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### FROM THE RABBI'S DESK . . .

Unexpectedly, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman came to Lincoln Square Synagogue a few weeks ago on a Shabbat morning and I asked him if he would deliver the sermon. He agreed and spoke about "religious" Jews that distort the words of the scholars and shape them to suit their own purposes.

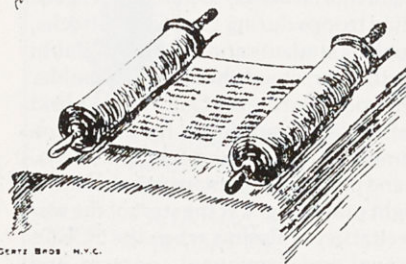
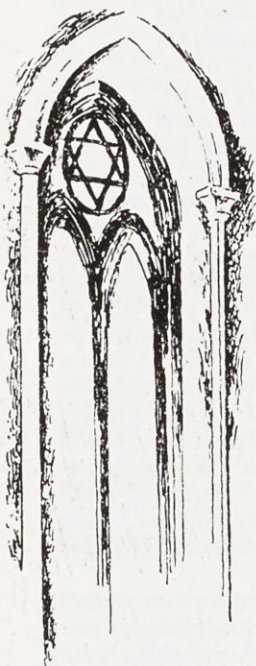
When he finished, a young man in his twenties approached me and declared, "I didn't know that Lincoln Square Synagogue allowed apeekorsim (heretics) to speak from the pulpit. The words clouted me with such force that I was not able to answer. I blanched and was unable to concentrate for the rest of the service because of these shocking words.

I don't blame the young man, but I blame his teachers; for it was from them that he heard these words, these attacks against the men who represent a different view of traditional Judaism.

That Shabbat was the portion of Korach and his sin is described in the first word of the Torah portion, "And Korach Took". His sin was that he came to take, not to give. His sin was that he acted out of selfish motives and not altruistic motives. His sin was that he came to divide and not to unite.

As we enter the period of the THREE WEEKS let us always remember that God promised that the Jewish people will not be destroyed by the Pharoahs, or the Hamans or the Hitlers or the Sadam Husseins of the world. But God does not promise that He will save us from the battles and wars that Jews fight against each other. The destruction of both Temples came because of this sin: Jew Fighting Against Jew. May we pray that God grant wisdom to our "young men" and to our people to save themselves from themselves.

*Rabbi Herschel Cohen*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a memorable year in Lincoln Square's history. For much of the year the congregation resonated to international events occurring on the other side of the world. We also agonized over the future of our own institution and we charted different directions for our future. At year's end a report on the conditions of American Jewry described in the *New York Times* brought the issues into sharp focus for me.

On Friday, June 7th, *The Times* reported on Jewish intermarriage in America. For LSS, a bastion of American Orthodoxy and Jewish outreach, that report, its implications for us individually and collectively as a synagogue is a bombshell.

**The stark numbers speak for themselves. Before 1965, when an American Jew married, s/he was likely to marry another Jew 89% of the time. Since 1985, the percentage has dropped to 43%! Most Jewish marriages are intermarriages. And in the case of an intermarriage, the survey goes on to report, the chance that a child will be raised as a Jew (even in name) was 28%! The future for American Jewry has never been darker.**

In light of this report, imagine the broader significance of LSS's renowned outreach efforts. Yet, how can these efforts continue and even grow when we face new fiscal constraints? How can outreach grow when there is a crying need for inreach work by our new Rabbi and a new, younger generation of officers and lay leaders? Obviously, there is no Lincoln Square serving the Jewish world when there is no Lincoln Square Synagogue fulfilling the desperate needs of its own members and supporters. These needs are massive and require a rabbi's presence at times of family and individual crisis and upheaval — life cycle commemoration or celebration. The congregation also has very pressing collective needs — improved youth services, regular but attractive programming for young couples, older members and singles. How does it all get done? How is it paid for?

