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Sept 20-21, 2019 **Alan Samuels**

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

6:39pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

6:45pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen

Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by

Rabbi Shaul Robinson.

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur on the third floor given by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow.

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by Musaf.

9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201

9:44am Latest Shema

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer

Beit Midrash

10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12

11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. (New volunteers needed and welcome)

4:40pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the

Belfer Beit Midrash

5:25pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim

Buchwald in Rm 211

5:25pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbi Josh

Rosenfeld on "The Surprising History and Torah of Egyptian Jewry." Sponsored by Susan and Edmond Haddad in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Edmond's father, Jack Haddad. Yacov ben Shaul z"l.

6:25pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Rav Naftali Kandler will be speaking on "There are 4 Tribes in Israel and the Religious Zionist Tribe Itself is Divided into 4. Where Did We Go Wrong?"

7:38pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Motzei Shabbat

10:30pm Leil Selichot Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

12:55am Leil Selichot Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

MAZAL TOV

Judi and Alan Eisenman on the birth of a girl, Lielle Hannah (Lielle Chana) born to their children Liz and Marc Guttman of Kew Garden Hills. Mazal Tov to big sister Maayan. And on the birth of a boy, Caleb Max (Yitzchak Mordechai) born to their children Kara and Avram Zamist of Teaneck. Mazal Tov to siblings Jacob and Bailey.

Elana and Jamie Nussbaum on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Charlie. Mazel Toy to brothers Jake and Max, sister Kara and the entire extended Nussbaum, Angel, Verschleiser, Shuchalter, and Hammelburger families.

fifteen minutes for one week, the rotation would come up only once in a few months.

THIS SHABBAT

Shabbat Afternoon

6:25pm: Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Rav Naftali Kandler will be speaking on "There are 4 Tribes in Israel and the Religious Zionist Tribe Itself is Divided into 4. Where Did We Go Wrong?"

Rav Naftali Kandler is the Director of Institutional Advancement at Yeshiyot and Ulpanot of Bnei Akiya in Israel. Naftali is an educational entrepreneur at heart, he is the founder of several educational institutions, such as the first Pre-Military Mechina for youth in the Israel periphery, Orot Chessed – the national Chessed organization of the



Garinim Toraniyim (Intentional-Torah communities around the country), "Ma'agalim" - empowering youth in the periphery to make productive choices during their last two years of high school as they consider army and higher education and more. Until recently, Naftali served as the Executive Director of Yeshivat Ohr Etzion (the Hesder Yeshiva under the leadership of Rav Chaim Druckman's Yeshiva) and the Mechinah of Or M'Ophir – a leadership program for Ethiopians. Naftali also founded the largest national conversion program in Israel named AMI, with more than 2,000 students annually, and in his spare time can be found volunteering and teaching there. He served for ten years as the ray of a Moroccan shul in Kiryat Malachi. He spent two years as a teenager living in London. Naftali holds a MBA and a B.A in Education. He lives with his wife and seven children in Yad Binyamin.

Motzei Shabbat

10:30pm: Leil Selichot

Join Chazzan Yanky Lemmer accompanied by Grammy Award winning trumpeter Frank London on harmonium and trumpet. Opening remarks by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Following services, join us for a special guest speaker: Marian Stolz-Loike PHD, Vice President and Dean of the Lander College for Women—The Anna Ruth & Mark Hasten School on "The Timeless Power of Teshuva."

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

12:55am: Leil Selichot

Late Selichot will be led by Ruvan Cohen. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

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Hashkama Kiddush: Elana and Jamie Nussbaum in honor of their son Charlie's Bar Mitzvah.

Main Kiddush: Elana and Jamie Nussbaum in honor of their son Charlie's Bar Mitzvah.

Beginners Kiddush: Golda Hudes on the occasion of the yahrtzeit of her sister, Simcha bat Aaron Yohanan Chaim ben Menashe a"h.

Seudah Shlishit: Elana and Jamie Nussbaum in honor of their son Charlie's Bar Mitzvah.

