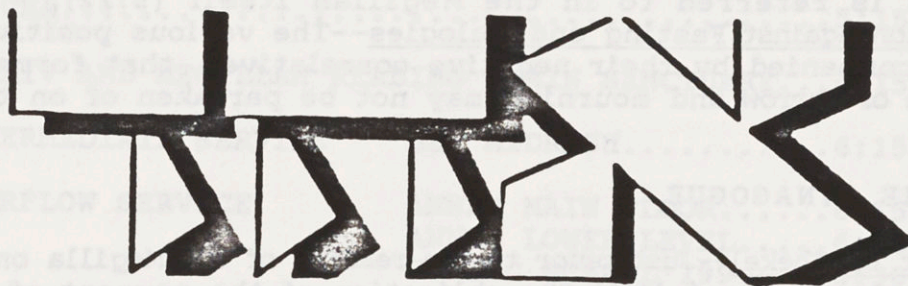


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A BRIEF PURIM GUIDE

by Rabbi Saul J. Berman

A. THE SEVEN MITZVOT OF THE DAY OF PURIM

1. Reading of the Megillah--The central obligation of the holiday of Purim is the reading of the Megillah, the Book of Esther, in the evening and in the morning. A special blessing was instituted for this Rabinnic Mitzvah which is binding on men and women alike. Although the reading is a positive commandment which must be performed at a specific time, a category of mitzvot from which women are normally relieved, this one remains obligatory on women because of their special involvement in the events of Purim in the person of Esther.
2. Mishloach Manot--The sending of gifts to friends on the day of Purim is one of the ways in which we express the joyousness of our celebration. It is customary to send at least two food products which are immediately edible to at least one of our friends on Purim.
3. Gifts to the Poor--It is characteristically Jewish that any celebration is incomplete without providing for those members of the community who are destitute. It is necessary to send, again, at least two gifts to at least two needy people, so that they too may join in the celebration of Purim. These practices are referred to in the Megillah itself, when Mordechai urged the Jews to celebrate the days of Purim, and "that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions to one another, and gifts to the poor." (9:22)
4. Special Torah Reading--On the morning of Purim we read the passage from Exodus which describes the vicious attack of Amalek on the Jewish people immediately after their having left Egypt, and of the defeat of Amalek. This reading is appropriate not only in general terms of its describing the rescue of the Jews, but as well because of the traditional assertion that Haman was a descendant of Agag, King of Amalek.
5. Al Ha-nisim--during the day of Purim, a brief paragraph which begins with the words al ha-nisim, concerning the miracles, is added to the Shmoneh Esreh, the silent Amidah in each service, and to the grace after meals. This paragraph tells very concisely the entire story of Purim.

SHABBAT, MARCH 11 is the date of this year's TURN FRIDAY NIGHT INTO SHABBOS. 13 states will participate in this extraordinary annual event. TFNIS is designed for the Jewish unaffiliated, and has been very successful in past years. You may know someone who might benefit from this very special evening. Reservations can be made by calling Suri Kasirer at 595-7438. A list of participating synagogues can be found on page 13.

6. Purim Feast--On the afternoon of Purim it is customary to participate in a feast in celebration of the holiday. This, too, is part of the usual fashion of celebration, and is referred to in the Megillah itself (9:22).

7. Prohibition against Fasting and Eulogies--The various positive forms of celebration are accompanied by their negative correlatives, that forms which are normally indicative of sorrow and mourning may not be partaken of on the days of Purim.

B. PURIM IN THE SYNAGOGUE

1. Machatzit Ha-Shekel--Just prior to the reading of the Megilla on the night of Purim, it is customary to fulfill the obligation of the payment of the tax of three half shekels which was announced in the synagogue a number of weeks earlier, on Shabbat Parshat Shekalim. In order to assure that everyone be able to fulfill that obligation by giving three half dollar coins (the modern equivalent to the three half shekels), it is customary for the synagogue to have prepared a container in which there are three such coins, and to have them available to anyone who desires to fulfill the mitzvah. Anyone may then purchase the coins for any sum of money which he wishes to contribute, on the condition that he then re-contribute the three coins for similar use by any other member of the congregation.

