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## From The Rabbi's Desk

Our focus of late has been so exclusively political in nature as a result of the Presidential campaign that we tend to overlook the more compelling challenge of maintaining our identity in a pluralistic society. Our discussions have centered, most recently, on the world about us so that we have forgotten to focus on the particularistic nature of the Jewish persona.

The problem is not unique to our generation. We can find examples throughout Jewish history, even in the life of our father, Avraham.

Avraham's greatest challenge, perhaps his most defining moment, was the Akeidah - the Binding of Yitzchak. The story of this test is introduced as a continuation of the preceding stories. "And it was after these matters that Elokim tested Avraham." The precedents of this challenge led to it.

Immediately before the Akeidah we read the story of the covenant between Avraham and Avimelech - the King of the Pelishtim, and of an altar dedicated by Avraham to Elokim, the Universal God

Avraham had erected other altars but had dedicated them to Hashem. This altar, constructed after his interaction with other people, the Pelishtim, was dedicated to Elokim, the God of all People. It was this same characteristic of Elokim that tested Avraham and asked him to sacrifice his son, his only son, Yitzchak. It was the covenant and the altar preceding the Akeidah that led Elokim to test Avraham.

In his dealings with those about him, Avraham rightfully chose to teach of a Universal God. Akeidah was a challenge not to overlook the unique

character and destiny of Avraham and the generations that were to follow him.

If he fell short in his attempt to portray the universal by ignoring the particular, then the blessing of Yitzchak in Avraham's old age would become unnecessary.

We are once again confronted with the test of Avraham. In a pluralistic society are we able to make certain that the Isaacs of our generation live the precious legacy that is ours? It is not always easy as we get caught up in so many broader issues. We continue to lose sight of who we are.

We have a dual mission.
We must live and thrive in our times. We must use our faith and wisdom to impact upon the spirit of our times. However, in order to achieve this we must develop what is uniquely and particularly ours. We must study Torah inside the walls of our world in order to have an

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effect on the world outside. We must develop a deep seeded sense of identity, bearers of the torch of Avraham and Yitzchak, so that our community can continue to serve as a beacon of both universal and particular truth.

The windows of a synagogue must duplicate those of the Beit HaMikdash, narrow inside, wide on the outside, as a symbol of the universal light that is spread from the privacy of our particular meeting place with God.

Rabbi Simcha Weinberg

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we kindle the lights and feel the joy of the spirit of Chanukah, it's an opportunity to reflect on the symbolism of this festival and the message it holds for our shul and ourselves.

The Chashmonayim were a small group of religious Jews who stood in opposition to the imperial power of Syrian Hellenism. They had great emunah and though small in number they forged a great victory. But the military victory is not the essence of this holiday. No parades or 21 gun salutes. Rather, we emphasize a miracle, the miracle of the Menorah. God's allowing oil sufficient for one day's use to burn for eight days. The miracle of the oil is God's acknowledgment of the great accomplishment of the Chashmonayim. It is God's way of thanking us for our emunah, for our labor, for our energy.

In our shul it is also the few who accomplish so much, who work independently and individually for the benefit of the community. It is their energy that sustains us and makes it possible for the rest of us to grow and flourish. I would like to acknowledge and to thank, two of those few who will be sorely missed this year as they move on to new prospects.

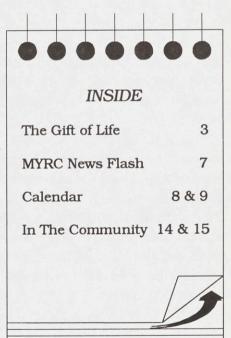
Judy Heicklen, who has accepted an exciting new position with her American firm in Japan, has been the head of the LSS finance committee and one of the leaders of the Women's Tefilah group. Judy has dedicated herself to the most practical and the most spiritual aspects of the community.

Debra Pine Orenshein is moving to Teaneck. Debbie is currently an officer of the shul, Financial Secretary, and she has been active for over a decade running numerous events, tirelessly, imaginatively. Likewise, Debbie has combined her religious commitment with the practical necessities of running a complex organization.

Judy and Debbie have made the religious miracle of Lincoln Square Synagogue work in practice. It was their emunah, their energy, that made it possible for the rest of us to make our contributions. We wish them only the best as they go from strength to strength. Thank you

Chag samaech!