In effect, the principle of "Ein Breirah" ("there is no choice") applies to LSS as it often does in Israel. It applied this year when the Gulf War brought mortal danger to millions of Israeli citizens, the real front line troops during the SCUD attacks.

Lincoln Square through its students and the visit of Rabbi Brander to Israel during the war, stood shoulder to shoulder with the front line citizen troops during the Gulf War. We held a special appeal and raised significant funds for Operation Exodus and the resettlement of Russian and Ethiopian Jews. Of course, we marched and prayed and demonstrated. During the spontaneous midnight prayer vigils at the start of the war and during the daily recitation of Psalms when the SCUDs were falling, our personal and communal concerns and differences were put behind us, the welfare of our brethren was all-consuming. Suddenly we found the time and the volunteers to work. We had no choice.

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## HEBREW SCHOOL REBIRTH

### Cantor Sherwood Goffin

It is a weekday evening in the main sanctuary, and those who are privileged to be present can behold the shining, happy faces of children receiving special awards for Jewish study, and the glowing faces of their proud parents in the audience. Two students are also receiving awards for choosing to go to yeshiva next year. It is the annual June promotion and graduation ceremonies of the Lincoln Square Synagogue Felman Hebrew School — and we are celebrating a rebirth.

In the previous year, it seemed that this crucial program of Jewish education for non-yeshiva children was about to be terminated due to the fiscal problems of the synagogue and a deficit ridden — Hebrew School budget. I am proud to say that we were able to reverse this state of affairs due to the generosity of the Feldman family and the self sacrifice of a very special young woman — Mrs. Marjorie Hirsch, and our staff of talented teachers: Lisa Kaminetsky, Elana Goldscheider, Deva Schluss and Barry Klein.

In May, I agreed to assume the position of Principal of the Feldman Hebrew School in order to restore it to its former position of 26 years of achievement that goes back to 1965 when Rabbi Riskin and I founded the school with 19 children. I could not have opened this year without the generous support of Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Feldman, who pledged to cover our deficit for this year. I could not have succeeded without Marjorie Hirsch, a teacher in our school, who agreed to become administrator in charge of curriculum supervision and programming for a very small increase in salary.

It is only through these selfless acts that we were able to put so many smiles on so many faces of students and their parents. I thank the officers and board of LSS for giving us this chance, and I look forward to a successful and fulfilling year for everyone.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 2)

Now, as the specter of spiritual annihilation of American Jewry seems closer than ever, we have no choice but to redouble our outreach efforts. The crisis is no less dramatic simply because the **Times** report is not front page news.

Lincoln Square type Orthodoxy fights assimilation better than any other method. We pioneered the Beginners' Service, "Turn Friday Night into Shabbos", scores of adult education outreach programs. I'm proud that this year the Beginners' Service has begun to meet on Friday evenings as well as on Shabbat morning and that TFNIS has been expanded.

We have no choice. If we forget our obligation to outreach, to that "endangered Jewish species" marrying non-Jews more than half the time and increasingly giving up on our Jewish legacy; if we forget our obligation to our fellow vanishing Jew, we will abandon our birthright and all that makes us the leading orthodox synagogue in the world.

*Perry Davis*



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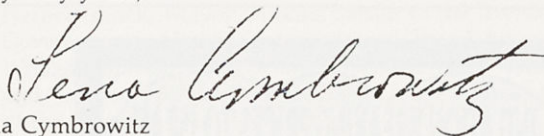
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On behalf of the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty and Project Machson II, I would like to personally thank you for organizing a most successful clothes drive. The quantity and quality of donated merchandise was truly exceptional.

Project Machson II is "Met Council's" warehouse distribution program which provides clothing, food and furniture for the newly arrived Russian emigres. The clothing you collected will surely benefit many needy families.

Once more, my sincerest thanks for your support in our program and for your generous contribution. I look forward to working with you again in the near future.

