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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK . . .

Traditionally, the Menorah was placed outside the door so that the lights of the Menorah were visible not only to the members of the home but also to all passersby. However, this public affirmation of Jewish independence and religious freedom created tension for the Diaspora Jewish community. Therefore, the rabbis legislated that, when necessary, the Menorah could be lit inside the home in a place prominently seen by all members of the household.

Referring to the original custom, Rav Yosef Karo tells us that the Chanukah lights should be placed on the left side of the outer doorpost. This positioning allows the outside of the home to be surrounded by mitzvot: the mezuzah on the right and the Menorah on the left.

Is there any relationship between the mitzvah of mezuzah and that of Menorah? Or are they merely symbols thrown together to adorn our doorway?

Indeed, there is a motif common to both the Chanukah lights and the mezuzah. Both belong to a group of mitzvot in which the obligation of fulfillment devolves upon the household and not the individual. Shaking the lulav and wearing tefillin are mitzvot that the obligated individual must perform. However, must I affix a mezuzah, must I light Chanukah candles? No! While it might be preferred that I perform these mitzvot, my essential responsibility is to insure that this obligation be fulfilled by a member of my household. Anyone obligated to affix the mezuzah or to light the candles can perform the act, allowing the entire household to fulfill their obligation.

The Chanukah lights also represent an extension of the theme of mezuzah. For the mezuzah in its essence represents the public affirmation of our relationship to God. The message of the Shema chapter which is contained in the mezuzah highlights that our belief requires of the faithful absolute commitment to God. What other holiday celebrates as clearly and as publicly the theme of mezuzah as does Chanukah! The commitment of the Hasmoneans to the traditions of Judaism and to a relationship with God was undertaken without reservation, without qualification, and without condition.

The lights of Chanukah are an extension of the mezuzah and therefore, with the mezuzah, should adorn our doorways. Furthermore, if for some reason the mezuzah is missing, the halachah dictates that the Menorah should be positioned in its stead, on the right side of the doorpost. In effect, on these eight days of Chanukah, the Menorah substitutes for the mezuzah.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The most painful dilemma I face as President is the imperative to reduce the size and cost of Lincoln Square's budget while preserving its unparalleled array of membership services and world renowned outreach services. Consider the facts. In 18 months the following has occurred:

- An outreach director, also responsible for providing service to young couples and singles, left LSS to take a prestigious job elsewhere in the Jewish community. The position has been left vacant. Gifted and dedicated volunteers like Steven and Sharona Spivack and Steve Eisenberg, along with our Program Coordinator, Hyla Bassel Carey, have been able to keep key outreach programs operating and vital. Singles and young couples are increasingly taking the lead in LSS policy decisions and major events. Our Journal Dinners, Theatre Parties and Yom Tov dinners have become more festive and enjoyable thanks to their support and hard work.

- The Hebrew School was kept viable, at the last moment, when Chazzan Goffin assumed its leadership, and we secured a special donation from the school's founding family to keep it operating without a deficit. The Hebrew School enrollment is up, its programs have been expanded to focus on full-family projects (like Turn Friday Night into Shabbos), and it may even see a little surplus this year. However, the separate Hebrew School Principal line will remain vacant.

- One maintenance worker, a senior level secretary and a half time secretary left LSS—again no replacements have been added nor are any provided for in our budget. Thanks to the devotion and extraordinary sacrifice of our existing maintenance and administrative staff, particularly veterans like Janet Horwitz, Lila Sesholtz, Marilyn Osgood, Tertulien Noel, and Timothy Raynor, and volunteers like Sam Horwitz, Martha Cohn, Isaac Mandel, Zelda Stern, Milton Houpt, Lucy Schmeidler, Joe Blank, Miriam Axelrod, Allen Smith, Lenny Davidman, Aviva Sussman, Wendy Baker, Howard Zeisel, Herb Weiss and many, many others, we've kept pace with a hectic programming schedule, maintained decorum, exceeded all previous high holiday seat sales, visited the sick, fed and clothed the poor, kept the financial books intact, and put out the best Echods in our history.

