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The Rabbi's Study

by Rabbi Joel Lehrfield

I admit to being rather apprehensive at this time of the year. This sense of unease is not because it is my "busy season," but rather because of the stakes involved in the decisions and choices that I have made this past year and the accountability I believe I must deliver.

For this is the period we call the High Holydays. Frankly, the term High Holydays is a misnomer. The Holydays of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot are just as important, and Shabbat is even more important than the others. Yet, there is something quantitatively different. The evidence is simple. Jews flock to their synagogues in numbers not to be seen in their attendance on the other festivals.

Perhaps, the Hebrew names given to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are more appropriate. The term which describes them is "Yamim Noraim" or "Days of Awe." For it is during this period of time, more than any other time of the year, when we, the Jewish people, face up to our own mortality; to the insecurity of our own lives and stand before our King, the Almighty Blessed be He. We plead with Him that He grant us another year. There are too many things we have not yet done and too many responsibilities that we have not fulfilled. We are hesitant to ask for "many years" for we may not be worthy of such a grand gift and so we pray for at least another year.

We come to the synagogue these days to acknowledge that Hashem is the Creator of the Universe and all its wonders. We see that we are a part of

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President's Words

I have always felt that the Jewish New Year brings hope and optimism to the Jewish people. Baruch Hashem we are still here to fulfill another year of mitzvahs for ourselves, family, and friends. Our Shul is very fortunate to have many longtime members and newer members that form our Shul family. As I look out at the congregation on Shabbat, I see many faces of people I have known since my family became members, and newer faces of more recent members. My biggest concern is that it becomes more difficult to keep seeing newer faces. Every Jewish community goes through a lifespan. It could be 25-50 years or longer. Our community has changed over the years, and unfortunately the Jewish population has aged or moved elsewhere. This presents a problem for many synagogues throughout our country. But the good news as my father's business partner always said is that "We are Jews. We are survivors." Through dedicated work by our members we can continue to make our Shul prosper for many years to come. Sisterhood events, the Fine Arts Concert Series, Ways and Means events are some of the efforts being made to enhance our synagogue's viability and lead us into the future. We are very fortunate to have Rabbi Joel Lehrfield and Rabbi James Gordon as our spiritual leaders. These two Rabbis give our Shul an edge into the future. It is imperative as members that we continue to promote LJCAGBI through fund raising, and individual donations. I would appreciate any ideas congregants may have that would help generate funds to keep our Shul vibrant and prosperous for many years to come. If an idea crosses your mind as to how to raise money, please contact me immediately. Nothing is too far-fetched in the idea department. Let us continue to lead LJCAGBI onward and upward!



Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Marty Scharaga

SISTERHOOD CULMINATING DINNER AND SHOW

Our culminating dinner and show held on July 13th was a delight for all who attended. We have so many talented people in our congregation, especially JOYCE SKLAR who wrote the show and put it all together, as well as the performers who entertained us. They include: Ron Cope, Shirley Dardiger, Marv Ginsberg, Marilyn Goldman, Carol Gottlieb, Jackie Labow, Marv Rosett, Arnie Sklar, Joyce Sklar, Alyssa Zeller and Marilyn Zeller with Marcia Kramer doing the props. Also thank you to Alan Pilloff who taped the show and Paul Kramer for his audio-visual assistance.

The dinner was delicious and the room lovely due to no small effort by the hard-working committee consisting of Harriet Snyder, Sharlene Zelikman, Marcia Cahn, Marilyn Thal and Bebe Drayer. Also Jadwiga and Richard were indispensable, as usual. The evening was a lot of work by many people, but the outcome was worth it. We had a nice crowd of over 100 people, and it's too bad that more members of our congregation didn't attend.

Helaine Ellenby & Debby Goodman, co-chairs

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Dear Fellow Congregants:

As I take over the role of Chairman of the Board of LJCAGBI, I want to thank all of you for volunteering to serve on one or more committees.

Although Worship & Fundraising are important, spreading the word about the special events that we sponsor is equally important. We all have to be emissaries for our synagogue.

Please consider your role as Member of the Board as a responsibility rather than an honor.

