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From The Rabbi's Desk

In our present climate of sophisticated cynicism, American patriotism is a term very rarely considered and spoken about. We complain about taxes, take sides concerning Vietnam, cast our ballot during elections and generally take our country and its ideals fairly much for granted. However, from a Jewish historical perspective, we are living under a government unparalleled in its concern for the religious rights of a minority group, especially those of the Jewish minority.

We have been a people without a country during the twenty centuries between the year 70 C.E. (with the Destruction of the Second Temple) and 1948 (with the establishment of the modern State of Israel). During this two-thousand-year-long exile we have experienced every manner of persecution and expulsion, discrimination and pogrom. The United States of America is the only nation on the globe which has never shed a drop of innocent Jewish blood under government sanction. How our ancestors would have marveled at a country with a Christian majority which appoints a man named Goldberg as its spokesman in the forum of nations, and which is even discussing the possibility of nominating a Jewish Vice-President!

It is for this reason that the Festival of Thanksgiving should have for us a deeply religious as well as national significance. We should utilize the day as one of profound dedication to the principles for which our nation stands, and characterize its observance with thanks to the God who found for us here a temporary haven from official policies of anti-Semitism and Judenrein. In my own home the traditional turkey dinner is preceded by the following prayer for the welfare of our nation which is recited over a cup of wine. It is especially fitting that the Thanksgiving feast be initiated with the blessing over bread and concluded with the Birchat Hamazon (Grace over meal, page 3).





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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, November 4

Kindle Sabbath Candles by4:30 P.M.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat4:40 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	.....8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 5

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

Friday, November 11

Kindle Sabbath Candles by	.....4:22 P.M.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	.....4:35 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	.....8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 12

Sabbath Morning Service	.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud Class	.....3:50 P.M.
Mincha	.....4:30 P.M.

Friday, November 18

Kindle Sabbath Candles by	.....4:16 P.M.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	.....4:30 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	.....8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 19

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

Friday, November 25

Kindle Sabbath Candles by	.....4:12 P.M.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	.....4:15 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	.....8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 26

Sabbath Morning Service	.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud Class	.....3:30 P.M.
Mincha	.....4:15 P.M.

Friday, December 2

Kindle Sabbath Candles by	.....4:09 P.M.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	.....4:15 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat	.....8:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 3

Sabbath Morning Service	.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud Class	.....3:30 P.M.
Mincha	.....4:15 P.M.

Seudah Shlishit, the delightful third meal of the Sabbath, may be enjoyed at our Synagogue each Sabbath afternoon after Mincha. Last month's sponsors were:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Feld
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tiefenbrunn
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Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fensterheim

Daily Minyan

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President's Message

There are times when things are going along so smoothly, that a general apathy seems to hit the membership of an organization. Not only are the hard working people taken for granted, but the project is taken for granted as well.

We have witnessed triumph upon triumph over obstacles that appeared to be insurmountable, but we are still far from our goal.

And while a general apathy has not yet touched our doors, I feel it necessary to warn you that it might happen.

There are times when I am the one most guilty of the charge. I too sometimes forget what the Synagogue was like without the fine Sisterhood we have, a Theater Party "gal Friday," the good Officers, Trustees and Members of the Board of Governors, and the two newest stars on the Horizon — the Men's Club and the Dinner Committee: in short, the people and functions which make us what we are today and give us our hope for tomorrow.

The future success of our endeavors is in the hands of these people, but their working tools are your support and participation. Part of their reward is your appreciation.

The next time you meet any one of these people, please make your gratitude verbal, and I take this opportunity to publicly show my gratitude and say "Thank you," to each and every one of them, and each and every one of you.

Daniel Mars, President

Men's Club

**EVENT: Men's Club Reception to
RABBI DR. IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS**

**Spiritual Leader of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue and
Chief Rabbi Designate of Great Britain**

Subject: "The Population Explosion and the Vanishing Jew"

Date: Sunday, November 6, 1966

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Lincoln Square Synagogue

We are most proud to present the renowned Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, our guest of honor, who will make one of his rare public appearances prior to the assumption of his new post.

Dr. Jakobovits' sermon, which marks the first of the monthly forums to be presented by the Men's Club, promises to be an outstanding event.

A discussion period will follow, and refreshments will be served.

We urge your attendance at this notable function!

Morton Langer, President

Emanuel Weidberg, Vice-President

PRAYER FOR THE WELFARE OF THE COUNTRY

Heavenly Father, uphold and bless this our country, the United States of America. Implant brotherly love among all who dwell therein.

Bless Thou the constituted officers of government in this land. Set in their hearts the spirit of wisdom and understanding to uphold peace and freedom.

Spread, O Lord, the sheltering taber-

nacle of peace over all the earth, with all mankind dwelling in brotherhood and tranquility. May this be Thy will, and let us say, Amen.

"Seek the welfare of the city whither I have caused you to migrate, and pray to the Lord for it."

