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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Our Sages tell us that even the coming of the Messiah should not interrupt the study of the children in the classrooms of Torah. It is in this spirit that I proudly report on the overwhelming success of the Lincoln Square Synagogue Hebrew School. We have had to close registration at sixty-seven (more than double our attendance of last year) for lack of space, and can now boast of six different levels of Hebrew School instruction. This coming year should see the first B'nai Mitzvah (for the boys) and B'not Torah (for the girls) celebration of our own children, and we expect to begin a children's choir as soon as we move into our larger quarters. The enthusiastic spirit and fervor of the youngsters is an inspiration to behold, and under the administrative direction and teaching of Cantor Goffin we expect our Hebrew School to grow from strength to strength.

Our philosophy is a very simple one. We must first and foremost teach our children to love their tradition in a spirit of free inquiry, informal atmosphere and lack of competition. The dedication and ability of our staff—Cantor Goffin, Rabbi Cohen and Judi Riskin — can only be matched by their love of Torah and concern for the

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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome in the fellowship of LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE the following new members:

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*** PLEDGES ***

Please remember your pledge to the synagogue . . . An early check is appreciated.

Schedule of Services

Wednesday, October 25

Hoshana Rabbah Service.....6:45 A.M.
Kindle Festival Candles.....5:44 P.M.
Mincha and
Kabbalat Yom Tov.....6:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 26

Shemini Atzeret Service.....8:45 A.M.
Yizkor10:30 A.M.
Kindle Festival Candles.....6:35 P.M.
Mincha and

Kabbalat Yom Tov.....6:00 P.M.
THE CHILDREN ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN HAKAFOT

Friday, October 27

Simchat Torah Service.....8:30 A.M.
Kindle Sabbath Candles.....5:41 P.M.
Mincha and
Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:50 P.M.

Saturday, October 28

Sabbath Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud Class5:15 P.M.
Mincha6:00 P.M.

Friday, November 3

Kindle Sabbath Candles.....4:33 P.M.
Mincha and
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:40 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 4

Sabbath Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud Class4:00 P.M.
Mincha4:45 P.M.

Friday, November 10

Kindle Sabbath Candles.....4:25 P.M.
Mincha and
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:35 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 11

Sabbath Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud Class4:00 P.M.
Mincha4:40 P.M.

Friday, November 17

Kindle Sabbath Candles.....4:19 P.M.
Mincha and
Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:30 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 18

Sabbath Morning Service.....8:45 A.M.
Talmud Class3:50 P.M.
Mincha4:35 P.M.

Daily Minyan

Monday thru Friday 7:15 A.M.
Sundays and
Legal Holidays 8:30 A.M.
Chol HaMoed Sukkot 7:00 A.M.

President's Message

We have been witnessing a great change in the Jewish community of Lincoln Square since the formation of our Synagogue. We have learned much more about Judaism and about ourselves as Jews. We have come to respect if not entirely understand Jewish Law.

We have developed a thirst for knowledge and attendance at our Studies program at all levels is increasing steadily. (Over 125 people arrived at midnight to learn with Rabbi Riskin and to participate in the Selichot Service.)

Our Congregation is flourishing, being nurtured on the love of Torah. Ours is a Congregation filled with devotion and sincerity, friendship and brotherly love, totally committed to tradition, deeply involved in today's concern here, in Israel and the world.

Daniel Mars, President

LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

cordially invites you to an

EVENING OF ISRAELI SONG AND SLIDES

Sunday, Chol Hamoed Sukkoth

October 22 - 7:30 P.M.

Rabbi Howard Joseph, spiritual leader of Rochdale Traditional Synagogue, will show and describes slides of the newly captured Holy Places of Israel. Cantor Goffin will provide the song, and the Sisterhood will serve refreshments!

JAHREZITS

HENRY HERMAN WOLF

Thursday Evening, November 9

Friday, November 10

YETTA FEINSTEIN

Tuesday Evening, November 14

Wednesday, November 15

SARAH LEAH FELDMAN

Wednesday Evening, November 15

Thursday, November 16

ANNE SCHWARTZMAN

Thursday Evening, November 16

Friday, November 17

SAMUEL EDELMAN

Friday Evening, November 17

Saturday, November 18

From the Rabbi's Desk (Cont'd)

welfare of the young. Our major thrust is preparation for Synagogue proficiency (in prayers, Torah reading and rituals), so that our products may never feel strange in the House of God. Toward this end we expect to institute a Junior Congregation (under the leadership of Rabbi Cohen) and ultimately a Hebrew School Choir (under the direction of the Cantor) for both Synagogue functions and regular services.

