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Bereshith: "In the Beginning"

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SPEEDY MUMBLE IN A TEACUP



Visiting Rabbis Asher and Reuven were talking Torah one winter afternoon in the Beit Midrash of Lincoln Square Synagogue.

"If Moishe Rabbeinu could visit us, he'd be immediately outraged by the injustice all around," stated Rabbi Asher before sipping tea from his styrofoam cup.

"I beg your pardon my good friend, but no," contradicted Reuven.

"No?"

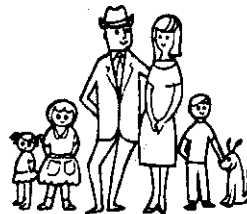
"No! First thing, Moishe would look for a shul to daven in. Then, like all Jewish tourists, he'd spend the rest of the day happily visiting other shuls," insisted Reuven, "and only on his second day would he get mad." con't on page 2

A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

Bermuda for 10 days at the most luxurious hotel; trod the paths of Europe; experience the art of Florence, history of Vienna, and the mountains of Italy; "Next Year In Jerusalem" is yours for only a few dollars down!

How can you beat any of these vacations? What could possibly be more rewarding than the destination of your choice? Is there something that could be richer, more dramatic, and everlasting?

WOMEN'S ROLE: A PERSPECTIVE



When I came away from the pegisha in Crown Heights, it was with a more profound understanding of what it means to be a Jewish Woman. On the very deepest level, being a Jewish Woman is my function in life; it is who I am; it is my identity.

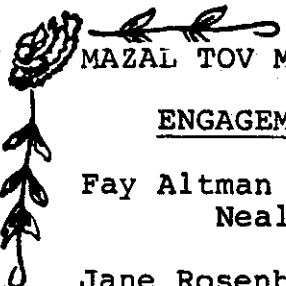
Women today feel ambivalent and confused about our women's role and often seek to eradicate role differentiation altogether. We are attracted by notices of "fulfillment" which means, to feminists, achieving some kind of status in positions previously held by men. Or we strive to be "super" because we are told we deserve nothing less than "having it all."

Even religious Jewish women in Manhattan and elsewhere have allowed non-Jewish values to infiltrate our lives, in subtle ways of which we may con't on page 5

Yes! The joy and fulfillment of being part of the six week learning Kollel, at Lincoln Square Synagogue.

In keeping with the spirit of our Beginners' Minyan - the learning is on three levels: beginners, intermediate and advanced.

Each day commences with morning services continues with classes, lunch and some more learning interrupted by afternoon services. Talented rabbis and other outstanding teachers are there to share their knowledge and time in a close and intimate learning environment. con't on page 3



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ENGAGEMENTS

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Neal Shapiro

Jane Rosenberg to
Brad Sandler

Yedida Schaffner to
Dr. Leonard Sachs

Marsha Weinman to
Chanan Sugarman

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MARRIAGES

Joan Dibona to
Theodore Gertel

Judy Goldner to
Smicha (Floyd) Moss

Susan Katz to
Steve Basloe

Jill Miller to
Marty Davis

Gila Tikva Weber to
Daniel Brock

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BIRTHS

Susan & Bruce Fein
on the birth of a
daughter, LINDSEY

Marion Friedman
on the birth of a
granddaughter,
SARA TOVA

Tani & Yisroel
Foger
on the birth of a
son, ORI-YA

Tamar & Alec Gindis
on the birth of a
son, DANIEL REUVEN

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"Moses Our Teacher will get mad on the first day," Asher restated, this time accounting for Reuven's fine point, "because of the outrageous injustice he'd see going on in shul while davening," and the friendly debate, tit for tat, was on.

"Moishe will be angry over the way starting Bal-tchewvas are shut out of the services."

"There's Rabbi Buchwald's Beginners' Minyan."

"That's just once a week in one shul out of thousands. A rarity. What will arouse Moishe's anger is the abuse given to that very part of the service custom-made for beginners."

