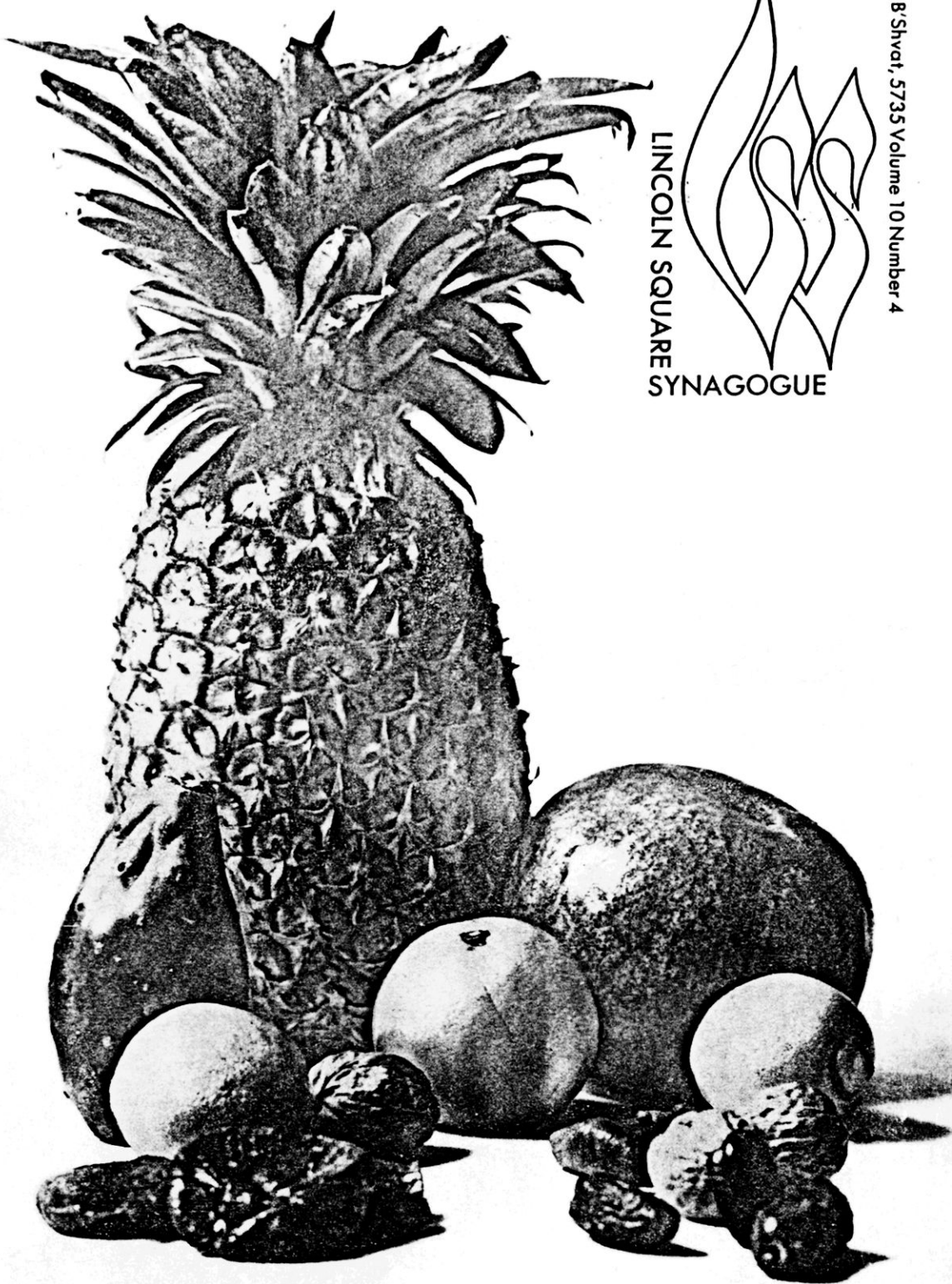


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## Tu B'Shvat

"ראש השנה לאילן . . . בחמשה עשר בו"

### The New Year for Trees on the Fifteenth thereof

מסכת ראש השנה פרק א'

We celebrate TU B'SHVAT (15th day of Shvat) Israeli Arbor Day this year on Sunday evening, January 26 and Monday, January 27. This is known as the New Year of Trees, and in Israel the school children mark its significance with planting of trees. It is our custom to eat special fruits of Israel such as "BOXER" (St. John's bread) figs and dates. It is likewise customary to feed the birds on this day.

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# Schedule of Services

## Monday, January 27

Tu B'Shvat

## Friday, January 31

Kindle Sabbath Candles ..... 4:52 P.M.  
Mincha and  
Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:00 P.M.  
Oneg Shabbat ..... 8:30 P.M.

## Saturday, February 1 (Yitro)

Shabbat Morning Services ..... 8:45 A.M.  
Exodus 18:1-20:23, Isaiah 6:1-7:6,  
9:5-6  
Talmud Class ..... 4:05 P.M.  
Mincha ..... 4:50 P.M.

## Friday, February 7

Kindle Sabbath Candles ..... 5:01 P.M.  
Mincha and  
Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:10 P.M.  
Oneg Shabbat ..... 8:30 P.M.

## Saturday, February 8 (Mishpatim)

SHABBAT SHEKALIM  
Shabbat Morning Services ..... 8:45 A.M.  
Exodus 21:1 - 24:18, 30:11 - 16,  
II Kings 12:1 - 17  
Talmud Class ..... 4:15 P.M.  
Mincha ..... 5:00 P.M.

