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WORDS

from Rabbi Saul J. Berman

One element of the events of Chanukah echoes the earlier Jewish paradigm of redemption - the Exodus from Egypt. During the struggle against the Syrian-Greeks to restore Jewish autonomy and to regain Jewish control over the Temple in Jerusalem, there was a parallel struggle within the Jewish community between those who remained loyal to Torah and its values, against those who adopted Hellenistic values and attempted to supplant Mitzvot with a foreign culture.

This struggle between "loyalists" and "liberationists" echoes the perception of the Sages that at the time of the Exodus, the Jewish people were joined by an "erev rav," a mixed multitude of peoples who really lacked loyalty to God and were, therefore, constantly fomenting rebellions against Moshe and against the Torah. On one level, the most reasonable response to the erev rav should have been, separation. They were, after all, not even descendants of Abraham and Sarah - why not just send them back to Egypt? Yet God and Moshe not only tolerated them but continued to struggle to integrate them fully into the Jewish people.

Likewise, the Hellenists were not ejected from the corpus of the Jewish people, for all of the trouble which they caused to the "loyalists." Indeed, our celebration of Chanukah preserves no symbol of the victory of the Maccabees over the Jewish Hellenists - only of the victory of the entire Jewish people over the external enemy.

There was a price that the Jewish people paid for the integration of the erev rav and for the non-exclusion of the Hellenists. But, apparently, our ancestors in their wisdom understood it to be God's intent that we pay that price rather than sever a limb from the body of the Jewish people.

We today confront a new version of struggle between "loyalists" to Torah and Mitzvot, of varied denominational titles, and "liberationists" whose casting off of the yoke of Torah is a painful sight to see. In fact, due to the adoption of the "patrilineal descent" rule by some Jewish movements, there are increasing numbers of identified Jews who are not halachically Jewish at all - like the erev rav before them. There are, unfortunately, many voices now calling for total separation — for the intentional severance of the weakened limb. Yet Chanukah must instruct us that separation

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Beyond the obvious stellar work of the Melanie Ross Youth Center, Margy and I have watched our four children derive immense value from participating in clothing and food drives, "Turn Friday Night into Shabbos", "The Mitzvah Supermarket", political debates, JSI studies which we bring to our dinner table, and so much more. We regularly host singles for Shabbos lunch, involving our whole family in efforts to forge communal bonds and, when possible, wedding bands.

Yes, Lincoln Square is a spectacular home away from home for our children - at shul-wide events, during services, especially at times when MRYC youth groups and special activities are underway. But with the benefits come clear obligations. While at LSS, our children must be supervised by a parent or youth leader. They can not be allowed to roam freely in and around the Synagogue. Certainly, the rule that the lower levels of 200 Amsterdam Avenue are off-limits must be adhered to as punctiliously as the rule that keeps our main sanctuary center exit aisle clear during services.

Mark Hus and his Youth Committee, and Lenny Davidman and the Ushering and Public Safety Committee are joining forces to enforce these rules. Our concern is for decorum and, beyond that, for the safety of children, adults, and older adults. We also care about the way our physical plant is being treated.

Sooner or later, most parents of younger children will be approached and asked to take their child to a youth group, or to keep them close at hand during services. None of us is immune to the problem and most of will devote some time helping maintain safety and decorum inside our sanctuaries and hallways. When "our time comes," I hope we are supportive and helpful. Of course any suggestions would be welcomed by Mark or Lenny.

Lincoln Square continues to provide support of all kinds to the newly arrived Soviet Jews in our community. Jonathan Wolf, our Community Action Director is behind numerous projects designed to ease the transition process for these newly arrived Soviet Jews. Please call Jonathan at 595-7498 if you can help in any way.

During the past few weeks Lincoln Square has seen two of its leading professionals move on to new challenges. Kenneth Wagner, our Executive Director since June of 1988 is taking a senior management position in a private sector manufacturing firm. Kenny brought vision, wit, and great commitment to a most critical position. He oversaw a total reconstruction of our financial records, and ensured a balanced budget for the fiscal year ending June 1989. Kenny will be missed in the office, but we look forward to seeing him at services and other LSS programs.

Suri Kasirer, our Director of Outreach and Inreach activities is leaving after more than 10 years at LSS. LSS would not be what it is today were it not for her. She has enhanced all of our efforts to touch souls and bring Jews closer to Torah and Yiddishkeit. Suri has created and implemented so many of the projects that we think integral to LSS' own identity: the

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LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

Prepared by Rabbi Saul J. Berman

1. The Holiday of Chanukah is celebrated for eight days.

Comment: We Jews of the Diaspora do not add an additional day as we do in the cases of Pesach, Succot and Shavuot because the holiday of Chanukah is of Rabbinic origin, while the others are of Biblical origin. The doubt as to the accuracy of the transmission of the date of the New Moon is sufficient basis for us to create the extra burden of an additional day only where violation of a Biblical command might result.

2. The holiday is commemorated by the kindling of candles or oil in a Menorah.

Comment: It is preferable that all eight of the candles or wicks be on the same level, with no preference given to any one by virtue of its being substantially higher or set apart from the others.