Ady Rodman
Chairman of the Board

Announcements

MAZEL TOV

- ★ Shirley Derdiger has a new great granddaughter – born in Israel to Yossi & Liraz Derdiger. Grandparents are Pesach & Aliza Derdiger
- ★ Julian & Elaine Friedman celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary
- ★ Ari Schiff, son of Barbara & Cary Schiff, completed training of incoming Plebes as a Platoon Commander & will be the Physical Missions Officer for the entire brigade of Midshipmen (4,400) during his last year at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD
- ★ Marissa Schiff, daughter of Barbara & Cary Schiff, received a Masters Degree in Elementary Education, & will be teaching 2nd grade boys at Arie Crown Hebrew Day School
- ★ Mike & Jacqui Rothman celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary
- ★ Hersh & Leah Rosman on their move to Park Plaza
- ★ Marty & Gerry Fishman announce the marriage of Gerry's daughter, Kiv Sanders to Eric Grossman
- ★ Elizabeth & Mitchell Dayan and Harvey & Yetta Saltzman, who celebrated the marriage of Mitchell's son, & the Saltzman's grandson Max Dayan to Mariya Kossover of Glenview.
- ★ Michael & Lauren Bender, parents of a new baby daughter - named Liv Naomi
- ★ Yakov Baylis was married to Elyse Heyman in Pittsburgh
- ★ Mort Goodman celebrated a very special birthday

SPEEDY RECOVERY

- * Sylvia Rosett
- * Julian Friedman
- * Ray Korrub

CONDOLENCES

- ❖ Claire Spatt, mother of Diane Grauer
- ❖ Abe Rapoport, former LJC member – husband of Tobey Rapoport
- ❖ Michael Golenzer – former LJC member – husband of Haya Golenzer
- ❖ Gertrude Brown, former LJC member, wife of the late Dr. Joseph Brown
- ❖ Joy D. Elliott, mother of Maureen Ehrenberg
- ❖ Rose Kawer, former AGBI member, wife of Hyman Kawer
- ❖ Natalie Komar, former AGBI member, wife of Al Komar
- ❖ Irving Locketz, son-in-law of Mort & Debby Goodman; brother-in-law of Marcia & Paul Kramer
- ❖ Former AGBI member Bella Wigdor's daughter, Lillian Goldberg, passed away
- ❖ Shirley Liberman, mother of Pam Redfern, passed away

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:
 Stuart Leven, of Silver Spring MD – son of the late Sari Camras – long-time LJC member

Calendar/Ad Book Thanks & Sox Game is Coming Up Soon

Many thanks to everyone who participated in making the Calendar/AD Book a great success. In particular I would like to mention Darlene Piell, Nicole Mazor, Adam Rhine and Judy Alexander in the Shul office.

We will be having a terrific time on September 12th watching the White Sox defeat the Detroit Tigers. This is our third baseball game. We must be a good luck charm for the Sox as they win when LJCAGBI show up. So far, 33 people signed up to attend the Sox game. There are still 7 tickets left, as this goes to press. Please contact Henry Kalter or the Shul office as soon as possible if you want to attend this annual outing.

nature that shows itself at some moments in the form of massive upheavals, powerful winds, and unrelenting rain, and at other moments in wondrous dawns and brilliant sunsets, quiet waters, lazy streams and gentle rain. It is a world filled with living creatures in which we are included, who are born, who live and who die. As Jews, we perceive Hashem as not only being the Creator of the Universe but also Our Father, Our King. This is our report card time. – A time to review our words and deeds of the past year and consider making positive changes for the year ahead.

We have also seen that He is involved in the lives of nations and intervenes in History. With His mighty finger, He presents options for human behavior and raises nations to heights of power and casts them down into the pit of irrelevance. All we have to do is to look at the fortunes of our own people from the days of Abraham to the present. Is there another people on earth who can trace its origins back to the dawn of its own existence? Is there another people who have witnessed and survived the rise and fall of great civilizations? Is there another people who have managed to explore the heights of spirituality as well as the depths of degradation?

Yet, this very day we are still vibrantly alive. You, who may be doubtful, look to the history of our age that for me only affirms this special and everlasting contract between Hashem and Abraham; a contract in which Hashem promises life eternal for our nation and we promise loyalty and commitment to spreading the knowledge of His uniqueness to all mankind. As Master of History, we see His presence in all our halting steps to join Him as a partner in perfecting His world. This partnership is predicated upon taking

to heart the template He gave us – the Torah. This teaching announced with the blare of Shofrot was to be our blueprint. On Sinai He enlisted us in His army and we took an oath to perform those acts of behavior called Mitzvot that practiced daily, enhance our lives.

As human beings, we in the choices we make, often take the wrong turn in the road that G-d has set. Somehow, we have to find a way of returning to the right road and rejoining this great army of Hashem's that has endured for 3500 years - the Jewish people. To do this we must see ourselves as we are and ask His forgiveness, so that we can once again re-enlist with renewed commitment to lead Jewish lives.

