

Bulletin



From The Rabbi's Study

It has been said that we live between the time of the end of miracles and the time of the coming of the Messiah. Our liberal faith doesn't rely upon, and in fact often is troubled by, vague promises of an external force (or: Force) waiting in some ethereal location in order to

intervene in our lives and in our world so as to resolve our most fundamental difficulties.

Many of us use the word "miracle" rather loosely, referring to occurrences which we do not comprehend. We call it a miracle when a dear one recovers most unexpectedly during a medical emergency; we call it a miracle if WE survive a disaster within which the lives of others were tragically lost; we call it a miracle when family members, long separated, meet on a crowded city street. We say "miracle," but we really don't mean "miracle." We use the word to convey our sense of

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5751 High Holy Day Services 1990

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 15

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| 9:30-10:30 pm | Lecture/Discussion, Schwartz Aud. |
| 10:30-11:00 pm | Collation |
| 11:00-Midnight | Selichot Service, Sanctuary |

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 19

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| 5:30 pm | Family Service, Sanctuary |
| 8:15 pm | Services, Sanctuary & Beir Chapel;
Service for Singles, Joslin Hall |

ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 20

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| 9:30 am | Services, Sanctuary & Beir Chapel;
Service for Singles,
Joslin Hall |
| 12:30 pm | Family Service, Sanctuary |
| 3:30 pm | Children's Service, Sanctuary |

TASHLICH

Sunday, September 23

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| 11:00 am | Service at East River. Meet in
Community House lobby. |
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EREV YOM KIPPUR - KOL NIDRE

Friday, September 28

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| 5:30 pm | Family Service, Sanctuary |
| 8:15 pm | Service, Sanctuary & Beir Chapel;
Service for Singles,
Joslin Hall |

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 29

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| 10:00 am | Services, Sanctuary & Beir Chapel;
Family Service, Schwartz Aud.;
Service for Singles, Joslin Hall |
| 1:00 pm | Discussion, Beir Chapel; Children's
Service, Sanctuary |
| 2:15 pm | Service, Sanctuary & Beir Chapel;
Family Service, Schwartz Aud.;
Service for Singles, Joslin Hall |

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOLLOWS

(Yom Kippur services end approx. 5:30 pm.)

Festival Services

EREV SUKKOT - HARVEST FESTIVAL

Wednesday, October 3

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| 5:30 pm | Service, Sanctuary |
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SUKKOT

Thursday, October 4

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| 10:30 am | Service, Sanctuary |
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SIMCHAT TORAH HAKAFOT

Wednesday, October 10

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| 5:30 pm | Procession of Torah scrolls &
consecration of new students in
Religious School, Sanctuary |
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YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, October 11

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| 10:30 am | Service, Sanctuary |
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L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Sisterhood Sponsored Activities

Bridge
Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30 pm
9/4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 25, 27
Gift Shop
Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Open Meeting
Wednesday, 9/26, 5:30 pm
Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wednesday, 9/12, 5:30 pm

Brotherhood Sponsored Activities

Brotherhood Board Meeting
Thursday, 9/13, 5:45 pm

Breakfast Program Receives Large Gifts

Dr. Nathan Shapiro, chairman of the Caring Committee, expressed his gratitude to both the Rudin and Rose families for their continued generosity to the Breakfast for the Hungry program. Their gifts to this program help the synagogue with this most significant project aimed at meeting one of the most troubling needs of our times. Special thanks go to the Rudin Foundation and member Lewis Rudin and to members Elie and Susan Rose.

