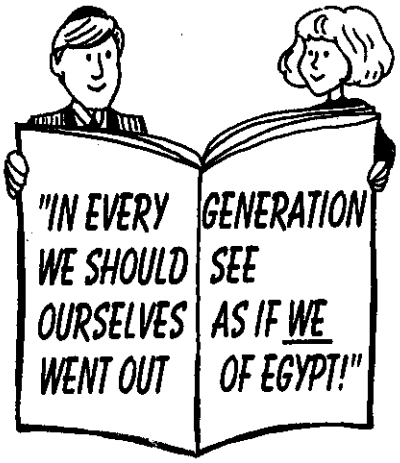
LIVING THE MESSAGE OF PASSOVER

by Beth and Joshua Schwartz

By the time we were married in February, 1993, we had 22 years of collective living experience in Greenwich Village. We quickly agreed that the old neighborhood wasn't what it used to be, and started looking for one where we could transplant our recently wedded roots. For a number of reasons, we decided to move to the Upper West Side; a neighborhood that, among other things, offered two beautiful parks, as many bookstores as the old one, and which held out the promise of a drastically improved quality of life, notwithstanding fewer movie screens per capita. The fact that we would be within close proximity of Lincoln Square Synagogue (LSS) also figured prominently on our list of priorities. After a couple of months of searching, we found an apartment on Broadway, and signed the lease one day before Rosh Hashanah.

As a couple, we had attended Rabbi Buchwald's Beginners Service sporadically until last Spring, when we began to attend somewhat more regularly. Now, LSS was within walking distance, and we enthusiastically attended LSS for the High Holidays. Immediately following Yom Kippur, we left for a two week vacation in Israel. Our experience in Israel had a powerful and lasting impact, particularly in light of the hospitality that was extended to us by friends, old and new, during Succot and on Shabbat. We were gathering momentum.



Upon our return home, we decided to try to attend services every week, and to increase our observance of Shabbat. Looming in the background of this commitment was our recollection of one Shabbat during the Spring when Rabbi Buchwald sent us to a family for Shabbat lunch. It was a tremendously rewarding experience for us. We spent the afternoon with this close-knit family and their friends as they ate, drank, discussed, argued, laughed, sang and generally enjoyed the peacefulness and spirituality unique to Shabbat. Now that we had a place of our own on the West Side, and were fortunate enough to have room for a large table, we felt that we too should open our home to others in the Beginners Service, in the hope that our home could also become a place where Jewish tradition resides and flourishes.

So, one Shabbat morning we advised Rabbi Buchwald that we had some extra food, and asked him to send two people over for lunch. Since that time we have spent a number of Saturday afternoons hosting Shabbat lunch. As a result, we have made lasting friendships with people who, only hours before, were complete strangers. Because of these wonderful experiences, we now feel as if we are part of a strong community, firmly rooted in this city, which, at times, can be thoroughly alienating.

This Passover, we will tell the story of the Exodus, and celebrate the time when the Children of Israel became a nation. As the holiday approaches, we will no doubt reflect on our experiences over the past year, during which we made a stronger commitment to Judaism. How much more meaningful it will be as a result of these experiences for us to open the Haggadah and recite "all who are in need let them come eat." We have tried to open our house to those in "need" where need is not a function of finances or hunger, but rather, stems from a desire to experience the traditions of Judaism. In this way, we hope that we can continue to learn and grow, and, in our own small way, return something to a tradition that has and will continue to imbue our lives with meaning, and define who we are individually, as well as collectively.

Beth Schwartz is starting a hat business and Joshua Schwartz is a lawyer. Both are members of the LSS Beginners Service.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

ENGAGEMENTS

Melissa Balkin and Meyer Dubitz (correction)
a Bernstein and Shelly Freedman
arolyn Frank and Steven Sheffy
Nancy Harris and Marc Green
Lisa Kaplan and Greg Gordon
Romy Karz and Alex Rapoport
Gail Katz and Richard Dukas
Dr. Marjie Ordene and Alan Brown
Phyllis Snyder and Jeffrey Kapelus
Amy Sudaley and Reuven Cohen
Dr. Golda Tchikvachvili and Dana Hudes
Becky Winchip and Adam Sternglass

