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THE LITTLEST MINYAN

Starting out last year with a handful of children, the Synagogue's Shabbat morning youth service found itself this fall with more than two dozen youngsters. In the tradition of LSS's multiple minyanim, it was decided to split the group in half so that the youngest children--those in grades 1 to 3--could learn to daven by themselves.

"We had had kids who were at very, very different levels," said Assistant Rabbi Kenneth Brander. While the older children were ready to learn tunes, the little ones still needed help with reading Hebrew. The new Junior Congregation for the younger ones "is a more informal atmosphere that takes into account the difficulty children in the younger grades have just keeping still."

Diane Sandoval, who is chairman of the Youth Committee, visited the new Junior Congregation and filed this report:

"On a recent Shabbat morning, this is what greeted me as I opened the door of the library: tables in a U-shaped arrangement, with siddurim arranged on the white Shabbat covering. About 15 children soon hurried in, excitedly taking their places, ready to start

A NEW WELCOME

LSS now has about 1,300 family unit members and is growing at the rate of 100 new members annually. Last Fall a program called "Welcome Wagon" was started with the goal of ensuring that newcomers aren't lost in the shuffle.

"A lot of people didn't know about all the Shul's activities," says Rabbi Kenneth Brander, who, together with Suri Kasirer initiated the Welcome Wagon. The WW, it is hoped, should help people feel more a part of the Kehilah (our community). Now every new resident member is greeted with phone calls from one of the rabbis and a member of the WW committee, which is chaired by Barbara Alexander. They explain the various minyanim and activities. A card and cake are sent to new members' homes for their first Shabbat after joining.

In addition, Rabbi and Shellee Berman will be hosting an Open House in March at their home for members who have joined since last October. The annual "tea" for new members also will be held later in the year.

Additional members of the WW committee are Michael Rose, Lenore Brown, Yossi Ratner, Lois and Leslie Katz, Sarah Rabani and Rose Schreiber. Please call Suri Kasirer or Rabbi Brander for more info.

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Kashruth Korner

By Rabbi Kenneth Brander

Below are some of the general questions received at the Kashruth Inquiry Desk during the Mitzvah Day program.

Q.1. Is it required to have separate drinking glasses for meat and dairy?

A.1. The basic issue behind this question is whether or not glass absorbs. There is an argument mentioned in the Shulchan Aruch whether glass is considered like any other earthenware. The school of thought that feels that glass follows the laws of earthenware would require one to have two sets of glasses; one for meat and one for milk. However, there are those that feel that glass, although it is a product of the earth, is defined differently and doesn't absorb. This would make it possible for one to have one set of glasses for both meat and milk.

One should follow the custom of one's family. If one does not know or cannot research the family custom, it is best to purchase two sets of glasses.

P.S.: For Passover, most deem it necessary (even if one follows the school of thought that glass does not absorb) to purchase a separate set of glasses for Passover which are not used for chametz.

Q.2. If one has not immersed a vessel in the mikvah can one still use it to prepare food?

A.2. It is preferable for one not to use utensils or vessels that require immersion that have not yet undergone this process. However, if one has prepared food in utensils which have not undergone immersion, the food is permitted to be eaten.

Q.3. Must one immerse electrical equipment?

A.3. Rav Moshe Feinstein z'l suggests that one can immerse electrical equipment in the following fashion:

Remove all metal and glass sections that come in contact with food substances and immerse them separately. Objects like percolators, with which it is impossible to remove all the parts that come into contact with the water that is being prepared, should be immersed as completely as possible without getting any of the electrical elements in the water.

Q.4. Why can't china, earthenware, porcelain, Corning Ware, Corelle, Pyrex, Duralex, enamel and stoneware be kashered like other metal or stone vessels?

A.4. These vessels are defined as "k'li cheres", which refers to all utensils and vessels listed above, since they are derivatives of earthenware.

The Torah tells us that one may kosher metal, stone or wood utensils but may not kosher any vessels that are included in the category of k'li cheres (Lev: 6,21).

