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28 Elul 5779

Sept 27-28, 2019

**Alan Samuels Tamar Fix** Executive Director President

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

6:27pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

**Friday Night** 

6:30pm 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

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

Beit Midrash 9:46am Latest Shema

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)

4:25pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the

Belfer Beit Midrash

5:10pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim

Buchwald in Rm 211

5:10pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff on "Progress & Precious Stones: The

Power of the Press"

6:10pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff will be speaking on "I Traveled the Banks of the River of Jordan: Déjà Vu from Heraclitus to Yehoshua."

7:26pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

# **HAKARAT HATOV**

Mark Hus for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

# **MAZAL TOV**

Great grandparents Suzan and Fred Ehrman on the birth of a baby girl, Michal, born to their grandchildren, Esti and Moti Yagelnik. Mazal tov to big sister Ayala and grandparents Eric and Ahava Ehrman.

# THIS SHABBAT

Cantor

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## **NEXT SHABBAT**

**Shabbat, October 5:** 5:45pm: Mincha

6:10pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Shuva Drasha: Given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Mareh Kohen, the high priest as Shaliach Tzibur, on the legacy and life lessons of Chazzan Sherwood

Goffin z"l.

# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Suzan and Fred Ehrman on commemorating the Bar Mitzvah of Fred's Bar Mitzvah Parsha.

Main Kiddush: Miriam and Michael Laufer & family in memory of Rose Laufer, Ryzel Necha bas Kalman a"h.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Golda, Shira & Hannah Hudes on the occasion of the 3rd yahrtzeit of Dana Hudes, Daniel Baruch ben Avraham Itzhak z"l.

**Beginners Kiddush:** 

Sponsored anonymously in celebration of Sasha Bukeeva, Kirsten Stainer, and Haley Chapman on their conversion to Judaism.

David Simons in honor of the President of the United States of America and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

#### Seudah Shlishit:

Golda, Shira & Hannah Hudes on the occasion of the 3rd yahrtzeit of Dana Hudes, Daniel Baruch ben Avraham Itzhak z"l.

Miriam and Alan Axelrod in memory of Miriam's mother, Doris Wolinetz a"h, whose Yahrtzeit was commemorated on the 27th of Elul.

HOSPITALITY NEEDS: Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and /or lodging. Please email hospitality@lss.org with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

LSS Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty and her husband Yoni are in need of meals and lodging on October 4-5, 22, and November 8-9.

LSS Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff is in need of meals and lodging on October 11-12, 12-22, and November 1-2.

Weekly Prayer Schedule:				Fast of Gedalia:	Begins: 5:41am	Ends: 7:09pm
Day	Sunday: Erev Rosh Hashanah	Monday: Rosh Hashanah Tashlich	Tuesday: Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday: Fast of Gedalia	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi				5:45am	5:45am	5:45am
Selichot/Shacharit	6:00am, 7:30am			6:20am, 7:15am	6:30am, 7:15am	6:30am, 7:15am
Shacharit		See High Holiday Schedule	See High Holiday Schedule			
Candle Lighting	6:24pm	7:22pm				
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:30pm	6:20pm/7:23pm	6:20pm/7:21pm	6:10pm	6:20pm	6:20pm

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 www.lss.org.

# **LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE OFFICERS**

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You may contact our officers by emailing Officers@lss.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Rosh Hashanah:

Monday, September 30:

- Youth Presents Apples & Honey Cake Baking: 11:00am
- Magen Avraham Teen Department Presents <u>Tashlich with Ariella</u> & Mendel: 4:00pm Meet in LSS lobby and return together for mincha. Additional times, locations, and details to follow.

Tuesday, October 1: Youth Presents 613 Seeds: A Simonim Seder: 11:00am Location: Room 206/211

Thursday, October 3: Challah and Cake Sale: 6:00pm

To preorder, please email pastry@susez.com

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.

Friday, October 25 and Shabbat, October 26: Show Up for Shabbat On the one year anniversary of the shooting in Pittsburgh, AJC NY and LSS invite you to join our services for the #ShowUpforShabbat initiative. No registration is required.

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/concert.

## ADL'S SIGNATURE SYNAGOGUE PROGRAM

# Sponsorship Opportunity:

ADL is one of the most formidable anti-hate organizations in the world—standing up for the rights of all marginalized groups. ADL is the first call when acts of anti-Semitism occur—on the ground, online, in the classroom and in the community. They believe that America would only be safe for its Jewish people if it was safe for all its people—and that when it was truly safe for all its people, it would also be safe for its Jewish community.

Lincoln Square Synagogue is looking for a sponsor for ADL's Signature Synagogue Program. This program ignites congregation-wide commitment to raising awareness and speaking out against anti-Semitism and hate. It creates a unifying initiative for community education and engagement. Signature Synagogues will have direct access to ADL's programs, resources, and learning opportunities. The program will culminate with recognition for each community's efforts to address and counter local issues. Our members will be ambassadors in ADL's fight against hate and anti-Semitism. This is a critical time and standing up and speaking out is more important than ever.

