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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI WARMFLASH

Daily prayer is central to traditional Jewish religious experience. It renews and refreshes our relationship with God; helping to sustain an ongoing awareness of His presence in our lives. Men and women who daven regularly make a place for spirituality into their otherwise ordinary routine. They increase the holiness in their lives by means of a daily appointment with the Divine.

I suspect that there are many in our congregation who would like to develop a more active prayer-life but are unsure how to begin. For this reason, we have decided to institute a weekly learners minyon on Sunday mornings. This brief service will assume only the most rudimentary Hebrew reading ability. Its pace will be moderate and assistance provided for those who wish to put on tefillin and are unsure how to do so.

Our first learners minyon will be held on Sunday morning, January 17, from 9:15 to 9:45 am. I urge you to join us for this important new program. Together we can rediscover the spiritual wellspring of prayer which has nurtured and sustained our people for millennia.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
On Tzedakah

Don't worry, I'm not asking you for more money.

This message will arrive after Hanukkah and Thanksgiving. By the time you get this a good deal of this article will be old news.

At Shabbat services in November, I started to ask for volunteers for a new Hospitality committee. This committee would serve several purposes on Shabbat. Volunteers would serve cake and wine. Nancy Danto has agreed to chair this new committee until June of 1993. (Phone # 297-6175)

We are also forming a new in-reach and out-reach program. This program will be headed by a member of the Board of Trustees. In-reach will try to involve more of our congregants in synagogue life. It will also seek input from congregants as to your wants and needs from the synagogue. Out-reach, (most Jews do not belong to synagogues) we would like to reach out and involve them in Jewish life and maybe they will want to become members.

Also, by the time you read this:

1. The 'new' Men's Club will have its third successful meeting.

2. The lunch and learn with the Rabbi will have had its second and perhaps even third session.

3. Adult education classes will be well under way.

4. Ken Salzinger and friends will be organizing a Superbowl pool and the card show.

5. The reorganized couples club will have had several events.

6. The Genesis class with the Rabbi will be inviting old and new participants to join the rabbi on Sundays to study Genesis in depth.

7. You will still have plenty of time to lower your dues by joining the scrip program -- currently being used by 1/3 of the congregation!

Join in, you will like it.

Also, I will have already called many of you, as I am planning to call all the congregants, to ask for participation and help in the many and varied synagogue functions and events (see partial list above.)

I know many of you will say:

a) I'm busy -- don't have the time.

b) I paid my dues (in time) when my kids were small.

c) The kids are small, I don't have the energy.

d) Let someone else do it.

e) I can't make a long term commitment

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President's Message (continued)

You may have other reasons that I haven't thought of. However, if we all chip in, then we will have a true community with warmth and a sense of sharing and togetherness.

Sometimes, we have to do things we would rather not -- or we would rather be doing something else.

I urge all of you to make that special effort to find time and energy to do one thing each year for the community, so that in times of joy or sorrow we join together as a community, united and strong. To celebrate simchas, commiserate when things go awry, and yes, sometimes to mourn.

I would like to conclude with a short story from the Shabbat Shalom sheet of November 20/21. These are available every Shabbat -- they are full of interesting information which Rabbi Warmflash spends a great deal of time putting together. But to the story, which has been slightly altered to fit my message.

Two prospective members approached me about joining B'nai Tikvah. They asked me about the nature of our members. I asked them about their former congregations. The first said that he was very unhappy with his last congregation. The members were cold, unfriendly and would not help their fellow congregants in time of need. I said that we have people like that here.

The second said his membership was warm and caring. The people were involved and help

setup new programs to fill everyone's needs. I answered, we have people like that here - but not enough of them!

-- Jack Mailman

EXCERPTS FROM A PRIVATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE RABBI MYSELF

As President of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, I have made a commitment to attend as many funerals and/or shiva minyons as my schedule permits. Rabbi Warmflash and I carpoled to two shiva minyons that were in distant communities.