- With Rabbi Berman's sudden resignation we've even decided to maintain the vacancy of one Rabbinical line. Rabbi Brander and Rabbi Cohen have done a magnificent job of juggling a three person load with aplomb and maintained the highest levels of programmatic, Torah education and Tefillah service. Moreover, our two year budget pledges to maintain that level of staffing through June 1992.

I cannot soothe the fear of critics who believe we have cut too deeply into the very heart and soul of LSS. Only time will tell if our bright and shining star of a shul loses any of its lustre. So far it has not!

Our fiscal responsibility must match the programmatic muscle behind the LSS punch. Private businesses and non-profit institutions across the country are learning to do more with less—so must we.

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TURN FRIDAY NIGHT INTO SHABBOS

Once again, this fall's TURN FRIDAY NIGHT INTO SHABBOS, on October 26, was a tremendous success. But before we pass this news off as commonplace, let's keep in mind that this program continues to thrive not only because of repeat participants, but also because each time it is offered at Lincoln Square Synagogue close to 200 Jews are experiencing a traditional Shabbos for the very first time. That is quite remarkable when you realize it has been offered by this synagogue 14 times over the past 11 years.

While other programs reach saturation over time, the fact that TFNIS continues to thrive points to the ever growing desire of secular Jews to connect with their heritage. As Steve Eisenberg, Co-Chairperson of TFNIS, pointed out in his opening speech, this is an evening where there are no distinctions between types of Jews. It is an opportunity for all to open their eyes and begin the process of learning what Shabbos is all about.

This year, in addition to having participants from the Jewish community at large, we also reached out to the young leadership of Jewish community groups. Members of the UJA Young Leadership Development Division and the Anti-Defamation League took part in the program. Our Hebrew School made a good showing as well, with Cantor Goffin and Hebrew School Administrator Marjorie Hirsch hosting five students and their families.

It was a tremendous lift for all who helped to see the participants partake in rituals for the first time and to answer their questions about Jewish observance and philosophy. For some participants, TFNIS provides a spark, prompting them to participate in classes and the Beginners Service. For others, perhaps, TFNIS is just a chance to gain some understanding and connect with a bit of the past. But there is no doubt about it, judging by the sold-out crowd (several people had to be referred to other shuls) and the joyous spirit of the evening, TFNIS is more than just a social Friday night on the town.

Following the success of last spring's post-TFNIS event, the TFNIS committee has scheduled a follow-up Shabbos for December 1, including a special Beginners Service, lunch at hosts' homes, and an afternoon program with Rabbi Buchwald.

Special thanks to Co-Chairpersons Steve Eisenberg and Steven and Sharona Spivack, and to LSS Program Coordinator Hyla Carey, TFNIS Program Coordinator Reva Spero, Janet Horwitz, all the hosts and hostesses, the more than 40 donors whose generous contributions helped to fund the event, and everyone else who gave of their time and resources. Now we can sit back and look forward to the very substantial possibility that LSS will once again "Turn Friday Night Into Shabbos" next spring.

Cindy Greenberg

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

Our programs have been models for outreach and inreach activities across the nation and across the world. Our statistics and our alumni attest to scores of initiatives undertaken by Lincoln Square. But imitators will soon shy away from flagship products and services that sail on rivers of red ink.

Can we make do with less? If we simply maintain status quo the results will be disastrous. We must more than make do with less. This wonderful shul will have to thrive and grow within the bounds of a realistic and carefully protected budget. But the draconian cuts must serve as a signal to our friends that new and even broader levels of contributions are imperative.

We can promise to make every effort to spend wisely, but we have clearly reached a danger point where diminished contributions will deal us a mortal blow. Expenses have been reduced dramatically; income must now begin to build—not to refatten the institution but to permit rising operating costs to be met.