2. Beating of Haman--The custom of making noise when the name of Haman is read in the Megillah has taken various forms through the years. In some countries, children would draw the name or figure of Haman on two smooth stones or pieces of wood and knock them together until the inscription was obliterated, thus obliterating the name of Haman. Some would accomplish the same purpose by writing Haman's name on the soles of their shoes and stamping their feet at every mention of his name. Some synagogues were opposed entirely to what seemed to be indecorous conduct in the synagogue. In 1783, the Board of Trustees of the Spanish-Portuguese congregation in London ruled that anyone making a disturbance was to be evicted from the synagogue.

3. "Ad D'lo Yadah"--The Talmud in Tractate Megillah records the statement of Raba that, "It is the duty of a man to mellow himself (with wine) on Purim until he cannot tell the difference between 'Cursed by Haman' and 'Blessed by Mordechai'."

C. THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. The events described in the Book of Esther are certainly not rare in the long history of the Jewish people. Rather, Purim stands as a prototype for the long history of antisemitism in the world. But the story of Purim likewise represents the faith of the Jewish people in the operation of G-d within human history by the use of human action in what appears to be the normal course of historical events. The Book of Esther represents to the Rabbinic mind the prime example of the "Nes Nistar", the hidden miracle.

2. The Fast of Esther, designed as a reminder of the fact that Esther asked the Jewish community to fast and pray on her behalf before she went to the King to ask that the Jews not be killed, was actually observed by the Jews of Shushan during the month of Nissan, a full eleven months before Haman's decree was to be executed. Nevertheless, the date that was set by the Rabbis for the fast was the 13th of Adar. They seemingly felt that it would be best to have the fast observed immediately before the celebration of the salvation which had come. The clear implication which is intended is that the fasting and praying of the 13th of Adar is the direct cause of the salvation of the 14th.

3. The date which Haman had chosen on which the Jews would be exterminated was the 13th of Adar. It was on that day that the Jews eventually protected themselves successfully against the attacks of private Persian citizens. Yet the date set for the celebration of those events was not the 13th, but the 14th. It was as if the Sages were telling us that we may not celebrate the downfall of our enemies though

PURIM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND MORNING SERVICES...7 AND 7:30 A.M.
MINCHA.....5:15 P.M.

MAARIV AND MEGILLAH READING MAIN SANCTUARY...6:15 P.M.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE BET MIDRASH.....6:15 P.M.

OVERFLOW SERVICE ANNEX MAIN FLOOR.....6:15 P.M.
ANNEX LOWER LEVEL.....6:15 P.M.
PUBLIC SCHOOL 1996:30 P.M.

LATE MEGILLAH READING MAIN SANCTUARY.....9:15 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD

MORNING SERVICES &

MEGILLAH READING..... 6:45 AND 8:00 A.M.

MEGILLAH READING 12:45 AND 4:30 P.M.

they be as evil as Haman. A day on which it was necessary for Jews to kill other human beings is not a fit day for joyous celebration. Therefore, celebrate your having been rescued, but on the next day, the 14th. On the 13th, we fast.

4. Shushan Purim, the 15th of Adar, represents the same theme. The original decree had extended the right of massacre of the Jews to the 14th of Adar as well as the 13th in cities which were completely surrounded by walls, such as Shushan, the capital of the then Persian empire. Again, the celebration of the salvation was postponed to the 15th in those cities.

5. Two passages of the Book of Esther seem to indicate almost an intentional avoidance of the use of G-d's name. In 4:14, when Mordechai is trying to convince Esther to go to the King to plead the case for the Jews, he says, "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then will relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place. . ."; and in the same chapter when Esther asks Mordechai to tell the Jews of Shushan to fast for her, without making any mention whatsoever of the prayers which would normally accompany such a fast. One reason suggested for this intentional omission is that "since the Megillah was to be read at the annual merrymaking of Purim, when considerable license was permitted, the author feared that the Divine Name might be profaned if it occurred in the reading."