3. The candles should be placed in the menorah from right to left of the person lighting them and should be lit from left to right.

Comment: In some communities the reverse was the practice, but the above is the generally accepted custom today.

4. On the first night a single candle should be lit, and on each subsequent night one candle is added until on the eighth evening eight candles are lit.

Comment: The Talmud records a dispute between the School of Shammai and the School of Hillel as to the number of candles to be lit on each evening. Beit Shammai maintained that on the first night of Chanukah eight candles should be lit and that the number should be reduced on each succeeding evening. Beit Hillel asserted that only one candle should be lit on the first evening and the number should be progressively increased. Our practice follows the option of Beit Hillel, so that we simulate the occurrence in the Temple where each day the oil continued to burn was an additional miraculous event. Beit Shammai seemed to feel that we should indicate with our candles the number of days remaining to the holiday.

5. A Shamash (servant candle) should be used to light the Chanukah candles and should then be left near the others but at a distinctly different height.

Comment: The need for the Shamash is predicated on the fact that the sole function of the Chanukah candles should be the announcement of the holiday. The light of the candles may therefore not be used for any other purpose, such as to read by. In order to avoid the possibility of someone using the light in error, or using one candle to light another, the Shamash, which may be used, is added. It must, however, be set apart from the others in order to avoid the impression that it is an additional candle signifying an additional day of the celebration.

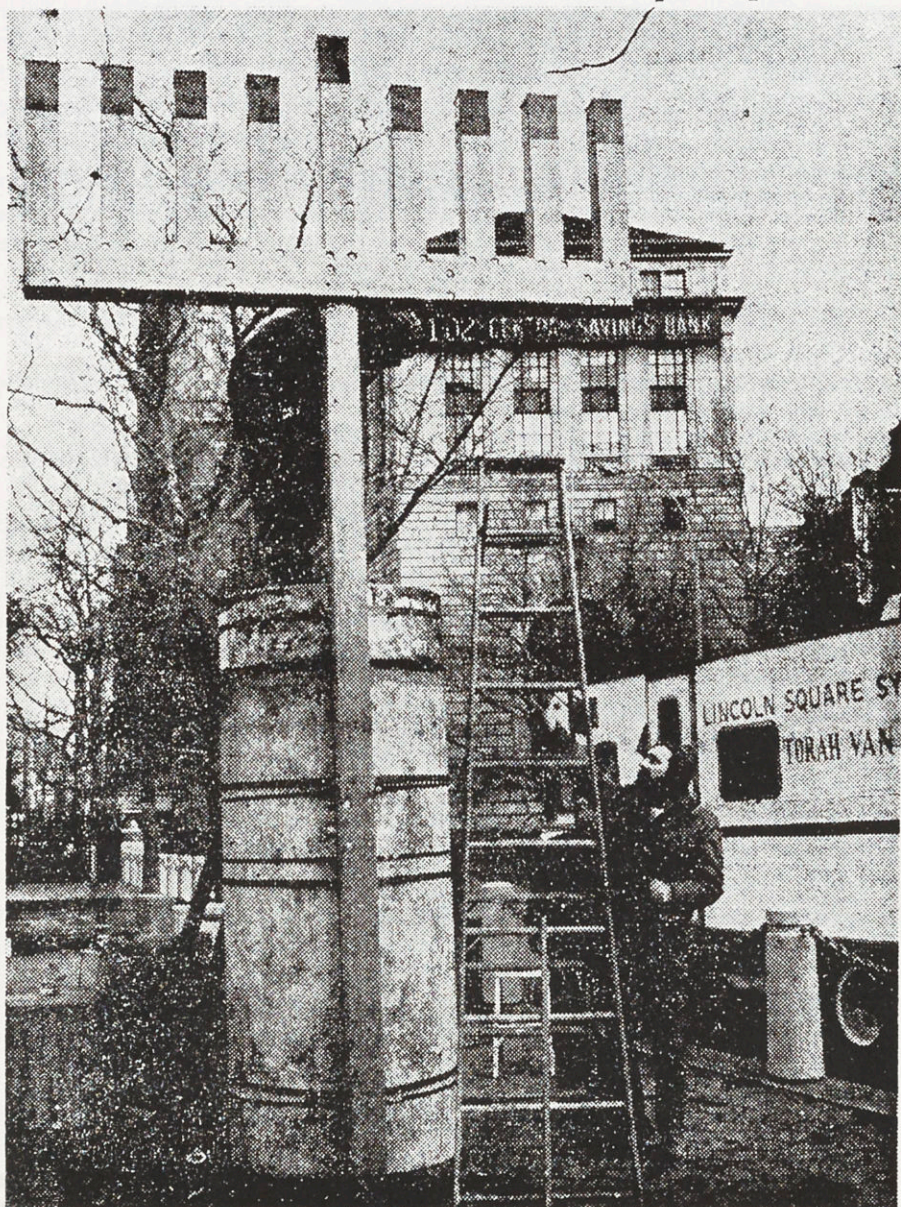
6. The Menorah should be placed in an open doorway, or in a window where it can be viewed from the street.

