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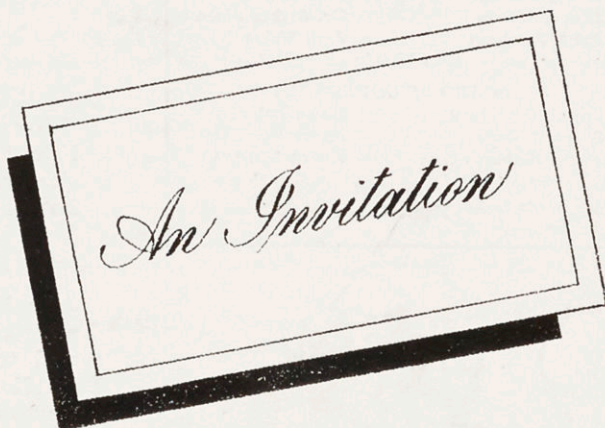
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announce the birth of

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January 27, 1965.



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**GEORGE WASHINGTON  
AND THE JEWS****(Feb. 22)**

There were only about 2000 Jews in America at the time when the colonies broke away from their mother country, England. A predominant number of them drew their sustenance from connections with England; yet they joined the colonists in their struggle for freedom and supported George Washington. The following is an excerpt of a letter George Washington wrote to the Jews of Newport, Rhode Island: "It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes of my felicity. May the children of the stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid."

**PRAYER SCHEDULE***Friday*

light candles before

February 5	4:57 P.M.
February 12	5:06 P.M.
February 19	5:15 P.M.
February 26	5:22 P.M.

*Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat*

February 5	5:00 P.M.
February 12	5:15 P.M.
February 19	5:30 P.M.
February 26	5:30 P.M.

*Oneg Shabbat*

February 26	8:30 P.M.
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*Sabbath Morning Service*

February 27	9:00 A.M.
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*Sabbath Afternoon Service*

February 6	5:00 P.M.
February 13	5:15 P.M.
February 20	5:30 P.M.
February 27	5:30 P.M.

**A PROMISING YOUNG MAN**

John Hellman, a twenty-year old student from Yeshiva University, has consented to be the regular Cantor and Ba'al Koreh (Reader of the Torah) of our synagogue. He was born and bred in Washington, D.C., where his father is a medical statistician and his mother a co-author of a number of books relating to medical statistics. Although he attended a public high school, Johnny was always active in the synagogue life of his community. He was a leader of the Junior Congregation, a religious chairman of the United Synagogue Youth Organization, and a recipient of the Men's Club Leadership Award for active participation in the synagogue.

Johnny arrived at Yeshiva University in 1962; he is now a Junior, majoring in English Literature. He is likewise enrolled in the Jewish Studies Program of the University, where he is an outstanding student in Rabbi Riskin's Talmud class.

We look forward to many months of pleasant praying with Johnny, who is a firm believer in Congregational singing.

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## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Jewish lore tells of two rabbis who traveled about from city to city in Israel. "Bring us the guardians of the city," they asked in each place. When the senators were brought forward, they seemed dissatisfied. When the chief of the City Guard was summoned, they refused to meet with him. "These are not the true guardians of the city," they exclaimed. "Fetch us, please, those who teach you and your children our holy Torah. They are responsible for the safety of your city. . . ."

President Johnson has recently proposed a massive federal aid program for education. He understands only too well that the future security of our country will be determined not so much by a costly defense program as by the emergence of an educated America. I would merely add that education must not only consist of the imparting of *facts*; it must include the teaching of *values* as well. History has taught us the bitter lesson of a nation which could utilize the greatest scientific achievements for the purpose of a bestial destruction of human life. This is why the teachers of Torah are called the true guardians of the city. It is only a people imbued with the ideals of the ethics of the Bible which can create a safe society dedicated to the dignity and brotherhood of man.

The Lincoln Square Synagogue has already begun to help safeguard our community through the study of Torah. Our Adult Education Institute (which has more than quadrupled in attendance during the past six weeks) will meet at 9:00 P.M. each Wednesday evening, starting February 10 (until that time we shall maintain our 8:30 P.M. schedule). This will enable us to begin another class at 8:20 P.M. on *The Art of Hebrew Reading*. Needless to say, everyone is invited to attend one or both of these study groups.

We are likewise considering the possibility of opening a Sunday School for youngsters during the present spring semester. Since this is dependent upon the number of registrants, we are anxiously awaiting the responses to the questionnaires which we have already sent you.

Judaism is a fascinating study. It is a priceless heritage, a magnificent weltanschauung, a specific way of life. It is only through the education of the younger and older generations together that the beauty, vitality and relevance of Jewish living can be truly appreciated.

## NEWS - NOTES

Thanks to our president, who has graciously donated to us some office equipment, which we are making good use of.

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Our appreciation to MISS FANNY LINDEY for the beautiful traditional cover she gave to grace the Torah lectern. She has given much of her time to type and do clerical work, in our office.

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MRS. BARBARA TREITEL has been very helpful in the proof reading of our bulletin.

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During January PRES. AND MRS. DANIEL MARS and MR. AND MRS. IRVING SHESIN honored us with a lovely Kiddush on successive Saturdays.

MR. MORRIS TIEFENBRUNN is on a business trip to Japan and we hope he will be able to settle some of the problems we have in the East.

