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Parshat Beha'alotcha

16 Sivan 5777 • June 9 - June 10 2017

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Shabbat Schedule

6:53pm Earliest Candle Lighting

8:09pm Candle Lighting

Friday Night

7:05pm Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

8:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by shiur given by **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**

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

9:08am Latest Shema

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

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Shiur given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

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

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society:

Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West

5:00pm Teen Oneg on the Terrace

6:25pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

6:55pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211

6:55pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on *Not Just Stories*: An Introduction to Aggadah (part 2)

7:55pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit . Guest Speaker **Jean Judes**,
US Development Director for Beit Issie Shapiro on *High-Tech*, *High-Touch*; *Pioneering Israeli Innovation to Change the Lives of People with Disabilities*.

9:10pm Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

THIS SHABBAT

5:00pm • Teen Oneg on the Terrace. Sushi & Games! Bring on the Fun! Sponsored by the Hudes family in memory of Dana Hudes.

During Seudat Shlishit, we welcome **Jean Judes**, Executive Director of Beit Issie Shapiro (BIS). BIS is Israel's leading organization that develops and provides innovative therapies and cutting-edge services for children with disabilities and their families. BIS also effects social change by breaking down the barriers preventing people with disabilities from full societal integration. Armed with 20 years experience



and a Masters in Social Work, Planning and Management from the Bar Ilan University Jean is dedicated to bringing about social change in the field of disabilities in Israel, and furthering the rights and freedoms of people with disabilities globally.

NEXT SHABBAT

<u>Shabbat, June 17</u>: We look forward to welcoming Chazzan Goffin as our Scholar in Residence. He will lead Musaf and Mevorchim HaChodesh and speak three times:

1)During the Rabbi's sermon slot before Musaf at 10:45am: "Musical and Halachic Framework of our Nusach Hatefilla."

2) Pre-Mincha: "3000 years of Jewish Music in 50 minutes."

3) During Seudat Shlishit: "Do You Know the Answers to these 25

Questions about our Shabbat Tefillot?"



LSS 53rd Annual Dinner Next Week: Thursday, June 15 2017

Guests of Honor:

Miriam and Michael Laufer

Miriam and Michael Laufer are "LSS loyalists" whose involvement and engagement with the community is invaluable. Each Shabbat, Michael can be found up on the 'Bima' serving as one of the LSS Gabbaim. He has been the chair of the LSS journal fundraising campaign for many years.

Whether Michael is chairing a committee, volunteering as a tutor, or just helping out where needed, he does it with grace and aplomb. Miriam has served on numerous committees, is on the LSS Board of Governors and co-chaired a successful seminar on wine & cheese pairing for LSS Young Professionals. Michael and Miriam's children, Tova, Jacob, Ben, and Rebecca, also contribute to the LSS community: serving as youth leaders, Torah readers (ba'alei kriah), and food & clothing drive volunteers.

Young Leadership Award: Judith and Daniel Sabba

Judith and Daniel joined LSS in early 2013 and are proud parents to two boys, Charlie and Gabriel. The Sabbas have been active members of the shul, heading committees, serving on the board, and working to build and enrich the Young Professionals community at



LSS. Judith has helping organize countless YP lunches and has also worked on shul-wide events, including Chanukah dinners, Purim celebrations and community events, such as the UWS Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. Daniel was the Treasurer of the shul for two years and served on the Fundraising Committee for three. Both Judith and Daniel have been on the annual dinner's Journal Committee, with Daniel serving as the co-chair last year. With their active schedules both professionally and personally, it is still Shabbat morning, when their sons rush to get ready for shul, which brings them their greatest joy.

Community Service Award: Karen and Ed Stark

Ed and Karen worked early on with Rabbi Berman to design, and supervise the assembly of vandal-proof "gates" to close off streets which created a "walled city" for the original West Side



Eruv. Together with Mark Wald, they organized the first LSS security committee. For the past 11 years Ed has been involved with the building and serves as House Chair, providing engineering knowledge and institutional memory of design features and flaws while troubleshooting current building projects and repairs. Karen has been a member since 1973 and we while we are grateful for her long standing loyalty to LSS we are equally grateful to her for introducing Ed to us in 1983 as well. We are so fortunate to benefit from their incredible contributions and look forward to celebrating together.

