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## ANNOUNCING

### MEN'S CLUB



At a meeting on December 15, 1965, held at the  
Synagogue the following officers were  
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All male members of the Lincoln Square Synagogue  
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**PRAYER SCHEDULE****Friday, January 7**

Kindle the Sabbath candles by...4:24 P.M.  
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat...4:30 P.M.  
 Oneg Shabbat .....8:30 P.M.

**Saturday, January 8**

Sabbath morning Service .....8:45 A.M.  
 Talmud Class .....3:45 P.M.  
 Mincha .....4:30 P.M.

**Friday, January 14**

Kindle the Sabbath candles by...4:31 P.M.  
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat...4:40 P.M.  
 Oneg Shabbat .....8:30 P.M.

**Saturday, January 15**

Sabbath morning Service .....8:45 A.M.  
 Talmud Class .....4:00 P.M.  
 Mincha .....4:40 P.M.

**Friday, January 21**

Kindle the Sabbath candles by...4:39 P.M.  
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat...4:45 P.M.  
 Oneg Shabbat .....8:30 P.M.

**Saturday, January 22**

Sabbath morning Service .....8:45 A.M.  
 Talmud Class .....4:00 P.M.  
 Mincha .....4:45 P.M.

**Friday, January 28**

Kindle Sabbath candles by...4:47 P.M.  
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat...4:55 P.M.  
 Oneg Shabbat .....8:30 P.M.

**Saturday, January 29**

Sabbath morning Service .....8:45 A.M.  
 Talmud Class .....4:00 P.M.  
 Mincha .....4:55 P.M.

**DAILY MORNING MINYAN**

Monday through Friday .....7:15 A.M.  
 Sunday .....8:30 A.M.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT, the delightful third meal of the SABBATH, may be enjoyed at our Synagogue each week after Mincha. Last month's sponsors were:

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## From The Rabbi's Desk

An interesting commentary on the condition of Reform Judaism was presented by a leading spokesman of the movement, Rabbi ROLAND B. GITTELSON, in a YOM KIPPUR sermon which has recently been printed into a pamphlet:

"The plain, simple, excruciatingly painful fact is that Judaism no longer functions for most of us. Our freedom to select or reject (the various traditions of our faith) has too often been exercised only to reject. Our openness to the new insight of science has tempted us to condemn the old truths of faith. Our antiseptically revised prayer-book with all its creative accretions, has become for too many of us a volume to be touched only once or twice a year. The decorum and aesthetics of our worship service threaten to turn us into spectators rather than participants, into an audience instead of a congregation. And the equality we have so generously extended to our women comes perilously close to an equality of indifference, not of active concern."

The Rabbi then proceeded to document his case, declaring that "The best way is to take a sober, honest look at our own congregation." In a 1962 Congregational survey it was found that only fourteen per cent of the adult membership of the Temple worshipped with the Congregation as frequently as two Friday nights a month. (The late Friday Oneg Shabbat is their main service and 500 people attend.) "The percentage Saturday morning is miniscule."

Moving to the measuring rod of study, Rabbi GITTELSON said the average attendance at adult education courses has been slightly in excess of one hundred, which comes roughly to five per cent of our adult membership.

The Rabbi concluded: "what all this adds up to is that neither the appearance of our homes, nor the daily conduct of our lives, nor the quality of our attachment to the Synagogue, nor our readiness to assume even a minimum of Jewish religious commitment distinguishes us in any substantial way from our Christian neighbors."

When I read such statistics, I cannot but be filled with pride at our own very different experience in the Lincoln Square Synagogue. We attract more than seventy-five per cent of our membership to at least one Sabbath Service a week, and our congregants have demonstrated a most inspiring commitment to Jewish traditions and ideals. I could not begin to recount the many individuals who have found for the first time a religion of meaning, beauty and relevance within the modest walls of our Synagogue. I can only pray that with the establishment of more congregations like our own, our statistics may become the rule rather than the exception.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the fund-raising campaign about to start, all the Jewish people in the area are being called to action. I hope you will volunteer now and not wait to be called. There are important assignments being given out right now.

Our Synagogue is already being thought of as a leader, and therefore a spokesman for the Jewish community. Recently Rabbi Riskin and I were invited by Yeshiva University to speak at a very prominent Synagogue in Allentown, Pa. and the reception that we received there was excellent. They had heard of us and were looking for leadership and guidance from us. Imagine an organization just one year old, teaching an institution over 50 years old the hows and whys of Synagogue administration.

Think of what a proud deed it is to be privileged to have a part in the creation of this wonderful Shul, and what it will mean to the world in the years to come. This is really a once in a lifetime opportunity.

I must also give my compliments to our Rabbi and his fine staff of teachers, Sherwood and Batya Goffin, for a job well done. Our Hebrew School students are progressing splendidly, as evidenced by their sterling performance at our Chanukah Party last week.

# SISTERHOOD

Our thanks to SONIA EDELMAN, DEBORAH TIEFENBRUNN and ELIZABETH KLEIN for a job well done. The Israeli program was both informative and entertaining. The refreshments which they provided were delicious. I received many calls the next day telling me how festive and enjoyable an evening it was.

Our Chanukah Card Party, which was held on December 19th was very successful, thanks to our efficient committee. I especially wish to thank our refreshment chairman, HILDA GOLDNER, whose task was an arduous one.

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members. May the number continue to multiply.