Comment: An essential part of the reason for lighting candles is to publicize the miraculous events of Chanukah. In fact, some analyze the Mitzvah of lighting the candles as two separate commandments: (1) to commemorate the miracle of the oil, and (2) to publicize the events of Chanukah. They assert that the two blessings recited on every evening (a third is recited only on the first evening) refer to these two separate commandments.

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DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1978

The season will be jolly



News photo by Jack Smith

Members of the Lincoln Square Synagogue watch construction of a menorah in Needle Park, Broadway at 72nd St., yesterday, after permit was issued by Parks Commissioner Gordon Davis. The menorah signals the end of a brief skirmish among Community Planning Board 7, area merchants and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald of the synagogue over holiday decorations. Peace on earth reigns once more.

THE PUBLIC CHANUKAH MENORAH— A REMINDER FOR INDIFFERENT JEWS

Whenever I pass by the LSS Chanukah Menorah on Broadway and 72nd Street, I recall, with bittersweet memory, the 1978 struggle of raising the menorah publicly in our neighborhood.

1978 was about the time that the first Jewish public menorot were erected in New York City. So when Carmen and Ivor Neuschotz, of the Beginners Service, offered to build the Menorah, LSS decided to sponsor it, and applied to the Community Planning Board 7 for permission.

Mordechai Reich, who was then the Outreach Director, Rabbi Riskin and I, thought we would have an easy time of obtaining approval since in those years 72nd St., from West End to Columbus Avenue, was adorned annually, starting Thanksgiving, with elaborate seasonal Christmas decorations. So what's the big deal about one Chanukah Menorah among 40 or 50 Christmas trees?

Boy, were we wrong! The Community Board first sent the issue to committee, where the most vitriolic statements were uttered, bordering on Anti-semitic, by the most self-hating Jews we had ever encountered. "You Jews already have your symbol in Riverside Park, at the Holocaust site, and even that's too much!" It was an eye-opening experience for me, my first encounter with rabid anti-Jewish Jews. The public discussion at the Community Board meeting was not much better, and on November 8, 1978 Community Board 7 voted to oppose the 72nd Street Menorah.

Only at the last minute, and to the great dismay of community leaders, did Parks Commissioner, Gordon Davis, override the Community Board and grant LSS permission to place the Menorah. The local newspapers were livid, and for a while did not let the issue rest. But finally the Menorah went up, and after a few attempts to vandalize the Menorah, it was allowed to stand, for the last 11 years, in relative peace and tranquility. About 5 years ago the original wooden Menorah was replaced by the beautiful aluminum art Menorah designed and built by Lynn and Ian Bader.

I remember that while walking by the original Menorah on Chanukah, 1978, I overheard a young Jewish boy, pointing to the Menorah, ask his mother, "What is that?" She proceeded to tell him what the Menorah represented. With that I breathed a great sigh of relief, and knew that our struggle was well worth it, because thousands of Jews would see the Menorah and remember Chanukah. And many more thousands who know nothing about Chanukah would see it and be prompted to learn about it. Eleven years later, I have reason to believe that even those who were so strongly opposed — are today lighting their own Menorot.

by Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SPARK CONTROVERSY:

Yuletide decorations strung across West 72nd Street, between Broadway and Columbus Avenue. Despite the presence of two stars of David, a neighborhood synagogue campaign to erect a Hanukkah menorah has touched off an emotional debate on the separation of church and state, the use of public property and the meaning of Christmas.

N.Y. Times
November, 1978

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is not an appropriate Jewish response. Rather, we should be prepared to pay even a steep price to continue to work together to preserve the wholeness of the Jewish people.

A recent project of the Community Action department at LSS illustrates a small part of the price which we must welcome paying in pursuit of continued cooperation with all Jews. Through our efforts, an enormous amount of Jewish content was infused in a series of Sukkot season programs related to the environment and the threat of nuclear proliferation. As a result, thousands of Jews were helped to see the richness of Jewish teachings and of Torah insights. Yet, in consequence, the name of our shul appeared on a brochure in which one of the numerous programs took place on the second day of the Chag. The sense of discomfort which I and many others felt at that association, was in the final event a price worth paying for the opportunity to work intensively together with a broad spectrum of other Jews on issues of common Jewish concern in a way which produced enormous Kiddush ha-shem.

The paradigms of Chanukah and of the Exodus must sustain our sense that the struggle to preserve unity is worth fighting, within halachic parameters, rather than opting for the false security of separation.

MARRIAGES MAY BE MADE IN HEAVEN BUT THEY NEED HELP ON EARTH

On Saturday, November 25th, the Rabbis and lay leaders throughout New York and the Tri-state area asked their congregants to help ensure Jewish survival in America by continuing Eliezer's tradition of Matchmaking.

Throughout the generations, the task of Shadchanut was given to people of high moral character, good judgment and personal integrity. During the Talmudic era, the headmasters of Torah academies served as Shadchanim. Later, this function was given to Rabbis and community leaders.