On a personal note from Chavie & me— Many of you know our eldest grandson, Binyamin Lehrfield, who along with all of our grandchildren continues to make us very proud. He recently received Semicha (ordination) from Yeshiva University, and that same week, received his MBA from Bernard Baruch Zicklin School of Business. He and his wife Orit will shortly return from an extended visit to his family in Israel. Binyamin continues an unbroken succession of Rabbis in our family – His father, Rabbi–Dr. Yoni, his grandfather, Rabbi Dr. Joel, and his great-grandfather, Rabbi Louis Lehrfield (OBM). May he serve the Jewish Community with dignity and with love.

With every passing year, our prayers for our loved ones to have a year of good health becomes more urgent and heart-felt. We truly wish you many blessings from Hashem for you and all of those who are dear to you.

With great affection,
Rabbi Joel & Chavie Lehrfield

Your presence is greatly needed: please attend

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A.G. Beth Israel, our Shul, has always maintained two daily minyanim for Shachrit and for Mincha/Maariv (or just Maariv during the winter months). During the past month it has become increasingly difficult to guarantee that 10 men will be present for davening. **Your help is urgently needed to ensure that a full minyan is present for everyone, especially those who have Yahrzeit or are in their year of mourning.**

To keep our Shul vibrant it is essential that members can rely on a daily minyan. Please help.

*Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A.C. Beth Israel
presents*

Diane & Simon Zunamon Memorial

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Beginning our Third Decade of Fine Music Programming



“Music of the Opera - Songs of Broadway”

Featuring Lisa Kristina as narrator and pianist

Highlighting selections from “Faust”

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 7:30 pm

Return of Corky Siegel and his Chamber Blues Quartet

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 7:30 pm

Assistant Principal Players from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 7:30 pm

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Two Complimentary tickets will be given to each PATRON and one Complimentary ticket will be given to each SPONSOR. These Complimentary tickets can be used at any single concert in the series. Patrons, Sponsors, and Subscribers will be acknowledged in our Program Booklet.

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Tickets may be ordered through the LJCAGBI office by calling 847.676.0491 or by mailing this completed form to LJCAGBI, 7117 N. Crawford Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60712.

Checks should be made payable to LJCAGBI.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

High Holyday Youth Services

The High Holydays will soon be here and as we have done in the past, we will be offering a variety of services for our children.

Babysitting—available for children under the age of 6. Infants are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Our babysitters will not be responsible for changing diapers. You are welcome, however, to leave any necessary equipment in the babysitting room, as long as it is marked with your name.

Nursing Mothers—will have a separate, private room available.

Intermediate Congregation—available for children ages 6 to 12. Signs will be posted as to the location.

So that we can be fully prepared for the number of children who will be using our facilities, we ask that you call the synagogue office as soon as possible at 847-676-0491. Labels with the child's name & parents' seat location will be prepared for the babysitting room to make it easier to find the parents if needed. Please let the office know how many of your children will be using our services—their names and ages.

Please note that if you plan to bring food into the synagogue, it must contain the appropriate hechsher, an OU or CRC. You should be sure that the containers are sealed when you arrive. We will supply snacks for the rooms, however, if you prefer to bring your own, please follow the aforementioned guidelines.

Please remind your children that they must be on their best behavior, so they do not interrupt the services upstairs or downstairs. We will have hall monitors on the lower level to help control disturbances. However it is the parents' responsibility to be sure that their children are well behaved.

If you are interested in helping out by being a hall monitor, please contact the synagogue office. We will need hall monitors for both days of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur day. Thank you for your cooperation.

YOUTH SERVICES SCHEDULE

	Babysitting	Intermediate
<u>Rosh Hashanah</u>		
September 29	10:15 am-1:30 pm	10:30 am-11:45 am
September 30	10:15 am-1:30 pm	10:30 am-11:45 am
<u>Yom Kippur</u>		
October 7 (Kol Nidre)	6:00-8:30 pm	7:15-8:15 pm
October 8	10:00 am-1:30 pm	10:45 am-12:00 pm
Neila	5:00-7:00 pm	

Maot Chitim

Volunteers are always needed to help with Maot Chitim for the holidays.

Help is needed for packing on Sunday, September 18th during the day.

Deliveries will be on Sunday, September 25th and help will be needed

Location to be announced

Check Websites: www.maotchitim.org or info@maotchitim.org

To volunteer contact: volunteer@maotchitim.org

All Hands Needed to Put Up the Sukkah!

Join in the fun at 8:00 am on Sunday, September 18. Whether you're practicing to put up your own sukkah in September or participating in the mitzvah for the fun of it, please stop by and lend a hand on this important occasion. All hands welcome!