Jeremiah 29:7

SISTERHOOD

We are grateful to Cele Edelman, Sonia Edelman and Rachel Stallmeister for their generosity in supplying all the ornaments for the Sukkah, and for their untiring efforts in decorating it. Those who attended the first Kiddush in the Sukkah, before the "rains came," had the satisfaction of seeing what a beautiful job they had done, with the help of Anne Goldman and Elizabeth Klein, and the Refreshment Committee, Ruth Belsky, Bess Bergman, Hilda Goldner and Rachel Stallmeister. Our heartfelt thanks to all.

Our deepest appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Al D. Meyer for having obtained such a large quantity of merchandise for our Bazaar, and for having supported each project to the fullest before leaving for their sojourn in Florida. We extend to them best wishes for a healthy, happy and enjoyable Winter.

Thanks to Sylvia Silverberg for the interesting program at the October 4th Sisterhood Meeting.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stier on the birth of a granddaughter. May they derive much "naches" from the new arrival.

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Celia Fischman, Helen Goldberg, Phylis Grossweiner, Sally Herman, Eve Hirshfeld and Betty Singer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct.

- 5—Beatrice Wald
- 10—Dora Sapper
- 15—Frances Haines
- 17—Helen Stahler
- 18—Ruth Belsky
- 27—Cydanía H. Goldberg
- 30—Sophie Taks

Nov.

- 5—Julia Mazor
- 11—Eve Hirshfeld
- 17—Dorothy Friedman
- 24—Salla Kirschberg
- 25—Sylvia Silverberg
- 28—Maria Rubini

We would like to have the pleasure of extending birthday greetings to all our members, but we cannot do so unless we have a record of the dates. Kindly insert your birthday next to your name when signing in at our next meeting. Thank you.

REMINDER OF SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, November 20th — Bazaar — Merchandise! Merchandise!

We need merchandise for our Bazaar. Those of you who have access to new merchandise of any sort, please help us get it. We also need women to help staff the Bazaar on November 20th.

If you have anything that you would like to contribute or if you know anyone who could help us, please call the Synagogue Office 874-6100 or MRS. MARTIN SILVERBERG, Chairman, TR 3-2764.

Sunday - December 11th —

We are planning a wonderful evening of entertainment and games to celebrate the Festival of Chanukah on Sunday evening, December 11th. *Chairmen:* Sonia Edelman — LY 5-2652; Elizabeth Klein — 877-7937; Deborah Tiefenbrunn — 799-1942.

Tuesday - December 20th —

Theatre Party Tickets are now available for "CHU CHEM," with Menasha Skulnik and Mollie Picon, for Tuesday evening, December 20th. Please call the Synagogue office for information — 874-6100.

Sonia Chesnin
President

Dear Friends,

The Officers of the Synagogue can use an extra desk and typewriter. We would appreciate it if you can help us out. Kindly call the Office, 874-6100. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mazel Tov:

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jacobson, on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

May they celebrate their Diamond Anniversary together with us . . .

"WHAT'S NEW ON THE RIALTO"*By VICKY RISKIN*

After a long summer's recess, the Young Couples' Club resumed its monthly book reviews on Sunday evening, October 2. Stanley and Phyllis Getzler were hosts for a stimulating as well as penetrating analysis of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." The character of Shylock, of course, was the main topic under discussion. Stanley had done extensive reading in secondary source material and provided everyone there with some insight into the life of late sixteenth century England and its lack of contact with actual Jews. Did Shakespeare create Shylock with anti-semitic intent, or was he merely trying to present to his audience what they thought, in their ignorance and inexperience, a Jewish person was really like? We all agreed on the latter proposition. Undoubtedly, Shakespeare suffered from an unavoidable paucity of first hand experience, but because of his greatness as a playwright capable of creating believable flesh and (do not forget the) blood characters, he could inject even such a despised Jew with feelings, both logical and illogical, subject to the same fortunes and misfortunes as his non-Jewish neighbors.

When the "official discussion" was ended, refreshments were served in the King-size Getzler dining room where the topics of conversation quickly changed to furniture, fabrics, paintings, salmon fishing and of course, the selection of next month's book. Diane and Alan Friedman volunteered to be the hosts of the next meeting and lead in a discussion of "The Source." We decided on a six-week interval so as to give everyone a chance to read all 921 pages.

Batya, my daughter, informs me that she would like to be hostess of the next review when she will discuss "In the Children's Zoo," a little Golden book. I'm not too concerned about her ability to point out to those present the racoon and the Kangaroo, but I don't know how good her coffee and cake will be!

See you at the Friedman's on November 13.

Any young couple interested in partaking in the discussion should contact the Synagogue office.