Members... Please Note

High Holy Day tickets entitling members to admission to our High Holy Day services are mailed one week prior to Rosh Hashanah to all members whose accounts are in good standing. We urge you to make certain that *your* account for the year is paid in full before the High Holy Days. Your response to paying all past due accounts and your 1990 dues is vital in order for us to meet our ongoing obligations. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Study

Institute of Jewish Studies
Talmud
Friday, 9/7, 14, 8:00 am
Chevra Torah
Saturday, 9/1, 8, 9:00 am; 9/15, 22, 9:15 am

Religious School

Monday, 9/10, 17, 24
Wednesday, 9/12, 26
Sunday, 9/9, 16, 23, 30

Scouts

Girl Scouts
Tuesday, 9/11, 18, 25, 3:30 pm
Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 9/4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30 pm

Senior Youth Group

Opening Event
Friday, 9/14
Post-Congfirmation Class
Monday, 9/17, 6:00 pm
Monthly Meeting
Monday, 9/17, 7:00 pm
Meetings
Central Women's Focus
Tuesday, 9/11, 8:00 am

Help Share Your Knowledge with Soviet Jews

Sixty Soviet emigres, living at the 92nd Street Y, are feverishly studying English. To gain employment, however, they must know the "ins and outs," and the language of their professions or trades in America. Brotherhood is forming a mentor program, chaired by Nat Shapiro, whereby those of us at Central who have similar occupations can share our knowledge with the newcomers on a one-to-one or group basis. Watch for further notices and dates of upcoming meetings.

Ushers Needed

We've had a special request from our Ushering Chairman **Richard Kandel** for our membership to volunteer as ushers for the High Holy Days services. Meeting and greeting fellow congregants at this time of year adds warmth to the High Holy Days experience. Please leave your name for Richard with Marion Schild at 838-5122. Many thanks.

Up Front with Brotherhood

Bob Kandel, President

Brotherhood has long fostered the cultural, social, and educational advancement of its membership, the congregation, and the community at large. We shall continue our successful programs and add a few more; an exciting year awaits us.

A new administration took office in the best possible setting: our own synagogue building. **Richard Kandel** conceived and organized a magnificent culinary, viticultural, and musical gala. **Barry Kugel**, and **Eric Oppenheimer** and his staff, perfectly executed Richard's ideas. Hopefully everyone who attended — and everyone else — will join us next June 1st for Richard's next production.

Congratulations to **Sylvia Kaplan**, and to Messrs. **Galkin**, **Brudner**, **Kolber**, **Farber**, **Janovic**, **Stahl**, **Davison**, **Silberstein**, **Cohen**, **Polevoy** and **Abelson** for being raffle winners. Some of the proceeds will help underwrite our Luncheon Program for the Blind chaired by **Bernie Schwartz**, Project Ezra chaired by **Perry Edelstein** and **Steve Karasik**, trips by the Rabbis to visit our college students, wine and challah deliveries for new members, organized by **Bill Freedman**, Prayer Book presentations to Bar-Bat Mitzvahs, and our Scout troops. We also plan to make a significant contribution to help Soviet emigres. Let us know if you would like to work on any of these programs.

In addition to the projects mentioned above, we have a full calendar of events, two of which will be organized by **Rabbi Weiner** and **Cantor Botton** on Nov. 14 and March 10, respectively. Brotherhood will present its annual Political Forum, chaired by **Herbert M. Rein**, on April 21. Mark the date on your calendar! The forum will be exciting and timely, as will Martin Hertz's retreat on March 23. **Steve Bayer** will organize, with the Temple Emanu-El Men's Club, a breakfast on February 3 and a dinner on April 11. **Bernie Silverman** is hoping to re-energize the Jewish Chautauqua Society efforts, and **Bud Lustbader** will organize the daily services.

Your participation will help all of our projects and programs be a complete success and give you a chance to contribute to a great year. Call the Brotherhood office for information. Come to our meetings. Join our activities and then, truly, we will be a real brotherhood.

Focus Breakfast

Rona Jaffe to Discuss Her Books and Movies

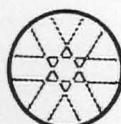
Rona Jaffe, internationally best-selling author, will discuss her books — as well as the movies and television films that have been made from them — at the Central Women's Focus breakfast on **Tuesday, September 11 at 8:00 am.**

Her new novel, *An American Love Story*, looks at the world of television. Like her earlier works, this book explores the subject of women in society and how their roles and identities are changing. In it she asks why romances and love affairs and marriages don't last today. She reveals a pattern of "sequential monogamy," in which one "permanent relationship" is replaced by another.

