

From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Friends:

Life in Kibbutz Ein Tzurim is as idyllic as ever. I am writing these lines seated under a majestic tree in front of our house, whose magnificent green foliage lovingly protects us from the bright Israeli sun. The table which serves as my desk is propped with various *seforim*, and thank G-d, I have a great deal of time for study and reflection. It is 7:00 A.M., Vicky and the children are beginning their walk to the *Cheder Ochel* (Dining Room), and I have already spent an hour and one half this morning in the *refet* (barn) feeding the calves, after which I showered and *davened*. I teach in the late afternoons and evenings, which serves as good preparation for the classes I hope to give in New York during this next season, and many present and former L.S.S.niks have visited for Shabbat or a day during the week. The entire family is thriving as a result of the tranquility, sunshine, and sanctity which the Kibbutz provides, and we are grateful for each day that we are here.

But nevertheless, the calmness of Kibbutz life is hardly representative of what is happening in Israel in general. Last week I was invited to visit *Yeshivat HaGolan*, a school for High School graduates which is in the liberated Northern territory of Israel, barely three kilometers from the Syrian border. As I was addressing the students, I noticed that each of them was armed — in case G-d forbid of enemy attack. Five tanks were parked in front of the Yeshiva, ready for immediate use, if unfortunately the necessity arose. How different is the Bet Midrash of this Yeshiva from our usual stereotype! The students study aloud, swaying over their Talmud tomes, and their diligence is reminiscent of Bialik's portrait of the *Voloshiner Yeshiva* bochur in his classic, *HaMasmid*. But these *b'nai Torah* know that six months of each year for four years are to be spent in the Army, and each is trained in modern warfare and is constantly prepared to put his life on the line for his people and his land. For such students the Torah assumes added significance. The holy books are his connection to past and future; they are the purpose for his sacrifice and the justification for his commitment. There are now thousands of such young men in *Yeshivat Hesder* throughout Israel, many of whom are living in rather primitive conditions. They are greatly respected by the "secular" Israeli, and have made the "kippah srugah" a symbol of pride and idealism. They represent the future of Torah, and they give new meaning to the Talmudic dictum: "Great is study, for it leads to action."

May the Almighty continue to give strength to His people, and may the Almighty bless His people with peace.

Shlomo Riskin



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President's Message

Our Synagogue has passed from infancy into adolescence. With Rabbi Riskin as its leader, Lincoln Square Synagogue has achieved national as well as local prominence. Our Synagogue's success is unique and our committed clergy and lay people can, with justification, be proud of their involvement.

We are not, however, immune to the problems of adolescence. Like an awkward teenager, our rapid growth has spawned concomitant problems. Spurred by inflationary pressures, our annual budget has risen to over \$600,000. A primary challenge of this administration will be to control costs and devise ways to increase our income without disproportionately burdening the membership.

More importantly, our maturation as a congregation requires that we clearly determine our goals and identify those persons whom we want to reach and serve best. Our Shul attracts the marginally committed Jew as well as the observant. This attraction has been a prime reason for Lincoln Square Synagogue's extraordinary vitality. We must, however, concern ourselves with the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the solid base of our membership and focus our attention upon them. I believe that a fine balance between "in reach" and "out reach" can be achieved by a sensitive clergy and lay leadership.

Following in the footsteps of so gifted a person as my predecessor, Maurice Spanbock, will be difficult. Maury, we are grateful to you for your years of dedicated service.

With the many friends I have among you, the genuinely good, capable, and devoted people I can count upon, I am confident of our future together.

Stanley Getzler

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Schedule of Services

Slichot — First Slichot Service — September 23rd — 11:30 P.M.

Sunday, October 1st — Eve of Rosh Hashana

Slichot and Morning Services	6:45 and 8:00 A.M.
Kindle Rosh Hashana candles	6:19 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Rosh Hashana	6:30 P.M.

Monday, October 2nd

ROSH HASHANA Services	7:45 A.M.
Tashlich walk	5:30 P.M.
Mincha	6:30 P.M.
Kindle Rosh Hashana candles <i>Not Before</i>	7:19 P.M.

Tuesday, October 3rd

ROSH HASHANA Services	7:45 A.M.
Mincha	6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, October 4th — Fast of Gedaliah

FAST OF GEDALIAH	
Morning Services	6:45 and 7:30 A.M.
Mincha	6:15 P.M.
Daily Selichot and Morning Services	6:45 and 7:30 A.M.
Mincha	6:20 P.M.

Friday, October 6th

Kindle Shabbat candles	6:10 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:20 P.M.

Saturday, October 7th (Vayelech) — Shabbat Shuva

Shabbat Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Mincha followed by Shabbat Shuva Discourse	5:20 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv for the remainder of the week	6:15 P.M.

