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Tu B'Shvat

"ראש השנה לאילן . . . בחמשה עשר בו"

The New Year for Trees on the Fifteenth thereof

מוסכת ראש השנה פרק א'

We celebrate TU B'SHVAT, Israeli Arbor Day, this year on Friday evening, January 16th and Shabbat January 17th. The first mention of the New Year for Trees is found in the Talmud as a festival marking the beginning of a new year for the fruit crop. This festival arose from the need to indicate a particular day in the year when farmers would calculate the tithing tax for fruit grown during that year. The name Tu b'Shvat originated with the School of Hillel which claimed that the fifteenth of the month of Shvat or Chamisha Asar b'Shvat seemed the appropriate time for this celebration. (Tu or Tet and Vav are the numerical symbol for fifteen.) By then the heavy rains were almost over, the winter cold had gone and the first signs of Spring were evident in the soil. The day was preserved, after its original purpose was lost, as a precious link binding the Holy Land to a people scattered for centuries throughout the world.

On Tu B'Shvat in Israel thousands of saplings are planted by school children amidst singing and rejoicing. It is the custom to eat a variety of special fruits, such as Bokser (St. John's Bread) which grows on the Carob tree, and also figs and dates. It is likewise customary to feed the birds on this day.

Within Modern Orthodoxy

by Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

An expressed ideal of many of the institutions, organizations and Jewish individuals of twentieth century American Jewish life is "modern orthodoxy" — the synthesis between the world of Torah and the world of secular culture, scientific technology and the *blatt gemorah*. More and more orthodox Jews are entering the most respected modern professions and we point with pride to those of our members with university degrees who nevertheless maintain their commitment to *halakhic* observance. The Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists, the Commission on Law and Public Affairs and the development of Yeshiva University are all reflective of this ideal of contemporary orthodox Jewish life.

At the same time, however, the Jewish scene is experiencing a shift to the right, with leadership roles being taken by the traditional, non-university oriented *Roshei Yeshiva* and chassidic rabbeim. Charles Liebman, the noted sociologist, discerned this trend as early as 1965 in his path-breaking essay "Orthodoxy in American Jewish Life," published in the American Jewish Yearbook (Vol. 66, 1965). During the past decade, more and more Yeshiva High Schools have been founded by *musmachim* of the Bet Midrash Gavoha of Lakewood in such diverse communities as Philadelphia, Scranton, Denver, Long Beach and St. Louis, and parents who have received modern-orthodox training are sending their children to these schools. It goes without saying that their graduates are urged to continue learning Torah to the exclusion of college studies, and their philosophy is hardly the pro-Israel, open-to-secular orientation of Yeshiva University, Flatbush and Ramaz. Moreover, the Lubavitch movement has made strong inroads in almost every major Jewish community in the country, and the Lubavitch Yeshivot are often strong competition to the already established local day school, which had prided itself on its modern approach and religious heterogenous parent body. *Shtieblech* and *hashkama minyanim* are often replacing the large, modern orthodox synagogues for many of the young yeshiva graduated *baalei-batim*, much to the chagrin of the local Rav who thought his sermon especially suitable for the "young-erpeople." How can we account for this change in direction? Is it attributable to a shift in society, to a failing in modern orthodoxy, or to a combination of the two?

I would submit that first of all, the America of today is radically different from the America of twenty years ago. Certain basic assumptions of morality — commonly held by everyone, religious and secular alike — are no longer the givens of contemporary society. Sexual conduct has been removed from the realm of morality, and those who suggest chastity before marriage are considered old-fashioned and unhealthy. The Protestant work-ethic has been replaced by consumer instant gratification, and the "good of the group" has been superseded by the desire to "do your own thing." Objective right and wrong is obsolete; relative situation ethics is the rule of the day. Extremist feminist groups — to say nothing of Gay Lib — are questioning the value of the family, and G-D has been removed from the salute to the American flag as well as from intelligent discourse. Freud's "Civilization and Its Discontents" — an acceptance of the need for restraint if a moral society is to be formed — has been overruled by Brown's "Eros and Civilization," and from the T.V. screen to the street of Broadway, "everything goes." Within this context, it is increasingly obvious that traditional Jewish values must radically part company with contemporary American mores; peaceful coexistence is becoming almost impossible to achieve.

