SAYING "THANK YOU" FOR THE GOOD

by Ephraim Z. Buchwald

More than a year has passed since my mother, of blessed memory, passed away. Of course, it was not an easy year, but it flew by rapidly.

Many of the laws and customs of aveylut (mourning) had a deep impact on me. But, the requirement to say Kaddish with a minyan every morning and evening had a particularly profound impact, throwing my already tumultuous life into even greater turmoil. There were times when I was delayed on trains and planes, and was certain that I had missed Kaddish. But somehow, I never missed reciting Kaddish even once during the entire year -- which is quite a tribute to the New York subway system! Often it required something little short of a miracle, but I made it, and now I can finally take a deep breath, and plod on.

frequently than I did during my year of mourning. Yes, I recognize the irony. Now, thank G-d, that everyone is OK, my 88 year-old father is doing well, my wife and children are healthy, my work is fulfilling -- now that everything is hunky-dory -- I somehow can't manage to get to synagogue as regularly as I did during my mourning. When mother was ill, and after she passed away, I never missed. And now, when I have so much for which to be grateful, I am back to being casual about it! And then when, G-d forbid, tragedy strikes, as it will inevitably, we call out, "O G-d, O G-d, why have you forsaken me!"

"Where were you, Buchwald, when everything was OK?", He may justifiably ask. "You couldn't find the time to say 'Thank you'?"

I must admit that saying Kaddish for me was not a terrible inconvenience, since, even before I became a mourner, I regularly attended Shacharit and Mincha services daily, and tried as often as I could to attend Maariv services. I can't fathom how difficult this new routine must be for those who do not attend minyan regularly. The tensions I experienced, as someone who was used to going to services, were enormous. How overwhelming it must be for someone who is suddenly thrust into this awesome regimen.

What really amazed me was how casual my attitude toward synagogue attendance became immediately after the first Yahrtzeit. It took less than three weeks for me to miss my first minyan, and while I am sincerely trying not to miss too often, it is very likely that I am going to miss far more

Lincoln Square Synagogue is certainly one of the most successful and acclaimed synagogues in the land. And justifiably so. We have two nice-sized minyanim in the morning and a well-attended evening service. But all told, probably no more than a hundred people out of a membership of 1300, attend weekday services. Very likely, many of our members attend other synagogues during the week. But daily synagogue attendance at LSS could easily increase threefold, fourfold or more.

So join me, Rabbi Weinberg and Rabbi Cohen in expressing thanks daily for the good G-d continues to do. Don't wait for a tragedy.

And if you really don't like the schmaltz herring in the morning, we'll be happy to order an egg roll for you!

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

ENGAGEMENTS

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Liane White and Ira Wolff
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MARRIAGES

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BIRTHS

Miriam and Yochanan Kreizel, on the birth of a boy, Pinchas Mordechai
Marsha and Curt Weinstein, on the birth of a girl, Alexandra Beth
Bobby Sue and David Landau, on the birth of a girl, Sarah Susie
Edna and Robert Lewicki, on the birth of a girl, Mariette

Beginners Shabbat Luncheons

July 4, Aug 1, Sept 5

cost $15

All-Night Shavuot Learn-in

Sat, June 6, 11:30 PM - 6:45 AM

Rosh Hashanna Services

Sun - Tues, Sept 27 - 29

CONGRATULATIONS

To Lynn Davidman for winning the National Jewish Book Award for "Tradition in a Rootless World"
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Sandra Oirich, on the loss of her father, Max Oirich
Caron Shapiro, on the loss of her father, Benjamin Shapiro

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, June 5th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....8:06 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:15 p.m.

Shabbat, June 6th (B'MIDBAR)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....6:35 p.m.
Bible Class....7:05 p.m.
Talmud Class....7:20 p.m.
Mincha....8:05 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov Candles....9:06 p.m.
Midnight Bible Classes....11:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 7th
Hashkama Minyan....4:45 a.m.
Main Minyan....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi & Bible class....7:15 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov....8:15 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov candles not before....9:07 p.m.

Monday, June 8th
Yom Tov Morning Services including Yizkor....8:00 & 8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi & Bible class....7:05 p.m.
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlisheat
Neilat Hachag....8:05 p.m.

Friday, June 12th
Kindle Shabbat candles....8:09 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:20 p.m.

Shabbat, June 13th (NASO)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....6:40 p.m.
Bible Class....7:10 p.m.
Talmud Class....7:25 p.m.
Mincha....8:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....8:20 p.m.