HAKARAT HATOV

Jeffrey Neuman for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

HOSPITALITY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A message from Judith Weil, for the Hospitality Committee E: hospitality@lss.org

At the annual dinner last June, some of you volunteered to assist the LSS Hospitality Committee. If you volunteered to host, you may not realize that we need volunteers to link up prospective hosts and guests. The matches are all done via email, by volunteers who take a weekly shift monitoring the committee's gmail account for requests and then sending those emails you likely have been receiving. We urgently need volunteers to take a week and even more urgently need one to three volunteers to coordinate the weekly volunteer rotations and backstop those volunteers if problems arise. For the past year, this was handled seamlessly by Enid Moskowitz and Sandy Kilstein. They will be hard to replace, but, it should not be impossible. By next week, the coordinating position will be empty, no volunteers will be scheduled and visitors to our site will not receive a response to their requests for RH and Shabbat meals. The tasks are not difficult; access to the internet and minimal familiarity with Gmail and Google docs are all that are required for the coordinators. Weekly volunteers will need internet access, but can be instructed as to how our site works. A volunteer who could take on that liaison role would also be a help, but we've managed so far. Just as we can't manage without hosts, we can't manage without the coordinators who enable our hosts to welcome their guests. Please step up-- with enough volunteers to put in ten to

Without new volunteers, and most critically, new coordinators, LSS will no longer be responding to requests through our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 22:

- Youth Department Presents Shofar Factory with Mendel & Chabad Mitzvah Tank: 10:00am To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/shofarfactory2019.
- Magen Teen Avraham Department Presents Dorot Chesed with Ariella: Rosh Hashanah Food Deliveries: 10:00am
- Stop the Rising Anti-Semitism in NYC: 12:00pm
 *Please note this is an offsite event

Join the rally to protest the rising anti-Semitism in New York City. Speakers include Mort Klein, president of the ZOA, Dov Hikind, and more. Sponsored by WoMen Fight AntiSemitism, Americans Against AntiSemitism, ZOA, Yad Yamin, Stop Anti-Semitism.org and more. Location: City Hall Park (cross streets: Broadway and Chambers St)

Tuesday, September 24: High Holiday Masterclass: 8:00pm *Please note this is an offsite event

Cantor Chaim Dovid Berson, Cantor Zevi Muller, and Cantor Yanky Lemmer will be coming together for a class to discuss prayers and music of the High Holidays as well as a mini-concert presenting the melodies. This event is free and open to the public. *In loving memory of Cantor Sherwood Goffin, "The Chaz" z"l.* Location: West Side Institutional Synagogue, 120 W 76th St, NY, NY 10023.

Thursday, September 26: Challah and Cake Sale: 6:00pm To preorder, please email <u>pastry@susez.com</u> Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer

Saturday, October 5: Beginners Luncheon: 12:00pm
Cost: \$25. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners
Deadline: Thursday, October 3.

Monday, October 7: Beginners Schmooze: 8:15pm

Free and open to all. Refreshments will be served. Call 212-874-6100 to confirm.

Tuesday, October 29: Concerts in Motion: 5:00pm

Join LSS and Concerts in Motion as we bring a private concert experience to you, right in the comfort of your own synagogue. CIM is a New York City-based not-for-profit that brings personal live concerts to people who are experiencing physical frailty, to veterans, or to those who simply find going to concerts in a crowded concert hall too overwhelming. Free and open to all. However, to help us anticipate attendance, please register at www.lss.org/event/

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

*(Resumes after High Holidays) Sunday Morning Responsa

Monday:

- Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein 7:00pm-8:15pm. In this class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) to Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. This year, we will have a special focus on Israeli poetry. <u>Location</u>: Rm 207
- Jewish Living Workshop: 7:30pm-8:30pm. This will be the second of nine classes. Sign up for "hands on" Jewish living experience. We learn by doing. Topic: Tisha B'Av and Yom Kippur Email: jlworkshop@yahoo.com Location: Rm 208/210

Tuesday:

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am—11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer: 7:45pm-8:30pm. <u>Location:</u> Rm 211

Wednesday:

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II
 6:30pm-8:00pm. This is the fourth of five classes.
 Locations: LL201 & 211
- Teshuva Program: Elul: Days of Awe—Days of Love with Rabbi Shaul Robinson. 7:30pm-8:30pm Topic: Who Will Love and Who Will Die?: Rambam and Rav Kook on what really gets decided on Rosh Hashanah.