Sunday, October 8th

Selichot and Morning Services	6:45 and 8:00 A.M.
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Monday, October 9th

Selichot and Morning Services	6:45 and 7:30 A.M.
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Tuesday, October 10th — Eve of Yom Kippur

Selichot and Morning Services	7:00 and 7:30 A.M.
Mincha	3:00 P.M.
Kindle Memorial and YOM KIPPUR candles	6:04 P.M.
KOL NIDRE SERVICES	6:10 P.M.

Wednesday, October 11th — Yom Kippur Services

Main Sanctuary	8:00 A.M.
Auditorium	9:00 A.M.
FINAL SHOFAR BLAST	7:04 P.M.

For Our Children — Special Junior Congregation and Nursery

ROSH HASHANA — Monday and Tuesday 11:30 A.M.-12:45 P.M.

YOM KIPPUR — Tuesday Evening, 6:15 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Wednesday 11:30 A.M.-12:45 P.M.

Daily Morning Services	7:15 and 7:50 A.M.
Daily Mincha	6:15 P.M.

Friday, October 13th

Kindle Shabbat candles	6:00 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:10 P.M.

Saturday, October 14th (Haazinu)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	5:00 P.M.
Mincha	6:00 P.M.

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Schedule of Services (Cont'd)

Sunday, October 15th — Eve of Sukkot

Morning Services	7:15 and 8:30 A.M.
Kindle Festival Candles	5:56 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov	6:05 P.M.

Monday, October 16th

Sukkot Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	5:05 P.M.
Mincha	6:05 P.M.
Kindle Festival Candles <i>Not Before</i>	6:56 P.M.

Tuesday, October 17th

Sukkot Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	5:05 P.M.
Mincha	6:05 P.M.

DAILY MINCHA AND MAARIV FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK

Daily Services During Chol Hamoed Sukkot	7:00 and 7:40 A.M.
Mincha and Maariv	6:05 P.M.

Friday, October 20th

Kindle Shabbat Candles	5:51 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 21st — Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Shabbat Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	4:50 P.M.
Mincha	5:50 P.M.

Sunday, October 22nd — Hoshana Rabba

Morning Services	6:30 and 8:00 A.M.
Kindle Festival Candles	5:46 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov	5:55 P.M.

Monday, October 23rd — Shemini Atzeret

Festival Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Service	
Mincha	6:00 P.M.
Kindle Festival Candles <i>Not Before</i>	6:46 P.M.

Simchat Torah

The children are invited to participate in the HAKAFOT.

Tuesday, October 24th

Festival Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Mincha	5:50 P.M.

*A Women's Service for Simchat Torah Morning will be held at the
Esplanade Hotel (74th Street and West End Avenue) at 9 A.M.
(Shachrit through Hakafot).*

DAILY MINCHA AND MAARIV	5:55 P.M.
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Friday, October 27th

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

Saturday, October 28th (Beresheet)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Class	4:40 P.M.
Mincha	5:40 P.M.
DAILY MINCHA AND MAARIV	4:45 P.M.

(Eastern Standard Time)

Tuesday, October 31st and Wednesday, November 1st —

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Morning Services	7:00 and 7:40 A.M.
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Schedule of Services (Cont'd)

Friday, November 3rd

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:30 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:40 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 4th (Noach)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:45 P.M.
Mincha	4:30 P.M.
DAILY MINCHA AND MAARIV	4:40 P.M.

Friday, November 10th

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:23 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:35 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 11th (Lech Lecha)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:40 P.M.
Mincha	4:25 P.M.
DAILY MINCHA AND MAARIV	4:30 P.M.

Friday, November 17th

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:17 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:30 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 18th (Vayera)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:35 P.M.
Mincha	4:20 P.M.
DAILY MINCHA AND MAARIV	4:30 P.M.

Friday, November 24th

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:12 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:25 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 25th (Chaye Sara)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:30 P.M.
Mincha	4:15 P.M.
DAILY MINCHA AND MAARIV	4:25 P.M.

The Sabbath is terminated Saturday evenings one hour after the official candle-lighting time on the previous Friday afternoon.

SHABBATH SERVICES

Shabbat Early Services followed by classes in Bible and Talmud	8:00 A.M.
Services for beginners and those with little Synagogue background.....	9:15 A.M.
Regular Services	8:45 A.M.
Third Minyan followed by a class in Bible	9:45 A.M.
Junior Congregations	10:00-11:15 A.M.
Shabbat Nursery (3-5 years old)	10:00 A.M.

DAILY MINYAN

Weekdays	7:15 and 7:50 A.M.
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If a member requires a shiva minyan at his home, the second minyan meets there.

