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T W O G R E A T S D E P A R T by Joel M. Wachs

[This article is intended as an embellishment on the beautiful remarks of Executive Director Rabbi Martin Katz in the first issue of this year's LSS bulletin on the late Louis Friedman, and thoughts about the just departed Frank Taks, "Mr. Everything," at our Synagogue since its inception. The following is based almost exclusively on the eulogies of Rabbi Cohen; and, regarding Mr. Taks, also the words of Rabbi Morris Dembowitz, a lifelong friend.]

What Frank Taks and Louis Friedman shared was twofold—an insatiable ability to give and give, usually to Lincoln Square Synagogue, and an incredible capacity for self-effacement. Martha Cohn relates that even after Mr. Friedman was a staple vital bookkeeper volunteer for years, he would approach her office, where he spent almost as many hours as she, and inquire: "May I come in?" The sincere question became a respected laugh line in the Shul office.

Our unpaid regular volunteer Louis Friedman was a scholastic genius with numbers; he studied philosophy at CCNY and graduated NYU Law School but never practiced because of the Depression. He served as a token collector until he gained a civil service job as an accountant. He particularly identified himself with the learning at LSS because, despite his degrees, he considered himself a self-educated man. Mr. Friedman possessed a fantastic memory—a gift that would serve him in good stead during his last years when he became ill. Despite his condition, due to his ability to remember numbers, he was a very real check on the Shul bookkeeper until the end. More than for this, Louis Friedman must be remembered here for never saying a harsh word, possessing a ready and constant smile and seeking no credit for his huge efforts.

These last three qualities also were the qualities of Frank Taks, but for a longer period in Lincoln Square history. Indeed, his name predates our Shul on the west side of Manhattan. By the time he served as a Trustee and Men's Club President here, he had established himself in those same roles at the neighboring West Side Institutional Synagogue.

Orphaned at an early age, Frank Taks attended RJJ and made a name here and in his second city, Chicago, as a "Big Brother" to less fortunate Jewish youth. There should be "a sense of gratitude" that we knew him, said Rabbi Dembowitz, "and our Shul was an extension of his home." He loved LSS with an intense love; his friendship was "constant, consistent and reliable." Frank Taks represented "a still small voice of the Divine." Rabbi Cohen drew on the timeliness of the reading of Koheleth and called him "a comforter." He would "go beyond himself to help others." Had he lived just under a month longer, Frank and Sophie Taks would have celebrated their fiftieth year together.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is just after Rosh HaShanah, and the spirit of the way the New Year was observed in our Synagogue still elevates me. As President, I am privy to the myriad details that go into preparing our small facilities to host thousands of people over a three-day period and I want to share some of the gratitude I feel towards the people who worked so hard to insure our community's comfort and safety. Among the lay leadership of the congregation I have to begin with our trustee and ritual committee member Sam Horwitz. Aside from co-chairing the ticket sales and planning. the distribution of the various honors with Leon Eisenmann, it was Sam who thought through the whole panoply of events and tried to anticipate each and every problem that might arise. Aside from all this, he took a major role in helping us adapt to our new computer system and, thanks to him, we now have computer records of the entire High Holiday seating plan. He won't accept thanks in person, so I am taking this opportunity to do it second-hand.

I also want to thank the entire Ushering and Public Safety Committee for their usual fine job in apportioning and manning the ushering slots and assuring the smooth flow of people into and out of the sanctuary and the building itself.

And, Rabbi Martin Katz was the person who quarterbacked the whole operation. Getting everything in readiness for thirteen different services in three days while assuring the cleanliness of the building, the availability of food, childcare, emergency repair crews, etc. would be good training if Rabbi Katz ever was tapped to run the Olympics, and he handled it with grace and good humor. And, the day after the holiday, workmen started erecting our new sukkah, which Rabbi Katz had purchased in his spare time......While I'm at it, I must thank our Rabbi and Rabbi Brander for the spectacular line up of this year's educational offerings. To kick off the season was the Jewish Free University. Close to 2,000 people thronged LSS during the week of September 14 to hear an