MARRIAGES

Nava Aboudi and Daniel Bettinger
Emily Blum and Leon Metzger
Rhonda Drivstuen and Richard Weinberg
Ellen Goldblum and Jay Borker
Deborah Jackson and Dr. Jack Shershow
Bonnie Keehn and Ed Weintraub
Gail Kogan and Yuri Usherenko
Leslie Masuda and Peter Farkas
Cindy (Chaya) Schwartz and Ed Harris
Emily Turchin and Michael Flaumenbaum
Eleanor Zarzar and Aharon Hoffman

BIRTHS

Sheryl and Martin Beck ,on the birth of a girl, Esther Lisa
Rosalyn and Mitchell Bierman, on the birth of a girl, Yael (Jackie) Penina

BIRTHS (cont.)

Miriam and Sam Gluck, on the birth of a girl, Sara Yehudis
Cindy and Steven Goldrich, on the birth of a girl, Carly Nadiva
Suzanne and David Gurwitz, on the birth of a boy, Avraham Natan
Roberta and Robert Hadi, on the birth of a boy, Jonathan Michael
Robin and Dr. Mark Jacobson, on the birth of a boy, Max (Meir) Alexander
Dr. Helene and Andy Linder, on the birth of a boy, Yaakov Dan
Devorah and Dr. Richard Roberts, on the birth of a girl, Basheva Miriam
Melody and Dr. Earl Sandor, on the birth of a boy, Adam Joel
Marsha and Curt Weinstein, on the birth of a boy, Jonathan Benjamin
Liana and Ira Wolf, on the birth of a boy, Aaron David

Beginners Shabbat Luncheons
April 7, June 4
Cost $15

Beginners Schmooze - 8:15 pm
May 2, June 6

Turn Friday Night Into Shabbos
April 22

Beginners Shabbaton
Fri, Mar 18 - Sat, Mar 19
Cost $25

GERTRUDE (TRUDY) BERKOWITZ

Trudy was one of the earliest and most devoted members of the Beginners Service. Shlepping regularly from the East Side, Trudy took her Jewish learning seriously. She also acted upon what she learned, and about eight years ago moved to Israel. We will miss her.

TZEITCHEM L'SHALOM (To live and/or study in Israel)

Vardi (Lazarus) and Dr. Lenny Jacober and family
Leilani Nelson

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Gertrude (Trudy) Berkowitz
Gale and Paul Justin, on the loss of their mother, Rose Hildegarde Nussbaum Justin
Gail Kaufman, on the loss of her mother, Doris Packer
Marc Rowan, on the loss of his brother, Richard Rowan
Avigayil Waxman, on the loss of her sister, Eleanor Passager

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dr. Manfred and Orah Hahn, on the engagement of their son, Aaron Rubin, to Feliscia Schantzer
To Stuart Hample, on the publication of his new book, Dear Mr. President

TODAH RABBAH (Thank You)

To Peter Farkas, Stewart Ashkenazie and all those who participated in the wonderful Purim Schpiel

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, March 18th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:48 p.m.
a and Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:55 p.m.

at, March 19th (VAYIKRA)
Yomi.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 p.m.
Mincha followed by Shabbat HaGadol Drasha.....5:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....5:55 p.m.

Thursday, March 24th
Morning Services.....6:45 & 7:45 a.m.
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.

Friday, March 25th
The proper time to burn Chametz before.....10:49 A.M.
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:55 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26th (TZAV - Shabbat Hagadol)
Morning Services.....6:45 a.m.
The latest time to eat Chametz.....9:34 a.m.
The latest time to destroy Chametz.....10:48 a.m.
Kindle Yom Tov Candles not before.....6:55 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....5:50 p.m.
followed by the first Seder.....6:45 p.m.

Sunday, March 27th First Day Pesach
Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:10 p.m.
Mincha.....5:55 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov Candles not before.....6:55 p.m.

Monday, March 28th
Morning services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:10 p.m.
Mincha.....5:55 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday March 29th - April 1st
Chol Hamoed Morning Services.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.
Mincha.....6:05 p.m.

