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Sukkot Shabbat Chol Hamoed • October 18th-19th 2019 • 20 Tishrei 5780
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, October 20-22, 2019

Mount Sinai Eruv - Up YU Eruv - Up
Please note that the Eruv does not extend to Fort Tryon Park or Gorman Park.
The eruv extends until where Broadway meets Bennett.

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W: 9:00am-3:00pm
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Office staff may be available by phone or email during non-visiting hours. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

*Deadline for kesher submissions is Thursday at noon.

Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting	5:53 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	5:58 pm
Shacharit	9:00 am
Zman Kri'at Shema	9:56 am
Youth Groups-Free Play	9:45 am
Minyan Katan	10:15 am
Tot Shabbat	10:20 am
Early Mincha	3:00 pm
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit	5:35 pm
Shkiah	6:10 pm
Maariv/Havdalah	6:57 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 20 21 Tishrei Hoshana Rabah	October 21 22 Tishrei Shemini Atzeret	October 22 23 Tishrei Simchat Torah	October 23 24 Tishrei	October 24 25 Tishrei	October 25 26 Tishrei
Shacharit 7:00,8:00,9:00a	Shacharit 7:00,9:00a	Shacharit 6:50,8:30a	Shacharit 7:00,7:30,8:00a	Shacharit 6:45,7:20,8:00a	Shacharit 7:00,7:30,8:00a
Candle Lighting 5:50p	Yizkor 10:30a	Mincha 5:45p	Mincha/Maariv 5:50p	Mincha/Maariv 5:50p	Candle Lighting 5:43p
Mincha 5:55p	Mincha 5:45p	Maariv/Havdalah 6:52p			Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:48p
Maariv 6:35p	Maariv 6:30p				
	Candle Lighting 6:54 p				

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- Washington Heights Congregation/The Bridge Shul as part of their ongoing support of the community eruv.

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- Arona, Hodayah, & Hillely, celebrating Moshe's birthday bein ha-z' manim.

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- Danny Ambalu, Rena Blechner, Joshua Dobkin, Evan Finkelstein, Yosef Rabinowitz, Adam Ramos, Ilana Schiff, Aharon Schrieber, Zach Schrieber, and Ephraim Tropp.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

- Aharon Schrieber

HAKARAT HATOV

- Yosef Rabinowitz for checking the eruv before Shabbat

SUKKOT FIRST DAYS

- Thank you Shuli Berger, Freda Birnbaum, and Ilana Cowen for setting up kiddush in the sukkah over the first days of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT BEIT HASHOEVA THANK YOUS

- Thank you to the event organizers Benji Dessau, Anat Jacobson, Sophie Ostrow, Ilana Safier, and Rebecca Silver.
- Thank you to our event volunteers Joanna Kozlovsky, Moty Niremberg, Naftali Polachek, Noam Safier, Ari Senderowicz, Sarah Steinhardt, and Pinny Wasser.
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- Thank you to our event sponsors Yitzi Diskind, Eric Heine, Yaakov Saks, and Henry Rieser.

SHUL RESOURCES

MEALS FOR MOMS

Having a baby? Meals for Moms at Mount Sinai would love to organize meals for you. If you would like to volunteer to cook for a family or would like to sign up to receive meals, please email Sura at surarozenberg@gmail.com.

FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

We have updated our first aid equipment and now have larger first aid bags with more supplies. Feel free to use the supplies, but please send an email to the office or to security@mtsinaishul.com so that we know to restock.

GET INVOLVED

SECURITY COMMITTEE

The security committee manages the safety, security, and emergency preparedness of the shul. We are looking for individuals to volunteer on a rotation to create a security team and make our shul a safer place for our community members. To join this committee, email security@mtsinaishul.com.

KIDDUSH COMMITTEE

We are looking for volunteers to help set up our weekly kiddush for the main minyan. Please email the office at office@mtsinaishul.com to volunteer.

LEINING ROTATION

We are currently looking for volunteers to join the leining rotation at the 9:00 AM shabbat shacharit minyan. If you are interested, email Aharon Plumer at leining@mtsinaishul.com

ERUV COMMITTEE

Do you want to enjoy a scenic tour of the neighborhood while also helping the community? Volunteer to check the eruv once every 1-2 months! Contact eruv@mtsinaishul.com for more information.

THIS SHABBAT

SUKKAH SPACE RESERVATION

If you have signed up for Sukkah space, please sit at your assigned table to assure space for all those who registered.

HOLOCAUST LIBRARY HOURS

The Spier Family Holocaust Memorial Library is open every Shabbat afternoon beginning 1 1/2 hours before Mincha.

SEUDAT SHLISHIT

Seudat Shlishit will take place in the sukkah.