He's referring to the repetition of the Silent Devotion--the Amidah, thought Reuven.

"I'm referring to the repetition of the Silent Devotion--the Amidah," stated Asher, and before he could continue, Reuven got up saying, "Let me get more tea. You also?" and he left to return a minute later from the kitchen across the hall with two white, styrofoam cups filled with the steaming hot liquid.

"The Amidah repetition is mumbled through at high speed while the congregation drowns even that out with idle chatter."

"Nothing can be done about shul members who want to socialize during the repetition."

"On the contrary," countered Asher readily, "it's the sheliach tzebur--leader in prayer-- who sets the mood. If he would emphasize the repetition's importance by saying each word with feeling, then the minyan would show more respect. Let him make the repetition his concert song and the congregation will become a hushed audience."

"The whole service is important. Why should Moishe Rabbeinu pick on just the Amidah repetition? Why should he be so concerned with beginners?"

"Because, my friend, Moses spent 40 years keeping the Hebrews from drifting away from Torah. Atop Mount Nevo, he wept as he say long lines of Jewish souls that would never be born because one ancestor drifted away."

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The laws of Kashrut explained, the tools of learning discussed in detail, learning Gemorah--are but a few of the outstanding features. Inquire and learn at your own individual pace in an atmosphere of sharing and chesed. This can do nothing less than fulfill your innermost feelings about "that" extraordinary vacation.

Perhaps 6 weeks is too much. Well even that aspect can be accommodated. And the cost is incredibly low.

From one who experienced the "vacation" of a lifetime I encourage you to join me as I return to the classroom of Torah enchantment.

-Baruch Kramer-
(Reprinted from Nissan 5741)

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on the birth of a
son, DANIEL MEIR

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CONDOLENCES

The Cohen family
on the passing of
BESSIE COHEN

Jean Greenspan
on the passing of
her brother, WILLIAM

Dr. William Gutstein
on the passing of
his brother, ALBERT

Jessica Moed on
the passing of her
husband, HENRY

Elena Saren on
the passing of her
fiance, MARC SALZMAN

Marsha Weinman on
the passing of her
father, CHAIM

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BARUCH HABA

Alec Gindis on the
arrivial of his
parents & brother
from the
Soviet Union.

TETZCHEM L'SHALOM

John Lorwin who
left for Israel.

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"We lose Jews all the time. Tragic, for sure, but to blame it on a sloppy Amida repetition is farfetched."

"Reuven, Reuven! The clearly enunciated repetition is Hashem's welcome smile to a beginner who smiles back from his siddur with 'amem." A bond is formed."

"It'll slow down the service, " Reuven wedged in as a possible flaw in Asher's reasoning.

"Hardly at all," Asher was quick to reply after a swallow of tea. "We're not talking a whole service, just the easing of that three-minute mumble to a meaningful six-minute prayer."

Has he really timed it with a watch? I'll bet he has, chuckled Reuven to himself while swirling his half-empty styrofoam container to dissolve the sugar at the bottom.

"And so I can say with certainty," Asher began to sum up, confident that he successfully dealt with all Reuven's challenges, "...say with certainty that Moishe Rabbeinu would be immediately outraged by the injustice of the routine speedy mumble that passes for the Amidah repetition prayer important to beginners, just as he was outraged by the routine discrimination against Jethro's seven daughters at the well that became institutionalized as normal.

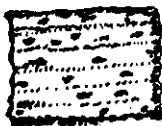
"What have you to say to that, my good friend?"

Reuven tore off a piece from the rim of his empty cup and seized this chance to get in the last word: "Tea in styrofoam is tea in styrofoam," he declared passionately, "but a glass of tea is a drink!"

-Yehoshua Gloger-

MATZA FOR SALE

Shmura Matza (specially guarded matza) is on sale at the Synagogue office for \$8.50 a pound.



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IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA?