Beyond those essential operating income dollars (your dues, high holiday contributions and journal support), the Rededication Campaign is the final and most critical aspect of LSS renewal. We must rid ourselves of the high costs of debt and undo the fundamental threat still facing us. All funds raised in the Rededication Campaign will be sequestered and used to eliminate a debt burden that threatens to choke us. Having taken the risks inherent in cutting over \$300,000 from the expense side of our budget, it is incumbent upon our members and friends to respond in kind. Many of you have responded with generosity, and we are in your debt. The rest of you have until the end of December to secure our future.

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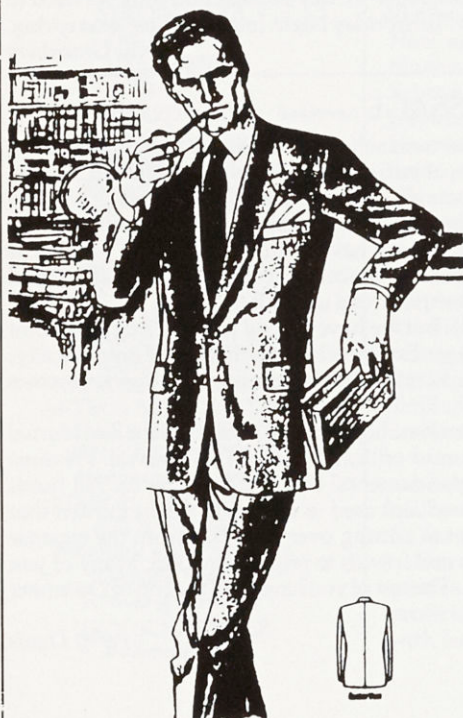
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1. The Holiday of Chanukah is celebrated for eight days.

Comment: We Jews of the Diaspora do not add an additional day as we do in the cases of Pesach, Sukkot 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.

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 that 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 celebration.

6. The Menorah should be placed in a 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.

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 unforeseeable delayed, or forgot, the candles may be lit at any time during the night.

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 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.

(c) Although there is no basis in the written Torah for the holiday or for any of its ceremonies, during the Morning Services on each day of Chanukah we read from the Torah telling of the construction of the Tabernacle by the Israelites in the desert. On Shabbat this special Torah reading is the Maftir.

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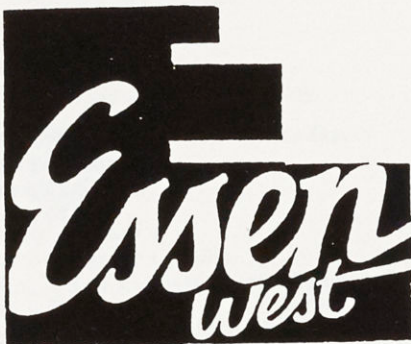
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Martha Cohn

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Youth Service	10:00 a.m.
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Friday, December 7

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:11 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:20 p.m.

Saturday, December 8 (VAYESHEV)

Shabbat Morning Services'	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:35 p.m.
Mincha	4:10 p.m.

Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:25 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday-Thursday	6:20 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11

Light First Chanukah Candle

Wednesday, December 12 1st Day of Chanukah

Thursday, December 13 2nd Day of Chanukah

Morning Services	7:00 and 7:50 a.m.
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Friday, December 14 3rd Day of Chanukah

Morning Services	7:00 and 7:50 a.m.
Kindle Chanukah Candles	4:05 p.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:11 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:20 p.m.
Synagogue's Chanukah Dinner	

Saturday, December 15 (MIKETZ) Shabbat Chanukah 4th day of Chanukah

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:35 p.m.
Mincha	4:10 p.m.

Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:25 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday-Thursday	6:20 p.m.

Sunday, December 16 5th Day of Chanukah

Morning Services	7:00 and 8:30 a.m.
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Monday, December 17 Rosh Chodesh Kislev 6th Day of Chanukah

Tuesday, December 18 Rosh Chodesh Kislev 7th Day of Chanukah

Morning Services	7:00 and 7:40 a.m.
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Wednesday, December 19 Last Day of Chanukah

Morning Services	7:00 and 7:50 a.m.
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Thursday Morning Services	7:10 and 7:50 a.m.
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES *(continued)***Friday, December 21**

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:14 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:25 p.m.