It is believed that while kashering either by means of hot water or by direct contact with fire, one can exhume the forbidden food absorbed in vessels. These processes do not work for any vessels considered k'li cheres. However, the Shulchan Aruch states that if you put k'li cheres into a kiln, which makes vessels of earthenware, the intensity of heat in that environment will exhume any forbidden food absorbed into the walls of the vessel. This intense heat can be accomplished by putting the vessel through the full cycle of a self-cleaning oven. This should be done with caution, since most utensils cannot withstand such heat.

If one has expensive china that needs to be kashered, there is a more lenient approach that can be invoked. If the situation arises, one should contact the Synagogue office.

Q.5. How does one keep up with the kashruth of products?

A.5. Many products are reliable even though there is no indication of the supervision on the label.

There are kosher guides which list all products that have rabbinic supervision even if there is no indication on the label. One may purchase "Kosher Calories," by Tzipora Spear, which lists all products and their rabbinic supervision. Even though this book has been published only recently, supervision of products constantly changes. One may purchase a kashruth newsletter which can keep you up-to-date with the recent developments. There are few different kashruth newsletters; however, the one I suggest is the "Kashrus Kurrents." Please call them for more info at (301) 484-4110.

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RABBI JAY SHOULSON—DIRECTOR OF FUNERALS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is hard to believe, but my term as President of LSS is half over and preparations for next year must already begin. The Finance Committee has begun the task of preparing next year's budget and I must present a Nominations Committee to the Board of Trustees by next month.

One of the most important tasks yet to be done centers around our annex. At the bi-monthly meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Governors on January 6, the Boards approved an expenditure of up to \$50,000. Under the able supervision of our members Sy Katz and Lynn Bader, this money will be used to enhance the comfort and safety of those using the annex, which is used almost as heavily as our main building, through the installation of improved lighting, including emergency lights, a ventilation and sprinkler system for the lower level, and the removal of the tellers' cages. Once this work is done and paid for, we will evaluate if we can afford to connect the two buildings. The work will be funded from the residue of the Buy the Bank funds and should not impact on our operating budget.

Another highlight of the meeting was the report by our Assistant Rabbi, Kenneth Brander. He defined his new responsibilities and gave a status report on the Synagogue's youth programs. Aside from the regular Shabbat afternoon groups, there have been over 20 special events and our activities have involved over 200 children and teenagers. Rabbi Brander is also involved with the new bi-monthly Intermediate Shabbat Service. That minyan, which regularly attracts 50-75 congregants, is identical in form to a traditional service but with a greater emphasis on explanations of the customs and procedures. Rabbi Berman has assigned Rabbi Brander responsibilities in the area of Kashruth and Eruv.

At the meeting I also had the opportunity to announce the names of eleven members who had been nominated to the Board of Governors by the Synagogue's Executive Committee. They are: Barbara Alexander, Wendy Baker, Kenneth Eckstein, Ike Herschkopf, Paul Holm, Ruth Jacobson, Alan Leicht, Beverly Luchfeld, Libby Peppersberg, Diane Sandoval and Leonard Shaykin. I must add my guilty farewell to Debby and Peter Abelow. I say "guilty" because I feel responsible for their departure, having suggested Peter's name to the Baltimore search

Within Our Family

CONDOLENCES:

Mrs. Nan Ehrlich upon the passing of her beloved mother, Mildred Zweben.

Dr. William Koch on the passing of his beloved brother, Harvey Bert Koch.

Mrs. Evelyn Melnick upon the passing of her beloved husband, Julius Melnick.

Mrs. Leah Polk on the passing of her beloved brother, Dr. Francis Hellman.

Mrs. Maily Rosenblatt on the passing of her beloved husband, Mr. Seymour Rosenblatt.

Mr. Arnold Stark on the passing of his beloved mother, Mrs. Anne K. Stark.

Mr. Herbert Stern on the passing of his beloved brother, Mr. Arthur Stern.

Brian Thau, our youth program coordinator, upon the passing of his beloved father, Dr. Edwin Thau.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Lisa Weinstock to Dr. Ricky Finkel

MARRIAGES:

Mazel Tov to Fran and Jonah Kupietzky upon the wedding of their daughter, Denise, to Alan Wildes.

BAR MITZVAHS:

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Mitchel Levine on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David.

Mazel Tov to Andrea and David Rosen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Avery.