If so, Barry Schwartz (a former Beginner) has relocated in the Los Angeles area and you can contact him at: Barry J. Schwartz c/o Rifkind, Sterling and Levin, Inc., 9454 Wilshire blvd., 7th Floor, Beverly Hills, California 90212 (213) 278-0970.

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SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, April 8 from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Ms. Chaya Korot will be leading a Passover Workshop at Lincoln Square Synagogue. Admission is free.

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RECIPES FOR PESACH

CHAROSES

Charoses is used in the seder together with the bitter herb (maror). It symbolizes the mortar used the Hebrews during their enslavement in Egypt.

- 1 large apple or 2 small apples peeled cored and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon group ginger
- 1/2 cup ground walnuts
- 1/4 cup sweet red Passover wine

Mix ingredients together, adding enough wine to moisten. Yield: two or three cups, depending on the size of the apples.

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not be aware. We are no longer able to say with pride that we are Jewish Homemakers. We have a job, that is the definition of what we do. If not, we feel like nobodies. We are not proud of our once noble roles of Jewish Wife, Jewish Mother, Jewish Grandmother, Jewish Housewife. These are restrictive roles which are thought to be demeaning, so often the butt of jokes and unflattering stereotypes. The negativity of these stereotypes has caused so many Jewish women to seek to cast off role differentiation permanently. Our precious distinctions have become blurred; e.g., "mothering" has become "parenting" and can be done by either sex. Most of the duties surrounding home and family are seen as "constricting, stultifying, boring, degrading and unimportant." We learn to seek our satisfaction and our self-definition in the world of careerism which is seen as "rewarding, interesting, fulfilling." The home is seen as a place where nobody wants to spend much time.

How did we allow this to happen to us? How has our sublime role been so trivialized? How did our Torah Value System become subverted? Constant messages from the media are absorbed by our very pores. Foreign ideas reach us on a subliminal level, and we don't even realize that we have been programmed. Otherwise, how could we have been so willing to believe that devotion to home and family was a job for morons. Somehow we have walked away from the very reason for our existence.

The first time I came to Crown Heights, I noticed something special about the women. They didn't seem to have that vague anxiety about their identity so recognizable among today's women. From their bearing and carriage they conveyed a sense of knowing who they are. They had that in common, and yet they were totally unique personalities. What do they have that is missing in the secular world? What do you know that others don't?

The Crown Heights women have nothing other than what is the heritage of every Jewish woman--the Torah way of life, which tells us that the Home is the center of our religious life and the Woman is the Center of the home. Far from being a lowly role, ours is the noblest role. The mikdosh m'at is entrusted to our care.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe says the following: "...there is also accomplished by this theme of "make for Me a Dwelling Place and I will dwell within you" -- the Al-Mighty will dwell in every Jewish home. And since Hashem, may He be blessed, lives there, therefore it is automatically understood that there will be livelihood and sustenance and healthiness in abundance, and true pleasure from our children and children's children -- for long and good days and years."

Indeed, it is time for all Jewish Women to reclaim our birthright. Let us rebuild the Jewish Home in its beauty and sanctity!

-Joyce Riggs-

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Readers: This is your newsletter and we would like to hear from you. Article contributions are most welcome!

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HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP  
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Sunday, April 15

MODEL PASSOVER SEDER FOR THE COMMUNITY

First Seder 11:00 A.M.

Second Seder 1:00 P.M.

ALL AT 72ND STREET AND BROADWAY!!!

Live music and entertainment. No admission charge. Bring your children!!!

Saturday, April 28th

YOM HASHOA - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

at 8:30 p.m.

A discussion will focus on the Goldberg Commission-American Jewry and the Holocaust.

Lincoln Square's custom on this day is to fast and to light six Yahrzeit candles.