Saturday, December 22 (VAYIGASH)

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 Monday-Thursday	6:20 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25

Morning Services	7:15 and 8:30 a.m.
No Maariv Only	

Thursday, December 27 Asarah B'Tevet (Fast Day)

Fast Begins	6:05 a.m.
Morning Services	7:00 and 7:30 a.m.
Mincha	4:15 p.m.
Fast Concludes	5:06 p.m.

Friday, December 28

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:18 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 29 (VAYECHI)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:30 p.m.
Mincha	4:15 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:30 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday-Thursday	6:20 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1 New Year's Day

Morning Services	7:15 and 8:30 a.m.
No Maariv Only	

Friday, January 4

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:24 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:35 p.m.

Saturday, January 5 (SHEMOT)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:40 p.m.
Mincha	4:25 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:35 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday-Thursday	6:20 p.m.

Friday, January 11

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:31 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:40 p.m.

Saturday, January 12 (VAERA)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:45 p.m.
Mincha	4:30 p.m.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES *(continued)*

Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:40 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday-Thursday	6:20 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16 Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Morning Services	7:00 and 7:40 a.m.
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Friday, January 18

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:39 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	4:50 p.m.

Saturday, January 19 (BO)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	3:55 p.m.
Mincha	4:40 p.m.

Daily Mincha and Maariv	4:50 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday-Thursday	6:20 p.m.

Monday, January 21 Martin Luther King Day

Morning Services	7:10 and 8:30 a.m.
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Friday, January 25

Kindle Shabbat Candles	4:47 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 26 (BESHALACH)

Shabbat Morning Services	8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes	4:00 p.m.
Mincha	4:45 p.m.

Daily Mincha and Maariv	5:00 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday-Thursday	6:20 p.m.

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| SATURDAY | 1— | TFNIS follow-up 3:00-4:00 Bet Midrash
HASHKAMA KIDDUSH |
| SUNDAY | 2— | SINGLES BRUNCH, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Bet Midrash
LSS BLOOD DRIVE, 11:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Annex
HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES DRIVE, noon-4:00 p.m., Annex
MRYC CHANUKAH ARTS & CRAFTS PARTY (Grades 1-6),
1:30-4:30 p.m. |
| MONDAY | 3— | BEGINNERS SCHMOOZE |
| SHABBAT | 7-8— | BEGINNERS SHABBATON |
| SATURDAY | 8— | THEATRE PARTY: Fiddler on the Roof, 8 p.m. |
| SUNDAY | 9— | OVER 50 AND SOLO, 10 a.m.-noon
TOY DRIVE |
| WEEK OF | 11-18— | LSS PUBLIC CHANUKAH MENORAH Lighting |
| WEEK OF | 12-19— | Chanukah |
| WEDNESDAY | 12— | BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE CHANUKAH PARTY, Ballroom |
| FRIDAY | 14— | Synagogue's CHANUKAH DINNER |
| SHABBAT | 14-15— | SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: Rabbi Jeffrey Wolf |
| SATURDAY | 15— | 9 a.m. MINYAN LUNCH |
| MONDAY | 17— | Rosh Chodesh Tevet |
| TUESDAY | 18— | Rosh Chodesh Tevet |
| SHABBAT | 21-22— | SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: Rabbi Yaakov Sprung |
| WEDNESDAY | 26— | ASARAH B'TEVET FOOD DRIVE |
| THURSDAY | 27— | Asarah B'Tevet |
| SUNDAY | 30— | BREAKFAST/DAF YOMI SIYUM in memory of Sam Feld |

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| SATURDAY | 5— | BEGINNERS LUNCHEON |
| MONDAY | 7— | BEGINNERS SCHMOOZE |
| THURSDAY | 10— | NACOEJ MEETING |
| SHABBAT | 11-12— | SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: Rabbi David Berger |
| SUNDAY | 13— | OVER 50 AND SOLO, 10 a.m.-noon |
| WEDNESDAY | 30— | Tu B'Shvat |