Central Women's Focus, a professional women's network sponsored by the synagogue, invites both women and men to join us for the breakfast. Make reservations by sending \$9 (for members, \$12 for nonmembers — checks payable to Central Women's Focus) to Focus, 123 East 55 Street, New York 10022, or call Judi Cohen at 838-5122. Membership dues for Focus are \$25 for the year beginning September, and may be paid with the payment for the breakfast.

Kiddush Cup Donated to Judaica Collection

An American silver kiddush cup dated 1863 has been given to the Central Synagogue Judaica Collection by **Elizabeth B. Grausman**. The cup originally belonged to her father-in-law, Samuel Israel, born on February 15, 1863, in Hickory, North Carolina. The cup had been a gift from his grandfather.



Celebrating a lifecycle event?

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A Jewish Response to Hunger

Contact Hazel Beckerman (988-7155)

Notes from Sisterhood

Ruth Oliver

L'Shanah Tovah

"The Jewish Woman in the 90's", her interests, concerns and priorities, will be discussed by Susan Weidman Schneider, noted author and editor, at Sisterhood's first Open Meeting on Wednesday, September 26 at 5:45 pm in Joslin Hall. She will discuss anti-Semitism, the anti-abortion movement, outreach to the unaffiliated, and removing the stereotypes, among other issues sure to interest all Sisterhood members.

Ms. Schneider is the author of the book *Jewish and Female: Choices and Changes in Our Lives Today* and editor-in-chief of *Lilith*, the publication described as the only independent Jewish woman's magazine. She is also author of *Interradical: The Challenge of Living with Differences between Christians and Jews*. Ms. Schneider is a graduate of Brandeis University and has a master's degree in English from Case Western Reserve University. She and her husband live on Long Island with their three children.

Copies of *Jewish and Female* will be available for purchase at a discounted price. Copies of *Lilith* will be on view and subscription orders taken. An invitation and reservation form is included with this mailing; please be sure to return the form by the date indicated.

Barbara Dicker chairs the evening which will start with a wine and cheese reception and will provide an opportunity for all of us to say to one another, "Shanah Tovah."

Popular Art Course Begins

Sisterhood's much acclaimed art course, offered annually for the last 25 years, starts on **Wednesday, October 3 at 10:30 am**, when Nanette Sellinger, our good friend and teacher, will again lead the group in lectures, discussions and slide presentations. The course consists of six sessions, three held in the Community House, and three in the form of visits to galleries or museums.

The charge for this course is \$75 for Sisterhood members and \$95 for nonmembers (registration included). The class size is limited and priority is given to those who have participated in the past. A background knowledge of art is necessary.

A reservation form is included with this mailing. For further information call Ruth Adler at 289-3926.

First French Female Rabbi Installed With Sisterhood Help

An item in the July 20 *New York Times* has special interest for Sisterhood members. The article reported that the first Frenchwoman to become a rabbi will be installed in the synagogue of the Jewish Liberal Movement of France in Paris on September 1. The rabbi is Pauline Bebe, 26, who was ordained in London on July 8.

Our Sisterhood is proud and pleased to note the part our members played in this groundbreaking woman's quest for a rabbinic career. Pauline Bebe was awarded a scholarship from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS). Sisterhood members will recall that \$5 of each member's dues is allocated to the YES Fund (Youth, Education, Sisterhood).

Support Sisterhood Tree Grove in Israel

The Critical Issues Committee of Sisterhood, chaired by **Elsie Shapiro**, is organizing a drive in conjunction with the Jewish National Fund. **Barbara Grill** is coordinating our efforts to raise the funds needed to plant an entire grove of 1,000 trees during 1990-91.