Opportunities and resources of the Signature Synagogue Program includes congregation leaders collaborating directly with ADL staff, Words to Action workshops for youth and young adults, discounted ticket pricing to ADL's Never is Now: Summit on Anti-Semitism & Hate, ADL experts addressing our community on a variety of topics, and training session on how to be an ADL ambassador against hate.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact our Executive Director, Tamar Fix at <a href="mailto:tamar@lss.org">tamar@lss.org</a>.

# WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Sunday:

\*(Resumes after High Holidays) Sunday Morning Responsa

#### Nonday:

- \*(Resumes October 7) Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein
- \*(Resumes October 7) Jewish Living Workshop

#### Tuesday:

- \*(Resumes after Sukkot) The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson
  - \*(Resumes after High Holidays) Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer: 7:45pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 211

## Wednesday:

Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I
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#### Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. <u>Last Week's Topic:</u> Appreciating Jewish Diversity: Rm LL201.
- \*(Please note the date change) Teshuva Program: Elul: Days of Awe—Days of Love with Rabbi Shaul Robinson. 7:30pm-8:30pm Topic: Forced Confessions: Does Yom Kippur Ever Change Us? The Prophet Isaiah and Franz Rosenzweig on the holiest day of the year. Sponsored by Eva Blank in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her son, Avraham Tzvi ben Yaakov HaKohen z"l.
- \*(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! <u>Location</u>: 135 Henry St, NY, NY 10002

#### **Chol Hamoed Activities:**

Thursday, October 17: Holm Sukkah Shiur led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:
8:00nm Limited seats available. To register, please visit

**8:00pm** Limited seats available. To register, please visit <a href="https://www.lss.org/form/holmsukkahshiur">www.lss.org/form/holmsukkahshiur</a>.

Special Sukkot Tour at Torah Intermedia \*Please note: offsite event Wednesday, October 16, Thursday, October 17, Friday, October 18:

Follow Avraham's Footsteps from birthplace, Ur Kasdim. Explore this ancient culture and watch it come to life as we explore the cradle of civilization. Avraham's journey continues to Haran in ancient Anatolia, from there to Canaan and finally to Egypt. Join Nachliel Selavan for a journey through time and ideas. This tour is 2 hours long and designed for adults and middle-school students. To register and view the schedule,

## Youth and Magen Avraham Teen Department Events:

Sunday, October 6: Sukkah Decorating & Pizza Party: 10:00am
Cost: \$5. To register, please visit <a href="www.lss.org/event/sukkahparty">www.lss.org/event/sukkahparty</a>.
<a href="Location: Spira Terrace">Location: Spira Terrace</a>

Monday, October 14: Sushi in the Sukkah: 11:00am Location: Spira Terrace

Tuesday, October 15: Youth Department Presents Graham Cracker Sukkah Competition: 11:00am

#### Sukkot Meals:

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, October 3 This year we welcome PETAK'S CATERING

www.lss.org/form/sukkotmeals.

please visit www.torahintermedia.com.

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

## **DVAR TORAH**

Parsha Nitzavim September 27-28 Written by: Mark Hus

One verse in this week's Torah portion has always jumped out at me. Perhaps it's because this verse seems to come out of nowhere; it's just there and then the parsha continues as if it was never there. Perhaps it's because of the symbols that appear above the letters. Or perhaps it's because I never really understood what it was trying to impart.

That verse is Chapter 29, verse 28: "Those things that are hidden with the Lord, our G-d, and those things that have been revealed to us and our progeny forever, to do all of the things set forth in this Torah." (My translation.)

What does this verse mean? What is it intended to teach us?

The ArtScroll Chumash has an interpretation which it went so far as to include in its translation of the verse: "The hidden [sins] are for Hashem, our G-d, but the revealed [sins] are for us and our children forever, to carry out all the words of this Torah." ArtScroll suggests that the Jewish people were concerned that they might be held accountable for the sins of others and they were reassured by this verse that the sins of others were the province of the Almighty alone; they could only be held responsible for their own actions. Alternatively, there was concern that some might sin without realizing or knowing that they had sinned. Again, under these circumstances those transgressions remain the province of G-d, alone. While the concept of being held responsible for one's own actions is compelling, ArtScroll's interpretation did not resonate with me.

What things are hidden to us and what things are revealed to us? So often in life, people look at the same thing and perceive it totally differently. For example, some modern art is extraordinarily beautiful to some and absolutely horrific to others. So much of what is revealed to us is actually what we choose to or are willing to see.

What the Torah is directing us to do is to follow the Torah and adhere to its precepts – even when some of it does not make sense to us. Moshe teaches the Jewish people that the Torah provides a framework, a blueprint and a road map for us showing us how to live our lives.

My father, z"l, used to joke that every person had his own Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law). Everybody who adheres to the Torah, does so in his or her own way — because of what has been revealed to him or her and because of who each person is. The verse urges us to take what the Torah tells us and act in accord with our understanding of its teachings, because it is what G-d has commanded us to do.

As we near the end of the month of Elul and approach Rosh Hashana, we all know that there are things that we should improve in ourselves. As my son, Elisha, always reminds me, self-awareness is the first step to self-improvement. We must reveal to ourselves how to better ourselves and then proceed along that path.

