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LEARNING

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Torah A Tree Of Life

From The Rabbi's Desk

One of the most unique aspects of Judaism is the fact that the intellectual pursuit of Torah study plays a primary role in the religious experience. There is no major prayer service without a significant portion of time devoted to the Torah reading, and in Talmudic times the Biblical verses were translated into the vernacular and commented upon on the basis of the Oral Tradition. The Rabbis insisted that study of Torah was the most important commandment: without knowledge the Jew would not be aware of his religious obligations, and Torah — the fruit of Divine wisdom — provides the best bridge between God and man.

Indeed, the first obligation placed upon a parent is to teach his child Torah, and a congregation is allowed to divert funds collected for a House of Prayer for the needs of a House of Study, but not vice versa. The strength of a particular Jewish community has always been measured by its degree of Torah scholarship, and even Sholom Aleichem's Tevye yearns to be a rich man so that he could study for seven hours a day!

It is for this reason that we have constantly endeavored to make of Lincoln Square Synagogue a veritable "Torah Center". The comments between Sabbath and Festival aliyot, the questions and answers following the Torah reading and the general tenor of the sermon attempt to create an atmosphere of learning within the regular services. In addition to the Sabbath Talmud and Pirkei Avot Classes and the Sunday Rambam Class, we are offering twenty-six courses in varied





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aspects of Jewish thought and tradition for adults from every type of background in an attempt to develop our Synagogue as a veritable House of Study. (The Shapiro Academy schedules classes from Basic Judaism to advanced Talmud three times a week.) Our Feldman Hebrew School will include a Shabbaton Program once a month when every student will have the opportunity of experiencing a complete Sabbath — including meals, song and informal discussion — within the Synagogue itself. The Hebrew High School is featuring a Sunday Class in "The Religious Experience", and the Morgenstern Nursery School proudly boasts of its own Aron Kodesh for purposes of daily prayer and Torah intimacy. And our latest project is a Drop-In Center where anyone can come to learn about our faith.

When Hillel was confronted by a would-be proselyte who challenged the Rabbi to teach him the entire Torah while standing on one leg, Hillel responded: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your friend. All the rest is commentary. Go and study it." So do I urge you — come to LSS and learn!

Schedule of Services

Friday, October 6 —

Kindle Sabbath candles6:12 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat6:20 P.M.

Saturday, October 7 (Beraysheet)

Sabbath Morning service8:45 A.M.

Genesis 1:1-6:8, I Samuel 20:18-42

Talmud Class5:20 P.M.

Mincha6:20 P.M.

Sunday, October 8 and

Monday, October 9

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Friday, October 13 —

Kindle Sabbath Candles.....6:00 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat6:10 P.M.

Saturday, October 14 — (Noach)

Sabbath Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.

Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

Talmud Class5:15 P.M.

Mincha6:00 P.M.

Friday, October 20 —

Kindle Sabbath Candles.....5:49 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 21 — (Lech Lecha)

Sabbath Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.

Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

Talmud Class5:05 P.M.

Mincha5:50 P.M.

Friday, October 27 —

Kindle Sabbath Candles5:39 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat5:50 P.M.

Saturday, October 28 — (Vayaira)

Sabbath Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.

Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

II Kings 4:1 - 37

Talmud Class4:55 P.M.

Mincha5:40 P.M.

Friday, November 3 —

Kindle Sabbath Candles4:30 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat4:40 P.M.

Oneg Shabbat8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 4 — (Chayai Sara)

Sabbath Morning Services.....8:45 A.M.

Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

I Kings 1:1 - 31

Talmud Class3:45 P.M.

Mincha4:30 P.M.

SHAMMAI SAID: Make the study of Torah a regular habit.**(Pirke Avoth)**

Enter any Shul on Shabbos afternoon, about half an hour before mincha, and you will find five or six men studying Talmud. They always study the same tractate—BERACHOT. This contains practical instruction on the "berachot" as well as difficult philosophical discussion, so it provides a little something for everyone. In every Shul the eighth chapter is skipped because it is unbelievably difficult to really understand.

At Lincoln Square Synagogue we also learn BERACHOT on Shabbos afternoon, but, unlike other Shuls, more than 50 men and women (women are always welcome to learn with us) gather to learn and we have just completed the eighth chapter! Rabbi Riskin explains very thoroughly and does not leave a subject until everyone understands. His students look forward to the day when every member of our community makes the study of Torah a regular habit.

