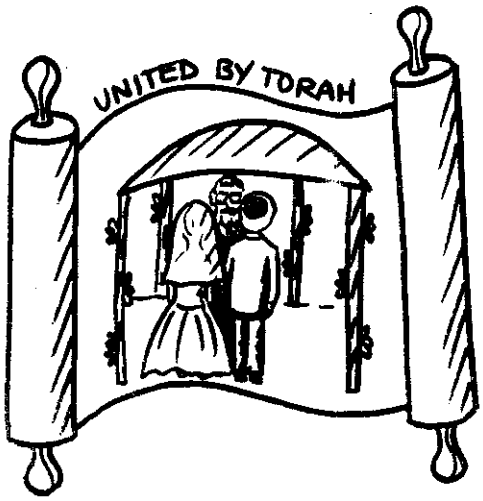
WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

by Nancy Miller

It's hard to believe that just one year ago today I was working on a D'var Torah for Lincoln Square's Beginners Service. Since I had so diligently spent the bitter cold months of the winter of 1992 attending, I felt the D'var Torah was my way of graduating. It's even harder to believe that the young man, whom I hardly knew at that time, who listened to me practice, is now my husband, Alan. As I look back on what I had prepared, I can see that my writing was full of enthusiasm, energy and uncertainty about the future, which I was anxious to share.

The year following that D'var Torah was probably one of the most significant years of my life. Shortly after "graduating" from the Beginners Service I visited Eretz Yisrael for the first time, on a remarkable mission led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, and more importantly I started dating Alan, whom I married this past June in a ceremony performed by Rabbi Buchwald.



Alan's story is not so different from mine. Despite our very different backgrounds, there was one common denominator; we were both young Jewish adults living in the comfort and success which many young yuppies share in New York City. Nevertheless, we both felt incomplete, with no clear direction, having everything on the surface, yet feeling empty. Then, through the study of Torah, we both discovered the "truth." The wisdom of the Torah enabled us to focus on the more important aspects of our life.

Words cannot express the fulfillment and reward for all the sacrifices of the past, and hope and expectation of the future, that a Jewish way of life holds. This reward was clearly evident on our wedding day, sharing this occasion with the most important people in our lives. We were both very moved to see the many rabbis, who had taught and influenced us greatly, giving us their blessings under the Chupah. Sharing our joy at the beginning of our new life with our closest family members and new friends was particularly exciting.

For Alan, the most moving part of the wedding was having his family finally see him married; and to show his family by our example that Judaism is pertinent to this day and age. For me, the most moving part of the wedding, was davening "al Chet" before the Chupah, with the realization that on the wedding day, the heavens are opened for forgiveness and having prayers answered.

The month of Elul is a perfect time to reflect on our actions of the past, and to pray and set goals for the future. It is my sincere hope that the New Year brings everyone as many blessings as I've been fortunate enough to have, as I too am looking inwardly with the hope that I can continue to grow in my relationship with Hashem and the people I am close to; as well as the many new people I hope to meet. G-d willing, "Am Yisroel" will all soon be in Eretz Yisrael, with the prompt arrival of Mashiach.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES (cont.)

Talmud and Bible Classes.....3:30 p.m.
Mincha.....4:15 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
Maariv only Monday - Wednesday.....6:20 p.m.

Thursday November 25th (Thanksgiving)

Morning Services.....7:05 & 8:30 a.m.

Friday, November 26th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....4:13 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:20 p.m.

Saturday, November 27th (VAYISHLACH)
Daf Yomi.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....3:25 p.m.
Mincha.....4:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
Maariv only Monday - Thursday.....6:20 p.m.

Friday, December 3rd
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....4:11 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 5th (VAYESHEVE)
Daf Yomi.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....3:25 p.m.
Mincha.....4:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha & Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
Maariv only Monday - Thursday.....6:20 p.m.

Wednesday, Dacember 8th
Kindle First Chanukah Candle at.....5:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday, December 9th & 10th
Chanukah morning services.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.

Friday, December 10th
Kindle Chanukah candles.....4:00 p.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....4:11 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:15 p.m.
Synagogue Chanukah Dinner

Saturday, December 11th (MEKETZ)
Hashkomah Minyan.....7:40 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....3:10 p.m.
Mincha.....4:10 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday - Thursday.....6:20 p.m
Light Chanukah Candles

Sunday December 12th
Chanukah Morning Services.....7:00 & 8:30 a.m.
Monday December 13th
Chanukah Morning Services.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.
Tuesday December 14th
Chanukah & Rosh Chodesh Morning Services.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

ENGAGEMENTS

Melissa Balkin and Meyer Dubitz
Denise Guz and Michael Stern
Tracey Hoberman and Sharon Kedar
Carolyn Pleva and Mark Rowan
Elizabeth Shuchat and Rabbi Yaakov Schwartz

