"A little light," Judaism teaches us, "can dispel much darkness." As Chanukka—the festival of lights—rapidly approaches, this ever-timely message resonates even more strongly. We all have times where we muddle through life in what seems to be darkness—lack of faith, uncertainty, indecision and depression. Chanuka reminds us that adding even a little Torah to our lives has the unique ability to combat these ever-present foes.

In the weeks ahead, the Bialystoker Synagogue will be hosting two unique events which will make our immediate universe a little bit brighter.

The Rav Singer Chevra Mishnayos proudly invites the Lower East Side community to participate in a special Siyum on Seder Zerroim, the first Order of the Mishna, on Sunday, January 15th at 8 PM. The Bialystoker inaugurated the Chevra Mishnayos last year on the yohrzeit of the late Rav Yitzchok Aharon Singer zt"l, and will be finishing Seder Zerroim in conjunction with his fifth yohrzeit. Rav Singer devoted more than forty years of his life to spreading the light of Torah in the Lower East Side; this evening of Torah dedicated to his memory reminds us that "tzaddikim are deemed alive even after their passing." We invite all to join us in paying tribute to this giant of Torah and his brilliant legacy of illumination which still lights our collective paths.

At the Bialystoker, we believe that the light of Torah should be spread as far as we possibly can shine it. In that vein, Friday night, December 16th at 7:30 PM, our shul will host a special Friday night dinner aimed at exposing the beauty of Shabbos to those who have not been fortunate enough to experience it. Utilizing a combination of food, friendship, explanation, and song, we will attempt to convey to the participants that, in the words of King David, "taste and you shall see that G-d is good." The Herculean efforts of Malki Cohen, the Hon. Martin Shulman, and Mayer Sinensky have helped make this vision into a splendid reality. We urge our members to help us "get the word out" and ensure that as many of our unaffiliated neighbors take advantage of this unique opportunity as possible.

As we light the Chanuka candles this winter, let us resolve to utilize our glorious past to illuminate our promising future.

Rabin Romm can be contacted at 212-475-0165; e-mail: rav@bialystoker.org; home: 212-539-1220.
Mazel Tovs

Births

• Mazel tov to Judy Pernikoff on the birth of a great-grandson, Shmuel Mayer.

• Mazel tov to Avi & Aviva Vogel on the birth of a son.

• Mazel tov to Herby & Esther Stavsky on the birth of a grandson, Shalom, a son to Rena & Aryeh Sampson.

• Mazel tov to Rabbi Dov & Faygie Tropper on the birth of a granddaughter, Bracha, a daughter to Elisheva & Dovid Gerstein.

Engagements

• Mazel tov to Leiby & Julie Dancziger on the engagement of their son, Sruli, to Esty Siff.

• Mazel tov to Rabbi Yossi & Mindy Tannenbaum on the engagement of their granddaughter, Esty Siff, to Sruli Dancziger.

Bar Mitzvahs

• Mazel tov to Stuart & Fraeda Goldstein on the bar mitzvah of their son, Yaakov Eli.

• Mazel tov to Yitzchock & Suri Pilchick on the bar mitzvah of their son, Aaron Eli.

More Mazel Tovs

• Mazel tov to Rabbi Yossi & Mindy Tannenbaum on the bris of their grandson, Nachman (Nachi), son to Rabbi Azriel & Layie Siff.

• Mazel tov to Rabbi Mordy & Rivky Feinstein on the naming of their daughter Sarah.

• Mazel tov to Hon. Martin Shulman on his being elected New York State Supreme Court Judge.

• Mazel tov to William & Judy Rapfogel for being chosen by Sh’or Yoshuv to receive the Kesser Shev Tov award.

Please Note: These were events that were called into or emailed to the office, and we regret any omissions. If you would like your simcha to be added in the next issue, please let us know.

Sponsorships

Shabbos Parshas Noach, November 5

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored by Danny Stein

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Sponsored by Aaron & Judy Mitrani in honor of the engagement of their son Alan to Liz Panzer

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Danny Stein

Shabbos Parshas Lech Lecha, November 12

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored by Yitzchak Dawidowitz in honor of his bar mitzvah

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Sponsored by Dr. Alvin & Inge Mund in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his brother, Walter Mund

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Judah & Heidi Pattashnick in commemoration of the Holocaust yahrtzeits of his great aunts & great uncles

Shabbos Parshas Vayeira, November 19

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored by James & Shoshanna Sanders in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Friends of Herman Reich in commemoration of his yahrtzeit

Additional Sponsorships

Aaron Hauptman & Betty Umlas, sponsors of the Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser shiur, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father.

Rabbi & Mrs. Yaakov Goldberg, co-sponsors of the Rabbi Lichtenstein lecture.

Condolences

• Nussie Fogel on the loss of his father, Abraham Fogel.

• Goldie Brown on the loss of her brother, Abraham Fogel.