Moreover, traditional Judaism has relied for its strength not merely on actions but also on attitudes, not merely on life-style but also on life-substance. It is possible to be a kind of "orthoprax inverted marrano" — acting out the proper rituals but internally responding as a secularist. Ultimately religion stands or falls on its ability

to imbue its adherents with a deep abiding sense of faith in a Higher Being which endows every activity with higher meaning, which inexplicably views even a tragedy as containing potential for redemption sub specie aeternitatis. The context of religious living must be one of sanctity, of kedushah, which inspires even the most mundane of experience with an intuition of transcendence. If we merely create a generation of secular Americans with *kippot*, of Sabbath observing professionals who lack the dimension of "my soul thirsts for the living G-D" — we shall have failed at our most crucial challenge.

And the notable absence of *Emunah* and *Kedushah* — or even a striving after these ideals — within the modern orthodox community is responsible for many practical shortcomings which are only too widespread. The majority of our synagogue services are sterile and noisy, devoid of the element of *kavannah* which must characterize the individual genuinely attempting to "stand in the presence of the Divine." Rumbblings of the stock-market have replaced the intensity of "*echad*," and lipstick-marks now substitute for tear-stains on the pages of our "*siddurim*." Reb. Shmuel Asher, the first gabbai of my synagogue, once broke down in the midst of Maftir Yonah on Yom Kippur, and everyone rushed to his assistance. "There was a time when people would be concerned if one didn't break down in tears on Yom Kippur," he commented sadly. If indeed we have lost the art of prayer, is it any wonder then that the majority of our congregants arrive in the midst of the Torah reading, and begin to fidget with their prayer-shawls immediately after *kedushah* of *mussaf*? Despite all of the *kippot* at Grossingers, how many have the commitment to attend daily minyan?

And the genuine ideals of an individual can best be measured by the manner in which he spends his leisure time, by the aspirations he has for his own children. How many "modern orthodox" Jews fall asleep over a gemorah in the evening, and how many others fall asleep to the strains of Johnny Carson? We legitimately pride ourselves on the plethora of kosher eating opportunities — Chinese, Italian, French, Health food and even Jewish style — which have recently opened in New York, but can we really call a Jewish night club — replete with bar, social dancing and secular love songs — within the spirit of genuine Torah living even if the meat is glatt kosher? How many of us dream of "our son or son-in-law the scientist, — the doctor" — and how many are less than excited about the prospect of "my son or son-in-law the *talmid chacham*, the *mechanech*, the *Rosh Yeshiva*"? Do we honestly believe that Grossingers' night-club, poolside *kippah*, and air-line *mezonot-roll* Judaism can inspire a generation of vibrant and committed Jews who will passionately affirm their Jewish heritage in the secular world of American technology? Is it any wonder then that with all of our Yeshivot we have produced so few genuine *talmudic chachamim*; these require the single-minded intensity and devotion to G-D and Torah which modern orthodoxy has not yet begun to reflect.

In sum, I fear that modern orthodoxy has thus far failed to inspire the major ingredient necessary for the survival of our people; firm commitment to the ideals of Torah study and Torah living. The dichotomy of living in two worlds and limping between two disparate value systems produce pareve Jews at best and schizophrenic Jews at worst. "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto G-D what is G-D's" is a statement from the Gospels, and "Be a Jew in your tent and a human being in the marketplace" is the slogan of the *haskalah*; neither of these significantly contributed to the survival of religious Judaism.

"Let all of your deeds be for the sake of heaven" is the traditional Jewish dictum, and monotheism must replace synthesis as the ideal of our people. Only when we divide the world into the holy and the not-yet-holy, only when we attempt to harness scientific endeavor and professional pursuit to the service of G-D, only when we singlemindedly strive to recapture the sense of *kedushah* and *emunah* in our daily lives, only then will we succeed in producing the fiery commitment which will enable us not only to endure but to prevail.

A Letter From Our President

Dear Friends:

All of us who have been at Shabbat Services during the past months have been concerned about the impact of crowding on the comfort of congregants. We have decided to institute the following arrangements which, we hope, will ease the problem.