A new image of the Shadchan has evolved. Married and unmarried adults are volunteering their time at the Lincoln Square Shadchan Committee and the Orthodox Union Marriage Commission.

Currently, a group of concerned, committed, and emphathetic adults between the ages of 30 to 60 volunteer in a program sponsored by the Lincoln Square Synagogue Shadchan Committee and the Orthodox Union Marriage Commission. Their mission is to bring together Jewish single men and women so that they may build healthy Jewish marriages and homes. These volunteers interview singles; host small house parties, and organize large functions where people can meet and socialize. Close to 900 adults from 25-55 are registered with the program and the volunteers have successfully brought about nearly 40 marriages in the past 4 years.

As a volunteer Shadchan, you connect people together by interviewing them, introducing them to one another, and assisting at the various singles functions.

The American Jewish community is losing one generation every 30 years because 40% of the adult Jewish population is unmarried and the couples that are marrying are having fewer children. Outreach and Jewish Education are the 2 issues that reign high on the list of priorities. But this group of Matchmakers feel that without Jewish Marriages, there will be no Jewish children to educate.

If you wish to give of yourself and your time as a volunteer Shadchan, please contact Mr. Elchanan Marvit, the Commission Director, at 212/244-2011.



PHOTOGRAPH BY KENNETH S. SIEGEL

CHANUKAH MENORAH ON 72ND STREET

Lincoln Square Synagogue is proud to announce that we will once again be lighting the Chanukah Menorah on 72nd Street and Broadway.

We will be lighting on Saturday night after Shabbat, and Sunday through Thursday evenings. Please check your mailings, or consult with the Synagogue office for the exact time of the Lighting.

We hope that you will all join us to publicize this great miracle.

OUR YOUTH LEAD THE WAY

To launch the Shabbat groups program this year, MRYC conducted a set of leadership training sessions for its leaders and L.I.T.'s (leaders-in-training). The sessions, coordinated by youth director Chaim Hagler, were held on Shabbat afternoon on the weeks preceding the holidays and the start of regular groups.

Goals of the program were to develop a *chevra* among the leaders, to teach activities for groups, and to deal with technicalities such as discipline and group organization.

The first week's session was a general orientation. Rabbi Brander, Mark Hus, and Chaim Hagler spoke with the group about their roles in the youth department and about the role that the youth department plays in the shul as a whole. The second session dealt with the role of the leader as a teacher. Professor Penninah Schram taught story telling techniques, and David Debow, one of the high school co-ordinators, spoke about teaching the *Parsha* to different age levels. The third week, the leaders had a mini - Shabbaton. On Shabbat morning a teen minyan and kiddush were held at the Sussmans' home, followed by lunch at the shul. After lunch, the leaders split up into groups according to the age levels of their kids. Debra Silverman led the session for nursery and kindergarten leaders. The 1st through 4th grade leaders' session was led by Michelle Sarasohn, and Elana Goldschreiber, co-coordinator (with David Debow) of the high school program, led the 5th - 8th grade session. The 4th and final session, focusing on discipline and general rules, was also divided up by age groups. Sessions were led, respectively, by Chaya Gorsetman and Molly Pollack.

Reaction from the participants has been positive. Everyone seems to have had a great time while also growing as a leader. Hopefully, the fruits of their labor were evident when regular Shabbat groups resumed on October 28th.

October marked the beginning of youth programming for this year with a series of parties. We began with a Decorate-the-Sukkah party. First through fourth graders came and helped beautify our sukkah for the chag during Chol Hamoed Sukkot.

The second party during Chol Hamoed Sukkot began at Manhattan Day School, where kids of all ages sang and danced with newly-arrived Russian Jews. From there, the group returned to the youth lounge, where they ate pizza and watched "Back to the Future," while playing "guess-the-next-line".

The 3rd party was on Simchat Torah night. Kids gathered in the Annex for pre-Hakafot ruach and, after the spirited singing and dancing, received candy bags, flags and apples. The next Shabbat, October 28th, was the first week of regular groups.

In December look out for our Youth Shabbat on the 2nd, 7th-8th grade ice skating on the 10th, a High School Shabbaton with YACHAD/NCSY on the 15th-16th, and the annual Chanukah party on the 24th.

Dena Landowne

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distribution of Chanukah and other holiday packages in the community, "Turn Friday Night into Shabbos", special workshops for beginners, as well as the inreach support to singles and young couples and special events like the Mitzvah Supermarket and Religion on the Job.

To the credit of several key New York Jewish leaders, Suri has been "raided" to head a new organization designed to save Syrian Jews literally or virtually imprisoned in one of the most Anti-Semitic nations in the world. She has saved so many souls; her job now is to save lives. We wish her well and are delighted to know that she will continue to be active as a member and helper at LSS.

Perry Davis

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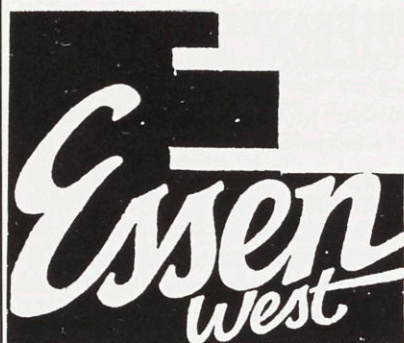
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GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR DINNER?