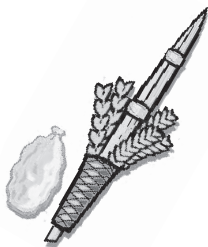
Rain or Shine



LULAV & ESROG

Don't forget to order your Lulavim & Esrogim for Succoth. Contact the Shul office to place your order today. The cost is \$50 per set.

Call 847-676-0491 to place your order.



HOLYDAY PARKING NOTICE

Please do not use the parking lots of local businesses during the High Holydays, including the lot on Touhy. The office receives complaints every year about our members using local business parking. These businesses have been gracious not to tow away cars belonging to members and their families in the past, but their good will may not last forever.

Let's be good neighbors.

Schedule of Shabbat/Holiday Services

September/October 2011/5771-5772

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

EREV SHABBAT

Kindle Shabbat Candles 7:04 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

SHABBAT SHOFTIM

Shachrit Service

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
Beit Midrash 9:15 am
Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

EREV SHABBAT

Kindle Shabbat Candles 6:51 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

SHABBAT KI TETZE

Shachrit Service

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
Beit Midrash 9:15 am
Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

EREV SHABBAT

Kindle Shabbat Candles 6:39 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

SHABBAT KI TAVO

Shachrit Service

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
Beit Midrash 9:15 am
Mincha/Maariv 6:20 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

EREV SHABBAT

Kindle Shabbat Candles 6:27 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:20 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

SHABBAT NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

Shachrit Service

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
Beit Midrash 9:15 am
Mincha/Maariv 6:10 pm
SELICHOT 9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

EREV ROSH HASHANAH (5772)

Mincha/Maariv 6:10 pm
Kindle Holyday Lights 6:15 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

ROSH HASHANAH (First Day)

Shachrit Service

Main Sanctuary 7:30 am
Mechitza Minyan 8:30 am
Torah Reading 9:15 am
Shofar 10:15 am
Hineni (beginning of Musaf) 10:20 am
Sermon 10:30 am
Tashlich 4:30 pm
Mincha/Maariv 6:15 pm
Kindle Holyday Lights 7:23 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ROSH HASHANAH (Second Day)

Shachrit Service

Main Sanctuary 7:30 am
Mechitza Minyan 8:30 am
Torah Reading 9:15 am
Shofar 10:15 am
Hineni(beginning of Musaf) 10:20 am
Sermon 10:30 am
Mincha/Maariv 6:15 pm
Kindle Shabbat Candles 6:15 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

HA'AZINU/SHABBAT SHUVAH

Shachrit Service

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
Beit Midrash 9:15 am
Mincha/Maariv 5:55 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

FAST OF GEDALIAH

Selichot Service 8:30 am
Shachrit Service 9:00 am
Mincha 6:15 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

KOL NIDRE (YOM KIPPUR EVE)

Early Mincha 2:00 pm
Kindle Holyday Lights 6:00 pm
Mincha 5:45 pm
Kol Nidre 6:00 pm
Maariv 6:30 pm
Sermon 6:45 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

YOM KIPPUR/YIZKOR

Shachrit Service

Main Sanctuary 8:30 am
Mechitza Minyan 8:30 am
Torah Reading 11:00 am
Sermon 11:45 am
Yizkor 12:15 pm
Musaf 12:45 pm
Mincha

Main Sanctuary 3:30 pm
Mechitza Minyan after musaf
Neilah

Main Sanctuary 5:00 pm
Mechitza Minyan 5:45 pm
Final Shofar Blast 7:03 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**EREV SUKKOTH**

Kindle Holyday Lights 5:52 pm
 Mincha/Maariv 5:45 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**FIRST DAY OF SUKKOTH****Shachrit Service**

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
 Beit Midrash 9:15 am
 Torah Reading 10:15 am
 Sermon 10:45 am
 Musaf 11:15 am
 Kindle Holyday Lights 6:55 pm
 Mincha/Maariv 5:45 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**SECOND DAY OF SUKKOTH****Shachrit Service**

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
 Beit Midrash 9:15 am
 Torah Reading 10:15 am
 Sermon 10:45 am
 Musaf 11:15 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:45 pm
 Kindle Shabbat Candles 5:52 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**SHABBAT 1 ST. DAY CHOL****HAMOED – OCTOBER 15 -18****Shachrit Service**

Main Sanctuary 8:30 am
 Beit Midrash 9:00 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:30 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**2ND DAY – CHOL HAMOED**

Shachrit Service 8:30 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:50 pm

MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 2011**3RD DAY – CHOL HAMOED**

Shachrit Service 6:30 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:45 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**4TH DAY – CHOL HAMOED**