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY.

- 1.) **SHABBAT SERVICES.** There will be four regular Services for adults on Shabbat morning.

The *first minyan* is at 8:00 A.M. in the *Beit Midrash*. It is followed by two classes, one in Talmud and one in Bible. This minyan is for those who prefer a Shabbat learning experience. If you attend this minyan, you will be expected to attend one of the classes.

Services in the *Main Sanctuary* begin at 8:45 A.M.

The *third Minyan*, a full Service conducted by Rabbi Cohen, will be from 9:45 to 11:45 in the *Beit Midrash*. This will be followed by a half hour learning class in Bible. Periodically Rabbi Riskin will also participate in this class. We hope to have the automatic elevator operating on a regular basis to ease access to this Service. The fourth minyan, conducted at 9:15 a.m., by Ephraim Buchwald will be a special service for those with little or no background who wish to become more proficient at praying, and gain an insight into the meanings of the prayers and rituals.

- 2.) **Reserving Seats in the Main Sanctuary.** Holders of *dedicated* seats will be entitled to their seats, provided they have reserved them, as follows:

Reserved men's seats will be held until 9:30 A.M.

Reserved women's seats will be held until 10:00 A.M.

If you wish us to hold your seat each Shabbat morning, please advise the Office. If you reserve the seat, you will be expected to use it.

There are seats still available to be dedicated at \$1,500.00 per seat. If you wish details on dedication, please contact us.

- 3.) **Overcrowding in the Main Sanctuary.** Once all seats in the Main Sanctuary have been filled, the doors will be closed. Congregants arriving thereafter will be asked to attend one of the other Services.

No seating in the aisles or standing in the entrance-way will be allowed in the Main Sanctuary.

- 4.) **Coat facilities.** Besides the regular checkroom facilities, there will be coat racks on the second floor and at the entrance to the downstairs auditorium.

- 5.) **Children's Services.** All children *will be expected to attend* one of the following services:

There will be a *Nursery* group for three to five years old. This will be held from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon in Classroom II on the second floor.

The *Junior Congregation* for children from 6 years to Bar Mitzvah age, will meet in the Library from 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., after which the Junior Congregation will join the Service in the Main Sanctuary.

We are concerned about children roaming the building unsupervised by parents. Considerations of the child's safety and the conduct of the Services make it essential that parents see to their children, wherever the child may be.

These arrangements are being set up on a trial basis and are subject to change. We hope that with your cooperation and good will we shall be able to deal effectively with what is, after all, the rather wonderful problem of overcrowding.

Sincerely,

MAURICE S. SPANBOCK

"Lest We Forget"

By Irving Chesnin

On November 16th Lincoln Square Synagogue held a very unusual program. Firstly, an emergency rally in protest of the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism. This was followed by the showing of the heart-rending film "Le Chaim", and last but not least an interesting and encouraging talk by Dr. Moshe Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Roumania. It was gratifying to learn that there is freedom of every aspect of Jewish religion in Roumania. Thus, true to our traditions, the afternoon was mixed with both joy and sadness.

The sole purpose of Dr. Rosen's visit to the United States, and as a result of my own efforts to L.S.S., was to acquaint the public of the *Beth Hatefutsoth*, the story of the Diaspora, (brochures were distributed and are still available).

The building is already erected and there is now a great need for membership for the upkeep of the Museum which is \$25 per family.

Rabbi Riskin has made L.S.S. a house of learning; *Beth Hatefutsoth* brings knowledge of the structure and form of Jewish History for 2000 years. By becoming a member you would help preserve this monument of knowledge and merge it with our teachings.

Mini Miracle

This year's L.S.S. Chanukah party was a great hit and it really was quite a miracle. There were a lot of great people there and the attire ranged from ultra-formal to ultra-cool. As usual, Miss Goodman was handing out Chanukah presents to many children. There were women dressed up like Chassidim and men dressed up like the Maccabees. The tables were a literal paradise (for a vegetarian)—all the food was set up very nicely. The M.C. for the evening was David Olivestone, bringing a touch of England with him. First on the agenda was the picking of the Raffle winners. Bati, Rachel, Marc and Esther managed to produce three lucky winners. Then there was a dance consisting of three Maccabees accompanied by pulsating music. They were dressed up in shields and swords (and bare feet) and I wonder what the real Maccabees would have said had they seen them. After that came what might be called the Dreidelettes (?) who danced a folly type dance with Dreidels pasted to their sides. After cries of "we want more!" the Dreidelettes did their number again.