Sunday	7:15 and 8:30 A.M.
Legal Holidays	8:30 A.M.
Roch Chodesh	7:00 and 7:40 A.M.
Chol Hamoed	7:00 and 7:40 A.M.
Fast Days	7:00 and 7:30 A.M.

A Man For All Seasons—or A Real "Gaw-Dole" (Great One) at Lincoln Square

Rashi comments at the beginning of the portion of Behaalotecha that the greatness of Aaron, the Kohane "Gaw Dole," the High Priest, was that early each morning he cleaned out the dirt and leftovers from the menorah, and then he kindled the menorah. His greatness was in the constancy of his dedication to the service of G-d on a daily basis through the little details.

Louis Fenton has retired from the service of LSS after seven years of devotion and dedication to the small details of our Synagogue. Louis viewed his job as maintenance engineer as his service to G-d in the sanctuary of G-d. He never worked by the clock, but how many long hours of effort it would take to get ready for all of the many functions of the Synagogue! If it meant that he had to sleep over in the rabbi's office on Purim, or had to come to the Synagogue in the middle of the night to stop a flood, or stay almost to the last minute before all the Festivals or High Holy days to make sure that everything was ready for the members of the congregation to celebrate properly, Louis was always there. But it also meant that he was here every weekday very early in the morning for the regular routine.

Louis never was here for Sukkot, but he took great pride in his efforts over the last few years in the construction of our community Sukka. I remember a few years ago when after midday on the eve of Sukkot there was no "s'chach" covering the Sukka. We all piled into Louis' car and drove to the flower district to get greens to cover the Sukka. If not for Louis, we might not have had a Sukka that year. If not for Louis, we might not have had any of the real beauty that this Synagogue offers to so many people. And Louis understands that part of the success of this Synagogue is due to him. Special thanks to Anne Fenton, Louis' wife, for allowing Louis to spend so much of his time in the Synagogue with such love and devotion. May they share many years of love, health, happiness, and goodness together in their new home in Florida.

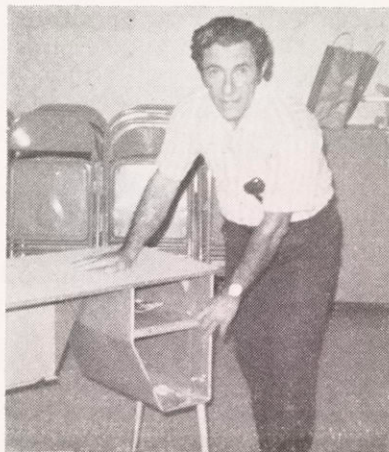
Louis and I have become very close friends over the years, and I and my family will miss him very much. But, my son, Yehuda, who worked very closely with Louis last year, expresses our feelings best. At night, when he goes to sleep, he sings "SHMA YISROEL" and he kisses me. But now that Louis is no longer working in the Synagogue, he says: "and Abba, I miss Louis very much."

We all miss Louis very much.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen



Lou and Ann on their second honeymoon



Tony Sangiori, our new maintenance engineer, busy at work

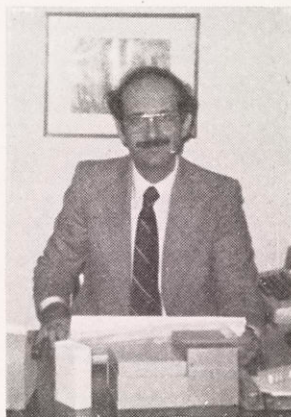
An Open Letter to Lincoln Square Synagogue:

This small donation is long overdue, but I hope it will still prove useful. Both as a Touro college student and as a Touro graduate, I have made extensive use of the services offered to young people by Lincoln Square Synagogue, and I wanted to express my appreciation. The shul has been a lifesaver for me on more than one occasion, whether I needed a place to attend Shabbat services or even a helping hand in placing students for Shabbat lunch when I was a Touro dorm counselor. The most significant kindness extended to me by the Shul was this past Purim when due to unfortunate interruptions, I was kept from attending Megillah reading at the usual time. Luckily for me, I thought to call Lincoln Square and, sure enough, a recording informed me that I still had a chance to hear the Megillah at a 9:30 P.M. reading — probably the only one offered in Manhattan.

I am aware that the above-mentioned services are but a few of those offered by Lincoln Square. I wish you a hearty "yasher koach," and hope that you will keep up the good work for many, many years to come.

[*Editor's note:* We leave the letter unsigned as we were unable to contact the writer for permission.]

We would like to extend a warm welcome and hearty Mazal Tov to Sam Rosenberg, our new Executive Director. Sam, who comes to LSS via Israel and then Flatbush, received his ordination from Torah V'Daas and holds an MBA in Economics from Baruch College. Truly a man for all seasons, Sam is fluent in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish, and is equally at home with the title Rabbi and Cantor. He is easily accessible, and since language is obviously not a barrier, he invites all members and potential members to stop by the office with their questions and gripes. He comes to us with diversified experience in business and industry, and it is an indication of his humor and zeal that he closes each night at the office with the tune, "To Dream the Impossible Dream."



