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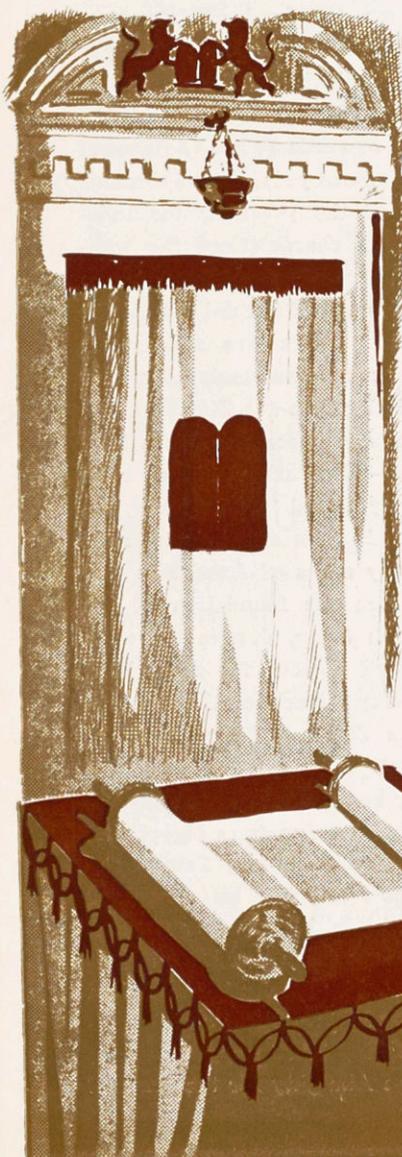
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THE LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

cordially invites you to an

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Yom Ha Atzmaut Celebration Ceremony

Wednesday, May 5, 1965 - 9:00 P.M.

PROMINENT GUEST SPEAKER:

Rabbi Bernard Walfish

Director of New Communities

Yeshiva University

Cantor Sherwood Goffin



REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Election of Officers

May 25th - 8:30

at Synagogue



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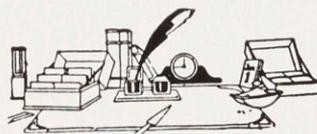
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**FROM THE RABBI'S DESK . . .**

"Get thee out of thy country and out of thy birthplace and out of thy father's house unto the land that I will show thee." Thus the first commandment which God gave to Abraham, the first Jew: the obligation to leave his homeland and journey to the land of Israel. Throughout our great history, *Eretz Israel* has therefore been the land of our forefathers, the site of our Holy Temple, the place in which the prophets preached and Jewish law flourished. And from the year 70 C.E. onwards (when the Second Temple was destroyed), Israel became the symbol of the yearning for independence which characterized the wandering Jewish people for the past two thousand years. All of our daily, Sabbath and Holiday prayers are filled with references to a national restoration and an overwhelming love for Zion.

How impossible it seemed that a two-thousand-year-old-dream would ever be fulfilled. But yet God "works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform." From the very ashes of Auschwitz and Treblinka arose the foundation of the modern Jewish State, despite the military protest of a powerful Arab bloc. The modern-day miracle of the re-emergence of the State of Israel after so many years of prayer, pain and persecution can only be compared to the miracle of the original Exodus from Egypt and Conquest of Canaan. Every Jew in the world can now stand a bit straighter and speak with a bit more confidence, secure in the knowledge that his interests will be protected by a voice in the United Nations. Please join with us on Wednesday evening, May 5th, to pay tribute to and thank the Almighty for the State of Israel.

**PRAYER SCHEDULE***Friday*

May 7 Light candles by ... 7:38 P.M.
May 14 7:45 P.M.
May 21 7:52 P.M.
May 28 7:58 P.M.

MINCHA and KABBALAT SHABBAT
May 7-14-21-28 6:15 P.M.

ONEG SHABBAT

May 7-28 8:45 P.M.

SABBATH MORNING SERVICE

Each Sabbath morning 9:00 A.M.

SABBATH AFTERNOON SERVICE

May 8 Talmud Class 7:00 P.M.
Mincha 7:45 P.M.
May 15 Talmud Class 7:15 P.M.
Mincha 8:00 P.M.
May 22 Talmud Class 7:15 P.M.
Mincha 8:00 P.M.
May 29 Talmud Class 7:30 P.M.
Mincha 8:15 P.M.

President's Message

MY FRIENDS

I don't have to tell you how delighted I am to have seen us reach this day, and I know you all share with me the joy of this achievement.

Today we witness but another step toward our ambitious goal, so that this is not the end but rather the beginning and thus we cannot rest and merely reflect on our accomplishments, now we must rededicate ourselves to the tasks ahead.

Now more than ever before we must work to build our permanent Temple. The concept of our Synagogue is, always has been, and I hope always will be, a beacon for those who have, somehow, lost communication with traditional Judaism. Through love and education we have already seen several miraculous religious experiences, I'm sure there will be many others.

Our strategic location demands that we share it with the world; one of the ideas brought forward is the creation of a Jewish library, another is housing the Warsaw Memorial and there are many others being explored, and if only one comes to pass it shall make all the work, that has been done, worthwhile.