Shachrit Service 6:30 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:45 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**HOSHANA RABBAH/****SHEMINI ATZERET Eve**

Shachrit 6:00 am
 Kindle Holyday Lights 5:39 pm
 Mincha/Maariv 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**SHEMINI ATZERET/YIZKOR****SIMCHAT TORAH EVE (HAKAFOT)****Shachrit Service**

Main Sanctuary 8:00 am
 Beit Midrash 9:15 am
 Torah Reading 9:45 am
 Sermon 10:15 am
 Yizkor 10:40 am
 Musaf 11:15 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:40 pm
 Kindle Holyday Lights 6:55 pm
 Hakafot (Torah processional) 7:05 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**SIMCHAT TORAH****Shachrit Service**

Main Sanctuary 8:30 am
 Beit Midrash 8:30 am
 Hakafot (Torah processional) 9:30 am
 Torah Reading 10:00 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:40 pm
 Kindle Shabbat Candles 5:41 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**BEREISHIT****Shachrit Service**

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
 Beit Midrash 9:15 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:20 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Kindle Shabbat Candles 5:31 pm
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**NOACH****Shachrit Service**

Main Sanctuary 8:45 am
 Beit Midrash 9:15 am
 Mincha/Maariv 5:10 pm



RUTH GINSBURG

SIMCHAT TORAH FUND

Friday, October 21, 2011

This year Simchat Torah is on October 21st and as usual we will have our beautiful festival luncheon. Sponsorship is still \$100. Reservations are required, whether or not you are a sponsor. The funds collected through the Simchat Torah Fund are used for the Simchat Torah luncheon and to fund the Shabbat Kiddushim throughout the year.

The deadline for reservations is October 10th.

In order to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable and comfortable chag, reservations are for our members and immediate family only. Complete the form below and send to the Shul office to reserve your place. Please remember that if you make reservations and don't show up, we are paying for those meals.

Make checks payable to LJC/AGBI SISTERHOOD. To avoid any confusion, please do not combine your Simchat Torah payment with any other payment to the Sisterhood or Congregation, and mark your envelope "Simchat Torah Fund".

Call with any questions—Ros Gillman 847-470-8613.

RUTH GINSBURG SIMCHAT TORAH FUND / LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Phone _____

_____ I'm happy to be a sponsor! Enclosed is my check for \$100

* Number attending: Adults _____ Children _____ High Chairs _____

Seating preference _____

Please send your check/reservation to LJC/AGBI Sisterhood
7117 N Crawford Ave, Lincolnwood, IL 60712
Or call (847) 676-0491

*Reservations are **required** for the Simchat Torah luncheon, although sponsorship is optional.

From the Worship Committee:

We heard your plea. Services are long and end too late. So in order to accommodate your requests to finish earlier, we are starting Shachrit services at 7:30 am in the Main Sanctuary for both days of Rosh Hashanah. Because of the early start, Torah reading will begin at approximately 9:30 am.

We are also asking everyone who can to volunteer to help with arrangements for our new Cantor, Larry Josefovitz. We are looking for a host to house our guest Cantor within walking distance of the Shul, as well volunteers to host Cantor Josefovitz for meals during the Yom Tovim. Please call the Shul office or worship chairman Paul Kramer at 312-343-2200 or paulskramer@sbcglobal.net if you are in walking distance and able to provide a meal or lodging.

Daily Minyan

Shachrit

Sunday	9:00 am
Monday	6:45 am
Tuesday	7:00 am
Wednesday	7:00 am
Thursday	6:45 am
Friday	7:00 am

Special times for Shachrit (and see Holyday schedule)

Mon., Sept. 5-Labor Day	9:00 am
Mon., Sept. 26 (Selichot)	6:25 am
Tues. & Wed., Sept. 27-28 (Selichot)	6:40 am
Sun., Oct. 2 (Selichot)	8:30 am
Mon., Oct. 3 (Selichot)	6:25 am
Tues.-Wed., Oct. 4-5 (Selichot)	6:40 am
Thurs., Oct. 6 (Selichot)	6:25 am
Fri., Oct. 7 (Selichot)	6:40 am
Fri., Oct. 28-Rosh Chodesh	6:30 am

Mincha/Maariv

Sunday—Thursday

Sept. 4-8	7:05 pm
Sept. 11-15	6:50 pm
Sept. 18-22	6:40 pm
Sept. 25-27	6:25 pm

October begins Maariv only Monday-Thursday

Oct. 4 through winter months 7:00 pm

Sundays:

Oct. 2	6:15 pm
Oct. 9	6:00 pm
Oct. 16	5:50 pm
Oct. 23	5:40 pm
Oct. 30	5:30 pm

Rabbi Gordon's Message

“Good, better, best, never let it rest, until the good is better and the better is best.”