6. The Fast of Esther is one of the four minor fasts, of only 12-hour duration, from sunrise till the stars emerge, in contradistinction to Yom Kippur and the fast of the Ninth of Av which last from sunset till the emergence of the stars on the next evening, a period of approximately twenty-five hours. The other minor fasts are: the Tenth of Tevet and the Seventeenth of Tammuz, both of which recall to memory events leading to the destruction of the Temple, and the Fast of Gedaliah on the day after Rosh Hashanah, which memorializes the assassination of the man who was the governor of Judea after the destruction of the Temple.

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Members of Lincoln Square Synagogue would like to thank the Rabbis, Cantor Goffin and Suri Kasirer and their families for their generous contribution to the Chesed Fund on our behalf made in order to fulfill the prescription of Mordechai the Jew--and we, in turn, wish you all a very happy Purim.

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EDITOR Rissi Zweig
ASSISTANT EDITOR Arleen Abraham

From the President's Desk

It's "Dinner Time." That phrase makes most people hungry, but in the context of our annual fund raising event it makes me nervous. Why nervous? Because the over \$200,000 we must raise from this event has already been budgeted and spent and this is our first fund-raiser in the post-crash environment.

Fortunately, we have wonderful honorees this year and a talented and dedicated group of committee chairmen. The honorees are Roy and Judi Stern. Roy and Judi (who is Rabbi Riskin's youngest sister) have been at LSS since its inception (they were teenagers). They met and were married here and have blessed us with seven of the most active members of the Melanie Ross Youth Center. They have chaired numerous events and dinners and Roy is currently our second Vice President. In fact, there is no activity in our Shul's history that they have not enthusiastically led or supported, but what comes to mind first when I reflect on their service is their total commitment to our core purpose: chesed. Roy and Judi Stern's names are synonymous with caring for others in sickness and health and when death strikes.

No member of LSS who has ever needed the services of our Chevra Kadisha will ever forget the way Roy responds and lifts the whole burden of funeral and burial arrangements from off the shoulders of the mourning family in a gentle and efficient manner. Nor will they forget the kindness and efficiency with which Judi sees to their material needs during the period of Shiva.

They both come from families with a history of selfless service to Am Yisrael and they have enhanced already illustrious reputations with total dedication tempered by sweetness, modesty, and two beautiful smiles. Aside from their work on behalf of Lincoln Square, they are pillars of the Manhattan Day School and of the movement to promote the welfare of the State of Israel through Aliyah.

I can think of no other couple who typify as Roy and Judi do what we are about as a Synagogue, as a community and as a people and I am thrilled that they

reluctantly agreed to allow us to publicly thank them this year for what they mean to us.

Leading the Dinner Committee we are fortunate to have the services of two of last year's honorees, Amos and Miryam Alter, and Jim and Gale Kaufman. And, the people charged with breaking last year's journal record are: Alan and Suzanne Smith, Eli Salig, and David and Michele Morse. Ad blanks will be in the mail soon and the chairmen are looking for additional volunteers.

As I re-read what I have written, I begin to feel a lot less nervous as I reflect on the qualifications of our honorees and chairmen and take comfort in the fact that Rabbi Martin Katz and his staff and the indefatigable Martha Cohn are ready to swing into action. But the fact remains that an ambitious goal must be reached: the bills come due each day, the payroll looms every two weeks. We all must take the responsibility of funding the activities of our wonderful Synagogue. So, help my stomach, help our cash flow, say thank you to the Sterns, let our Rabbis and staff know how much you appreciate how hard they are working and play your part in making this year's dinner/journal an enormous success.

-Morton Landowne

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Hold Wednesday night, March 30, 1988, 8 p.m. for a concert by VLADIMIR FELTSMAN, just recently allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union. The concert is co-sponsored by a coalition of B'nai Jeshurun, Lincoln Square, Metropolitan and Steven Wise Free Synagogues, in conjunction with the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

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Kashrut Korner

By Rabbi Kenneth Brander

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SHADCHEN COMMITTEE is in need of a computer. Should anyone be able to help them or donate a computer, it would be greatly appreciated.

