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From The Rabbi's Desk

"More than the Jews have preserved the Sabbath. The Sabbath has preserved the Jews." The Sabbath is the day which serves as the crown of creation, the expression of the fact that Israel merits the privilege of sanctifying not only space and objects, but also time and therefore our very life itself, the child of time. The Kotzker and Voorker Rabbis once had a discussion concerning their favorite *mitzvah*. The Voorker expressed his preference for the commandment of *sukkah* over that of the four species: "When I lift the four species, I encompass the *mitzvah*. When I enter the *sukkah*, the *sukkah* encompasses me." "Ah", countered the Kotzker, "then the Sabbath is the greatest of all. You can walk out of the *sukkah*, but you cannot walk out of the Sabbath. Such is the sanctity of time, a glimpse of indestructible eternity which links man with the Divine."

The first question on the Biblical account posed by Rashi, commentator par excellence, in the name of R. Isaac can best be viewed in terms of a proper understanding of the Sabbath and its meaning. "Why does the Torah begin with 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth'? Should it not have begun with the first commandment given to Israel?" The basis of the entire Bible is the Divine command of *imitatio dei*, "and you shall walk in His ways." Man, endowed with a *tselem elokim*, an aspect of the Divine, must strive to become as much like his creator as possible.

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Remember The Sabbath Day To Keep It Holy



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From Rabbi's Desk (Cont'd)

Maimonides insists that every Biblical "description" of God is meant only to teach man the basis for human ethical conduct. "Just as God is merciful, so must we be merciful. Just as God is quick to forgive, so must we be quick to forgive, etc." Similarly the Bible magnificently portrays six days of Divine physical creativity and the seventh day of Divine spiritual creativity. Imitatio Dei. Man has the great privilege each week of repeating the premordial first week of creation. Man is truly a partner with God. Just as God was involved in six days of physical creativity and the seventh day of spiritual creativity, so does man involve himself in the same cycle each week. The Sabbath is the consummate expression of man's potential to be like God.

Schedule of Services

Tuesday, November 7 —

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Friday, November 10 —

Kindle Sabbath Candles 4:23 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat 4:30 P.M.

Oneg Shabbat 8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 11 — (Toldote)

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

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Malachi 1:1-2:7

Talmud Class 3:40 P.M.

Mincha 4:25 P.M.

Friday, November 17 —

Kindle Sabbath Candles 4:17 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat 4:25 P.M.

Oneg Shabbat 8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 18 — (Vayaitzai)

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

Genesis 28:10-32:3

Hosea 12:13-14:10

Talmud Class 3:30 P.M.

Mincha 4:15 P.M.

Friday, November 24 —

Kindle Sabbath Candles 4:12 P.M.

Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat 4:20 P.M.

Oneg Shabbat 8:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 25 — (Vayishlach)

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

Genesis 32:4-36:43

Ovadiah 1:1-21

Talmud Class 3:30 P.M.

Mincha 4:15 P.M.

Thursday Evening, November 30 —

Kindle First Chanukah Candle

Daily Minyan

Weekdays 7:15 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.

Sundays and Holidays 8:30 A.M.

Rabbi Riskin teaches a halacha (law) following Daily Services.

Mincha and Maariv 6:00 P.M.

Important Notice:

The Sabbath is terminated Saturday evenings one hour after the candles were lit on the previous Friday.

Sabbath Law and Lore

1. Sabbath Lights

The Sabbath officially begins with kindling of the Sabbath lights twenty minutes before (and no later than) sunset, and with the recitation of the Psalm for the Sabbath Day in the synagogue. It is the specific obligation of the woman of the household to kindle the Sabbath lights. (A minimum of two candles should be lit, although general custom is to add an additional candle for each child.) If there is no woman in the household, the male is obligated to light the candles.

2. Challah

Two complete challot (unsliced) should grace the Sabbath table, both Friday night and Saturday afternoon, symbolizing the double portion of manna granted to the Children of Israel for the Sabbath. These should be covered before kiddush so that it is clearly demonstrated that the entire meal is eaten in honor of the sanctity of the Sabbath.