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. <u>Last Week's Topic:</u> Adjusting to Change: Rm LL201.
- *(Resumes after Sukkot) The Jacob Adler Parsha Class

SUKKOT 2019

Thursday, October 10:

- Lulav and Etrog Sale: 7:00pm
 Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer
- Beginners Sukkot Shopping: 7:00pm
 Meet us to buy lulavim and etrogim at rock-bottom prices!
 Location: 135 Henry St, New York, NY 10002

Sukkot Meals (Reservation Deadline: Thursday, October 3) This year we welcome PETAK'S CATERING

To take part in mitzvah of Layshave Ba'sukkah (dwelling in the Sukkah), we would like to invite all of our members and friends to utilize the Stone Family Sukkah on the Spira Terrace.

In order to reserve a spot for eating any of the Yom Tov meals during the first days of Sukkot and Shabbat Chol Hamoed, a reservation must be made in advance using the online form.

However, during the rest of Chol Hamoed and the last days of the Yom Tov, a reservation is not necessary to eat a meal in the Sukkah. Please feel free to use our Sukkah for eating, learning, relaxing, and general dwelling. We do not allow sleeping overnight in the our sukkah. We appreciate all donations made to defray the considerable cost of building and maintaining the Sukkah.

To register for Sukkot meals, please visit www.lss.org/form/sukkotmeals

CHESED: PIKUACH NEFESH

Looking for Bone Marrow or Stem Cell Donor

10 year old Elan Shademan, Elan Chaim ben Yael is battling a severe, rare blood disorder that threatens his life. We urgently need your help to find his lifesaving marrow or stem cell donor. His family is Iranian Jewish and Elan is half Ashkenazi and half Sephardic. His best chance of a match is with someone of similar ancestry. Although ethnic background and ancestry play a role in finding a matching donor, anyone who is 18 to 35 years old can help, particularly those with Elan's background. Testing is so easy, it just takes a cheek swab, and you can save his life or that of another person in need. *A swab drive will be held this Sunday, September 22 at Moise Safra Center*, 130 E. 82nd St., between Park and Lexington from 10am to 11:30am. Please get swabbed if you're not already in the registry. For more information about Elan and how you can help, please visit www.giftoflife.org/dc/elan.

Looking for Kidney Donor: O Type Blood

Tamar Fix, our Executive Director, has a friend whose mother is in desperate need of a life saving kidney. Esther bat Rachel falls into the more difficult "match" to find. They are in need of an altruistic donor with O TYPE BLOOD (+ or -) as we believe her life saving match is out there, we just have not found him/her yet.

Please share this information. Anyone with O type blood (+ or-) can be tested no matter where they live. Please contact Renewal at 718-431-9831 ext. 209 for patient #R23908 or r23908@renewal.org.

DVAR TORAH

September 20-21

Parshat Ki Tavo Written by: Jeffrey Neuman

"What's It Really All About?"

This week's parsha is dominated by the Tochacha, painful verses describing horrific curses that will befall the People of Israel if they do not stay loyal to Hashem after they enter the Land of Israel. But somewhat overshadowed by the Tochacha are the fourteen preceding verses that describe magnificent and bountiful blessings that will be bestowed if they do stay loyal to *Hashem*. An abridged sample:

And it will be if you obey the Lord, your God, to observe to fulfill all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord, your God, will place you supreme above all the nations of the earth...

You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field. Blessed will be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your soil, the fruit of your livestock, the offspring of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep...

You shall be blessed when you come, and you shall be blessed when you depart.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise up against you, to be beaten before you; they will come out against you in one direction, but they will flee from you in seven directions....

And the Lord will set you at the head, and not at the tail, and you will be only at the top, and you will not be at the bottom, if you obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I am commanding you this day, to observe to fulfill [them].