The most recent trip was also the six month anniversary of my Presidency. We discussed the many accomplishments as well as the many things left undone. I told the Rabbi that of all the duties as President; I have the most difficulty with funerals and shiva. I have never done well emotionally at these functions and every last one of them tears me apart. I wanted to know how he deals with it on such a constant basis. His answer was "you never get used to it -- you deal with the situation as best you can. Also, Jack, of all the things you do for the congregation, this is the most important. This is when they need you and appreciate your presence the most."

The conversation went on to other mundane temple business.

-- continued

Private Conversation (cont.)

I will continue to do my duty as President and as a caring Jew. I will enjoy those duties that I like and perform those which I find awkward and troubling with the conviction that they are necessary and needed. I urge all of you to look inward and hope you come to the same conclusion when we call upon you for help and assistance.

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Wow, January already -- 1993! We certainly have had a very full year to date. With the fall holidays, "Together" programs, Hei Class, Project Challenge and sociodrama, Chanukah, report cards...

I hope that you all had a very healthy winter recess and are all ready to plunge right back into school and work.

We'd like to say Beruchim Habaim to our Chai School students. classes have been going nicely. January 3 begins our next mini-session. If anyone still wants to enroll, please call me at the Religious

School Office any Monday - Thursday after 3:00 pm.

Upcoming events for January are:

January 10, 1993 --
Hei Class - Project Challenge
January 22 --
Alef Class Naming Ceremony
January 30 --
2nd grade Havdalah Celebration
January 31 --
Gimel Class "Together"

If any day school students are in these particular grades please call me if you would like to participate.

I look forward to a very exciting 1993. I hope to meet many more parents through our family programs.

Shalom,
Vickie Amron
Religious School Principal

HEBREW SCHOOL HONORS

Rabbi's List with Honors

Leigh Winik Bet 2
Ayelet Margolin Bet 2

Rabbi's List

Rebecca Stoloff Alef 1
Jannell Weitz Alef 1
Taryn Bradus Alef 2
David Gurney Alef 2
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Alison Brams Bet 2
Shelly Calem Bet 2
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NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

We are back from vacation and eager to start learning again.

Nursery School registration for the 1993-94 school year will begin soon. Members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah have priority, if registered according to our schedule and are granted a generous tuition discount every month. The nursery accepts children starting at 2 1/2 years of age, as of September 1993. If interested, please call the school at 297-0295 between 9 am and 11:15 am to place your name on our waiting list in order to receive the application on time.

Units on keeping healthy were started this month. A presentation from the dental hygienists from Middlesex County College entertained the children with an interesting presentation on dental care. Next month, a trip for the Pre-K classes is scheduled for a program at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. We have always encouraged the education of our children and parents in matters of safety. During Back-to-School Night, the parents learned the proper technique used in obstructed airways (Heimlich Technique.)

Our warmest thanks to congregant, Suse Rosenstock, who taught the morning Pre-Kindergarten class how to braid and make challah.

OUT-OF-THE-MOUTHS OF BABES:

The teacher was trying to explain that we must never bite each other when Danielle blurted out (through the

pacifier in the mouth) "only sharks bite -- and we stay away from sharks."

The class was preparing for a holiday feast for several days. When Marissa entered the classroom carrying her bookbag, the teacher asked her "Did you bring your appetite?" She looked up at her and then looked into her bookbag!

While playing with playdough, Jordan said he's making Beauty (from Beauty & The Beast) and then said "Jodi, you're Beauty!"

The teacher asked the class where the firefighters get their water. Juliann answered "from the ocean."

Annie said to her teacher very perplexed, "Somebody did something, but I don't know who & I don't know what."

Juliann told her teacher, "I have a little virus for 20 years."

Joan Shames
Nursery School Director

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Upcoming dates for Junior Congregation are January 16 and 30 and February 6 and 20. Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

We still need parental volunteers for January 30, February 20. Please call Barry Safer (422-8543) if you are able to volunteer.

-- continued

Jr. Congregation (cont.)