3. Kiddush

The kiddush, a sanctification over wine, symbolizes the uplifting of the physical which is the hallmark of the Sabbath. Before the kiddush, Shalom Aleichem (a welcome to Sabbath Angels), Eishet Chayil (a peon of praise to the woman of the house) and blessings for the child(ren) are recited.

4. Zemirot

Traditional songs relating to Sabbath joy liven the meal.

5. Seudah (Sabbath Meal)

It is traditional to serve gefilte fish as a symbol of fruitfulness, and meat or poultry as the main course. Since it is forbidden to cook or bake on the Sabbath, all foods must be prepared before candlelighting. They may be kept warm on the stove provided that the burner is turned on before the Sabbath and not extinguished during the Sabbath, and all the burners and controls are covered by a special sheet known as a "blech". It is necessary to enjoy three seudot on the Sabbath, one on Friday evening and two on the Sabbath day. The table should remain covered with a table cloth for the duration of the Sabbath, symbolic of the fact that the Jewish home is a sanctuary in miniature and the Jewish table is a replica of the Divine Altar.

6. Prayer

Physical creativity is prohibited on the Sabbath, a day which is given over to prayer, study and close family communication. The Torah reading is the central aspect of the Sabbath morning service which contains the special Mussaf Amidah Additional Prayer.

7. Havdallah

The Sabbath is concluded 40 minutes after sunset, Saturday night, with the coming out of 3 medium-sized stars. A blessing expressing a distinction between light and darkness, Israel and the nations, the Sabbath and the weekdays, is made over a cup of wine. This is followed by a blessing over fragrant spices and a blessing over a braided candle. The special candle must contain at least two wicks braided together as one in the hope that all distinctions will pass away as the world becomes one during the Messianic age of an eternal Sabbath.

Bringing Sukkot To The People

So you want to hear of an LSS project that literally as well as figuratively got off the ground...! Didn't you see the Sukkah Mobile (also known as the Mobile Sukkah)? Thanks to the initiative and construction efforts of Jamie Burton (aided by Diane, Jeremy and Noah), Gershon and Joshua Fluke and numerous others, the back of a U-Haul became a Sukkah on wheels and hundreds of people who didn't even know it was a holiday participated in the Mitzvot of Sukkot. Equipped with a lulav and etrog (the arba minim), a large supply of cake, (thanks to the many benefactors), a table and bench, the Sukkah traversed the neighborhood stopping at subways, old age homes, supermarkets and even at the Soviet Jewry Rally at Dag Hamarshjold Plaza. Passersby were invited in for some cake and to fulfill the mitzvah of "dwelling in a Sukkah".

Typical responses: "This is great, I haven't been in one for forty years", "You mean women can come in too?" "Could you teach me the Blessing for the lulav?" "What is the symbolism of the...?" Although many people walked by, often a small line of people waiting to enter the Sukkah and take a step toward renewing their Jewish identification could be seen on the sidewalk. There were numerous requests for educational material and a leaflet was made available with information on the Joseph Shapiro Academy.

We who worked with the Sukkah mobile learned something too. There are large numbers of Jews of all ages in our own community who feel the void and only need to be approached with opportunities to participate in the festivals and to educate themselves. Can we meet this challenge and find new and effective means to continue the work that has barely begun?

Peter Abelow

Simchat Torah at Lincoln Square

The evening service began and the sanctuary was quite full. But as the service continued, a steady flow of people could be seen entering the synagogue. When the Hakafot were ready to begin, there were at least eight hundred people there to participate. Unfortunately, or really fortunately, so many people came, there was no room for dancing. So after the first Hakafah, the Torahs led the way downstairs, and the crowd gathered into circles, with circles around those and other circles inside those. The joyous dancing could only be stopped by the banging on the table which signaled the next Hakafah. But sometimes even that didn't work. At ten-thirty there was a second set of Hakafot. The lateness of the hour did not appear to dampen the Simchat Torah spirit.