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AMUD: The Community Action Supplement to ECHOD

February 1988/Shevat 5748

ADL OFFICIAL AT LSS SEES HOPE FOR GRADUAL MOVE TOWARD PEACE

Kenneth Jacobson, Director of Middle East Affairs for the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith, presented a restrained and nuanced picture of Israel's situation at a lecture in the Sanctuary on February 10 sponsored by the LSS Israel Affairs Committee.

He called the developing riots in Gaza and the West Bank "sinister" and "organized", not simply random outbreaks, and said that Israelis of all political views agree the disturbances must be quelled or a precedent will be set that provides incentives to greater and greater violence. He called most Western criticism of the Israeli reaction "completely hypocritical and illegitimate" but said that internal Jewish discussion can be productive. He said recent weeks have seen a "radicalization" among Palestinians who see for the first time a chance of "victory."

He described his meeting with ABC network executives after they aired a comparison of Israel with South Africa (he pointed out to them that a hundred countries are more like South Africa, but they replied that analogy was appropriate because some Israelis and American officials had also made it), and said that the media's "greatest crime" was not bias against Israel but a systematic avoidance of examining oppression and human right violations in Arab countries.

Audience questions covered arguments for an International Conference, whether giving back the West Bank would actually bring peace, media bias, drawbacks of American Jewish silence, and the "organized campaign" behind the Gaza violence.

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

LEAH SHAKDIEL WINDS UP "TASTE OF ISRAEL" ON FEBRUARY 23.

The final lecture in the LSS Israel Affairs Committee's "A Taste of Israel" series, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the State, will be held at LSS on Thursday, February 23.

Leah Shakdiel, the religious woman whose recent election to the "Moetza Datat" (Area Religious Council) sparked controversy, and Moshe Landsman, also an activist resident of the Negev town of Yeruham, will speak on "Life in an Israeli Development Town." Their speaking tour is organized under the auspices of the New Israel Fund.

MITZVAH OF THE MONTH: TAPING BOOKS FOR JEWS TO HEAR

If Jews are the "People of the Book," what do Jews do who can't use books? In part, they rely on people to read to them from sacred writings and modern sources--or depend on tapes onto which those words have been recorded and interpreted. Helping to produce such tapes is a fulfillment of the obligations of areivut (shared responsibility for the physical and

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AMUD means a page (such as a page of Talmud) or a pillar or column (including a column of type) . . . AMUD is the lectern from which one leads the community in prayer . . . AMUD means standing on one's feet, engaging in action, taking a stand.

Mitzvah of the Month (Continued)

spiritual lives of fellow Jews), of teaching and sharing Torah, and an important way of accomplishing the opposite of the prohibition of "lifnei iver" (Lev. 19:14): removing the stumbling blocks in the way of blind (and vision-impaired) Jews.

LSS is embarking on this project, in cooperation with the Jewish Braille Institute, to record Jewish religious texts and books of philosophy, theology, history and fiction for Jews who are blind, visually impaired, dyslexic or learning-disabled. The books recorded will be circulated by the JBI "Talking Book" Library, which provides over 6000 titles on audiocassette to listeners in more than 40 countries. JBI can also make use of narrators with good voices and reading styles and linguistic fluency to make recordings at their offices in midtown.

We will create a group at LSS whose members will meet regularly at the Synagogue to do taping. Volunteers are needed to narrate the recordings, produce the taping sessions, check the quality of final products, and coordinate and administer the operations. Please join by mid-March, when we will go together to the JBI offices at 110 E. 30th Street. Contact Hyla Bassel Carey at LSS, 595-5498 or 874-6105 or Richard Borgersen, Director of Special Library Services at JBI,

RABBI BUCHWALD TALKS FOOD TO JEWISH HUNGER GROUP AT LSS

A meeting of the American Jewish World Service (co-sponsored by LSS Community Action) in the LSS Annex on January 31 heard Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald address the topic, "Feast and Famine: The Role and Ritual of Food in Jewish Tradition."

