Wishes

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Stern, on the birth of their son Menachem. Special congratulations to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Gustav Stern.

Bob & Elissa Burnett, on their marriage, and their new apartment in our area. Special congratulations to Mrs. Janet Abelow on the marriage of her daughter Elissa.

Richard & Rita Rothenberg on their marriage and their new apartment in our area.

Mr. & Mrs. Nimhauser on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Bruce.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernardo Altman on their daughter Claudia's acceptance to Jerusalem College for Girls. Claudia is the first non-Yeshiva High School graduate to be accepted to this prestigious institution. Our Gustav Stern Hebrew High School has great reason to be proud.

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Calendar of Events

- Saturday evening, April 28, and Sunday, April 29 — *Yom HaShoah*.
- Sunday 6:00-7:00 P.M. — *Yom HaShoah Service*.
Rabbi Herschel Schacter, former President of the Religious Zionists of America and former chairman of the President's Conference, will speak. In conjunction with the Jewish Center and West Side Institutional Synagogue, LSS will host the memorial service. Six Yahrzeit lights should be kindled Saturday night and Sunday is a fast.
- Sunday, May 6, 10:00 A.M. Breakfast for Yeshiva University, honoring Mrs. Anne Abramson, Sisterhood President.
- Sunday evening, May 6, and Monday, May 7 — *Yom Atzmaut*.
Service and Celebration hosted by the Jewish Center, Sunday evening, 7:00 P.M. Consul David Rivlin will speak, spirited dancing and refreshments will follow. A festive meal should be served on Monday, and Hallel should be recited Monday morning.
- Saturday evening, May 12 — *Junior League Art Auction*.
- Saturday evening, May 19 — Melaveh Malkah for Hebrew Institute for the Deaf.
- Sunday, May 20 — *Lag B'Omer*
- Tuesday evening, May 29 and Wednesday, May 30 — *Jerusalem Day*.
Synagogue celebration Tuesday evening, May 29, 8:00 P.M.
- *Melanie Ross Youth Center* — Bet Kafe, Informal Discussion and Music —
Sunday, April 29 7:00 P.M. Sunday, May 27 7:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 13 7:00 P.M. Sunday, June 10 7:00 P.M.

The Lincoln Square Synagogue Bulletin will be published at the beginning of each month from September until June. Articles and announcements are welcome and should be submitted to the Editor in care of the Synagogue office one month prior to publication.