In the morning, a crowd almost as large as the night before assembled, and the dancing was not downstairs, but outside. It was a beautiful day, and Rabbi Riskin wanted to show the Lincoln Square neighborhood what Simchat Torah is all about. The dancing crowd wove through the pathways of Lincoln Towers, until it arrived at 150 West End, where a small synagogue was started several years ago.

An interesting addition to the spirit of Simchat Torah was a special Women's Davening which took place in the Beth Midrash. In accordance with Halacha men were excluded; the women did not recite Kaddish, Kedusha or Boruchu, and there were no regular blessings over the Torah. However, the women did conduct their own prayers and read the various portions from the Torah.

Many of the women felt that they were active participants in meaningful Synagogue ritual for the first time and were literally ecstatic as a result of the experience.

Simchat Torah this year at Lincoln Square was a proper ending for what was a beautiful and meaningful Succot.

Harold Fruchter

Succot at Lincoln Square

More than two hundred congregants filled to capacity the three beautiful sukkot that were erected this year by our devoted Mr. *Adolph Katz*.

A parking lot at the rear of the synagogue was cleared in order to build an extension to the main Sukkah, while at the front entrance of the Synagogue a smaller Sukkah catered solely for Kiddush.

The congenial atmosphere which prevailed at all times was stimulated by the vivacity of the Rabbi and the Cantor whose rendition of "A Sukkele" as well as other favorite and nostalgic melodies were enjoyed by young and old alike.

During lunch on the first day of Yom Tov about forty of our Hebrew School pupils participated in Shirim and Rikkudim in the Parking Lot. Several spectators from Lincoln Towers came out to watch and admire.

We extend a hearty Yasher Koach to *Lennie Sebolsky* for having personally organized and supervised the catering arrangements. We also thank profusely *Anne Abramson* and her tireless Committee of our Sisterhood ladies who helped make this a wonderful festival for us all.

Vivien C. Eisenmann

Sisterhood News

The Lincoln Square Synagogue SISTERHOOD started what promises to be a most exciting season with a Supper Party and Fashion Show on Monday Evening, October 16, 1972. The affair was for all paid-up members of Sisterhood. New members were the guests of honor.

Anne Abramson, Sisterhood President, welcomed all the members and their guests. She greeted among others a contingent from our Junior League and the wives of our Rabbi, *Vicky Riskin*, of our Assistant Rabbi, *Shulie Cohen* and of our Cantor, *Batya Goffin*.

Bess Bergman, Hon. President and Party Chairman, thanked her Co-Chairman *Hilda Morgenstern*, and her able Committee, cooks, hostesses and planners. Almost every member of the Sisterhood Board was involved in this party.

Other speakers were *Sue Golub*, Vice President and Program Chairman, *Jeannette Jarashow*, 3rd Vice President and Membership Chairman, *Sonia Chesin*, Hon. President and Theatre Party Chairman, and *Vivien Eisenmann*, Bazaar Chairman.

The Fashion Show, courtesy of Mrs. *Julia Mazor*, and her *Israel Fashions*, was a huge success. The commentator was our own Fashion expert *Cele Edelman*. The models were the beautiful and talented *Annette Langer*, *Bea Wald*, *Lenore Friedman*, *Elizabeth Klein*, *Ruth Moed*, *Florine Skolnick*, *Martine Schenker*, *Judy Rapaport* and *Vivien Eisenmann*.

Mr. Arthur Morgenstern, President of the synagogue, addressed warm words of welcome to the membership. He spoke briefly of our cooperative efforts, past and future, in behalf of the Synagogue.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was our own incomparable *Rabbi Riskin* and he discussed woman's unique role in Judaism and in the Synagogue. We were enthralled, inspired, and greatly moved.