Then came the highlight of the evening, the Channucademy Awards, where different celebrities of the shul were nominated for the Willy award, which consisted of a hat and a boot. With Peter Abelow playing the piano, a whole cast sang songs regarding the celebrities. Effy Buchwald played Binny, my brother, after rolling his pants up to his knees (it's not TZNIOUS to uncover your KNEEOUS). Rafi Guber played Rav Cohen and he was hilarious (Yeah Yeah, who cez?). Johnny Herlands was fantastic in his imitations of the Gabaim, and especially of Rav Riskin. I also liked the descriptions of the adventures of Cantor Goffin as he single-handedly goes in and out of the entrance in a hundred-yard dash.

I don't know about everybody else, but I was literally falling on my side from laughter.

Well, this article is beginning to get long, so I'd better say that all in all, it was a great evening for everybody.

Chashi Freedman

Hebrew School Practices Chesed

Cantor Sherwood Goffin, Principal

On the 6th night of Chanukah, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1975 the older classes of the Hebrew School visited the Stratford Arms Residence for Senior Adults on West 70th Street.

Accompanied by their teachers — Judi Stern, Shmuel Goldin and Gershon Fluk — the 22 boys and girls aged 11-13 sang a number of popular Hebrew songs and led in the lighting of the Chanukah candles.

There were over 30 Senior Citizens in the audience, and the sparkle of true joy that emanated from their faces was certainly ample reward for the children. For 3 weeks they had practiced their songs under the guidance of Shmuel Goldin, and looked forward to this chance to bring joy to the hearts of lonely Jewish grandmothers and grandfathers.

This is part of our ongoing Hebrew School monthly projects and indeed was one of the most meaningful.

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The Fifth Service

The congregants and *Baalei Tefillah* of tomorrow are getting their practice each Shabbat morning in the Lincoln Square Synagogue Junior Congregation. The services, which are now led by the children themselves, are held for girls and boys ages 6-13 in the Mezzanine Library from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. every Shabbat. Interested parents are invited as well. There are no red-dot seats and all children who are not with their parents in one of the other minyanim are expected to be in the Junior Congregation.

The list of regulars include Marc and Esther Eisenmann, Giddy Freedman, Eric and Alyssa Ehrman, Allison Montague, Abbey Gast, Gail and Lisa Rappaport, David Lehrer, Missy Barrekette, Elissa Gross and Eli Landau, and there is plenty of room for more names.

The services have been designed to familiarize the children with the important sections of *Pesukim Dezimra* and *Shacharit* as well as to provide them with explanations and afford an opportunity to ask questions about the prayer. Each week includes a story, often related to the Torah Reading of that Shabbat, and a special Kiddush. So children, assure yourselves of a pleasant and meaningful Shabbat experience and join us!

PETER ABELOW

Sunday, March 28th, 1976

This is YOUR Dinner

לא יכבה כלילה נר

"her lamp goeth not out at night"

Proverbs xxxi



Statistics:

Seating capacity of ballroom: 400 guests

Last year we accommodated 410 guests

22 people were disappointed

Please send in your reservation as soon as possible.

Martha Cohn is a household word to us all.

We love her and salute her.

Chairman

Vivien Eisenmann (874-1853)

Committee:

Mildred Green

Barbara Smith

Vicky Riskin

Marion Spanbock

Our Dinner Journal Campaign

A meeting of the Journal Steering Committee was held this week at the home of STANLEY GETZLER, Chairman.

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The members were confident that this Journal would be the most successful, surpassing last year's record of \$43,000.

It was felt that the congregation would wholeheartedly display the affection and esteem it has for MRS. MARTHA COHN, this year's guest of honor, by oversubscribing the Journal.

Strategies and plans for the campaign were formulated and, according to the chairman, the campaign kick-off will be within ten days.