Friday, June 19th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....8:12 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:20 p.m.

Shabbat, June 20th (BEHAALOTECHA)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....6:40 p.m.
Bible Class....7:10 p.m.
Talmud Class....7:25 p.m.
Mincha....8:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv....8:20 p.m.

Friday, June 26th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....8:13 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:25 p.m.

Shabbat, June 27th (SHELACH LECHA)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....6:45 p.m.
Bible Class....7:15 p.m.
Talmud Class....7:30 p.m.
Mincha....8:15 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....8:20 p.m.

July 1st & 2nd, Wednesday & Thursday
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
Morning Services....7 & 7:40 p.m.

Friday, July 3rd (July 4th observed)
Morning Services....7:10 & 8:30 a.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles....8:13 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:25 p.m.

Shabbat, July 4th (KORACH)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi and Bible Classes....7:15 p.m.
Mincha....8:15 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....8:20 p.m.

Friday, July 10th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....8:11 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:20 p.m.

Shabbat July 11th (HUKKAT)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi and Bible Classes....7:10 p.m.
Mincha....8:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....8:15 p.m.

Friday, July 17th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....8:07 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:20 p.m.

Shabbat, July 18th (BALAK)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi and Bible Classes....7:10 p.m.
Mincha....8:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....8:10 p.m.

Sunday, July 19th
Fast of Tammuz
Fast begins....4:29 a.m.
Morning services....7 & 8:30 a.m.
Mincha....8:05 p.m.
Fast concludes....8:53 p.m.

Friday, July 24th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....8:01 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:10 p.m.

Shabbat, July 25th (PINCHAS)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi and Bible Classes....7:00 p.m.
Mincha....8:00 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....8:05 p.m.

Friday, July 31st
Rosh Chodesh Av
Morning Services....7 & 7:40 a.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles....7:55 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 8:05 p.m.

Shabbat, Aug. 1st (MAATOT/MASEI)
Hashkomah Minyan....7:45 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi and Bible Classes....6:55 p.m.
Mincha....7:55 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....7:55 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 7th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....7:47 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 7:55 p.m.

Shabbat, Aug. 8th (DEVORIM) Shabbat Hazon
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....8:00 a.m.
Mincha....5:00 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....7:50 p.m.
Eve of Tisha B'Av
Fast begins....8:04 p.m.
Maariv....8:45 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 9th
Tisha B'Av
Morning Services....7 & 8:30 a.m.
Mincha....7:30 p.m.
Fast concludes....8:33 p.m.

Friday, Aug 14th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....7:38 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:45 & 7:50 p.m.
Last week of early Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat, Aug 15th (VAETCHANAN) Shabbat Nachamu
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....6:10 p.m.
Bible Class....6:40 p.m.
Talmud Class....6:55 p.m.
Mincha....7:40 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....7:40 p.m.

Friday, August 21st
Kindle Shabbat Candles....7:28 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....7:40 p.m.

Shabbat, August 22nd (EKEV)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....6:00 p.m.
Bible Class....6:30 p.m.
Talmud Class....6:45 p.m.
Mincha....7:30 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 28nd
Kindle Shabbat Candles....7:17 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, August 29th (REEH)
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Hashkama Minyan....7:45 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....5:50 p.m.
Bible Class....6:20 p.m.
Talmud Class....6:35 p.m.
Mincha....7:20 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....7:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 30th
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Morning services....7 & 8:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept 4th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....7:06 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....7:15 p.m.

Shabbat, Sept 5th (SHOFTIM)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....5:35 p.m.
Bible Class....6:05 p.m.
Talmud Class....6:20 p.m.
Mincha....7:05 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....7:05 p.m.

Friday, Sept 11th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....6:54 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....7:05 p.m.

Shabbat, Sept 12th (KI TETZE)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....5:25 p.m.
Bible Class....5:55 p.m.
Talmud Class....6:10 p.m.
Mincha....6:55 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....6:55 p.m.

Friday, September 18th
Kindle Shabbat Candles....6:4
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat....6:5

Shabbat, Sept 19th (KI TAVO)
Shabbat Morning Services....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi....5:10 p.m.
Bible Class....5:40 p.m
Talmud Class....5:55 p.m.
Mincha....6:40 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv....6:45 p.m.
Early Selichot....10:15 p.m.
Rabbi's Drasha....11:30 p.m.
Selichot....12:45 a.m.