MARRIAGES

Wendy Coan and Richard Platt
Nancy Cohen and Alan Miller
Feige Friedman and Uri Avnon
Caryn Halbrecht and Tommy Handler
Helene Irrmann and Ari Bousbib
Donna Mandel and Aron Perel
Shoshana (Laura) Marcus and Avraham Wege
Robin K. Murray and Dr. Mark Jacobson

BIRTHS

Beth and Marc Bengualid, on the birth of a girl, Elana Anne
Merle and Richard Blackman, on the birth of a girl, Lara Gabrielle
Bobbie-Sue Daitch and David Landau, on the birth of a girl, Sophia Helena
Vardi and Dr. Leonard Jacober, on the birth of a boy, Moshe Yitzchak Bezalel
Vicki and Sam Katz, on the birth of a girl, Jennifer Rachel
Jennifer and Joe Morris, on the birth of a girl, Sarah Lissa
Maura and Adam Ruskin, on the birth of a boy, Amitai Avi
Lenny and Hal Schloss, on the birth of a girl, Barbara Katherine
Andrea and Alan Sherman, on the birth of a girl, Rachel Sarah
Ariella Sofia, upon the arrival of a girl, Elana Carmel
Drs. Priscilla and Mark Tepper, on the birth of a girl, Sarah Channa

BAT MITZVAH

Rachel, daughter of Amy and Jack Benishai

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

Micaella and Yigal (Roberto) Harari

REFUAH SH'LEIMAH (Speedy recovery)

Nan Ehrlich
Margot Zitter

CONDOLENCES

Robin Apple, on the loss of her mother, Dr. Ellen Galowitz Gordon
Renee and Allan Leicht, on the untimely loss of their sister and brother-in-law, Rachelle Leicht and Peter LeBron
Franco Milano, Gina Milano and Dr. David Garbowit, on the loss of their wife, mother and mother-in-law, Lucielle Milano
Alan Magill, on the loss of his mother, Gertrude Magill
Alan Miller, on the loss of his mother, Edith Baker

CONGRATULATIONS

To Batya and Cantor Sherwood Goffin, upon the marriage of their daughter, Tsipi to Jerry Hawk
To Mem and Zalman Bernstein, upon the engagement of their daughter Suzanne Dryan, to Elliot Felson
To Freya and Richard Wigler, upon the marriage of their daughter Jacqueline to Nathan Shalom

Lucielle Milano

A woman of great elegance, grace and charm, Lucy radiated a rare beauty and warmth to all who knew her. Always with a generous smile and heart, Lucy readily and effortlessly expressed her love for Jewish tradition and learning. Matriarch of a true Italian Jewish family, Lucy will be sorely missed by all.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, September 3rd
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....7:07 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:10 p.m.

Shabbat, Sept 5th (KI TAVO)
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi & Bible Classes.....6:05 p.m.
Mincha.....7:05 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....7:10 p.m.

Friday September 10th
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....6:55 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:00 p.m.

Shabbat September 11th NITZAVIM -VAYELECH
Shabbat Morning Services..... 8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi and Bible Classes.....5:50 p.m.
Mincha .....6:50 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....6:55 p.m.
Early Selichot.....10:15 p.m.
Rabbi's Drash.....11:30 p.m.
Selichot.....1:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 12th
Morning Serivces.....7:10 & 8:30 a.m.

Monday & Tuesday September 13th & 14th
Selichot & Morning Services.....6:40 & 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 15th Erev Rosh Hashana
Selichot and Morning Services.....6:00 & 7:00 a.m.
Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin
Kindle Rosh Hashana Candles.....6:48 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Rosh Hashana.....6:55 p.m.

Thursday, September 16th
Rosh Hashana Services.....7:45 a.m.
Beginner's service.....9:00 a.m.
Tashliach Walk..... 5:45 p.m.
Mincha.....6:45 p.m.
followed by Maariv and Daf Yomi
KINDLE ROSH HASHANA CANDLES NOT BEFORE.....7:48 p.m.

Friday, September 17th
Rosh Haahana Services.....7:45 a.m.
Beginners.....9:00 a.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:44 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:45 p.m.
Mincha.....6:45 p.m.

Saturday, September 18th Shabbat Shuva
Shabbat Morning services.....8:45 a.m.
Mincha.....5:50 .....6:10 p.m.
followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Shabbat Shuva Discourse
Daily Mincha Maariv.....6:35 p.m.

Sunday, September 19th Fast of Gedalia
Fast begins.....5:28 a.m.
Selichot & Morning Services.....6:35 and 8:00 a.m.
Mincha.....6:30 p.m.
Fast concludes.....7:30 p.m.

Monday -Thursday September 20th-23rd
Daily Selichot and Morning Services.....6:35 & 7:15 a.m.
Daily Mincha & Maariv.....6:35 p.m.