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The ladies are urged to join the Sisterhood, which will play an integral part in our many activities and social events.

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At press time, of this issue, our beloved President LYNDON B. JOHNSON is at Bethesda Naval Hospital. MISS GERTRUDE GOLDBERG is at the Polyclinic Hospital. MRS. ROSE DRUCKMAN at Mt. Sinai Hospital. We wish them a Refuah Schlomah.

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Happy to hear that MRS. SAM RACH-LIS is well and back home, after being hospitalized.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

At this moment, I know we are all looking forward to seeing the plans for our new synagogue on Amsterdam Avenue and 69th Street. I hope to have this information in time for our next General Meeting. In the meantime the building committee has been hard at work obtaining the necessary permits to demolish the interior walls of our temporary synagogue, so that we can accommodate the increasing attendance at our services. Some people have said that we should not have started services until this was done, but I disagreed. Someday when The Lincoln Square Synagogue becomes a renowned synagogue we will have the fond memories of attending services under the most difficult of circumstances. At the moment conducting services is one of our most important functions and judging from the attendance I am sure that the right decision was made. In the short six weeks since we began, new people have come to the synagogue and many of them have already become active members.

Another Lincoln Square Synagogue project that is going on, at the moment, is our Adult Educational Institute. This is a lecture series conducted by our Rabbi every Wednesday evening. Those of us who attend these lectures find them enlightening, interesting and inspirational.

I am thoroughly delighted, as I know you are, with the way our synagogue is progressing, but your efforts are still necessary for its completion and success.

**New Members**

*We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the following members who have recently joined the Lincoln Square Synagogue:*

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Achtentuch  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arnold  
 David Abrams  
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**Obituary****Sir Winston Churchill****1874 - 1965****'NEVER BELIEVE ANY WAR WILL BE SMOOTH'***(1930—From "A Roving Commission")*

"Let us learn our lessons. Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on the strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter. The statesman who yields to war fever must realize that once the signal is given, he is no longer the master of policy but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrollable events. Antiquated War Offices, weak, incompetent or arrogant commanders, untrustworthy allies, hostile neutrals, malignant fortune, ugly surprises, awful miscalculations — all take their seats at the Council Board on the morrow of a declaration of war. Always remember, however sure you are that you can easily win, that there would not be a war if the other man did not think he also had a chance."

We mourn the loss of this great statesman — a man for all mankind.



## A View From The Editor

That toddlers as well as older children imitate their elders in the process of learning, is an undeniable fact. Just how much spiritual growth the child will achieve, depends in no small measure upon the parents — their own activities as well as their firmness in tactfully insisting that the child study, absorb and practice. Acting as a guide for the mental and spiritual development of the child, the parents may be likened to the windows of Heaven through which the Holy Countenance radiates family unity, warmth, love, patience, wisdom, knowledge and brotherhood along the pathways of Peace.

Being a Jew in body and soul, is a precious birthright which should faithfully be nurtured and preserved. When a Bar Mitzvah boy has concentrated for a short period of time on learning the Torah Blessings for recitation upon reaching manhood in the Jewish tradition and soon thereafter forgets them and disregards many things Jewish — the effect of such Bar Mitzvah ritual has little permanent value other than a memory of a milestone reached. As a rule, such youngster knows little about the priceless Jewish studies in traditional Torah, Jewish education, history, culture, ethics and other varied fields of knowledge which constitute our unexcelled, rich religious heritage. Unacquainted with even the barest essentials of Judaism, unable to read Hebrew, and being unaware of his importance as a connecting link in the chain of Jewish survival, just how can he in time, withstand the seemingly overpowering pressures to defect from Judaism? Is he adequately forearmed with knowledge of his own heritage to overcome the influences based on distortions and misinterpretations? In his weak and pliable state of mind, he is easy prey for assimila-

tion, especially if, as so many youngsters seeking an out-of-town schooling do, he be away from home and Jewish environment, and have no mentor to encourage his status as a Jew.

The reason for such deviating religious behavior is the parents' neglect of their sacred duty properly to train their offspring in the paths of Judaism — NOT merely shortly before the Bar Mitzvah, but CONTINUOUSLY FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD. The child must become saturated with Jewish values. The parents themselves, by example, must first acquaint themselves with what the TORAH teaches — they must try to observe the Jewish traditional practices and actually lead the child by hand to attend SYNAGOGUE services. In addition, they themselves should master and appreciate Jewish ideals by reading outstanding Jewish literature and by participating in communal activities.

### Children Have The Right To Spiritual Inheritance!

Let it not be said that the Jewish parents failed their children by inadequate guidance, instruction and encouragement. LOOK NOW TO YOUR CHILDREN'S WELFARE! Give them the spiritual lift through early Jewish education.

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shel Shabbos.

Blessed art Thou O Lord our God,  
King of the Universe, who sanctified us  
with Thy commandments and commanded  
us to kindle the Sabbath Light.

Bless our home, O God, and as these  
candles are lit, kindle in my family a

renewed spirit of love and devotion. Let  
health and happiness be our portion.  
Help me to help others for the sake of  
peace and security for all. Bless my  
children and the members of my house-  
hold with kindness and understanding,  
make our lives meaningful and grant us  
the strength and courage to do right at  
all times, to shoulder our responsibilities,  
so that Thy will for a better home and  
a world of peace may be created through  
our sincere efforts. Amen.



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