DORIS HELLER — MIRIAM KAUFMAN — RUTH TURBERG — MARIE KAHN — RUTH RINDER — PAULINE BERNSTEIN — ROSE GOODMAN — FAE STEIN — ANN SHENKIN — FRANCES HAINES — ANNE GOLDMAN — EDITH WOLLOCK — SYLVIA MILLER — ROSE DRUCKMAN — SARAH GLICKMAN — FRIEDA HEUBERG — SELMA LEVINSON — SYLVIA ARNOLD — EDITH GENSKY — BESS BERGMAN — GERTRUDE BIRNBAUM — ROSE KOZMAN — ROSLYN DREIZEN — RUTH JACOBSON — SYLVIA SILVERBERG — ANNA FELD — FAY KATZ — MRS. IRVING SILVER — MRS. JOHN GREENBERGER — MRS. GEORGE FELDMAN — MRS. DANIEL GRIBETZ — MRS. PHIL FRANKLIN — MRS. ABRAHAM WOUK — MRS. BENJAMIN KRAMER. Looking forward to greet you personally at our next meeting on Tuesday, January 4th at 8:15 P.M. Our Business meetings are held on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Our heartfelt sympathy to MRS. HENRY COHEN upon the death of her beloved sister, ESTHER GOLDBERG.

With best wishes to all for a HEALTHY, HAPPY and PEACEFUL 1966.

SONIA CHESNIN, Pres.

## Attention Parents

Those of you who attended our Chanukah Party were thrilled and inspired by the plays performed by the children of our Hebrew School. Registration is now open for the SPRING (FEBRUARY) TERM of the Hebrew School.

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## THE WONDERS OF GROWTH

It just occurred to me how coincidental it is that both our daughter BATYA and the Synagogue are completing their first year of full existence this JANUARY, and how similar their development has been. BATYA has grown from a tiny, helpless, practically immobile infant into a healthy active baby who insists on feeding herself and refuses most prepared baby food. She crawls all over the house investigating each and every corner. She can pull herself up to a standing position and enjoys opening the kitchen cabinets. However, in spite of her attempts to act like a grown-up, she is still a baby and must be carefully watched and guided.

So, too, it is with the development of the Synagogue. With God's help we have grown into a full-time operation with daily and Sabbath Services, a Sisterhood, Hebrew School, and Adult Education, in spite of small, inadequate facilities. But with the proper guidance and the strong support of our members we can certainly build a permanent sanctuary.

Thus, in the next year the Rabbi and myself are anxiously waiting for BATYA to learn how to walk and express and communicate herself to those around her. We equally look forward to the construction of the new synagogue which, with its much larger quarters, will be able to make a powerful impact on, and address itself to, the neighboring community and the entire Jewish world.

· VICKY RISKIN

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## MEMORIAM

MR. MURRAY ROSENBERG, on the  
loss of his father.

MR. and MRS. BENJ. D. MITTLE-  
MAN, on the loss of their daughter-in-  
law.

MR. MOSES COHEN, on the loss of  
his wife.

*May the Almighty comfort you among  
the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

## APPRECIATION

Mr. SAMUEL RACHLIS, who has  
been our Gabbi for the last two years  
was inadvertently left out in the High  
Holy Day report by the Chairman. Our  
apologies to SAM. His excellent perfor-  
mance each year is not forgotten.



# LETTERS

DR. SAMUEL BELKIN,  
President of YESHIVA  
UNIVERSITY,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have been meaning to write you for some time about a matter which I am sure will be of great interest to you, and will undoubtedly give you a personal sense of satisfaction.

Several months ago I moved into one of the buildings of the Lincoln Towers apartments. Since I needed a house of worship in the vicinity, I joined the new LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE.

How delighted I was to find that the spiritual leader of the Synagogue is a graduate of R.I.E.T.S. of YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, RABBI STEVEN RISKIN.

As you may recall, I am a life member of the YESHIVA UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION and have given many years of dedicated service to this sacred cause. Therefore, I am particularly pleased that the fruits of my labors have in some way helped YESHIVA UNIVERSITY produce such an admirable young man.

The Jewish Community should be grateful that RABBI RISKIN decided to make the rabbinate his life's work. He has the rare combination of altruistic devotion, selflessness, keen perspection and courage. RABBI RISKIN is doing a phenomenal piece of work in the area. I feel that under his spiritual guidance this will be an outstanding congregation.

I am happy to be affiliated with this Synagogue, and I know that my husband of blessed memory would have felt likewise. I am now a Vice President of the Sisterhood and was recently elected to the Board of Governors.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,  
(MRS. MAX) RUTH L. BELSKY

MRS. MAX BELSKY,  
160 West End Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear MRS. BELSKY:

DR. BELKIN is very grateful to you for your letter of November 28th. Indeed nothing warms our hearts more than to know that those who have done much for YESHIVA UNIVERSITY are themselves reaping a partial reward.

RABBI RISKIN is one of the most gifted and most promising of our rabbinic alumni. He is also a member of our faculty.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes for CHANUKAH, I am

Yours as ever,  
EMANUEL RACKMAN,  
Assistant to the President

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## Editor's Note:

*These two letters were submitted to the Rabbi, by Mrs. Belsky, with a request to have same printed in bulletin.*

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## REFUAH SHLEIMA

MRS. SHERWOOD GOFFIN, wife of our CANTOR and Teacher of the Sunday and Nursery School. Thank God Batya is now on the road to complete recovery.

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## MAZEL TOV

MR. and MRS. NATHAN KRAMER, on their ANNIVERSARY.

MR. and MRS. JOSEPH ORLEANS on their GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

MR. and MRS. DAVID B. POLLINS, parents of the Rebbitzin, on their SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

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