Our newest addition is a Nursery class under the direction of Miss Sarah Bergman and aided by Miss Judi Riskin. For three hours a week you can see and hear twelve three-year-old children learning to sing and dance the melodies of our people and the songs of our Festivals. The success of our Hebrew School is a symbol of the truth of our message and is the greatest insurance for the future of the Lincoln Square Synagogue.

Sukkot Law and Lore

1. Chag Ha Asif —

The feast of Ingathering, which is another name for the Festival of Sukkoth. Due to this agricultural significance of the holiday, the Synagogue becomes permeated with the colors and fragrance of four species representative of the glories of nature.

2. Ethrog —

The Bible commands us to take the "Fruit of a goodly tree, branches of palm trees, boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your G-d seven days." By "fruit of a goodly tree" was meant the Ethrog, a citrus fruit which has many similarities to a lemon but is of a different species.

Usually an Ethrog is imported from Palestine for the Sukkoth celebration, thus recalling to us the beautiful land of our fathers where the Chag Ha-asif was originally celebrated. It is permissible to use an Ethrog from any other part of the world, provided it meets the religious requirements. Now that we rejoice in the rebirth of the Jewish State, one should of course seek to unite himself visibly with Israel by having an Ethrog which comes from our Holy Land.

There are a host of rules about the shape and appearance which an Ethrog should have. It is usually more expensive to buy than any other fruit simply because it requires supervision and care.

One of the important parts of an Ethrog is the Pitom, the blossom at the top of the fruit. If the Pitom has been removed, the Ethrog is no longer fit for ritual use. However, if the fruit grew originally without such a blossom it is permissible to use it for Sukkoth.

3. The Lulov —

By "branches of palm trees" the Torah meant a Lulov, which is a branch of the palm tree. We use American-grown Lulovim, because if they were imported they would no longer retain their freshness.

4. Hadasim —

Leaves of myrtle are used in accordance with the statement, *boughs of thick trees*. Three of them are used, and they are tied to the Lulov by palm trees.

5. Arovoth —

Two willow twigs are tied with the Lulov to complete the injunction about four species on Sukkoth.

A blessing is recited over the "four species" during each of the seven days of the Festival. In colorful pageantry the worshippers march around the Synagogue holding aloft their symbols of Divine Bounty during the holiday services.

6. Our Sages —

Tell us that of the Four Species, the Ethrog is fragrant as well as tasty, the Myrtle leaves are fragrant, the willow is tasty and the lulav has neither fragrance nor taste. The four are held together, reminiscent of the various types of Jews who comprise the people of Israel. Even those of our people who have "neither taste nor fragrance" must be included and encouraged.

7. Intermediate Days —

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and the seventh days of Sukkoth are called Chol Ha-Moed, which might be translated as semi-holidays. The rules about forbidden kinds of labor on a holiday are greatly relaxed on these intermediate days. The prayers of these days have a dual character. The regular week-day prayers are recited, with the addition of *Yualeh V'Yovoh* ("May there rise and come before Thee . . .") in the Eighteen Benedictions. In addition, Hallel is recited every morning, and the Musaf as well.

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8. Hoshanah Rabbah — Sukkot Law (Cont'd)

The last of the Intermediate Days has a special character. It is called Hoshanah Rabbah ("The Great Hoshanah"). The morning service became invested with a solemn character similar to the Day of Atonement and many of the prayers sound like an echo of the Great White Fast. According to tradition, the final seal of the decree for the New Year (*G'mar Chasimah Tovah*) is proclaimed in heaven on this day. Another opportunity for repentance is granted at this time.

9. Shemini Atzeret —

The eighth and ninth days are full Holy Days, with the same restrictions as the first two days of the Festival. The eighth day is called *Shemini Atzeret*. The translation of this phrase is "the eighth day, a day of solemn assembly." The word *Atzeret* also suggests the thought of delay—to delay, as it were, the closing on the holiday season by celebrating an additional day before closing this month of holidays.

10. Simchat Torah —

The final days of the holiday is the most joyous of all. Simchat Torah means "The Festival of the Rejoicing of the Torah." It is the occasion for the expression of the joy which is the characteristic of every Jew who appreciates that he is one of a people to whom study and the practice of the Torah has been entrusted. "We are a people principally in the possession of the Torah," was the statement of Saadya Gaon, the great philosopher of the early Middle Ages. Similarly Rabbenu Gershom, "the Light of the Exile," writing about the year 1000, said "The only possession left to Israel is the Torah. Even though we fall short in our observance of the precepts of the Torah, whether from negligence or indifference, our glory as Jews is that we are the People of the Book, that is, the people of the Torah."