MAZEL TOV:

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Gerson Wald on their 57th Wedding Anniversary.

TZETCHEM L'SHALOM:

C.B. Gast who is returning to Israel

NEW MEMBERS:

Rafi Friedman

Lauren Haas

A. Daniel Jesselson

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Paula Lieberman

Sandra and Irving Rotter

Martin Schandelson

Elizabeth Schultz

Naomi Sherman

Lydia & Stewart Stern

Rosalind and Gerald Waitman

RESERVE THE DATE!!!

Shabbat, January 24, LSS will be sponsoring a main kiddush in honor of the Abelow family who will be moving to Baltimore.

THE LITTLEST MINYAN (con't)

their morning davening. While some of the children waited impatiently, the leaders, Adrienne Goldfeder and Yossi Katz, helped the youngest children to find their places in the siddurim.

"Davening then began with loud enthusiasm. As Adrienne and Yossi walked around the table leading, the boys and girls focused intently on the siddurim and tefillah. But just before feet started to wander on top of the chairs and elbows towards their neighbors, out came the rewards--candy to be saved for after davening. Interspersed with the tefillot were questions: "What are we saying to Hashem when we say this Bracha?" The hands shot up as each boy or girl wanted to be the first to give the answer. Davening then proceeded until the minyan concluded with a real cholent kiddush.

"In every way this new minyan is an exciting davening experience for first through third graders. If someone in your family is in this age group, come visit next Shabbat and try it out."

Diane Sandoval

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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committee that was looking for the perfect Jewish educator. Since then I have often asked myself why I did it, because when I think about the hole that the Abelow's departure leaves in our community, I feel like I have shot myself in the foot. The answer is that when I heard the kind of person they were seeking, Peter's name just came out spontaneously. It is difficult to imagine LSS without the Abelow's. Their dignity, enthusiasm, warmth and charm have been a part of every aspect of this Synagogue for the last 15 years, and the only consolation I can think of is that a wonderful new Jewish high school is going to rise in Baltimore Finally, some notes of thanks: To Joel and Noreen Wachs and to Chaim and Fay Krantzler for chairing our Chanukah Dinner. The Haines Ballroom radiated warmth that had nothing to do with the fact that it was full--everyone was enjoying a lovely evening. And thanks to Rhoda Adler for her advice and wisdom. I want to assure her that I was listening and that we hope to implement many of her ideas in the near future.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE MATTERS by the Ushering and Public Safety Committee

Improving and maintaining decorum are primary areas of concern for the Ushering and Public Safety Committee and require alertness and cooperating between the Committee and you, the congregant.

We wish to thank the ladies seated near the mechitzah doors who have voluntarily gotten involved in reducing the traffic through the doors. There has been a gratifying improvement lately and with just a bit more effort by parents, past problems will be entirely resolved.

The occasional problem of coats draped over the mechitzahs or on window sills can easily be controlled by another congregant's simply asking the person involved to remove her coat and perhaps take it to the check room. Occasionally, however, a Committee representative is needed before a coat is removed. More spontaneous congregational participation would be appreciated.

A similar situation exists with the center aisle in the women's section of the main sanctuary. This aisle is the access to an emergency exit and must be kept clear at all times, of people (standing or seated) as well as coats and other belongings. A person informed of an infraction should heed the instructions.

Because our relatively small lobby overcrowds quickly, congregating in the lobby at the conclusion of the service must be avoided, regardless of which service you attended. Also avoid areas needed as routes to the coat check room, ballroom or building exits. You are asked to remain on the second floor or in the main sanctuary after services until the crowd disperses. Then exit the building as soon as possible and clear the front of the Shul. You can take advantage of the recessed paved plaza along the side of the building to meet people.

You are respectfully reminded that entry to the main sanctuary is not permitted during the sermon. Along other reasons, the ramp area is an emergency exit and must not be blocked.

What is really being asked above is basic respect for the Shul's and your own and other congregants' interest and safety. Ideas and comments from members regarding decorum are welcome.

