

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

5:52pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

5:55pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**.
Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur given by **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
8:30am Parsha Shiur given by **Community Educator, Zissy Turner**
9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**.
Drasha given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** followed by Musaf
9:00am Women's Tefilah Group celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Noa Grinstein (pre-function room)
9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
9:55am 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: Meet in the shul lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West
4:05pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
4:35pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211
4:35pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**
5:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Dvar Torah given by **Community Educator, Zissy Turner**
6:51pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

MAZAL TOV

Betty and Gidi Grinstein on the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Noa.

Great grandparents Suzan and Fred Ehrman on the birth of a baby girl to their grandchildren Tzvi and Elana Felsenthal. Mazal tov to grandparents Eric and Ahava Ehrman.

Elizabeth Luxenberg and Steven Lipner on the birth of a baby boy.

Alexandra and Gavriel Kahane on the birth of a baby boy.

HAKARAT HATOV

Betty and Gidi Grinstein for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

If you would like to volunteer to write a Dvar Torah, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org or call the shul office at 212-874-6100

To long time custodian **John Fox**. We thank him for his years of dedication and service to Lincoln Square Synagogue and wish him the best of luck as he moves on to new endeavors.

CHESED OPPORTUNITY: Stamp Out Despair Campaign

As part of the "Stamp Out Despair Campaign" West End Synagogue is collecting stationery, folders, sheets of stamps, plastic pens, paperback books (preferably in Spanish or French), and paper or cardboard games for detainees in NJ. This effort is being organized by First Friends, a non-profit that provides visits and social services to asylum seekers and undocumented immigrants in detention in NJ. There will be a collection box in the WES lobby from Oct 20 – November 4

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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored by the Zareh and Shoshani families in loving memory of Emanuel's grandfather, Shmuel Ben Yousef Haviv v' Rivka z"l.

Main Kiddush: **Dr. Fabienne Rottenberg** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Chaim Joseph ben Yetka z"l.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Miriam and Michael Laufer in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their fathers, Jacob Laufer z"l and Rabbi Shalom Yehoshua Morgenstern z"l

Beginners Kiddush: **Sarah Leah and Lou Vwyerib** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of Lou's beloved father, Moshe ben Elazar HaKohen z"l, and Sarah Leah's beloved mother, Sima bas Chava a"h and on the occasion of the birthdays of their dear granddaughters, Yehudis and Malka Sima.

THIS SUNDAY

LSS Fall Clothing Drive: 10:00am-1:00pm Help those in need of some aid to prepare themselves for this upcoming Winter. Now is your chance for a chesed opportunity, volunteering and cleaning out your closets. Please pick up a flyer in our shul lobby for a full list of volunteer needs.
Location: LSS Lobby

Conversion to Judaism– What is best for Jewish People?:

10:00am-12:00pm The Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals presents Conversion to Judaism-What is best for the Jewish people? A panel discussion with Rabbi Hayyim Angel, Rabbi Yona Reiss and Rabbi Marc Angel. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.
Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

LSS SECURITY COURSE

The LSS Security Team needs you. Join us in helping to keep our shul safe and secure. The second night of the 2-part course is this week.

Wednesday, Oct 24 @ 8:00pm (The first class was Wed. Oct. 17)

Both classes need to be attended to pass the course.

Location: Upper West Side (exact address to TBD)

Please contact security@lss.org to apply.