The Continuing Adventures of the Lincoln Square Synagogue Hospitality Committee

Miriam Axelrod is undaunted by the task of matching guests with hosts for Shabbat hospitality. She views it as a challenge, somewhat like completing a crossword puzzle. There are weeks that require an extra hour or so of effort in order to fill that final square — to offer a last guest the needed invitation. But cross a puzzle fiend with a mitzvah seeker and you can imagine the satisfaction when the job is done.

It takes several hours of telephone work at the beginning of the week to place guests with hosts for Friday night dinner, Shabbat lunch, a home to stay over, or all of the above. Miriam and several volunteers work together from the shul to call on individuals and families from a list of a hundred or so shul members who have expressed an interest in being Shabbat hosts. The guests range from college students to senior citizens, but a good number are single people in their twenties and thirties eager to participate in the Jewish life of the Upper West Side. There are also businesspeople in Manhattan for Shabbat as a matter of necessity as well as friends and relatives of patients at nearby hospitals, and vacationing out-of-towners from all over the United States and Europe.

Potential guests are asked a number of questions by the shul secretaries who receive their calls, including address, occupation, and age. Although the first priority is to place as many guests as possible (usually 10-12 a week), it is pleasing to everyone when guests and hosts are well-suited. Tales of friendship and romance are legion, but many guests express their appreciation through a donation to the shul, or even by joining the hospitality committee.

Miriam views the Jewish calendar year with practical considerations trained by eight years of active involvement with the Hospitality Committee: February and March are good times of year to recruit hosts, but the summer is difficult. Sometimes the committee is able to place only two to four guests in July and August. According to Miriam, the Yomim Tovim "are great": beginners enjoy hospitality for Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur, and Passover is a season when many are likely to be mindful of the need to welcome strangers. Passover Seder guests often include the elderly who seek out the warmth of a small family gathering.

If the alienation of modern life has at all affected the time-honored tradition of *hachnassat orchim*, the welcoming of guests, the villain is the telephone answering machine. It often takes more than one round of telephone calls to reach a human voice. But at Lincoln Square, guests and hosts still preserve the instant and interpersonal rapport of the shared observance of Shabbat, and enjoy the pleasure of making a real connection in a city where so many strangers come together but seldom extend themselves to one another.

Eva L. Weiss

THE RECURRING MIRACLE ON 69TH ST.

Clothing Drive Report

On Sunday, Nov. 5, six times the rented van was filled. Six times it travelled on its errand of mercy to four different locations. 700 bags of clothing were received, sorted, packed, and delivered by the incredible volunteers of the Lincoln Square Synagogue Clothes Line. All that clothing in and out of the building in one day! No wonder the drive must end at 1:00 P.M.; there just isn't enough time to process clothes that come in late.

This had all been preceded by a Phone call to Liz Slotin on Thursday morning at 7:10. My mother had died that morning so I could not be at the Drive. Liz didn't wait for me to ask for her help; she asked me if she could run the drive for me. Frantic phoning and arranging went on that day so Liz and Hyla Carey could do the job. Boy, did they ever! All the volunteers rose to the occasion, giving extra time to this Drive. People came in with clothes and remained to work. Karen and Barbara made their first trips as van drivers. I hear that they came in leather jackets and had the proper "truck driver spirit". Next year we should give them a chance with an eighteen wheeler!

The members of this congregation are special for the spirit with which they clean their closets and donate their clean clothes, but these volunteers are absolutely THE BEST. They meet crises with hard work and humor and always thank me for the opportunity to perform a *Mitzvah* to help clothe the naked. Liz, Hyla, Matt, Bobbi, Shirly, Diane, Jim, Karen, Barbara, Ron, Carol, Robin, Cindy, and all of you whose names I don't have or failed to list. Thank you for enabling the congregation to perform this *Mitzvah*. If anyone reading this would like to help with our next Drive, you can join the greatest group of volunteers in the Shul. Leave a message for Wendy Boker at the synagogue office and you will be contacted.

Wendy Baker

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7. The candles should be lit as soon as possible after dark and should burn for at least one-half hour.

Comment: Candles should be lit initially only during hours when there is still traffic in the streets, so that the element of publicity may be accomplished. However, if one was unforeseeably delayed, or forgot, the candles may be lit at any time during the night. (Some maintain that the second blessing should not be recited if the publicity cannot be accomplished due to the lateness of the hour.)

8. Women, as well as men are required to light candles or to have candles lit for them in their presence.

Comment: Women are not relieved from this obligation as they are relieved from other commandments which must be performed at a specific time of the day, since the activities of great Jewish women are closely associated with the events of Chanukah. Two such women were Channa, mother of seven sons, all of whom gave up their lives rather than serve idolatry; and Yehudit (Judith) who, by killing the General Cholofermus, saved her community.

9. On Friday evening, Chanukah candles should be lit before the Sabbath candles, and on Saturday evening, after the Havdalah.