The Jewish National Fund is known for its tree planting programs which helped to reverse the greenhouse effect in areas of Israel. JNF is now involved in helping Soviet emigres through "Operation Promised Land" by developing areas for housing.

Honor or memorialize your loved ones and, at the same time, help us achieve our goal. Make your check payable to JNF and send it to: Central Synagogue, Sisterhood Grove, Attention: Elsie Shapiro, 123 East 55 Street, New York 10022.

Seniors Club News

Our Seniors Club looks forward to another very stimulating season. The group meets on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Arnold and Marie Schwartz Auditorium. The program provides a variety of activities with something to interest all the participants — lectures, social action on critical issues, card games, needlework, and opportunities to visit and converse with friends. The club welcomes members from the community and their friends. Our first meeting is **Tuesday, Oct. 2**.

People

Congratulations to:

Jonathan Aaron, our long-time song leader and youth worker, is studying with Michelle at HUC in Jerusalem, working toward a masters degree in Jewish education.

Janice Lynn Gabrilove, MD, daughter of Dr. Lester & Hilda Gabrilove, who was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Goucher College, from which she was graduated in 1973. Janice is an oncologist and hematologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital, and is doing extraordinary work in her field.

Robert Kandel, president of Brotherhood, for receiving the Alumni Association Citation from Hobart College in recognition of his exceptional and distinguished service to the College and the Alumni Association, presented in Geneva on June 16 during his 25th reunion.

Jill Kaufman, Youth Group member, who was chosen to co-chair *Chagigah*, the Reform Movement's Regional Arts Youth Weekend at Camp Kutz from June 24-27. The program was a great success!

Michelle Missaghieh, daughter of Eleanor & Hushang Missaghieh, and **Brian Zimmerman**, son of Rabbi Sheldon & Judy Zimmerman, are Central Religious School alumni currently studying for the rabbinate at the Hebrew Union College. Michelle is a first year student at HUC in Jerusalem, and Brian is in his third year at HUC in Los Angeles. **Ronn Davids**, son of Rabbi Stanley and Resa Davids, is a fourth year student at HUC in New York. We're very proud of all three.

Jerrold Schwartz, Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 666 at Central Synagogue, for being awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest award given to adults, by the Manhattan Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mike Wigotsky, Harvard senior, served this summer as a legislative assistant at the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C. Dartmouth sophomore **Jessica Lynn** served in a similar post at the RAC this past spring.

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joyous surprise at an event which seemed utterly impossible but a short while ago; we use the word to show that whatever has happened — happened in a fashion totally beyond our personal, conscious control.

But, truth be told, most of us no longer believe that there is an external, intervening force capable of turning our lives around for us. That belief was severely challenged more than two centuries ago, as the Enlightenment encouraged us to cast off many of the shackles of folk belief, offering us the challenge of encountering our world with a faith tempered by reason, with a reason enriched by faith. During this tumultuous 20th century too much has occurred to all of humankind to permit us ever again to put our hope in miracles.

We live, therefore, at a time when miracles are no more.

But we also live at a time prior to the coming of the Messiah. Here, again, the key word is not meant to be taken literally. By "Messiah" we signify an age of reason, of love, of human cooperation, of peace, of respect toward all elements of life. That messianic age is clearly not yet upon us. Despite the promises arising out of the rebirth of democracy in Eastern Europe; despite those daily discoveries by searching minds which better the human condition; despite acts of heroism, of selflessness, of love — we are stunningly far from achieving our messianic dreams.

Our challenge is somehow to bridge the gap between an age which is no more and an age which is yet to be. And that's where TESHUVAH comes in. Teshuvah is the central theme of the High Holy Days. Teshuvah is also one of the noblest, most enriching and significant teachings of our tradition. We ordinarily translate teshuvah as repentance, an abandoning of our sinful way.

