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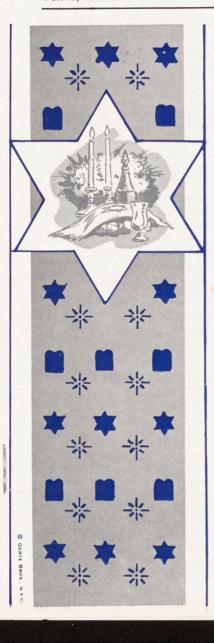
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### From The Rabbi's Desk . . . .

When S. Y. Agnon was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, every religious Jew participated in the author's simcha as if it were his own. Not only is Agnon an Israeli resident who writes primarily on Jewish themes, but he is also a thoroughly observant member of his faith, who was even concerned lest news of his honor be communicated in such a way as might desecrate the holiness of the Sabbath.

In a style which is as terse as it is simple, in an outlook which appears so naive that it often belies the depth beneath the surface, Agnon has managed to depict the glory of the shtehtl (in The Bridal Canopy) as well as to come to grips with the major moral, intellectual and religious struggles of our day (in "The Orchestra"). In narrative ability he has been justly compared to Mark Twain, and in the multi-level aspects of his parables, to Kranz Kafka. How paltry and vacuous appear the almost endless spate of English books on Jewish themes written by authors who have no real knowledge of Jewish sources when compared with the masterpieces of Agnon, whose every word is steeped in Biblical and . Midrashic imagery. Most important of all, the Israeli author has demonstrated to the entire world that an intensive Jewish setting may mirror the kind of universal message which is worthy of the highest international literary prize of distinction.

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#### PRAYER SCHEDULE

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Friday, January 6 Kindle Sabbath Candles by4:24 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat4:35 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.
Saturday, January 7
Sabbath Morning Service8:45 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Steven Tiefenbrunn
Talmud Class3:45 P.M.
Mincha4:30 P.M.
Friday, January 13
Kindle Sabbath Candles4:31 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat4:40 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.
Saturday, January 14
Sabbath Morning Service8:45 A.M.

Talmud Class ......3:45 P.M.

Mincha .....4:35 P.M.

Friday, January 20 Kindle Sabbath Candles by4:38 P.M. Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat4:45 P.M. Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.
Saturday, January 21         Sabbath Morning Service
Friday, January 27 Kindle Sabbath Candles by4:45 P.M. Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat4:55 P.M. Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.
Saturday, January 28         Sabbath Morning Service
Friday, February 3 Kindle Sabbath Candles by4:55 P.M. Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat5:05 P.M. Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.
Saturday, February 4 Sabbath Morning Service
Our Friday Night Ongei Shabbat were prepared by: The Alpert Family The Ladies of our Sisterhood (Directed by Mrs. Ben Edelman)
Thank You For The Lovely Kiddush: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klein Cantor and Mrs. Sherwood Goffin Mr. and Mrs. Sam Feld

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

#### Daily Minyan:

Monday through Friday.....7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays.....8:30 A.M.

#### Important Note:

The Sabbath is terminated Saturday evening, one hour after the candles were kindled on the previous Friday.

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## President's Message

Our Fund Raising Campaign has received a tremendous boost in these last few months, and I am pleased to report that we now have over \$400,000 in pledges. Our goal for the first phase of our Campaign was \$375,000, which we increased to \$500,000. It now appears that our projections were not overly optimistic, and that the dream to build a \$1,000,000 House of Prayer will come true! This is not to imply that more giving is not necessary. We must depend on the balance of our members and the Community to come through with the additional funds. What it does mean is that we can and will start construction in April. Hopefully, we will have at least part of our building finished in time for High Holy Day Services in October, 1967. Needless to say the space will be limited, but just the thought that we might all be able to pray together under one roof this year fills me with excitement and enthusiasm.

As I looked over last year's bulletin, I noticed that in this column I pledged that we would have over 200 members. Happily I report that at this writing we have over 300 members. I now predict that at this time next year we will have over 400 members. It should be clearly understood that mere numbers should not impress anyone, except that in the case of Lincoln Square Synagogue the overwhelming majority of our members are active and regular attenders of at least one of our services or study groups.

I am happy about these statistics and hope that this trend shall always be the Lincoln Square Synagogue story.

Daniel Mars, President

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## Men's Club News

## **Schedule of Coming Events**

Monday, January 16 — General Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 22 — Open Forum at 10:00 A.M. — Speaker to be announced.

Monday, February 20 — General Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, February 26 — Open Forum at 10:00 A.M. — Speaker to be announced. Refreshments are served at all Men's Club functions.

Our last general membership meeting was well attended, and proved a great social success. Members and their friends are invited to all Men's Club meetings.

