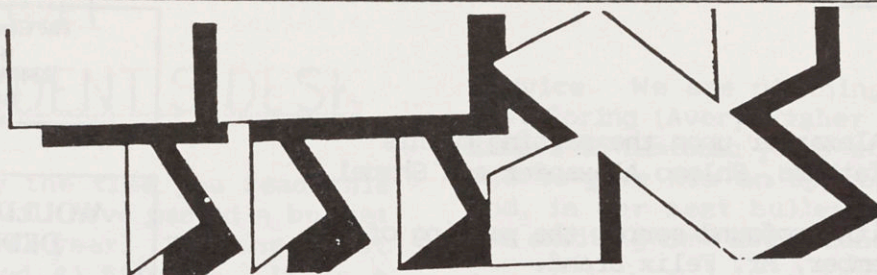


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It's that time of year again!

Celebrating another year of growth and the special contributions of four highly visible shul activists, the Lincoln Square Synagogue community will gather May 31 at 5:30 p.m. for the twenty second annual dinner. This year's honorees, Amos and Miryam Alter and Mark and Shirley Wald, have long been affiliated with LSS. Amos is probably best known as a regular Ba'al Koreh and for his work with the ushering and Public Safety and Ritual Committees. Miryam has taken a special interest in opening our Succah to the community and is herself a past co-chairman of the annual dinner. Shirley and Mark also have been active in the expansion over the years of the LSS succah and, as chairmen of the Ushering and public Safety Committee, the Walds have strived valiently to solve the weekly gridlock problem in the main lobby after Shabbos morning services.

Dinner chairpersons Agnes and Peter Kolevzon and Judi and Roy Stern have been working hard to make this year's dinner extra special, promising one or two pleasant surprises. Journal chairpersons Carol and Jerry Gross and Gale and Steven Spira have compiled a journal worthy of our honorees. Their handiwork will be unveiled at the dinner.....Enjoy!

Many members of Lincoln Square Synagogue regularly and generously open their homes to members of the Beginner's Service to offer them a taste of homemade Shabbos. Alan Magill is one grateful guest who, at a recent Sudah Shlishit, took the opportunity to formally express his thanks--and those of other Beginners--to Rabbi Buchwald, to the Hospitality Committee and to all those who have extended such special hospitality. Alan asked that his words be printed in Echod in order to reach those who were not at the third Shabbos meal that afternoon.

"I'd like to start with a brief story to give some background on how I came to Lincoln Square:

Many years ago I was in Atlantic City and I met a woman from a small French-speaking village in Quebec. She told me her name was Joanne and I said, "Oh, I once knew a girl named Joanne" and she said,

"I know, he knows, he knew, you knew her."

"I bought her flowers," I said. She responded, "I buy, he buys, he bought."

And that's the way the whole evening went, with her conjugating verbs into a form that she understood. Late at night, we were sitting out on a bench facing the ocean, there was a full moon, the waves were cracking. Somehow, the subject of religion came up. I told her I was Jewish.

"Ooish?" she said. "No, Jewish." The more I tried to explain what being Jewish meant, the more confused she got. I was about to give up, but I thought I'd give it one more try. I said, "You know, the Hebrew people." And her face lit up.. "Hebrew!" she said. And I said "yes," glad that I had finally communicated to her.

"Hebrew," she said again. "He bring, he brung, he brew."

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

CONDOLENCES:

Mr. Artnur Alexander upon the passing of his beloved grandfathers, Shlomo Alexander and Shmuel Chaim Zivitz.

We record with profound sorrow the passing of our beloved member, Mr. Felix Brand.

Ms. Debbie Friedman upon the passing of her beloved grandfather, Mr. Samuel Friedman.

Mrs. Tovi Glasner upon the passing of her beloved father, Mr. Herman Gross.

Mr. Sidney Steinmetz upon the passing of his beloved sister, Sylvia Rabinowitz.

BIRTHS:

Ronnie and Albert Faber upon the birth of a son, Yosef Yehoshua.

Fayge and Yisroel Cohen upon the birth of a daughter, Davida Yaffa.

Nan and Bob Ehrlich upon the birth of a son, Moshe Yehuda Leib.

Sandy and Irv Rotter upon the birth of a daughter, Melissa Tracy.

ENGAGEMENTS:

Kayla Braun & Joel Mandelbaum
Shoshana Jedwab & Bob Carroll
Varda Kemensky & David Berkovitz
Esther Koren & Elliot Herskovitz
Toby Lazar & Bruce Simon

BAR MITZVAH:

Mazel Tov to Gail & Jonathan Gaynin on the bar mitzvah of their son, Noah.