The Journal Committee is anxious to add new members. If you would like to join this successful group, please call the Synagogue Office.

Schedule of Services

Friday, January 16

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:34 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:45 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 17 (Beshalach)

TU B'SHEVAT (Jewish Arbor Day)	
Shabbat Shirah	
Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Exodus 13:17-17:16, Judges 4:4-5:31	
Talmud Class	3:50 P.M.
Mincha	4:35 P.M.

Friday, January 23

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:43 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:55 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 24 (Yitro)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Exodus 18:1-20:23, Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6	
Talmud Class	4:00 P.M.
Mincha	4:45 P.M.

Friday, January 30

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:51 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	5:00 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 31 (Mishpatim)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Exodus 21:1-24:18, I Samuel 20:18-42	
Talmud Class	4:05 P.M.
Mincha	4:50 P.M.

Sunday, February 1 and Monday, February 2

ROSH CHODESH ADAR I

Friday, February 6

Kindle Shabbat Candles	5:00 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	5:10 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 7 (Terumah)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Exodus 25:1-27:19, I Kings 5:26-6:13	
Talmud Class	4:15 P.M.
Mincha	5:00 P.M.

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Friday, February 13

Kindle Shabbat Candles	5:09 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	5:20 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 14 (Tetzaveh)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Exodus 27:20-30:10, Ezekiel 43:10-27	
Talmud Class	4:25 P.M.
Mincha	5:10 P.M.
Bar Mitzvah: Joshua Deleon	

Friday, February 20

Kindle Shabbat Candles	5:17 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 21 (Kee Tissa)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Exodus 30:11-34:35, I Kings 18:1-39	
Talmud Class	4:30 P.M.
Mincha	5:15 P.M.

Friday, February 27

Kindle Shabbat Candles	5:25 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	5:35 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 28 (Vayakhail)

Shabbat Shekalim	
Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Exodus 35:1-38:20, 30:11-16, II Kings 12:1-17	
Talmud Class	4:40 P.M.
Mincha	5:25 P.M.

Tuesday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 3

ROSH CHODESH ADAR II

Friday, March 5

Kindle Shabbat Candles	5:32 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	5:45 P.M.

Saturday, March 6 (Pekuday)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Exodus 38:21-40:38, I Kings 7:40-50	
Talmud Class	4:45 P.M.
Mincha	5:30 P.M.
Bar Mitzvah: Adam Pearce	

Friday, March 12

Kindle Shabbat Candles	5:39 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	5:50 P.M.

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Saturday, March 13 (Vayikra)

Shabbat Zachor	
Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 A.M.
Leviticus 1:1-5:26, Deuteronomy 25:17-19, I Samuel 15:2-34	
Talmud Class	4:55 P.M.
Mincha	5:40 P.M.

Monday, March 15
FAST OF ESTHER

Tuesday, March 16
PURIM

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The Sabbath is terminated Saturday evenings one hour after the Candles were lit on the previous Friday afternoon.

Daily Minyan

Weekdays	7:15 and 7:50 A.M.
Sundays and Holidays	8:30 A.M.
Mincha and Maariv	at Sunset

Shabbat Services

Early Services	8:00 A.M.
Followed by Classes in Bible and Talmud	
Third Minyan Services	9:45 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:00 A.M.
Special Service for those with little or no background	9:15 A.M.

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The Youngest Crowd

Our Arthur and Hilda Morgenstern Merkaz Torah Nursery and Kindergarten is enjoying a successful year with close to 30 children between the ages of 3-5 years.

Our purpose is to help children develop to the fullest in every aspect of their early childhood and at the same time bring them close to the meaning of their Jewish identity.

We are now accepting new registrations for the Spring Term, beginning January 12. Classes are from 9-12, 9-3 and 12-3. Bruria Okonsky, Director

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News of Sisterhood

The Chanukah Gelt project is over and thankfully successful. Sisterhood is grateful to all those who so generously participated in this endeavor. We want at this time to thank our hardworking committee: Mr. and Mrs. Alex BROWNSTEIN, Miss Beulah GLUCKMAN, Miss Ruth GLUCKMAN, Mr. and Mrs. Eli GIFFLER, Mr. and Mrs. Jay GOLUB.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to this year's winners: Mrs. Fannie SCHULZ won one year membership in the Jack LaLanne Club; Miss Beulah GLUCKMAN can enjoy a two-day fully paid vacation at Grossingers; Mr. Ted SATIN is the big winner — \$1,000.00 in cash.