Dear Friends,

This well-known quote, whose source is not clear, is very Jewish in nature, as it summarizes the essence of Teshuva (Repentance). What is Teshuva all about? It's about improving ourselves, refining our character, and our relationships with our fellow human beings as well as with the Almighty.

Although we should take stock in who we are, what we have accomplished, and where we are going every day of our lives, we put a special emphasis on this activity during the Yamim Noraim (High Holy Days) and the preceding month of Elul. We like to evaluate and then come out with a “game plan” on how we can get the good to be better “and the better the best.” With these thoughts in mind, I want to take a few moments to share with you, my plans on taking certain programs - that I have been quite involved with in creating and launching - to the “next level.”

Gemilut Chasadim Committee. These past two years, we have been involved in assessing the needs of the community, planning and then launching several initiatives. One initiative is a Bikur Cholim (Visiting the Sick) program. This past April almost twenty of our members successfully completed a unique, practical and creative training program, blending the perspectives of experts in Jewish law, psychology and drama. Shortly we will be moving forward in this initiative by matching-up these individuals with members of our Shul community who would appreciate visits from our volunteers. Because of certain physical limitations these members - who live in senior communities, nursing homes, or at home – are unable to come to Shul as often as they used to. We hope to bring more of LJC AGBI to them. We will also be introducing specially-designed cards, placards and book labels that will be used to enhance visits to those who are ill and to mourners who are sitting Shiva. We are grateful to professional artist Mr. Adam Rhine for the contribution of his time and expertise in designing these items. As our founding members and others in that generation are maturing, we want to ensure that they remain a viable force in the leadership of our Shul, even if they are unable to participate in Shul events as much as did in the past.

Teen Minyan. Although the numbers of our youth are small, our spirit is not. For the past two years we have run a most successful Teen Minyan where over a dozen of our youth, have participated in regular Shabbat services by leading the davening, delivering Divrei Torah and leading other programs. Some of our accomplishments have included developing leadership skills, learning and improving our davening skills, and fundraising. Through the efforts of our Teens we raised over \$3,000 for the JNF which will be used to purchase over 300 trees to help replenish the Haifa area's forestry which was devastated last year by fire. For the past two years, our teens have also led the Tu Bi-Sh'vat Seder and delivered inspirational Divrei Torah on Shabbat HaGadol (the Shabbos immediately preceding Pesach). The Teen Minyan has been supplemented by my Torah Team class through which participating youth have learned the techniques and dynamics of leading davening. During the past two years, I have also had the opportunity

to train almost ten youth in preparation for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. It is my intention to continue to run meaningful programs for our youth in the upcoming New Year.

Educational Outreach Programs. In addition to the high-quality, diverse adult education classes that Rabbi Lehrfield teaches, I have supplemented these courses with classes and other programs with the goal of reaching out to others. These include both a Level I and Level II Hebrew classes. While successfully matriculating two Level I classes into Level II, I am pleased to announce that, once again this year after the High Holy Days, I will begin another Level I class. An additional class that Rabbi Lehrfield and I will introduce on a four-evening per week basis throughout the year is 5-10 minute session before the Maariv service. In addition to practical daily Halacha (Jewish law) our topics may include Parashat HaShavua (the Weekly Torah Portion) and Prophets. This past year our Shul also participated in the National Jewish Outreach Program's Shabbat Across America, which we are planning again on March 2, 2012.

Expanded Holiday Programming. In addition to our annual Tu Bi-Sh'vat Seder, the past two years we have also introduced a Purim Seuda, as well as educational films/speaker programs held on Tisha B'Av, Chol HaMoed Sukkot and Chol HaMoed Pesach. As a supplement to strong attendance from our LJC AGBI members, we have also been quite successful in attracting non-members to these programs.

Yom HaShoah and Jewish Legal Seminar (in memory of Judge Gerald Bender z"l). I have been most fortunate to team-up with Adult Education Vice President Dr. Steven Hanus in creating and implementing two programs that I deem as great successes upon which we intend to build-upon and which can serve as models for years to come. While attracting a total of over 500 participants this past year, these two high quality educational programs were quite successful in bringing in non-members into our building, providing high visibility for our Shul in the greater-Chicagoland Jewish community, and also bringing in much-needed dollars through corporate and personal partnerships.

In order to ensure the continued growth of the programs outlined above as well as our Shul in general, we need all of your participation and support. Please come out and attend these programs and encourage your friends and family to do the same. To help ensure that we can support these programs, we also need your assistance in finding additional sponsors, grant opportunities and other funding sources.

