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IN THE SPIRIT OF PURIM, THE FRONT PAGE OF ECHOD IS DEDICATED TO A LIGHTEARTED LOOK AT TWO LONGRUNNING SYNAGOGUE PREDICAMENTS: NOISY MINYANIM AND THE LACK OF AGREEMENT OVER THE ERUV

Why There is no Gabbai at the Regency Theatre

By Chava Willig Levy

The West Side boasts many wonderful houses of worship. I for one belong to two of them. One is LSS--where I worship G-d. The other (G-d forgive me) is the Regency Theater--where I worship Katharine Hepburn, James Stewart and, of course, Woody Allen.

These two places have a lot in common. They both play to packed houses: it's practically impossible to get a seat in either hall, although your chances are slightly better at the Regency. And the movie house has a "beginners' minyan" of sorts: like the time I brought ten of my uninitiated friends there to see *Casablanca* for the first time.

But there the similarities end. Over the years, I've noticed one striking difference between these two houses of worship: at the Regency, you'll never see a **gabbai**.

Apparently, Regency-goers rarely need a gabbai or usher to escort them to their seats. Perhaps that's because they always come on time, if not early, to "services." What's more, if anyone has the audacity to talk--or even whisper--during the Regency's services, everyone around the culprit becomes, in effect, a **gabbai**.

Regency-goers are so devout that they will help you to do **teshuvah** at the drop of a popcorn box. Occassionally, I need to whisper a bit of narrative to my husband Michael, who is blind. I do so with trepidation, knowing that someone more religious

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Eruv Blues

- by a new Mother

Waiting for the eruv news
Is giving me postpartum blues
I'd like to go out on Shabbat
But I stay home with my little tot,

By Sukkot time it was projected
By city laws it was rejected
From Rosh Hashanah through Tu B'Shvat
I stayed home with my little tot,

At Pesach time I won't be stuck
If the eruv will be out of luck
I'll have to travel to Efrat
Just to go out with my little tot!

And in another family,...
(Sung to the tune of, "If I Were a Rich Man")

If there were an eruv- ya da da da da da da da da da da deedl deedl dum.

I'd be bustling every Shabbos morn,
If there were an E-r-ruv.

I'd wake all my family- ya da da da da da da da da da da deedl deedl dum.

We could ALL be going out, not one!
If there were an E-r-ruv.

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What's Going On

ANNUAL PURIM DINNER will take place this year on Sunday, March 15. The chairpersons are: Beverly & Lenny Davidman and Susanne & Irving Davis.

CONTEMPLATING THE HOLOCAUST lecture series by Rabbi Saul Berman every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6.

SINGLE PARENT WORKSHOP's first of five sessions meets Monday, March 9 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. and subsequent Mondays. For further info contact Suri Kasirer, 874-6100.

LSS ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE invites you to a public forum "Thy Neighbor and Thyself, Israel Jews Face the Arabs of Israel." The discussants will be Charles Liebman and David Bar Illan. The moderator will be Dr. Seymour Lachman. Program begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 8, free.

THE GRAND OPENING of the Melanie Ross Youth Center will take place March 21 at 8 p.m.. Bring your friends. Cost is \$5.

CHAZ'S CONCERT at Alice Tully Hall celebrating his lifetime contract with LSS is Wednesday, March 25. If you don't make early reservations you may miss out on a wonderful occasion.

THE MATCHMAKER—LSS announces a Shadchen service—a new and old approach to the single's scene. Beginning March 16 and each Monday evening between 6 & 9 p.m., representatives of the Shadchen Service will be at the synagogue to meet with you. Please call Janet Posner at LSS, 874-6100, for more info or to set up an appointment.

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP meets every Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Belfer Bet Midrash. Refreshments are served and all Senior Citizens are welcome to attend.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PESACH—the Joint Passover Association will open an outreach center in your neighborhood just before Purim. Eligible Jews should apply. Kindly bring: Medicaid Card, Social Security Award Letter, Unemployment Card. [Immigrants—bring entry visa]. For place, time and date call the JPA central office: (212) 460-0900, Ext. 201 or 203.

LSS BASKETBALL TEAM's upcoming games are: March 17, 6:30 p.m. AT Kehilath Jeshurun; March 24, 6:30 p.m. final home game against Flatbush Park. Call LSS for more info, 874-6100.