## Tuesday, February 11 and

## Wednesday, February 12

ROSH CHODESH ADAR

## Friday, February 14

Kindle Sabbath Candles ..... 5:09 P.M.  
Mincha and  
Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:20 P.M.  
Oneg Shabbat ..... 8:30 P.M.

## Saturday, February 15 (Terumah)

Shabbat Morning Services ..... 8:45 A.M.  
Exodus 25:1 - 27:19,  
I Kings 5:26 - 6:13  
Talmud Class ..... 4:25 P.M.  
Mincha ..... 5:10 P.M.

## Friday, February 21

Kindle Sabbath Candles ..... 5:18 P.M.  
Mincha and  
Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:30 P.M.  
Oneg Shabbat ..... 8:30 P.M.

## Saturday, February 22 (Tetzaveh)

SHABBAT ZACHOR  
Shabbat Morning Services ..... 8:45 A.M.  
Exodus 27:20 - 30:10, Deuteronomy  
25:17 - 19, I Samuel 15:2 - 34  
Talmud Class ..... 4:35 P.M.  
Mincha ..... 5:20 P.M.

## Monday, February 24

FAST OF ESTHER

## Tuesday, February 25

PURIM

The Sabbath is terminated Saturday evenings one hour after the Candles were lit on the previous Friday afternoon.

## DAILY MINYAN

Weekdays ..... 7:15 and 7:50 A.M.  
Sundays and Holidays ..... 8:30 A.M.  
Mincha and Maariv ..... at Sunset

## SHABBAT SERVICES

Early Services ..... 8:00 A.M.  
Followed by Classes in Bible  
and Talmud  
Third Minyan Services ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Hebrew School Junior  
Congregation ..... 10:30 A.M.

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It is in keeping with Jewish tradition that when an individual recovers from illness, returns safely from a journey, celebrates a family simcha, and/or is called up to the Torah for an Aliyah, he makes a worthy contribution to the Synagogue. We are hereby inaugurating a fund and hope that our members will realize the appropriateness of giving Tzedaka on these occasions.



# A Message from Rabbi Riskin

”כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה”

Every Jew is responsible for every other Jew—the orphan, the widow, the sick, the needy, the aged. Every Jew is responsible to sustain the poor of the non-Jew, to visit the sick of the non-Jew, to bury the dead of the non-Jew. And every Jew is responsible to rise before the elderly and to respect the hoary head of the aged—of Jew and Gentile alike.

Thus the intolerable care and inhuman conditions of any nursing home is repugnant to the Jewish ethic. The use of government funds and the life-savings of the residents to enrich the few rather than to provide desperately-needed services for the elderly is a desecration of G-D's name. Our prophets have vigorously denounced those who would offer sacrifices in the Holy Temple, maintain the sanctity of the Sabbaths and Festivals, and then oppress the poor, the widow, the orphan.

(It is of these individuals that Isaiah declares in God's name:

“Bring no more vain offerings;

It is an incense of abominations unto me;

New Moon and Sabbath, the holding of convocations —

I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly . . .

Learn to do well; seek justice, relieve the oppressed,

Judge the fatherless, plead for the widow . . .”)

We of the orthodox Jewish community must as vigorously denounce those who would pray in our synagogues, contribute to our charities, and then misappropriate government funds and treat the aged with cruelty. (We must reject their gifts and refuse to honor those who violate our most basic precepts of compassion and justice). The Jewish laws of *Choshen Mishpat* (ethical laws between man and man) is inextricably bound with the Jewish law of *Orach Chaim* (ritual laws between man and G-D).

We do not mean to condemn any individual before he has been proved guilty in a court of law. Nor the guilt of the few taint the worthy deeds of so many noble orthodox institutions and organizations. We do mean to bring to the attention of every person of conscience the concern of orthodox Jewish law for the needs of the aged, and the insistence of orthodox Jewish leadership that ritual acts of piety cannot atone for unethical deeds of insensitivity. Our G-D is first and foremost the defender of the helpless and the aged.

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## Chesed

*I am deeply grateful for your warm response to our special appeal. For those who have not yet sent their contributions, please remember, one check to the Mikveh, one check to Lincoln Square Synagogue Chesed Fund and one check to the Center for Russian Jewry. None of us can afford to do less and we must afford to do more.*