Men's Club

For our next meeting to be held on *MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13th*, at 8:00 P.M. we are privileged to have as our guest speaker our own member

MR. I. ARTHUR ROSENBERG

who has been a member of the New York Bar Assn. for more than 40 years. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry — Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute — Master of Business Administration — Graduate Business School New York University — Doctor Juris New York University Law School — Member of National Panel of American Arbitration Assn. and Arbitrator New York Civil Court.

Mr. Rosenberg's subject will be "THREE GREAT JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT — Brandeis — Cardozo — Frankfurter."

As this is a most interesting subject we cordially invite the ladies to join us. Social hour and refreshments will follow.

Frank L. Taks, President



Yahrzeits

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

ISAAC WASSERMAN

Sunday Evening, November 5

Monday, November 6

DORA PERLMAN

Thursday Evening, November 9

Friday, November 10

PAULINE ARGANZA

Friday Evening, November 10

Saturday, Nov. 11

DAVID BLUM

Sunday Evening, November 12

Monday, November 13

MATTHEW LURIE MERMAN

Sunday Evening, November 12

Monday, November 13

MORRIS BIRNBAUM

Thursday Evening, November 16

Friday, November 17

ISAAC GANZ

Friday Evening, November 17

Saturday, November 18

ABRAHAM NEUWIRTH

Friday Evening, November 17

Saturday, November 18

HARRY PERLMAN

Friday Evening, November 17

Saturday, November 18

LOUIS FISHMAN

Sunday Evening, November 19

Monday, November 20

ESTHER ROSENBERG

Monday Evening, November 20

Tuesday, November 21

SONYA GROSSMAN

Tuesday Evening, November 21

Wednesday, November 22

LOUIS GOODMAN

Sunday Evening, November 26

Monday, November 27

LOUIS NIDEN

Sunday Evening, November 26

Monday, November 27

DEBORA HALBERSTAM-

IWIANSKY

Wednesday Evening, November 29

Thursday, November 30

NATHAN SCHATTNER

Wednesday Evening, November 29

Thursday, November 30

Condolences

to **RABBI AND MRS. STEVEN RISKIN** and the **WALTER FAMILIES** on the passing of their beloved aunt, our devoted member and contributor, Mrs. Sadie Goldberg;

to **MRS. ANNA J. COHEN** on the loss of her beloved brother;

to **MRS. LOUIS GOODMAN** on the loss of her beloved sister;

to **MR. JULIUS GOLDING, STANLEY GOLDING** and **WENDY ZIZMOR** on the tragic and untimely passing of their wife and mother respectively, our

regular congregant, devoted member and noble woman, active in every important cause of Jewish endeavor, Mrs. Geraldine Golding.

to **MR. DAVID HURWITZ** on the loss of his beloved father;

to **MISS DORA RODETSKY** on the loss of her beloved sister;

to **MR. MORRIS TIEFENBRUNN** on the loss of his beloved brother in Israel;

to **MR. NAT MARK** on the loss of his beloved wife;

Junior League

The Junior League of LSS is back on the scene with many new members. We're off to a running start helping Vivian Eisenmann in her efforts chairing the forthcoming bazaar, planning a Chanukah program, operating the synagogue boutique and exploring ways of welcoming newcomers to the community. Young couples get involved! Contact our membership chairman, Julia Aaron — 873-9240 and help make this our most successful year.

Adult Seniors

Our October meetings have been a source of pleasure for all who have attended. For this season we have instituted a new type of programming with Elaine Finkel handling the details. In addition to our regular sessions of sewing, etc., we are now planning on having a speaker address us once a month.

For our opening meeting we had the pleasure of hearing Rabbi Herschel Cohen who extended greetings from our Synagogue with a most impressive and interesting address. At another October meeting we had a representative of Social Security speak to us.

On November 6th our own DR. MARTIN FINKEL, a Trustee of our Synagogue, will speak to us on a topic of vital medical interest to us all.

We meet every Monday afternoon at 12:30 P.M. and invite all Adult Seniors to join us.