-- Steven Spira --



## The Gift of Life

Dear LSS Congregants:

We are deeply grateful to the 343 potential bone marrow donors who stretched out their arms to offer that tablespoon of blood to help save our son Jay's life. By joining the National Registry, you have offered to give the gift of life not only to Jay but to the 9,000 other similarly afflicted.

To Rabbi Simcha Weinberg and to Joe Schwarz, who were so instrumental in allowing us to test at Lincoln Square, thank you. To Shirley Wald, Sherry Miller, Judy Garmaise, as well as the many volunteers who gave so willingly of their time, and to all of the donated shopkeepers who refreshments, thank you. And to our Hilly Gross friend suggested that we come to Lincoln

Square, a very heartfelt thank you. Finally, to Bob Abrams, for being such a dedicated supporter and for his moving appeal prior to the drive our deepest thanks.

The generous contributions that we received from the community will help us continue testing and defray the cost of future drives. We have already set a tentative date for three drives in Israel within the next 6 weeks

If you missed the drive and would like to be a potential donor, if you are interested in coordinating another drive or in becoming a volunteer, or just in sharing important information, please call us at 1-800-9-MARROW.

Once again, thank you to one and all.

With heartfelt thanks, Arlene and Jack Feinberg Jay's parents

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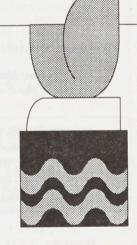
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## The Yom Kippur Colloquium

Twenty-four hours before the commencement of Yom Kippur, nearly three hundred and fifty people descended upon Lincoln Square Synagogue for an opportunity to gain last minute insights into the essence of Teshuva, Yom Kippur and the Yom Kippur prayers.

On October 5, 1992, LSS, in conjunction with several of New York City's leading outreach organizations, hosted "The Yom Kippur Colloquium." Participants in the program were able to select from seven inspiring lectures. Our own Rabbi Weinberg spoke on the topic of "Expectations of God and Man." The other lectures included Rabbi Buchwald's "Women, Yom Kippur and the Future of American Jewry."

In a moving act of pre-Yom Kippur chesed, Pnina Arbesfeld and other volunteers ushered participants in the Colloquium program into the Annex throughout the evening to be tested for bone marrow compatibility with Jay Feinberg.



## Thank You!

Dear Rabbi Weinberg,

My wife Julie and I have recently been attending the Beginners Minyan at Lincoln Square. We would like you to know whtat an absolutely wonderful job Rabbi Joe Schwartz did over the summer. Knowledge, humility and a great sense of humor are a powerful combination.

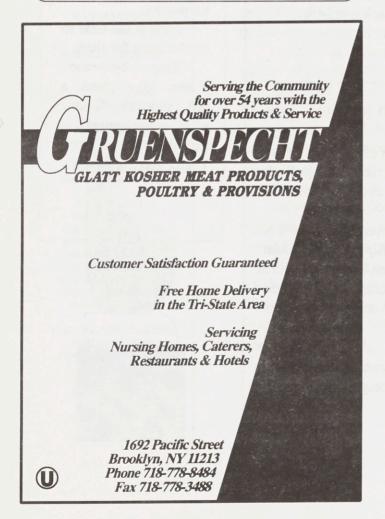
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With a lot of positive word of mouth, the event quickly became the "thing to do." On the days immediately event, preceding the reservations flooded Synagogue office. Over 150 people attended, far more than the organizers ever anticipated. feedback overwhelmingly positive. For many, this was the first service where they left feeling as learned thev though They expressed something. surprise that environment was so positive and spirited. We hope to see many of these "newcomers" in the upcoming months.

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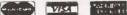
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I am pleased to announce that this year's Youth Program is off to a fast and exciting start. We have developed a multifaceted and varied program, with something for everyone - from the smallest toddler to the most sophisticated high school senior!

Our new and improved weekly Shabbat programs have been greeted with enthusiastic participation. Child Cares I and II tremendously been have successful under the teams of Rachel Koch, Shani Katz and Teri Ershler, Chaim Davis, and Eli Kaufman, respectively. Our 1st and 2nd grade program is also a big hit! Under the auspices of Levi Freedman and Ephraim Bendheim, our 1st and 2nd grades are involved in a serious davening atmosphere with Parsha quizzes and discussions. Our biggest hit, though, has been the Super Junior Congregations for 3rd through 6th grade boys and girls. Led by Lea Alter and Rachel Goldstein for the girls and Yedidyah Buchwald and Ray Barishansky for the boys, our young adults (that's right, the 3rd to 6th graders) are experiencing the

meaning of contributing to a real Minyan. The program includes advanced davening led by our own chazanim, lengthy Parsha discussions and Divrei Torahs. Our 7th - 12th grade Teen Minyan has become more popular than ever and, hopefully, will continue to grow. And, of course, on Shabbat afternoons there are Oneg groups, which fill our Shabbat with friends, games and discussions.