And you shall not turn right or left from all of the words I am commanding you this day...

(Translation courtesy of Chabad.org) These verses of blessing are among the most stirring and uplifting in the entire Chumash, setting a lofty aspiration for what the Jewish People can be.

But one thing doesn't seem right: the last verse doesn't seem to belong. Thirteen verses of magnificence are followed by and concluded with "And you shall not turn right or left from all of the words I am commanding you," which sounds like a command, not a blessing! And indeed, that is how this last verse is read by the Halakhot Gedolot, an early Geonic compilation of Jewish law, which lists this last verse as one of the 613 commandments.

Nachmanides (1194-1270) is, not satisfied by this reading, and proposes instead that we read the last two verses as one, and that the last verse is merely a second part of the "if" clause of the previous verse. I.e.,

"... you will be only at the top, and you will not be at the bottom, if you obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I am commanding you this day, to observe to fulfill [them] and you shall not turn right or left from all of the words I am commanding you this day, to follow other deities to worship them"

The last verse is thus not a command, but part of the condition upon which the blessings depend.

If I may, I believe there may be another possible reading of this verse that is supported by the Midrash.

The Tanna, Rabbi Yaakov is quoted twice in the Talmud (Kiddushin 39b, Hullin 142a) as saying, "schar mitzva b'hai alma lekka" — "there is no reward for performance of a mitzvah in this world." This surprising statement seems contradictory to assurances expressed often in the Torah, including the fundamental verses of the *Shema*, which promise plentiful rain and abundance as consequence for listening to Hashem's words. How is the statement of Rabbi Yaakov to be understood?

Children are motivated by candy and prizes. Athletes toil toward

trophies. As adults, we push ourselves to work hard and strive to achieve material success. But the Torah's ultimate purpose, perhaps Rabbi Yaakov is saying, is to lay before us pathways of behavior that are good in and of themselves and to train us to walk those pathways for that very reason. What Rabbi Yaakov is perhaps saying is that while the Torah promises much physical good to those who follows its laws, we should not view those good things as the purpose for doing the *mitzvot*. The Torah's promised bestowals are achievements and, perhaps motivations, but receiving something good in exchange for doing something is not to be construed as true reward. The mitzvot are purposeful in and of themselves; doing them and living by their values is

greatest blessings reads, "And you shall not turn right or left from all of the words I am commanding you this day." As magnificent as the blessings of the preceding verses are, even they should not be read as true reward. In the final analysis, after we're done with all the prizes we pray for and hopefully earn along the way, having a heart and mind that is resonant with the Torah's values is the greatest blessing of all. As the Midrash Rabba on these verses has G-d observe, "ashrav shel adam b'shaah sheshemuotav li,"— "a man's greatest happiness is when his listening is [directed] toward Me." As we enter the period of the Yamim Noraim, may we all learn to understand and appreciate the true value of the mitzvot in our lives.

Perhaps this is why the ultimate of fourteen verses describing the

Shabbat Shalom and Ktivah V'Chatimah Toyah to all.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210

Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211

Buds ניצנים (K-1st) Room 208

Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206

ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207

Shabbat schedule:

10:00 am Drop Off (Rooms 206-211)

10:45 am Davening, Circle Time, and Healthy Kiddush (Rooms 206-211)

11:00am Parsha & Candy: Bikkurim & Tzedakah

11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration (Rooms 206/207)

11:45 am Groups End

After Shul Ask Your Children:

- What are the three important things to remember to do during the month of Flul?
- What is the mitzvah of Bikkurim?
- What are the seven fruits of Israel?

Dvar Torah:

itself the reward in this world.