Upcoming notable dates include January 16 when Gimel I will lead services and January 30 when Gimel II will lead services. Also, Bet I will lead services on February 6. Additionally, on February 20, we will be holding a special luncheon to honor all Gimel and Daled students. All children who attend Junior Congregation that day are invited to stay for lunch. We need Gimel and Daled parent volunteers to help us with this lunch (again, please call Barry if you can help.)

All parents are reminded to send \$3 with your children to Hebrew School to cover the costs of all our special kiddishes. Thank you to those who have already done so.

USY

USY has had a lot of great activities in the past month, and some fun events planned in the upcoming months. On November 2 there was a waffles, wet paint and whipped cream night. The USYers finger painted and made waffle sundaes. On November 19 there was human bingo and the USYers played a type of bingo using their own characteristics. On December 7, USY held a lesson in self defense given by an instructor from Taekwondo Plus. The USY shul-in is planned for the weekend of January 22-24. The Saturday night activities at the shul-in will be ice skating and a late movie back at the Synagogue. look for

more USY activities in the upcoming HaKols, and don't forget to purchase your Super Bowl Bagels!

-- Hilary Tinkel (545-1135)

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

We wish to thank Renee Mory for the Turkish Cuisine luncheon on November 22 and Cantor Dov Goldberg. We all learned about the "History and Origin of Prayer."

On Tuesday, January 26th at 1:00 pm New Jersey Bell will present a slide presentation "Discovering the White House." This is a new presentation.

We are accepting reservations for the Forum Theatre and George Street Playhouse. Don't wait for the last minute to make your reservation for these two shows. Do it now.

Dorothy Fertig wishes to thank those who brought in their old jewelry for the Aids Project. She was able to take it to California in November. Continue to bring your old cast-off items to the meeting. Continue to knit and crochet for DYS and St. Peter's Hospital. Call me if you need yarn. Last but not least, call in for your scrip orders. The temple needs our continued support. So, mark your calendar and come and enjoy our meeting. Call Ann Cherson at 297-3575 for information.

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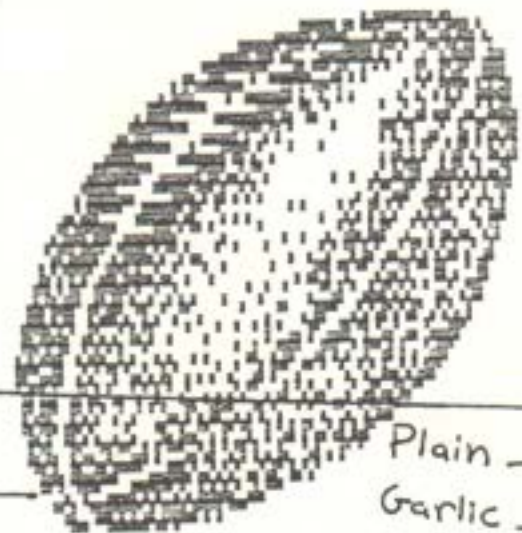
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We held a planning meeting in October and Phyllis Safeer was "elected" to coordinate this year's events.

In November the Ross' hosted a Game Night. Ten couples attended and had a lot of fun playing games and enjoying desserts. Our December event was a Hanukkah party at the Binder's. The couples enjoyed a grab bag, traditional latkes and various desserts. Thanks to the Ross' and Binder's for opening their homes.

The next event is Israeli Dancing on January 30th. The entire congregation is invited to this event. Join us for an evening of horas, fun and socializing. For more information, please call Phyllis Safeer (before 9pm) at 422-8543.

THIRTY-SOMETHING CLUB FORMING

Hello out there in B'nai Tikvah 30's country! If you're in your thirties and single (never married, divorced, single parent) and are looking for a way to add spice, variety and new friends to your life, "Let's get together!"

The B'nai Tikvah "Thirty-Something" Club is now being formed and we're looking forward to meeting you. For more information, please call Sharon at 297-7381 or the Synagogue Office.

THE SOLOMON SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL Open House

The Solomon Schechter Day School of the Raritan Valley will be holding its second Open House on Thursday January 14 at 9:30 am. If you are interested in sending your children to Solomon Schechter feel free to attend. If you have any questions, the Director of the school is Deborah Miller and their phone number is (201) 238-7971.