Shabbat Shalom and K'tiva V'chatima Tova

# **DVAR TORAH**

Calling all members! Apply for a parsha or see what's available today. Email <a href="mailto:dvar@lss.org">dvar@lss.org</a> or see Bill Greenbaum in shul.

We are currently looking for writers for:

Parshat Noach (11/2) Parshat Vayera (11/16) Parshat Toldot (11/30)

# HOSPITALITY

**Two Volunteer Opportunities** 

A message from Judith Weil E: hospitality@lss.org

We are happy to report that, following last week's urgent plea, we have secured a volunteer to coordinate the weekly volunteer rotations and backstop those volunteers if problems arise.

Thank you to **Sara Lefkovitz** who has stepped up to the plate! **We are now seeking one more individual who is willing to assist her.** 

For the past year, we are grateful that this task was handled seamlessly by Enid Moskowitz and Sandy Kilstein. If the coordinator position does not secure support by one more member our hospitality efforts will not be sustainable, volunteers will not be scheduled and visitors to our site will not receive a response to their requests for RH and Shabbat meals.

We are also always in need of additional help linking 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 more volunteers to sign up for a week rotation.

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.

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

Please get involved and email hospitality@lss.org today!

# **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. Please get swabbed if you're not already in the registry. For more information about Elan and how you can

# **Looking for Kidney Donor: O Type Blood**

help, please visit www.giftoflife.org/dc/elan.

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.

#### **2019 HIGH HOLIDAYS**

#### **SCHEDULE**

www.lss.org/hhschedule2019

#### **SEATING**

www.lss.org/form/seats

Sold out: Womens & Mens Main Sanctuary,
Women & Mens Kollel Minyan
Please note; seating is first come first served
Interested in becoming a dedicated seat holder?
Email: devora@lss.org or call (212) 874-6100 ext. 106

# **BOOK OF REMEMBERANCE: DEADLINE EXTENDED**

To submit to the Book of Remembrance, please visit www.lss.org/form/book-of-remembrance-2019.html
Submission Deadline: Friday, September 27

# **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

### YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Yom Kippur: Tuesday, October 8:

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

## **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**

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



ארעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210 Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211 Ruds (K-1st) Room 208

Buds (K-1st) Room 208 ברחים Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206 ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207

# Dvar Torah:

Shulchan Orach teach us that this week's Parshat Nitzavim is always read before Rosh Hashanah. Why? There are two reasons; 1) Because the week before (Parshas Ki Tavo) is one long rebuke and we'd rather go into the New Year with a more positive frame of mind. The second answer is because Nitzavim is actually talking about Rosh Hashanah; the Parsha begins, "Atem Nitzavim Hayom Kulchem," All of you are standing today before the Lord your G-d; the heads of your tribes, elders, etc. from the woodchoppers and the water carriers, from the greatest people to the most humble. What is the day we all pass before G-d's judgement equally, from the mightiest to the least prosperous? Rosh Hashanah. We will end the Tefila and Chazan's Amida with "Teshuva Tefila U'tzedataka," Repentance, Prayer, and Charity revert a bad decree. We should all do Teshuva, pray loudly so our Tefilot are heard, and give Tzedaka so that Hashem should bless our families and us with a good, sweet new year.

## After Shul Ask Your Children:

- I. Why does the Shulchan Orech say Nitzavim is always read before Rosh Hashanah?
- 2. What do the apples, honey and pomegranate seeds represent?
- 3. What are Merrin?

Hashanah, for everyone. A sweet new year and the merits of Mitzvot Merrin are carrots and the Yiddish word to increase.

Answers:

1. Two reasons; we want to go into Rosh Hashanah with a positive frame of mind, and Mitzavim describes the day of judgement, Rosh

During Yamim Noraim, High Holidays, LSS staff provide a safe, fun, meaningful environment for all Jewish children. Youth Groups include Tefila, New Fruits and Snacks, Culinary activities, Circle Time, Pop a Shot, & Shofar. Please be advised that all Youth Groups are drop-off only.

Shabbat, September 28:

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

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

11:00am Parsha & Candy: Teshuvah, Tefilah, and Tzedakah

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

11:45am Groups End

#### Youth Rosh Hashanah Highlights:

Rosh Hashanah, Tishrei 1, Sept 30

9:30 am: Dropoff and Groups Begin (206-211)

10:00 am: Malchios, Zichronos, and Shofros - Tefilah (206-207)

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

11:00 am: Apple and Honey Cake Bake (206-211)

12:15 pm Shofar with Rav Robinson (Room 207)

Rosh Hashanah, Tishrei 2, Oct 1

9:30 am: Drop off and Groups Begin (206-211)

10:00 am: Tefilah and Unessaneh Tofek Talk (206-207)

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

11:00 am: 613 Seeds; a Simonim Seder (206-211)

12:15 pm Shofar with Rabbi Shaul Robinson (207)

# **Magen Avraham Teen Department:**

Rosh Hashanah, Tishrei 2

Teen Tashlich w. Ariella & Mendel - Oct 1 - 4:00 pm
Teens meet in LSS Lobby and leave 4 pm for Riverside Park

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