The American Jewish World Service is a project which, in the name of American Jews, supports and creates development programs in Africa, Latin America and Asia which help starving communities become self-sufficient. For info on the group, on their Associates program for young professionals, and on their upcoming Afikoman Pledge campaign for Pesach, contact AJWS, 729 Boylston, Boston, MA 02116, (617) 267-6656, or Caroline Harris, chair of the NY Associates, at (212) 582-7753.

COALITION OF SYNAGOGUES CONTINUES WORK FOR THE HOMELESS

"Beyond Shelter", the coalition of West Side synagogues in which LSS Community Action has been an active participant, is pursuing its campaign for permanent housing.

Two public gatherings/educational programs are scheduled: 1) February 22 at Congregation Ansche Chesed at West 100th Street, and 2) March 15 at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism on West 86th Street.

Future projects of the Coalition include a mass meeting of West Side Jews on the Homeless issue in April; meetings with elected officials in May; testimony at City budget hearings in June; and going beyond these efforts at community education and influencing public policy to directly contributing to the creation and rehabilitation of housing for the homeless through establishing a Housing Trust Fund which will grant revolving loans to non-profit organizations for low-income housing.

REGISTER TO VOTE: IT'S A MITZVAH!

If you have never registered to vote in New York, have changed addresses, or have not voted in four years, you are ineligible to vote in the April 19 primary and the November Presidential election.

Numerous authorities, including Rabbi Yaakov Kaminetzky (z"l) have described voting in American elections as an obligation incumbent on the community. Rav Moshe Feinstein (z"l) wrote that voting is an act of Hakarat Hatov (gratitude) to the inclusive democracy of America, which he called a "malkhut shel hesed (benevolent government)."

Registering is the only way you can participate in the responsibility of voting, and strengthening the voice of Jewish needs and values. Copies of voter registration forms are available from the LSS Community Action office. For further info call us or the voter hot line: 1-212-VOTER 88.

AFTER THE MARCH AND THE SUMMIT: THE STATE OF SOVIET JEWS AND THE MOVEMENT

The issues revolving around the Rally in Washington continue to resonate: will Glasnost mean basic change in the fate of Soviet Jews? Are things getting better or worse? How can we have an impact?

More Jews are getting out of the Soviet Union: 8155 in 1987, several times more than in recent years. Quite a few of the best-known and longest-denied refuseniks are leaving, including many of the leading organizers, activists and teachers (raising the question of who will lead the movement when that group has gone). But in 1979, six times last year's number were permitted to leave. And perhaps 20,000 remain in refusal, along with nearly 400,000 who have attempted at some point to obtain "invitations" from relatives in Israel, the first step toward emigration. In addition, hundreds of thousands of others would apply if there were some real hope of success. The increase in emigration numbers is far too small.

The greatest current area of concern to the Soviet Jewry movement, and also our greatest potential forum for leverage, is US-Soviet trade. The new Secretary of Commerce, C. William Verity, and his nominee for Undersecretary for International Trade, Kempton Jenkins, are longstanding advocates of greatly increased and liberalized US-USSR trade. They are among those calling for a waiver of the 1974 Jackson-Vanik amendment which ties trade with emigration. Verity reportedly met secretly with Mikhail Gorbachev on December 10, International Human Rights Day (!) to discuss possible trade deals. Jackson-Vanik requires a level of Jewish

emigration, 60,000 per year, slightly above that of the late seventies but far higher than the present, which the Soviets themselves accepted at the time as a definition of significant emigration in order for trade arrangements to improve.

On the ABC "Capital to Capital" satellite bridge, Soviet officials said that only 549 Jews remain in the USSR waiting to emigrate. As long as such deceit, intimidation, repression and restrictions continue, American Jews will need to try out and juggle strategies of publicity, pressure, economic leverage, personal contact and demonstrations to free our imprisoned brothers and sisters.

FARM CRISIS AND ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY LSS AND OTHERS

A conference entitled "Judaism and the Land: Responding to the Rural Crisis", organized by a coalition of organizations including LSS Community Action, American Jewish Committee, Social Action Commission of Reform Judaism, National Council of Jewish Women, and others will be held on February 28 at Hebrew Union College, 1 West 4th Street.