But teshuvah is much more than that. Teshuvah is an answer to those who would claim that our world is condemned to human sinfulness, evil, cruelty, and depravity. Teshuvah says: we ourselves, through the twin forces of our will and our faith, can prove that there is no inherent evil in our world. We can abandon greed, we can forsake indifference, we can set aside hostility IF WE SO CHOSE TO ACT. We don't need miracles; the Messiah is not required. We can reshape our world. Teshuvah.

And, finally, teshuvah is conversion, a way of becoming that which we have never before been. By conversion, a change in religious affiliation is not meant, nor are we being asked to become "born-again" Jews. Teshuvah as conversion is a commitment to change, to be more than we have ever been — stronger, more caring, more responsive, more sensitive, more loving. Such a change lies not in the power of deities or stars. Such a change currently resides within our own capacities. We don't need divine intervention to reshape our lives; we don't require external forces to enable us to actualize our enormous inner potential. We need a decision to change, despite the costs of energy and of comfort. We need teshuvah.

Miracles are of the past. Messianic times await us. And teshuvah links one era to the next. With the awakening moments of 5751 soon to be upon us, may teshuvah serve as our guide and our inspiration.

L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATEYVU V'TAY-CHATEIMU. May you be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a good year.



Outreach: Lighting Shabbat Candles

"More than Israel has kept the Sabbath, has the Sabbath kept Israel."

These words illustrate the profound gratitude and respect that Judaism feels towards the observance of the Sabbath. There are few other mitzvot that are given such importance, yet the beautiful ritual and celebration of Shabbat is accessible to all. Reform Outreach believes that for those who seek to "live Jewishly," the ritual of lighting Shabbat candles is a wonderful place to begin. We welcome the seventh day at sunset in the familiarity of our own homes. As we face the glow of the candles and recite the blessings over

the bread and wine, we are linked with tradition. Nowhere else in Jewish ritual is an act so profound. Yet any one of us is as capable as the most erudite rabbi of bringing creativity and meaning to its performance. Interfaith couples and Jews by choice may find this a wonderful way to open themselves to the observance of mitzvot.

As Abraham Joshua Heschel tells us, "When all work is brought to a standstill, the candles are lit. Just as creation began with the words, 'Let there be light!' so does the celebration of creation begin with the kindling of lights."

Shabbat gives us the opportunity to create a day of rest—a day of holiness.

A Musical Bond

Following the performances of "Where the Rainbow Ends" at our last Annual Music Sabbath, Cantor Botton received the following letter from the director of the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble.

Greetings, Friend!

No matter how many ways I say it, 'Thank you!' seems so inadequate to express my profound and deep, heart-felt gratitude to you for your intense involvement in the series of concerts presented by your choir at Central Synagogue, Ellen Stettner-Math and her choir at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue and our own Harlem Spiritual Ensemble. These past few weeks have meant so much to so many people at a time when our city is in such need of interracial, and inter-cultural dialogue among the many factions striving to survive here. Our encounters and conversations and rehearsals have been like a balm on open wounds. All of us will long remember how you honestly and sincerely embraced us, each and every one, literally and figuratively. . . .

We send love and well wishes for prosperity and health and happiness to all the staff at the Temple and especially to all of our new friends in the choir. Working with you and them again will certainly be an event to look forward to.

*God bless you always,
Much love,
Fran ois Clemons*



Members of the Junior Choir

A New Musical Season

Following an extremely successful season is never easy. Last May's performances of "Where the Rainbow Ends" under Cantor Richard Botton's direction were outstanding, both musically and in terms of congregational spirit. The Central Synagogue Choral Society is a jewel in the congregation's crown.

Rehearsals for the new season begin on Monday, October 22, at 6:00 pm in the Arnold & Marie Schwartz Auditorium. New members are most welcome to join the Choral Society that evening. The only requirements are an ability to carry a tune and regular rehearsal attendance. If you are interested, please call Judi Cohen at 838-5122 and leave your name and phone number. Don't miss out on a marvelous and rewarding experience.

