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Parshat Nitzavim-Vayeilech 25 Elul 5777 • Sept 15-16, 2017

Senior Cantor

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Shabbat Schedule

6:48pm Candle Lighting

Friday Night

6:50pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Yisroel Lesches

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by

shiur given by Dr. Moshe Sokolow

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by Rabbinic Intern, Jeremy Perlow

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan

Yisroel Lesches. Sermon given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson on "Vailafilu

Bhastara – Does G-d ever hide from us?" followed by Musaf.

9:15am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201 9:42am Latest Shema

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

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 Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash

5:30pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Room 211

5:30pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on "No offense,

but...": The Mitzvah of Giving Rebuke to Others

6:30pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit with Dvar Torah given by Rabbinic Intern, Jeremy Perlow

7:47pm Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

10:00pm Selichot led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer followed by Guest Speaker Dr. Michelle Friedman on "From Attachment to Addiction: Explor ing Barriers to Teshuva"

12:50am Late Selichot led by Ruvan Cohen in the Belfer Beit Midrash.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR CHATTANIM & ATAROT

Chatan Torah: Maurice Spanbock Chatan Berishit: Ian Silver Chatan Maftir: Jethro Solomon

Ateret HaTorah: Hadassa Greenbaum Ateret Hakehilah: Martha Steinmetz

We look forward to celebrating together on Simchat Torah!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Stephanie and Avi Kwestel Shifra and Josh Tepper Tehila and Nadav Kidron

THIS SHABBAT

Chazzan Yisroel Lesches will be leading services Friday night and Shabbat morning in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Rabbi Shaul Robinson will be giving this week's Shabbat Morning Sermon.

5:30pm: Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld will be giving the Pre-Mincha Shiur on "No Offense, But...": The Mitzvah of Giving Rebuke

THIS MOTZEI SHABBAT: SELICHOT

10:00pm: Join us for Selichot this Motzei Shabbat led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer followed by Guest Speaker, Dr. Michelle Friedman who will speak on "From Attachment to Addiction: Exploring Barriers to Teshuva".

12:50am: Late Selichot led by **Ruvan Cohen** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored by the generous contributions to the Fund

Main Kiddush: Gail Math Castagnello in honor of the forthcoming marriage of her daughter Bess Hannah to Simcha Fern.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Happy New Year to the Rabbi's and the entire Kahal.

Beginners Kiddush: Beatrice Stoller in commemoration of the vahrtzeit of her beloved husband, Elias R. Stoller, z"l.

Seudah Shlishit: Deina Schapiro in commemoration of the 10th yahrtzeit of her father William Schapiro, Zev ben Yaakov z"l.

MAZAL TOV

Gail Math Castagnello on the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Bess Hannah to Simcha Fern.

Jerry Blitzer on the Bar Mitzvah of his sons Michael and Matthew and Mazal Tov to older brother Avi.

THIS SUNDAY

10:30am or 11:30am • Museum Tour: Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolph Eichmann. Docent Guide: Janice Katz or Mary Shalit. Meet at the information desk at the Museum of Jewish Heritage 15 minutes prior to the tour, 36 Battery Place.

NEXT SHABBAT

Rabbi Shaul Robinson will deliver The Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Shuva Drasha at 6:30pm on "Atonement – Can a... Ali...a..a. ma ali.a. thiin ana Datha a 2/

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| PRAYER SCHEDULE FOR: | Sunday- Tuesday | Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:45pm (Sun– Tues) | |
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| Daf Yomi:7:45am | Daf Yomi: 6:00am | Daf Yomi: 6:00am | Tue |
| Selichot/Shacharit:7:10am, 8:30am Wednesday: Shacharit/Selichot: 6:00am/7:30am | Selichot/Shacharit: 6:40am, 7:30am | Selichot/Shacharit: 6:40am, 7:30am Extra Minyan: Selichot/Maariv: 9:30pm | will Mir Ma |

Tuesday Evening esday, Sept 19, there ill be an additional inyan at 9:30pm for a'ariv and Selichot.

Extra Minyan

High Holidays at LSS

Don't forget to reserve your seats on our website or by using the 'register now' tab on our LSS app Questions? Call 212-874-6100, E: info@lss.org

visit www.lss.org for details on all items listed below:



Reserve Your Seats

Please note that seats in the Women's Main Sanctuary & All Kollel Minyan are sold out.

High Holiday Campaign



Schedule of Services



Book of Remembrance

Deadline:

Wednesday, 09/27



Meal Hospitality



Youth Department

Please note: You must be logged into your account to have registration capabilities

High Holiday Meal Hospitality

As we look forward to the yomim nora'im, we are mindful of LSS's continuing commitment to hospitality. At this time of thought and reflection, we hope that all of our members may participate in joyous holiday meals with friends and family in a welcoming environment.

If you would like invitations to meals, please do not hesitate to ask. Your hosts will welcome you and this will enrich holiday meals for both parties. Please include the dates and times of the meal(s) for which you request an invitation.

If you are able to host other members, please provide the dates and times and the number of guests you can include at each meal. You can contact us by email at hospitality@lss.org, including "Rosh Hashana Hospitality" in the subject field. You may also call the shul office.