HEBREW FREE LOAN SOCIETY helps college students and their parents faced with rising tuition costs—you may be able to qualify for aid. For more info on this Tuition Loan Fund, call (212) 687-0188. The HFSL is a beneficiary agent of the UJA - Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

PARENTING WORKSHOP, a six-week program which was conducted by Miriam Weitschner was a great success and Suri Kasirer and Rose Landowne received a nice note of thanks from Sterna Lerman of CounterForce, the sponsoring agency. Parents who requested additional sessions now have the opportunity to experience a six-week follow-up program wherein they can continue to explore, in greater depth, issues related to more effective parenting. Call LSS at 874-6100 for more info.

THE SHABBATON OF THE DECADE will be held April 3 and 4 at LSS. Meet new kids from the tri-state area and Canada. Applications are due March 26 and are available at the Melanie Ross Youth Center at LSS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I write this column a few minutes after viewing the first segment of the Eyewitness News report on the "Return to Orthodoxy." It adds perspective to view through someone else's eyes so many of the images we take for granted at Lincoln Square: A joyous Shabbat table, beaming faces under a Chupah, the Beginners' Minyan joined in prayer and song, the kind and patient face and voice of our Rabbi and the handsome view of the entrance to our Synagogue. I took great pride as the reported credited Lincoln Square Synagogue as one of the factors in the recent doubling of the size of the Orthodox Jewish population of the United States.

No one in the LSS family needed New York Magazine or Channel 7 to tell us about the powerful attraction the centrist brand of traditional Judaism we practice here has had on the thousands of people who have attended our services, classes or programs. Nor are we misled as to how small these numbers are compared to the population of Jews even in our own neighborhood. Nevertheless, we can derive enormous satisfaction from this small recognition of our efforts; knowing that the sacrifices we make, both financially and in discomfort from overcrowding, are affecting people's lives in profound ways I want to take this opportunity to apologize if I raised anyone's hopes concerning the Shul's efforts in relation to the Lincoln Towers conversion. Our aim was to provide a clearinghouse of information between potential sellers and buyers in the hope that members who had outgrown their apartments might be introduced to other members who might have been willing to move to smaller ones. However, the huge imbalance between the number of people looking to move to larger apartments and the utter lack of big apartments for sale made the effort a nonstarter. I appreciate the large number of people who responded to the request and the work of the people in the Synagogue office who compiled and updated the list and Bob Burnat who headed the committee. I hope that in the end all of our Lincoln Towers

members will be accommodated and will be with us for many years to come On Feb 28th, Elliot and Debbie Gibber, on behalf of the Synagogue, organized a sumptuous kiddush in honor of Gale and Steven Spira. LSS celebrates not only the Spiras and the contribution to our Kehilla, but the special and enduring tie between our synagogue and Manhattan Day School. The Spiras were the guests of honor at this year's Manhattan Day School Dinner, held March 1, which was, of course, an overwhelming success. MDS has long been led by members of LSS, and its current president is our former leader, Fred Ehrman, who is exercising the same fiscal wizardry and dedication to excellence on behalf of MDS that we got to know so well when he presided here. And, as another symbol of that special relationship, the day after the dinner, the Spiras will assume the task of co-chairing the journal for our annual dinner on May 31. Speaking of kiddushes, I want to put in another plug for the Kiddush Fund. This has been one of the coldest winters in recent years, and the most frigid days seem to fall on Shabbat. But, thanks to the generosity of an increasing number of our members, we have been able to have kiddushes following the main minyan to fortify us before we venture into the cold. Making a donation to the kiddush fund is a wonderful way to celebrate a simcha, and we all reap the benefit of your thoughtfulness Rabbi Riskin's second visit will occur a bit later this year. Instead of coming after Purim, he will be spending most of the month of June at LSS with us and plans are being made for a series of public lectures at that time Finally, have you given thought to the possibility of remembering LSS in your will? Such a bequest can play a significant role in our Shul's survival and help perpetuate the ideals that you identified with during your lifetime. Please consult your attorney or contact me and I will put you in touch with a member of our lawyers committee.

- Morton Landowne

The Outreach Department would like to thank those of you who contributed money towards the sponsorship of TURN FRIDAY NIGHT INTO SHABBOS this year.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE CAN BE YOURS!