outstanding group of speakers which

.....The following week saw the year's first meeting of the joint boards of the Synagogue. At the meeting, Ben Belfer and Elliot Falk, the hard-working chairmen of the Maintenance Appeal, distributed packets to all board members (those not attending received them in the mail) which contained names of members for them to solicit over the telephone for the appeal. The goal was to have each member contacted for his or her pledge before Yom Kippur. I hope you responded generously and will redeem your pledge promptly if you have not done so already. Along those lines, our Past President Maurice Spanbock sent me a memo which deals with the recent tax reform legislation. It states that in 1987 the highest individual income tax rate is 38.5%. In 1988 and subsequent years, the highest overall individual income tax rate will be 28%. If you are subject to the maximum rate, it may be more advantageous to make charitable contributions this year. And, if you still have a stock that has appreciated in value, in light of the recent stock market activities, remember that gifts of appreciated stock are a good way to take tax advantage of these gains. As we offered last year, our Legal Committee stands ready to offer assistance to anyone wishing advice as to how contributions to LSS can be structured to take advantage of changes in the tax laws, and we will be happy to accept donations in 1987 and apply them as credits for subsequent years. If you wish further information, please contact me or Rabbis Katz or Cohen.

Other items that were discussed at the meeting included: a preview of the new LSS activity, "The Company of Friends," by its co-chairman Simeon Schreiber; and a report on new personnel and programs by Rabbi Berman. This report was repeated for the LSS members who attended the Fall General Membership Meeting on Saturday evening, October 24th. Concerns regarding the

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proposed sale of our Annex to Touro College were also raised and discussed at that time.

Finally, a note about two of our Synagogue's artists: Cantor Goffin will be sharing his artistry with us all this year in four exciting programs: a children's and an adult chorale, a course entitled "3,000 years of Jewish Music", and a workshop in how to lead a Shabbat Service. Since I sit next to him every week I know how much work he has put into the preparations for these programs and I urge you to take advantage of them. And, I want to call your attention to the talents of our member Mr. Tobi Kahn. This summer he was featured in a show entitled "The Romantic Landscape" which was organized by the Whitney Museum. His paintings and sculpture are currently on view both in a group show at the Guggenheim Museum and in a one-man show at the Althea Viafora Gallery at 568 Broadway in Soho (through November 7)...... hope you all spent a pleasant Yom Tov period and look forward to greeting you in the services, classes, workshops, chesed activities and social events of Lincoln Square Synagogue.

- Morton Landowne

LSS WOMEN'S TEFILLAH GROUP

The full schedule of Women's Tefillah Group Shabbat services for the year is:

December 12 Shabbat Vayeshev
January 30 Shabbat Beshallach
March 19 Shabbat Vayikra
May 7 Shabbat Emor
June 4 Shabbat Beha'alotka

All are Shacharit services, beginning at 9am. We meet at the Hamilton Senior Center, 141 West 73rd Street. Childcare is available.

GREET THROUGH THE HEAT by Louis J. Frank

"Neither June heat, nor July heat, nor August heat (with two exceptions) nor September heat stays these Greeters from the efficacious completion of their appointed rounds." Lincoln Square Synagogue's elite corps of Shabbat welcomers panted through the summer months to successfully reach the conclusion of their first year of operation. The Greeters are posted at LSS's glass doors each Shabbat in shifts to assist congregants and visitors.

The creme de la creme, sensitive and quick-witted, include: Bonnie Blitzer, Barry Cheskin, Seth Cohen, Judy Flumenbaum, Sandy Gross, Judy Heicklen, Sheila Klein, Debbie Pine, Bina Presser, Dr. Norman Ruttner, Joel Wachs and Elon Zapinsky. All performed admirably, except the first mentioned was severely reprimanded for having a young man she greeted Shabbat morning call her up for a date on Sunday morning.

The above veterans will be joined by Ray Edelman, C.B. Gast, Jeffrey Gross, David Schlessel and Barry Shain. This year Greeters will greet from 9:45am until Rabbi Berman begins speaking. Another change is that we will enforce the rule about checking baggage that is brought to Shul. Still, to err is human, to greet, divine. To sign up for a divine experience, please call 873-2626.

