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From The Rabbi's Desk...

Everyone smiles at the popular story of the sign on an ultra-modern Synagogue door: "God is on vacation for the Jewish holidays." However, we are guilty of almost the same infraction by not taking proper advantage of the slower summer pace for more intensive Jewish study. We at LSS have decided to change the trend, and are therefore expanding the Joseph Shapiro Academy to include summer sessions.

Our most exciting and innovative summer project will be a "Kollel for Women", in which women of Yeshiva High School equivalent background will be afforded the opportunity to study Talmud, Codes and Bible from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The curriculum is designed to expose our women to intensive Yeshiva learning, and to enable them to study the classical texts on their own. We are likewise planning a number of courses during the evenings of July and August of which we hope you will take advantage. After all, **Shavuot** is the holiday dedicated to Torah, and it should serve as an inspiration for Torah study throughout the summer. May we all enjoy a healthy, restful and fulfilling summer of relaxation, accomplishment and study.



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Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, June 1—Rosh Chodesh Sivan
*Kindle Sabbath Candles8:01 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat
Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, JUNE 2 (BAMIDBAR)
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
Numbers 1:1-4:20
Hosea 2:1-22
Talmud Class7:10 P.M.
Mincha8:10 P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Kindle Festival Candles8:04 P.M.
Mincha and
Kabbalat Yom Tov8:15 P.M.
Midnight Bible Class11:30 P.M.
Thou Shalt Not Covet; What Does Jewish Law Say About Evil Thinking

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Sunrise Services
(Hashkama Minyan)
Shavuot Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
Exodus 19:1-20:26
Numbers 28:26-31
Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12
Talmud Class7:15 P.M.
Mincha8:15 P.M.
Kindle Festival Candles9:04 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Shavuot Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17
Numbers 28:26-31
Habakkuk 2:20-3:19
Yizkor Memorial Service
Talmud Class7:15 P.M.
Mincha8:15 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

*Kindle Sabbath Candles8:05 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat
Shabbat6:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 (NASO)

Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
Numbers 4:21-7:89
Judges 13:2-25
Talmud Class7:15 P.M.
Mincha8:15 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

*Kindle Sabbath Candles8:09 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat
Shabbat6:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

(BEHAALOTECHA)
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
Numbers 8:1-12:16
Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Talmud Class7:20 P.M.
Mincha8:20 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

*Kindle Sabbath Candles8:11 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat
Shabbat6:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 (SHELACH)

Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
Numbers 13:1-15:41
Joshua 2
Talmud Class7:20 P.M.
Mincha8:20 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

*Kindle Sabbath Candles8:11 P.M.
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SHAVUOT

Shavuot is the Hebrew name for the "Feast of Weeks." It is one of the three pilgrimage festivals, the "shelosh regolim," and occurs on the 6th and 7th of Sivan, coinciding this year with the 6th and 7th of June. In English it is also known as **Pentecost** (derived from Greek) since it begins on the fiftieth day after the completion of the "Sefirah" or the "Counting of the Omer." In the days of the Temple, two loaves of bread made from wheat were offered to the priests as the first fruits of the harvest. The holiday is therefore also called **Hag Ha-Bikurim**, the Festival of the First Fruits and less frequently "**Atzeret**" meaning "termination" of the Passover period. Shavuot commemorates the declaration of the **Ten Commandments** on Mount Sinai and hence the festival is also known as "**Zman Mattan Toratenu**," the Season of the Giving of our Torah."

In the synagogue the book of Ruth is read because the description of Ruth embracing Judaism and the scene of harvesting are appropriate to the festival. In addition, the synagogue liturgy includes the chanting of "**Akdmut**", a medieval hymn in Aramaic extolling the glory of the Lord and Revelation. One stanza is paraphrased in Hertz' "Book of Jewish Thoughts":

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
Were every blade of grass a quill,
To write the love of God above,
Would drain that ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Because of the agricultural significance of Shavuot (Festival of the First Fruits) it is customary to decorate our homes and synagogues with plants and flowers. A popular custom is to eat dairy foods in honor of the Torah, which is as nourishing as milk and as sweet as honey, or in honor of Israel, the land of milk and honey.