Comment: Once the Sabbath is inaugurated by the lighting of the Sabbath candles, and prior to its termination by the Havdalah, no fire may be created and so the above regulations are necessary. It may be necessary to use larger candles or more oil on Friday evening to be certain that the flame continues for the required half-hour after darkness.

10. During each of the eight days of Chanukah certain prayers are added to the normal services.

(a) The paragraph "Al Hanisim" is added to every Shmoneh Esreh said during Chanukah, and also to the Grace After Meals.

(b) Immediately after the Shmoneh Esreh of the Morning Service, the complete Hallel is said.

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Lincoln Square Synagogue Outreach Department sponsored a Free Service for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The following was written by one of our ushers.

The Best Part of my Rosh Hashana

There were a lot of great things that happened to me on Rosh Hashana.

This year, instead of going to regular minyan, my sister and I decided to be ushers in the "Free Minyan." This minyan was different from the regular minyan.

On holidays, there are so many people that want to get into shul that the shul sells tickets (which are limited) to members. For the people who did not buy seats there are three more services. None are as nice as the main service. One service goes very fast. Another one goes a little bit slower.

The Free Minyan is in the building next to my shul. It is the minyan for the people who are just beginning to be observant Jews. It helps them understand what Jewish life is all about. Rabbi Brander (who is the rabbi) not only reads the prayers in Hebrew, but he also reads them in English.

There was a group of twenty-five Soviet Jews who had just come from Russia and needed a place to daven. We got a Russian translator and they davened with us. After Rabbi Brander said the translation from Hebrew to English, the translator translated from English to Russian. My friends and I heard three languages!

When the Soviet Jews heard the shofar, their eyes opened really wide and it was like their eyes lit. I never knew the shofar could be so special until that day.

Afterwards, I was trying to talk to one of the Russians and I was having a difficult time. Then my father walked in and started to talk in Yiddish to one of the men. Although this surprised me, I later learned that the older Soviet Jews used to speak Yiddish at home.

(A school essay assignment written by Chaim Davis, Age 12)

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM YESTERYEAR

(In honor of our 25th anniversary, we print selected news from previous editions of the bulletin. The following are from 1972 and 1973.)

Life around LSS may be taxing at times but can never be termed dull. No sooner did we conclude the stirring but busy Shavuot (with thirty of *Rabbi Riskin's* students swelling our already filled Synagogue and providing the bulwark for an all-night shiur and sunrise service) — the shiur was even visited by *Shlomo Carlebach* — than we began an important campaign to elect Commissioner Daniel Greer Assemblyman for our District. We may not have won this time, but wait 'til next election! Rumor has it that *Rabbi Riskin* was sent to Miami to advise McGovern on campaign strategy — by the Republicans . . . In addition to a much expanded Joseph Shapiro Academy of Jewish Studies, a Teacher's Seminar and Youth Drop-In Center seem to be on the LSS drawing boards for the coming year. We may soon require a new building for all these exciting activities! Arthur Morgenstern certainly accepted a dynamic and difficult "maftir" What do we hear about a "Burn the Mortgage Committee"? Alevai!!! . . . The new Manhattan Day School, a stone's throw from LSS, enhances the neighborhood's aesthetic and religious landscape. *Miriam Abramson* appointed MDS librarian . . . *Shimshon Tiefenbrunn* is planning an emergency air-conditioning unit for the Bet Midrash. How did he survive the Negev? Thank God for *Leon Bergman*, who manages to keep every one cool despite the heat . . . Speaking of coolness, how does *Maurice Spanbock* manage to so coolly and efficiently preside over our heated Board Meetings of late? Whatever the source of his strength, it was most needed and appreciated . . . *Richard Joselit* is not merely telling us about our bills, but is even helping us to cope with them. Let's help him out as much as we can . . . Coffee and cake as slated to be added to Rabbi Riskin's Wednesday evening lecture marathons. Is *Joel Wachs'* Singles Group inspiring that addition? . . . *Rabbi Herschel Cohen* did a yeoman's job in conducting summer services, speaking dynamically and still concluding services before 11:15 A.M. That's real Oneg Shabbat . . . *Bella Abzug*, *Priscilla Ryan* and *Harvey Michaelman* livened up our first Oneg Shabbat with sharp controversy and bitter conflict . . . *Jay Golub* conducted a cogent and provocative Oneg Shabbat on the problem in Canarsie and the over-all question of integrated schools and communities . . . The Bar Mitzvah of *Jeffrey Smith* (son of *Myron* and *Barbara*, grandson of Mrs. *William B. Herlands*) saw the grandees of orthodox Judaism grace LSS. It was with great pride that we welcomed *Max Stern*, outstanding benefactor of Orthodox Jewry, and we thoroughly enjoyed Jeffrey's Torah reading. *Avery Neumark* can be hired by our Hebrew School anytime he is interested . . . Rumor has it that due to the shortage of seats, people are beginning to dedicate steps!! . . . Welcome to *Amos* and *Miryam Alter*, newlyweds who have joined our community (*Amos* has been a regular at JSA since its inception) . . . Special welcome to Mrs. *Marlene Beer*, a much needed addition to our hardworking office staff. *Martha Cohn* may now be able to work only twelve hours a day . . . A recording of Jewish music without a clarinet to be heard? A cantor performing without a single cantorial piece in his repertoire? An album cover for a Jewish disc with no one wearing a tie? Hard to believe — but absolutely true. The album is NESHOMO, recorded by our very own *Sherwood Goffin*. Producer *Arthur Aaron* managed to recruit top musicians, artists who have accompanied such un-Jewish greats as the Beatles, the Carpenters, and Blood, Sweat and Tears. They certainly rise to the occasion, though, in providing an excellent musical backdrop which artfully synthesizes Jewish "soul" and the latest in rock . . . Our LSS Drop-In Center should provide important competition to Beth Sar Shalom . . . The Hebrew School parents and children had a most inspirational Friday evening dinner replete with Zmirot and dance, and arranged by *Judi Riskin*, *Debbie Abelow*, and the entire Hebrew School staff. They were ably aided by *Vicky Riskin*, *Shulie Cohen*, *Miriam Abramson*, and *Debby Deutsch*. A complete Shabbaton for the beginners of the Shapiro Academy is scheduled for December 22 and 23 . . . Best wishes to *Chaya*, *Fred* and *Atara Gorsetman* in their new home at the Schwab House . . . The Chanukah Party was a gala