*Thank you once again.*

*Rabbi Steven Riskin.*



## News & Notes of L.S.S.

Special thanks to Barbara Houtp for arranging a most festive Chanukah Chagigah. Schlomit Rosenfeld and David Olivestone demonstrated a mixture of William Shakespeare and David Fry in their stage presentation. Despite the fact that the Rabbi never looked so tall and Arthur Morgenstern never sounded so British, Chanukah acquired the best of the spirit of Purim and a magnificent evening was had by all. Apparently Sisterhood and Junior League is an unbeatable combination. David even managed to maintain a straight face when he adjured those hanging on the ceiling to hold tight until the crowds leave the Synagogue so as not to fall down on an exiting congregant . . . Rumor has it that Arthur Morgenstern is sending a laser beam from Israel to do away with the Laby carriages congregating in the Lobby . . . The Younger Set of the Morgenstern Nursery School and Feldman Hebrew School were extremely photogenic on W.A.B.C. television, where our Chanukah party and especially Bruria's dreidel got excellent coverage . . . Despite the Shabbat morning crowds, there is still plenty of room for a special seat for Mendel Schachne's coat. As long as he continues to attend Talmud classes, we will find room for his coat—for 120 years, p. G. (for Mr. Shachne; not for the coat) . . . The ever resourceful Fred Gorsetman has arranged a minyan in Schwab House Friday afternoons for mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat. But, Fred, what about Shabbat mincha and seudah shlishit? . . . Sharon Kaplan, our nominee for Woman of the Year, gave birth to a daughter, defended her Ph.D., and came to shul on Shabbat all in the same week! Joseph and Sharon hosted a most impressive Simchat Bat, which is probably why the Almighty blessed them with a daughter. The Rabbi has only one question: Why is Micole Jeanne better than Sarah Michal? . . . Sarah Adelson outdid herself in a most inspiring Bat Mitzvah . . . M.R.Y.C. has sent close to fifteen teenagers to Torah Leadership Youth Seminar this season . . . The Young Couples had an excellent discussion on the origin of their names and the anti-Semitism of Duddy Kravitz at the home of Martin and Anne Weinberger . . . Morton and Rose Landowne and Jack and Joan Bieler hosted two excellent Chanukah sessions. We learned how to combat the P.L.O. and when it is permissible to tell a lie . . . Professor Louis Feldman gave a rather pessimistic report on the future of the American Jewish Community at a recent Friday night Oneg. In 1930, 3.7% of the American population was Jewish; in 1974, 2.9%; in 2000, the estimated figure is 1.6%. Apparently we need Jewish children, not dogs (canine hara) on the streets of New York, and more Torah institutions like J.S.I. and Manhattan Day School. The onegs which featured Sylvia Zalmanson's stirring appearance and Mordechai Reich's presentation of combatting the Jesus Freaks, the tenth Anniversary of L.S.S. activities and the Manhattan Day School Shabbaton will hopefully prove the Professor's obituary to have been premature, although his warning is well advised . . . We warmly welcome Perry and Margie Davis and Steve and Naomi Wilensky in their new co-op apartments in our community and congratulate Perry on his Doctorate in Political Science . . . The Andrew Drucks and David Kahns are important models of Bach-L.S.S. singles who have become L.S.S. couples . . . Nu, David O, you're reaching the dangerous age . . . Sam Feld is outdoing himself in providing the best herring in town for Seudah Shlishit . . . We are all thankfully surprised that the Secret Police let Glenn Richter out of the Soviet Union. Goyishe Kep . . .

## The Shul Chanukah Party

As everyone knows, Purim and Chanukah are the two rivals for the title: "Social Event of the Year." The recent Chanukah party proved to be a real fun night. The colorful decor and especially the inflated dreidel centerpieces stimulated a festive mood. A crew of cameramen from an Israeli television network filmed highlights of the evening and our brothers in Israel will have the opportunity to watch us in action in the early Spring, p.G.

Rabbi Riskin invited all children under twelve years of age to assist him in the lighting of the Menorah. The most moving moments of the evening followed, when Miriam Sternberg welcomed our guests, our new Russian friends in the neighborhood, to the Party. They were presented with a television set. It is hoped that we shall have them with us often and that we shall be able to enjoy many similar happy moments together with them in the future.

The superb Program of entertainment featured "The Multi Minyanaires." The hilarious script of the play was written by Schlomit Rosenfeld and David Olivestone. The star performances of the latter as our President, Arthur Morgenstern, and of Jonathan Herlands, who was more Rabbi Riskin than Rabbi Riskin, will be remembered ad infinitum.

The play was followed by our own Sherwood Goffin leading a very talented choir in a selected medley of songs.

We all truly appreciate the efforts of so many who in their own individual ways helped to make the evening such a success but first and foremost we offer a Yashar Koach to the Chairman of the Event, Barbara Houpt, for a tremendously successful evening which gave so much pleasure to so many.

List of credits—other than those mentioned in Chazan Goffin's article and on the Sisterhood page:

Junior Leaguers: Elissa Burnat, Martine Schenker, Debbie Abelow, Shulie Cohen, Chaya Gorsetman, Marilyn Kahn, Rebecca Davis, Bobby Weiss and Vivien Eisenmann—decor, setting-up and "door arrangements."

Cast of Play: Amos Alter, Sam Kahan, Schlomo Sherman, Judi Stern, Ceil Weinberg, Gershon Fluk, Jonathan Herlands, David Olivestone and Schlomit Rosenfeld; piano accompaniment by Peter Abelow.

V. C. E.

### THE CHANUKAH CHORAL GROUP...

*by Cantor Sherwood Goffin, Director*

Talent? It is no secret that L.S.S. is brimming with talent.

In the vocal department, the past two years at Chanukah time has been the occasion for L.S.S. songbirds to show their wares. We have been very fortunate to have twelve talented and dedicated congregants who set aside two nights a week for three weeks in order to prepare for our Chanukah performance.

Our program consisted of two-part harmonies arranged for six Chanukah melodies (Nerot Dolkim, Kemach, Marcello Maoz Tsur, Mi Y'mallel, Oi Chanukah and Chassidic Maoz Tsur). In the Middle of the program a television crew from Israel asked us to sing "Lu Yehi" and we obliged. We had become so confident and "professional" that we were able to improvise a previously unrehearsed song.

I would like to thank the members of the chorus, most of whom participated last year as well: Deena Geller, Susan Kirschner, Mindy Stern, Ceil Weinberg, Debbie Abelow, Mrs. Janet Abelow, Joan Bieler and Debbie Katz (ALTOS); Debbie Fruchter and Robin Volan (SOPRANOS); Amos Alter and Peter Abelow (TENORS).

It was my privilege to have directed this great and warm group. You are all cordially invited to volunteer for next year's choral group—NOW!

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank Edna Landau, who despite her busy schedule as a teacher and a mother, immediately came down last year and gave us of her time and talent in setting up our first choral group. Many of our arrangements are a result of her musical talent.

I hope to see you all at our next Chanukah rehearsals.