Abraham Davis Houp

Congratulations and Mazel Tov to

Mrs. Gustav Stern and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Stern on the birth of their grandson and son respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentzion Cohen on the birth of their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton L. Rozner on the birth of their son Gershon Chaim.

Dr. and Mrs. Milton I. Houp on the birth of their son Gili Oren on Yom Atzmaut.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Silberberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kagan on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Elana.

Professor and Mrs. Adelson on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. George Feldman on the forthcoming wedding of their granddaughter Lynn Feldman to Richard Berger on June 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. David Derovan on their marriage and move into our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kunkel on their inspiring "re-marriage" on our lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Giffler on the gradu-

ation of their son Ronald from the Medical College of Virginia and his forthcoming marriage to Diane Kaplan of Petersburg, Va., and the graduation of their daughter Clarisse Evie from New York University.

Dr. Gil Kahn on his engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Konigsberg on the engagement of their daughter Beth to Cantor Joseph Preiss.

Michael Wolfe, student of Gustav Stern Hebrew High School on his acceptance to Yeshiva University.

Rabbi and Mrs. Barry Eisenberg on their new apartment in our area.

Charles and Anne Bartel on their new apartment in Dorchester Towers and entry into our LSS community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Weinrib in their new home in Elizabeth, N.J.

Peter and Agnes Kolevzon on their extended vacation to Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Greer on their extended trip to Israel.

Welcome Home from the Hospital:

— Mr. Abe Feinsand

— Mr. Frank Taks

— Mr. Walter Freeman

Schedule of Service (Cont'd)

Mincha and Kabbalat
 Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, JUNE 30 (KORACH)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Numbers 16:1-18:32, 28:9-15
 Isaiah 66
 Talmud Class7:20 P.M.
 Mincha8:20 P.M.
SUNDAY, JULY 1
ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ
FRIDAY, JULY 6
 *Kindle Sabbath Candles8:10 P.M.
 Mincha and Kabbalat
 Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 7 (CHUKKAT)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Numbers 19:1-22:1
 Judges 11:1-33
 Talmud Class7:35 P.M.
 Mincha8:20 P.M.
FRIDAY, JULY 13
 *Kindle Sabbath Candles8:07 P.M.
 Mincha and Kabbalat
 Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 14 (BALAK)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Numbers 22:2-25:9
 Micah 5:6-6:8
 Talmud Class7:35 P.M.
 Mincha8:20 P.M.
TUESDAY, JULY 17
SHIVA ASAR B'TAMMUZ (FAST DAY)
FRIDAY, JULY 20
 *Kindle Sabbath Candles8:03 P.M.
 Mincha and Kabbalat
 Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 21 (PINCHAS)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Numbers 25:10-30:1
 Jeremiah 1:1-2:3
 Talmud Class7:30 P.M.
 Mincha8:15 P.M.
FRIDAY, JULY 27
 *Kindle Sabbath Candles7:57 P.M.
 Mincha and Kabbalat
 Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 28
(MATTOT-MASE)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Numbers 30:2-36:13
 Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4, 4:1-2
 Talmud Class7:25 P.M.
 Mincha8:10 P.M.
MONDAY, JULY 30
ROSH CHODESH AV
FRIDAY, AUGUST 3
 *Kindle Sabbath Candles7:49 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat
 Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 (DEVARIM)
SHABBAT CHAZONE
 Sabbath Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
 Isaiah 1:1-27
 Talmud Class7:15 P.M.
 Mincha8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7
TISHA B'AV
FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
 *Kindle Sabbath Candles7:41 P.M.
 Mincha and
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
(VAETCHANAN)
SHABBAT NACHAMU
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Deuteronomy 3:2-7:11
 Isaiah 40:1-26
 Talmud Class7:05 P.M.
 Mincha7:50 P.M.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
 *Kindle Sabbath Candles7:32 P.M.
 Mincha and Kabbalat
 Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 (EKEV)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
 Isaiah 49:14-51:3
 Talmud Class7:00 P.M.
 Mincha7:45 P.M.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
 *Kindle Sabbath Candles7:21 P.M.
 Mincha and Kabbalat
 Shabbat6:45 P.M.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 (REEH)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.
 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
 Isaiah 54:11-55:5
 Talmud Class6:45 P.M.
 Mincha7:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 AND
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29
ROSH CHODESH ELUL
 *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 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 A.M.
 Daily Mishna Study7:35 A.M.
 Sundays and Holidays8:30 A.M.
 Mincha and Maariv7:45 P.M.