Friday, Erev Yom Kippur, September 24th
Selichot and Morning Services.....6:50 & 7:30 a.m.
Mincha.....1:30, 3:00 & 4:10 p.m.
Kindle Shabbat, Yom Kippur & Memorial.....6:32 p.m

Kol Nidre Services.....6:35 p.m.

Saturday, September 25th Yom Kippur
Main Sanctuary.....8:00 a.m.
Auditorium.....9:00 a.m.
Beginners.....9:00 a.m.
First Shofar Blast.....7:32 p.m.
PUBLIC YIZKOR SERVICES AT...1:30 P.M., 2:30 P.M. AND 3:30 P.M. IN THE ANNEX.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29th
Eve Sukkot
Morning Services.....7:10 & 7:50 a.m.
Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin
Kindle Yom Tov Candles.....6:24 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....6:30 p.m.

Thursday September 30th
Sukkot Morning Services.....8:00 & 8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:25 p.m.
Mincha.....6:25 p.m.
KINDLE YOM TOV CANDLES NOT BEFORE.....7:24 p.m.

Friday, October 1st
Sukkot Morning Services.....8:00 & 8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:25 p.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....6:21 p.m.

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:25 p.m.

Saturday, October 2nd
Morning Services.....8:00 & 8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi Class.....5:15 p.m.
Mincha.....6:15 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....6:20 p.m.

Sunday, October 3rd
Chol Hamoed Morning Serivces.....7:00 & 8:30 a.m.

Monday & Tuesday October 4th & 5th
Chol Hamoed Morning Services.....7:00 & 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday October 6th Hoshanah Rabbah
Morning Services.....6:30 & 7:30 a.m.
Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin
Kindle Yom Tov Candles.....6:12 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....6:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 7th
Shemini Atzeret
Morning Services
including Yizkor Memorial services.....8, 8:45 & 9:30 a.m.
Daf Yomi & Bible Class.....5:10 p.m.
Mincha.....6:10 p.m.
KINDLE YOM TOV CANDLES NOT BEFORE.....7:12 p.m.

Friday, October 8th
Simchat Torah
Hashkomah Minyan .....6:45 a.m.
Yom Tov Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Family Service.....9:00 a.m.
Women's Tefillah Group.....9:00 a.m.
Late Minyan.....9:30 a.m.
Daf Yomi & Bible Class.....5:10 p.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....6:09 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:10 p.m.

Shabbat, October 9th(BERESHEET)
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi & Bible classes.....5:05 p.m.
Mincha.....6:05 p.m.
Daily Mincha & Maariv.....6:10 p.m.

Monday, October 11 Columbus Day
morning services.....7:05 & 7:50 a.m.

Friday, October 15th Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
Morning serivces.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:58 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:05 p.m.

Shabbat, October 16th Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan (NOACH)
Hashkama Minyan.....7:40 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....4:25 p.m.
Bible Class.....4:55 p.m.
Talmud Class.....5:10 p.m.
Mincha.....5:55 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....5:55 p.m.

Friday, October 22
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....5:48 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:55 p.m.

Shabbat, October 23rd (Lech Lecha)
Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....4:15 p.m.
Bible Class.....4:45 p.m.
Talmud Class.....5:00 p.m.
Mincha.....5:45 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....5:45 p.m.
Friday, October 29th
Kindle Shabbat candles.....5:39 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 30TH (VAYERA)
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....4:05 p.m.
Bible class.....4:25 p.m.
Talmud Class.....4:50 p.m.
Mincha.....5:35 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....4:40 p.m.
Eastern Standard Time
Maariv only Monday - Thursday.....6:20 p.m.
Please remember to turn you clocks back 1 hour.

Tuesday, November 2ND - Election Day
Morning services.....7:10 & 7:50 a.m.

Friday, November 5th
Kindle Shabbat candles.....4:30 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:35 p.m.

Saturday, November 6th (CHAYA-SARA)
Daf Yomi.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 a.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....3:45 p.m.
Mincha.....4:30 p.m.
Daily Mincha & Maariv.....4:30 p.m.
Maariv Only Monday - Thursday.....6:20 p.m.

Thursday, November 11th- Veterans Day
Morning Sssservices.....7:05 & 7:50 a.m.

Friday, November 12th
Kindle Shabbat candles.....4:23 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 13th (TOLDOT)
Daf Yomi.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m
Talmud and Bible Classes.....3:35 p
Mincha.....4:20 p
Daily Mincha & Maariv.....4:25 p.
Maariv Only Monday - Thursday.....6:20 p.m.
Sunday, November 14th Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Morning Services.....7:00 & 8:30 a.m.
Monday, November 15th Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Morning Services.....7:00 & 7:40 a.m.

Friday, November 19th
Kindles Shabbat Candles.....4:17 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:25 p.m.

Saturday, November 20th (VAYETZE)
Daf Yomi.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 a.m.