# The Chanukah Gelt Project

by Sue Golub, President of Sisterhood

Sisterhood wishes to express its gratitude to the members and friends of L.S.S. Their generosity and support made our Chanukah Gelt project a great success. This year we have raised \$5,795.

Let me further mention the efforts of my hard-working committee. My thanks go to Beulah and Ruth Gluckman, Alex and Rosalind Brownstein and to our ex officio member Jay Golub.

We are very proud to announce that at our gala Chanukah celebration on December 11th, 1974 the lucky ticket was drawn out of the golden drum. The Big Winner is Miss Anne L. Glusker, a long time member of L.S.S. Congratulations Miss Glusker! That was a wise investment. Your ten dollars became one thousand. Enjoy!

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## The Younger Set Chanukah Party

by Elizabeth Olivestone

Anyone who looked in at the L.S.S. Nursery School on Sunday, 8th December, at lunchtime, had his senses assailed by the strangest assortment of sights, sounds and odors; children were everywhere, making carefully shaped multi-colored candles, decorating dreidels, dripping glue, wax and glitter into every available inch of space. Next door, the music was warming up, while in the kitchen, latkes were already being prepared. For days beforehand, the children, teachers and parents had been busy cutting shapes, decorating the rooms, learning songs and dances, and grating potatoes.

And now the rooms were crowded with children and their parents—children from the Nursery School, from the Shul, from the neighborhood, dozens of wide-eyed, excited children . . . and at last, the party itself was about to begin. Rabbi Riskin elicited the Chanukah story from the children, with modern variations ("Who defiled the Temple?" "The Arabs"). The festive atmosphere was much enhanced by Miriam Kaplan's musical accompaniment and her rhythmical accordion playing provided a lively background to the singing and dancing of Chanukah songs led by Bruria, while the suspended decorative giant dreidel, filled with candy, fascinated everyone there. Cantor Sherwood Goffin performed as ably as he is wont to do, and, when Eric Ehrman and Marc Eisenmann lit the first Chanukah light, its reflection shone in the eyes of every child there.

Nobody seemed deterred or inhibited by the glowing arc lamps of the Channel 7 T.V. crew; if anything they made it even more a "Festival of Lights." And the excitement of reliving it all over again on television that night, both at 6:30 p.m. and at 12:30 a.m. added the final touch to a truly memorable party.

Thanks for a wonderful occasion are due to all who participated, but in particular to those who put so much work into making it possible: Bruria Okonsky and her assistants, Debbie and Rislé, Rabbi Riskin and Cantor Goffin, and to the parents who helped so much before and during the party. Special thanks are due to Miriam for the time and effort that she put into her music.

Finally, we would like to thank those who made it possible for all the children to receive a menorah and candles of their own. The party really achieved its aim, of making the happiness of the "Festival of Lights" available to all.



# Kabbalah & Jewish Mysticism:

## RABBI RISKIN'S FALL LECTURE SERIES

by Phillis Bergman

In the words of Gershon G. Scholem, scholar of Jewish mysticism, "a mystic is a man who has been favored with an immediate, and to him, real experience of the divine, of ultimate reality, or who at least strives to attain such an experience."

Though the intensely personal experiences described above are usually incommunicable (and little is written of the personal mystical experiences of Jewish or other mystics) there have been, in the history of the Jewish people, articulate, specific mystical experiences. e.g. G-d's communication with the prophets, the revelation to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai). These mystical experiences and the intellectual structure of Judaism are intertwined. The mystical experiences inspired teachers in every generation to create religious institutions which are necessary to give continuation to the mystical experience, making it possible for other people at other times to internalize the feeling of immediacy of the Divine. This immediacy is found in our prayers and holydays, e.g. Succoth, Pesach, Rosh Hashanah, in which we relive the mystical moment through structured religious forms. This reliving of past experiences gives us a glimpse of the divine encounter without which the religious symbol has little meaning.

Furthermore, inarticulate mystical experiences must be directed by structuring religious forms and thereby giving them continuance.

According to the *Zohar* (or *Book of Splendor*—the major and most influential literary work of Jewish mysticism) there exists one aspect of G-d, the En-Sof, which can never be understood. The Jewish mystic explains creation as a universe created from G-d's own divine substance (En-Sof). From the internal G-d there emerges emanations by means of which the world was created. These Sefiroth which take place in G-d are G-d's revealed aspects. (His Crown, Understanding, Wisdom, Lovingkindness, Beauty, Glory, Eternity, Root, Kingship). The world therefore consists of G-d's reflection of G-d's lovingkindness, wisdom, etc.

The *Zohar* understands well that there is a deep religious need for union with ourselves, the physical world, and another human being. Sexual union is a means by which G-d's divine emanation, Tifereth (beauty) is linked with the Schechinah (Identified with the people of Israel). Through this union our people are linked to G-d, the union of the physical world of man with G-d.

Just as G-d has hidden and revealed aspects, so does every thing and every being in the world. The Jewish mystic looks through the external to see the divine aspect in every thing. Everything to the mystic is equivalent to the Sefiroth from which it was created and for which it is the external representation. The words of the Torah themselves are external reflections of G-d's divine Sefiroth. For example: Abraham is seen as a reflection of the divine emanation Chesed (loving kindness), Isaac as Gevurah, (power of G-d as manifested in his stern judgment and punishment), David, a reflection of Malchuth (kingship).