Friday, April 1st
Kindle Shabbat & Yom Tov Candles.....6:03 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:10 p.m.

Shabbat, April 2nd
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:00 & 8:45 p.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....5:15 p.m.
Mincha.....6:00 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov Candles Not Before.....7:03 p.m.
The Synagogue will observe EST through the end of Pesach.

Sunday , April 3rd
Yom Tov Morning Services including Yizkor..8:00 & 8:45 a.m.EST
Daf Yomi.....5:05 p.m.EST
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlisheet Neilat Hachag.6:05 p.m.EST
Daily Mincha Maariv.....7:15 p.m.DST
Please turn clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time

y, April 8th Yom HAshoah
Shabbat Candles.....7:10 p.m.
and Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:15 p.m

aturday, April 9th (SHEMINI) Shabbat Mivarchim
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:40 p.m.
Bible Class.....6:25 p.m.
Talmud Class.....6:25 p.m.
Mincha.....7:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....7:20 p.m.

Monday - Tuesday, April 11th - 12th Rosh Chodesh Iyar
Morning Service.....7 & 7:40 a.m.

Thursday, April 14th Yom Haatzmaut observed
Morning services.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.

Friday, April 15th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....7:17 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:20 p.m.

Saturday, April 16th (TAZRIA - METZORA)
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:45 p.m.
Bible Class.....6:15 p.m.
Talmud Class.....6:30 p.m.
Mincha.....7:15 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....7:25 p.m.

Friday, April 22nd
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....7:25 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, April 23rd (ACHARAI MOT-KEDOSHIM)
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.....7:35 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26th Pesach Shaini

Friday, April 29th Lag B'Omer
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....7:32 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:35 p.m.

Saturday, April 30th (EMOR)
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 And Maariv.....7:40 p.m.

Friday, May 6th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....7:39 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 & 7:45 p.m

Shabbat, May 7th (BEHAR-BECHUKKATAI)
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....6:05 p.m.
Bible Class.....6:35 p.m.
Talmud Class.....6:50 p.m.
Mincha.....7:35 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....7:50 p.m.

Monday, May 9th Yom Yerushalayim
Morning Services.....7 & 7:40 a.m.

Wednesday, May 11th Rosh Chodesh Sivan
Morning Services.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.

Friday, May 13th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....7:46 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 & 7:50 p.m.

Shabbat, May 14th (BEMIDBAR)
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.

Sunday, May 15th
Kindle Yom Tov Candles.....7:48 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....7:55 p.m.
Midnight Bible classes.....11:30 p.m.

Monday, May 16th
Hashkama Minyan.....5:05 a.m.
Main Minyan.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi & Bible classes.....7:05 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....7:50 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov candles not before.....8:48 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17th
Yom Tov Morning Services including Yizkor.....8:00 & 8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi & Bible classes.....7:05 p.m.
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlisheet
Neilat Hachag.....7:50 p.m.
Daily Mincha & Maariv.....7:55 p.m.

Friday, May 20th
Kindle Shabbat candles.....7:53 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 & 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat, May 21st (NASO
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....6:20 p.m.
Bible Class.....6:50 p.m.
Talmud Class.....7:05 p.m.
Mincha.....7:50 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 27th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....7:59 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 & 8:05 p.m.

Saturday, May 28th (BEHAALOTECHA)
Morning Services.....8:45 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....6:25 p.m.
Bible Class.....6:55 p.m.
Talmud Class.....7:10 p.m.
Mincha.....7:55 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....8:05 p.m.

Monday, May 30th Memorial Day
Morning Services.....7:05 & 8:30 a.m.

Friday, June 3rd
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....8:04 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 & 8:10 p.m.

Shabbat, June 4th (SHELACH - SHABBAT MIVARCHIM)
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.
Talmud Class.....7:15 p.m.
Mincha.....8:00 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....8:10 p.m.

Thursday - Friday, June 9th & 10th Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
Morning services.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.

Friday, June 10th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....8:08 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 & 8:15 p.m.

Shabbat, June 11th (KORACH)
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.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....8:15 p.m.

Friday June 17th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....8:11 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 & 8:15 p.m.

Shabbat, June 18th (HUKKAT)
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.....8:15 p.m.