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Letters from You

This Rosh Hashana I was constantly irritated by the noise and distraction of children who used the stairs near my seat as a playground and picnic area. During the services the mothers fed the children sandwiches, cheese, juice, fruit, wrapped candies and lollypops. By the end of each day the stairs were littered with food crumbs, lollypop sticks and candy wrappers.

As the mother of four children, I know how difficult it is to occupy children at these long and, for a child, endless services. Nevertheless, I feel very strongly that the sanctuary is not the place for these activities. If the children are restless they should join the children's groups for play periods. If they need to be fed, they should be fed in an area that the Shul designates for this purpose—a classroom perhaps. The sanctuary is for prayer only. I strongly request that the Board of LSS discourage this totally inappropriate behavior.

—Ruth D. Shapiro

This letter to New York Magazine, printed in the Jan. 12 issue, reflects my feelings about the article. It is not a total reflection of my feelings or impressions of the article, but it does cover one area in which I strongly disagree with Ms. Jakobson:

I REALIZE THAT THE FOCUS OF CATHRYN Jakobson's article was the *baalei teshuva* movement, but I believe that she neglected the role of the modern Orthodox woman. Jakobson's portrayal of Orthodox women leads one to believe that they are nothing more than appendages of their husbands. This antiquated idea turns off certain young women to religion.

The emancipation of young Orthodox women is even more far-reaching than that of the men. There have always been Orthodox men in the professional world, but not until now have Orthodox women managed to combine a religious home life with an active secular career. This ability to balance all roles of the Jewish woman—mother, wife, and career woman—makes religious life fulfilling.

Karen Lehmann Eisner
Manhattan

NURSERY NOTES

MAKING OATMEAL LACE COOKIES by the LSS Nursery & Kindergarten

We put in oatmeal and margarine and we melted the margarine, just like we melted crayons. We put in brown sugar and baking powder and an egg. We mixed it and then we put it in the oven and then it was cookies. Then we ate it for snack. We didn't put in salt, flour and yeast like we put into challah.

The cookies are good! Here is the recipe:

Oatmeal Lace Cookies (makes 60)

Preheat oven to 350

Melt 1 stick margarine.

Mix in a big bowl: 2 1/2 c. oats

1 c. dark brown sugar

2 tsp. baking powder

Add melted margarine and mix well.

Add 1 beaten egg and mix well. Drop by teaspoonsful

1 inch apart on cookie sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes.

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INTERMEDIATE MINYAN SCHEDULE:

JANUARY 24
FEBRUARY 7**
FEBRUARY 28
MARCH 14**
MARCH 28
APRIL 4
APRIL 18

Friday, January 30
Kindle Shabbat Candles 4:52 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:05 P.M.

Saturday, January 31 (Vaera)
Shabbat Rosh Chodesh 8:45 A.M.
Shabbat Morning Service 4:05 P.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes 4:50 P.M.
Mincha 5:05 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv 5:05 P.M.

Friday, February 6
Kindle Shabbat Candles 5:01 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:10 P.M.

Saturday, February 7 (Bo)
Shabbat Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes 4:15 P.M.
Mincha 5:00 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv 5:15 P.M.

Friday, February 13
Kindle Shabbat Candles 5:10 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:20 P.M.

Saturday, February 14 (Beshalach)
Shabbat Shira/Tu B'Shevat 8:45 A.M.
Shabbat Morning Service 4:25 P.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes 5:10 P.M.
Mincha 5:25 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv 5:25 P.M.

Monday, February 16
Washington's Birthday
Morning Services 7:10 and 8:30 P.M.

Friday, February 20
Kindle Shabbat Candles 5:18 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 21 (Yitro)
Shabbat Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes 4:30 P.M.
Mincha 5:15 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv 5:30 P.M.

Friday, February 27
Kindle Shabbat Candles 5:27 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:40 P.M.

Saturday, February 28 (Mishpatim)
Shabbat Shekalim 8:45 A.M.
Shabbat Morning Service 4:40 P.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes 5:25 P.M.
Mincha 5:40 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv 5:40 P.M.
Sunday, March 1 Rosh Chodesh Adar
Morning Services 7:00 and 8:30 A.M.
Monday, March 2 Rosh Chodesh Adar
Morning Services 7:00 and 7:40 A.M.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

The LSS Office personnel have been instructed not to give the addresses or telephone numbers of members to anyone — members or nonmembers.