11. Hakafoth —

The evening service is distinguished by two unique ceremonies. At the close of the evening prayer of Maariv, the Ark is opened, and all the scrolls of the Torah are taken out. Various individuals are called to the pulpit to carry the scrolls, and then a procession is formed, which winds its way all around the synagogue. It is led by the cantor singing special hymns. Old and young mix freely in the synagogue on this evening, and each puts forth his hand to touch the scrolls and then kiss it, while wishing the bearer every good thing in the year that has begun. Seven times does the procession march around the synagogue. Each time other people are honored with the privilege of carrying the scrolls. After each such procession there are songs, and even dances. This circling of the synagogue is called *Hakafoth*.

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SISTERHOOD

Our first open meeting was very encouraging with a good percentage of members present and many new faces, all of whom were most welcome. Our first board meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Frank L. Taks, was equally exciting. Many new ideas and suggestions were exchanged and plans formulated.

We would really like to publicly extend to all our good wishes for birthdays and anniversaries, so won't you please return the information blank which was forwarded with your bill for dues.

Our lovely hard working Membership Chairman, Mrs. Norman Harris, is very busy making plans for our annual Membership Tea to be held Sunday afternoon, November 12th, at the Empire Hotel. Estelle has arranged an exciting program, which will be a glamorous Style Show by

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Cele promises that she will show a beautiful array of clothes that will be a delight to see and enjoy. Delicious refreshments will be served. So please get busy and sign up your friends and neighbors as this Membership Tea will be for all new members and all paid up members.

Our Bazaar, to be held December 3rd and 4th, is shaping up well, but we need MORE MERCHANDISE. Please contact our wonderful hard working, ambitious Chairman, Cele Edelman. We are so fortunate in having Cele Edelman as our Chairman as this is a stupendous job. Please do your part and get MERCHANDISE, if we are to make this Bazaar a success.

Our next open meeting will be held Monday Evening, October 16th.

Birthdays:

Bea Wald.....	Oct. 5
Doris Sapper.....	Oct. 10
Emma Mars.....	Oct. 12
Ruth L. Epstein.....	Oct. 15
Ruth L. Belsky.....	Oct. 18
Rose T. Kosman.....	Oct. 21
Selma Kahn Streifer.....	Oct. 27
Cydonia H. Goldberg.....	Oct. 27
Julia Klein.....	Oct. 28
Sophie Taks.....	Oct. 30

Anniversaries:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Olshan.....	Oct. 15
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Katz.....	Oct. 22

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL BAZAAR

December 3rd and 4th, 1967

With the summer on the wane now is the time to start working. — Get in touch with your contacts for merchandise. Call the Synagogue Office to arrange for pick-up.

A Happy Yomtov to each of you and your dear ones. We look forward to greeting you at our Open Meeting — and in our Succah.

Mrs. Harry (Ann) Goldman
Mrs. Frank (Sophie) Taks
Mrs. Gerson (Bea) Wald

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Men's Club Notes

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 26th, 3 P.M.

First Annual Shemini Atzeret (Simchas Torah) party. The entire Congregation, their friends, and neighbors are cordially invited to a Gala "Warm-Up" to be followed by Hakofot on Simchas Torah Eve.

Sunday, October 29, 11 A.M.

Second meeting of our Planning Committee. All members of this Committee are urged to make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

Tuesday, November 7, 8:30 P.M.

Second General Membership Meeting of the Season. Nomination and Election of Officers. Sorry, ladies, this meeting is restricted to male members and prospective members of the Men's Club. We strongly urge that every member bring a friend — or two or three. We promise a short business meeting, and a long evening of conviviality, socializing, and games.

Sunday, November 26, 11 A.M.

Third Meeting of Men's Club Planning Committee.

Tuesday, December 5th, 8:30 P.M.

Third General Membership Meeting. Details will be announced.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd****MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th**

Second Annual Bazaar

Mark the above two dates especially carefully.

Men's Club, together with Sisterhood has committed itself to insuring that this BAZAAR is an overwhelming success. WE MUST HAVE MERCHANDISE. Please help in every way you can — and then dream up a new way to help. Plenty of merchandise is the key to a SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.