MELANIE ROSS YOUTH CENTER

Very many fine endeavors emanate from Lincoln Square, but none symbolizes our Synagogue's aspirations as well as the fledgling Melanie Ross Youth Center. "No longer are we content to wait for our fellow Jews to come to us", Rabbi Riskin declared in announcing the program's inauguration, "now we are going out to them, into the streets — we are going to where the Jews are." We are building "a synagogue without walls."

The format is most simple: every second Sunday evening, the Rabbi "raps" and answers questions and the Cantor sings as well. The questions are quite always more blunt and biting than the Shabbat variety: "Isn't Judaism obsolete?", "If I'm a good person, why do I need Judaism?", "Where is God today?"

Patiently, painstakingly, compassionately and directly, the Rabbi responds. There is an extra dimension, even a special aura, about him, at these sessions. He reaches into himself very very deeply.

And the young people respond. Some have spent Shabbat with us. The Bach group has hosted a rap session — Shabbat luncheon with Yaakov Bieler ably fielding questions. Hopefully, this commitment of our Synagogue's young people will continue. (Amos and Miriam Alter demonstrated recently that not only Bachs are effective at the rap sessions.) For only if we are willing to share what we have gained at Lincoln Square will the Melanie Ross Youth Center thrive.

Condolences:

— Mrs. Julia Mazor on the passing of her beloved husband, the noted Zionist leader Yehuda Mazor.

— Shimon Rothman on the passing of his beloved mother.

— Mr. Louis Friedman on the untimely passing of his beloved daughter.

— Mrs. Pauline Eilender on the untimely passing of her active and philanthropic son-in-law Albert Davidoff.

JUNE

LOUIS FISCHER
Thursday Evening, May 31
Friday, June 1
TILLIE WEINRAUCH
Tuesday Evening, June 5
Wednesday, June 6
BEATRICE ROSENBLATT
Sunday Evening, June 10
Monday, June 11
ALFRED SCHULMAN
Sunday Evening, June 10
Monday, June 11
GEORGE H. WIENER
Sunday Evening, June 10
Monday, June 11
LOUIS RODETSKY
Monday Evening, June 11
Tuesday, June 12
CHARLES STRUCKLER
Tuesday Evening, June 12
Wednesday, June 13
PAULA SIMON
Wednesday Evening, June 13
Thursday, June 14
RUTH NEUWIRTH KLEWANS
Thursday Evening, June 14
Friday, June 15
ESTHER STEIN
Monday Evening, June 18
Tuesday, June 19
BENJAMIN FOX
Thursday Evening, June 21
Friday, June 22
JACOB JACOBSON
Sunday Evening, June 24
Monday, June 25
SOPHIE MASOR
Wednesday Evening, June 27
Thursday, June 28
SARAH LEAH BERKOWITZ
Thursday Evening, June 28
Friday, June 29
JULY
HANNAH PEARL DUBNER
Monday Evening, July 2
Tuesday, July 3
ANNE ELDRIDGE
Tuesday Evening, July 3
Wednesday, July 4

Harzeits

SIDNEY STEIN
Saturday Evening, July 7
Sunday, July 8
BENJAMIN HELLER
Sunday Evening, July 8
Monday, July 9
IGNATZ GREENBERGER
Monday Evening, July 9
Tuesday, July 10
SAMUEL B. ROSENBLATT
Tuesday Evening, July 10
Wednesday, July 11
REV. JOSEPH TAUBENHAUS
Tuesday Evening, July 10
Wednesday, July 11
SOPHIE KELLNER
Wednesday Evening, July 11
Thursday, July 12
CAROL WECHSLER
Thursday Evening, July 12
Friday, July 13
PAULINE FRUHLINGER
Friday Evening, July 13
Saturday, July 14
MAX BELSKY
Sunday Evening, July 15
Monday, July 16
IRVING LEVINE
Saturday Evening, July 21
Sunday, July 22
JOSEPH L. GREENBERG
Monday Evening, July 23
Tuesday, July 24
MATILDA L. MACHOF
Thursday Evening, July 26
Friday, July 27