MITZVAH DAY

Please note the date for Mitzvah Day this year is Sunday, December 13, 1987. Please put it on your calendar.

LOST

A woman lost two gold rings during the holidays. If found, please contact the LSS office, 874-6100.

Thank you.

KRISTALLNACHT MEMORIAL MARCH IN NEW YORK

On Monday evening, November 9th, a Remembrance March will take place in New York City to commemorate the 49th anniversary of "Kristallnacht." Sponsored by the New York Holocaust Memorial Commission—Young Associates Division—the evening commences in Park East Synagogue, 163 E. 67th St., at 6:15pm. The gathering will be addressed by Hon. Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.

A procession of young adults and Holocaust survivors carrying Yahrzeit memorial candles will pass three synagogues—Fifth Avenue Synagogue, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Israel. A large candle will be lit at each synagogue entrance, symbolizing the burning of over 200 synagogues in Germany and Austria on November 9-10, 1938.

The Remembrance March will proceed to Park Avenue Synagogue where a "Kristallnacht" memorial service will be held with the participation of the Ramaz Upper School Chorus. The Kaddish prayer will be recited and the program concludes with the singing of the Hatikvah.

We urge all of our congregants and their children to join in this deeply meaningful occasion.

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.

NEW WORKSHOPS

We are offering a wide range of workshops this year and we hope that either you or someone you know can benefit from the course offerings. OVER 50 AND LIVING ALONE will continue to be cosponsored by the Board of Family and Children's Services. The group leader is Vicki Rosenstreich, MSW, ACSW, Dir. of Family Life Education at the Jewish Bd. of Family and Children's Services. The workshops are free and are held on Sundays from 10-12n once a month. Upcoming dates are Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. Jan 10, Feb 7, March 6

The <u>SINGLE PARENTING</u> workshops will continue to be led by Isolde Sommer Cohen, MS, school psychologist, psychotherapist, frequent lecturer and workshop leader. The group meets twice monthly—once a month focusing on discussions of parenting issues and once a month gathering socially. The workshops meet Tuesday evenings from 8-9 pm. There is a \$5 fee per workshop. Upcoming dates are Nov. 10, Dec. 8 and Dec. 22.

The <u>PARENT SKILLS</u> workshop series is designed to teach parents specific skills to help them deal more effectively with their children. It is open to all members with children aged 3-18. It is cosponsored by Torah Umesorah's Counterforce program. Ms. Miriam Weitchner will lead the group. The fee is \$50 per family. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 8-10pm on Nov. 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1 and 8.

The <u>BEREAVEMENT</u> workshop series deals with the impact of death on family members. The program is cosponsored by the Jewish Bd. of Family and Children's Services and will be led by Nechama Shidofsky. The group will be meeting on Monday evenings from 7-9pm on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21. There is a \$20 fee for the series.

A new workshop, FROM ME TO WE: CREATING A RELATIONSHIP, is a three-session marriage enrichment workshop for couples. The workshop will assist couples in developing relationship skills attitudes that will help make a good marriage. Couples may participate in group discussion to discover how the information being taught applies to their particular The program is being situation. cosponsored by the Jewish Bd. of Family and Children's Services and will be co-led by Vicki Rosenstreich, ACSW, Coord. of Jewish Family Life Educ. at the Board and Bruce Karp, Dir. of Religious Education at the Board. The three sessions: Transition from being a single to forming a couple; Communication with your spouse; and Creating a Jewish Family Unit will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8pm on Nov. 2, 9 and 16. There is an \$18 registration fee.

If you have questions about the above or any Outreach workshops, please feel free to contact Ms. Suri Kasirer at 874-6105.

Within our Family:

CONDOLENCES:

Alvin Broome upon the passing of his beloved father, Sidney I. Broome.

Mrs. Pauline Eilender upon the passing of her beloved daughter, Norma Eilender.

Mrs. Maria Eisenberg upon the passing of her beloved husband, Charles Eisenberg.
Mrs. Mira Felber upon the passing of her beloved husband, Leo Felber.

Rabbi Gershon Fluk and Mr. Joshua Fluk upon the passing of their beloved mother, Mrs. Sima Fluk.

Deborah Goodman upon the passing of her beloved father, Herbert Goodman.

