TASHLICH ON THE HUDSON

By Judith Spiegelman

Tashlich always has a mix of poetry and magic for me, with breadcrumbs turning into sins and flowing waters carrying them far away from us. That's what brought me down to the promenade on Riverside Park with some thirty other West End Synagogue members on the second day of Rosh Hashana. The weather was beautiful--with a hot, hot sun beating down on us.

While our "sins" were obligingly sailing upstream towards Albany, or floating out to the Atlantic, suddenly a friendly male voice called out: "Anybody here who didn't hear the shofar--come with me."

Sheepishly, a bunch of us gathered round a pleasant-faced, middle-aged man with a trim brown beard and moustache who reached into his pocket and pulled out a small shofar with a single curl.

Under a burning sun, while mothers behind us pushed baby carriages and joggers pounded the pavement, the man blew the entire shofar service for us, sending up into the sky *tekiyah* after *tekiyah*, *teruah* after *teruah*, *sh'vorim* galore and when it came to the *Tekiyah Gedola*--the great (and last) blast of all, it was so smooth...so long...strong and fervent that (as Jewish tradition believes) it seemed to pierce the very heavens and reach the throne of G-d.

The man with the horn turned out to be Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald of Lincoln Square Synagogue. He learned to blow the shofar when he was 8 years old, and had just brought his shofar-blowing skill to the apartments of six home-bound elderly in the community. "I must have blown at least one hundred blasts for each of them today, so my lips are a bit swollen," the rabbi confided.

Blowing the whole shofar service again for us was his last mitzvah on that sacred day--a musical mitzvah which linked us back through the ages to our forefathers and foremothers who heard the shofar's call, just as we had, in the great outdoors, and answered with swift feet to stand at Mount Sinai and receive the Torah.

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To Dr. Leonard Davidman, who so ably conducted the Beginners Service throughout the summer.
To Dr. Stuart Blaustein, for filling in when Dr. Davidman was away.

Phil Sokol

Phil Sokol attended the Beginners Service in the early 1990s together with his son Sam who was then about 11 years old. The precocious young Sam enlivened the Beginners Service with his penetrating questions and forthright style. Phil patiently sat through the services and watched Sam blossom into a lovely young man and serious Torah scholar. His untimely passing at age 54 leaves us all bereft and saddened. Condolences, as well, to his wife Rose.

Ed Weintraub

Ed Weintraub (age 60) spent a relatively short time in the Beginners Service, but left a remarkable impression on everyone. He had an engaging and most pleasant personality, and an abiding desire to grow in his Judaism. A resident of Harrisburg, PA, he and his wife, Bonnie, kept the melodies and the joy of the Beginners Service alive in the Keystone state, where they were well known for their hospitality and outreach efforts. Condolences to the entire family.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Fri September 26, 2003 - 29th of Elul
EREV ROSH HASHANA
Selichot &
Morning Services .... 5:45 & 6:45 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 6:29 PM
Mincha ..... 6:35 PM

Sat September 27, 2003 - 1st of Tishrei
ROSH HASHANA 5764
Kollel Minyan ..... 7:30 AM
Main Sanctuary ..... 7:45 AM
Ballroom ..... 7:45 AM
Beginners ..... 9:00 AM
Daf Yomi ..... 5:40 & after Maariv
Mincha ..... 6:25 PM
Yom Tov candles after ..... 7:29 PM
Maariv ..... 7:29 PM

Sun September 28, 2003 - 2nd of Tishrei
ROSH HASHANA
Kollel Minyan ..... 7:30 AM
Main Sanctuary ..... 7:45 AM
Ballroom ..... 7:45 AM
Beginners ..... 9:00 AM
Tashlich ..... 5:25 PM
Mincha ..... 6:25 PM
Maariv ..... 7:29 PM
Yom Tov ends ..... 7:29 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:20 PM