*Sam Rosenberg, our
new Executive Director
or is it Shmuel or Rabbi?!!!!*

Lincoln Square Synagogue

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ELANA SHARON
HILLEL SERAYA and
YONATHAN EPHRAIM

*wish the entire Congregation a year of
health, happiness and growth*

RABBI and MRS. HERSCHEL COHEN,
YEHUDA and GISELA DEVORAH
*wish the entire Congregation
a year of health and rejoicing.*

CANTOR and MRS.
SHERWOOD GOFFIN
NISA, TSIPI, ELLY and URI
*wish the entire Congregation a happy
and healthy New Year
in which our prayers will be fulfilled
for our loved ones and all of Israel*

*Our best wishes to all the members of
L.S.S. for a healthy and prosperous
New Year*
MAURICE and MARION SPANBOCK,
JONATHAN and BETSY

*May the New Year bring peace to all
and continued success to L.S.S.*
MARTHA COHN

SAM ROSENBERG
*wishes the entire Congregation
a Happy and Healthy and Generous
New Year.*

*With best wishes to our entire community
in the New Year.*
JOEL M. WACHS

*"Peace Dwell on the Rooftops and
in the Heart" (Psalms)*
SARAH and JAY GOLUB

*Best wishes for a happy and healthy
New Year.*
GLORIA MOND

MR. and MRS. TIEFENBRUNN
and LARRY
*wish all their friends a
happy and healthy New Year*

*Wishing you all a happy, healthy,
and successful year.*

LENORE and JACK BROWN,
JAY, JERALYN, and JORDANA

*Best wishes for good health to all
and peace in Israel.*
LILLIAN GOODMAN

*May the coming year bring health,
peace, and prosperity to the entire
L.S.S. family.*
JANET ABELOW

*Best wishes for a healthy and happy
New Year.*
Dr. and Mrs. M. ROTHBERGER
and FAMILY

JONAS STERN and SONS
wish all a happy and healthy New Year.

לשנה טובה תכתבו
EVA COHEN

לשנה טובה
to the Lincoln Square Synagogue family
from
JEANETTE ZEVIN APTHEKER

*I wish that He who remembers all of
His people will especially remember you,
and each one of the Lincoln Square
Congregation.*
ETHEL F. ROUS

A good and healthy year is the wish of
LEON and LOLA LESLAU

לשנה טובה תכתבו
JUDY, JERRY, and
RACHEL WEINSTEIN.

ברכת שנה טובה
MIRIAM SIEGEL

MR. and MRS. SAMUEL M. COHEN
*wish the entire Congregation
a happy and healthy New Year.*

ISIDOR and ANA ROSNER
*extend heartiest greetings for a
happy, healthy, and prosperous
New Year.*

*Best wishes and
for a happy New Year.*
MR. and MRS. MOSES JANOWSKI

*Best wishes for a happy New Year
to all.*
JOSEPH BRENNER

לשנה טובה תכתבו
DASSIE and ARTHUR MARCUS

A
כתיבה וחתימה טובה
*and best wishes for the New Year
to our congregation.*
MR. and MRS. DAVID GRAUBARTI

*We fervently hope and pray that G-d
will grant our mother and savtah a
refuah shaleima in this year*
DEBBIE and PETER ABELOW,
AVI, DANI, and ELANA

*In loving memory of my dear wife,
Susan, mother of ANITA and HELEN.*
PHILIP FRIEDMAN

*A very happy and healthy New Year
from*
MICHEL and ANNA KAMIEN

*Our best wishes for a
happy and healthy New Year.*
PHYLLIS, STANLEY and
JOSHUA GETZLER

*Best wishes for a happy and healthy
New Year.*
MR. and MRS. JOSSI NOF

Happy New Year to
KAYLEE LASKOWITZ
and JONATHAN KRIEGER from
DAVID EDELSON,
their grateful student.