Sisterhood's regular meeting took place on December 15th, 1975. Mrs. Janet Abelow Miss Peggy Gellman, Mrs. Sue Golub, Mrs. Mildred Heffner and Mrs. Jeannette Jarashov, presented a report and round table discussion of "The Agunah", an interesting novel written by Chaim Grade. Questions and comments came from the audience. Refreshments and chatter closed an enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 5th, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. This will be an open meeting. Please come!

SUE GOLUB
Sisterhood President

Junior League

The Junior League started off the year with a Wine and Cheese tasting Game Night organized by Peggy Garfunkel with the help of Rachel Herlands, Mindy Stein, Aviva Sussman, Ronda Weinberg, Debbie Brownstein, Lenore Weinstein, Marion Worenklein and Laurie Kunkel. Everyone left as Kedem Connoisseurs!

The festival of Chanukah was brightened this year due to the great deal of work put into the Chanukah Party by Martine Schenker and her committee: Mindy Stein, Shulie Cohen, Rachel Herlands, Joan Schwachman, and Phyllis Glasser. Every aspect from the food to the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks to Shelley Silbermintz, Shlomit Rosenfeld, David Olivestone and Yossie Deutsch for their respective parts in producing such exciting home grown talent!

The Junior League is planning a Shabbaton on December 19th, Friday night, to host the new young couples of the shul who have come into our community. We are hoping to make it easier to get to know one another.

Looking ahead, the Junior League calendar shows a Book Fair scheduled for February, a Crafts Fair, the Purim Party and also fundraising for the Hebrew Institute for the Deaf.

DEBBIE ABELOW

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Effie Reports

The Lincoln Square Synagogue "reach-out" program is in full swing once again. The Torah Van, under the direction of Chaim Fruchter and a devoted corps of volunteers, distributed over one thousand Chanukkah gift kits to local residents. The "reach-out" people also did a brisk business in Chanukkah menorahs and candles — while they lasted. Many passersby were moved to make small donations in support of the Torah Van and "reach-out" activities. Likewise, the Melanie Ross Jewish Information Center, which meets on Sundays between 2-5 P.M., is active under the direction of Zelda Kaminsky, picking up where the Torah Van leaves off.

In all candor, however, the LSS "reach-out" program till now has not really been a full-time and fully supported activity of the synagogue. Many of its activities have been only on an irregular basis. The great successes of even these occasional efforts have encouraged us now to throw our full energies into this program.

The significance of this decision will be better understood if you consider the following: Lincoln Square Synagogue has been often referred to as "The West Side Miracle", and rightly so. In ten short years it has gained a membership of over 800 units. Shabbat services are regularly attended by over 600 people. The Shapiro Institute has over 1000 students in attendance weekly. On numerous occasions the Synagogue has had overflow crowds of 1500 to 2000 people. These and other impressive statistics, pale however when we consider that in the backyard of the synagogue stand 9 mighty towers, housing over ten thousand people, one-half to two-thirds of whom are Jewish. To say nothing of the familiar residents of Dorchester and Sherman Towers, and the tens of thousands who live in other buildings literally within a stone's throw of the synagogue. The "West Side Miracle" has only begun to scratch the surface.

The effort to make an impression upon the vast numbers of indifferent and apathetic Jews who reside in our area requires the full cooperation and support of our members and friends. We must spare no effort to bring the message of Torah and Yiddishkeit to our brothers and sisters. Won't you please help? We're counting on you.

The Melanie Ross Youth Center

The Melanie Ross Youth Center is continuing its programs and activities. Our Merkaz Torah NCSY Youth Group recently sponsored a mini-Shabbaton (December 12-13) in LSS with invited youth groups from Queens. Many of our members have attended the various Yeshiva High School Shabbatonim and most recently the Torah Leadership Seminar of December 24 — December 29, 1975 at Chalet Vim in Woodburne, N.Y.