The interpretation of the *Zohar* by Rav Isaac Luria (16th century C.E., often equated with the *Zohar* itself) contains three important symbols. The first is "tzimtzum" — the contraction or withdrawal of G-d to make room for the world. This was not a pessimistic notion for the Jewish mystics who had been expelled

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from Spain in 1492. Rather, it said to them that their withdrawal reflecting G-d's could lead to a period of great creativity. The second is "Shevirah," the breaking of the vessels (represented by the Sefirot of law) which tried but could not contain the Divine emanation of Chesed. Some of the pieces of the broken vessels fell to the nether world far removed from G-d's other aspects, thereby becoming the source, of sin. Sin, according to the Jewish mystic, is caused by separation; separation of the aspects of G-d, of man and man, of man from the world, of man from G-d.

However, this breaking of the vessels made it possible for man to distinguish between good and evil. Rabbi Riskin suggested that the expulsion from Spain was necessary to separate the holy from the profane. Spanish Jewry's greatness was a period of confusion as to the distinction between good and evil.

"Tikkun," the third concept of Lurianic teaching is the redemption of these fallen "klipoth," (vessels). Rabbi Riskin stated that the first step in the redemption process is the breaking of the vessels—that is the understanding of their distance from harmonious connection with the Divine. We, the Jewish people, can bring about such a redemption by searching for the fallen vessels. When we ourselves communicate with G-d, we bring the broken vessels closer to their divine source.

The Torah is an eternal link between the generations and between man and G-d. Jewish mysticism relates that the letters of the Torah combine to form laws. According to the mystics these letters in Messianic times will recombine to form words other than those that constitute law. Therefore the letters, unlike law, are eternal. This idea is one of the most radical in Zoharic doctrine, according to Rabbi Riskin. For our times the letters of the Torah are formed to compose laws through which man has the ability to reunite the internal and external aspects of self, and ultimately thereby reunite the aspects of G-d.

Jewish mysticism asserts that we can relive past moments. We celebrate the creation of the universe on every Rosh Hashanah. Our reexperiencing Rosh Hashanah is important because the sound of the Shofar is the sound of joy returning us to the moment of creation, making every individual an active participant in the recreation. Man is affecting changes in the world when G-d acts within the individual thereby allowing individuals to recreate, perfect, and complete the world.

Jewish mystics view Shabbat as a day of unity. Unity within G-d, unity of physical world (man and wife), unity of the people of Israel with the Divine.

Friday evening services in particular reflect the mystical outlook of Shabbat. The entire evening service reflects the particularistic quality between G-d and Israel.

לכה דורי is an expression of the marriage between Israel and G-d.

Shabbat can be also viewed as that day when G-d's divine attributes are unified. Kingship (Schehinah is separated from יסוד, root, identified with the male sex organs). When Jew is separated from G-d, G-d's very own aspects are separated and the Schehinah is in exile. However Shabbat brings these two divine aspects together thus causing a sacred marriage within G-d. When man keeps the Sabbath he in effect accomplishes the unity of G-d with the world.

Rabbi Riskin concluded that the Jewish mystical moment is a normative aspect of everyday life, intrinsically bound to Torah. The goal of the Jewish mystic is to reunite the aspects of G-d. Perfecting the world under the Kingship of G-d is the aim of every religious Jew, and thereby in this sense every Jew must strive to be a mystic.



# Shmuel Reports....

by Shmuel Goldin

Learning . . . teaching . . . reaching out . . . helping . . . These are just a few of the terms which can be used to describe the dynamic Outreach Programs taking place this year at the Lincoln Square Synagogue. Exciting things are happening here, but what is even more exciting is that the ranks of those participating are growing every day. Through the outreach programs, Lincoln Square is demonstrating the active role which American synagogues can (and must) take; we are going out to the community instead of waiting for the community to come to us.

One of the mainstays of our program is the Torah Van. True to its motto, "The Synagogue on the move," this mobile, fully-equipped "shul" has been making the rounds each week within the Lincoln Square neighborhood.

Once "the only synagogue with two gas tanks" is parked, dedicated volunteers distribute literature, information kits, buttons, etc., to Jewish passers-by. Inside the Van—books are made available for sale. Special displays are placed on exhibit and the interested visitors are asked to leave their addresses. Literally thousands of Chanukah and Shabbat kits have been distributed and hundreds of names have been collected. Numbers, however, cannot describe the personal interaction which has been taking place; the heart to heart talks over free coffee and cake inside the Van or even the friendly confrontations and discussions that take place on the street. Volunteers and passers-by alike have found each expedition to be a truly educational experience.

If by chance you happen to walk into the Synagogue's library on a Sunday afternoon between 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., you will discover a group of people scattered throughout the room engaged in a variety of interesting discussion. This is a second very successful outreach project, known as the new "Melanie Ross Jewish Information Center." Here, anyone can come in for free literature, books, coffee and cake, or just plain talk. People have been coming in increasing numbers. Each week a number of new faces join the old timers. Once again, thanks to teams of dedicated volunteers, the amount of learning that takes place is immeasurable. But, as our visitors have told us time and again, we have created an atmosphere where people feel comfortable. I think it is fair to say that the Jewish Information Center has made some people feel really at home in the Synagogue.

The Lincoln Towers Reach Out Program got off to a fine start during Chanukah. Free kits were distributed to an entire building and the response was very positive. We envision a great expansion of this program in the near future—so residents of Lincoln Towers WATCH OUT!

Numerous other activities are still in the planning stage. These include Bet Cafés on Saturday nights, Information Center Happenings, special holiday events, etc. We are really moving out into the community and, I think, it is working!

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P.S. I should note that unfortunately most of our volunteers are not Synagogue members. If anyone can volunteer to help in these exciting programs, please contact me (or leave a message) at the Synagogue.



# Hebrew School Shabbaton....

*by Cantor Sherwood Goffin, Principal*

One of the most beautiful occasions for our Hebrew School is our family Shabbaton which is held approximately three times a year in addition to the monthly Shabbatonim arranged exclusively for students.