The purpose of the gathering is to develop a Jewish response to the rural economic crisis, farm and food issues, growing anti-Semitism among displaced farmers, and threats to America's natural environment.

Speakers will include rabbis, ecologists and farm-issue activists including Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Hightower, Helen Waller of the National Save the Family Farm Coalition, Edward Pennick of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, and Deputy U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Peter Myers. Gertrude Dubrovsky will screen excerpts from her new documentary film on American Jewish farm life in the early 20th century, and LSS Community Action Director Jonathan Wolf will join Rabbi Leonard Gutman of Fifth Avenue Synagogue in presenting a session on "Land and Agriculture in Jewish Text and Ritual."

AMUD is produced by LSS Community Action and is assembled and edited by Jonathan Wolf, LSS Community Action Director, and Hyla Bassel Carey, Assistant Director. For more information about anything in this issue, or to comment, object, correct or suggest new ideas, as well as to volunteer for any projects described herein, contact us at 595-7498 or at 874-6105. Please come visit us in our new office in the Annex (behind the glass) any time!

What to Do with Excess Shalach Manot

Here is a list of neighborhood organizations running small shelters for the homeless. They can use relatively small donations of food that you might have left over from Purim Seudot.

<u>Nights</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
M-Th	Ethical Culture Society	2 W. 64 St.	874-5210
M-Th	Stephen Wise Synagogue	30 W. 68 St.	877-4050
M-Th	Shearith Israel Synagogue	8 W. 70 St.	873-0300
all 7	Blessed Sacrament Church	152 W. 71 St.	877-3111
Th-Sa	Holy Trinity Church	213 W. 82 St.	787-0634
M-F	Cong. Rodeph Shalom	7 W. 83 St.	362-8800
Su-Tu	Cong. B'nai Jeshurun	257 W. 88 St.	787-7600
all 7	Holy Name Church	207 W. 96 St.	749-0276
all 7	St. Michael's Church	225 W. 99 St.	222-2700
M-Th	Ansche Chesed Synagogue	251 W. 100 St.	865-0600

ATTENTION!

Here's the news you've been waiting for:
The LSS Food Drive Season is HERE!

Please put these on your calendar:

PURIM

Sunday, February 28, 12-4pm

Wednesday, March 2, 6pm-8pm

(The Fast should help you understand the Mitzvah of feeding the hungry.)

A basket will also be available Purim day until noon for last minute drop-offs. We will collect all kinds of nutritious, sealed, non-perishable foods. Come early and heavily laden with canned fruits, vegetables, soups and fishes; dried beans, pastas, cereals, milk and fruit; peanut butter; kosher and non-kosher items. Here's your opportunity to get rid of that food of suspicious kashrut. Clear your cupboard and your conscience.

PESACH

THE FAMOUS CHAMETZ DRIVE

Sunday, March 27, 11-4pm

Monday, March 28, 6pm-8pm

This drive is the only time we can accept open packages of non-perishable foods as well as any closed non-perishables you would care to donate.

NOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8PM ON MARCH 28!

These food drives serve many kinds of organizations helping the hungry.

The Purim drive goes to two food pantries, one kosher and one not, that give groceries to families temporarily in need of food. The Chametz drive goes to a non-Jewish soup kitchen which prepares meals for hungry, homeless people who get to come in out of the cold for meals three days a week.

-Wendy Baker

Within our Family

CONDOLENCES:

Miriam Burstein upon the passing of her beloved father, Max Burstein.

Robert Ehrlich upon the passing of his beloved sister, Susan Bachman.

Julia Klein upon the passing of her beloved brother, Abraham Horowitz.

BIRTHS:

Rivka and Elliot Falk upon the birth of a daughter, Ayala Eva.

Helene Katz Freedman and Rabbi David Freedman upon the birth of a daughter, Yoanna Reuvat.

Miriam Weiss and Sam Gluck upon the birth of a son, Menashe Aron.

Judy Thaler Kane and Steven Kane upon the birth of a daughter, Ariella Keren.

Lauren and Ezra Merkin upon the birth of a daughter, Sophia.