Aliza Jackson upon the passing of her beloved mother, Dora Izsak.

Shirley Levinson upon the passing of her beloved father, Max Berkowitz.

Mrs. Navah Levy Mozeson upon the passing of her beloved father, Shalom Levy. Mr. Eli Salig upon the passing of his

beloved father, Julius Salig.

David Stone, devoted member and Synagogue Treasurer, upon the passing of his beloved mother, Laura Stone.

Mrs. Sophie Taks upon the passing of her beloved husband, Frank Taks.

BIRTHS:

Claire and Fred Schlesinger upon the birth of a daughter, Aviva Yehudit; and mazel tov to the grandparents Sylvia and Eli Giffler.

Judy and Roy Stern upon the birth of a daughter.

MARRIAGES:

Naomi Ben-Attar and Larry Yablong Irene Gertel and Yossi Ratner

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.

BAR MITZVAH:

Suzanne and Irwin Bernstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ari.

Deborah and Joel Freedman upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Meir Rabbani upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aryeh.

T'ZETCHEM L'SHALOM:

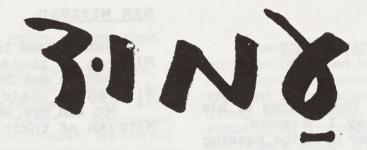
Esther and Zvi Lapian upon their forthcoming Aliyah to Israel.

NEW MEMBERS:

Ariela & Mendel Balk Sonia Beker Lisa Bellows Michael Van Bemmelen Alan Bleiberg Mr. Matthew Bobman Myra Eckstein Deborah Freedman Marta & Zoltan Fried Barbara & Frederick Gates Carla Gochman Barbara & Allen Gold Adina & Myron Greenfield Alan Herman Ethelyn Katz Janet Kirchheimer Cynthia & Ashley Lazarus Vivian & Leonard Podair Michael Putter David Rabhan Emanuel Reich Bruce Ritholtz James Savage/Nancy Trichter David Steinberg Cynthia Suher Jeffrey Sussman/Audrey Greenfeld Ayelet & Jonathan Weiner Judith Weiner

SHARE IN A KIDDUSH

LSS now has a Kiddush Fund, whereby anyone who wishes to contribute to a kiddush without funding an entire kiddush may call the LSS office and make such arrangements. This way we plan always to have a kiddush following the main minyan regardless of special celebrations.



AMUD: The Community Action Supplement to ECHOD

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WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE? by Wendy Baker

They started calling weeks before the event. "I won't be in town the 25th. What can I do? I have so much for you." "I have to be at work by noon. How can I get my stuff to you?" "I'll make the posters."

They started coming hours before the doors were opened, leaving bags of clothes and trusting that they would still be there when the Drive began. They kept coming, in increasing numbers, leaving behind a torrent of clean, lovely clothes, flooding the Bank.

They called the Shul, or my home, saying, "I can give some time to help." They attended a wedding at the Shul and stopped by to look, and then remained for hours to work. They came by bringing clothes and children, and ended up staying to sort, pack, drive and shlep. They came by to find their roommate and found themselves using their expertise in shoes in endless hours of sorting. They came to give an hour and stayed for five! They came, worked till they were exhausted, and then immediately volunteered for our next drive. They came to help their Mom and stayed all day.

They came, and when they finally got the flood under control at 9:45pm they had brought, divided, assembled and delivered 300 30-gallon bags of clothing, as well as carsful of suits and coats sent unbagged. They had sent off two minivans, two delivery vans, and ten assorted loaded cars, with some remaining to be delivered. All this fueled by good will, incredible energy, orange juice and Miller's cheese.

Who are all these people who contributed so wonderfully to the call to clothe our city's naked? They are the remarkable people of the Lincoln Square community. May they each live 120 years!