If any LSS member wishes to change their mailing list status from the standard 3rd Class Bulk to First Class, please send a check for \$40 payable to LSS to the Synagogue Office. This status can be renewed annually.

Within Our Family

CONDOLENCES:

Jeremy and Noah Burton upon the passing of their beloved father, Dr. Jamie Burton.

Ms. Jean Greenspan upon the passing of her beloved brother, Dr. Reuben Greenspan.

Bert Kramer upon the passing of his beloved father, Jack Kramer.

Arthur Weinman upon the passing of his beloved brother, Charles Weinman.

We record with profound sorrow the passing of our devoted founding member and former president of our sisterhood, Mrs. Anne Zvon, beloved widow of our Board of Trustee member, the late Sol L. Zvon.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Sharon Efroymsen and Mitchell First
Debbie Hilsenrath and Paul Bindler

MARRIAGES:

Rhonda Nussbaum and Jay Klapper
Esther Lauber and Alvin Reinstein

BAR MITZVAH:

Mazel Tov to Marilyn and Gerald Kahn on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam.

Mazel Tov to Karin and Gerald Feldhamer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Moshe.

Friday, March 13
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:42 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:55 P.M.

Saturday, March 14 (Tetzave)
Shabbat Zachor
Shabbat morning services.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....4:55 P.M.
Mincha.....5:40 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....5:55 P.M.
SATURDAY NIGHT/PURIM
Maariv and reading of the Megilla.....6:40 P.M.
Additional Megilla reading.....9:15 P.M.
SUNDAY, March 15/PURIM DAY
Morning Services & the reading of the megilla
.....6:45 and 8:30 A.M.
Additional Megilla reading..12:45 and 4:45 P.M.

Friday, March 20
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:50 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 21 (KEE TISSA)
SHABBAT PARA
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud & Bible Classes.....5:05 P.M.
Mincha.....5:50 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....6:05 P.M.

Friday, March 27
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:57 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:10 P.M.

Saturday, March 28 (VAYAKHEL-PEKUDE)
SHABBAT HACHODESH
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud & Bible Classes.....5:10 P.M.
Mincha.....5:55 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....6:10 P.M.

BIRTHS:

Mrs. Itta Brief upon the birth of a granddaughter, Tzvia Malka, and to the parents Rochelle and Paul Brief.

Debbie and Maurice Friedman upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Marilyn and John Kosecoff upon the birth of a son, David Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Langer on the birth of a grandson.

Vivian and David Relkin upon the birth of a son.

Leah and Ralph Rieder upon the birth of a son, Shimon.

Devora Steinmetz and David Silber upon the birth of a daughter Beruria.

Deborah and Maurice Tiefenbrun upon the birth of a granddaughter.

NEW MEMBERS:

Joseph Blank
Dr. Richard Dubin
David Fishel
Lana & Daniel Hirsch
Joe Janovic
Alan Magill
Anita & Jerome Milch
Barbara Reader
Andrew Silverman
Dr. Chaya Wajngurt

L.S.S. Celebrates

"Martha Cohn Day"

On Wednesday, March 4th, LSS was merry in celebrating Mrs. Cohn's 85th birthday. Lunch was served and a L'Chayim was made whereby Rabbi Katz made a proclamation that every year on March 4th for the next 35 years we will celebrate "Martha Cohn Day".

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.
Shur — Cholent Kugel Minyan	9:45 A.M.
Youth Minyan	10:00 A.M.
Youth Shu'rim	10:00 and 10:30 A.M.
Shabbat Nursery (3-5 years old)	8:30 A.M.
Daily Minyan	
Weekdays	7:15 and 7:50 A.M.
Mon. and Thurs. First Minyan	7:10 A.M.
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	7:15 and 8:30 A.M.
Rosh Chodesh	7:00 and 7:40 A.M.
Fast Days	7:00 and 7:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi	
Daily, 6:15 A.M.	Sunday, 7:40 A.M.

The Chaz: A Life in Music

In honor of Sherwood Goffin's March 25 concert at Alice Tully Hall, **Echod** is reprinting highlights from a biography of the Chaz that was written for the 1977 synagogue journal...

One sunny August afternoon in New Haven, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Herman Goffin were taking a stroll, considering a very important question. "If we have a boy," Mr. Goffin asked, "what English name goes well with Shimon?" For back in 1941, Jewish boys in New Haven did not go by their Hebrew names. As they walked by the "Sherwood Tavern," the Goffins found their answer - and the next month, LSS's future Chazan was born.