*Wishing a happy New Year
and fulfillment of its projects.*
B. TUCHMAJER

Best wishes.
SELMA LEVY

*Best wishes to all ...
For the Holidays.*
EDITH C. BERGMAN

*Best wishes for a healthy, peaceful and
fulfilling New Year to all.*
BEVERLY, ANDREW and
DANIELLE DRUCK

Shana Tova.
ELIE, ELAINE, JAN and
DANIEL HAUSMAN

*A happy and healthy year
to our members.*
LEONARD FEINSTEIN

*May there be abundant peace from
heaven, and life, for us and
for all Israel.*
MARISE S. HAUSNER

Best wishes

MR. and MRS. EDWIN RINDSBERG

*We greet the members of Lincoln Square
Synagogue with love*
MR. and MRS. HARVEY ROSS

לשנה טובה תכתבו
BOB MILLER

לשנה טובה תכתבו
KUGEL CHULENT MINYAN

Best wishes for the New Year.
MR. and MRS. MURRAY GOLDBERG

MS. E. JUDY MANISCHEWITZ
*extends to the L.S.S. family
best wishes for a good year of
health, joy and shalom.*

שנת שלום ובריאות
AIDEL and EPHRAIM BUCHWALD
and YEDIDIAH YAAKOV

לשנה טובה תכתבו
PHYLLIS M. GLASER

New Year's Greetings to
Rabbi Riskin, Rabbi Cohen,
and Cantor Goffin
and each of their families.
MR. and MRS. OSCAR HAAS

*Best wishes to All
for a Happy and Healthy New Year.*
STEVEN and GALE SPIRA,
JENNIFER, DAVID and AVI

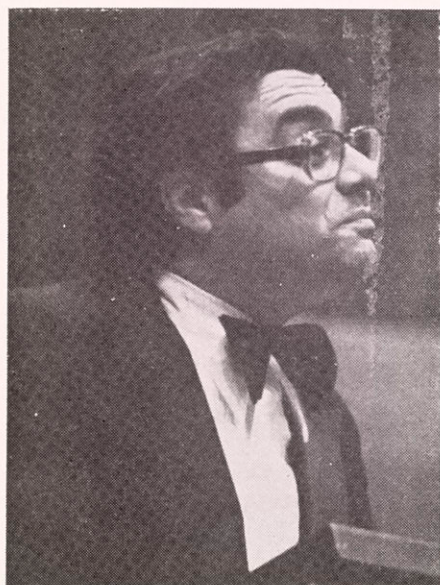
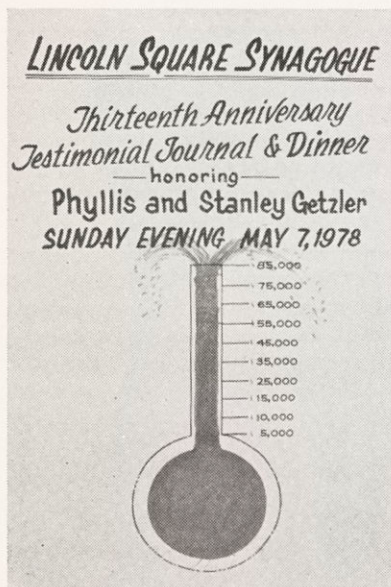
*A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Year
for All*
ESTHER BALDINGER

New Year's Greetings
To the Rabbis, Cantor, their families,
friends, and congregants:
*May there come to you at this time
an abundance of the precious things of
life — health, happiness, and
enduring friendship.*
Sincerely yours,
ANNE H. SCALL

A happy, healthy New Year from
MRS. DAVID PERLMAN and family.

Greetings and best wishes.
RONNY and JOEL BASSAN
*Our best wishes to everyone for a year
replete with blessings, health and peace.*
SEMA and MORDECHAI REICH.





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*My best wishes for Rosh Hashana
to Mrs. Martha Cohn.*

DORA ROSENTHAL

*From one congregant to all the others,
the Rabbis, and all other leaders:
Best wishes for a wonderful New Year.*
L. N. BLAU

The Lincoln Square Synagogue Chorale will begin this Fall. Auditions for candidates will be held at a date to be announced soon. The chorus should be of brilliant quality and should provide exciting concerts of Hebrew and Jewish music for our congregation, as well as the Jewish community at large. The chorale will be directed by Ms. Linda Koevary. Ms. Koevary has been a soloist with the Zamir Chorale in Carnegie Hall and the Aspen Festival Chorus in Mann Auditorium, Israel.

Anticipatory Nostalgia

By Jay Ticker

By the time this article appears I'll have moved out of the Lincoln Square Synagogue area to begin Law School at the University of Pennsylvania. Although I still have a few days left before I leave, I have already begun to realize how much I'll miss this Synagogue and the Jewish West Side. I have grown especially fond of LSS because of the focal role it plays in a uniquely energetic and hospitable Jewish community.

There are many synagogues besides LSS which offer inspiring Rabbis, extensive educational programs, and large diverse congregations. But LSS is the only shul I have ever encountered which can boast of combining so many attractive qualities. Rabbi Riskin and the other Rabbis associated with the Synagogue are not mere Saturday morning preachers. They are all open and concerned individuals, who are always happy to help both long-time congregants and newcomers with questions and problems. As friends they share in our sorrows and in our rejoicing. They are teachers in a congregation that is hungry for Torah. There is something wonderfully encouraging about walking into LSS on a weekday evening while the Synagogue is crowded with people, young and old, taking Shiurim (courses) in so many aspects of Torah and Jewish culture. In Yiddish a synagogue is called a shul, which means school. LSS is indeed both a House of Prayer and a House of Study.