On Friday evening, December 6th, almost 200 people—parents, students, brothers, sisters, grandparents, relatives and friends—came to our Chanukah family Shabbaton in the Lincoln Square Synagogue Ballroom. The program was arranged by a committee of students from the upper grades; they directed publicity, decorations, programming and part of the menu for the evening. Spirited dancing and singing permeated the evening, and in spite of the disappearance of our fruit cup appetizer, the delicious squabs prepared by our caterer highlighted the culinary delights. Service was arranged by the students, assisted by the Faculty, who valiantly carried down the hot food from the second-floor kitchen to the Ballroom with many a spill.

I would like to thank Mr. Katz's class for the chanting of the Kiddush; Judi Stern's class for the chalot; Yehudit Gutin's class for the beautiful decorations and centerpieces; Mr. Brill's class for the poetry; Lawrence Weinbaum for his erudite speech and the Weiner children for their rendition of "Tumbalalaika." Finally, a special thanks to the faculty co-ordinators, Judi Stern, Emily Friedman and Renee Brief, and to Rabbi Riskin and his children who joined with my own family and graced our dais.

## *Selections from the work of our Hebrew School students:*

### **Shabbat Day... by Adam Lazarus (Grade 3)**

*Shabbat Day, Shabbat Day,  
We all go out to dance and pray.  
But the best, but the best,  
Is to stay home and rest.  
No more labor, no more worries,  
Just sit back and please don't hurry.  
I like to pray, I like to pray,  
And that's why I like Shabbat Day.  
I hope you enjoy this poem of mine,  
Now enjoy yourself and it will be fine*

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### **The Difference between Them and Us... by Noah Silverman (Grade 3)**

What do the Arabs have in common with us? They were both born out of Abraham. They were both fighting for the same land.

What don't the Arabs have in common with us? We and the Arabs have different religions. We try to be peaceful and they like to fight. We would like to be friendly with the Arabs but they would like to fight and kill us. And wipe us off the face of the earth.

Reading the Bible we see that the L-RD has promised to our ancestors to give them and to the children of Israel the land of Israel. The L-RD created the world and the world belongs to Him, therefore He had the right to give Israel to whoever He wants and since we are His chosen Nation, that studies His Torah, He has given to us the Covenant.

With Him, G-D and the Jews will exist forever.

# *Junior N.C.S.Y. Shabbaton — A Huge Success*

*by Morrie Kliars and Suzanne Standard*

Junior N.C.S.Y. is the National pre-teen youth movement sponsored by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth under the supervision of the Joint Youth Commission of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The objectives and goals of Junior N.C.S.Y. are very much the same as those of the senior organization:

- a) A full understanding of the obligations members accept on becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah.
- b) a chance to teach pre-teens the Torah way of life for G-D's Chosen People, and
- c) A preparation for official membership in Senior N.C.S.Y.

During the past few months regions around the country have been organizing very successful Junior N.C.S.Y. events. Central Canada, Eastern Canada, New York and New Jersey are the forerunners in this area. There now exists a Junior N.C.S.Y. Directorship under the leadership of Baruch Lanner at the National Office.

Our recent Shabbaton, 20th-22nd December 1974, held at the Jewish Center, was a huge success. More than seventy-five youth from New York and New Jersey congregated for a fabulous weekend under the leadership of Harold Mittel (Regional Director) and his core of dedicated advisors.

On Friday afternoon a welcome address was given by Harold Mittel. The first Shabbat meal set the mood for the remainder of the weekend. This was followed by Junior N.C.S.Yers attending their first session with individual advisors. Culminating the evening a warm and touching story was told by Teddy Gross, in his explanation of a "Tish." Shabbat morning services were highlighted by a moving and heartwarming sermon delivered by Rabbi Norman Lamm. The usual N.C.S.Y. spirit prevailed at lunch. During Menuchat Shabbat various activities such as walks in Central Park, optional Torah Study sessions and game tournaments were held. Mincha was preceded by a further session. Maariv and a moving Havdalah led by Baruch Lanner inspired everyone. Thus ended a magnificent Shabbat. Our own N.C.S.Yers then took to the dance floor making the presence of L.S.S. known by their ruach. (H.V., R.F. you dance well!!)

Later the Juniors engaged in gymnastics and afterwards joined in dancing to the "Vayehi" orchestra. "Pesach," a magician, was the star attraction of the evening. Our own Joy Verschleiser participated as one of his subjects in a magnificent card effect.

Sunday morning after services and a delicious breakfast came the closing ruach—which Juniors did not want to stop? We are all looking forward to the next event—for more N.C.S.Yers, more education and more fun.

## News of Sisterhood

Kudos to Sue and Jay Golub for a spectacular Chanukah "GELT" drive. Such love and devotion and a true sense of L.S.S. needs has seldom been seen. Our sincere thanks to both of them.

Our gratitude to Ann Abramson, who chaired the Sisterhood Committee, and to Janet Abelow, Jeannette Aptheker, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Giffler, Jeannette Jarashow, Margot Goldberg, Jean Greenspan, Pauline Eilender and Helen Hochman, Sisterhood members who gave time, and effort, and sheer physical strength to help make the Chanukah Party the affair it was.

Are you joining us for "THE BIG WINNER" — the play we are attending on Feb. 9th at the Eden Theatre? Tickets are selling extremely well, so — if YOU don't want to be left out — send for them P.D.Q. Mail your check and ticket order to Beulah Gluckman, c/o The Synagogue. Remember, tickets cost \$9.00 and \$7.50 each—all in the Orchestra.