Don't miss out on this memorable evening! Register at lss.org/annualdinner

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Groups: Tots (ages 2-4)- Room 208/210, K-1st- Room 211, 2nd + girls- Room 206, 2nd + boys- Room 207

This Shabbat: We will learn how Pesach Sheni started, what story we learn about the power of words, if the punishment of

"Tzarat" fit the crime and why the last chapter teaches us about Lashon Horah. Shabbat Theme: With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility. Words are POWERFUL and the highest form of speech is Torah. Please note that groups are offered as drop off rooms only. Rest assured that your children are in caring, capable hands and that we will call parents as needed. Additionally, parents with children younger than 2 years old are invited to gather in the pre-function room. Going to camp? Let us know where by emailing youth@lss.org so we can stay in touch!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Suzan and Fred Ehrman in memory of their mother Anna Ehrman, Chana bat Yitzchak Yonah a"h, whose yahrtzeit was on Rosh Chodesh Sivan. And in memory of their father, David Weinman, Dovid Dov ben Yisrael Yaacov z"l, whose yahrtzeit is on Sivan 30.

Main Kiddush: Jeannie Fromer and Arnaud Ajdler in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Olivia.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan:

Dr. William Gold and family in memory of his parents Debra a''h and Theodore Gold z''l.

Harry Heching in honor of the 75th anniversary of the American victory over the Japanese in the Battle of Midway.

Beginners Kiddush:

Rhonda Weinman in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and Rabbi Yoel Schonfeld.

Judy and Cyrus Abbe on their 35th wedding anniversary in gratitude to their *Mesader Kiddushin*, Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

MAZAL TOV

Jeannie Fromer and Arnaud Ajdler on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Olivia. Mazal Tov also to siblings, Eric and Audrey, and the entire family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 14 •7:00pm • Yiddish Soul 3rd Annual Concert Celebration. Featuring The Klezmatics, Zusha, The Maccabeats, Yanky Lemmer, Chaim David Berson, Daniel Kahn, and hosted by Nachum Segal. Located in Central Park, near 72nd and 5th Ave. Free Admission

Monday, June 26 • 7:15pm • Membership Meeting Please make every effort to attend

Monday, June 26 • 8:15-9:15pm • Thinking of Making Alyia? You've got questions, we've got answers. Representatives of the Jewish Agency will discuss the practical ("tachlis") of making alyia. They will discuss such issues as how to decide whether alyia is right for you, finding the right

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Next Shabbat will be our Graduation Celebration during the Main Kiddush. If you would like to list a Mazal Tov of a graduate please email our Administrative Assistant, Robin Epstein, at robin@lss.org

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

- 9:15am-10:00am Sunday morning Responsa with Josh Rosenfeld
- 10:00am-11:30pm Beit Midrash Program with Rabbinic Fellow, Mark Weingarten

Monday

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I given by Sharona Spivak 6:30pm- 8:00pm- Rm LL201 (last class)
- Conversational Hebrew given by Hai Piazesky 7:00pm- Rm 207
- Kaddish Class given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson 7:15pm- Beit Midrash

Tuesday

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson 10:30-11:30am- Rm LL202
- Gemara B'Shana given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson 7:00pm- Beit Midrash
- Beit Midrash Night The first book of Samuel given by Ron Platzer- 8:20pm -Rm 211

Wednesday

• Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky 8:00pm-8:45pm - Rm 207

Thursday

- Women's Talk Time- led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer- 11:30am-12:30pm- Rm 201. Last week's discussion: Should you try to influence your child to be a doctor.
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson 7:15pm- Beit Midrash (canceled)
- Cholent Chabura with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld - 8:45pm (meets off site) (canceled)

Weekly Prayer Schedule For the Week of June 11Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:15pmSundayMonday & ThursdayTuesday ,Wednesday & FridayDaf Yomi: 7:45amDaf Yomi: 6:15amDaf Yomi: 6:20amShacharit: 7:10am & 8:30amShacharit: 7:00am & 7:50amShacharit: 7:10am & 7:50am

Eruv Announcement-- Please Note: All of Riverside Boulevard, including the Little Engine Playground is included in the Eruv. Please note that the boardwalk and the pier remain outside the Eruv, and carrying west of the West Side Highway is not permitted. The Eruv now extends down to 45th Street, east of 11th Avenue. Updated Eruv Maps will be produced soon.



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Parsha Beha'alotcha June 9-10 By Gidi Grinstein

Judaism's Leadership Without Authority



Parshat Be'Ha'alotecha establishes the cornerstone for Judaism's unique approach to leadership, endorsing the notion that it can exist even in conditions of no formal authority. This approach has been and remains central to the survival, recurring prosperity and the permanent leadership of the Jewish People in humanity.

In a particularly dramatic section of this *Parsha*, Moses has a dual crisis. In the first, following the complaints of the People of Israel about the food and their desire to return to Egypt, he falls into despair, doubting his ability to serve the mission that God bestowed upon him to lead the People of Israel, to a point where he may have preferred death to his life (*Bamidbar* 11: 11-15). In response, God instructs Moses to establish a council of seventy elders, with whom he would share the burden of authority over and management of the people (*Bamidbar* 11: 16-17). These elders then convene in a tent, which becomes the center of authority and power for the People of Israel.