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM YESTERYEAR (continued from page thirteen)

success, upstairs and downstairs. Despite the fact that Chanukah is not Purim, *Eddie Abramson*, *Peter Abelow*, *Debbie Abelow*, and *Judi Riskin* put on an hilarious skit. The ruach was great, and hopefully the spirits helped the Gabbaim spend a worthwhile evening with the ultimate commodity . . . *Arthur Morgenstern* is staying up until the wee hours of the morning lessening our indebtedness. We have a way to go, but affairs are looking brighter . . . Mazel tov to *Rabbi and Mrs. Riskin*, and to *Batya and Elana*, on the birth of their son and brother, *Hillel Seraya*. The entire Synagogue acted as though they were genuinely part of a family *simcha*, and over 300 people attended an inspiring and spirited circumcision . . . Forty-two children are registered in our Nursery for the Spring Term . . . The Parashat Hashavua Group had excellent discussions at the home of *Joseph and Sharon Kaplan*, (the blessings of Jacob are the blessings of Moses), *Glenn and Lenore Richter* (Jewish sensitivities to non-Jewish suffering), and *Rabbi & Mrs. Herschel Cohen* (The Song of Moses) . . . *Arthur Morgenstern* and *Stanley Getzler* are successfully dedicating Synagogue units and seats. Do you think we might even be in the black before the coming of the Messiah? Hopefully, one of our projects will help bring the Messiah first! . . . As the fame of Lincoln Square spreads far and wide, we begin to host groups from all over the country. A group of Great Neck adults was followed by a high school group from New Bedford, Mass. led by *Rabbi Chaim Feller*. Atlanta, Georgia is sending a delegation in the near future . . . Our desire to reach out to wandering youth has been made even more practical by the establishment of the *Melanie Ross Youth Center*. We are expanding at the seams, and we are most grateful to the eighty-five families who are willing to host searching youths for Sabbath and Festivals . . . *Yasher Koach* to *Professor Leon Shapiro* for the wide acclaim (New York Times, etc.) given to his scholarly work on Jewish demography . . . As a new first, *Shimon Rothman* spearheaded an outdoor model Seder in Riverside Park on the Sunday before the holiday. *Mark Eisenmann* led in the four questions, and hundreds of passersby were inspired by the materials transported by *Ruth Shapiro* and the Shmura Matzot provided by Lubavitch (we aren't square, but round and with it!) . . . *Elie Wiesel* unexpectedly visited LSS on Achron Shel Pesach and inspired everyone as he intensely rendered the Haftorah . . . There is rarely a dull Shabbat at LSS, which seems to operate on a 32 hour a day. On a recent week-end, however, a bar-mitzvah guest stumbled into a Bat-Mitzvah, a Senior Citizen found himself at a BACH Luncheon, and a Yeshiva representative was mistakenly asked to conduct an art auction . . . When did Gabbai *Sam Feld* take up Karate? And was *Dr. Julius Kahn* his instructor? . . . Yom HaShoah was a memorable event. An overflow crowd of more than 600 heard *Rabbi Hershel Schacter* speak stirringly of his own role in the liberation of Buchenwald . . . We moved from sadness to joy as we celebrated Yom Haatzmaut at the Jewish Center and heard the words of *Consul David Rivlin* . . . In addition to two lectures at the 92nd Street "Y" and two late evening and early morning appearances on the Barry Farber Program on behalf of Soviet Jewry and Melanie Ross Youth Center, our Rabbi has recently lectured on behalf of Yeshiva University and the Day School Movement in Chicago, Houston, Denver, Seattle and Vancouver. LSS sends rays throughout the world in the form of a Traveling Torah salesman . . . Due to the good offices of our entire clerical staff (*Rabbi Cohen* fields questions better than Bob Grant), and the ceaseless efforts of *Joel Wachs*, *Marilyn Cohen*, *Benjamin Lunzer*, *Melvin Moedet* et al, the *Melanie Ross Rap-Sessions* have become a regular institution. How thrilling it is to see many who have wandered far from tradition—and have even experimented in various types of every nature—come closer to Judaism through this program . . . Congratulations to *Joshua Getzler* for his beautiful leading in the conclusion of the services. *Rabbi Riskin* and *Cantor Goffin* — Watch out! . . . Fifteen homes have become Kosher this year as a direct result of our various activities. May Judaism continue to grow from strength to strength . . .

