

# THE LISKER QUARTERLY

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## The Rabbi's Message New Year's Resoluteness

The Lisker Shul has undergone quite a few incarnations since its inception almost thirty years ago.

We began as the premier "kiruv" shul before any other institution tried to OUTREACH and touch someone. The Lisker Rebbe, Rav Shlomo, ZT"L, accrued a coterie of young and middle-aged men who were disenchanted with religion and their lives in general and infused them with an appreciation for their Creator and the world at large.

Slowly, we metamorphosed into a family-style "shul" while pursuing our goals of outreach and, after the Rebbe's passing, shifted our focus to the singles scene. Today, we are probably a conglomeration of all three and cater to a panoply of young and old, Chassidic and Modern, single and married.

Through all these transformations, nevertheless, our main focus has been the hospital community, inpatients and outpatients and their friends and family members. We have labored to make our house guests comfortable, to meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs and to visit their loved ones in the hospital and offer some positive reinforcement.

Now we turn to you – our congregants, members,

friends and readers – and ask, "what are you doing to make the world a better place?" It is so easy to get lost in your own reflection and fail to use any peripheral vision. But when you hold a mirror up to your inner soul, can you truly say, "I'm being the best me I can be?"

Rosh Hashanah comes around every year to remind us to widen our lens and look beyond ourselves to how we can contribute to "tikun olam," repairing the world. Yes, we are required to do penance for our own shortcomings, but not get lost in "self." We have to use our repentance as a tool to help us elevate ourselves so that we can see farther, and our sins as stepping stones to a greater sense of purpose.

So now we can ask, "what are you going to change?" We have a few suggestions. Join us for our Bikur Cholim rounds on

Shabbos, volunteer your time for our hospital parties, host a "kiruv" Shabbos or singles' event, or just send in a donation towards our good works. We are sure you can think up a few good ideas on your own and we hope this has spurred the imagination.

In the merit of your charitable endeavors, may you have a New Year blessed with all good things and may Israel secure a peaceful existence.



*We Wish All Our Friends, Members, and Supporters  
a Healthy and Sweet New Year.*

# High Holy Days Services Schedule 2005

## ROSH HASHANA

<i>Rosh Hashanah Eve</i>	<i>Monday, October 3</i>	<i>6:15 p.m.</i>
<i>First Day</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 4</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Tashlich</i>		<i>4:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Second Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 5</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Mincha</i>		<i>6:30 p.m.</i>

## YOM KIPPUR

<i>Kol Nidre Evening</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 12</i>	<i>6:10 p.m.</i>
<i>Morning Services</i>	<i>Thursday, October 13</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>YIZKOR</i>		<i>11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Fast Ends</i>		<i>7:09 p.m.</i>

## SUCCOS

<i>Succos Eve</i>	<i>Monday, October 17</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>First Day</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 18</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Mincha</i>		<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Second Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 19</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Mincha</i>		<i>6:00 p.m.</i>

## HOSHANA RABAH

<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Monday, October 24</i>	<i>7:15 a.m.</i>
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## SHEMINI ATZERET

<i>Evening Services</i>	<i>Monday, October 24</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Morning Services</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 25</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>YIZKOR</i>		<i>10:30 a.m.</i>

## SIMCHAT TORAH

<i>Evening Services</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 25</i>	<i>6:10 p.m.</i>
<i>Morning Services</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 26</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Yom Tov Ends</i>		<i>6:42 p.m.</i>

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## A Little Charity Goes a Long Way

Pick up a Lisker Tzedakah box and make us a part of your lifestyle. A little change can add up to a lot and the dollars don't hurt either. When your box is full, feel free to call us and we'll send you return-addressed envelope.

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# The Lisker Gets a Face Lift

**W**e know we're vain, but we didn't want to show our age. So we've taken the opportunity afforded to us by three very conscientious and kind congregants and friends to get a much-needed makeover.

You can enter on the red carpet... the new red carpet, that is, courtesy of Alvin Glick, a long-time member and supporter of the Lisker. We began our reign on the Upper East Side with crimson carpet, as per the wishes of the Lisker Rebbe, Rav Shlomo, ZT"l. After it deteriorated, we replaced it with a dull gray. But we're ready to return to our roots and a bold splash of color on our floors, so Mr. Glick generously agreed to fund the flooring.