Reserve SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 11, 1976, 6:00 P.M., and come with your families and see the MRYC sponsored movie "The Sting." Come one, come all, make this a family affair. Admission is \$.75 for members, \$1.00 for non-members. Refreshments will be available. Help us make this a success.

Remember, if there are any teenagers who you feel would be interested in joining the MRYC, suggest they come. Tell us about them, and we will contact them to inform them about our weekly activities, bi-weekly Shabbat meals and other programs in and out of L.S.S.

JUNIOR MRYC - JUNIOR NCSY

So many children have come down to the Shabbat afternoon groups, that we had to expand and reorganize the groups. The following are the existing groups:

Boys: 1st — 4th grades

Morrie Klians (781-3893)

Girls: K, 1, 2

Julie Landau (724-9233)

3, 4

Andria Montague (787-3631)

5, 6, 7, 8

Debbie Pine (787-8325)

The groups meet at 2:30 P.M. every Shabbat afternoon unless otherwise announced. All children of LSS members are invited for this fun Shabbat afternoon. Refreshments are, of course, served.

We wish to thank Chaim Freedman, Seebee Gast and Marcella Altman for the help in running the Shabbat afternoon programs.

A special "pick-up" — "drop off" Service is available. Contact Morrie Klians for arrangements.

The entire junior youth program is especially conducted for members of LSS at no charge. We would appreciate, however, if parents would assist us in arranging the weekly refreshments. Perhaps each week one parent would take of his/her time and help give the Shabbat afternoon groups something special. Please contact the Synagogue office to make arrangements.

In all areas of our youth programming we can always use suggestions, ideas and above all volunteers. Please, help us to help you.

JOSEPH EPSTEIN

Youth Coordinator

(my new tel. No. 781-9339)

Junior N.C.S.Y.... on the Youth Scene

The newly formed groups for youngsters between the ages of six and eight years have begun and are in full swing. The groups meet every Shabbat afternoon from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m. under the leadership of qualified counsellors. Those that have attended (and there are many who have), have really enjoyed themselves.

It's fun, games, enjoyment and learning — so do let YOUR children know what is happening. A PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

For further information please call Morrie Klians at 781-3893.

LSS News and Notes

Shabbat morning at LSS can best be characterized as "here a minyan, there a minyan, everywhere a minyan minyan." Between the hashkama learning minyan, the regular minyan, the late minyan (for those who wake up early, recite kariat shema, learn Torah, and get to shul at about 10:00 A.M.) under the leadership of Rabbi Cohen, and — our newest innovation — the beginners minyan (under the direction of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald), to say nothing of the Nursery and Junior Congregation, our sounds of davening should bring the Messiah immediately . . . It is most gratifying to know that close to 800 people daven with us each Shabbat. The Chanukah Chagigah was an unprecedented delight: the dance program magnificently directed by Shelley SILBERMINTZ and the Chanukademy Awards arranged by Jonathan HERLANDS, Schlomit ROSENFELD and David OLIVESTONE held everyone spell-bound . . . Rabbi Cohen's next son will be called Velvel . . . The Friday evening Oneg Shabbat programs have been most inspiring and informative. Professor Yeshayahu LEIBOWITZ stunned the audience by suggesting that Israel return all liberated territories, since security has nothing to do with borders and a country of two million can hardly absorb the 1½ million Arabs, with the Arab birth-rate increasing at 60,000 a year and the Israeli abortion rate at 70,000 a year . . . Emanuel ACKERMAN gave us an insight view of the C.I.A. from a Jewish perspective, and Margy and Perry DAVIS — together with Russian emigres NATALIE and MIKHAIL charged a large Bach contingent to enter the area of Jewish communal service either professionally or voluntarily . . . Irving CHESNIN arranged a memorable Sunday afternoon program which featured the movie "LeChaim," a talk by Rabbi Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Roumania, and reputed for Beth Hatefutsoth — a memorial to Jewish diaspora on the campus of Tel Aviv University . . . Between President Maurice SPANBOCK'S rules and enforcement officer Marvin GOODMAN'S control we are likely to have more orderly services and a few disgruntled parents and children. Barry and Debby, Joseph and Sharon, Alan and Ruth were seen cornering the Rabbi — who seemed to be growing paler by the moment. At any rate, Hilly seems unimpressed by the new rules and may even head-up a children's revolution together with Tsippy and Michael . . . If we must have a problem, probably too many worshippers and too little space is the healthiest to have. And that did not stop the Bet Hamikdash from serving more and more Jews . . . Mrs. Jeannette APHEKER gets the Shadchanit of the Year Award for hosting Bill STANLEY and Aviva SELINGUE. Men and women, line up. BACH should schedule meetings in her home . . . Adolph and Erna KATZ celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with many members of the Board of LSS. Their entire family did them proud, with Adam and Jason especially demonstrating what they had learned in our Feldman Hebrew School. Erna seemed less than exuberant, however, when the Cantor led a chorus of "A sukkele." May we celebrate the Diamond Anniversary together.