TINKEL -- BOND HONOREE

Gary Tinkel will be the honoree at this year's Israel Bond breakfast. Here is our opportunity to show our appreciation for a many who has done so much and given unstintingly of himself for the benefit of Congregation B'nai Tikvah and for the community. The breakfast will take place on Sunday morning, February 7, 1993. Mark your calendar and be there!

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Saturday	2	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
Tuesday	5	7:30 pm	Kadima/Youth Lounge
Friday	8	4:28 pm 8:00 pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting Shabbat Services
Saturday	9	9:30 am	Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Seth Dvorin
		12:30 pm	Lunch & Learn
Sunday	10	11 am - 3 pm	Annual Blood Drive in School Library
Friday	15	4:35 pm 8:00 pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting Shabbat Services
Saturday	16	9:30 am	Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Glenn Kessler
		10:15 am - 12:15 pm	Junior Congregation
Sunday	17	9:15 am - 9:45 am	Sunday learners minyon all welcome
		am	Men's Club Meeting/Kiddush Room
Wednesday	20	7:30 pm	Kadima/Youth Lounge
Friday	22	4:00 pm	USY Shul-in Weekend begins
		4:44 pm 8:00 pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting Shabbat Services
Saturday	23	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
Tuesday	26	1 pm - 3 pm	Fifty Plus/School Library
Friday	29	4:52 pm 8:00 pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting Shabbat Services
Saturday	30	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
		10:15 am - 12:15 pm	Junior Congregation
		pm	Couples Club Israeli Dancing

THE PERFECT RABBI

contributor anonymous

The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect Rabbi preaches exactly fifteen minutes. He condemns sins but never upsets anyone.

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THE JEWISH TRAVELER

It is Friday evening, October 16, 1992, and Mili and I are on a tour in Europe. We have just checked into a hotel located on the rock that is Gibraltar. As we have done at other times when we are traveling, we thought it would be great to find a Synagogue and attend Friday evening services. Quickly, we changed and ran down to the hotel desk to ask the clerk if there was a shul nearby. He said there was, and drew us a crude map.

The streets of Gibraltar are very narrow and crooked, and we were lost in the maze almost immediately. I stopped a man wearing a black hat and a beard, and asked if he knew where to find the synagogue. As it happened, we were not far from it, and he gave us directions. (We found out later that we had by happenstance stopped the right man -- he was the Chief Rabbi of Gibraltar.) By the time we did reach our destination, services were over, but it being Succoth, everyone was in the brightly lit and cheerfully decorated succah, which was located in the courtyard.

As soon as we entered, we were recognized as strangers, and literally besieged with offers of wine, whiskey, and delectable foods. We said the blessings with the congregation, and partook. People were very cordial and asked when we had arrived and where we were staying, etc. One man took particular interest in us and asked if we had eaten dinner. I replied we had eaten a late lunch, thank you. From the way I was

helping myself to the refreshments, I suppose he could see that we had not eaten, and he asked us to come home with him for dinner. I thanked him whole heartedly, but declined. He again extended the invitation and I again declined and sensed it was time to leave. But when I turned around to get Mili, she was talking with another gentleman, who also asked us to his home for Shabbat eve dinner.

By this time, it was evident that these people were not just being polite, and were indeed offering us the hand of ancient Jewish hospitality. Having refused the offer of the first man, it would have been rude to accept the invitation of the second. When I made my feelings known, the second man said, "Fine, so you can come to us for lunch tomorrow!" (As it turned out, we did not have lunch with him because of the tour schedule, but we cannot ever forget the warmth and sincerity of the invitation.)

As we accompanied our host towards his home, however, we had misgivings as we envisioned his wife giving him frosty stares while she scurried around trying to put together a meal for the extra visitors. This was not eased when he told us as we approached the doorway of his home that we were not going to his home but to that of his father-in-law, but not to worry, we would be welcome. I must admit by then we had serious second thoughts about the whole thing, but it seemed too late to back out.