Sherwood's early childhood in New Haven was filled with music. He had two uncles who were amateur cantors, a **zeyde** who loved to sing and a vivacious mother who loved the sound of a well-played violin. By the age of six, Sherwood was chasing the local violin player down the street, demanding lessons.

Mrs. Goffin often put her son on a chair to sing at family gatherings, giving him early ease in front of an audience, and soon Sherwood was moving through the ranks of local synagogue choirs. Though Sherwood says he never practiced his music much in a formal sense, he admits to having given up a few baseball games because he preferred singing and playing the violin.

Sherwood attended Hebrew day school in New Haven, then moved to New York to attend Yeshivath Torah Vadaath. The Goffin family had known the Bostoner rebbe for many years, and Sherwood became a "Ben Bayis" of the oldest son of the Rebbe, who was now living in Brooklyn. Sherwood would join the new Rebbe and his sons around their great oak table, singing with them in four-part harmony for as much as an hour before kiddush was recited. Sherwood looks back on those moments as "floating above the world."

At Torah Vodaath, group participation in **niggunim** and joyous singing was a way of life. The experience influenced the Chazan, who, as we know, is oriented toward participatory congregational singing. His bent for synthesizing different musical idioms began on weekend trips back to New Haven, where Sherwood sang American folk music with a group of friends who later became famous as "The Highwaymen"--the group that popularized the song, "Michael Row Your Boat Ashore."

But Sherwood's career goal was to be a doctor and after graduating from Yeshiva High School, he entered Yeshiva University as a pre-med student. His thinking changed when he became seriously ill during his freshman year. He spent many hours alone in bed, strumming guitar chords and singing his way out of the blues. "If I didn't have those few months in New Haven being sick in bed, I don't think I'd be a Chazan today," Sherwood says. "From the depths of my illness came a whole new world."

A few months after returning to Yeshiva University, Sherwood played his first real "gig" as a solo folksinger at a school event, and other bookings followed. He was also a regular at Yeshiva University Seminars, where he met a dynamic young rabbi named Steven Riskin. Eventually Sherwood changed his major from pre-med to psychology and began to seriously study **nusach** with his uncle Sam. By 1962, he was serving as High Holiday cantor at one of the New Haven synagogues where he had sung as a boy. Although he still didn't seriously consider becoming a fulltime chazan, after graduation he landed a job as singer for a kosher resort hotel, where he met his wife, Batya. They were married on May 24, 1964.

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Kashruth Korner

By Rabbi Kenneth Brander

- * Mogen David Wine will no longer be certified by the OU. Please check the bottles; if they bear an OU, they are acceptable.
- * Waldbaum's Cookies & Cream Ice Cream bears an unauthorized OU.
- * Please note that Jaffa oranges exported to America (not to other countries) have no terumot, maserot and shmitah problems.

The Concord Hotel is not recommended because of questions about its kashruth.

NURSERY NOTES

Purim is coming. The children have already started dressing up in costumes as kings and queens. Soon we will make masks, groggers, and mishloach manot. Here is a recipe for Hamentashen.

cream: 1 cup sugar
 ½ cup oil
 ½ cup vegetable shortening

Add: 3 eggs
 ½ cup orange juice

Mix Well

Add: 4 cups flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt

Mix until dough forms.

Roll out to 1/8th inch thick.

Cut circles with a 3" wide glass.

Put a mounded teaspoon of prune lekvar on each circle.

Fold up sides and pinch to make 3 corners
 Bake at 350° for about 20 minutes until slightly brown.

Eat & enjoy.

Happy Purim !!

SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

Main Kiddush	\$285.00*
Hashkama Minyan	110.00
Shiur-Cholent-Kugel Minyan	215.00
Beginner's Minyan	35.00
Intermediate Minyan	35.00

THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS ARE UNDER
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 787-3545

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157 West 57th Street
 NY, NY 10019
 265-2255

Seudah Shlishit	155.00
	and 195.00
Cholent-Youth Minyan	45.00

*Note: You may also "share" in a kiddush.
 For more info please call LSS office.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The following is excerpted from a letter by our member Robert Goldman to Morton Landowne. We welcome your response. Please address your thoughts to the LSS Board of Directors, c/o Echod, 200 Amsterdam Ave., NYC 10023.