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Miss Elise Susan SAMELSON
Mrs. Bridget WISHNIA

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Mazel Tov to:

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur AARON on the birth of a daughter, Ahava Rivka. A new granddaughter for Mr. & Mrs. Arthur MORGENSTERN.

Mr. & Mrs. Alan GARFUNKEL on the birth of a son.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry MOED on the birth of a granddaughter.

Bar Mitzvah:

Joshua DELEON
Adam PEARCE

Engagement:

William STANLEY to Aviva SELINGUE.

Marriages:

Joan UNGER to Norm LEVY.

Mazel tov to Mrs. Miriam SIEGEL on the marriage of a grandson.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bernard FALK and to Jonathan HERLANDS on passing the New York State Bar Examination.

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We Welcome Home from Hospital:

Miss Henrietta COHEN
Mrs. Livia DAVON
Mr. Sylvan DRESNER
Miss Ruth L. EPSTEIN
Mrs. Salla KIRSCHBERG
Mrs. Anne SCALL

We wish a Refuah Shlemah to:

Mrs. Rosalind BROWNSTEIN
Mr. Simson SCHULZ
Mr. Isidore STOLL

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Our Heartfelt Condolences to:

Mr. Naim DABORA on the passing of his beloved father.

Mrs. Joan GORDON on the loss of her beloved mother.

Mrs. Esther JUNGREIS on the loss of her beloved husband.

Mrs. Fanny KRAMER on the passing of her beloved husband Mr. Benjamin KRAMER.

Mrs. Martha PORTNOV on the loss of her beloved husband, Mr. Joseph PORTNOV.

Mr. Martin WACHS, Joel WACHS, and Messrs. Herbert and Max SCHWARZ on the loss of their beloved wife, mother and sister, respectively.

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I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE SISTERHOOD, MY FRIENDS AND THE MANY MEMBERS OF L.S.S. FOR THEIR CONCERN DURING MY RECENT ILLNESS.

HENRIETTA COHEN

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Telephone: 799-1520.

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THE CHEVRA KADISHA

There is one service of Lincoln Square Synagogue which we pray may be unnecessary but which is most appreciated when tragedy strikes—our Chevra Kadisha. The Chevra provides for Taharat Haguf (the purification of the body), proper Tachrichim (garments for the deceased), Shmirat Haguf (the recitation of Psalms from death until burial), Seudat Havraa (the meal for the mourners upon returning from the cemetery), and daily home minyanim at the home of the Shiva. Since these laws, as well as the laws of choosing a proper casket and providing a proper burial service are most complex and sensitive, we urge our members to immediately contact the Synagogue office or the homes of Rabbi Riskin, Rabbi Cohen, or Roy Stern if, Chas Va Shalom, a death should occur in their family. We will then, after consulting the family, make the proper arrangements with the Funeral Chapel, thus saving the mourning members of our congregation as much difficulty as possible.

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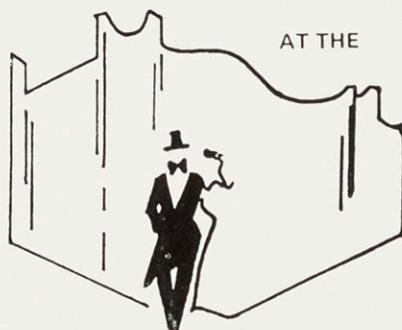
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