We hope you will understand and cooperate.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Shabbat Services

Shabbat Early Services followed by classes in Bible and Talmud 7:50 A.M.
Regular Services — Main Sanctuary 8:45 A.M.
Services for beginners and those with little Synagogue background 9:15 A.M.
Shiur — Cholent Kugel Minyan 9:45 A.M.
Youth Minyanim 10:00 A.M.
Youth Shiurim 10:00 and 10:30 A.M.
Shabbat Nursery (3-5 years old) 8:30 A.M.

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Rosh Chodesh 7:00 and 7:40 A.M.
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Daf Yomi

Daily, 6:15 A.M. Sunday, 7:40 A.M.

Tzedaka and You

LSS FOOD FUNNEL
by Wendy Baker

Have you ever wondered what the Food Funnel is? Our mission is to help the hungry by preventing the waste of perfectly good food often thrown away. We accomplish this in various ways. Most well known are the big congregational food drives centering around Purim and Pesach. We collect a lot of food on a single shot basis, but the hungry remain all year. To answer this we have several ongoing projects. A team drives food on Fridays from the caterer Michelle Comet's kitchen to the Broadway Presbyterian Church soup kitchen which feeds 200 homeless people six meals a week. On Monday nights a second team drives several 30 gallon bags of day-old bread from Orwasher's Bakery to the food pantry of the St. Paul and St. Andrew Methodist Church, which gives groceries to families without food. We also have a volunteer packing and hauling bags and planning nutritional food packages at this pantry one afternoon a week. In addition, donations have been received from Eric Aiken, a young caterer, while Gruenebaum's and Gideon's Bakeries call on us to collect leftover goodies each holiday. Several Shul staff members have alerted us to leftovers in the Synagogue or to outside sources.

Although this busy committee has earned LSS the gratitude and respect of the people with whom it deals, as well as their assistance in recent zoning hearings, we do not feel that we have met our goal. We always need additional volunteers, either on a regular or occasional basis, to make food runs or to help with the

food drives. Access to a car is helpful. If anyone has food leftovers from a party or simcha, there are several small shelters in the neighborhood that could use this food for sandwiches or snacks.

There are lists of these shelters in the Shul as well as in Echod. Please use them to donate your leftovers. There are many caterers running large functions who surely have food left over. To reach them we need people with cars and connections. We also need for all those who are giving catered affairs to speak firmly to the caterer about giving the LSS Food Funnel the opportunity to arrange for collection of the leftovers so the sin of wasted food is lessened and the hungry can be fed.

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NOTICE

Members who wish to liquidate stock in the Synagogue's name should kindly contact Rabbi Martin Katz or Marilyn at the LSS office (874-6100) to let them know the specifics of their transaction so that when we do receive your stock in the mail we will know exactly who sent it and for how much.

If you have already liquidated stock and have not adhered to the above, kindly call us with the specifics. THANK YOU.

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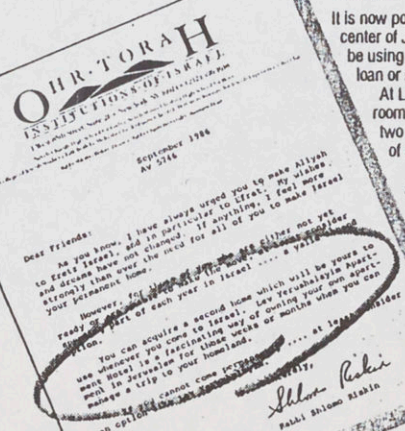
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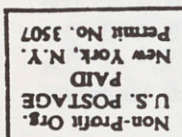
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Nights	Organization	Address	Phone
M-Th	Ethical Culture Society	2 W.64 St.	874-5210
M-Th	Stephen Wise Synagogue	30 W.68 St.	877-4050
M-Th	Shearith Israel Synagogue	8 W.70 St.	873-0300
all 7	Blessed Sacrament Church	152 W.71 St.	877-3111
Th-Sat	Holy Trinity Church	213 W.82 St.	787-0634
M-F	Cong. Rodeph Shalom	7 W.83 St.	362-8800
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