Jamie Burton

ADVANCED TALMUD CLASS

One of the several classes which were held last year at the Shapiro Academy was the advanced Talmud Class. On Thursday evenings Rabbi Riskin taught the tractate of Sanhedrin to a most heterogeneous, yet interesting, composition of students. They were of both sexes, ranging from college age to over the golden age of seventy. Their talmudic backgrounds likewise ranged from that of a beginner to that of a "smicha" student of Yeshiva University. Yet, as we all sat around a long table with our eyes fixed on the Rabbi as he elucidated the teachings of the Talmud, each one of us felt that he was learning just as much as the other. Rabbi Riskin manages to captivate and reach the imagination of each particular student at his or her level of learning.

Sanhedrin deals with the total structure of the Jewish legal system, encompassing topics such as who is fit to become a judge, to the enumeration of the powers of either a civil or criminal "beit-din" (Jewish court). Since to a large extent the talmudic legal system is no longer operative in our society, one may conclude that the subject is no longer relevant. This conclusion, however, is not warranted. The Rabbi, by concentrating not just on the structure but also on the durable Jewish values which such a system carries with it, makes the tractate not only pertinent to our society, but also an inspiring and exciting experience to the attending students.

As such, Shabbat, the tractate which will be taught this year, promises to be an even more impressive experience.

Gershon H. Fluk

Adult Seniors of Lincoln Square Synagogue

In January 1972 we held our first get together, and throughout the year we have had many wonderful afternoons enjoying and visiting with each other.

We expanded into many new areas, e.g., with the help of Linda Weinstein we learned the art of making beautiful baskets from old greeting cards; we then went on to make stuffed toys for children; and our capable bridge teacher Ira Sommer held weekly bridge classes. Our bingo parties brought "squeals" of joy to the winners and our volunteers tended a beautiful Purim luncheon for all the members and their friends.

From time immemorial, giving of ourselves and sharing of our possessions have been part and parcel of our religion. Throughout the centuries we have carried this message. "Giving is man's humanity to man." This is the creed of our volunteers who are so happy to share with our Adult Seniors. If anyone would like to help as a volunteer, please stop by and see us on any Monday afternoon. Our volunteers include Roz Dreizen, Elaine Finkel, Miriam Josephson, Florence Pine, Ira Sommer, Fan Silverstein, Linda Weinstein and Sophie Taks.

We hope to expand our programs this year with new ideas and various interesting speakers. We invite all Adult Seniors to join us every *MONDAY* afternoon at 1:00 P.M. beginning October 9th — on the 2nd floor of our Synagogue.

Sophie Taks



Yahrzeits

ABRAHAM ZIEVE

Sunday Evening, October 8

Monday, October 9

BENNY BERNSTEIN

Tuesday Evening, October 10

Wednesday, October 11

IRA MERMAN

Tuesday Evening, October 10

Wednesday, October 11

CECILE SOBEL

Wednesday Evening, October 11

Thursday, October 12

HENRY HERMAN WOLF

Saturday Evening, October 14

Sunday, October 15

ISAAC KAUFMAN

Monday Evening, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

ILIJAH BARKAN

Wednesday Evening, October 18

Thursday, October 19

YETTA FEINSTEIN

Thursday Evening, October 19

Friday, October 20

SARAH LEAH FELDMAN

Friday Evening, October 20

Saturday, October 21

MORRIS MORRISON

Friday Evening, October 20

Saturday, October 21

ANNA SCHWARTZMAN

Saturday Evening, October 21

Sunday, October 22

SAMUEL EDELMAN

Sunday Evening, October 22

Monday, October 23

NORMAN NOTOV

Thursday Evening, November 2

Friday, November 3

MORRIS SOBEL

Thursday Evening, November 2

Friday, November 3

RACHEL WIENER

Thursday Evening, November 2

Friday, November 3

LOUIS BLOOM

Friday Evening, November 3

Saturday, November 4

Men's Club

We cordially invite all male congregants and their friends to join us at our first meeting on Monday Evening, October 9th at 8:15 P.M. Our Rabbi Steven Riskin will be the guest speaker. Refreshments and Social Hour will follow.

Special thanks to the following members who were so helpful in ushering for the High Holy Days:

Auditorium: Ben Fruhlinger (Chairman), Morris Brown, Murray Paul, Bernard Skolnick, Joel Wachs.