Very truly yours,



Lena Cymbrowitz  
Director of Project Machson

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**From: Deborah Horowitz**  
111 E. 30th Street  
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Deborah

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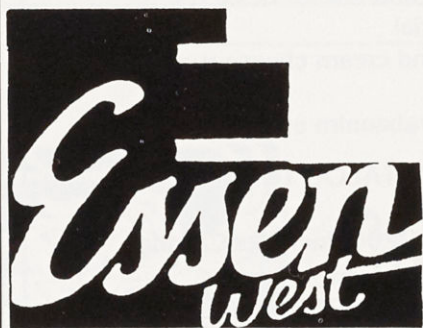
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## "RELIGION ON THE JOB"

From May 1 through May 29, LSS, through the generosity of the Louis Landowne Fund, presented a very thoughtful and thought-provoking series of lectures and panels on halakhic issues for professionals in the areas of Government and Public Service; Business; Computers, Data, and Information; Law; Medicine; Mental Health; Arts and Communications; and Education. The fourteen sessions of "Religion on the Job" attracted a total of approximately 850 attendees. If you missed a session, you may be pleased to know that tapes of the program are on sale through the LSS Tape Library.

This year's 'Religion on the Job' was expanded (from twelve sessions) to accommodate a panoply of topics of concern not only to professionals in specific fields, but to every Jew striving to maintain an Orthodox outlook in today's world. The series got off to a roaring start with the session on "Journalistic Integrity and Jewish Responsibility," in which two prominent writers, Jonathan Mark of *Jewish Week* and Micheline Ratzersdorfer of *Amit Woman* magazine, presented their conflicting views of how a journalist best serves both honesty and the Jewish community. The momentum continued unabated to the very last session, the timely "Ethics of Layoffs and Cutbacks" with labor attorney Marvin Dicker and Jewish ethicist Rabbi Dr. Aaron Levine.

Many thanks to session chairpersons Ivan Berkowitz ("Shabbat on the Road" with Edward Stark and Rabbi Mordechai Willig), Dr. Jenna Wiessman Joselit ("Creativity and Limits in Art" with Moshe Cotel, Tabi Kahn, Allan Leicht, and Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokol), Michael Pariser ("Journalistic Integrity and Jewish Responsibility"), Bina Presser ("Ethical Issues for Computer Professionals" with Dr. Meir Tamari), Dr. Norman Ruttner ("Torah Law and the Dying Patient" with Dr. Robert Schulman and Rabbi Tzvi Flaum), Eli Salig ("Ethics of Layoffs and Cutbacks"), Dr. Susan Schachner ("The Medical Ethics of AIDS" with Dr. Fred Rosner and Dr. Mindy Seidlin), Maurice Spanbock ("Bet Din and Secular Court" with Rabbi Berel Wein), and David Stone ("Israel's Economy—Directions and Values" with Dr. Meir Tamari). Special thanks are due to LSS member Herbert Block, Mayor Dinkins liaison to the Jewish community, for chairing all three of the Government and Public Service sessions: "Jewish Advocacy and Public Policy" with Michael Miller, William Rapfogel, Zeesy Schnur, and Marc Stern; "Torah in Political Life" with Dr. David Lunchins; and "Judaism and Public Office" with Judge Herman Cahn, Manny Behar, and (yes, he was one of the speakers, too) Herbert Block.



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## "TALKING BOOKS" UPDATE

If you are in the LSS Annex on a weekday evening or a Sunday afternoon, you may see people disappearing in pairs into what was the vault of the Chase Manhattan Bank. What are these people doing? They are recording on reel-to-reel tape books needed by the Jewish Braille Institute for their "Talking Books" library of cassette tapes for the blind and reading-impaired. What makes the LSS project unique is that its volunteers are able to provide material that other projects have not been able to record, books that require a knowledge of Orthodox Judaism, and, often, a familiarity with classical texts and Hebrew and Aramaic language skills.

It's been a very productive year for the LSS "Talking Books" Project. Since recording began last fall, volunteer narrators and producers have completed *The Way of God* and *The Knowing Heart* both by Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto; *Kitzur Dinei Taharah*, by Rabbi Joseph Lowenstein, and *Maimonides Commentary on Pirkei Avoth*, by Paul Forcheimer. In production are eight other works, including Mechama Leibowitz's Studies in the Weekly sidra.