Mazel Tov to Mr. Richard Schneyer on the bar mitzvah of his son, Mark.

NEW MEMBERS:

Susan & Leonard Aconsky
Edna & Yehuda Rosenman
Eli Salig
Rosalyn Sherman

to Chez David Pizza for donating pizza to the Hebrew school.

Tzedaka and You

Wendy Baker, chairman of the LSS Food Drive, reports that 110 cartons of edibles were received and distributed during the recent LSS food drive, exceeding last year's drive by 10%. Project Machon, which provides emergency food, clothing and furniture to the needy, received 25 carton of kosher food from the Purim drive. Project Dorot received 15 cartons of Kosher for Passover food from the Pesach food drive. West Side Campaign against Hunger Food Pantry received 15 cartons of food from our chametz drive. Finally, Broadway Presbyterian Church Community Lunch Program received 55 cartons from the chametz drive.

Wendy offered special thanks to Shama Berman and Jonah Schmeidler, who collected food and raised \$80 from outside supermarkets for the Dorot Pesach Drive. And congratulations and thanks to our congregants, who came through despite some confusing and conflicting instructions regarding the chametz drive!

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	and 195.00
Cholent-Youth Kiddish	45.00

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

THANK YOU!

FROM

THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hopefully, by the time you read this column, the Board will have passed a budget for the next fiscal year. For the first time it will exceed \$1,500,000. It is a balanced budget. By that I mean that based on this year's figures we have projected next year's income in what we feel is a responsible manner and have determined to spend no more than those amounts. To be specific, we must gross at least \$320,000 from our annual dues (which are not being raised), we must raise \$200,000 from our Yom Kippur appeal, we have to sell \$115,000 worth of High Holiday seats, and our Dinner-Journal goal will be \$220,000. These are the most crucial income generators. However, before this budget takes effect, we must make certain that the current year is successfully funded. As I write these words, a group of dedicated volunteers is conducting a phonathon to insure the success of this year's Journal: we are still \$85,000 short of our goal.

We will be accepting ads for inclusion in the Journal or its supplement through May 28th. Our four honorees have collectively devoted over 70 years of their lives to LSS and I want them, on May 31st, to know how much we all appreciate their selflessness. I implore every member of Lincoln Square Synagogue to bear his or her share of the responsibility for the success of this tribute in my next few columns I hope to preview some of the new ways we will be spending your money next year in some of the most innovative and exciting inreach activities I have ever seen, including greatly increased programs for senior citizens and singles. The most momentous change for next year, however, concerns our Educational Director, Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald. Rabbi Buchwald is on the verge of achieving his long-time goal of founding a national outreach center to bring the programs he has pioneered at Lincoln Square to Jews across North America. As a result he will be stepping down as our Educational Director next month while continuing on staff for another year to serve as the Rabbi of our Beginners

Service. We are planning a major event next Spring (Avery Fisher Hall?) to salute Effie's 15 historic years at Lincoln Square and to give him an appropriate send-off. And, in our next bulletin we will profile our exciting new Educational Director . . .

. One of the hallmarks of Centrist Modern Orthodox Judaism is the seriousness with which it confronts the three cataclysmic events of recent Jewish history: the Shoah, the founding of the State of Israel and the re-unification of Jerusalem. The sanctuary was filled on the night of April 26th for our annual observance of Yom HaShoah. Rabbi Brander and the Youth Department deserve special thanks for the sensitive and moving program they presented on that very sad evening. The following Sunday night, despite a driving, day-long rainstorm, the only thing that was overflowing was our Synagogue as over 500 people attended a special service, program and kumzitz celebrating Yom Haatzmaut. Bina Presser and her Israel Affairs Committee colleagues deserve special thanks for making the evening such a success despite the space constraints. And, next week, simcha will reign again as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the re-unification of Jerusalem. For that occasion, we will celebrate a seder designed by Rabbi Berman. It is a unique new service to commemorate those miraculous days of such recent memory. Based on our recent experience, this innovative program being held on Wednesday, May 27th, may be oversubscribed--so make sure you have responded to the flier and made your reservations

Our members Lynn and Ian Bader are the recipients of a unique honor this month. Examples of their architecture are being exhibited, under a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, at Artists Space, 223 West Broadway in Tribeca. The show runs from May 21st through June 27th and is open on weekdays from 11-6. Included in the exhibit is the Menorah they designed for LSS which is lit each year at Broadway and 72nd Street. Last, but certainly not least, please save the date: Thursday evening, June 18th, for the semi-annual general

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Within Our Family

MELANIE ROSS YOUTH CENTER: Tuesday, May 26th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to Yom Yerushalayim Israel Night in the Youth Lounge. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door.