The West Side neighborhood in

which LSS is located has long been one of the most diverse and sophisticated sections of New York, perhaps the most cosmopolitan city in the world. Since Lincoln Center was built some years ago, the West Side has been benefitting from an impressive cultural and economic revival. LSS in fact developed in the midst of the renaissance West Side as orthodox Jews, many of them young, newly minted professionals, began moving into the area. But our community also includes many Jewish senior citizens, quite a few of whom are far from affluent, and a continuous stream of newcomers, many of whom had little exposure to traditional Judaism prior to encountering LSS.

The West Side of Manhattan also has a reputation as a Jewish singles neighborhood and, indeed, our congregation does have an unusually high proportion of singles (in which I must number myself for the time being). The presence in our community of so large a body of young and single Jews raises many unique responsibilities, problems, and opportunities for LSS. Given current demographic trends toward late marriage, low birth rates, and tragically high divorce rates, the American Jewish community must respond with greater sensitivity to the special needs of singles. Particular concern must be devoted to including singles in Jewish congregational life, which traditionally has been geared for the involvement of members of married households. Singles must be socialized within the community, not merely allowed to socialize by them-

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selves. Perhaps even LSS could do more in this regard. Here at least is a congregation that is aware of the existence of a single subculture composed of individuals with unique dilemmas and unique talents. LSS is more open than most shuls to participation by singles. More important, and more difficult to emulate, is the good will and openness I have seen manifested by the members of this congregation. This is a friendly Shul. On Shabbat especially, the hospitality that people extend to one another, single and married, old-timers and newcomers, quickens one's Jewish heart.

Of course, LSS has problems. Money is tight. Tempers do flare occasionally. We are surely endowed richly with congregants notable for their idiosyncrasies. Yet, I shall miss LSS and my friends sincerely. I doubt that I will ever find another Shul quite like this.

A Word from the Treasurer

Many people have asked me why I agreed to accept the nomination for Treasurer of Lincoln Square Synagogue, given our local version of "fiscal crisis." In fact, since my election, I have already begun to receive calls from creditors at my office, and earnest and heartfelt requests for more equitable salaries from Synagogue employees.

I suppose, therefore, that the best way I can answer the question is that I feel very strongly about this Synagogue. I treasure it not only for the many benefits that I and my family receive from it, but because I feel a special pleasure in being a part of an institution that touches so many people from all backgrounds and from all walks of life.

Perhaps our deficit would not be so large if we were a typical Synagogue, offering in addition to services a modicum of adult education, a youth pro-

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gram, and a Hebrew school. But the fact is that we are much more than that. One only has to step foot into the Synagogue on a hot July afternoon, to see scores of people from all over the country devoting their vacation period to Torah study.

So, while it might be easy to suggest that with a few cutbacks the Synagogue could balance its budget and wipe out its deficit, that reasoning is simplistic and wrong. This Synagogue has achieved its degree of success by precisely this mixture of in-reach and outreach to young and old alike. It has proven to be a successful formula. What has happened, though, is that we have allowed ourselves the luxury of complacency. "There are so many people around here," people think, "there must be enough money to pay for everything." But the fact is that there is *not* enough money.

The task that I and the other officers have carved out for ourselves this year is not easy. It will be a year of severe belt-tightening and microscopic monitoring of expenditures. But, it will also be a year when we expend all our efforts to make you, the members of Lincoln Square Synagogue, more fully aware of both the full spectrum of the accomplishments of our Synagogue and the cost of those accomplishments. For, it is our unanimous belief that if all our members were more equal partners in what this Synagogue is trying to achieve, their financial support would be much more forthcoming. With the numbers of people involved in our programs, only a small percentage increase in the level of financial assistance by each member would wipe out all our problems.

Achieving that increase is our task for the year. If we can achieve that goal, we will assure the financial health of our Synagogue for many years to come. And that is why I have undertaken this responsibility.

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Melanie Ross Youth Center

By Mordechai Reich

The new year is here and the Melanie Ross Youth Center is back in the saddle ready to begin a year of exciting programming. Spearheading MRYC's activities is the teen program. We will be planning interesting meetings, trips, kumsitzes, and Shabbatonim, as well as concentrating some of our energies on social action projects. We will be coordinating activities with other West Side youth groups, so our teens will have the opportunity to meet many of their West Side counterparts.

Our preteen group for children in seventh and eighth grades will also meet to enjoy a Sunday program of outings and activities under the leadership of Joseph Rothstein.