To help the project meet its ambitious objective of supplying those without sight with the materials to study Judaism, the project needs volunteers — particularly those with good Jewish Studies backgrounds — who would be willing to take turns narrating and producing. Narrators are provided with background material and must tape an audition to be judged by the Jewish Braille Institute. Producers will be trained to operate the equipment, monitor recording quality, and do on-the-spot editing. No previous experience is necessary. To volunteer, call the synagogue office and leave a message for project co-chairs David Seidman and Deina Shapiro.

*Hyla Bassel Carey*

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Mazal tov to Mark Eisenmann on his engagement to Lauren Horowitz; and to the parents Vivien and Leon Eisenmann.

to Mrs. Ann Feld on the engagement of her granddaughter Tova to Sholom Hillel Schenker. to Anna Friedman and Dr. Mark Freilich on their engagement.

to Helene Howritz on the engagement of her daughter Lynn to Ken Reichner.

to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Katz on the engagement of their son, Benjy to Michelle Weiser.

to Anne Oksenberg on her engagement to Natilov Fridman.

to Dr. Judy Schachner and Dr. Alan Rosman on their engagement.

to Bernie and Florine Skolnick on the engagement of their son Mark David Fineberg to Helene Tepperman.

to Debora Silver on her engagement to Moshe Pearlman.

### MARRIAGES

Mazal tov to Wendy and Sydney Baker on the marriage of their son Jonathan to Debra Korpus.

and to Lenore and Jack Brown on the marriage of their daughter Jordana to Jonathan Fisher.

and to Lisa Bellow and Jason Ablin.

and to David Cooper and Tova Rudinsky.

Tova Feld, granddaughter of Mrs. Anna Feld, to Rabbi Shmuel Schenker.

and to Jonathan Fischer and Debra Spear.

Dr. William Green and Esther Binder.

and to Steven Jacoby and Sarah Englander.

and to Sid Kalish and Sara Beth Frager.

and to Beatrice and Jacob Muntz on the marriage of their son Daniel Feldman to Devorah Deredito.

and to Morris Priwler and Gayle Selesny.

and to Michael Sacks and Karen Fine.

### BIRTHS

Mazal tov to Linda and Ed Berger on the birth of a son.

to Saradee and Stanley Fortgang on the birth of their daughter Aliza Chana.

to Helene and Jerome Gast on the birth of a grandson.

to the parents Abby and Gabi Strenger and to the proud Uncle C.B. Gast.

to Mrs. Miriam Hellner on the birth of grandson Chagai Amichai Bernstein.

to Lee and Paul Holm on the birth of a daughter.

Dr. Avi and Amy wolf Isseroff on the birth of a son.

to Ruth Jacobson on the birth of a great granddaughter.

to Fay and Chaim Kranzler on the birth of a daughter.

to Myra and Alon Mogilner on the birth of a daughter.

to Andrea and Michael Pariser on the birth of a son.

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to Sandy and Irv Rotter on the birth of a daughter.

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to Sharona and Steven Spivack on the birth of a son.

to Devora Steinmetz and Rabbi David Silber on the birth of a daughter.

to Mr. and Mrs. Miriam Steinmetz on the birth of a granddaughter.

to Joyce and Daniel Straus on the birth of a daughter.

to Mrs. Gwenn Strauss on the birth of a granddaughter.

### BIRTHDAYS

Mazal tov to David Abrams on his 90th birthday.

and to Zalman Bernstein on his 65th birthday.

**MAZAL TOV AND BEST WISHES** *(continued)***BAR MITZVAH**

Mazel Tov to Rachel and Martin Balsam on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Naftali.  
 and to Ann and Kenny Bossewitch on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Avi.  
 to Leah and Paul Buchsbayew on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joshua.  
 to Suzan Weiland on the Bar Mitzvah of her son Yaakov.  
 to Ms. Sheila Shiels and Mr. Harold Shields on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Matthew.  
 to Suzanne and Allen Smith on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Mark.