The second crisis emanated from the work of Eldad and Medad. The Torah reads (*Bamidbar* 11: 26-29): "Now two men remained in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the second was Medad, and the spirit rested upon them. They were among those written, but they did not go out to the tent, but prophesied in the camp; The lad ran and told Moses, saying, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!"; Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant from his youth, answered and said: "Moses, my master, imprison them!"; Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? If only all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would bestow His spirit upon them!" Rabbi Lord Jonatan Sacks explains in Covenant and Conversation 5774 how this episode highlights the premium that Judaism places on 'leadership as influence' as opposed to 'leadership as power.'

Another key point here is that Eldad and Medad were serving the people within the camp, and outside the place of authority, the tent, where Moses and the seventy elders were. Joshua, having a zero-sum outlook of power, views this situation as a threat to Moses and advises to sanction them. However, Moses ignores his advice and responds with tremendous magnanimity. Recognizing the societal merit of such work and the pure motives of Eldad and Medad, he endorses their right to prophesize, and thereby establishes a key pillar of the societal order of the Jewish People that has been essential throughout our history and will remain so in the future.

"Let them eat cake" is a statement famously associated with Queen Marie Antoinette of France, when she learnt that the peasants have no bread. Well, history is made up of stories about leaders who were confined to their palaces, surrounded by advisors, guards and secretaries, or were inspired by big ideas and sweeping ideologies, failing to see the pain of their peoples. In ancient societies these leaders were eventually displaced through revolutions, most often in bloodshed, and in modern societies they are voted out based on wide-spread popular resentment.

Hence the profound wisdom of allowing prophesy outside the tent of authority: being with the people and dwelling among them allows not only for understanding their concerns but also for exploring new ideas that may serve them well. In other words, Moses' endorsement of Eldad and Medad points to the value of the societal knowledge that may emerge by leaders working across society and on its edges, and not just at its center. And this is why wise politicians insist on field visits and on spending time with their constituents, breaking through the circles that isolate them. This logic also underlies the crucial societal role which is played by journalists, who are going out to meet the people where they are. One of their maxims, taught to me by one of the leading journalists of our time, is: "If you don't go, you don't know."

The history of the Jewish People has been driven by such leadership that had no formal authority and emanated from the people. In fact, the entire Oral Torah and Talmudic process is based upon the work of such leaders, our sages and rabbis, who have been extracting wisdom out of their communities. That pool of societal wisdom, created bottom-up by rabbis, has become the cornerstone of Judaism's ability to always be in a leadership position in humanity. These societal workings in the Diaspora can be counted upon to continue to deliver resilience, recurring prosperity and leadership for the Jewish People.

At the same time, it must be acknowledged that, unfortunately, Jews failed to excel in establishing an inspiring model of exercise of authority. During the First and Second Temple Eras, Jewish sovereignty eventually became corrupt and inefficient, and ultimately did not sustain itself. In later periods, the identity of the Exilarchs, who were the Heads of the Diaspora in Babylon with formal authority in the community, is barely known even to historians, while the teachings of luminaries such as the *Amoraim* or the *Gaonim* echo until today.

Hence, the real challenge of the Jewish People in terms of leadership and authority is probably in Israel. While Israel's overall performance is astounding, the qualities of its politics are worrying and its political system fails to be inspiring. Meanwhile, Israel's societal entrepreneurs, who are driving innovation to address acute social problems, are of the most remarkable in the world. Many would agree that the most inspiring stories emanating from Israel nowadays are about individuals who are 'prophesizing in the camp,' deeply connected to people's challenges and highly innovative with solutions.

The question then becomes what should a Jewish sovereignty and a Jewish exercise of authority look like? That issue is increasingly acute in a world where the pace of change is accelerating, and where governments are structurally incapable of responding effectively to the rapidly changing needs of their peoples. Hence, while this *Parsha* gives us a clear general endorsement of a society where leadership emanates bottom up and a warning against concentrated authority, this lesson is probably even truer in this day and age.

But what do these lessons practically mean in a modern 21st century Israeli society? My answer is that *Be'Haalotecha* encourages us to envision Israel as a society where power, leadership, resources and decision-making is decentralized to regions, cities and communities, which are empowered to explore their own unique paths within the political framework called the State of Israel. I also believe that such a society can be a 21st century model society outstanding in its resilience and prosperity, because the societal challenges that this Parsha speaks to are eternal, as is the logic of the outlook it offers.