**WELCOME**

This Shabbat we welcome Rabbi Aryeh Malkiel Dodelson as our guest rabbi while Rabbi Strulowitz is speaking as the scholar-in-residence at the Hamptons Synagogue.

Rabbi Dodelson is the Rabbi and Rosh Kollel at Khal Netzach Yehoshua in Lakewood. He also serves as a senior advisor to the Israeli Rabbinate on matters pertaining to Agunot. He has authored several books including Marot Haadam on the laws of Agunot. His eclectic experiences have taken him from leading Passover Seders in Israel for unaffiliated Israelis to speaking at an impromptu “Jews for Mardi Gras” event in New Orleans. Rabbi Dodelson lives in Lakewood with his wife Ahuva and their son Naftali.

**CELEBRATIONS**

WSIS wishes Mazel Tovs to:

- Ilisa & Elliott Klapper on the birth of a baby girl
- Ortal & David Finkelstein on the birth of a baby girl
- Josh Abel & Elka Brandt on their upcoming marriage
- Isaac Benishai & Amanda Markovitch on their upcoming marriage

**SHABBAT SCHEDULE**

**Friday Night, July 19**
- 8:06pm - Candlelighting
- 7:30pm - Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

**Shabbat Day, July 20**
- 8:30am - Daf Yomi
- 9:00am - Shacharit
- 10:45am - Sermon with Rabbi Dodelson: “Two Mezuzahs and Embracing Self Doubt”

Light Kiddush in the shul lobby following davening
- 7:10pm - Pre-Mincha Shiur: "The Lasting Legacy of September 11th in Agunah Cases"
- 7:55pm - Mincha
- 8:15pm - Seudah Shlishit
- 9:05pm - Ma’ariv
- 9:11pm - Shabbat ends

**KIDDUSS**

This week there will be a light kiddush in the shul lobby.

**Upcoming Kiddush Sponsorships**
- August 3: Sponsorships Available
- August 10: Ortal & David Finkelstein + sponsorships available

**DAILY MINYAN TIMES**

**Shacharit**
- Sunday - 8:30am
- Monday & Thursday - 7:10am
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:20am

**Mincha/Ma’ariv**
- Daily - 8:05pm

**SECURITY**

Thank you to our WSIS members who volunteered to provide security this week. We take our security very seriously, and we need additional volunteers to help protect our WSIS family on Shabbos and holidays. Please do your part as security is a joint responsibility of the entire congregation. Speak to any volunteer or email security@wsisny.org for more information.

The Community Security Service trains and advises our security team of volunteers.

Come for the davening, stay for the Daf!

Led by our Rabbi and a few of our outstanding members, the WSIS Daf Yomi group meets every weekday after shacharit, and before shacharit on Shabbat and Sundays.
This past Shabbos I started my new series on halachic decisions that changed Jewish history. The class was about an intense topic, the possibility of an abortion when it has been discovered in-utero that the fetus has the Tay-Sachs disease. I was very happy with how the class went, but at Seudat Shelishit someone approached me with an important insight. I asked him how he enjoyed the class (I'm not above fishing for compliments), and he said to me that he was actually a little surprised. Surprised how? He had expected to hear that everything was prohibited and that there was no room for leniency. He was amazed to find out the nuanced and delicate way that Poskim handle such an emotionally fraught issue. He said, "Rabbi, I never understood how compassionate Halacha is. I never realized how much I'd mistaken Christian thought for Jewish thought." Something hit me. You don’t often hear Halacha described as compassionate. You’ll hear people call it restrictive or meaningful, but not compassionate.

Yet it is a very appropriate description. To read a Teshuva from a Posek is to feel what they felt as they struggle with the complexity of the issue. Even if the answer is "Assur", it typically is coupled with a thorough analysis of the issue that explores the possibility of being lenient. It is such a heartfelt and beautiful experience that needs to be fully explored to be appreciated. I look forward to continuing on this exploration together in the coming weeks.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Strulowitz