Sanctuary: Henry Moed (Chairman), Peter Abelow, Jacob Korn, Glenn Richter, Morris Weiner.

Frank L. Taks

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New Term Will Start Oct. 16th

"We Shall Wear Yellow Stars If They Won't Let Us Go!"

The Soviet government has just imposed huge penalties on Soviet Jews with higher education seeking to emigrate, in effect, stopping their leaving. Here is how a Soviet Jew described by phone what is happening —

"An average specialist must pay about 10,000 rubles, about the average salary of an engineer for ten years. There is not one person in the Soviet Union who has such a sum of money. Even if a person had such an amount he would be taken as a thief because an honest person cannot get such a sum for his work.

"Our family, composed of myself, an English teacher, my parents and my sister who are doctors and my aged grandfather, will have to pay 46,000 rubles. Even if we would not eat for our entire lives we could not raise such a sum of money.

"None of us are going to pay, first because we have no money at all, and second because they have no right. We were always told education was free of charge. If they wanted to take money they wouldn't demand such a sum impossible to pay. It is given to us only to shut up our desires to go to Israel.

"Our country is now like a pot boiling with the top on. *We shall wear yellow stars if they won't let us go!* We are ready for all demonstrations because we have nothing to lose now. We are at the last degree of despair."

<i>Ransoms:</i> Graduate of teachers institute	\$ 5,400
Graduate of university	13,200
Ph. D.	26,400
Student not yet graduated pays pro rata.	

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 1 — Telegram, write and call Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik, Soviet U.N. Mission, 136 East 67th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021, tel: (212) UN 1-4900, or Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, Soviet Embassy, 1125 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, tel. (202) AD 2-3426. Demand the immediate withdrawal of the Nazi-like decree for a ransom sum for Jewish exit visas. Ask how Soviet Jews who have to hurdle many discriminatory barriers to receive a higher education are of use to the USSR if they are dismissed from their jobs when they apply to leave.
- 2 — Telegram and write President Richard Nixon, White House, Washington, D.C. to urge immediate intervention.

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a happy and healthy New Year*

ANNA J. COHEN
*wishes the entire Congregation
a very healthy and happy New Year*

*Best wishes to All
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MR. and MRS. WALTER FREEMAN
Miami Beach, Florida

RABBI and MRS. FRED GORSETMAN
*extend their best wishes
for a happy and healthy New Year
to the entire Congregation*

*Best wishes for a New Year of
Health and Peace*
MR. and MRS. ADOLPH KATZ

*New Year Greetings
and best wishes to
Lincoln Square Synagogue*
MR. and MRS. ZACHARY LEBWOHL

MR. and MRS. BEN ROSENBERG
*extend best wishes for
a happy and healthy New Year*

*To all our neighbors
a happy and healthy New Year*
DR. and MRS. E. S. STEMLER

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*wish the Lincoln Square Synagogue
Family good Health and Happiness
for the New Year*

*Greetings and best wishes to our many
friends for a New Year of Peace, Health
and Contentment*
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*I wish all my friends
to be written in the Book of Life, for
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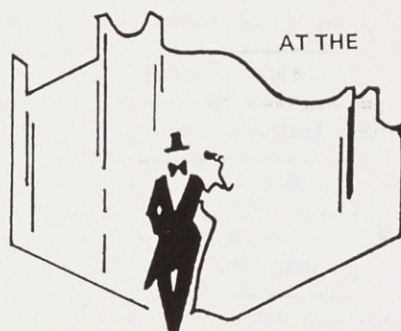
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Calendar of Events

- Sunday, October 1 Simchat Torah
- Sunday, October 8 and Monday, October 9 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
- Monday, October 9 The Weekly Senior Adults Program
held on Mondays at 1:00 P.M. begins.
- Monday, October 9 — Men's Club Meeting 8:15 P.M.
Rabbi Riskin will be the Guest Speaker
- Monday, October 16 Sisterhood Supper Meeting
- Monday, October 16 Joseph Shapiro Academy of Jewish Studies, Fall term begins
- Wednesday, October 18 *The America-Israel Cultural Foundation —historic concert,
The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, with Leonard Bernstein, conductor
and Isaac Stern as soloist, at Carnegie Hall*
- Friday, November 3 — First Oneg Shabbat 8:30 P.M.

The Lincoln Square Synagogue Bulletin will be published at the beginning of each month from September until June. Articles and announcements are welcome and should be submitted to the Editor in care of the Synagogue office one month prior to publication.