THE HOMELESS PROBLEM

- * Last winter, temporary shelters in NYC (including those operated by the City, synagogues and other voluntary groups) provided housing for over 12,000 homeless single persons and over 4,500 families, including over 11,000 homeless children.
 - (-Partnership for the Homeless)
- * The City has a housing gap of approximately 600,000 units. (-Citizens Housing and Planning Council)
- * Over 200,000 families are on the waiting list for public housing, which would take 25 years to provide at current rates. (-NYC Housing Authority)
- * An estimated 100,000 households are "doubled up," with relatives or friends moved in with others, in overcrowded conditions. (-Community Service Society)
- * Most homeless people are <u>not</u> mentally ill. Many have recently been evicted from the places they were living. A large number, especially of the single men, have lost their jobs and been dislocated economically. (-Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services Study)
- * Homeless Jews represent about 3% of the City's homeless-approximately 1500 people. (-JBFCS study).

Under consideration is a December Toy Drive for children who are homeless, in hospitals, or otherwise in need. We'll keep you posted.

WINTER CLOTHES COME OUT OF CLOSET IN FIRST LSS DRIVE by Jonathan Wolf

The first Clothing Drive for the homeless to be held at our synagogue was unexpectedly, almost overwhelmingly, successful. Dozens of shul members and other people in the community brought in clothes which they couldn't use to help clothe people who will need them as winter approaches. Numerous hard-working volunteers devoted many hours to sorting, packing up, and transporting unanticipatedly huge volume of contributions.

THE IDEA:

Wendy Baker, who has directed the annual Food Drives at LSS for several years, conceived the notion that people might clean out their closets and wardrobes and bring in good, usable clothing to keep needy people in our neighborhood warm. She first had the plan announced at shul on Yom Kippur, connecting it with the mandate of Isaiah in that day's haftara portion of, "When you see the naked, to clothe them, and not turn away from your flesh and blood..."

The Clothing Drive was scheduled for October 25 from noon to 3pm in the shul annex. It was the first weekend after the Sukkot season and just as the weather began to get cold and the need for warm clothing increased.

THE RESULTS:

Probably no one imagined just how clothes would actually contributed. Cars and vans driven by volunteers began departing in the early afternoon filled with large heavy trash bags into which donated clothes were carefully and generously stuffed, and that continued until the late evening. About fifteen such runs transported about 300 large, 30-gallon plastic bags of clothing, separated by age and gender and category of clothes, to their destinations. Almost all those who contributed clothes heeded Wendy's reminder that clothes should be donated in proper, wearable condition -- clean, untorn and unsoiled, so as to honor the dignity of the people who

would be wearing them. In fact, both volunteer workers and the recipient organizations were impressed at the high quality, condition and variety of clothing we received.

WHERE IT WENT:

The clothing collected in the Drive was passed on to three organizations, who then conveyed it to many hundreds of homeless and struggling individuals and families. The places to which we sent the clothes are:

The Single Parent Resource Center, which works with recently homeless families who are now living in several of the toughest welfare hotels (the Martinique, the Prince George, the Latham, the Madison) in which homeless families are being housed. The Resource Center sponsors outreach programs to help get kids living in the hotels back into school, organizes parent groups, and employs a housing specialist to help the families find permanent housing. The women's, older children's and younger children's clothing we drove down to the Center is being distributed to families in the hotels, to the City Human Resources Administration's Clothing Depot, and to the Red Cross Disaster Service, which relocates homeless families. People at the Center told us that "a lot of people have been getting use" from clothes from the Drive, the volume of which surprised them as it did us (the room they set aside for the clothes was nearly filled to the ceiling). Center is located at 1165 Broadway at 27th St.; phone 213-0047; contact Peggy Arroyo.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine runs a Clothes Closet for homeless men and community families, which we helped to stock. The Clothes Closet serves residents of the community, men who are "guests" at the Cathedral's homeless shelter, and families and individuals who come to their Crisis Intervention Center 5 mornings and afternoons a week, as well as whenever there is an emergency or a special need. People come to "shop" among the racks and bins of clothes for appropriate attire for school, interviews, jobs, etc. The people at St. John's social services department told us that dress clothing frequently helps people get employment who otherwise couldn't present themselves. When Wendy called the day after our drive to see how our contribution was received, she was told, "You've made a lot of men here very happy." The Cathedral is at 112th & Amsterdam Ave.; phone 316-7582.