Sunday, May 6th

MARCH FOR SOVIET JEWRY

at 12 noon

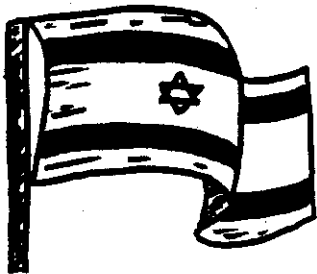
Solidarity Sunday, 62nd Street and 5th Avenue to 47th Street and 1st Avenue.

YOM HAATZMAUT SEUDAH - ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

at 5:30 p.m.

Mincha, followed by a special Maariv service and dinner. Israeli dancing too!

For more information please call the synagogue office.



Monday, May 7th

BEGINNERS' SCHMOOZE

Monday, June 4th

"Schmooze" is a Yiddish word. For us, it's a time to discuss concerns common to beginners--their new surge of religious feelings, how to deal with less-than-enthusiastic relatives, finding one's way through the mitzvah maze. Both sessions begin at 8:15 P.M. and are led by Ariella Sofia. If you have any questions, call the synagogue office 874-6105.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE SALE OF CHOMETZ

Please review the following guidelines which we hope will be helpful to expedite the procedure of selling chometz.

1. All chometz not destroyed before Passover must be given as a gift or sold to a non-Jew by the morning which precedes the first night of Passover.
2. The rabbi does not buy the chometz, but rather acts as an agent to sell the chometz to a non-Jew.
3. It is preferable to get rid of all chometz in one's possession in order to fulfill the Biblical ideal that chometz not be seen or found in one's possession. However, when this is not practicable one may sell chometz to a non-Jew. Certainly one should keep in mind for next year to properly plan to get rid of as much chometz as possible before Passover. The following items are real chometz:

Bread	Spaghetti	Grain Vinegar	Liquor
Cakes	Macaroni-Noodles	Pickles	Beer
Cookies	Pasta	Mustard	
Cereals	Grains	Mayonnaise	
Flour		Salad Dressing	

We recommend that open packages of the above be disposed of before Passover.

4. Unless one is leaving one's home for all of Passover, all chometz must be gathered together and prominently marked. Not only does one sell the chometz, but also subleases to the non-Jews the location in which the chometz is to be found. The non-Jew must be allowed free access to the chometz he has purchased. Hence, if one is going away for Passover, keys to the home should be left with the rabbi or a neighbor. This procedure is not a legal fiction but a bonafide sale in accordance with Talmudic and secular law.
5. Chometz utensils (pots, pans, silverware, dinnerware) are not sold to the non-Jew but are rented to him. This is done because otherwise the utensils would need to be re-immersed in the Mikvah after Passover.
6. At the time of the sale of Chometz the rabbi will ask you your name, your address, apartment or suite number. Remember to include your summer home and/or office. You will then be asked to declare the approximate value of chometz and/or liquor you wish to sell. Make your approximation higher, rather than lower. If possible prepare a list of what you are selling to present to the rabbi.
7. The rabbi will then ask you to take hold of a handkerchief which indicates that you officially agree to appoint him your agent to sell the chometz.
8. If you will be going away for Passover to a location which is outside the New York time zone, please inform the rabbi where you will be.
9. It is customary to give a donation to the Chesed Fund to be disbursed to the poor for Pesach (Maot Chitim). Please make checks payable to the LSS Chesed Fund.

We wish you a Happy and Kosher Pesach.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, March 30

Kindle Shabbat Candles	5:59 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:10 P.M.

Saturday, March 31 (Tazria) — Shabbat Hachodesh

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	5:15 P.M.
Mincha	6:00 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	6:15 P.M.

Tuesday, April 3 — Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Morning Services	7:00 and 7:40 A.M.
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Friday, April 6

Kindle Shabbat Candles	6:06 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 P.M.

Saturday, April 7 (Metzora)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Talmud and Bible Classes	5:20 P.M.
Mincha	6:05 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	6:20 P.M.

Friday, April 13

Kindle Shabbat Candles	6:13 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:25 P.M.