Zehava and Moshael Straus upon the birth of a daughter, Sarah Ariella; and Mazel Tov to the grandmother, Mrs. Gwen Straus.

MARRIAGE:

Faye Goldfeder and Sid Levinson

ENGAGEMENTS:

Dr. Janice Drandell and Dr. Richard Bennett

Debra Waitman and Daniel Weiss

BAR MITZVAH:

Mazel Tov to Shellee and Rabbi Saul Berman on the bar mitzvah of their son, Shama; and Mazel Tov to Efrath, Akiva and Esther Golda and the entire Birn and Berman families.

Mazel Tov to Aviva and Marvin Sussman on the bar mitzvah of their son, J.J.

TZETCHEM L'SHALOM...

...to Elena Alexander who is returning to Israel to continue her studies at Bar Ilan.

AND...

Mazel Tov to Adrienne Goldfeder on being chosen as semi-finalist in the Westinghouse National Science Talent Search.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Shoshana Goldman on being nominated as a Fulbright Scholar in Israel.

Mazel Tov to Beatrice and Gerson Wald on their 58th Wedding Anniversary.

NEW MEMBERS:

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FEGS-- Federation Employment & Guidance Service

Mobile Job and Career Center which offers free job placement services and referrals to skills training programs will be in front of LSS on Wednesday, March 2, from 11am to 3pm.

Melanie Ross Youth Center-

From the office of the Youth Director
--Brian Thau

Our sages say "אין אמת נאמרים", all beginnings are difficult. Looking back on the past year and a half nothing could be more true. With steely determination and a dedicated youth department staff, MRYC has become one of the finest youth programs in New York City. Many people doubted, even questioned, whether a successful youth department could happen on the West Side. Over the past two and a half years Rabbi Brander and myself have been working on creating a department with strong basic programs and searching for new and innovative activities for our youth.

Our Shabbat morning child care division is a tremendous success. This division will enable us to give more personal attention and greater comfort to your children. We hope that this expanded service will add to your enjoyment of davening at LSS.

Coming up in the next few months will be our second bi-annual Youth Shabbat and Luncheon on Shabbat Parshat KiTissa, March 5. On that Motzei Shabbat MRYC will sponsor its first annual concert featuring the Miami Boys Choir and our Cantor Sherwood Goffin. Our second annual "Shabbaton of the Decade" will take place on April 15-16. Last year over 100 high school students from all of New York attended, including our very own in what many called "one of the best shabbatons ever run."

The Hebrew Homework Hotline is off and running. Every day students from all the different schools, whether they are from conservative day schools or right-wing yeshivot use our special service. Last week Rabbi Brander and I were in the youth lounge checking to see how the hotline was doing. As we stood there he remarked, "This is the only program that I know of in which Jews from different backgrounds participate, whether it be Lubavitch, Solomon Schechter, Satmar, MDS, Heschel, Brandeis, MTA, RAMAZ, SAR, Chofetz Chaim, Frisch or Mit." Last year over 2,000 students used this important service. At the rate the hotline is being called this year, we will easily pass that mark. This

exciting study aide can be reached on Mondays and Thursdays, 7-10pm. Post rabbinic students from Yeshiva University answer your questions.

As you can see, the Melanie Ross Youth Center is on the road to a banner year. It's still not too late to get involved! The entire staff is already working hard on future programs and look forward to your children's participation in them, whether they be on Shabbat morning, afternoon or weekend social activities. Should you have any comments, please feel free to contact us in the youth lounge at 724-7200 or leave a message in the main office at 874-6100 and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

As this issue comes to print we will be celebrating Purim. On behalf of MRYC we would like to wish the entire LSS family a

נחמ פ' תש"ב

LSS Sonics Box score

The LSS Sonics first game of the year was a tremendous victory against the Park East Panthers, coached by Eric "Pat Riley" Ehrman and psyched up the owner Brian "Steinbrenner" Thau, The Sonics destroyed the Panthers by the score of 65 to 16. Congratulations go to the high scorers Eric Berkowitz with 10, Avi Spira with 11, JJ Sussman with 12, and Eric Rabbani with 15 and the entire team of Buchwald, Alter, Schenker, Benneim and Eric Sussman.