• Rose Karmel on the loss of her brother, Moshe Siegel.
Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Benjamin
(anniversary)
Dr. Abraham Berkowitz
Mr. Charles Berman
Mrs. Sharon Davidowitz
Mrs. Devorah Erps
Miss Ayelet Glassberg
Mr. & Dr. Dov Goldman
(anniversary)
Miss Reina Goldman
Mr. Simcha Goldman
Mr. & Mrs. Meir Greenwald
(anniversary)
Miss Chana Jacob
Mr. Dovie Jacob
Mr. Yochanan Shaul Jacob
Mr. Yonah Jungreis
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Krinsky
(anniversary)
Mrs. Aviva Mermelstein
Mr. Elazar Mermelstein
Mr. Yosef Oldak
Mr. Simcha Peretz
Mrs. Rochelle Rubin
Mrs. Tova Schwed
Miss Tova Yehudis Solomon
Mrs. Sylvia Wilkenfeld
Miss Shira Frayda Wolfson

Reminder
If you have not yet fulfilled your yizkor pledge you may send it in to the shul.

If you have not yet paid your 2005 dues, please remit to the shul.

If a balance is still owed for the 2004 dinner, please send it in to the shul.

If you have not paid for your high holiday tickets ($75 per ticket) please send it in to the shul.

Save the Date

Tuesday, December 13th 6:30 PM—Sisterhood dinner at Eden Wok.
For reservations and more information please call 917-796-5539

NOACH VISITS THE DOWNTOWN SCHOOL FOR JUDAISM

Students at the Downtown School for Judaism were treated to a surprise visitor one Sunday — the biblical Noach, who apparently managed to find a parking space for the Ark somewhere near Grand Street! Our Downtown School students impressed Noach (a.k.a. Rabbi Leibel Karmel, director of the ToTal school network) with their detailed knowledge of his exploits, and hastened to perform the mitzva of Hachnosas Orchim (welcoming guests) by offering him a snack and juice. The Downtown School for Judaism meets every Sunday morning between 10:30 and 12:30. Morahs Esther Price and Naomi Sandel have recently been joined by Adella Korn in instilling their charges with Torah knowledge and boundless enthusiasm.
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**Lighting Candles:**
- Light six candles: 4:19 PM
- Light seven candles: 4:29 PM

**Shabbos Shacharis:**
- 7:00 AM
- 9:00 AM
- Shabbos Afternoon Shuir: 3:30 PM
Bialystoker Synagogue/ UJC
Chanukah Chagiga
Tuesday, December 27, 2005 6:30 PM

At the Orenstein Building, 15-17 Willett Street
Entertainment, Music, Food, Prizes & so much more....

The EARLY BIRD SPECIAL thru December 12th is $36.00 per family. (payment must be made before December 12th- the informational flyer must be filled out as well.). The cost includes admission, food & all the fun of the evening!

Once again, we will be collecting toys for the Ohel Childrens Toy Drive. For each toy you bring you will receive a FREE raffle ticket!

Please send in this form with your payment. $36 per family by December 12th, or $50 per family after December 12th. The cost per person is $10

* Family Name:__________________________________________
* # of children:__________________________________________
* Childrens ages:_________________________________________
* school children attend:_______________________________
* telephone #:___________________________________________
* e-mail address:_________________________________________
* where did you hear about the chagiga?:_______________________________
* what programming would you like to see in the future?

e-mail info@bialystoker.org phone: 212-475-0165

Please mail or bring the form to: 7-11 Willett Street, NY, NY 10002
THE LOWER EAST SIDE COMMUNITY

cordially invites the entire neighborhood to the forth in a series of 10 lectures to be given monthly by

Harav Yitzchok Lichtenstein
Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Orchos Chaim, Monsey NY

Tuesday, December 27th (27 Kislev)
9:00 PM
"Chanukah Themes"

to take place at
The Bialystoker Synagogue
7-11 Bialystoker Place (Willet Street)

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

This program is sponsored by all the major shuls on the Lower East Side
Bialystoker Synagogue
Legal Holiday Shiur Series

is pleased to present

RABBI AHARON KAHN
Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivas Rabbeinu Yitzchok Elchonon
Rav, Congregation Beis HaKnesses, Flatbush

who will be speaking on

"Chanuka:
The Miracle of the Physical"

Monday, December 26, 2005
9:30 A.M.

Bialystoker Synagogue
7-11 Willet Street

Men and women are welcome

A light breakfast will be served
Bialystoker Synagogue presents a Pre-Chanukah

Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach Style Kabbalat Shabbat

Featuring

Yisroel Williger

Mincha, Friday Dec, 23rd at 4:25pm
Bialystoker Shul, 7-11 Bialystoker Place
Friday Night dinner by reservation at 6:00 pm
Call (212) 475-0165 for reservations

Shabbat Accommodations Available Upon Request

ALL are welcome to an oneg Shabbat with Yisroel Williger
8pm on Friday the 23rd
in the Orenstein Pavilion
15 Bialystoker Place, Lower East Side, NY
Bialystoker Synagogue

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is pleased to present

**Rabbi Avraham Sarfaty**

*Rav, Cong. Chayei Olam, Passaic, NJ
Tanach Rebbe, Isaac Breuer College*

who will be speaking on

"The Tribe of Yehuda: Destined for Royalty?"

Monday, January 2, 2005
9:30 A.M.

Bialystoker Synagogue
7-11 Willet Street

Men and women are welcome

*A light breakfast will be served*