Once you've entered our portals, take a gander at our sparkling new bathrooms. All the fixtures are brand new, the floors and walls are fresh. We may just end up in one of those guides to Manhattan's best bathrooms. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maidman and family. You've brightened our world.

A garden has sprouted at the Lisker. Where before there were old machine parts and cracked cement, today flowers abound as well as a cozy nook for readers, sitters,

and Jews who don't like to do too much exercise. And there are charming flowers pots to gaze at while you're doing nothing because of the generosity of spirit and deed of Mr. Menachem Bloom in honor of his Lea.. More about this later.

And now for the ceiling and walls of our 'shul.' Let's face it. Once you have new carpeting, the walls pale by comparison. Mr. Hal Brill fixed all that by contributing to a new paint job. A little cosmetics go a long way towards making the "shul" pretty for the High Holidays.

So join us for the holidays, see us all dressed up and listen to the sonorous renderings of our new Chazan. His melodies pierce the heart and if anyone can make your Holiday both meaningful and joyous, he is the man for the job.

We wish you a beautiful New Year and hope that we play a part in it.

## Lisker Barbeque is Hot!

On a summery night on August 18th, the Thursday night Torah class was followed by a delicious barbeque. Due to a last minute cancellation by the originally scheduled BBQ chef, classmate Ilene Curtach stepped up to the plate (actually the grill) to do the cooking. She is now Lisker's very own Martha (Malka) Stewart!

An inspiring and uplifting d'var Torah was given by Rabbi Friedlander followed by grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. The good food that followed made for a spectacular evening – inspiring, tasty and satisfying. In short, a great time was had by all.

The Lisker Congregation would like to extend its thanks not only to Ilene for doing the cooking, but to our very own Scott Kapchan who donated the all of the food. Scott, your graciousness and generosity are never ending and we want you to know how much we appreciate you and all you do for Lisker.

The BBQ was a first for Lisker activities and we hope to hold at least one more before we say goodbye to summer.

## Thursday Night Torah Class Keeps Growing New Members Drawn to Lisker

Nourishment of Torah wisdom, food for the palate, and a chance to meet and socialize. Join Rabbi Zvi Friedlander every Thursday at Café K Restaurant, located at 8 East 48th Street in NYC. Rabbi Friedlander expounds on the weekly Parsha with stories and explanations from the mystical writings of his ancestors. Please note that on alternate Thursdays, with the same program, there will be a barbeque at the Lisker Congregation (163 East 69th Street, NYC). Mix and mingle. Call us for further information

**The Lisker Congregation would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. David A. Messer for his generous sponsorship of our Thursday night class. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. If you are interested in sponsoring classes, please contact us for further details.**

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TUESDAY OCT. 4TH – WEDNESDAY OCT. 5TH

### YOM KIPPUR

THURSDAY OCT. 13TH

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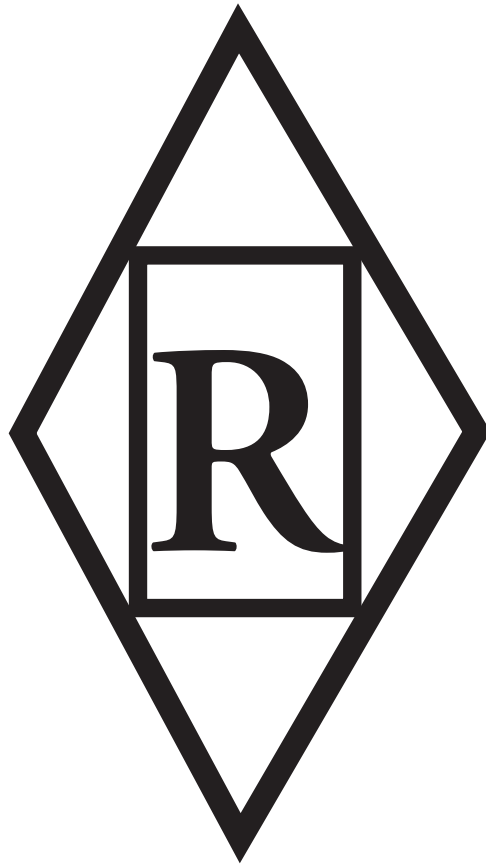
Hashem gave Adam and Eve a tour of the Garden of Eden, commenting on the beauty and value of His creations as they circumnavigated the garden. Then he exhorted them to take care of all His creations for they were a link between the two spheres – heaven and earth – and symbolized the relationship between the heavenly and the human.