L.S.S. NEWS AND NOTES

Despite the (always to be expected) rain, we managed to enjoy three Holiday meals in our beautifully decorated Sukkah. Mr. Ben Rosenberg demonstrated his rare yomtov spirit(s) and was immediately elected to read the Book of Kohelet. He did a marvelous job . . . Fortunately Sam Feld returned from Grossingers just in time to sponsor (together with the other Gabbaim of our Ritual Committee) a Shemini Atzeret Party. He made up for his lack of hard liquor with a special Kiddush at his home on Simchat Torah. Since that followed the beautiful Kiddush tendered by our Rabbi, the Lincoln Square Congregants were almost walking on air . . .

The evening of Simchas Torah was a joy and inspiration to behold. The children of our Hebrew School led the regular seven Hakafot, and they were amply rewarded by refreshments provided by Ruth Belsky and served by Fanny Lindey, Elsa Neuberger and Suzanne Bernstein. Since the Hebrew School has considerably increased in size, there was hardly room to breathe in our Synagogue. The adults returned to the site of our new building after their holiday meal to continue their enthusiastic singing and dancing in honor of our Torah. The new (our fifth, *Kein Yirbu*) Torah which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Weiss was dedicated, and the fervor kept up until 10:30 P.M. To paraphrase our President: if energetic spirit could erect a building, Lincoln Square Synagogue would have a skyscraper . . .

Bernie Skolnick returned from his vacation with a beautiful picture of the Wailing Wall for the Rabbi's office. Perhaps we will have a L.S.S. annex in Jerusalem after all . . . watch for the Johnny Carson show on which Michael Rabin is soon to appear together with his fellow violinist, Jack Benny. Michael will give a recital at Philharmonic Hall on November 4, at 8:30 P.M. . . . Everyone is invited to the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue for their traditional Thanksgiving Service at 11:00 A.M., where Rabbi Riskin has been invited to deliver the sermon . . .

Welcome to our Synagogue Family:

Rabbi Herschel Cohen, our new Executive Director. Rabbi Cohen was graduated from Yeshiva University where he majored in mathematics, and was ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanon Theological Seminary in 1965. We wish him a great deal of success in his position and are certain that he will add immeasurably to the growth and success of our Synagogue.

Welcome to Lincoln Towers:

Rabbi Harris Guedalia, Minister of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, with his wife, the former Judy Bendheim, and two children.

NEW MEMBERS

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Cosla
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dayton
Mr. Newton Feld
Mrs. Florine Fineberg
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Thursday - 8:00 P.M.*Advanced Talmud Shiur***RABBI RISKIN***Tractate Pesachim***Movie Review***By Suzanne Davis*

"Good Times, Wonderful Times" is an ironic and shattering film concerned with the many aspects of twentieth century morality. It is a tale of the effects on our sensibilities caused by World War I, World War II, and the fear of a third World War.

In his prize-winning film, producer-director Lionel Rogosin focuses on an actual cocktail party attended by real, successful, "in-people," not actors. Thus we see the Joneses of our society at a real drinking party (not a studio set), and the words they speak are what they are and how they think. This is shocking and convincing simply because these people are themselves.

Thus in typical cocktail party fashion the pseudo-intellectual gab flows, reflecting a glib, know-it-all, lack of involvement in today's issues. A beautiful, prosperous young woman answers the question of the imminence of war by stating that "war is inevitable; it's nature's way of keeping the population down!" And her blasé delivery of the line tells us that she believes this!

And then some even greater horror. The camera immediately switches to sequences of the Warsaw Ghetto, where rubbish collectors pile the staring and starving faces of dead Jews onto carts, and film clips of children of Hiroshima, skin ripped from their bodies, crying for their dead, bleeding mothers. Is war truly the answer to the population explosion?

Throughout the film the camera jockeys from the inhuman and indifferent words of the liquor guzzlers ("It's terribly exhilarating to have someone in your rifle sights and say, 'I could kill you or not'"), to brutal footage (mass killings at Dachau).

The film progresses in this point-counterpoint fashion. The slick, well-educated, monied party guests chatter indifferently on the subjects of promiscuity, war, the bomb, the army, and bullfighting, and as soon as one of the crowd betrays his apathy towards matters of basic humanity, the camera cuts away to film clips of the shattering realities of modern history.

The one ray of hope and sensibility appears in the form of a young peace marcher who has been pushed into a corner by the party's pseudo-sophisticate-moderates. "There are those who let these things happen, and there are those who stop them from happening!" he screams. But in keeping with the evening's bitter irony, he is virtually unsupported.

This film is absorbing, provocative, devastating, and certainly didactic. It is difficult for a "feeling" individual to watch the screen without giving in to gasps, tears, and soul-searching. It is almost impossible for a Jew to watch without approaching — if not reaching — hysteria. This is not a "fun" movie, but it is a searing representation of twentieth century smugness and amorality, and it cries to be seen and cried over. For are these truly "Good Times, Wonderful Times?"

Our Condolences to:

Mrs. Abraham Chaikin, on the passing of Dr. Abraham Chaikin. This regular Sabbath worshipper soothed us with his sweet cantorial voice and enhanced our knowledge with his Jewish learning. We shall all truly miss him . . .

YAHREIT

Samuel Edelman

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