Shabbat will, needless to say, be a busy day for MRYC. The youth minyan will meet Shabbat morning for a program of prayers, singing, stories, and a special youth minyan kiddush (soft drinks only, zero proof). Your children will learn how to participate in and lead Shabbat prayers while enjoying each others company. On Shabbat afternoon our wonderful and energetic group leaders — Julie, Debbie, Andrea and Charles will be working with our junior NCSY groups. A portion of the time for Shabbat groups will be allotted for Sidra of the week, educational games, Hebrew language, etc., with the rest of the time given over to supervised play.

The year promises to be a busy and exciting one for MRYC. If you have a child between the ages of 5 and 17, please call me, Mordechai Reich, at 874-6100. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have about our programs, and I look forward to welcoming your child into the Melanie Ross Youth Center.

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The Chevra Kadisha

by Roy Stern

In American society, the center of functional activity has progressively shifted to a younger and younger age group, with a resulting fracturing of family and community bonds. The value system has become hedonistically oriented, in a manner somewhat reminiscent of the Greeks, whose most valued image was that of a beautiful youth. It comes, therefore, as no surprise that American society regards old age and death as distasteful and unpleasant, and makes every effort to avoid dealing with them. When society does have to deal with them, it is done in a detached manner, with every effort made to make it as "pretty" and pleasant as possible.

From a Halakhik perspective, old age and death, just like birth and other life events, are inextricably involved in the life process. They have a certain value and meaning, but these can only be attained through involvement of family and community.

From a communal point of view, it is well known how LSS has tried to be responsive to the needs of its older members. However, LSS's Chevra Kadisha, because of the nature of its activities, is less well known.

Traditionally, the members of a Chevra Kadisha were the eldest, most pious, and most respected members of a community. Although there are older members, our Chevra Kadisha has tended to involve younger people. However, being Shomer Shabbat and observing the laws of Taharat Hamishpachah (for women), as well as a certain quality of individual dignity remain requirements for membership. The functions of a Chevra Kadisha have always been considered the greatest Mitzvot one can perform, because one is helping someone who is totally helpless, and is doing so without having any expectation for repayment. For this reason, membership is not publicized and, certainly, involvement in any particular activity is kept confidential.

The functions of the Chevra Kadisha can be divided into two broad categories: (1) helping the deceased, and (2) aiding the deceased's family. For the former, the Chevra sees to it that until burial, the body is never left alone, and that it is always handled with dignity and respect. The Chevra performs (men for men and women for women) the Tahara (ritual purification) and sees to a proper burial.

The Chevra also attempts to help and protect the family during the very traumatic period. Contrary to the attitudes of most funeral homes, the quality of a funeral does not depend upon how much it costs. Halakhah mandates a dignified, simple, and equivalent funeral for all, in which a person is valued in human and not material terms. Therefore, the Chevra preselects the funeral home and the casket, and as a result, our members have received dignified funerals at a very reasonable cost. The Chevra also attempts to ensure that the Shiva takes place properly. A Torah, Siddurim, and Tallaisim are provided for the daily Minyan, and special low chairs are provided for the mourners. The community is encouraged to bring food and help the mourners in whatever ways necessary. This communal involvement is an essential aspect of Shiva. It is physically and emotionally reassuring to the mourners and helps them to begin their return to normal life activities.

The Chevra Kadisha, therefore, on a totally voluntary basis, provides an essential service on behalf of the community, recognizing death as a fact of life and supplying services as needed in order to help allow the mourners to mourn properly.

Kollel 1978

By Malka Berman

The kollel (JSI Summer Torah Institutes) is described in the course catalog as a six week program of day-long study designed for students seeking an intensive summer study experience.

As a student in the kollel, I found it to be, at the very least, an intensive summer study experience. The kollel became so much a part of my life that I felt reluctant to leave the kollel world and return to the outside world. I sensed that this feeling was shared by the other students and faculty as I looked around at their faces during our siyum (concluding celebration).

Kollel director, Rabbi Yaakov Lerner, told us during the siyum that although this was his fourth year teaching in the kollel, he never ceases to be amazed that people who work or attend school a whole year would devote six weeks of their time to sit in the kollel and struggle over the texts. It's not so amazing that we, the 48 kollel students, chose to spend our summer this way. The hardest part is making the initial commitment. But once you do, you get caught up in the intellectual excitement and chevra atmosphere of the kollel, and you don't miss sleeping late and lazing around in the sunshine that you would otherwise be doing. After all, it's not often that one has the chance to learn with Yaakov Lerner, Bryna Seidman, David Silber, and Jonathan Kolatch. It's not

often that one (particularly a woman) gets the chance to present a D'var Torah. We struggled over the texts, but we also learned plenty of nigunim, enjoyed a Shabbaton, and a siyum.

