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# Special Event

Saturday Night, June 5

Since it is the custom to celebrate Shevuot by studying Torah the entire first night of the holiday, Lincoln Square Synagogue invites the membership to experience an ancient tradition with a modern twist:

Midnight Lecture: 11:30 P.M.

Rabbi Riskin will discuss "The Ten Commandments in the Twentieth Century."

Refreshments will be served by the Sisterhood.

The LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE, wishes to announce the election on May 25th, of the following officers and Board of Trustees.

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## PRAYER SCHEDULE

7:30 P.M. Mincha



# FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Shevuot is the Festival of Weeks, so named because it occurs seven weeks after Passover. The holiday commemorates the Revelation at Sinai, the one time in our history when the entire nation felt itself to be in direct confrontation with God. We count each day between Passover and Shevuot, highlighting the fact that the physical freedom gained by the exodus would have been meaningless were it not for the spiritual direction given at Sinai.

The entire Bible stands upon the foundation of this direct encounter between God and Israel three thousand years ago. There is even a commandment for every father to teach his child of the Divine Revelation. Historically, the veracity of the supernatural experience of our forefathers can neither be confirmed nor denied. But even the so-called secular historians are ready to admit that some extraordinary experience in the desert was necessary in order to have transformed a wandering group of former slaves into a nation committed to God and infused with His spirit.

Moreover, the eternal quality of the ubiquitous Jewish people-a nation which has refused to assimilate despite every imaginable physical and social pressure, as well as their uncanny dedication to a Book which has not only produced Mohammedanism and Christianity but is also the basis for contemporary ethical theory, has long puzzled historians. What unkonwn power has enabled the Jews-unique among the nations of the world - to defy every anthropological trend and maintain an unbroken tradition as ancient as the record of history itself? I would submit that the secret is to be found in the mystery of Sinai, the Mountain of God.

# President's Message

As the fiscal year of our synagogue draws to a close, I look with pride on the accomplishments of the past months. Beginning with the leasing of our temporary quarters from Alcoa, then struggling through the alterations, while services were being conducted in the midst of all the rubble of the demolition. Each week we saw a steady growth of attendance and membership. There were trials of leadership when several very important decisions had to be made. Fortunately your Board of Directors had the courage and understanding to endorse these programs. While I look nostalgically at the past, I cannot help but be reminded of the important work still ahead of us.

The new year begins with preparations for the High Holy day services—which include auditioning Cantors—selling tickets—and numerous other chores.

Another important task will be seeing that construction is started on our new building. This entails retaining an architect, approving designs and specifications, obtaining bids from contractors and assigning contracts.

The aforementioned could be realized only with the continued support of our hard working officers — directors — and committees; members who are not active in at least one of these areas, must come forward now!

By the time you read this message, elections will already have taken place. Hopefully, I will be re-elected and look forward to serving you for another year.

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On the last day of Shevuos, Monday, June 7th, Yizkor Memorial Services will be recited in our Synagogue. The following form may be filled out and delivered to the Synagogue office by June 3rd for those special memorial prayers.

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Ner Tamid

When this column was written, we did not have the results of the LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE election of officers, but rumor had it that there was a strong Jewish vote . . . Our best wishes to the new officers of the SISTERHOOD . . . FANNY LINDEY has recovered from a severe attack of laryngitis and is now talking . . . PHYLLIS GETZLER and MICHAEL RABIN are our Cultural Directors — anyone with artistic ambitions, get on that June 16th Boat Ride and the directors will notice your talents - many great stars have been found in the Red Sea (Borsht Circuit) - why not the Hudson River . . . ROSE MELLIS and FRANCES SUKENICK sailed on the Shalom . . . We congratulate MRS. FRANK (SOPHIE) TAKS who acted as hostess at another synagogue luncheon, and did a wonderful job . . . While SHIRLEY FREEDMAN is out rounding up new members for our Synagogue and the Sisterhood, her husband MORRIS takes care of their dog-both are to be commended . . . SYLVIA and PAUL ARNOLD collided with our President and his family in the middle of the Lake at Mahopac-we nearly lost a Presidentplease be careful when rowing . . . The marriage of JACK WEBBER, mentioned in our last Bulletin, should have read JACK WEBER, our esteemed Board of Trustee member - will the real JACK WEBER stand up . . . JUNE ZYDNEY has joined the LSS Bulletin Staff . . . Our new financial secretary, ESTELLE MARGETT, is leaving for a trip to the Orient - while there, she may interview MR. HOMON TASHIE, finance expert of Japan, and Board Chairman of the Mizuma Bank, in Tokyo, to learn how our synagogue may benefit, by emulating some of the financial strides Japan has made — Happy Pagoda, Estelle. . . THE EDITORIAL STAFF of LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE wishes all our members, worshippers and friends a wonderful summer. The next issue of the BULLETIN will be in September.



Dear Parent,

Registration for classes in Hebrew and Religious instruction for children is now in progress. Since the size of our facilities is limited, we would appreciate immediate application for admission.

Please detach the following questionnaire and send it in to the synagogue. If you have any questions as to the direction and goals of our school, we shall gladly arrange a personal interview.

Cordially, Rabbi Steven Riskin Lincoln Square Synagogue

Name of Child	Age
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Name of Parent	
Address	

# SISTERHOOD

I wish to extend my thanks to everyone for their congratulations, their pledge of co-operation, and for their confidence and trust in me. I shall endeavor to live up to it to the best of my ability.

Although it is but a short time since we ventured to organize a Sisterhood, the membership has grown by leaps and bounds. It was self-evident what a wonderful group we have by the enthusiasm shown at our election meeting on May 11th. It is our hope and aspiration that our membership will continue to grow and grow. We have a long and difficult road ahead until our dreams become realities. Urgently I request your support and co-operation to achieve it.

It is my earnest hope that we of the Sisterhood will be the right arm of the synagogue.

Shalom.

Sonia Chesnin

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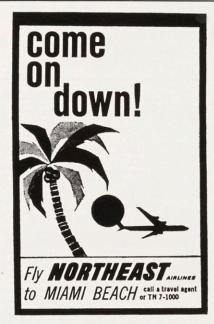
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