Our youth have also enjoyed a slew of exciting trips and events, including a visit to the ever popular Paintball arena, a Knick game, a movie and pizza night, and a fun magician for the younger kids. There are many more fun trips that await our children! Additionally, our annual Yachad Shabbaton and concert are coming real soon, so don't forget to watch your mail!!

We look forward to a winter and spring as rich and rewarding for the children as our first few months have been. If any members of the community, parents or children are interested in becoming more involved in the Youth Program, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-678-7834.

Chanukah Sameach!! Avi Lopin, Youth Director

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## Who is Avi Lopin?

Avi Lopin is eagerly taking on the challenge of LSS's Youth Director. He comes from Upstate New York but has lived in eight cities and three countries. Avi plans to make his final destination Israel.

After attending Yeshivat Sha'alvim for two years, Avi completed his history degree at Yeshiva University. He served as President of his Senior Class and Features Editor of the Y.U. newspaper - Commentator.

Avi's wide range of youth experience includes his service as Youth Director in Englewood's Ahavath Torah, advisor in Y.U. High School Seminars, N.C.S.Y. and Yachad and counselor at camps Morasha, Moshava and HASC.

Let us all give Avi a warm LSS welcome and wish him the best of luck!

# RECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All month:  Daily Mincha/Maariv 4:25 pm  Maariv only - Monday - Thursday 6:20 pm  Synagogue Chanukah Dinner Friday Night, Dec. 25th		1	Israel and the Diaspora: Biblical Perspectives Rabbi David Silber 8:00-9:30 pm	3	4 D 4:11 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15 pm	5 Vayetze Feld Daf Yomi 8:00 am Talmud & Bible Classes 3:25 pm Mincha 4:10 pm
6	7	8	9 The Separation of Church and State in Israel Rabbi Simcha Weinberg 8:00-9:30 pm	10	11 O 4:11 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15 pm	12 Vayishlach Feld Daf Yomi 8:00 am Talmud & Bible Classes 3:25 pm Mincha 4:10 pm
13 LSS Toy Drive 10:00 am - 4:00 pm	14	15	What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews Rabbi Joseph Telushkin 8:00-9:30 pm	17	18 O 4:13 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15 pm	19 Vayshev Feld Daf Yomi 8:00 am Talmud & Bible Classes 3:25 pm Mincha 4:10 pm Chanukah o 1st Candle
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Because of you, I began the year 5753 with a new sense of possibilities. Unable to use my Amigo electric scooter on Shabbos and the festivals, I really hadn't expected to go to shul for the month my husband was away. Who else would push me?

Not to worry. LSS, as a <u>community</u>, would. How much better it was to use <u>amigos</u> of the LSS community, who got me to shul and back many times during the holiday period. The experience was wondrous -- miraculous, even. For me, the Holy Days were indeed Days of Awe.

Sincerely, Myrna Lebov

Diana and Andrew Reinhard deeply appreciate the words of comfort and the many acts of charity offered by members of Lincoln Square Synagogue in memory of their beloved son, David Plotkin. It has been a source of strength to know how much his life meant to so many people.

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# In The Community ENGAGEMENTS

#### Mazal Toy to

Moshe Boim on his engagement to Tzipporah Herskowitz.

Hanni Dorn and Rabbi Charles Rudansky on their engagement.

Shafira Eisenberg on her engagement to Ben Weiner. Mazal Tov also to her parents Debra and Barry Eisenberg.

Toby Fisher on her engagement to Jonathan Siegman.

Atara Gorsetman on her engagement to Brian Spira. Mazal Tov also to parents Chaya and Fred Gorsetman

Ziggy Hirsch on his engagement to Amy Schwartz.

Yossie Katz on his engagement to Shari Friedman. Mazal Tov also to his parents Leslie and Lois Katz.

Nathan Kruman on his engagement to Charlotte Breslow.

Debbie Rubin on her engagement to David Sosnowik.

Chaya Wajngurt on her engagement to David Levy.

## MARRIAGES

## Mazal Tov to

Art Blazer on his marriage to Rachel Nagar. Nancy Lackner and Marvin Bleiberg on their marriage.