I am reintroducing a proposal which our Board tabled last year. Jews are homeless in New York, homeless like many of our relatives have been homeless. Poor and lonely Jews have traditionally found refuge in shuls, but few New York synagogues open their doors to the homeless. A very few, including Stephen Wise Free Synagogue and Spanish Portuguese in our neighborhood, have taken in overwhelmingly non-Jewish homeless from the overflow of the Manhattan Men's Shelter during the bitterest winter months with no problems and much satisfaction. Dorot and Ohav Zedek assist elderly Jewish homeless.

The Homeless Project of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services has repeatedly told LSS that it needs shelter for its well-screened, mostly Jewish caseload. LSS owns an underutilized million-dollar bank building which was inspected last year for use as a shelter. As I write it is nine degrees out. There are news stories about ordinary families not being able to find housing. Record numbers of homeless are squeezing into too little space. Some are massed in vast armories. Others wander in the cold. We have thoroughly researched creating a service, like dozens of churches, that would shelter six to ten men, two or more nights a week, from late evening until early morning. The Partnership for the Homeless and the City's HRA provide all sleeping materials free. We can add any service we want, including breakfast or home hospitality for Shabbat. LSS needs only provide heat and volunteers. There have been several volunteers.

Members have said that they did not want more "undesirables" around LSS. They are mistaken. There are either no undesirable Jews or we all are. That is one lesson of our lifetime. As our neighborhood and class have prospered, less affluent Jews have fallen away from LSS and we have taken on the coloration of

"yuppies." Last year an elderly LSS volunteer was escorted from the building by an efficient guard who had been instructed to exclude those who look like they don't belong here. Do we really believe our media coverage? Have we forgotten that our community includes all of Klal Yisrael? Do we remember that HaShem has and could yet test any of us—rachmana letzlan (God forbid)—with misfortune?

Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik shlita reminds us that we are required to invite to our own, personal seder not only an dichfin (physically hungry) but also any ditzreech (or lonely). Who else are these anguished fellow Jews whom we have been asked and we have refused to house? Where do we think they will sleep? We are generous, but our checkbook is no substitute for personal and familial relationships with other individual Jews.

Indeed, the issue is part of a broader one: how should Jews live together in a financially disparate community while fulfilling the obligations of mutual love and mutual responsibility? How do we deal with callers who cannot afford our community seder? Do we seek volunteers to invite them to our homes, knowing that the mitzvah of simchat yom tov requires unrelated guests? How do we accommodate active members who cannot afford programs advertised for all members because of the cost? How do we raise badly needed money without overvaluing the possession and spending of money? Our dues are certainly not exorbitant by New York standards, but our imaginations may need to be stretched. How do we protect members who cannot afford to buy seats? (The finite number of seats poses a risk of allowing that form of fundraising to turn the main minyan into a private club for the rich.)

Many of us have been privileged with more material security than we have known before. That is a blessing and a challenge. LSS is unique in insisting on facing the entire challenge of our modern world from a religious perspective. How we deal with the challenge of affluence to our obligation of community will be exemplary for all Jews.

Tzedaka and You

ATTENTION MEMBERS! The LSS Food Drive Season is Here!

There are three dates and drives to remember:

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 FROM 9 a.m. to 12 noon (PURIM DRIVE)

We will collect all kinds of nutritious, sealed nonperishable foods. Come early and heavily laden with canned fruits, vegetables, soups and fishes; dried beans, pastas, cereals, milk; bring peanut butter! But bring things! Bring them when you come for the morning Megillah reading. Just think—you can do two mitzvot in one trip!

NOTE: All kosher proceeds from the Purim Food Drive will be donated to a kosher food pantry (Project Machson) located in Brooklyn.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 FROM 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (PESACH FOR PROJECT DOROT)

Please bring small packages of Kosher 1'Pesach food, such as: fishes, fruits and vegetables, jam, cookies, sauces, soups and mixes. Please **DO NOT** bring matzah, as they get this in wholesale quantities. This was our weakest drive last year, so let's all get together to make it a success this time.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 thru SUNDAY, APRIL 12 (CHAMETZ DRIVE)

This week-long drive is the only time we can accept open packages of nonperishable foods as well as any closed nonperishables you can donate. Please drop off your bundles at LSS any time during the week, as **NOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12 NOON ON APRIL 12**. The sooner you deliver, the easier it is on everyone.