One of the students came all the way from Virginia to learn in the kollel. I would like to include a description of his experience.

A farewell poem to the Rabbis and talmidim (students) of the Lincoln Square kollel entitled:

"IKRA D'DIKRA"¹ or I wish Marcus Jastrow² was my Hevrusa Buddy, Baby.

by Reuven Kruger

First day: First day!
You've come all the way from Virginia?
Who will my frum-mates be?
Classes will start on time!
You came all the way from Virginia?
To study?
To study Torah?
From Virginia to study Torah?
All the way? First day.

How many rules, a tangle of rules,
A school of rules.
How do we paskan? Rashi holds,
Ramban holds, Rama holds, Rav Moshe
holds,
I hold my head.

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The mad rabbi, the mad hatter

Does it matter, Mahattan?

You came all the way from Virginia?

"Hey, Irv³

Make mine with mustard, and a kasha knish."

Say, who are those two well-known rabbis

Sitting over there and schmoozing over baklava?

Sitting and schmoozing, sitting and schmoozing

Sitting and schmoozing, sitting and schmoozing

These lectures are heating me up.

No, these lectures are cooling me down.

Bryna, is it hot in here?

How can souls on fire daven in this icebox?

Menahem, adjust the controls!

It's a good thing Baskin-Robbins is close by.

"Hey, Irv: make mine with mustard and a kasha knish."

A crispy knasha knish. A crispy crusty knasha knishy.

Sitting and schmoozing, sitting and schmoozing

You came all the way from Virginia?

Sheilas and teshuvus, sheilas and teshuvus

Sitting and schmoozing, sheliass and teshuvus

Final week: what I have learned - - -

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

If we could only love Him as much as we love ourselves .

O.K., Hevra, it time to begin.

¹ Ikra D'Dikra: A term in the Gemora referring to the root of the palm tree (in the tractate Sukkas).

² Marcus Jastrow was the compiler of an encyclopediac Talmudic dictionary and would presumably be an excellent "hev-rusa" (study-companion).

³ The local kosher delicatessen manager on 72nd Street,

Reaching Out to the Messiah

By Mordechai Reich

Lincoln Square Synagogue expresses its uniqueness in many ways. Perhaps one of the most beautiful ways we show concern for our fellow Jews is through the Outreach Program. When we roll out the Torah Van and distribute Shabbat Candle kits, matzot for Pesach, or candies for Shalach Manot, we are telling our nonobservant neighbors that we care about them. When a young man or woman joins us at our Special Rosh Hashana services, a Senior citizen drops by for Shabbat, or a Russian family steps into our mobile Sukkah, and for the first time in their lives make a blessing over a lulav and etrog, we at LSS can all claim a part of the mitzvah.

The Talmud (Sanhedrin 98 A) relates the story of a meeting between Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi and the Messiah.

"When are you coming?" asked Rabbi Yehoshua of the Messiah.

"Today!" the Messiah responded.

Upon meeting Elijah the Prophet a few days later, Rabbi Yehoshua bitterly complained that the Messiah had spoken falsely. The day had passed without the appearance of the Messiah.

"You misunderstand," Elijah replied. "When the Messiah stated that he would come today, he was referring to the verse (Psalms 95) 'Today if you would but hearken unto the voice of G-d.'"

If observance of the Torah is a prerequisite for the coming of the Messiah, then we must bring the message of Torah and Mitzvot to those who have never experienced its beauty. Look skyward on a Channukah night and see the dark windows of the Lincoln Towers devoid of the cheerful light of the menorah. Call scores of telephone numbers of Jewish names and be amazed at how many Jews live alongside us but never step foot in a synagogue. There is much work to be done in our back yard.

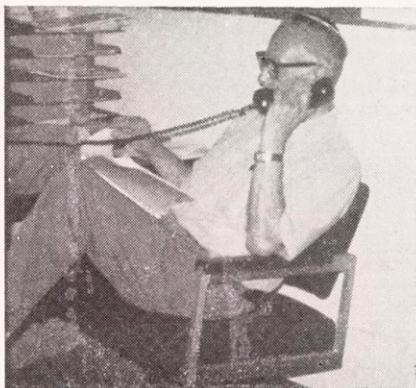
I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped pack mitzvah kits, make phone calls, and stand on street corners with the Torah Van.

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Reaching Out (Cont'd)

You were truly wonderful and generous in the giving of your time.

All of our members are invited to lend a hand in this year's activities. If you have time to volunteer, call the Synagogue and ask for Mordechai. We'll sign you up. Perhaps our efforts will help in bringing "Today" a little closer and making the year 5739 the year of the Messiah.



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Linda Blair on the passing of her father.

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May the Almighty comfort the families among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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