AUGUST

BERTA BORENSTEIN
Thursday Evening, August 2
Friday, August 3
BLOOMA SOBIN
Saturday Evening, August 4
Sunday, August 5
HERBERT WALDMAN
Monday Evening, August 6
Tuesday, August 7

ANNA WIENER
Monday Evening, August 6
Tuesday Evening, August 7
M. LOUIS LOWENSTEIN
Tuesday Evening, August 7
Wednesday, August 8
SARAH GANZ
Wednesday Evening, August 8
Thursday, August 9
MORRIS LANDAU
Wednesday Evening, August 8
Thursday, August 9
FLORENCE GOODMAN
Thursday Evening, August 9
Friday, August 10
RACHEL LEAH LOWENSTEIN
Saturday Evening, August 11
Sunday, August 12
JAKOB KOHANE
Sunday Evening, August 12
Monday, August 13
IRENE DIAMOND
Monday Evening, August 13
Tuesday, August 14
JACOB FINKELSTEIN
Wednesday Evening, August 15
Thursday, August 16
JACK KOSMAN
Thursday Evening, August 16
Friday, August 17
SAMUEL A. DRESKIN
Saturday Evening, August 18
Sunday, August 19
FRIEDA FOX
Sunday Evening, August 19
Monday, August 20
ROSE HARRIS
Sunday Evening, August 19
Monday, August 20
JULIUS JOSEPH BRENNER
Friday Evening, August 24
Saturday, August 25
ABRAHAM REDFORD
Friday Evening, August 24
Saturday, August 25
PAULINE HAUSMAN
Sunday Evening, August 26
Monday, August 27
CARL E. JAMPEL
Sunday Evening, August 26
Monday, August 27

Thank You

To The Dinner Committee
The Journal Committee
The Entire Membership
and all our Friends

Mrs. Tiefenbrunn and I, together with our sons, wish to express our deepest appreciation for the planning and org-

anizing of the annual dinner and journal of Lincoln Square Synagogue in our honor. Your untiring efforts, know-how and enormous work resulted in a most enjoyable evening and at the same time a considerable financial success. To each and everyone who contributed to the journal and attended the dinner in our honor, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

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Synagogue News and Notes....