We will be happy to hear from you and will do our very best to accommodate everyone.

With your participation as hosts or guests, you will help make the coming Rosh Hashana a more festive and meaningful one for all.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 18 • 8:00pm • High Holidays Music Masterclass. Join Cantor Zevi Muller, Cantor Yanky Lemmer and Cantor Chaim Dovid Berson for an event you don't want to miss! Class will include a discussion about the prayers and the music as well as a mini concert presenting the best of the High Holiday melodies. Accompanied by Maestro Eric Freeman, with a special introduction by Cantor Sherwood Goffin. Entrance is free.

Sunday, September 24 • LSS Tzom Gedaliah Yom Iyyun & Inaugural Mitzvah Day. Join us amidst the High Holiday season as we prepare for Yom Kippur as a community with a special lecture by Rabbi Herschel Schachter, Shlita followed by special Mitzvah seminars and demonstrations featuring Teffillin & Mezuzah, Shaatnez, and vegetable checking. Lecture: 9:45am-10:45am, Mitzvah Stations: 11:00am-12:30pm

Sunday, October 22 • 1:00pm-4:00pm • The Chesed Committee is pleased to present a visit to the Chihuly Exhibit at the New York Botanical Gardens. Join us as we enjoy together breathtaking works of art that dazzle with color, light and form in a privately guided tour. Artworks by the world-renowned Dale Chihuly are on view in his first major garden exhibition in New York in over ten years. On exhibit are more than 20 installations including drawings and early works that reveal the evolution and development of Chihuly's artistic process. Set within NYBG's landmark landscape and buildings, the Garden's dramatic vistas become living canvases showcasing Chihuly's signature organic shapes in brilliant colors. Buses will leave from Lincoln Square Synagogue promptly at 1:00pm. Members: \$55, Non-members \$60 (price includes docent-led tour and round trip transportation) Register online at www.lss.org/botanicalgarden

Monday, October 30 • 7:00pn • "Fauda": Behind the Scenes with Lior Raz Join Lincoln Square Synagogue, UJA-Federation and Upper West Side community partners for a unique New York appearance with creator and star of Netflix's Fauda, Lior Raz. Called a "gritty, naturalistic thriller" by The New York Times, Fauda explores counterterrorism within the Israel Defense Forces. Learn about the making of the hit series and stick around for a Q&A. Hosted at Congregation Rodeph Sholom | 7 West 83rd Street, New York City. Cost: \$18. Your gift represents a charitable contribution. To register, visit www.ujafedny.org/event/view/inside-fauda/. SOLD OUT

Shabbat, November 4 • Annual LSS Hospitality Shabbaton This is one of our shul's most anticipated events, and we hope that every member will participate -- just sign up to share a meal, as a guest or as a host, with at least one co-member with whom you haven't broken bread before. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Sukkot @ LSS

Monday October 2 ● 7:00pm-8:30pm (following Mincha/Maariv) Come buy a beautiful Lulav and Etrog set at the shul as West Side Judaica sets up shop for the evening in the lobby.

Meal Registration is now open!

We look forward to welcoming back Zami's Catering as our Sukkot Caterer To Register for Sukkot Meals please visit www.lss.org/sukkahmeals2017



Youth Department

Shabbat Sept 16:

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210 שורשים Roots (3-4 years old) Room 208 ניצנים Buds (K-1st) Room 211 פרחים Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206 ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



Shabbat Theme: Responsibility for

One Another

For this week's double Parsha Nitzavim and Vayeilech, Youth Groups will learn the reasons behind Moshe's treaty between Bnei Yisrael and Hashem, the story of Achan in the book of Yehoshua, and how Avraham, Yosef, and Moshe all rose to greatness in the face of their challenges. Youth groups will also discuss why we always read Parshat Nitzavim on the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah: Because Nitzavim starts "You all (the heads of tribes, elders, officers...all the way to small children) standing <u>today</u>. When is this day we all stand before G-d? Rosh Hashanah.

The Youth Department wishes a huge Mazal Tov to our favorite Bar Mitzvah twins, Michael and Matthew Blitzer on their special Bar Mitzvah Shabbat this week.

Mark your child's calendar:

Thursday, September 21st, 11:30am – Rosh Hashana Honey Cake Baking Friday, September 22nd, 11:30am – Rosh Hashana Candy Apple Decorating Sunday, September 24th, 10am - Elul Mitzvah Day

Shabbat Request: When you drop off your child, please inform the Youth Leader of your full name, your child's name, and where you will be davening. This will help any new youth leaders get to know your children and know where to find you should we need to.

Teen Department

On both days of Rosh Hashana, there will be a teen service and discussion group for ages 12-16 led by **Rabbinic Intern Zachary Rothblatt**. For more information on this and other exciting teen events please email Youth Director, Ariel Sterm at asterm819@gmail.com

To join the teen email list please email the shul office at info@lss.org and include your child's name, email address, and birth date. Then sit back and wait for exciting things to come!

Weekly Learning Opportunities

There are times when, for various reasons, classes may be canceled.