Ford Hall is a residence near Columbia University which works with people from the Upper West Side and from Harlem. Their Community Impact program runs a Food Pantry on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and, the families and individuals who come for food supplies also often need clothing. Sandy Heller, the program's director, told us that they were in great need of clothes when our vanful arrived and that it would be a great help to the over 100 families who come each week to get set for winter. Community Impact works with families living at the Regents, the Hamilton Place and the new Harriet Tubman. Ford Hall is at 616 W. 114th St.; 280-4928.

YASHER KOACH! to all the people who went through their closets and brought in all that clothing, and especially to the indefatigable and dedicated volunteer helpers, without whose long hours of sorting, organizing, packing, shlepping,

loading, driving, delivering, and caring, could not have been mitzvah accomplished. A partial listing--as things were too busy and crazy during the Drive for careful record-keeping; profound gratitude and apologies to anyone we've left out (or whose name is misspelled) -- of those to whom we are all thankful:

Sydney and Jonathan Baker; Shama and Efrath Berman; Hyla Bassell Carey; Chaim Hagler; Bobbie; Gale, Jim, Shira and Sammy Kaufman; Martin Koenig; Mali Lipener; Barry Pogash; Reva Rapps; Barbara Robey; Robin Schechter; Lucy, Jim and Yonah Schmeidler; Ruth Seligman; Liz Slotin; Mark Snyder; Helen Stark; and Nadia Vogel

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We hope to make the Clothing Drives, like the annual Food Drives, a regular part of Lincoln Square's Community Action Program. The current plan is to hold the next Drive in late April, after people have gone through their homes for Pesach cleaning, and focusing on unused or unneeded warm-weather clothing. For the next Drive we will reemphasize the necessity of the clothes' being in unsoiled and good condition and wearable. Remember, many of the people who receive them have no facilities to launder them. And try to sort the clothing as you accumulate your bags at home. AND, we could use your help when you come in too! If the Clothing Drives to come are as successful as was our first, we'll be doing a lot of good for a lot of people (not least ourselves). Next time we'll have a little bit better idea what to expect . . .

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KASHRUT INQUIRY DESK

Get on-the-spot answers from our Rabbis on what's kosher and what's not, and how to deal with kitchen mix-ups. (No charge)

KASHERING UTENSILS

Any-pots or flatware whose kosher status may be doubtful through previous use or error will be made kosher on the spot (wherever possible). See a 22-minute video, How to Kosher a Kitchen and Why

SHEMOT DEPOSITORY

Gather those tattered siddurim, odd pages printed with the Divine name, etc., and bring them in so that they can be properly disposed of according to halachah. (No charge)

SHAATNES TESTING

clothes that Bring any new (or not-so-new) have not yet been tested for shaatnes (wool and linen) to be sure they do not contain this Biblically prohibited mixture. (Members \$5 per item or suit; non-members \$7)

TEFILLIN & MEZZUZAH CHECK

Yes, it's time to have them checked again (it must be done twice in every seven years). All mezzuzot will be checked on the spot, reservations preferred; tefillin only by prior reservation (use the form below). You'll be able to buy new mezzuzot and tefillin parts if you need them. (Mezzuzot: members \$1; nonmembers \$2. Tefillin: members \$25; nonmembers \$30)

TEVILAT KELIM

New dishes, pots and utensils must be immersed in the mikveh before use. Buses will take you and your load from LSS to the mikveh and back (every hour on the hour). (No charge)

COME TO WASHINGTON TO GREET GORBACHEV!

Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev is coming to Washington, DC for a summit meeting with President Reagan in early December.

A coalition of all the Soviet Jewry groups in America is organizing a massive demonstration to greet Gorbachev on his first visit to the US and emphasize to him that the problems of Soviet Jews have not been resolved.

Jewish culture in the Soviet Union is still restricted and persecuted. Jewish emigration is still a fraction of what it was in the late 1970's. Some refuseniks are still waiting, ten or fifteen years after applying, to leave the country. Glasnost has produced some improvements, but it has not changed the basic reality of life for Soviet Jews.

We must speak out. It is a critical time in American-Soviet relations and in internal Soviet policy-making. Gorbachev must see a united, determined, vocal Jewish community demanding justice and freedom for our brothers and sisters in Russia.