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We need not have been concerned.

The extended family lived in separate apartments over the street level stores and the in-laws' apartment was one story up over our host's haberdashery. Entering their home was like going into another world. There no expressions of surprise, only "Shabbat Shalom. Have a seat. When did you get here? Where are you staying? How long will you be here?"

The grace and warmth of the welcome were almost unreal -- as though we were expected guests. After a few minutes, while a decision was being made as to whether the misty evening made eating in their succah untenable, we were called to a huge carved table set with fine old silver. The food was not what we are used to eating traditionally. There was fried fish, an exotic eggplant dish, egg salad, vegetable dishes, and delectable roasted peppers; literally over a dozen dishes, all passed around. The plates were later removed by two Spanish speaking maids. We were seated to the right of the father-in-law, and stood up for the kiddush, recited by all of us. Wine was blessed in the largest silver kiddush cup we have ever seen. It held almost an entire bottle of wine, and when the blessing was finished, the wine was poured into individual cups for all of us at the table.

As we passed around the bowls of foods and pieces of the two home-baked challahs, we glanced around and saw we were in the presence of great wealth. "Old

money" as it is said. The father-in-law, a gentleman close to 80, ran an import-export business. His family had come from Morocco generations earlier, in the 1700's and has lived in Gibraltar ever since. At no time were we made to feel that we were the beneficiaries of their largesse. This was a loving, close family, happy for the chance to share Shabbat with fellow Jews away from home. They expressed regrets that there were only eight of us that evening at the table, since they usually had 12 or 15. However, several were away at a family wedding in Israel. The table we sat at, they told us, opened up to seat 35 at Passover and other occasions. It must be quite an occasion!

There were two young men with us that evening, sons of the man who had brought us home. The younger one, a handsome youth about 19, was so religious that he would not shake hands with Mili, but both boys were polite and friendly. After dinner, followed by the recital of the traditional grace after meals in sephardic accents and melodies we had great trouble following, both sons walked us back to our hotel. They were so interested in our lives in the United States, and the differences in our religious (Conservative) lives, that they stood in the street and talked for almost an hour.

We were told that Gibraltar has four congregations, all Orthodox, and two synagogues. We were not there long enough to develop more information as to why this is so, but we

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did note that on Saturday, which is a big shopping day on duty-free Gibraltar, when multitudes of Spaniards come to shop, the Jewish owned stores are closed in Shabbat Observance.

Over the centuries, a Jew always knew that if he could find a synagogue before nightfall on Friday evening, he would be assured of a meal and a place to sleep. Even the poorest Jewish community would provide this mitzvah for one away from home. Reading about this ancient custom may be romantic and mentally stimulating, but it does not hold a candle to the real experience.

To be Jewish is to be part of a fraternity that is world wide. Pesach in Mexico City, Friday night in London, Shabbat in Jerusalem, Chanukah in Eilat, a lay service on a cruise ship. The languages and the accents vary, but the smiles and greetings are universal, and you know you belong.

-- Aaron & Mili Rosloff

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To pray is to take notice of the wonder, to regain a sense of the mystery that animates all beings, the divine margin in all attainments. Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living.

-- Rabbi Abraham Heschel

18 Tevet, corresponding this year to January 11th, the *yahrzeit* of Rabbi Abraham Heschel, one of the Conservative Movement's greatest scholars, is observed.

Abraham Joshua Heschel was born in Warsaw, Poland on January 11, 1907. He was a descendant of an illustrious line of Chasidic Rabbis, including Rabbi Dov Ber of Mezeritch, successor to the Baal Shem, the founder of the Chasidic Movement and, Rabbi Levi Itzhak of Berdichev amongst others. In his early years he was familiar with the Bible, had obtained a workable acquaintanceship with the Talmud, and had some competence in the Kabbalah.

At the age of twenty, Heschel enrolled at the University of Berlin and the Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums, the great Rabbinical seminary of Germany. His study of the Hebrew Prophets, *Die Prophetie*, which had earned him a PhD degree at the University of Berlin, was published in 1936. It was subsequently printed in English (*The Prophets*, Volumes I & II) in 1962.