HOUSE UPDATE

Please note: the office door now locks automatically. To enter the office please ring the bell to the right of the door and a staff member will be happy to buzz you in. Please make sure you are in front of the camera system so that it can capture a visual for the office screen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Luxenberg and Steven Lipner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, October 22: Young Professionals Women's Learning Session: 8:00pm** Join the women YP's for a shiur by **Community Educator, Zissy Turner** on Parshat Vayera: A Character Analysis of Yishmael. This event will take place in a private residence on Riverside Blvd. To help us anticipate the number of guests, please register at www.lss.org/event/vayera. For exact address, please call the shul office at 212-874-6100. Light refreshments will be served.
- Tuesday, October 23: Flu Shots: 5:00pm-7:00pm** Mount Sinai will be coming to administer flu shots. Location: outside the Main Sanctuary.
- Tuesday, October 30: Soaring Imagery Workshop: 7:00pm-8:30pm** The What Matters Program introduces Soaring Imagery Workshop. Discover how to tap into your inner strength and wisdom through five centering imagery exercises, walk away with the tools you need to feel calm and connected to your inner wisdom and strength, even during challenging times. Register at www.lss.org/event/soaringimagery
- Shabbat, November 3: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm** It will be a special plant-based luncheon. The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by **Thursday, November 1st**.
- Sunday, November 4: Book Launch: *Reading the Rav: Exploring Religious Themes in the Thought of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik*** with author, Dr. Moshe Sokolow: **11:00am-12:00pm** Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, ztz"l, was one of the most prominent teachers of Modern Orthodox Jewry. Dr. Moshe Sokolow, Associate Dean of the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education, collects fourteen articles and essays about how Rabbi Soloveitchik understood ideas central to Jewish life, such as the relationship between man and God, the role and centrality of prayer from historical and philosophical perspectives, belief in redemption, the role of Zionism in Judaism, and many others. Dr. Sokolow masterfully weaves in Talmudic, traditional, and modern sources to provide the reader with a deeper understanding of the Rav's position, and a broader grasp of the full range of Jewish approaches to these fundamental questions. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
- Sunday, November 4: LSS & Drisha presents the Renee and Alexander Bohm Memorial Lecture: 7:30pm** Many of the practices of the festivals seem odd or out of place. For example, the practice of saying ya'ale ve-yavo on holidays and Rosh Chodesh, counting both days and weeks in the omer - these practices and others take on new significance when we understand the agricultural roots of the Jewish festivals and the biblical calendar. Join us as we explore this topic and gain a better appreciation for the way the calendar has evolved together with the world.
- Monday, November 5: Meet Aryeh Green, author of *My Israel Trail: Finding Peace in the Promised Land*: 7:00 pm:** A former advisor to Natan Sharansky and head of MediaCentral in Jerusalem, Aryeh hiked the entire length and breadth of Israel on Shvil Israel - the Israel National Trail. The talk, accompanied by photos and video, will describe his intimate encounter with the land, history and people of Israel. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. The event is free. To help us anticipate the number of guests, please register at www.lss.org/event/myisraeltrail Rm 206/207
- Shabbat, November 9: Shabbat Scholar in Residence: Malke Bina and Shani Taragin of Matan.** More details to follow
- Sunday, November 11: offsite event: Israel Bonds brunch hosted by the United Congregations for Israel, of which LSS is a member: 11:00am** The program will feature a talk by IDF Sgt. Benjamin Anthony from the "Our Soldiers Speak" organization. Location: Habonim Congregation, 103 West End Avenue at 64th street.
- Sunday, November 18 : The Heights of Courage: Brig. General (ret.) Avigdor Kahalani: 7:00pm-9:00pm.** The Medal of Valor is the highest military award that the State of Israel awards in recognition for "performing a supreme act of valor while facing the enemy and risking one's life". Meet Brigadier General (ret) **Avigdor Kahalani**, winner of this highly prestigious award. Avigdor led a vastly outnumbered force of Israel tanks and held back the assault of Syrian tanks in the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War. Autographed copies of Avigdor's book, *The Heights of Courage*, will be available for purchase. Also addressing us will be Israel's Consul General in New York, Dani Dayan. Please register as <https://www.lss.org/event/courage>. Early bird: \$10 (ends Sunday Oct. 21) Afterwards, \$15 in advance, \$25 at the door. Assorted hors d'ouvres will be served. Location: Ballroom
- Friday, November 30-December 1: Annual LSS Hospitality Shabbaton Be a Guest. Be a Host. Be a Part.**
Pick a Shabbat meal and make new friends! Let us know whether you want to host or be hosted- the more we know, the better we can make sure that everyone's a part of this wonderful event. Email: hospitalityshabbaton@lss.org
- Friday November 30-December 1: Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton** Experience a joyous, full Shabbat together with the rabbis and cantor of Lincoln Square. Intended for participants in LSS Beginners programs. Includes Friday night & Shabbat dinners and exciting classes with LSS rabbis and teachers. Cost of \$50 includes 3 meals at the Synagogue. (Note, if you want to join the luncheon alone, you can do so for \$25, as there will not be a Beginners Luncheon in December.) Register at lss.org/beginners
- Wednesday, December 5: Beginners Chanukah Bash: 7:00pm** Lots of Ruach! Dinner with all the Chanukah trimmings! Live music by Pesachya Septimus. Register online at lss.org/beginners.
- Friday Evening, December 7: LSS Chanukah Dinner** - Join us for a festive Friday night meal. More details to follow