Warm thanks to HENRY MOED for providing us with memorable *sedarim* once again. The Haggadah as well as the Kneidlach were enjoyed by all — despite the last minute increase in attendance. Unfortunately for the committee, the Rabbi seems to take quite literally the statement: "Let all who are hungry come in and eat." Henry — in his inimitable manner — quietly and successfully placed every guest . . . As a new first, SHIMON ROTHMAN spearheaded an outdoor model Seder in Riverside Park on the Sunday before the holiday. MARK EISENMANN led in the four questions, and hundreds of passersby were inspired by the materials transported by RUTH SHAPIRO and the Shmura Matzot provided by Lubavitch (we aren't square, but round and with it!). . . Yom HaShoah was a memorable event. The overflow crowd of more than 600 watched in agonizing silence as six Concentration Camp Survivors lit the candles. Rabbi Hershel Schachter spoke stirringly of his own role in the liberation of Buchenwald, and Reb Shimon Zucker climaxed the evening with a Yiddish memorial. We moved from sadness to joy as we celebrated Yom HaAtzmaut at the Jewish Center and heard the words of Consul David Rivlin . . . Elie Wiesel unexpectedly visited LSS on Achron Shel Pesach and inspired everyone as he intensely rendered the Haftarah . . . There is rarely a dull Shabbat at LSS, which seems to operate on a 32 hour day. On a recent week-end, however, a bar-mitzvah guest stumbled into a Bat-Mitzvah, a Senior Citizen found himself at a BACH Luncheon, and a Yeshiva representative was mistakenly asked to conduct an art auction . . . When did Gabbai SAM FELD take up Karate? And was Dr. JULIUS KAHN his instructor? . . . MRS. ANNE ABRAMSON certainly deserved all of her plaudits as she was honored at a beautiful breakfast for Yeshiva University, capably chaired by ARTHUR AARON. This noble woman of rare charm and tact was compared to both Channah and Sarah in a heartwarming address by Rabbi ROBERT HIRT of Yeshiva University. Rabbi Hirt and his family were able to function in Watertown largely as a result of the hospitality and kindness of Mrs. A. How fortunate we are that she moved to LSS . . . In addition to two lectures at the 92nd Street "Y" and to late evening and early morning appearances on the Barry Farber Program on behalf of Soviet Jewry and Melanie Ross Youth Center, our Rabbi has recently lectured on behalf of Yeshiva University and the Day School Movement in Chicago, Houston, Denver, Seattle and Vancouver. LSS sends rays throughout the world in the form of a Traveling Torah salesman. . . Due to the good offices of our entire clerical staff (Rabbi Cohen fields questions better than Bob Grant), and the ceaseless efforts of JOEL WACHS, MARILYN COHEN, BENJAMIN LUNZER, MELVIN MOED et al, the MELANIE ROSS Rap-Sessions have become a regular institution. How thrilling it is to see many who have wandered far from tradition — and have even experimented in various types of every nature — come closer to Judaism through this program. It certainly must make HARVEY ROSS and DIANE BARRETT proud to see the beginning fruits of their efforts. . . Warm thanks to JEANNETTE JARASHOW for arranging a lovely Melavah Malkah on behalf of the Hebrew Institute for the Deaf. A Jewish *kehillah* means concern for many charitable endeavors. . . Fifteen homes have become Kosher this year as a direct result of our various activities. May Judaism continue to grow from strength to strength . . . The Junior League Art Auction was a most financially and intellectually successful LSS first. JUDY RAPPAPORT and her committee did a magnificent job. It was interesting to see the varying tastes of our "art connoisseurs." The Rabbi even outbid the GERALD KAHNS and the BARRY BERGMANS on the Agan Star of David . . . What's happening to the second minyan? Is it time to institute Jewry Duty? . . . Congratulations to Joshua Getzler for his beautiful leading in the conclusion of the services. Rabbi Riskin and Cantor Goffin — Watch out! . . .

CANTOR ROSENBLATT MEMORIAL CONCERT

Cantor Sherwood Goffin, vice-president of the Cantorial Council of America, announces a Memorial Concert to be held at Lincoln Square Synagogue on Wednesday, June 13 at 8:00 P.M. commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the yahrzeit of Cantor Joseph Rosenblatt.

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No Looking "Backwards"

Extensive and heated debate last year swirled around the issue of 'Who is a Jew?' The only comparable controversy this year focused on 'What is a Bach?' Most experts concluded that Bach is simply Lincoln Square's dynamic group of young singles dedicated to the proposition that 'you don't have to be married to enjoy L.S.S.' Actually, this is just part of the story. . .

Two favorite themes of the Rabbi gave impetus to Bach's most promising and unheralded venture of the year — our Hakarot Tov group that visits the neighborhood elderly. Time and again, Rabbi Riskin has criticized the shameful lack of respect accorded the aged. The Singles, under Gail Aranoff's lead, were inspired to act. The name Hakarot Tov, meaning simple gratitude, stems from a *derash* in which the Rabbi lamented the general absence of this quality today. We conveniently forget the mitzvos a person performed in the past. What have you done for *me now* is a too common question.

For nearly half a year already, each of a dozen Bachs have visited, on a regular basis, one elderly person at the Park Crescent Nursing Home located on Eighty Seventh Street, off Riverside Drive. For the visitors and the visited, the experience has been most rewarding. Joel Garboss and Louise Rosenberg merit special commendation. Yet now we need the help of other congregants.

Only a minimal effort is needed — a commitment to spend but 15 minutes once every ten days, with an elderly person, at a time entirely at your convenience. We are needed very badly. The Bachs have found that our visits are looked forward to eagerly for days. It is a very easy mitzvah. All you do is show up, say shalom, and your companion will do most of the talking. Finally, this project is a critical peg in the sensitive, caring and growing community that is Lincoln Square. This is a simple way to make a contribution. Not all of us can respond to the Rabbi's financial pleas; few of us are capable of cogently answering a committed Beth Sar Shalom person. Yet this is a mitzvah we all can and should do. Please contact Barbara Licht, through the Synagogue office, to help us.

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.