Come to Washington on Sunday, December 6. There has never been a more important demonstration for Soviet Jews. If you take one concrete act for our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union this year, or this decade, let it be attending this crucial rally.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, FROM 1-4pm in WASHINGTON, DC. We need every Jew to be there. Natan Sharansky has called for at least 400,000 American Jews to be present (to parallel the number of Soviet Jews who have attempted to begin the process of emigration but have been prevented from leaving). LSS will be organizing buses or train trips.

Save the date. We have a chance to make a lasting impression on the man who may continue to control the fate of 1/5 of the Jews on earth for decades to come. We ask why Jews were silent during the Shoah; we must not make the same mistake. If the members of LSS who have been involved for so long in the cause of Soviet Jews will not turn out in massive numbers on December 6, who will?

For further details, contact Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ) at 799-8900, or LSS Community Action Director Jonathan Wolf at 874-6100.

SUKKOT GATHERING SPARKS COALITION TO GO BEYOND SHELTER by Jonathan Wolf

Drenched by pouring rain, members of LSS and eleven other West Side synagogues gathered around a specially-constructed sukkah on October 11, the first day of Chol Hamoed Sukkot, to press for permanent housing for the City's homeless.

The "public gathering" of over two hundred Jews from our neighborhood was organized by Beyond Shelter, the coalition of twelve synagogues which is campaigning for long-range solutions to the problem of homelessness. They huddled under umbrellas beside a sukkah erected for the gathering in Straus Park at 106th St. and West End Avenue.

Five of the synagogues (Congregation Shearith Israel-Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue; Stephen Wise Free Synagogue; Ansche Chesed; B'nai Jeshurun; and Rodeph Sholom) operate shelters for the homeless, and it was on their initiative, after several years of engaging in that temporary, stop-gap method of providing for the homeless, that Beyond Shelter was created.

The gathering focused on Sukkot as the holiday of Jewish wandering and exposure, when we can most strongly identify with those who have no address or permanent dwelling. In place of the traditional seven Ushpizin, representatives of the various synagogues invited the federal, state and city governments; our neighbors; homeless people; real estate developers and builders; and our own Jewish community into the just-built sukkah to experience current-day homelessness.

Straus Park was chosen as the location because it is across the street from one of the larger Single Room Occupancy hotels into which homeless people are moved; because it is in the center of an area in which gentrification and change are creating new homeless; and because for much of the year the Park itself is home and sleeping quarters for a group of people with no other home. A number of the Park's regular residents stood on the fringes of Sukkah gathering, expressing encouragement and interest, and at the end of the event, cans of food which had been brought by participants to "decorate" the sukkah were distributed to hungry people who had joined in and observed (and some food was taken to the neighborhood Food Pantry).

The Beyond Shelter Coalition is a unique partnership of synagogues in our community from every denomination. Participating in the Sukkot gathering and endorsing its purpose were five Orthodox synagogues (LSS, Shearith Israel, The Jewish Center, Kehilath Jacob, and Young Israel of the West Side) as well as four Conservative synagogues (including Shaare Zedek and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism), two Reform, and West End Synagogue (Reconstructionist). Whatever our differences on other issues, these twelve congregations agree that the serious and visible problem of an estimated 50,000 people without homes in our City demands resolution.

Housing activists in the Coalition advocate the rehabilitation of the nearly 60,000 vacant apartments in buildings taken by the City in tax foreclosures (in-rem buildings) to provide more housing. They call for more money to be spent on building and rehabilitating permanent homes, rather than shelters. They propose that nonprofit community groups be assisted rehabilitating and managing low-cost housing. They support the goal expressed in the Mayor's Report on The Year 2000 that 26,500 new housing units be created in the City every year, rather than the 5,000 currently promised in the Mayor's agreement with Borough President Dinkins. And they contend that enough vacant land, in-rem buildings, professional talent, willing and able community groups, and necessary funds within the City budget exist to rebuild and operate the needed housing, if there is a will.