For those of you who are unaware—Florence Brody has available for sale cards indicating a contribution to Lincoln Square Synagogue. These cards leave space for *you* to complete the purpose for which contribution has been made, and are most appropriate for condolences or congratulations. They are priced at \$2.00 each and Florence will be happy to fill any order. Either call her at 873-2278 and she will mail them *for* you, or send your check for several cards to her, care of the Synagogue, and she will get them to you. In your drawer, ready for immediate use, they make an extremely convenient and thoughtful communication.

We are very proud of our "BOUTIQUE"—organized and operated by Edith and Peggy Gelman. They display their gift items at all Sisterhood Meetings, and large Synagogue functions. COME—Browse and enjoy—and perhaps find that special gift you so desperately need. We shall be pleased and happy to welcome you.

There is another collection we are making — painless and money free. "BONUS POINTS"!!! These are on the back of many, many products—particularly household cleaning items. All you need do is be aware—and we are sure you will find some. Send them to Ruth Gluckman, c/o Synagogue and assist the fund raising efforts of Sisterhood.

Elephants with trunks raised are symbols of Good Luck and Good Fortune and our "WHITE ELEPHANT" is trumpeting loudly at the skies. Do you have something you do not want—but think someone else might enjoy. Give it to Sisterhood and perhaps we can make a "Shidduch."

And with this, the first issue of 1975 — we wish you all a most healthy, happy and joyous year.

SUE GOLUB  
*President*

BEULAH GLUCKMAN,  
*Vice-President Sisterhood*

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The JUNIOR LEAGUE suggests that you keep Sunday 26th January, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. free! A very special family afternoon is being planned in honor of Tu b'Shvat. Watch your mail and join us in celebrating this unique and beautiful holiday.

Francesca Lunzer's Shabbat afternoon group is becoming very successful. All 5-8 year old children are welcome to attend at 2:00 p.m. each week. Try it. You'll like it!



# BACH

## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Stanley Weinstein,

We understand.

Sort of.

But did you consider how much you will miss Bach luncheons such as the ones scheduled for January 25th and March 1st? Did you consider how much you will miss our group visits to the elderly such as the ones to Aron Manor, Riverside and the Willard nursing homes on January 18th, the Park Crescent and Jewish Home and Hospital on January 25th, and all of them again, on March 1st?

Did you weigh foregoing our regular Friday night Devar Torah group (organized by Faya Alpert) which recently has met in the homes of Gershon and Louise Fluk, Amos and Miriam Alter, Yehuda Juravel, Tuvia Rome and Mark Diskind, and David Olivestone?

Are you ready to give up our volleyball games such as the one scheduled for January 19th (meeting at 12:45 in front of the Shul)? Does not our game night (led by Helen Kuzinec) on March 15th entice you?

Finally, Stanley, are you prepared to separate yourself from the heart of Lincoln Square, from the Synagogue's most dynamic group? SO WHAT that your fiancée, Lenore Bienfeld, is beautiful!

Well, it's your life.

Best wishes,

*Louis Frank*

P.S. MAZEL TOV.

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  - v Electrician
- b) Televisions and radios to aid the immigrants to learn English.
- c) If you know of anyone traveling to the Soviet Union.

## *The Chevra Kadisha*

There is one service of Lincoln Square Synagogue which we pray may be unnecessary but which is most appreciated when tragedy strikes—our Chevra Kadisha. The Chevra provides for Taharat Haguf (the purification of the body), proper Tachrichim (garments for the deceased), Shmirat Haguf (the recitation of Psalms from death until burial), Seudat Havraa (the meal for the mourners upon returning from the cemetery), and daily home minyanim at the home of the Shiva. Since these laws, as well as the laws of choosing a proper casket and providing a proper burial service are most complex and sensitive, we urge our members to immediately contact the Synagogue office or the homes of Rabbi Riskin, Rabbi Cohen, or Roy Stern if, Chas Va Shalom, a death should occur in their family. We will then, after consulting the family, make the proper arrangements with the Funeral Chapel, thus saving the mourning members of our congregation as much difficulty as possible.

Rabbi Riskin ..... 799 - 4644

Rabbi Cohen ..... 799 - 8521

Roy Stern ..... 595 - 3915

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## **NEWS BRIEFS**

The community MIKVAH is located at 234 West 78th Street,  
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Louis Fenton our maintenance engineer urgently needs cleaning cloths. Please contribute any torn sheets or household discards which can be put to good use.

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Please reserve March 9th for a Breakfast on behalf of the UNITED JEWISH APPEAL—FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES.

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**Please call the Office for reservations.**



## CONGRATULATIONS

### Births:

Rabbi & Mrs. Steven Riskin were blessed with a son, their fourth child, on Wednesday January 8th, 1975. Heartiest Mazel Tov from the entire congregation to the proud parents as well as to the grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Riskin and Mr. & Mrs. David Pollins.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur CRONEN on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel FELD on the birth of a grandson, Elliot Andrew Jerome, to their children Dr. and Mrs. Dennis FREILICH.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward LUKASHOK on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry WINSTON on the birth of a grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur GINSBURG on the birth of Anne.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe FEINSAND on the birth of a grandson.

### Bar Mitzvah:

Adam SILVERMAN  
Barton LEVINE  
Taylor BOND  
Tani FELDMAN  
Chaim FREEDMAN  
Owen MEYER

### Bat Mitzvah:

Sarah ADELSON

### Engagements:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack KONIGSBERG on the engagement of their daughter Beth to Murray Dressler.

Mr. David MANDELBAUM.

Rabbi Jonathan PORATH to Miss Deena GELLER.

Mr. and Mrs. George WEINSTEIN on the engagement of Stanley to Lenore Bienfeld.