Sophie E. Taks

Welcome New Members

MISS MIRIAM ALBERT
MR. and MRS. ROBERT BARZILAY
MR. and MRS. HARRY H. BERGMAN
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CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZEL TOV:

CANTOR AND MRS. SHERWOOD GOFFIN on the birth and circumcision of their son Elchanan;

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL FELD on the birth of a granddaughter in Sydney, Australia;

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH JUNGREIS on the birth of a grandson to their children Mr. and Mrs. Joel Mandel;

MR. AND MRS. MAX SCHWARZ on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joseph; who read the Torah in grand style and who has concluded the Sabbath morning Services for us with noble distinction;

MR. STEVEN REINHOLD and MRS. ELAINE REINHOLD on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson and son respectively, Fred Schenker;

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BARZILAY on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jonathan;

MR. AND MRS. JOEL STEINER on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Andrew.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH:

MISS BESSIE COHEN
MR. WALTER FREEMAN
MR. THEODORE GRAND
MR. SAMUEL RACHLIS

A LETTER FROM THE BAZAAR CHAIRMAN

The Annual Bazaar of the Lincoln Square Synagogue will be held this year on the 19th November at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, W. 73rd Street, N. Y. C.

We are desperately in need of *NEW* merchandise and we ask you all to make a grand effort to approach any business connection you may know. Last season's goods, "seconds" and slightly soiled items are useless to them and vital to our success.

If you would like to help with the Bazaar, please call the undersigned. We are dependent on volunteers to help unpack, to sell and for various other jobs.

I hope that you will endeavor to make the event a great success in whatever way you can.

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Cantor and Mrs. Sherwood Goffin
Nisa and Tsipora

I wish to thank all my friends for their kind expression of sympathy on the loss of my beloved brother.

Morris Tiefenbrunn

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the many good wishes and expressions of concern during my recent illness. I also wish to thank the numerous volunteers who so willingly took over during my absence.

Martha Cohn

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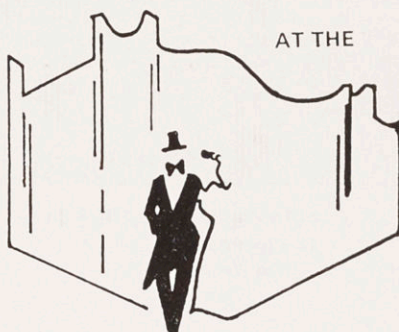
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Calendar of Events

- Friday, November 3—Oneg Shabbat. Election Preview, Bella Abzug, Priscilla Ryan and Howard Samuels guest speakers 8:30 P.M.
- Monday, November 6—Senior Adults Meeting12:30 P.M.
Dr. Martin Finkel, speaker
Sisterhood Board Meeting8:00 P.M.
- Friday, November 10—Oneg Shabbat. Canarsie, Forest Hills and the West Side; Symposium on Public Schools and Integration 8:30 P.M.
- Monday, November 13—Men's Club meeting 8:00 P.M.
Guest speaker Arthur Rosenberg
- Friday, November 17—Oneg Shabbat. Mrs. Rose Halperin, past president of Hadassah, guest speaker 8:30 P.M.
- Sunday, November 19—**ANNUAL BAZAAR**,
Riverside Plaza Hotel
- Monday, November 20—Sisterhood Meeting8:00 P.M.
Charlotte Koltun, speaker
- Friday, November 24—Oneg Shabbat. "Judaism and the Jesus Freaks"... 8:30 P.M.
- Thursday, November 30—First Night of Chanukah
- Friday, December 1—Oneg Shabbat. The meaning of Chanukah 8:30 P.M.
- Sunday, December 3—Sisterhood Annual Chanukah Fiesta
- Friday, December 8—Oneg Shabbat. Rabbi Mark Angel of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue will speak on Sephardi Power.
8:30 P.M.
- Sunday, December 24—Synagogue Theatre Party2:30 P.M.
"Yoshe Kalb" at Eden Theatre

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