The Beyond Shelter Coalition intends to go on from the Sukkot event to further activities to educate and mobilize our community. The planning group is engaging in an intense program of self-education, and of meeting with experts and officials on all sides of the issues. They will be organizing public forums for all the members of the participating congregations to hear and ask questions about the problem. They hope to develop enough expertise to formulate proposals for future

city programs and budgetary decisions. And they are exploring the establishment of a West Side Synagogues Homeless Housing Trust, a revolving loan fund to assist nonprofit community organizations to acquire, rehabilitate, and operate affordable low-income permanent housing. In that way, the Coalition would go beyond education and advocacy to actually doing something tangible to create new housing and reduce the number of homeless people on our streets.

As the large buttons, illustrated with a child's drawing of a home and family, which were distributed at the Sukkot gathering, read: "A shelter is not a home."

VOLUNTEERS are urgently needed to help out at the shelters for the homeless, and the soup kitchen, operated by synagogues in our neighborhood. To get involved, contact:

SHEARITH ISRAEL--Hennie Imberman in the Synagogue office at 70th Street and Central Park West, 873-0300.

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AMUD is the new regular supplement to ECHOD which deals with issues of community responsibility, social needs, chesed projects, and political action.

[EXCERPTS FROM THE TALK BY JONATHAN WOLF. AT THE BEYOND SHELTER GATHERING ON OCT. 19]

The Torah commands us to observe the mitzvah of dwelling in the Sukkah in these words: "You shall live in sukkot for seven days; every citizen in Israel shall dwell in sukkot. So that all your generations shall know that I caused the children of Israel to live in sukkot when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt; I am Hashem your God (Lev. 23:42-3)."

A question: the most frequent appearance of sukkot in the liturgy is in the concept of "sukkat shalom": a sukkah of peace spread over all Israel. Isn't this something of a contradiction? ordinarily think of peace--shalom, shlemut--as based on security, stability, solidity. How can a flimsy, rickety, leafy-roofed, exposed shack be the symbol

of peace?

Perhaps this tells us something about the way we are meant to experience the festival of Sukkot. It is not a time of overt, formal, visible experience and communication, but rather one of imagination, empathy. We are asked to picture ourselves doing things we never did, to re-experience events we never saw, to place ourselves in unfamiliar and unlikely stituations. The sukkah is a substitute home, and in living in it, separated by the thinnest of walls from the rest of the world, we can better put ourselves in others' places and dwellings.

Some people live in a "sukkah" all year round. For them, being exposed to the elements and unprotected is not a week-long experiment in self-extension and transcendence, but a long-term condition. The sukkot holiday reminds us of the harsh lives many people live, and of our responsibility to remember them, connect ourselves with them, and make things

different.

The shalom of the sukkah is not that of a permanent, impregnable fortress, but the inner peace of relating ourselves

through the barely-visible walls to other human beings, and through the openings in the roof to G-d. Just as the chuppah, a similarly frail dwelling, symbolizes the home which the newly married couple is creating, not in the physical solidity of that home but in the spiritual strength of the love and chesed and faith which will animate it, so the sukkah represents the true peace of communal and moral stability.

We are here at this sukkah today because we are trying to recognize from our own experiences in sukkot what is happening to our fellow Jews and fellow human beings, and we want to find homes for those people who have no year-long residence to return to next week. Many of the synagogues represented here have been offering short-term shelter to the homeless of our City for years, and they are demanding that longer-range solutions be adopted. We are convinced that, if the commitment and proper ordering priorities exist, that the money, the land, the housing, the tools, the human talent can be found. We are not comfortable going back to our safe homes while 50,000 homeless people have only the streets and the shelters to choose among. Living in the sukkah requires us to look out, and around, and above.

Just a few days ago on Yom Kippur, we read in Isaiah's haftara what is asked of us: "Share your food with the hungry, bring the homeless poor into your houses (Is. 58:7)." And, promises the prophet, "If you put forth your spirit to the hungry and satisfy the miserable, then your light will rise in darkness...You will build ancient ruins and restore generations-old foundations; You will be called repairer, restorer of dwellings..."

We ask today of ourselves, of our community, of our City and its leaders, that we all become repairers, restorers of dwellings, rebuilders of ancient homes and creators of new ones, so that no one in our midst need sleep in a sukkah of rags and

concrete.

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