MRYC TEEN DEPARTMENT: Sunday, May 24th at 2p.m. join in for Baseball-N-Bar-B-Q. Cost is \$5 in advance \$6 at the door. For further info on MRYC activities contact Rabbi Brander, David Winter or Brian Thau.

KEEPING THE "DATE" OPEN FOR YOU is LSS's Shadchen service. Representatives of this new matchmaking service will be at the synagogue Monday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Please call Janet at 874-6100 or 6105 to set up an appointment.

HISTORICAL AND RELIGIOUS TRIP TO ISRAEL with Peter Abelow in July. For further information contact the synagogue office.

LSS will be holding a YOM YERUSHALAYIM SEDER on Wednesday, May 27th at 7 p.m. Details are in the mail.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DINNER INVITATION AS OF YET, PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE.

The first planning session for an ONGOING SINGLES PARENTS' WORKSHOP will be held on Tuesday, May 26th from 8-9 p.m. For further information contact Suri Kasirer.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer evening classes and the Torah Institute at the Joseph Shapiro Institute of Jewish Studies will begin June 8 and continue through July 30. Nineteen courses, from Hebrew Reading to Zionism to Talmud to Chassidism, will be offered weekday evenings. The Summer Torah Insittute, designed for students seeking a more intensive, fulltime study experience, offers classes Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Institute clases are held at three levels, for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

Contact the JSI office for a brochure and more information.

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membership and election meeting. Our guest for that evening will be Mayor Ed Koch who will briefly address us and then take questions from our members. It promises to be a unique dialogue and a chance to really participate in the governance of both the Shul and New York City. We were honored that the Mayor expressed interest in visiting our congregation and were pleased that he accepted our invitation, conveyed by Bernie Kabak, to address us. Refreshments will be served and I urge all of you to plan to attend this special event I wish you all a good Yom Tov.

-Morton Landowne

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.
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.

*During Daylight Savings Time it is our practice to have 2 services on Friday evening for Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat. Those who attend the 1st Service should make sure that Shabbat candles be lit no later than 25 minutes after the beginning of the 1st service to coincide with the congregation's recital of the Psalm for Shabbat. Once the congregation says this Psalm, Shabbat has officially begun for the worshippers and their families. Shabbat concludes Saturday night one hour after the official candle lighting time on Friday afternoon.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

By Shavuot of this year, some 150 families or groups of friends will have studied assigned portions of the Mishnah. Through their effort we, as a community, will have completed the study of the entire Six Orders of Mishnah. On the morning of the second day of Shavuot there will be a Siyum followed by a Kiddush in celebration of this achievement.

One of the four names by which the Holiday of Shavuot is known is Z'man Mattan Toratenu, a time of the giving of our Torah. Indeed thousands of years ago, early in the month of Sivan, God revealed Himself to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai to issue them the Ten Commandments. In the days and years which followed, God revealed to Moshe not only the Five Books of the Torah, which were written at God's command, but also a body of oral law which for centuries thereafter was transmitted from sage to sage, scholar to scholar by memory rather than in written form. When, in the year 200 of the Common Era, the first comprehensive authoritative code of Jewish Law was edited by Rabbi Judah Hanasi, that code known as The Mishnah encompassed within its written form elements of law which theretofore had been transmitted only orally.

The study of Mishnah, therefore, represents our commitment to the authority of God's revelation and to the continuing unfolding of Jewish Law. It is, therefore, both appropriate and exciting that we at Lincoln Square Synagogue will specifically on Shavuot celebrate our completion of the study of Mishnah.

The two days of Shavuot this year will be filled with opportunities for study. As the following schedule indicates, the usual learning through the night of Shavuot will be supplemented this year by the Siyum on the morning of the second day and by an additional opportunity, on the afternoon of the second day, to spend another few hours before the close of the Chag in intensive study. This latter opportunity is being made available particularly for those who might not have been able to remain up during the entire first night of learning, as well as for those who would seek out an additional opportunity on Shavuot to manifest their commitment to the study of Torah. Join us!

A WORKSHOP ON THE LAWS OF SHAVUOT will be given by Rabbi Buchwald May 28 at 8 p.m. at the shul. All are welcome. Admission is free.

TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE FOR SHAVUOT Tuesday evening, June 2, 1987

11:59 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Rabbi Berman will be speaking on Power in a Name:
The Third Commandment

1:15 - 4:45 a.m.

Four Concurrent Shiurim

1. Rabbi Berman - The Right of Privacy in Jewish Law: An Ancient Right in a New World
2. Rabbi Buchwald - The Laws of Maaser Kesofim: Allocating Charity Properly
3. Rabbi Brander - A Talmudic Overview of Sexual Relationships in a Non-Marital and Marital Context
4. Brian Thau - Torah Study for Youth

4:45 a.m.

Hashkama Minyan

Wednesday, June 3, 1987

7:15 p.m.

Daf Yomi

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LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF SHAVUOT

TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT—Study for the perfection of the soul during the first night of Shavuot. Every holiday has a special object as the symbol of its observance—Passover matzot, Sukkot etrog and Channukah menorah. Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people, and the study of Torah is therefore the only significant Festival symbol. It is a custom to remain awake engrossed in Torah for the entire first night of the holiday to express our dedication to G-d's law. Shacharit Morning Services are held at the first rays of the new dawn.

Milk products mark the culinary aspects of Shavuot. According to Jewish tradition, the wicked Holofernes wished to destroy the Jewish community in Israel. The valiant Judith enticed him to her home where she fed him to surfeit with blintzes and milk. As soon as he fell asleep, she severed his head from his body, thus significantly contributing to the Jewish military victory.

It is traditional for the Aron Kodesh to be bedecked with fragrant flowers in order to demonstrate our wish to adorn the Torah with nature's beauty.

CHAG HAKATZIR—(The Harvest Festival)—Commemorates the climax of the grain festival which commenced with the gathering of the early wheat crop at Pesach and ended with the harvesting of the wheat produce at Shavuot.

YOM HABIKKURIM—(The Day of the First Fruits)—refers to the ripening of the first fruits which were brought to the Temple in Jerusalem in appreciation of G-d's bountiful blessings.

CHAG SHAVUOT—(The Feast of Weeks)—Symbolizes the counting of seven weeks from the second day of Pesach until the festival was ushered in.

PENTECOST—(Greek origin meaning 50th)—Philo and Josephus denote the holiday of this name because this festival occurs on the 50th day after the offering of the omer.

Z'MAN MATTAN TORATENU—(The Season for Giving of the Torah)—Our Prayer Books describe this holiday as the festival of Revelation because Moses received the Torah on this day from the Almighty on Mount Sinai.

SHLOSHET YEME HAGBALAH—When Israel was to receive the Torah at Mount Sinai, G-d commanded the people to observe a three day period of intense preparation, which are known as the Shloshet Yeme Hagbalah—three days of delimitation and preparation for the revealing of the Torah. In later generations, these three days preceding Shavuot, have gained significance because they interrupt the mourning period of Sefirat Haomer. They introduce a joyous spirit and a refreshing atmosphere of festivity when marriages may be performed and celebrations held.

AKDAMOT—Prior to the reading of the Torah on the first day of Shavuot, the reader chants an introductory mystical poem of nine stanzas entitled from its opening word "Akdamot". This poem is Aramaic, was written by Meir ben Isaac Nahorai, Cantor of Worms. The lines are arranged in couplets, opening with the letters of the alphabet in their usual order. The name "Akdamot" means introduction and is intended to prepare the path for the story of the revelation to be read from the Torah in the morning.

ZOHAR—In poetic words of the Zohar, Shavuot depicts the seven weeks of courtship by Israel, the Bridegroom and his Bride, the Torah, which commenced with the betrothal at the Passover liberation and concluded by the wedlock—the giving of the Torah on Shavuot.

MAIMONIDES—Suggests that Shavuot represents the anniversary of the Revelation on Mount Sinai because "We count the days that pass since the preceding Pesach festival, just as one who expects his most intimate friends and counts the days, even the hours."

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Friday, May 29
ROSH CHODESH SIVAN
Morning Services.....7:00 and 7:40 A.M.
*Kindle Shabbat Candles.....8:01 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.... 6:35 and 8:10 P.M.

Saturday, May 30 (BAMIDBAR)
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
Mincha.....8:00 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....8:15 P.M.

SHAVUOT
Tuesday Evening, June 2
Kindle Yom Tov Candles.....8:03 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....8:15 P.M.
Midnight Bible Class..... 12:00 A.M.