These food drives serve many kinds of organizations helping the hungry: The Purim drives goes to a food pantry that gives groceries to families temporarily in need of food. The Project Dorot drive provides both food and holiday Ruach the Jewish elderly, often shut-ins. The Chametz drive goes to a soup kitchen which prepares nutritious meals for hungry/homeless people who get to come in out of the cold for meals three days a week. **YOU CAN HELP THE NEEDY, PLEASE HELP THIS YEAR.**

DO A MITZVAH—HELP NEEDY JEWS CELEBRATE PASSOVER

There are desperately needy Jews in our community—the unemployed, the disabled, the sick, the elderly struggling against inflation—who are too poor to celebrate Passover in their own homes with dignity.

Last year, the Joint Passover Association helped 16,555 individuals (8,687 families), two-thirds of whom were sick, elderly and unemployable. Unfortunately, there were many thousands we could not help and had to turn away because of lack of funds. We are confronted this year with a larger and needier Jewish population—rising medical costs often force them to choose between food and medicine.

We therefore look to you for your support and participation in the mitzvah of Ma'ot Chitim. Won't you please encourage your friends to do the same? It is difficult enough for the needy to ask for help—let us not refuse them.

Please give generously to:

The Joint Passover Association
235 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10003

One service of LSS which we pray may be unnecessary is that of the Chevra Kadisha. To insure the provision of a proper burial service, we urge our members to immediately contact the synagogue office or any of those listed below:

Rabbi Berman	724-3267
Rabbi Cohen	799-8521
Dr. Roy Stern	362-5597
Leon Eisenmann	874-1853
Rachel Herlands	799-2176
Andrea Rosen	873-9895

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.**

LETTERS FROM YOU

REPORT FROM THE ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

The newly formed Israel Affairs Committee of LSS is taking off with a bang. Formed at the request of Rabbi Berman, the committee has a dual function: to affirm the central importance of Israel and Zionism to our lives as Orthodox Jews; and to create a forum for discussion of some of the complex problems created by the existence of the State issues with which both Israelis and Diaspora Jews must grapple. Creating such a forum is particularly important in a community such as ours, in the eyes of many of its members. Often the Orthodox response to dilemmas posed by a modern independent state is seen as monolithic, not only by the non-Orthodox, but even by those within the community. "We would like to examine some of the alternatives open to a halachic community in this context and to invite response from a broad range of Jewish leadership," said Roselyn Bell, committee member and Senior Editor of Hadassah Magazine.

The first event sponsored by the committee will be a debate on the topic "Thy Neighbor and Thyself: Israeli Jews Face the Arabs of Israel" to be held on Sunday, March 8 at 11 a.m. with the participation of three highly distinguished figures. Charles Liebman, Prof. of Political Science, Bar Ilan University, author of "Religion and Politics in Israel" (Indiana University, 1984) and one of the founding members and supporters of Oz Veshalom/Netivot Shalom will confront David Bar Illan, Director of the Jonathan Institute, a foundation dedicated to combatting terrorism, recipient of the Liberty Medal of the City of New York and leader in about half a dozen prominent Conservative institutions across the country and the world. The event will be moderated by Seymour P. Lachman, University Dean, City University of New York, a pioneer community activist and intellectual leader.

During the coming weeks and months, the committee will be announcing projects and events dealing with such issues as investment options in Israeli industry, Israel and the American media, women and Halacha in Israel, varying interpretations of the Zionist ideal, and of course an LSS Yom Ha-Atzma'ut commemoration. The highlight of the year will be an Israel Fair, scheduled for June, which promises to be a blockbuster event, a day of stimulating fun for the entire family. So watch these pages for upcoming events.

The following is a letter addressed to our President, Morty Landowne:

"As plans are being made now to remodel the annex, I would like to support a plan to transform the former Vault Room into a "Judaica" Room. Contributions and gifts from members of rare Jewish books and items will make an exhibition like this a valuable addition to our building for our future generations.

"With only a few showcases and very little expenses, the Vault Room could be easily changed into a "Judaica" Room.

"I would be willing to serve on a committee to explore the idea further."