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday:**
- Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan - Belfer Beit Midrash.
- Monday:**
- Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piaziesky. 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. Rm 207
 - The Jewish Living Workshop** Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 7:30pm-8:30pm: The Jewish Living Workshop, a 10 sessions series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com. Topic: Putting up a Mezuzah Rm 208/210
 - Read Hebrew America, Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II:** 6:30pm-8:00pm: The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Co-sponsored by NJOP. Rm LL201/ Rm 211
 - Monday Night Beit Midrash Series** led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld "**Holy Fire: The Piaseczner**": 8:00pm-9:00pm. This will be a 4 class series. (Classes remaining: Oct 22, 29 and Nov. 5) Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
- Tuesday:**
- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am- 11:30am. Rm LL201
 - Intro to Bible** led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30pm-8:00pm This 8 session course provides a general overview of the content and style of the Bible. We will review basic literary and theological approaches to Bible study, traditional and modern, through the analysis of the Biblical text. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Rm 206/207. (This will be the 3rd session)
 - Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzer: 6:45pm-7:45pm. Rm 211
- Wednesday:**
- Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Rm 207
 - The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (*Please note the one time day change from Thursday to Wednesday evening*)
- Thursday:**
- Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Rm LL201

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210
שורשים Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211
ניצנים Buds (K-1st) Room 208
פרחים 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)
 11:00 am - Parsha & Candy: Where sheep eat, a story of Avraham and Lot (Room 210, 211)
 11:00am- "Baby & Me" (Pre Function Room)
 11:10 am - Recreation, Games, and Rehydration (Room 206/207, or Terrace)
 11:45 am - Pickup, Groups end

Parshat Lech Lecha Dvar Torah

In the first Pasuk of Parshat Lech Lecha, Hashem tells Avraham (12: 1), "Lech Lecha," "you go, you will go". The two words Lech and Lecha are redundant. Hashem could have given the direction through one word, "Lech"... why also use the word Lecha? Rash says, Hashem was telling Avraham, Lecha - go for your own benefit (12:1). What was the current setting? Avraham lived in Choron; a place where he wouldn't build anything.

On the second Pasuk (12:2), Hashem blesses Avraham "Vi'eshca Le'goy Gadol," I will make you into a great nation." What was the purpose of this bracha? Rashi 12:2 explains this bracha is needed because typically when a person is traveling, it decreases their opportunity to build a family, decreases their wealth as they spend time and money on the road, and decreases their reputation as they don't have a home-based community. This bracha from Hashem to Avraham was that even though you will travel from Choron to Israel, you will have children, and wealth, and your name will become famous throughout the world. The word Lecha is intended to tell Avraham, there is a future for you in the land of Israel where G-d will make you into a great nation.

May we all be zocheh to spend more time at home with our families, inheriting the brachot from Hashem to Avraham, and building wealth, great reputations, and most importantly healthy families.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

How old was Avraham when he left Choron?
 What was Lot's relationship to Avraham?
 Why did Avraham travel down to Egypt?
 Why was there a conflict between the shepherds of Avraham and the shepherds of Lot?

Baby & Me Recap



This past week, we welcomed Tali Laserson to lead Baby & Me. Tali and the babes sang morning brachot and read several new stories from PJ Library! This is a friendly reminder that Baby & Me starts promptly at 11:00 am and finishes by 11:30. Please be sure to be punctual with your babes!