Save the Dates

ADULT RETREAT

February 8 - 10

at the Dellwood Country Club
New City, New York

Join a group of your fellow congregants on a special winter weekend of study, prayer and community. Details to follow.

Sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Studies.

National Award to Book of Days

Central Synagogue's *The Jewish Family's Book of Days*, issued in conjunction with Abbeville Press, has won an award of merit in the 1990 American Association of Museums Publications Competition. Written by our Judaica Collection curator, Cissy Grossman, and photographed by Sheldon Collins, the book was prepared as the journal for our 150th anniversary celebration. Robert Abrams, president of Abbeville Press, and Barry Kugel, administrative vice president of Central, conceived of the publication. The book has been selling all over the world. Copies may be purchased for \$20 at the Sisterhood Gift Shop in the Community House lobby.

Religious Education

Religious School Opening Dates

Grades K-6 Sunday, Sept. 9
Grades 8-10 Monday, Sept. 10
Grades 2-7 Wednesday, Sept. 12

Jewish Education Within the Synagogue

Educating our children in our tradition is the highest priority of our congregation. This was ratified by a board resolution in October, 1988 which states in part:

"The Board of Trustees of Central Synagogue affirms our Congregation's policy and tradition that our Religious School students commit themselves to continue their studies through Confirmation . . . Central Synagogue obligates itself to provide a high quality education and social experience for all children in our Religious School and the entire family involved must share in this obligation."

Equipped with this challenge, the Religious School Committee set out to establish realistic goals and objectives to accomplish the task. The rabbis, educators, parents and Religious School Committee members of the Curriculum Subcommittee established this Mission Statement:

"The mission of the Religious School at Central Synagogue is to provide an educational environment that nurtures a positive Jewish identity in each child.

As a Reform congregation, Central provides a variety of learning experiences, on age-appropri-

ate levels, in order to encourage Jewish knowledge in selected subject areas from grade to grade.

Our curriculum acknowledges that the involvement of parents in the school and synagogue program is vital to the attitude and learning behavior of our students.

Our Religious School seeks to contribute to the moral and ethical growth of each child and to provide our graduates with the knowledge and desire to lead a life of Jewish involvement."

A faculty particularly sensitized to the needs of our students is in place. Guided by our rabbis, cantor and noted Jewish and education professionals, faculty members benefit from regular, ongoing training and from the constant evaluation of our curriculum. We invite you, the parents, to join the partnership of Jewish education and so guarantee that our work will be successful.

Children are required to have four years of religious school instruction in order to be eligible for Bar and Bat Mitzvah. The fourth grade is the last possible enrollment option for a ceremony at age 13. Other options exist for special circumstances; contact Dr. Sparks in the Religious School office.

Judaica Curriculum

Our curriculum is based on ten goals. Each grade level examines these goals and objectives, on age-appropriate levels. A separate brochure describing the Religious School curriculum is available by telephoning the Religious School office. Ours is an exciting, innovative curriculum, designed specifically with the students of Central Synagogue in mind. We are thrilled to share it with you; do telephone us for your copy (838-5122).

Hebrew Curriculum

Exposure to Hebrew begins the first day a child enters our Religious School. Equipping a child with the key words associated with our holidays and Shabbat starts as young as kindergarten. Grade 3 children have a Hebrew readiness program, and formal Hebrew instruction begins in Grade 4. The curriculum is structured to provide an ease with which to enter any house of worship service. A companion text of our own Reform prayer book serves as a basic text within our Hebrew program. By the time students reach Grade 7, they are sufficiently well versed in Hebrew to be able to lead the congregation in prayer as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

In addition to our regular Hebrew program the synagogue offers a Hebrew Honors program. This is open by invitation only to those fifth grade students who have exhibited a serious sense of scholarship in Hebrew studies. These select students come to study Hebrew twice a week in an advanced placement setting. We are very proud of these motivated students. You will be seeing and hearing more from them during the year.