Sincerely,
Leo Blau

Editor's Note: Please contact the LSS office if you are interested in serving on this committee.

I'd ...fan...cy... putting the baby into her stroller,
Dressed in her finest Shabbos style.
And should the neighbors talk as we walked to shul.
I'd say I'm trying hard not to miss all of shachrit.
Then I'd tell them with a smile,
"Don't you know the new halachic rule?!"

I'd ...be... at... shul at 9, opening my siddur,
Sitting in my favorite seat,
Turned to the page with that old familiar stain.
And when I'd close my book after davening Amidah
I'd wait for the Chazan to repeat,
And to me my baby's cry would mean Amen!

Ahhhhh!

If there were an eruv- ya da da da da da da da da da da
da da deedl deedl dum.
I would soon be feeling guilt free.
If there were an E-r-ruv.

Wouldn't know from worry- ya da da da da da da da da da da
da da da deedl deedl dum.
All the rabbis—Yes, they would agree!
Is that possible? AH, ECSTASY!!
My whole mishpocha—they would be with me!
If there were an E-R-RUV!

- by a new Father

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than I will tap me on the shoulder and remind me that I am to refrain from personal conversations during services. And interestingly, I and anyone else confronted with such a sin meekly submits to the mussar, apologizing for this effrontery, this yetzer ha'rah.

And it's understood: these are the house rules. If you break them, you'd better believe the peer pressure can get pretty intense! If you're unrepentant, they'll practically run you out of the theater.

Now at LSS, it's a different scenario altogether. As a rule, if you ask people near you to stop talking, explaining that their conversation is interfering with your experience of the service, you do so at your own risk. Whereas the Regency perpetrator will usually apologize for his or her transgression, the LSS culprit may be puzzled, if not incensed, at being accused.

I guess there isn't much peer pressure at LSS. Perhaps those disturbed by the talking don't feel they have a right--as they do at the Regency--to ask those around them to follow the house rules. And that's why LSS has a gabbai and the Regency doesn't. Well, I think the time has come for life to imitate art. Here is a modest proposal:

Why don't we divest the gabbai of his role as keeper of the synagogue silence and play that role ourselves, just as we would during our favorite movie? For the "frummies" at the Regency, silence is deemed a prerequisite, a matter of life and death. And those buffs usually know the film's outcome! Shouldn't we set the same standard at our beloved Lincoln Square, where our prayers really are a matter of life and death--and where we are not privileged to know their outcome?

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While Sherwood attended graduate school in psychology at City University, he also studied toward a degree at Yeshiva's Cantorial Institute. Soon, he was receiving offers from rabbis around the country who were looking for a young chazan to bring life to their congregations. In February of 1965, he got a call from Rabbi Riskin. After one audition for the selection committee, Sherwood was offered the job of Chazan at the newly-formed Lincoln Square Synagogue, at the grand salary of \$12.50 a week, plus High Holiday pay. Although Batya opposed the job at first, Rabbi Riskin soon won them over and in October 1965, Sherwood officially became LSS's Chazan.

His duties did not stop at Chazan. As the Hebrew School principal, he oversaw a rapid growth in enrollment and the establishment of many new programs. He also helped found the Mental Health Committee of LSS, an important outreach group. He has made several successful record albums and has popularized LSS through his performances at Carnegie Hall and around the country...

Since this article was written, the Goffins have had both tragedy and simcha. In September of 1985, their 18-year-old daughter Nisa Chaya (Z"l) passed away. The synagogue has dedicated a sefer torah in her memory, which is used almost every Shabbat. On a happier note, Sherwood recently was awarded a lifetime contract as a tribute to his 20 years of service at LSS. The Alice Tully Hall concert will honor this occasion--and it should be one of Sherwood's best.

ALIYAH ANYONE?

While every effort is made to insure that our members receive an Aliyah on Shabbat morning in a systematic and organized fashion, inevitably, some members are overlooked. If any member feels that he has not received an Aliyah for an extraordinarily long time or that he has obligatory Aliyot coming up, please contact either Rabbi Cohen or Rabbi Katz.

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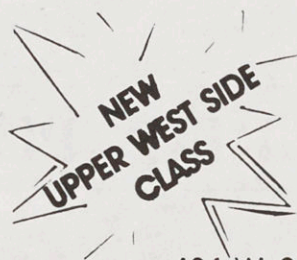
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