**BAT MITZVAH**

Debbie and Barry Eisenberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Miriam. Mazel tov to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendheim.  
 and to Agnes Kolevzon and Peter Kolevzon on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rebecca Elana.  
 and to Tenee and Allan Leicht on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rebecca

**ANNIVERSARY**

Mazel tov to Vivien and Muk Eisenmann of their 25th wedding anniversary.  
 and to Fran and Jonah Kupietzky on their 35th wedding anniversary.  
 and to Renee and Allan Leicht on their 25th wedding anniversary.

**HONORS**

Mazel tov to Nina and Rabbi Paul Freedman on being honored by USY.  
 and to Martine and Jack Schenker who were honored at the MDS Dinner.  
 and to Marion and Maurice Spanbock on being honored by OHR Torah.  
 Mazel tov to Tertulian Noel on becoming an American citizen.

Mazel tov to our High School graduates, Jonah Bossewitch, Yehuda Cohen, Adam Kahn, Ari Katz, Dahlia Kaufman, Davi Osgood and Yossi Schenker.

Mazel tov to our Junior High School Graduates Adam Berkowitz, Efrat Berman, Eliot Elishvili, Lavey Freedman, Marc Osgood, Jared Osgood, Ariana Rabbani, Caroline Stanley and Richard Werden.

Tzetchem L'Shalom to Mem and Zalman Bernstein on their making Aliyah.  
 Tzetchem L'Shalom to Nina and Rabbi Paul Freedman on their making Aliyah.  
 Tzetchem L'Shalom to Sara and Martin Schandelson on their leaving to Israel.  
 Refuah Shelmah to Lucy Schmeidler this past years editor of ECHOD recuperating at home

**CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sympathy to Adele Brody on the passing of her mother Molie Nussbacher.  
 to Jules Brody on the passing of his father Lester Brody  
 to Dr. Alisa Kasachkoff on the passing of her sister Rebbetzin Ruchama Devorah Henia Wolhgelelnter.  
 to Chavy Willig Levy on the passing of her mother Mrs. Ella Willig.  
 to Mrs. Chana Lifschitz on the passing of her brother Rabbi David Bergstein.  
 to Dr. Sherelle Laifer—Narin on the passing of her mother Masha Laifer.  
 to Emil Redford on the passing of his son Dr. Harvey Redford.  
 and to the Family of Bianca Rindsberg.  
 to Mrs. Helen Sherman on the passing of her brother Mr. Max Tukman.  
 to Mrs. Nancy Towbin on the passing of her father Mr. Carl C. Mosenson  
 to the Family of Bianca Rindsberg.

**NEW MEMBERS**

*LSS is pleased to welcome the following members, who joined since April 1, 1991:*

David Fishel  
 Lolly and Howard Katz  
 Rita Lifton

Robert L. Rom  
 Naomi Schrenzel  
 Ira Eugene Weinstock

Abraham Weishaus

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****Daily Morning Services**

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday                        | 7:15 and 8:30 a.m. |
| Monday and Thursday           | 7:10 and 7:50 a.m. |
| Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday | 7:15 and 7:50 a.m. |

**Sabbath Morning Services**

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Hashkamah Service           | 7:50 a.m.      |
| Main Service                | 8:45 a.m.      |
| Intermediate Service        | 9:00 a.m.      |
| Beginners Service           | 9:15 a.m.      |
| Shiur Cholent-Kugel Service | 9:45 a.m.      |
| Youth Service               | 10:00 a.m.     |
| Child Care                  | from 8:30 a.m. |

**Friday, July 19**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Kindle Shabbat Candles      | 8:05 p.m.        |
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 6:45 & 8:15 p.m. |

**Saturday, July 20 (DEVORIM SHABBAT HAZON)**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Shabbat Morning Services | 8:45 a.m. |
| Daf Yomi                 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Mincha                   | 5:30 p.m. |
| Daily Mincha and Maariv  | 8:10 p.m. |
| Eve of Tisha B'Av        |           |
| Fast begins              | 8:23 p.m. |