Wednesday, June 3
Hashkoma Minyan.....4:45 A.M.
Regular Yom Tov Service.....8:45 A.M.
Daf Yomi.....7:15 P.M.
Mincha.....8:15 P.M.
KINDLE YOM TOV CANDLES NOT BEFORE9:04 P.M.

Thursday, June 4
YOM TOV MORNING SERVICES..... 8:00 and 8:45 A.M.
INCLUDING YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE
Daf Yomi and the Book of Ruth.....7:05 P.M.
Mincha.....8:05 P.M.
Followed by Seudah Shleesheet Neilat Hachag

Friday, June 5
*Kindle Shabbat Candles.....8:06 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:40 and 8:15 P.M.

Saturday, June 6 (NASO)
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....7:05 P.M.
Mincha.....8:05 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....8:15 P.M.

Friday, June 12
*Kindle Shabbat Candles.....8:10 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 and 8:20 P.M.

Saturday, June 13 (BEHAALOTCHA)
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....7:10 P.M.
Mincha.....8:10 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....8:20 P.M.

Friday, June 19
*Kindle Shabbat Candles.....8:13 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 and 8:25 P.M.

Saturday, June 20 (SHELACH)
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....7:10 P.M.
Mincha.....8:10 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....8:20 P.M.

Friday, June 26
*Kindle Shabbat Candles.....8:13 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 and 8:25 P.M.

Saturday, June 27 (KORACH)
SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....7:10 P.M.
Mincha.....8:10 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....8:20 P.M.

Sunday, June 28- ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ
Morning Services.....7:00 and 8:30 A.M.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR SHAVUOT (CONT'D)

Thursday, June 4, 1987

Morning

In order to celebrate the completion of Mishnayot by the Lincoln Square Synagogue community, a siyum will be conducted at the conclusion of services in the Hashkoma minyan by Rabbi Brander, and in the main sanctuary by Rabbi Berman. Following services in the main sanctuary, there will be a kiddush for the entire shul. There will also be a special luncheon for those who participated in the study project.

Afternoon 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Since Shavuot is a holiday set aside for the study of Torah an additional program of study will be provided to accommodate those who were not able to attend Tuesday night as well as those who were.

5:00-6:20 p.m.

Shiur by Rabbi Berman: Illicit and Permissible Revenge: A Legal-Moral Problem

6:20-6:40 p.m.

Break/Refreshments

6:40-8:00 p.m.

Chavruta study based on sources related to Rabbi Berman's shiur.

7:05 p.m.

Daf Yomi - Rabbi Brander

8:05 p.m.

Book of Ruth - Rabbi Buchwald

Mincha

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The fact of the matter is, at the time, my understanding of Judaism wasn't all that more advanced than this woman's. In subsequent years, I did some exploring on my own, uncovered a lot of facts, read a lot of books. But it wasn't until last fall, when I started to attend Lincoln Square Synagogue, that I really started to experience what Judaism is. And helping a great deal in that experience has been the opportunity to share Shabbos meals with you in your homes.

It's one thing to hear what something is in explanation form, but to actually have the chance to be there--to be in your homes, and at your tables, to experience the warmth of a community--is really quite wonderful. From my point of view, the real beauty of this hospitality is that you don't have to do anything, you don't have to impress anyone to get this invitation. So it's so much easier to just be yourself when you get to meet the people, because you've been accepted and welcomed from the word "go."

I'd like to share some reactions from other people in the Beginner's Service. One man said, "I don't have to go to Woolworth's anymore on Saturday to eat lunch." He added that after having a Shabbos

meal, all during the week he can still smell the cholent and the kugel and the brownies when he's at home. Another man attended the Beginner's Service a few times, but said he didn't really feel a part of it until he was welcomed into someone's home for Shabbos lunch.

One woman commuted from Queens and enjoyed the Shabbos meals so much that she's moved near Lincoln Square, and is looking forward to the challenge of soon hosting other people in her own home. Although he had been attending a Reform synagogue, one man decided to come to Lincoln Square because, as he put it, he wanted to go to a service that started when the Sabbath

started. After the Friday night service, he was about to go to his temple when Herb Weiss approached him and asked if he needed a place for dinner. Touched by that gesture, he went to Herb's and has been greeting the Sabbath when it starts at Lincoln Square ever since.

There are lots of other stories I can tell, all unique to the individuals who are telling them. Since time won't permit the telling of all of them, I'd like to close with a response that was common to all of them. We all just wanted to say...

Thank you."

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