Mon September 29, 2003 - 3rd of Tishrei
TZOM GEDALIAH
Fast Begins ..... 5:38 AM
Selichot & Services .... 6:30 & 7:15 AM
Mincha ..... 6:10 PM
Fast Ends ..... 7:13 PM

Tue September 30, 2003 - 4th of Tishrei
Selichot &
Morning Services .... 6:35 & 7:15 AM

Wed October 1, 2003 - 5th of Tishrei
Selichot &
Morning Services .... 6:35 & 7:15 AM

Thu October 2, 2003 - 6th of Tishrei
Selichot &
Morning Services .... 6:35 & 7:15 AM

Fri October 3, 2003 - 7th of Tishrei
Selichot &
Morning Services .... 6:35 & 7:15 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 6:17 PM
Mincha ..... 6:20 PM

Sat October 4, 2003 - 8th of Tishrei
***Ha'Azinu* SHABBAT SHUVA**
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning Services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Mincha ..... 5:20 PM
Shabbat Shuva Drasha ..... 5:45 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 7:17 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:15 PM

Sun October 5, 2003 - 9th of Tishrei
EREV YOM KIPPUR
Selichot &
Morning Services .... 6:50 & 8:00 AM
Mincha ..... 1:30, 3:00 & 4:05 PM
Candle Lighting ..... 6:14 PM
Kol Nidre ..... 6:20 PM
Daf Yomi ..... after Maariv

Mon October 6, 2003 - 10th of Tishrei
YOM KIPPUR
Kollel Minyan ..... 7:30 AM
Main Sanctuary ..... 8:00 AM
Ballroom ..... 9:00 AM
Beginners ..... 9:00 AM
Final Shofar Blast ..... 7:14 PM

Fri October 10, 2003 - 14th of Tishrei
EREV SUKKOT
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 6:06 PM
Mincha ..... 6:10 PM
Begin Meal in Sukkah after .... 6:55 PM

Sat October 11, 2003 - 15th of Tishrei
SUKKOT
Morning Services ..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Daf Yomi ..... 5:15 PM
Mincha ..... 6:00 PM
Yom Tov candles after ..... 7:06 PM
Maariv ..... 7:06 PM
Begin Meal in Sukkah after .... 7:06 PM

Sun October 12, 2003 - 16th of Tishrei
SUKKOT
Morning Services ..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Daf Yomi ..... 5:15 PM
Mincha ..... 6:00 PM
Maariv ..... 7:06 PM
Yom Tov ends ..... 7:06 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:55 PM

Mon October 13, 2003 - 17th of Tishrei
SUKKOT (CHOL HAMOED) COLUMBUS DAY (OBSERVED)
Morning Services . 6:45, 7:30 & 8:30 AM

Tue October 14, 2003 - 18th of Tishrei
SUKKOT (CHOL HAMOED)
Morning Services . 6:45, 7:30 & 8:30 AM

Wed October 15, 2003 - 19th of Tishrei
SUKKOT (CHOL HAMOED)
Morning Services . 6:45, 7:30 & 8:30 AM

Thu October 16, 2003 - 20th of Tishrei
SUKKOT (CHOL HAMOED)
Morning Services . 6:45, 7:30 & 8:30 AM

Fri October 17, 2003 - 21st of Tishrei
SUKKOT (HOSHANA RABA)
Morning Services . 6:20, 7:00 & 8:00 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 5:55 PM
Mincha ..... 6:00 PM

Sat October 18, 2003 - 22nd of Tishrei
SHMINI ATZERET
Daf Yomi ..... 7:15 AM
Morning Services . 8:00, 9:00 & 9:30 AM
Mincha ..... 5:50 PM
Yom Tov candles after ..... 6:55 PM
Maariv & Hakafos ..... 6:55 PM

Sun October 19, 2003 - 23rd of Tishrei
SIMCHAT TORAH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Womens Tefillah Group ..... 9:00 AM
Daf Yomi ..... 5:05 PM
Mincha ..... 5:50 PM
Maariv ..... 6:55 PM
Yom Tov ends ..... 6:55 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:45 PM