### Marriages:

Mr. Joel BASSAN to Miss Ronnie BELSKY.

Mr. David KAHN to Miss Debra MOSESON.

Mr. Sam SMILOVIC to Miss Susan WERTHEIMER.

Mrs. Hadassah RITTENBERG on the wedding of her son Moshe in Israel.

### Mazel Tov to:

Dr. Perry DAVIS on receiving a Doctorate in Political Science from Columbia University.

Sharon KAPLAN on receiving a Doc-

torate from Teacher's College of Columbia University.

Emily Fern ELEFANT, daughter of our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas ELEFANT, has graduated magna cum laude to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts as well as Master of Science from the University of Pennsylvania.

### Our Heartfelt Condolences to:

Captain Hugo ADLER on the loss of his beloved brother.

Mr. Yechiel EISENSTEIN on the loss of his beloved mother.

Mrs. Norman FRIED on the loss of her beloved mother.

Mr. Simon GLICK on the loss of his beloved brother.

Mr. Stanley GLUCKSMAN on the loss of his beloved mother.

Miss Alice HARVEY on the loss of her beloved father.

Miss Ruth JACOBSON on the loss of her beloved father.

Mrs. Ernest WOLFSOHN on the loss of her beloved husband.

### Refuah Shleimah to:

Mr. Jack ARONSON  
Mrs. Joseph SHAPIRO

Welcome home from hospital to  
Mrs. Lottie FRUHLINGER

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest APFELBAUM  
Mr. Raphael BING  
Mr. H. E. CHALOM  
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph CHENEY  
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Mr. and Mrs. Martin STEIN  
Mr. Sammy TUCKER  
Miss Suzanne WESTRICH

## CALENDAR OF MAIN EVENTS

JANUARY 25th . . . Bach luncheon  
JANUARY 26th . . . Junior League Tu  
b'Shvat neshef  
FEBRUARY 1st . . . Melave Malke  
honoring Mr. Taks  
FEBRUARY 9th . . . Sisterhood Theatre  
Party  
MARCH 9th . . . UJA Breakfast



# Yahrzeits

**SIDNEY SEIFERT**  
Wednesday Evening, January 29  
Thursday, January 30

**ARTHUR COHN**  
Friday Evening, January 31  
Saturday, February 1

**MARIA D. LANDAU**  
Friday Evening, January 31  
Saturday, February 1

**TESS FOSTER**  
Tuesday Evening, February 4  
Wednesday, February 5

**ISAAC BLOOM**  
Thursday Evening, February 6  
Friday, February 7

**JACOB GOLDEN**  
Thursday Evening, February 6  
Friday, February 7

**FREIDA RIVKA MYERS**  
Thursday Evening, February 6  
Friday, February 7

**MARY ADLER**  
Friday Evening, February 7  
Saturday, February 8

**SAMUEL HARRIS**  
Friday Evening, February 7  
Saturday, February 8

**NATHAN MASOR, M.D.**  
Saturday Evening, February 8  
Sunday, February 9

**BETTY ROSENBERG**  
Saturday Evening, February 8  
Sunday, February 9

**JOSEPH OSTERWEIL**  
Sunday Evening, February 9  
Monday, February 10

**FAYE GANZ GOLD**  
Tuesday Evening, February 11  
Wednesday, February 12

**DAVID COHEN**  
Friday Evening, February 14  
Saturday, February 15

**WILLI HAHN**  
Friday Evening, February 14  
Saturday, February 15

**ESTHER NEUWIRTH KOVIT**  
Saturday Evening, February 15  
Sunday, February 16

**DORIS SAPPER**  
Saturday Evening, February 15  
Sunday, February 16

**MAX KELLNER**  
Sunday Evening, February 16  
Monday, February 17

**HARRY FEINSTEIN**  
Monday Evening, February 17  
Tuesday, February 18

**ANTON KLUG**  
Monday Evening, February 17  
Tuesday, February 18

**JEANE LIPKIN**  
Monday Evening, February 17  
Tuesday, February 18

**MICHAEL MEHL**  
Monday Evening, February 17  
Tuesday, February 18

**MINNIE MYERS**  
Monday Evening, February 17  
Tuesday, February 18

**SIDIE SCHREIBER**  
Tuesday Evening, February 18  
Wednesday, February 19

**MOSES LANGER**  
Wednesday Evening, February 19  
Thursday, February 20

**BENJAMIN MICHAELS**  
Wednesday Evening, February 19  
Thursday, February 20

**BESSIE BURRIS GOLDSTEIN**  
Thursday Evening, February 20  
Friday, February 21

**GOLDIE WALDMAN**  
Thursday Evening, February 20  
Friday, February 21

**RASHKE JANOWSKI**  
Friday Evening, February 21  
Saturday, February 22

**LOUIS E. ROSENBERG**  
Friday Evening, February 21  
Saturday, February 22

**HYMAN SAPPER**  
Saturday Evening, February 22  
Sunday, February 23

**OSCAR WACH**  
Saturday Evening, February 22  
Sunday, February 23

**PEARL NEUWIRTH**  
Sunday Evening, February 23  
Monday, February 24

**ANNA ROSENBERG**  
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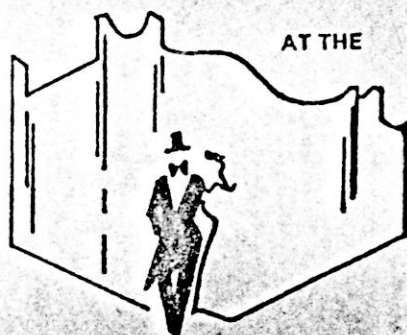
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