On behalf of my wife Marilyn and our children Max, Rita & Sophie, we wish our LJC AGBI family a healthy, happy, successful and prosperous New Year. May the Year 5772 be one in which our Good becomes Better, and our Better is transformed to the very Best. K'tiva va-Chatima Tova—May we all be written and inscribed in the Book of Life for the Best year ever!

*Rabbi James M. Gordon, J.D.
Assistant Rabbi*

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☼ Thank you for all your support during my recent surgery & rehab via cards, calls, visits, shopping & meals. So any of my pre-surgery worries soon disappeared due to my wonderful friends from LJC that helped me out. Lastly, my thanks to Rabbi Lehrfield & Chavie and Rabbi Gordon & Marilyn for all their support. *Gloria Goldstein*

☼ In loving memory of our mothers, Edythe Futterman and Sally Schaffer, on their yahrzeit. You are always in our heart. *Marla and Lester Schaffer*

☼ I want to give a big thank you to Jadviga for preparing the food for the Robineau Luncheon and Richard for setting up the bingo and tables. We couldn't have done it without them. *Phyllis Kaplan*

☼ Thanks to our Shul family for the wishes of good health. *Alan Lapping*

☼ In loving memory of my "daddy" - Sidney Morse. *Shirley Derdiger*

☼ In memory of my beloved husband, Ralph Romanofsky's yahrzeit, 21 Sivan. We miss you. *Bobby Romanofsky & daughters*

☼ To my many treasured friends of the Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation. Please know how dear each and everyone of you are to me. Your concern, good wishes fan my speedy recovery. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have touched my heart deeply. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and wish you Hashem's blessings always. With deep affection. *Miriam Chaplik*

☼ We would like to thank our friends for their support after the loss of our brother, Harry Braun. We also thank all our friends for their good wishes on our four celebrations: the Bar Mitzvah of our grandson Amir, his sister Shloit who graduated from Ida Crown Jewish Academy, the birth of our great-grandson, Amitzur and the marriage of our granddaughter, Eliana, which we were fortunate to be able to attend in Israel. May we continue to share the occasions that are important in all our lives! *Hilda & Leo Braun*

☼ Dear LJCAGBI Family & Friends, Thank you for your prayers, calls and visits for my complete and speedy recovery. I consider myself very fortunate to have such a wonderful support group. Every day I make a little progress. G-d willing, it will not be long before I am back to my regular routine. Thank you again for all your concern. Fondly, *Wini Weisman*

☼ Wishing all of my synagogue friends a very Happy & Healthy New Year. *Judy Alexander*

☼ Good health to Wini, Gloria, Julian & Ray. In honor of Helen & Barry Baylis' simchas; in honor of Marissa & Ari Schiff's achievements; in honor of Jeff & Edie Light's upcoming simcha; in honor of special Sisterhood friends. *Judy Alexander*

☼ Dear Congregation, Rabbi Lehrfield, Rabbi Gordon, and the Daily Minyon, What's to say when we lose a vital young woman, so involved in Judaism, education and family? Only "thank you" for your support. Your caring words and thoughts were very important to us. Our best wishes to all for a healthy, peaceful year. *Carole Feiger*

☸ Thank you to Rabbi Lehrfield and all of our Shul family for their expression of sympathy, cards and donations in memory of our beloved son-in-law and brother-in-law, Irving Locketz, husband of Lynne

Goodman. We will all miss him very much, and appreciate your thoughtfulness at this difficult time.
Debby & Mort Goodman, *Marcia & Paul Kramer & Family*

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From the Catering Department

At this time I'm getting ready to go to Israel to meet & greet my brand new great-granddaughter, the first girl in over 30 years. But getting ready also means arranging the Shul events taking place during my absence. I'm leaving things in very capable hands.

Sisterhood's culminating dinner was a huge success. It's always a treat to sit down to a dinner I didn't have to prepare. The food was delicious, the company pleasant, and the entertainment delightful (am I patting myself on the back?) Being in the show was a marvelous experience - in fact we considered taking our show on the road (to other Shuls) and just changing the names, but alas, we reconsidered & decided to keep it our OWN. Good decision.

Looking forward to some lovely Simchas in the very near future, Bar & Bat Mitzvas, an auf rauf. Keep the good times rolling. Keep celebrating with us & giving me work, I love it. I personally am a summer person, I love the hot weather, no heavy coats or boots. Our summer has been perfect if you don't count the storms & power outages. But our shul is still standing & we hosted some fun kiddushim including our "beanie weinie". And oh how good the watermelon has been.