Fri October 24, 2003 - 28th of Tishrei
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 5:45 PM
Mincha ..... 5:50 PM

Sat October 25, 2003 - 29th of Tishrei
Bereshit
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 4:40 PM
Mincha ..... 5:40 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 6:45 PM
REMEMBER to set your clocks back
Daily Mincha & Maariv ... 4:45 PM EST

Sun October 26, 2003 - 30th of Tishrei
ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Mon October 27, 2003 - 1st of Cheshvan
ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri October 31, 2003 - 5th of Cheshvan
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:36 PM
Mincha ..... 4:40 PM

Sat November 1, 2003 - 6th of Cheshvan
Noach
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning Services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:45 PM
Mincha ..... 4:30 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:36 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:35 PM

Tue November 4, 2003 - 9th of Cheshvan
ELECTION DAY
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM

Fri November 7, 2003 - 12th of Cheshvan
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:28 PM
Mincha ..... 4:35 PM

Sat November 8, 2003 - 13th of Cheshvan *Lech-Lecha*
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:40 PM
Mincha ..... 4:25 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:28 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:30 PM

Mon November 10, 2003 - 15th of Cheshvan
VETERANS DAY
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM

Fri November 14, 2003 - 19th of Cheshvan
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:21 PM
Mincha ..... 4:25 PM

Sat November 15, 2003 - 20th of Cheshvan
Vayera
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning Services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:30 PM
Mincha ..... 4:15 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:21 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

Fri November 21, 2003 - 26th of Cheshvan
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:16 PM
Mincha ..... 4:20 PM

Sat November 22, 2003 - 27th of Cheshvan
Chayei Sara
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning Services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:25 PM
Mincha ..... 4:10 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:16 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

Tue November 25, 2003 - 30th of Cheshvan
ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Wed November 26, 2003 - 1st of Kislev
ROSH CHODESH
Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Thu November 27, 2003 - 2nd of Kislev
THANKSGIVING
Morning Services ..... 7:05 & 8:30 AM

Fri November 28, 2003 - 3rd of Kislev
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:12 PM
Mincha ..... 4:15 PM

Sat November 29, 2003 - 4th of Kislev
Toldot
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning Services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:20 PM
Mincha ..... 4:05 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:12 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:15 PM

Fri December 5, 2003 - 10th of Kislev
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:10 PM
Mincha ..... 4:15 PM

Sat December 6, 2003 - 11th of Kislev
Vayetzei
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning Services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:20 PM
Mincha ..... 4:05 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:10 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:15 PM

Fri December 12, 2003 - 17th of Kislev
Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:11 PM
Mincha ..... 4:15 PM

Sat December 13, 2003 - 18th of Kislev
Vayishlach
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning Services . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:20 PM
Mincha ..... 4:05 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:11 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:15 PM

Fri December 19, 2003 - 24th of Kislev
Chanukah Candles before .... 4:13 PM
Candle Lighting ..... 4:13 PM
Mincha ..... 4:20 PM

Sat December 20, 2003 - 25th of Kislev
***Vayeshev* CHANUKAH**
Daf Yomi ..... 7:00 AM
Bible Class ..... 8:30 AM
Morning Services . 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class ..... 3:25 PM
Mincha ..... 4:10 PM
Shabbat Ends ..... 5:13 PM
Chanukah Candles after ..... 5:13 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

at the New York Historical Society
West 77th Street and Central Park West

Rosh Hashana
Fri, Sept. 26th -- 6:35 pm
Sat and Sun, Sept. 27th & Sept. 28th -- 9:00 am
Sat, Sept. 27th -- 6:25 pm
Sun, Sept. 28th -- 6:25 pm @ Lincoln Square Syn.

Yom Kippur
Sun, Oct. 5th -- 6:20 pm
Mon, Oct. 6th -- 9:00 am