Parshat Ki Tavo teaches us about the mitzvah of bikkurim, whereby farmers would bring the very first fruits harvested to the Beit Hamikdash as an offering for the Kohanim. The mitzvah of bikkurim was only done in Israel to fruits and produce which were indigenous to the land, namely wheat, barley, figs, dates, pomegranates, olives, and grapes. When the farmer presented the fruits to the Kohanim and Leviim, he would say "Hashkifa Mimon Kodshecha Min Hashamayim," which means "look down from your holy abode and bless the nation of Israel." The word Hashkifa is used here, but is usually used in a negative context. Why is this the term selected to mean "look" when there are plenty of other more seemingly positive synonyms? The reason is because bikkurim was ultimately a huge mitzvah of tzedakah, a donation. This term was used intentionally to showcase the enormous

negativity into something hugely positive. We should all be blessed with a year of only positivity and happy occasions, and the knowledge that

just in case we have any negative doubts, we can always give tzedakah

power of tzedakah, a mitzvah so grand it has the power to turn

to LSS Youth and exemplify the bikkurim in each of us.

Wheat, barley, figs, dates, pomegranates, olives, and grapes Giving the first fruits grown in Israel to the Kohanim Teshuvah, Tefilah, Tzedakah Answers:

SCHEDULE

www.lss.org/hhschedule2019

SEATING

www.lss.org/form/seats

Limited: Mens Main Sanctuary

Sold out: Womens Main Sanctuary, Women & Mens Kollel Minyan

Please note; seating is first come first serve

Interested in becoming a dedicated seat holder?

Interested in becoming a dedicated seat holder? Email: devora@lss.org or call (212) 874-6100 ext. 106

BOOK OF REMEMBERANCE

To submit to the Book of Remembrance, please visit www.lss.org/form/book-of-remembrance-2019.html Submission Deadline: Monday, September 23

FREE PUBLIC YIZKOR SERVICE

Wednesday, October 9: 3:30pm Remember your loved ones and honor their memory in a moving prayer ceremony. *For security reasons, all bags are subject to inspection*. <u>Location</u>: Ballroom



KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Dear LSS:

As we inch nearer downfield to the goal of beneficial change, it brings to mind the importance of doing so as a community and for the community. I recently read an article about Maurice Glasman, the British political theorist and member of the House of Lords, who visited his hometown, the Ukranian shtetl of Vinkivtsy. He was quoted saying: "I was brought up to love Yiddishkayt.... in just my Mum's family we still have Communists, Zionists, Ḥasidim and Misnagdim; we have assimilationists, Bundists, capitalists and socialists, monarchists and anarchists. I love them all and I can't deny that my head is a cacophony of ancestral argument and I can be any one of those things in the course of a single day......the thing I love most is being a yid."

We are a diverse community with different opinions, convictions, and priorities. Yet the communal scene in our shul lobby, social hall, or terrace is an image of Jewish achdut, Jewish caring, and the best of humanity. And we export those values to those who cannot make it to shul, and to the greater community at large. Let's not take that for granted. Let's sustain the beauty of this shul. Give generously to the this years' high holiday campaign and keep LSS alive.

High Holiday Committee

https://www.lss.org/form/KolNidre19

BEGINNERS

- In need of meals for Rosh Hashanah? Contact Jessica by this Monday, September 23. T: 646-871-0012 or E: jessica@njop.org
- **indicate specific meals needed.
- The Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Fund is sponsoring 50% off for Beginners. Mezuzot: \$21, Tefillin: \$320, Jewish books: 50% off.
 Expires 10/24. To place an order, please email Jessica at jessica@njop.org.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 30: Apples & Honey Cake Baking: 11:00am

Rosh Hashanah: Tuesday, October 1: 613 Pomegranate Mitzvot Seeds: 11:00am

Yom Kippur: Tuesday, October 8:

Kol Nidrei Youth Supervision: 6:00—8:00pm Yom Kippur Youth Groups: 9:30am—2:00pm

MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 30:

Magen Avraham Teen Department Presents Tashlich with Ariella & Mendel: 4:00pm Meet in LSS lobby and return together for mincha.

Additional times, locations, and details to follow.

Weekly Prayer Schedule:						
Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:00am	6:00am	6:00am	6:00am	6:00am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am					
Selichot/Shacharit		6:40am, 7:30am				
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:45pm	6:40pm	6:40pm	6:40pm	6:35pm	6:30pm

In case of a bereavement, please call our Clergy at 646-543-7485 (day or night)

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at <u>www.lss.org</u>.

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