Saturday, April 24 (Acharey) — Shabbat Hagadol

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Mincha Followed by Shabbat Hagadol Discourse	5:40 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	6:25 P.M.

Sunday Evening, April 15

Search for the Chametz	7:05 P.M.
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Monday, April 16

Siyum B'Chorim	6:45 and 7:45 A.M.
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The First Born are invited to complete a Talmudic Tractate after each service so that they may be

able to eat on what would normally be a fast day for them.

The Latest Time to Eat Chametz	9:20 A.M.
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The Latest Time to Burn Chametz	10:38 A.M.
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Kindle Yom Tov Candles	6:16 P.M.
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Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov	6:25 P.M.
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FIRST SEDER

Tuesday, April 17 —

Yom Tov Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	4:55 P.M.
Mincha	6:25 P.M.
Kindle Yom Tov Candles Not Before	7:16 P.M.

SECOND EVENING COMMUNITY SEDER

Wednesday, April 18 —

Yom Tov Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	4:55 P.M.
Mincha	6:25 P.M.
Daily Chol Hamoed Morning Services	7:00 and 7:40 A.M.

Friday, April 20

Kindle Shabbat Candles	6:20 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 21 Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Bible Class	4:50 P.M.
Mincha	6:20 P.M.

Sunday, April 22

Chol Hamoed Services	7:00 and 8:30 A.M.
Kindle Yom Tov Candles	6:22 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov	6:35 P.M.

Monday, April 23

Yom Tov Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	5:05 P.M.
Mincha	6:35 P.M.
Kindle Yom Tov Candles Not Before	7:22 P.M.

Tuesday, April 24

Yom Tov Morning Services	7:50 and 8:30 A.M.
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YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICES

Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	4:30 P.M.
Mincha	6:00 P.M.

Followed by Seuda Shleesheet Neilat Hachag

Daily Mincha and Maariv	6:35 P.M.
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Friday, April 27

Kindle Shabbat Candles	6:27 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:40 P.M.

Saturday, April 28 (Kedoshim)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	4:55 P.M.
Bible Class	5:40 P.M.
Mincha	6:25 P.M.

Move Clock Ahead One Hour

Daily Mincha and Maariv	7:40 P.M. Daylight Saving Time
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Saturday Evening, April 28 and Sunday, April 29 — YOM HASHOA

Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3 — Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Morning Services	7:00 and 7:40 P.M.
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Friday, May 4

Kindle Shabbat Candles	7:35 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:45 P.M.

Saturday, May 5 (Emor)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	6:05 P.M.
Bible Class	6:35 P.M.
Mincha	7:35 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	7:50 P.M.

Sunday Evening, May 6 and Monday, May 7 —

YOM HAATZMAUT — ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, May 11

Kindle Shabbat Candles	7:42 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:45 P.M.

Saturday, May 12 (Behar)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	6:10 P.M.
Bible Class	6:40 P.M.
Mincha	7:40 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	7:55 P.M.

Friday, May 18

Kindle Shabbat Candles	7:49 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:45 P.M.

Saturday, May 19 (Bechukotai)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	6:20 P.M.
Bible Class	6:50 P.M.
Mincha	7:50 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	8:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 20 — LAG B'OMER

Friday, May 25

Kindle Shabbat Candles	7:55 P.M.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat	6:45 P.M.

Saturday, May 26 (Bamidbar)

Shabbat Morning Service	8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi and Talmud Class	6:25 P.M.
Bible Class	6:55 P.M.
Mincha	7:55 P.M.
Daily Mincha and Maariv	8:10 P.M.

Monday, May 28 — MEMORIAL DAY

Morning Services	7:15 and 8:30 A.M.
Daf Yomi	7:50 A.M.

Tuesday Evening, May 29 and Wednesday, May 30 —

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

See Rabbi Morduchowitz or Rabbi Cohen for the

SALE OF CHOMETZ

Sundays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.