**Sunday, July 21**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Tisha B'Av       |               |
| Morning Services | 7 & 8:30 a.m. |
| Mincha           | 7:55 p.m.     |
| Fast concludes   | 8:53 p.m.     |

**Friday, July 26**

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Kindle Shabbat Candles      | 8:00 p.m.        |
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 6:40 & 8:10 p.m. |

**Shabbat, July 27**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Shabbat Morning Services   | 8:45 a.m. |
| Daf Yomi and Bible Classes | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mincha                     | 8:00 p.m. |
| Daily Mincha Maariv        | 8:05 p.m. |

**Friday, August 2**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Kindle Shabbat Candles      | 7:53 p.m.        |
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 6:35 & 8:05 p.m. |

**Shabbat August 3 (EKEV)**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Shabbat Morning Services   | 8:45 a.m. |
| Daf Yomi and Bible Classes | 6:50 p.m. |
| Mincha                     | 7:50 p.m. |
| Daily Mincha Maariv        | 7:55 p.m. |

**Friday, August 9**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 7:44 p.m.        |
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 6:30 & 7:55 p.m. |
| Last week of early Mincha   |                  |

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** *(continued)***Shabbat August 10 (REEH)**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Rosh Chodesh Elul          |           |
| Hashkoma Minyan            | 7:45 a.m. |
| Shabbat Morning Services   | 8:45 a.m. |
| Daf Yomi and Bible classes | 6:45 p.m. |
| Mincha                     | 7:45 p.m. |
| Daily Mincha Maariv        | 7:50 p.m. |

**Sunday, August 11 (Rosh Chodesh Elul)**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Morning Services | 7 & 8:30 a.m. |
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**Friday, August 16**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Kindle Shabbat Candles      | 7:35 p.m. |
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 7:45 p.m. |

**Shabbat August 17 (SHOFTIM)**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Shabbat Morning Services | 8:45 a.m. |
| Talmud and bible Classes | 6:35 p.m. |
| Mincha                   | 7:35 p.m. |
| Daily Mincha Maariv      | 7:40 p.m. |

**Friday, August 23**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Kindle Shabbat Candles      | 7:25 p.m. |
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 7:35 p.m. |

**Shabbat August 24 (KITETZE)**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Shabbat Morning Services   | 8:45 a.m. |
| Daf Yomi and Bible Classes | 6:25 p.m. |
| Mincha                     | 7:25 p.m. |
| Daily Mincha Maariv        | 7:30 p.m. |

**Friday, August 30**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Kindle Shabbat Candles      | 7:14 p.m. |
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 7:25 p.m. |

**Shabbat August 31 (KI TAVO)**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Shabbat Morning Services | 8:45 a.m.  |
| Talmud and Bible Classes | 6:15 p.m.  |
| Mincha                   | 7:15 p.m.  |
| Daily Mincha Maariv      | 7:15 p.m.  |
| Early Selichot           | 10:15 p.m. |
| Rabbi will speak         | 11:30 p.m. |
| Selichot                 | 12:30 p.m. |

**Sunday, September 1**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Morning Services | 7:15 & 8:30 a.m. |
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**Monday, September 2**

|                  |                  |
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| Morning Services | 6:45 & 8:30 a.m. |
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**Tuesday, Friday September 3-6**

|                  |                  |
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| Morning Services | 6:45 & 7:30 a.m. |
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**Friday September 6**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Kindle Shabbat Candles      | 7:03 p.m. |
| Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat | 7:15 p.m. |

**Shabbat September 7 (NITZAVIM)**

|                                                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Shabbat Morning Services                         | 8:45 a.m. |
| Daf Yomi at 5:30 followed by the Talmud shiur at | 6:15 p.m. |

**Sunday, September 8th (EREV ROSH HASHANA)**

|             |           |
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| Bible Class | 6:00 p.m. |
| Mincha      | 7:10 p.m. |

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