If you would like to confirm that any particular class is indeed taking place please call the shul office at 212-874-6100 Sunday

• Sunday Morning Responsa 3.2 with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; 9:15am-10:00am - Beit Midrash

Monday

- The Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum Topic: Rosh Hashana Customs. The Jewish Living Workshop 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 <u>JLwork-shop@yahoo.com</u> or <u>www.lss.org</u>. Remaining classes: 9/18, 9/25, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, and 11/20.
- The Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I 6:30pm –8:00pm. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Remaining classes: 9/18, 9/25 and 10/2.
- **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level 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. Remaining classes: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2 and 10/9

*Please note: Thursday's Women's Talk Time will resume October 26

Help Keep West Side Judaica Alive!

As the Rabbi mentioned in a recent speech, it is imperative that we help our local Judaica store, West Side Judaica, remain in business. Please make every effort to support them. They are located at 2412 Broadway, between W 88th & 89th St. T: (212) 362-7846.

Beginners: We are happy to announce that, once again, the Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Fund is sponsoring the 50% off campaign for Beginners. Mezuzot: \$18, Tefillin: \$280, Jewish books: 50% off, \$200 worth of books for \$100. Expires 10/16/2017.

To place an order, please email Jessica at jessica@njop.org.

Mark Hus September 13, 2017 Parshat Nitzavim- Vayeilich

When I was contemplating writing this week's D'var Torah, it occurred to me that the third parsha, *Lech-Lecha*, and the third to last parsha, *Vayelech*, draw their names from the same root, to walk or to go. In contrast, in *Lech-Lecha*, Avraham is commanded to do something that appears to be relatively easy, once the journey has been undertaken, while Moshe is denied the opportunity to reach that very same Promised Land, where he has been yearning and striving for for forty years.

Similarly, this week's two parshiot have titles which are essentially antonyms. "You are **standing** before the Lord, your G-d today," is how *Nitzavim* begins: "And Moses **went** and he spoke these ideas and concepts to all of Israel" is the start of *Vayelech*.

It seems to me that the observations set forth above, in conjunction with the fact that we read *Nitzavim* and *Vayelech* at this time of year, are instructive. As we say goodbye to the past year and prepare to usher in a new one, it is a time for introspection and analysis. Unlike many of our fellow humans, we don't party to welcome a new year, we pray for a better future and try to atone for our past shortcomings. That is the message that the Torah is trying to get across by having *Lech-Lecha* and *Vayelech* as bookends. We are being reminded that it is the Torah that provides the proper path for us to follow as we live our lives.

The fact that we can opt to stand or go is also educational. We must always evaluate our courses of action carefully to be sure that we do not act thoughtlessly or improperly. We must stand when it is appropriate to do so and move when that is what is called for. And finally, the difference between Avraham's relative ease in reaching Israel ("And they left to go to the land of Canaan and they arrived in the land of Canaan." Ch.12, v. 6) and Moshe's inability to ever do so reminds us that, for even the greatest of people, not everything comes easily – or at all – despite repeated best efforts.

I want to dedicate this D'var Torah to the memories of Reb Mendel Schuldenfrei and Chazzan Jacob Muntz, who were taken from us in the past several weeks and in honor of our *ba'alei simcha* today, Bess Castagnello and Michael and Matthew Blitzer.

I first spoke to Reb Mendel Schuldenfrei, when he approached me to discuss a D'var Torah which I had written. "Mr. Hus," he said in his heavily accented English, "Very interesting, but I think you used an improper word to express one of your ideas." He suggested an alternative – and (frankly, to my great surprise) he was 100% right. He was a bright man and a person of great depth and determination, who, unfortunately, never fully recovered from the terrors he endured during the Holocaust. Chazzan Jacob Muntz, on the other hand, was always jolly and outgoing. Despite the horrors that he had survived, he was able to have a wonderful family life with Batya's children and grandchildren, who were legally "step-children," but who were his own (in his eyes and theirs). Whenever he saw me he always took the time to tell me that he had known my parents and how fond of them he and Batya were. In some ways, these two men responded so differently to the circumstances which were dealt to them, yet both were students of the Torah, who never ceased studying and learning it, and more significantly, living by it. More critically, they were both important members of our community, whose loss affects us all.

Gail Castagnello lost her husband when he was much too young. He was a wonderful man. Kudos to Gail for the amazing job which she has done raising her children. May Bess and Simcha live a long, happy and healthy life together. Wherever they choose to live, may they be a source of great *nachas* to their family, friends, all of *K'lal Yisrael* and all of humankind. Mazal Tov!!! Mazal Tov!!!

And finally, Michael and Matthew. Despite many bumps in the road and the too numerous obstacles placed before them, these two boys have grown into smart, personable, fine, fun-loving young men who love little children and participating in sports. Michael and Matthew, you are just starting your lives as full-fledged members of the Jewish people. May you both always make the right decisions and follow the right path and have long, happy and healthy lives and may you, too, both serve as sources of great *nachas* to your family, friends, all of *K'lal Yisrael* and all of humankind. Mazal Tov!!! Mazal Tov!!!

May we all merit to have a happy and healthy new year. Shabbat Shalom and K'tiva V'chatima Tova.