Since the original creation, man and woman have reconnected to G-D through nature. We've found peace and solace from the clutter of daily existence in the green and growing.

Menachem Bloom, an esteemed member of the Lisker Congregation, and Lea Levi-Senigaglia teamed up to create a little oasis in the middle of Manhattan right at the Lisker. Where before there was rubble and decay, now resides a beautiful testament to their commitment to the "shul" and to the mental and emotional upliftment of "shul" members.

Yes, the Lisker has a backyard, replete with flowers and a little meditation area. There is even room for a barbecue, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

We extend our appreciation for their endeavor and look forward to enjoying our new play area for years to come.



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## Chodesh Elul

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Father of Matthew*

*S. Donath, Mother of Mimi Mautner  
Rebbitzen Bracha Friedlander,*

*Grandmother of Rabbi Zvi Friedlander*

*Monday, September 19—15th Elul*

*Saturday, September 24—20th Elul*

*Monday, September 26—22nd Elul*

## Chodesh Tishrei

*Shmuel Neufeld, Father of Ernest*

*Jeanette Lowe, Mother of Gail Maidman*

*Dr. Samuel Kowal, Father of Bruce*

*Doris Jane Appelbaum, Wife of Adek*

*Gittel Ommerman, Mother of Betty*

*Ralph Katzowitz, Husband of Suzanne  
& Father of Laurie Kayden*

*Thursday, October 24—Yom Kipper*

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*Tuesday, October 18—15th Tishrei*

*Monday, October 24—25th Tishrei*

*Friday, October 28—25th Tishrei*

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## Chodesh Mar-Chesvan

*Harry Heller, Uncle of Betty*

*Asher Tannenbaum, Father of Frances*

*Ida Glick, Mother of Alvin*

*Mirel Gershon, Cousin of Helen & Leslie Greenbaum*

*Masha, Mother of Jerry Schwartz*

*Friday, November 11—9th Chesvan*

*Saturday, November 19—17th Chesvan*

*Saturday, November 19—17th Chesvan*

*Saturday, November 26—24th Chesvan*

*Thursday, December 1—29th Chesvan*

*THE YAHRZEIT OF RABBI CHAIM FRIEDLANDER, BROTHER OF THE REBECEN,  
WILL BE OBSERVED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, THE 15TH DAY OF TISHREI*

## ☆ IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES ☆

*The Jewish faith asserts that when a person dies, his/her immortal soul lives on, returning to its spiritual home, heaven, where it can attain an elevated standard of purity and holiness. Nevertheless, this soul cannot continue to perform good deeds on earth and a good name cannot live in perpetuity on earth unless relatives of the departed execute those good deeds in his/her memory. So please have a plaque made up as a tribute to your loved one. It will serve as a reminder of the dearly departed for all to see, and your contribution will be invested towards our charitable endeavors.*



### Rosh Chodesh Shacarit Schedule 2005

### Spare Two Hours A Month?

**Commitment...** All we're asking you for is a commitment to attend our shacarit minyan, once a month. It doesn't take much effort to do a Mitzvah, and being the 10th man for a minyan is a big Mitzvah. We're even giving you a schedule for the rest of the year, so you can set aside that special one hour.

**Elul**

Sunday, September 4th 9:00 am

Monday, September 5th 8:30 am

### Tishrei — Rosh Hashanah 5766

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4th & 5th

**Cheshvan** Wednesday, November 2nd 7:00 am

Thursday, November 3rd 7:00 am

**Kislev** Friday, December 1st 7:00 am

**Tevet** Sunday, January 1st 8:30 am

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