L.S.S. NEWS AND NOTES

The indefatigable Bernard Skolnick, aided by Frank Taks and Barry Weinstein, did a Yeoman's task in heading the High Holiday Services Committee. Kudos to our marvelous Secretary Mrs. Martha Cohn, who seemed to veritably live in the Synagogue during these past weeks, and to Miss Freeda Goodman, who helped with the mailings . . . "Cantor" Sam Feld was obviously invited to daven *mussaf* in Israel, but he did not leave before giving us a rendition on the Sabbath before *selichot* . . . Henry Cohen may well have accompanied him as the Gabbai . . . The Sisterhood (under the leadership of Mrs. Anne Goldman, Bea Wald and Sophie Taks) provided *selichot* night refreshments, but the Rabbi's lecture was so well attended that the food was not eaten until the wee hours of the morning. Who says that spiritual nourishment cannot be sustaining . . . Two well-dressed young men can often be seen riding bicycles down West End Avenue and through Central Park. Are they sports enthusiasts, plain-clothesmen or Rabbis? Recalcitrant members beware! . . .



SPECIAL THANKS

To Mr. Adolph Katz for working so hard in clearing the ground and directing our Succah, and to Misses Cele and Henrietta Edelman, who so generously contribute the material and their work for the decoration of our Sukkah.

May they fulfill of this mitzvah for many happy and healthy years to come.

Refuah Shleimah:

MISS CEIL SOBEL
MR. HYMAN WITTY



MEET YOUR NEW SECRETARY

Mrs. Martha Cohn, who is with us since the beginning of August, was born in Berlin (Germany) and came to this country at the time of the Holocaust. She brings to the job a thorough experience of office and organizational management, due to her position as Executive Secretary at an Evening Adult University in Berlin, and her involvement in many Jewish Organizations in this country. She was for many years Sisterhood President of an orthodox Synagogue in New York, is Executive Board Member of the Manhattan Region of the Zionist Organization, Board Member of Hadassah B & P Group and an ardent volunteer for Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. Mrs. Cohn is very happy that she can apply her experience to help us build up our Synagogue.

שנה טובה תכתבו ותחתמו

MR. and MRS. IRVING FEINRIDER wish the entire Congregation a happy and healthy New Year.

MR. and MRS. JULIUS HAINES wish the Rabbi, the Cantor, their families and the entire Congregation a happy and healthy New Year.

MR. and MRS. ELMER KLEIN wish the entire Congregation and friends a New Year of Health, Happiness and Shalom.

MR. and MRS. SAMUEL RACHLIS wish the Rabbi and the whole Congregation a happy and healthy New Year.

DR. and MRS. MILTON WERBEL wish the Rabbi, Officers, and Members a happy and healthy New Year.

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From the office of
EDWARD S. SILVER
Chairman



August 30, 1967

Rabbi Steven Riskin
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Dear Rabbi Riskin:

May I take this opportunity to express the most heartfelt appreciation of the Israel Bond Organization for the Bond drive you conducted, and are continuing to conduct, in your Congregation.

It is indeed inspiring to know that as busy as you undoubtedly are you have spared neither time nor effort to strengthen Israel's economy.

Also, we wish to thank Mr. Daniel Mars as well as the membership at large for their splendid response. Please be kind enough to convey to them our gratitude and the gratitude of Israel for their readiness to help in this emergency.

With renewed thanks and best wishes to you and the members of your Congregation for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Silver
Chairman

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Eruv Tavshilin

Because Jom Tov occurs on Thursday and Friday this year, food may be prepared for the Sabbath on Jom Tov if an Eruv is made. This is done by taking a piece of bread and some food, cooked prior to Jom Tov, and reciting the Blessing for the Eruv. The food is then put aside and eaten on the Sabbath.

This procedure should be followed on Wednesday afternoon, October 18, and on October 25, prior to lighting the Festival candles.

BULLETIN

We are pleased to announce that because of the overwhelming requests for seats we opened a third service for the High Holidays in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Esplanade. We thank the following officiants:

Bruce Rachlin — Rabbi

Saul Ganchrow — Cantor

Edward Abramson—Baal Shacharit
Baal Tokeya

Jon Blumberg—Baal Koreh

Refuah Shlemah

Mrs. Sonya Chesnin

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Monroe Weinstein, on the tragic and untimely passing of her beloved husband, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Weinstein and father of Aurora Faith and Rachel Bathsheba.

Mr. William Mallin, on the loss of his beloved wife Vera.

Mrs. Nathan Finkelstein, on the passing of her beloved husband, devoted member and regular worshipper.

Mr. Ben Kramer on the loss of his sister.

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



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