Offerings for Teens & Post-Confirmants:

The Eighth Grade Experience

Central Synagogue's eighth grade students learn about and relive the history of the Jewish community of New York in a highly innovative course offering. This course features the great attractions of Jewish cultural, religious, social and community life at locations throughout the city that serve as living classrooms for the students. Classes are also held in our own school building for briefing and debriefing sessions. Eighth graders generally meet at the usual Monday afternoon time; however, when sites are not open on Mondays, an occasional Sunday experience will be required. This course format is a first throughout the city and is a learning experience our students and parents will never forget. Parental assistance is necessary for the success of this exciting new format. Come with us as we visit our city week by week and watch our history unfold before our eyes.

Confirmation Program

Tenth grade Confirmation represents the culmination of the formal curriculum of our Religious School. Our tenth graders explore the core ideas and philosophy of Reform Judaism. We grapple with differing views of God, the meaning of Jewish peoplehood, and how to live as a Jew in the closing years of the 20th century. The last three months focus on Confirmation itself. The students select a theme, do research, and create a



Seventh graders practicing their Chanukah skills.

Confirmation service and program which reflect their ideas, their values, and their concerns. The year is challenging and represents an appropriate time for Jewish students to affirm their commitments.

Post-Confirmation Class

Rabbi Weiner and Dr. Sparks teach a monthly text course open to all secular 11th and 12th grade students. A variety of rabbinic and Biblical texts are studied in both the original and translation. This seminar course includes dinner and meets prior to Youth Group board meetings. Contact Rabbi Weiner or Dr. Sparks for registration information. Course dates:

Mondays (6:00 - 7:30 pm)

September 17	February 11
October 15	March 11
November 19	April 15
December 10	May 6
January 14	

Paraprofessional Teacher Aides

Students enrolled in our Religious School, Grades 8 through 12, have an opportunity to become classroom assistants, working hand-in-hand with our teachers. A ten-week course — jointly taught by Dr. Sparks and HUC student Sharon Forman — will equip these teens with the necessary skills to enter our lower grade classrooms and function comfortably, skillfully and knowledgeably. This program is also open to teens not currently enrolled in any of our synagogue programs and to our Youth Group members.

After the winter break, our newly trained paraprofessional teacher aides intern under supervision in the grade level of their choice. A small stipend is awarded as well as a certificate of completion. This training program provides our high school students with proper certification and enough ease that they will be able to teach in religious schools while they attend college. The training seminar and internship take place on Wednesday afternoons. Call Dr. Sparks directly if you are interested.

Miller High School Honors Program*

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion offers the unique opportunity for post-Confirmands to expand their knowledge of Jewish life through study with students and faculty of the College-Institute. Twice monthly students from throughout New York City gather at the Brookdale Campus (1 West 4th Street) and focus on Jewish texts and today's critical issues. High school seniors who attend all classes are eligible for a scholarship to participate in the HUC-JIR archaeological excavation at Tel Dan in Israel during the summer. Course time: two Sundays

per month, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. Contact Rabbi Kerry Olitzsky at 674-5300 or Dr. Sparks at the Religious School.

*Funded by Central Synagogue congregants
Claire and Seymour Miller

Monthly Sunday Morning Program for Fours and Fives

Do you know any four or five year olds? Introduce them to Central's monthly holiday workshop intended for children who have little or no previous Jewish knowledge. Your children will be spellbound each month. Call the Religious School for an application form.

Also, space is still available in our weekly Sunday morning kindergarten class. Call Dr. Sparks immediately.