As I was baking the other day I was reminded of some outstanding recipes that came about because of an accident. The "molten chocolate cake" that's the cake with a soft pudding-like center, happened when an oven stopped working & the cakes didn't get completely baked for a special catered affair. Voila, the best dessert ever. I remember dropping a cake on the oven door & of course it fell apart. A quick frosting glued it together, another success story. I'd love to hear of your cooking disasters that turned out to be great. I have another, I was making lasagna & had the sauce all prepared & found I didn't have lasagna noodles & no time to run to the store. So I made curly pasta, threw all the ingredients in and made a lasagna casserole.

I was thinking of the most unusual or just plain different sandwiches and I remembered as a kid we always carried bag lunches (in real paper bags). One of my friends had a banana & walnut sandwich on white bread. And I could never even look at a fried egg sandwich with ketchup, but once I tasted it, it became the favorite of my kids. I'm trying to remember a salad dressing that was in every Jewish home. It was orange in color, the bottle was sort of skinny with a larger bottom and it was French but not Milani or Kraft. Let me know if you remember the name. I can't remember when "Hechshers" first appeared on canned good, but I do remember that kosher butcher shops had a neon sign that said kosher bosor in Hebrew and we took their word. Can you still get a chocolate phosphate anywhere? And weren't the corned-beef sandwiches piled so high your mouth couldn't fit around it without squeezing the sandwich? We really need an old-fashioned kosher deli here.

Now don't forget, the holy days are almost here. Looking forward to cholent in the Sukkah, and of course our elaborate Simchat Torah luncheon. In other words, our feeding frenzy is upon us. I think back to when I was a kid and used to break my Yom Kippur fast with an orange, a thick slice of challah & a piece of my grandma's raisin cake. I don't remember when I started needing more to eat. By the way, the other day I noticed on the grocery shelf Heinz soups & spaghetti in cans, NOT Kosher. It's time for a write-in to Heinz to get back to making their soups & other stuff Kosher again.

For my bit of humor: Classified ads read: Free Puppies, 1/2 cocker spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

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Wishing you a L'Shana Tova from my family to yours.

Bon Appetit,
Shirley Derdiger

BUILDING COMMITTEE

As we approach the Jewish New Year of 5772, or the "Yamim Noraim", let us think about how we can keep our synagogue spiritually strong and financially viable.

Spiritual viability can be achieved by making sure the "Daily Minyon", both morning and evening, is functioning without the need for last minute requests to attend.

Financial strength comes from your generosity in support of the ongoing fundraising projects. For example, our "Synagogue Restoration Project" has a long way to go before we are fully funded. (We were fortunate to receive a major gift to pay for or the resurfacing of the parking lot, but we still need to replace the air conditioning system, as well as complete the tuckpointing of the building façade

You can support the Restoration Project and add your names to the beautiful mural, designed by Dr. Marc Feder. Please start the new year of 5772 with an act of Tzedakah.

Gary Auslander & Arnie Sklar
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Saturday, Sept. 3	Banayan Baby Naming
Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day
Saturday, Sept. 10	Mitchell Byron Bar Mitzvah
Monday, Sept. 12	White Sox Game
Tuesday, Sept. 13	1st Fine Arts Concert
Sunday, Sept. 18	Put up Sukkah
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Shul Exec/ Council/Board of Directors meetings
Saturday, Sept. 24	Selichot
Wednesday, Sept. 28	Erev ROSH HASHANAH
Thursday, Sept. 29	1st day – ROSH HASHANAH
Friday, Sept. 30	2nd day – ROSH HASHANAH
Friday, Oct. 7	KOL NIDRE
Saturday, Oct. 8	YOM KIPPUR/YIZKOR
Wednesday, Oct. 12	Erev SUKKOTH
Thursday, Oct. 13	1st day – SUKKOTH
Friday, Oct. 14	2nd day – SUKKOTH
Saturday, Oct. 15	Chol Hamoed (thru Tuesday, Oct. 18)
Wednesday, Oct. 19	HASHANA RABBAH
Thursday, Oct. 20	SHEMINI ATZERET/YIZKOR
Friday, Oct. 21	SIMCHAT TORAH
Tuesday, Oct 25	Katura Hadassah get-together in the Sukkah
Tuesday, Oct. 25	2nd Fine Arts Concert
Sunday, Oct. 30	Israel Bond Brunch
Monday, Oct. 31	Rummage drop-off begins (until Friday, November 4)

Mark your calendars: The **Lox Box** has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 22, 2012, after Pesach. Watch your *LJCAGBI Bulletin* for more information.

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