The LSS Sonics second game played on February 11th was a trouncing of the Riverdale Jewish Center Cougars by the score of 56-42. This was their first home victory. Congratulations to the high scorers Avi Spira with 11, JJ Sussman with 12 and Eric Rabbani with 23. Congratulations to the entire team!!!! We'll keep you posted on further Sonics action

Nursery Notes

Mazel Tov to Judy. Her baby has finally come. It's a girl and her name is Arielle Keren. We made a chart guessing what time of day the baby would be born. Three children guessed afternoon and they were right. We made a quilt for the baby and Judy. We took two pieces of fabric and some stuffing. Everyone sewed the three pieces together. Judy and the baby are going to come visit school as soon as they can.

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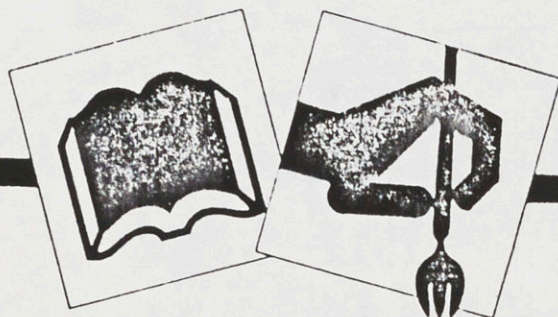
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| Feb 17 — Rabbi Hershel Schachter —
Halakhic Aspects of Dating and Marriage:
An Overview. | March 23 — Rabbi Saul J. Berman —
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Family Purity |
| Feb. 24 — Dr. Irving Levitz —
Courtship and Marriage in the Modern
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lecture. |
| March 9 — Rabbi Shlomo Riskin —
Sex and the Single Adult | A translator for the deaf will be present. |
| March 16 — Rabbi Shlomo Riskin —
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On Feb. 24, March 9 and March 16 LSS will host HOT BUFFET DINNERS FOR SINGLES. These dinners will take place prior to the lecture and the lecturers for those evenings Rabbi Riskin and Dr. Levitz will be in attendance.

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March 6
May 1 Sundays, 10-12:00 noon
June 5

JACS HAVURA--

March 1
March 22 Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm

LEAH GORDON YIDDISH VINKELE will be held on Sunday, March 6 at 2:30. Please come and enjoy.

The first meeting of the LSS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on Sunday, March 20 at 8pm to discuss ARAB and JEW by David K. Shieler (Penguin paperback). Please notify LSS if you will attend: 874-6100.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LECTURES WITH DINNERS--

February 24
March 9 \$22.00
March 16

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP for PURIM, led by Suri Kasirer on Monday, February 29, 8-9:30pm. Free. This is an intensive learning experience relating to some central laws of the holiday, especially for those who are new to observance.

INTERMEDIATE MINYAN--meets at 9am downstairs in the Annex.

February 27 (Luncheon)
March 5
March 19 (Luncheon)
April 16
April 30 (Luncheon)

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Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:35 P.M.

Saturday, February 27 (TETZAVEH)

SHABBAT ZACHOR
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....4:40 P.M.
Mincha.....5:25 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....5:40 P.M.

Friday, March 4

Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:32 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:45 P.M.

Saturday, March 5 (KEE TISSA)

Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....4:45 P.M.
Mincha.....5:30 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....5:45 P.M.

Friday, March 11

Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:40 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:50 P.M.

Saturday, March 12 (VAYAKHEL-PERUDE)

SHABBAT PARAH
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....4:55 P.M.
Mincha.....5:40 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....5:50 P.M.

Friday, March 18

Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:48 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 19 (VAYIKRA)

Rosh Chodesh Nisan
SHABBAT HACHODESH
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....5:05 P.M.
Mincha.....5:50 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....6:00 P.M.

Friday, March 25

Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:55 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 P.M.

Saturday, March 26 (TZAV)

SHABBAT HAGADOL
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
MINCHA FOLLOWED BY SHABBAT HAGADOL DISCOURSE 5:00 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....6:05 P.M.

Thursday Evening, March 31

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