Shabbat Shalom, Ariella & Mendel Lazaros

Weekly Prayer Schedule: October 21

Mincha/Ma'ariv: (Sun-Thurs) 5:50pm

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am

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Lechi Lach for a Bat Mitzvah

Our daughter, Noa Sarah, celebrates her Bat Mitzvah this week with *Parshat Lech Lecha*. As we prepared for this day, we were contemplating what to wish her. Like all parents, we pray for her health, happiness and success, and, like all Jewish parents, we hope that she will be a proud contributing member of our communities, nation and people. These are heartfelt wishes, yet ordinary. We also wanted to give her a blessing that is uniquely hers, connecting this moment of her Bat Mitzvah to our past and our future and making *Lech Lecha* hers for a lifetime.

Indeed, this Parsha is one of the most dramatic in the Torah. In its beginning, *HaShem* commands Avraham to leave the place of his birth and the house of his father in order to go to a distant land that he will inherit. He is also promised that he will birth a people and father many nations, and ultimately be a blessing for the families of the earth. These are iconic verses.

On this journey, Avraham, together with Sarah, are to introduce humanity to a transformative idea that there is only one God. They were alone in their outlook facing the challenge of eradicating idolatry, namely the belief in superior powers of stones, trees and people.

It took a huge amount of faith to accept this mission and to embark on that journey of leadership. While the first two Hebrews were on one side of history, everybody else was on the other. Together, they embody what Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks calls the willingness to be 'other,' which is the essence of Jewish leadership. That leadership in humanity is to be exercised through the People of Israel and from the Land of Israel.

We tend to think that idolatry, *Avodah Zara*, belongs to the past or persists among less developed societies. As Jews, we may associate idolatry with the gods of Ashur and Ba'al or with Egypt's Pharaoh and Greece's Zeus.

Yet idolatry is eternal. In his recent book, *In Good Faith: Questioning Religion and Atheism*, Scott Shay establishes that idolatry continues to be the most divisive and dangerous ideology in the world, as it subjugates people to elites that have power because they control resources such as a river in ancient times, knowledge in the twentieth century or an algorithm today. Then and now, people outsource their judgement and discretion to political leaders, gurus and rock stars.

HaShem, Abraham's one God, represents the alternative outlook. It assumes that all people were created equal in the image of God and that no person can willingly enslave their body or mind to another human being. This is why Judaism rejects any form of dominance and chauvinism and mandates a permanent quest for justice in a model society. If God is everywhere and nowhere, with no beginning or end and with no shape nor form, then godliness is to be found in how we live our lives and treat others: parents, spouses, children, friends, strangers, the poor, nature and animals.

The eternal existence of idols is an eternal challenge for humanity and an eternal opportunity for leadership by the Jewish People. As Rabbi Shlomo Wolbe wrote in *Sefer HaMitzvot HaShekulot*: "the sphere of *Avodah Zara* is much more expansive than worshiping a star or an idol." This is why to this day we study Tractate *Avodah Zara*. As Shay points out, the Torah is a living call for all of us to be suspicious of and to stand up against idols as they present themselves in our private lives and at large. Indeed, as Jews, we have plenty of work to do, as well as a giant body of philosophy and law to work with.

The challenge of idolatry is only growing with the acceleration in the pace of change, which creates uncharted territories for people, communities and societies. In last week's *Parshat Noach*, we read about a charismatic leader, Nimrod, in a time of a new technology, brick-laying, who mobilized his people to conquer nature by building a tower from the valley to the sky so that they could wage war against God. This ambition turned society immoral to a point where, as Rashi says, a brick was more important than a human. Indeed, with every revolution that shakes the foundations of society, uncertainty rises and with it the desire for false certainty that is provided by idols. With them grows the need for people of morality to stand for what is just.

Against this backdrop, our wishes for Noa Sarah are straightforward: to be able to call out idolatry when she encounters it throughout her life, in school, at university, at work, in her community or society; to have the courage, wisdom and values to be 'other' and to make a difference; to always quest for godliness in her life; and to do so with a unique voice of an Israeli and a Jew.

Finally, there may come a moment in her life where she may need to let go in order to create something new. If and when that moment comes, we wish upon her that she will know how to *Lechi Lache*.

Shabbat Shalom