Our monthly Sunday morning forums are open to all — male and female members of the congregation and their friends.

Initial reaction to these forums has been most enthusiastic on the part of the entire Lincoln Square Synagogue Community.

Our Men's Club general membership meetings are primarily social in character, and we look forward to greeting all new members and their friends.

One need not be a member of Lincoln Square Synagogue to join our Men's Club.

Morton Langer, President

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It is indeed with great pride that I report on the phenomenal success of our first Bazaar. Our grateful thanks to *Miss Cele Edelman*, Chairman, for the Herculean task so ably executed, as well as to her gracious, conscientious committee, and to the members who procured and donated the fine merchandise which enabled us to reach the splendid results in the one-day sale. Also, special thanks is due the members of the Men's Club for their kind co-operation in this endeavor.

Heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to -

Sonia Edelman — Elizabeth Klein — Deborah Tiefenbrunn, Chairmen of the Chanukah Party and to their able committee, for their untiring efforts in making this function such an outstanding success.

Hilda Goldner, Hospitality Chairman, who gives of herself so selflessly at all Sisterhood and Synagogue functions.

Ruth Belsky for her contribution to the Synagogue of the two Chanukah Menorahs displayed in the Synagogue windows and for the Chanukah decorations.

Sonia Edelman and Elizabeth Klein, Chairmen, and their charming hostesses, who are responsible for the preparation and serving of the delicacies at the Friday night Oneg Shabat and at the Kiddush following Sabbath Services.

A hearty welcome to our new members: Ruth Feiger, Gertrude Kaplan and Mrs. C. Kimelman.

Refuah Shelomah Edith Woloch!

Happy Anniversary: January 6 — Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Weidberg January 9 — Mr. and Mrs. Gerson Wald January 18 — Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klein

#### Coming Events —

Sunday evening, January 29th — INAUGURAL DINNER OF THE LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE at the Essex House — Central Park South. Sisterhood members are requested to co-operate by procuring ads and securing dinner reservations. Call Synagogue Office for information — 874-6100.

Sunday evening, March 26th — PURIM PARTY — Bess Bergman, Chairman — TR 7-8093.

Sonia Chesnin, President

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#### WHAT'S NEW ON THE RIALTO?

The last meeting of the Young Couples' Book Club, was held at our home. My husband led the major discussion on The Fixer by Bernard Malamud. The main character of the book is Yakov Bok. a fictioned character based on Mendel Beiliss. He is a simple, fairly non-observant Jew, who, through circumstance and his bad luck, was deserted by his wife and finally came under the employment of a Non-Jew. Yakov did not admit his Jewishness but neither did he deny it. He did not like his job as foreman of a brick factory in a district forbidden to Jews, but on the other hand, he was making good honest money.

He was wrongly accused of the ritual murder of a young Christian boy near the brick works. He was held in jail for two years on this completely false anti-Semitic charge. He suffered alone - unaware of the help that the outside community was rendering him. The scenes of his bewildering imprisonment for no apparent cause reminded many present of Kafka's "The Trial." Malamud frequently uses symbols to deliver his message. Here Yakov is the patriarch Jacob, the father of the Jewish people. His wife Raisl (=Rachel) was barren. So was Rachel, Jacob's beloved, for the first years of their marriage. Jacob (Yakov) has always been associated with the Diaspora in Jewish literature. Yakov represents the wandering Jew, condemned to suffer. Malamud seems to be saying that suffering is the badge of Israel (and perhaps all of mankind), but that suffering strengthens, ennobles, and is ultimately the key to the redemption of the world.

Everyone agreed that Malamud presents a rather one-sided and therefore distorted picture of Judaism in his novels. Of course, there was poverty and suffering throughout Jewish History, but there were also beautiful holidays filled with song and dance. I proposed that we invite Mr. Malamud here to Lincoln Square Synagogue to spend a Shabbat; and then perhaps his next novel would reveal the deeper, more meaningful side of our great faith and culture.

by Vicky Riskin

#### Congratulations to:

Rabbi Riskin, for having been awarded a Rogosin Fellowship for study in the relationship between Halacha (Jewish Law) and Ethics. The Fellowship Program is limited to nine Rabbis under the direction of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Yeshiva University and Professor Isadore Twersky of Harvard University. Rabbi Riskin has also recently been elected Vice President of Rabbinic Alumni and Chairman of the Youth Commission for the Rabbinical Council of America.

Dr. and Mrs. Irving Davis, on their moving into a new apartment. It is quite a relief to know that our capable Bulletin "Editress," Suzanne (Weidberg) Davis, and her husband are in Lincoln Towers to stay.