Rachel Landau on her marriage to Lindsay Fisher. Mazal Tov also to parents Edith and Aron Landau.

Elliot Lasky on his marriage to Holly Scott. Deborah Luciani on her marriage to David Benaim.

Bruce Ritholtz on his marriage to Michelle Slavin.

Barry Schwartz on his marriage to Marsha Korland.

Liane White on her marriage to Ira Wolff.

Congratulations to

David Friedman, Chatan Torah

Eli Salig, Chatan Bereishit

Richard Kestenbaum, Chatan Maftir

## BIRTHS

## Mazal Tov to

Leslie and Raphael Edelman on the birth of a daughter.

Anna Feld on the birth of a great-granddaughter Sima Meth.

Ellen and David Goldschmidt on the birth of a son.

Hadassah and Bill Greenbaum on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Anna Hollander on the birth of a great-granddaughter.

Leslie and Lois Katz on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents Benji and Michelle.

Beth and Alan Levin on the birth of daughter. Debbie Pine and Dr. Mark Orenshein on the birth of a daughter.

Henny and Sam Rudansky on the birth of a son.

Dr. Estelle and Mr. Arthur Schutzman on the birth of granddaughter.

Chani and Mark Segall on the birth of a son. Ruth Shapiro on the birth of a grandson.

Lisa Weinsoff and Robert Zenilman on the birth of a daughter.

## BAR AND BAT MITZVAH

#### Mazal Tov to

Miryam and Amos Alter on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Avraham.

Robert and Susan Chambre on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Ephraim.

Aviva and Bill Stanley on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Maurice.

Noreen and Joel Wachs on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Tamar.

#### HONORS

## **Mazal Tov to**

Mel Greenland on the feature article in the Home Section of 10/22/92 edition of "The New York Times."

Sharona and Steven Spivack on their being honored as Parents of the Year at a dinner on the Glatt Yacht by Ezra Academy of Queens.

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Richard and Freya Wigler on the graduation of son Michael from YU.

## TSETCHEM L'SHALOM

#### Tsetchem l'Shalom to

Dana Alexander on her having left for a year's study in Yerushalayim.

Rhonda and Jonathan Alexander-Abt, who left for England for Rhonda to pursue her graduate degree at Cambridge University. Cindy Becker on her having left for a year's study in Israel.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

# Lincoln Square Synagogue is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Fara Abramson Stewart Ashkenazy

Cheryl Bader

Evelyn and Mark Birnbaum

Eli Blisko

Jeremy Boim

Moshe Boim

Michael Braten

Sarah Cohen

Eleanor Cooperberg

**Edward Croman** 

Richard Dukas Rebecca Ehrlich

Rebecca Ehrlich
Jonathan Ehrman

Jeffrey Eisenberg

John Gelbard

Sander Gerber

Judith Gibber

Robyn Gottlieb

Morris Grajower

Adolf and Idis Gross

Philip Gubitz

Lawrence and Zeva Herman

Ari and Carrie Hirschfeld

Richard Horowitz

Dr. Leonard and Vardi Jacober

Harry and Joan Junger

Joshua Kamerman

Geraldine Katz

Dr. Andrew and Diane Koenigsberg

Carol and Robert Landau

Jane and Michael Lewittes

Robin Malkin

Nancy Mikhael

Rhoda Okunieff

Reuben Pludwinski

Lois Polivnick

Adam Rabin

Glenn Reicin

Dr. David Reiss

Jeffrey Roseman

Augusta and Herbert Rudnick

Dov Scherzer and Ann Ehrenpreis

Doug and Gail Schiller

Steven Schnipper

Douglas and Michelle Shelling

David Sherr

Sara Snyder

Ephraim and Yael Sobol

**Edward Susman** 

Atara and Yona Triestman

Lisa Weinsoff and Robert Zenilman

Sarah Wolfson

Linda Zaintz

#### **CONDOLENCES**

### We extend our sympathy to

Henry Adler on the passing of his brother Gerald D. Adler.

Chuck Bernstein on the passing of his father Edward Bernstein.

Lisa Carroll on the passing of her mother Paula Carroll

Phyllis Getzler on the passing of her mother Jesse Resnick.

Jennie Lebwohl on the passing of her brother Sam Awendstern.

Michelle Morse on the passing of her mother Dinah Block.

Abraham Weishaus on the passing of his father

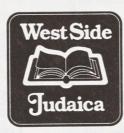
Edith Woloch on the passing of her sister Mrs. Ruth Garfinkel.

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