Less than five years ago, this area was one of the cities most blighted slums, but the great Architect had other plans for the West Side, and so with the help of his angels in the forms of legislators, builders, architects, bankers and management men, came this great complex of buildings and with these buildings came our people, who were not content with merely food, clothing and shelter. . . . Less than three years ago a handful of men and women met and decided to underwrite the formation of our organization, the risks were high and there were no assurances that these funds would ever be recovered. History now shows the results of that meeting and the future never looked brighter. Being the one who called that first meet-

JUDAISM AND MEDICINE: BASIC SIMILARITIES

MARTIN FINKEL, M.D.

A fundamental value common to both Judaism and medicine is the high value they place on human dignity and human life. The Talmud tells us that human life is infinitely precious and beyond measure. The physician spends his life in the preservation of this precious treasure. So central to basic Judaic teaching is this concept about life, that we are taught if a man saves the life of a single person, it is as if he saved a whole world. Every day the physician engages in a battle to maintain life. It makes no difference, we are told, whether life is preserved for a hundred years, or a single second. Both are equally precious. The exhortation in our teachings is to choose life. It then becomes a religious duty to maintain good health, and also to aid the sick. Fundamental religious observances are set aside in favor of healing. Sabbath obligations are put aside if there is a risk of life. Fasting is not required of the young, nursing or pregnant women, or if there is any other threat to life. It is of interest that the day prescribed for circumcision occurs when the baby's blood clotting factors have reached a safe level. So basic is the concern for life in Judaism, that the teaching is to postpone the Brith if the child is ill, or if there is a family history of a bleeding disease. With this noble heritage, it is of little wonder that the traditional toast for Jews on festive occasions is *L'Chaim*.

ing makes me very proud, but anyone who has done nothing else but become a member should feel equally proud.

As our Rabbi described it the other day, "we love, most of anything at all, that which we created," and because of that, no synagogue has ever had a more dedicated and enthusiastic congregation.

And so many thanks to all of you who helped to make this day possible and my wish that you be as richly rewarded for your efforts as I have been.

Thank you and God Bless you.

NEWS (LSS) NOTES

Over 600 people attended our dedication party, bearing out the urgent need for our permanent Temple . . . Thanks to the Sisterhood, (who presented the synagogue with curtains), who performed a hard task in the preparation and fine serving of the food to so many guests and our gratitude to all the women who were on committees . . . Thanks to MR. & MRS. CHARLES BLUMENFELD, and to MR. and MRS. MORRIS TIEFENBRUNN, for the gifts they donated, which were put on the auction block and made the successful bidders very happy . . . IRVING CHESNIN did a great job in arranging the Seder at the Park Royal — all who attended said it was indeed inspirational and enjoyable — the *tzimmes* was just like Mother used to make . . . Again we must thank the SISTERHOOD for the beautiful flowers at the Passover services . . . We hope to see FANNY LINDEY and FANNIE COHEN soon at the Synagogue (Refuah Shleima) . . . Welcome back to MR. AND MRS. AL MEYERS, from their vacation in Florida — congratulations to their daughter MYRA and son-in-law DANIEL GRIBETZ on their 25th Wedding Anniversary . . . If your dues are not paid, you cannot vote in the election, which takes place on May

25th . . . STANLEY GETZLER has joined the editorial staff . . . MICHAEL RABIN, besides being a world renowned violinist, is also a good carpenter — he used the hammer quite skillfully when work had to be done for our Purim party . . . Our VICE PRESIDENT, SIDNEY TROMPETER, is also no slouch with the hammer . . . The Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Service was indeed a touching tribute to our Jewish Martyrs . . . As an additional gift, on her birthday JUDITH ORLEANS, heard her husband JOSEPH, give a fine rendition of the Maftir — many happy birthdays in the future . . . Mother of two, JUNE ZYDNEY finds time to give able work to the synagogue — good girl . . . FRIEDA and HERMAN KAPLAN presented a beautiful brocade cover for the lectern . . . Mazel Tov to our Board of Trustee Member, JACK WEBBER, on his marriage to MILDRED SCHWARTZ . . . DEBORA TIEFENBRUNN, hostess to the children at kiddie party, which was enjoyed by *quelling* mothers . . . Lincoln Square Synagogue has a friend at Chase Manhattan — MR. KAGEL, the manager of the new bank in our community, has promised to keep his branch closed on Saturdays, so we can all pray undisturbed.

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Our heartfelt thanks to the following, — for their generous contributions on the dedication of our enlarged quarters, which was held on March 14th.

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Said Rabbi Levi: You find that the Holy One blessed be He created many things in the universe but chose for Himself one of them. He created the seven days and stated (Gen 2:3): "And God blessed the seventh day and chose for himself the Sabbath from all of them," as it is stated (Gen. 2:3): "And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." He created countries and chose one of them — Eretz Israel, as it is stated (Deut 11:12): "Continually the eyes of the Lord are upon it." Likewise the Holy One blessed be He calls it, My land, as it is stated (Joel 4:2) "They have parted My land." He created nations and chose one of them — Israel, as it is stated (Deut 14:2): "You has the Lord chosen to be His people, His very own treasure."



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are anxious to explore the possibilities of beginning a Nursery, Sunday and/or weekday Hebrew School for the coming September term. If you know of any children who might be interested, please contact the Synagogue Office as soon as possible.

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