He emigrated to England and then to the United States in 1940. He had been invited to

teach at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was Associate Professor of Philosophy and Rabbinics until 1945. From 1945 until his death in 1972, he taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City, as Professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism. He became one of the most important theologians in the United States, where his original studies were recognized both by Jewish and Christian scholars.

Heschel did not remain in the ivory tower. He took an active part in the civil rights movement. He walked with Martin Luther King. He was a major contributor to the Christian-Jewish dialogue, commencing with the preparation of Vatican Council II. In 1965 Heschel denounced the war in Vietnam as a "moral outrage." He was a co-founder of "Clergy & Layman Concerned about Vietnam."

He died on the Sabbath eve, December 3, 1972. He will be remembered as a compassionate soul, whose words and deeds made our world a better place in which to live and love. His life was a catalyst for good. His actions were a spiritual vitamin. His ideas were Torah for our time.

Heschel speaks for himself in his publications. My (the author's) comments describe many of his considerations. Yet, one more thought or two will help the reader to understand him better. Heschel possessed both a moral and humane stance. He was rooted in the soil of a rich Judaism

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Rabbi Heschel (cont.)



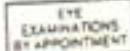

fed by streams of thought from ancient as well as modern sources. He lifted his eyes and his heart always toward the God of all human beings. The Divine was his foothold and inspiration, his spiritual nourishment and purpose. He was in search of God all his life. I am sure that he had been sought by God as well. He was not alone. His was the security of the Divine. His faith and fortitude came from God. May we who have read his words, be inspired to do as he did -- our eyes raised unto the hills from whence our help comes, and our arms reaching out toward humanity with love and respect, sensing the preciousness of all God's children.

from: Leap of Action, Ideas in the Theology of Abraham Joshua Heschel by Morton C. Fierman, University Press of America.

Some other works by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel include: The Earth is the Lord's: The Inner Life of the Jew in East Europe; Man Is Not Alone: A Philosophy of Religion; The Sabbath: Its Meaning for Modern Man; God In Search of Man; The Insecurity of Freedom; A Passion for Truth and Man's Quest for God.

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Finkelstein Institute tackles decline of nation's cities

Great urban centers have historically been confronted by poverty, crime, and social and ethnic polarization, but never at the escalating rate seen today. To explore ways in which clergy of all faiths can help turn the tide toward renewal, The Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies will begin a 7-part program in November. The institute is a part of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

"Our City and Our Future," as the program is called, will open on Tuesday, Nov. 17, with New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins and Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, the Seminary chancellor, discussing ways of "building the mosaic in an age of ethnicity."

Among the other topics to be explored in the series: the future of urban public school systems; providing better health care; the many crises facing the urban family; building adequate and affordable housing; reviving the urban economy; and the role of the clergy in reviving our cities.

Participants will include the borough president of Manhattan, Ruth Messinger. Among the moderators are the presidents of New York Theological Seminary, Fordham University, Auburn Theological Seminary, General Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary.

Ford Foundation head is 1992 medal recipient

Franklin A. Thomas is this year's recipient of the Louis Marshall Medal from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Thomas, president of the Ford Foundation, will receive the prestigious award at a dinner on Monday, Nov. 30, at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan.

Said Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, the Seminary's chancellor: "The Louis Marshall Medal is reserved for people who, like Louis Marshall of blessed memory, make a positive difference in this world. Franklin Thomas makes a positive difference."

Thomas has headed the Ford Foundation since 1979.

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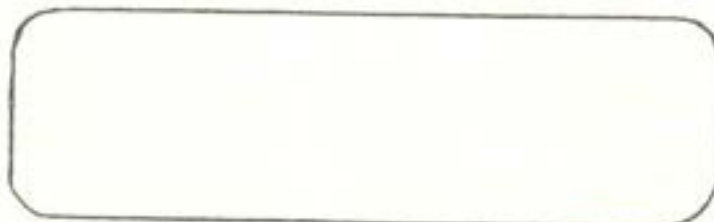
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