#### Mazel Tov

Newton Feld, on his marriage to Miss Dvorah Bertisch.

Herschel Weinrauch, on his forthcoming marriage to Sarah Aster.

Cantor and Mrs. Sherwood Goffin, on the birth of their first daughter, Nissa Chaya (Living Miracle).

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tiefenbrunn, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Shimshon (Steven).

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Asher, on the birth of a grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Orleans, on their Fifty-first Wedding Anniversary.

#### Sincere Condolences

Mr. Louis Goodman, on the loss of his sister.

Mrs. Miriam Josephson, on the loss of her brother.

Mr. Samuel Moss, on the loss of his parent.

May the Almighty comfort them among the Mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

#### Refuah Shleima

Mrs. Robert Herring Mr. Nathaniel Kramer

#### Welcome Home

Mrs. Fred Goldberg Mr. Morton Langer Mrs. Joseph Shapiro Mrs. Nathan Wolloch

#### L.S.S. NEWS AND NOTES . . .

Cantor and Mrs. Goffin's Nissa might have come earlier than expected, but she is certainly a desirable addition. Rumor has it that she is already crying on tune. Her busy father is inspiring hundreds of teen-agers from public high schools at the Yeshiva University Youth Seminar at the Monsey Park Hotel . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Orleans are the youngestlooking couple in our Synagogue - considering that they just celebrated their fifty-first Wedding Anniversary. How proudly Judith Orleans stood as her husband chanted a beautiful Haftorah. But the Orleans' must keep on their toes, for Julius and Frances Haines are providing stiff competition . . . It is said that despite the crowds who entered the Holy Temple during the Festivals, no one declared that there was no room. Our Miniature Holy Temple can boast of a similar miracle, since our rubber walls seem to expand to accommodate the extra worshippers each Sabbath. The culmination of this expansion was clearly felt on the Sababth of the Tiefenbrunn Bar Mitzvah. Never before were so many people with so much spirit crowded into such a small room - and not a word of complaint could be heard . . . The children of our Hebrew School "stole the show" on the Late Friday Oneg Shabbat on Chanukah. The most profound description of the miracle of the Festival was given by Tekula, who explained that "Antiochus wouldn't allow the Jewish children to go to Sunday School and made the Holy Temple all messy" . . . Sam Feld has brought cheerful spirit(s) and good fel-



#### YAHRZEITS

Esther Klinger

Wednesday Evening, January 18 Thursday, January 19

Joseph Horwitz

Tuesday Evening, January 24 Wednesday, January 25

lowship into our organization. The morning minyan is ending on a "higher and higher" note each day and the Rosh Chodesh breakfasts (together with Wolf Reichard) are quite a success . . . It must have been due to Divine Providence that Franklin D. Rothenberg's car was hit by our falling sign a few weeks ago. He came to the Synagogue the following Sabbath and soon thereafter became a member. He was certainly struck by the spirit of our Synagogue . . . The youth are taking over every aspect of our service. Our regular Baal Koreh, Edward Davis, was replaced one week by Howard Langer and the other by Bennett Bergman . . . When Emanuel Weidberg goes on vacation, his absence is felt during the services, classes and Men's Club meetings. He evidently made up for his "days off" by becoming a daily minyan stalwart together with Lou Olshan. Welcome back Mr. & Mrs. Weidberg . . . Who prepared the Seudah Shlishit during the much-missed absence of Dave Abrams? I am confident that Dave and Lou must have organized a minyan on their Caribbean Cruise.

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#### Rabbi's Message (Cont'd)

The Nobel Prize precipitated Agnon to make three blessings: one upon hearing the good tidings, one upon first seeing King Gustave Adolph of Sweden, and one upon meeting the members of the Swedish Academy. So does the observant Jew react to every milestone in his life, both major and minor: he gives a blessing of praise to the Creator of the Universe. Allow me to quote a translation of the last words of his acceptance speech in Stockholm:

"Before I conclude my words, I must make one final statement. If I have praised myself excessively, I did so for your sake — in order to allay your fears for having put your eyes upon me. As far as I am concerned, I am very small in my own eyes. All of my days the Psalm of David has never escaped my thoughts: God has not uplifted my heart or exalted my eyes in pride, and I have not walked in paths too great or marvelous for me. If I do find any strength within myself, it is that I have been privileged to dwell in the land which God promised our fathers to give to us . . .

"Before I conclude, I shall offer a short prayer. May He who grants wisdom to the wise and salvation to kings . . . grant salvation in our day that Judah and Israel dwell in security. And may the Redeemer come to Zion and eternal joy to her inhabitants. May they rejoice in their excessive peace, and may this be thy will, Amen." TR 4-3600

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