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Mark Pekarsky on his engagement to Heidi Tenzer.

MARRIAGES

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Lazarus on the marriage of their daughter Tracy to David Fox.

BIRTHS

Roslyn Bell and Yossie Baskin on the birth of a son.

Lisa and Allistar Gatoff on the birth of a daughter.

Shelley and Morty Goldberg on the birth of a son.

Ronnie and Boruch Kramer on the birth of a son.

Chavy Willig Levy and Rabbi Michael Levy on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Samson on the birth of a granddaughter.

BAR MITZVAH

Rita and Steven Marx on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Daniel.

ANNIVERSARIES

Loretta and David Lansky on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Lenore and Jack Brown on their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

MAZEL TOV TO JULIA KLEIN ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

CONDOLENCES

Wendy Baker on the loss of her mother Celia Wisan.

Bette Barker on the loss of her mother Anne Barker.

Edna Caplow on the loss of her mother Rose Doiny.

Maidy Rosenblatt Finkel on the loss of her husband Alfred Finkel.

Marilyn Kosecoff on the loss of her father Leo Wexler.

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Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:20 p.m.
Saturday, December 2 (TOLEDOTE)	
Daf Yomi	8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:35 p.m.
Mincha	4:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha & Maariv	4:25 p.m.
Maariv only Mon-Thurs	6:20 p.m.
Friday, December 8	
Kindle Shabbat candles	4:11 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:20 p.m.
Saturday, December 9 (VAYAYTZAY)	
Daf Yomi	8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning service	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Class	3:25 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:25 p.m.
Maariv only Mon-Thurs	6:20 p.m.
Friday, December 15	
Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:12 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:20 p.m.
Saturday, December 16 (VAYISHLACH)	
Daf Yomi	8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:25 p.m.
Mincha	4:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:25 p.m.
Maariv only Mon-Thurs	6:20 p.m.
Friday, December 22nd	
Kindle first Chanukah light	4:10 p.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:14 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:25 p.m.
Saturday, December 23rd (VAYAYSHEV)	
Shabbat Chanukah I	
Hashkomah minyan	7:40 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:30 p.m.
Mincha	4:15 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:25 p.m.
Maariv only Mon-Thurs	6:20 p.m.
Sunday morning, December 24	
Chanukah services	7 and 8:30 a.m.
Monday morning, December 25	
Chanukah services	7 and 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 26 and Wednesday, December 27th	
morning services	7 and 7:50 a.m.
Thursday, December 28th & Friday, December 29th	
Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah morning services	7 and 7:40 a.m.
Friday, December 29th	
Kindle 8 Chanukah candles	4:15 p.m.
Kindle Shabbat candles	4:19 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 30th (MEKAYTZ) 8th day of Chanukah	
Shabbat Chanukah II	
Hashkoma Minyan	7:40 a.m.
Daf Yomi	8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning service	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:35 p.m.
Mincha	4:1 p.m.
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| SATURDAY | 2 — | Youth Shabbat (Youth lead services in Main Minyan, followed by Family Luncheon).
7th/8th grade group at home of Uri Goffin, 3 P.M. |
| WEDNESDAY | 6 — | Wednesday night lecture, Rabbi Berel Wein, 8 P.M. |
| SUNDAY | 10 — | Toy Drive, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Money and Morality Forum, 4 - 7 P.M.
7th/8th grade ice skating |
| WEDNESDAY | 13 — | Wednesday night lecture, Rabbi David Silber, 8:30 P.M. |
| THURSDAY | 14 — | North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) Chanukah Meeting and Gift Bazaar, at L.S.S., 8 - 10 P.M. |
| SATURDAY, | 16 — | Singles "Chavurah" Shabbat Lunch at home of Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum |
| SUNDAY, | 17 — | Dorot Chanukah Package Delivery to homebound elderly |
| WEDNESDAY | 20 — | Wednesday night lecture, Rabbi Saul J. Berman, 8 P.M. |
| THURSDAY | 21 — | Blood Drive, at Red Cross Bldg., 11 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. |
| FRIDAY | 22 — | First Night of Chanukah |
| SATURDAY | 23 — | Chanukah Menorah Lighting each evening, at Broadway |
| THURSDAY | 28 — | & 72nd St. |
| SUNDAY | 24 — | MRYC K-6th Chanukah Party 11:30 A.M. - 3 P.M. |

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