Shabbat Dinner and Worship . . . Family Style

Join our clergy for a special Friday evening Shabbat celebration designed for families with Religious School age children. At 5:30 pm on these special Sabbath eves we will come together and enjoy dinner in Schwartz Auditorium, then proceed directly to the sanctuary for an abbreviated Shabbat worship service geared for young people. Unlike in former years when certain grades were targeted for certain months, we now invite all grades, parents, children and grandparents every month. Reservations are required; forms will be mailed home each month. Please reserve these dates:

October 26	February 8
November 16	March 8
December 14	April 12
January 11	May 17

5:30 pm dinner, 6:30 pm family worship

Kallot (Retreats)

Grade 5	March 1-3	Kutz	Central only
Grade 6	Dec. 7-9	Eisner	Central & Rodeph
Grade 7	Oct. 19-21	Kutz	Central & Rodeph
Grade 8	Nov. 2-4	Boston	Central only
Grades 9-12	Nov. 30-Dec. 2	Kutz	Central & Rodeph
	April 26-28	Eisner	Central & Rodeph
Grade 9	Feb. 1-4	Wash, DC	RAC Trip



Religious School students participating in a Shabbat skit at Eisner Camp.

Achievement Awards in Religious School

At special assemblies last school year, students were awarded certificates for outstanding work and excellent attendance. Congratulations to:

Wednesday Awards

Grades 1/2

Stacey Bellet
Kelli Cooper
Jade Hutton
Bradley Leinhardt
Kara Oppenheim
Tobias Pazner
Jocelyn Peck
Jessica Robbins
Jenny Sharfstein
Lloyd Thomas
Meredith Zide

Grade 3

Adam Abramson
Lauren Blitzer
Mark Blitzer
Tripp Blum
Jessica Colin-Greene
Charles Donefer
Jackson Eisenpresser
Lauren Friedman
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The Administrative Office deeply mourns the death of two loyal employees and friends — **Rosalie Goldberg**, our switchboard receptionist for ten years, and **Henry Pradelski**, who performed our in-house printing since 1975. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families.

College Students, Old and New

Rabbi Tom Weiner

End of summer is one of my favorite times of the year, those weeks before students return to college. There is a constant flow of students dropping by to say hello and catch up. It's a lot of fun. This season also lets us know that it is once again time for us to prepare for this year's college program, and we need your help. These activities include a Thanksgiving weekend reception, the sending of Passover candy to all college students, a chanukia (menorah with candles) at Chanukah time and the synagogue Bulletin. In addition, Rabbi Davids and I make several visits during the spring semester to the cities with large numbers of Central students. These visits are generously sponsored by the Brotherhood.

So please send in the form below and return it to my office as soon as possible.

Student's name _____

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5:30 pm Sabbath eve Service, Beir Chapel

Saturday, September 1
10:00 am Sabbath Service, Beir Chapel

Friday, September 7
5:30 pm Sabbath Eve Service, Beir Chapel

Saturday, September 8
10:00 am Sabbath Service, Beir Chapel

NOTE: Sabbath Services resume in the Sanctuary

Friday, September 14
5:30 pm Sabbath Eve Service
Installation of Officers

Saturday, September 15
10:30 am Sabbath Service
Bar Mitzvah:
Geoffrey Sanders

9:30-10:30 pm Pre-Selichot lecture by Rabbi
Weiner, Schwartz Auditorium

10:30 pm Collation
11:00 pm Selichot Service

Wednesday, September 19
Erev Rosh Hashanah
5:30 pm Family Service
8:15 pm Services

Thursday, September 20
Rosh Hashanah
9:30 am Services
12:30 pm Family Service
3:30 pm Children's Service

Friday, September 21
5:30 pm Sabbath Eve Service

Saturday, September 22
10:30 am Sabbath Service
B'nai Mitzvah:
Benjamin Brill
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Friday, September 28
Kol Nidre/Sabbath Service
5:30 pm Family Service
8:15 pm Services

Saturday, September 29
Yom Kippur/Sabbath Service
10:00 am Services
1:00 pm Discussion; Children's Services
2:15 pm Services

Friday, October 5
5:30 pm Sabbath Eve Service

Saturday, October 6
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Bat Mitzvah:
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