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 20th

- Candle Lighting 5:50 pm
- Mincha 5:55 pm
- D'var Torah by Rabbi Taubes
- Maariv 6:35 pm
- Shemini Atzeret dinner following Maariv for those who registered
- Shemini Atzeret Candy Oneg- open to all 9:30pm

Monday, October 21st / Shmini Atzeret

- Shacharit 7:00, 9:00 am
- Yizkor approx. 10:30 am
- Afternoon Shiurim in the main sanctuary at 4:00 and 4:50. Hannah Golden will be speaking on the topic of, "Simchas Torah Auctions: Ill Gotten Gains?" at 4:00pm. Avi Lasdun will be speaking on the topic of, "Should City Folks Become Shepherds? Taking Our Cues from Great Biblical Shepherds" at 5:45pm.
- Mincha & Simchat Torah Auction 5:45 pm
- Maariv 6:30 pm
- Candle Lighting after 6:54 pm
- Women's Led Hakafot located in the TTC

Tuesday, October 22nd / Simchat Torah Day

- Shacharit 6:50, 8:30 am
- Children's dancing at 9:45am (main minyan)
- Women's Tisch during leining stations at approx. 11am in the back of the TTC. Speakers include Ahuva Blass, Yael Blau, Reena Cohen, Kira Joel, and Rebbitzin Racheli Taubes.
- Afternoon Shiur by Dina Kritz on the topic of, "Chazak v'Ematz; The Transition of Leadership from Moshe to Yehoshua."
- Mincha 5:45 pm
- D'var Torah by Rabbi Taubes
- Maariv/Havdalah 6:52 pm

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking to learn b'chavruta but are having trouble finding a learning partner? Sign-up on our website and we will pair you with someone who has a similar learning interest and time availability. <https://www.mtsinaishul.com/form/chavrusa-match-up>

WEEKLY SHIURIM

education@mtsinaishul.com

Daily

Daf Yomi Chaburah. For times/locations, please contact Davida at davida.kollmar@gmail.com

Weekly Learning

Weekly learning will resume October 28th. Please refer to the Shemini Azeret/Simchat Torah Schedule for learning times.

WEEKLY SPORTS

Men's Basketball

Mondays and Wednesdays
8:00 PM—10:00 PM

Women's Basketball

Tuesdays
9:00 PM—10:00 PM
mountsinaibasketball@gmail.com

Ultimate Frisbee

Interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee? Email frisbee@mtsinaishul.com to sign up and for more details. Frisbee takes place on Sundays.

TORAH TIDBITS

Parshas V'zos HaBrachah

In Moshe Rabbeinu's final moments, he blesses each tribe of Israel. But there is one name that does not appear. Usually, when listing the twelve tribes, either Ephraim and Menashe are combined into one, the tribe of Yosef, or else the tribe of Levi is omitted. This time is different. Instead, Shimon is left out of the count. The Ramban offers an explanation that since Moshe wanted to bless Levi, Ephraim, and Menashe individually, he instead chose to leave out Shimon's tribe which was small and would be scattered throughout the southern region of Eretz Yisrael. Another interpretation is because his tribe had recently sinned at Baal Peor (Ibn Ezra).

But if one looks a bit closer at the psukim, one will notice that Shimon, while not given an outright blessing, is hinted to in the bracha for Yehudah. The bracha for Yehudah is as follows: "Listen (Shema), Hashem, the voice of Yehudah and bring him to his people, may his hands strive for him, and You will help him against his enemies" (Deut. 33:7). Why is Shimon hinted to in this way? These last several weeks have been focused on teshuvah, literally returning, coming close to Hashem once more. We built sukkahs, reminders of the Ananei HaKavod that enveloped and protected us in the wilderness.

Shimon, the tribe that remains hidden due to his sins, is hinted to in the request for Hashem to hear Yehudah, whose King David said, "Hashem, save us! The King will answer us on the day we call" (Tehillim 20:10). What is the significance of Hashem answering us immediately on the day we call? If someone calls out to another, the reason the other person can hear and respond is because they are both in close proximity. Therefore, it is apropos that during the time period that we celebrate our closeness to Hashem, both physically and spiritually, that we call out to Hashem and hope for a reply. Even for those still hidden due to their sins, like Shimon, and like Adam and Chava in Gan Eden who hid from Hashem in shame (Gen. 3:8), there is still an opportunity, still a chance for Hashem in His Mercy to answer when they call. Because even when we cannot see Hashem's Face, Hashem granted us the gift of His Name (Ex. 33:19) when Moshe stood on Mt. Sinai and begged for forgiveness on behalf of the nation. And the Name Hashem told us, the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy, will always be effective since Hashem's mercy is infinite (see Rashi).

May each of us, even if we are not always perfect in our service, in the merit of our desire to be close to G-d, always be privileged that Hashem answer us on the day we call.

This weeks Torah Tidbit is written by Chana Lapidus. If you would like to submit a thought for Torah Tidbits, please reach out to Jason at jasonbotvin@gmail.com.

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Mindel Fayga bat Perel Bebbel, Noah Rafael ben Sara, Ahron Meir ben Kayla, Alumah Minna bat Tadmor Rachel, Sarah bat Rachel, Ariel Moshe ben Avital, Bunna Reva bat Menucha, Hershel ben Esther, Etel Malka bat Chaya Guta, Shoshana Malka bat Chaya Zelda, Aviva bat Esther, Avraham ben Malka, Michael Yitzchak ben Feiga, Kaleb bat Sara, Esther bat Elsa, Sarah bat Eliya, Leora Chana bat Shulamit Nechama, Chaya Malka bat Perel, Binyamin ben Devorah, Shoshana bat Ella, Batsheva Rivka bat Chana Fayga

BRIDGE SHUL SHABBAT TIMES

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Shacharit	8:40 am
Mincha	5:30 pm
Maariv	6:51 pm