

## LSS UPDATE

LSS is closed for all services and programs, including Shabbat services and programs, until further notice.

This Shabbat marks 11 weeks apart and yet, in many ways, we realize how this challenging time is bringing us all closer through chesed and virtual connection.

Please see below for important Shabbat times.

## SHABBAT TIMES

### Friday Night:

**Today is the 43rd day of the Omer**

Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:42pm  
Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:56pm  
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 8:12pm  
Repeat Shema after 9:01pm  
**Count day 44 of Omer**

### Shabbat:

**Today is the 44th Day Omer**

Latest Shema 9:11am  
Latest Shacharit: 10:25am  
Earliest Mincha: 1:28pm  
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 8:13pm  
Shabbat Ends: 8:57pm  
Zoom Havdalah: 9:15pm  
**Count day 45 of the omer**

*For access to the Zoom links for Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah, please click the link in the electronic version of Echod.*

## MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **William Herlands**, son of Jonathan Herlands and Rachel Neumark Herlands, who has been awarded a dual PhD in Machine Learning and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University.

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Maurice Spanbock and Jerry Tov Greenberg**  
for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28: VIRTUAL ANNUAL DINNER: 7:00pm

Join us for an unforgettable evening with great friends and a special tribute to healthcare workers and to your personal heroes. This time of unprecedented crisis demands an unprecedented response. Registering for our virtual annual dinner provides us with support today that helps LSS serve those who are counting on us most, including isolated seniors, Holocaust survivors, and those facing newfound financial hardship. Let's look forward to re-opening our shul knowing that we have weathered this storm together. We need your support now more than ever. This year we honor our healthcare workers who day in and day out have put their lives on the line to save ours. Representing all health care workers, we are honored to Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ at this year's annual dinner. Who is your hero? This year, we invite you to dedicate your ad space to name who your hero is and why. *Please note, this year, the dinner is 100% tax-deductible. Closed captioning will be available at this event.*

*To contribute and/or donate to a group ad, please click the link in the electronic version of Echod.*

Memorial Day: Monday, May 25: LSS honors and mourns the military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

## ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be on Friday at 42 minutes and 13 chal Hakim after 11 AM. Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be on Sunday.

## SPEAKERS FOR MDA

**Tuesday, May 26: Live from Israel: How Did Israel Do It?: 2:00pm**

Details for this event can be found on the next page.



Uri Shacham is deputy director of Magen David Adom and chief of staff. Mr. Shacham's several decade's experience as a paramedic, including duty aboard MDA's Medevac helicopters, and has responded to dozens of terror and rocket attacks. He is also Magen David Adom's liaison capacity, he plays a significant role in Israel's international relief efforts and was among the first medical first responders to arrive in Haiti after that country's devastating earthquake in 2010.



Michael Strongin is a Chief of Riverdale Hatzalah EMS where he also serves as an active on call Senior Paramedic and the Director of Field Training. Michael is certified as an MDA Paramedic as part of a unique partnership between New York Hatzalah and MDA to provide additional EMT's and Paramedics during national emergencies and war. Michael volunteers regularly on MDA ambulances and led a team of EMTs and Paramedics on deployment in Netivot in the Gaza Periphery during Operation Pillar of Defense in 2012. Michael currently serves on the AFMDA New York Board.



Professor Eilat Shinar, M.D., was born in Israel. After serving in the Israel Defense Forces, she acquired her medical education at the Hebrew University and Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. After obtaining her M.D. degree in 1976, she became a specialist in hematology, and worked for 13 years as a fellow and a senior physician in the Department of Hematology at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. In 1988, she joined Magen David Adom Blood Services to direct the Hemapheresis Unit. In 1992, she was named the blood bank medical director and in 1997 she was named the director of MDA Blood Services Division.



Yuval Eran is a second-generation paramedic in Magen David Adom. He was trained as a paramedic during his IDF military service. After he was released from the IDF, he started working at MDA and served as a paramedic, instructor, and manager of MDA's simulator project, where EMTs are trained in an environment that replicated real-life emergency conditions. Yuval additionally produced two medical conferences for Magen David Adom.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

*Though we will not be joining together for communal kiddushim, we want to take this opportunity to list those sponsors that had every intention of sponsoring. We wish Mazal Tov's to those celebrating and Elyui Neshamot to those who are commemorating the loss of a loved one. May we very soon have the zechut again to share together in smachot and, lo'alenu, if difficult times befall, may we at the very least have the zechut to take comfort in coming together.*

**Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Martine and Jack Schenker** in commemoration of the yartzeit of Oma Irene Schenker a"h.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, May 24: New Member Brunch with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 12:00pm** *Pre-registration required.* Bring your brunch and pull up a chair to join us for some relaxed conversation with Rabbi Shaul and Sarah Robinson. This event is for members who have joined in 2019 and 2020.

**Monday, May 25: Community Wide Pre-Shavuot Night of Learning: 6:30pm-11:00pm** Join Rabbi Shaul Robinson along with various rabbis in New York City for a Pre-Shavuot night of learning.

**Tuesday, May 26: Live from Israel: How Did Israel Do It?: 2:00pm** Israel responded to the corona virus pandemic early, quickly and strongly. As a result, Israel's mortality rate (fewer than 300 people in a nation of 9.2 million) is a small fraction of that of other countries. How did they do it? Join this webinar and hear from four Magen David Adom experts. In order to join this webinar, you need to register in advance. Once you register, you will be emailed the link to use on the date and time of the webinar.

**Tuesday, June 2: Keeping Peace in the Home During Tough Times: 1:00pm** Join Slovie Jungreis-Wolff, acclaimed author, lecturer and parenting instructor, for this informative Facebook Live event. Slovie is the daughter of Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis and continues her mother's legacy. LSS is a proud co-sponsor of this event.

**Wednesday, June 3: Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Governors: 7:30pm** See electronic version of the Echod for the zoom link.

**Wednesday, June 10: Membership Meeting: 7:00pm** Zoom link will be emailed out the week of the event.

*For access to the links for these events,  
please view the electronic version of the Echod.*

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For access to all the Zoom links for these classes, please visit [www.lss.org/learningopportunities](http://www.lss.org/learningopportunities).

To dial into a class please call 646-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID and password (if necessary) associated with the class below.

### Sunday:

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 10:15am. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785 Password (if necessary): mds1234

### 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. Meeting ID: 459 533 337
- **\*(Resumes June 1) Jewish Living Workshop: 7:30pm-8:30pm** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 9 session series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials. To register and get access to the password, please email [JLworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com). Meeting ID: 774 751 778.
- **Deep Calling Unto Deep:** led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 7:45pm-8:30pm. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785 Password (if necessary): mds1234

### Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am- 11:30am. Meeting ID: 241 022 510 Sponsored by Lois Gottesman in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Bernard Gottesman z"l and her grandparents, David and Esther Davidovic h"yd.
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Meeting ID: 811 662 074

### Wednesday:

- **Conversions and Covenant: The Halacha, History, and Science of being Jewish** led by Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff: 12:00pm. Topic: House of Jacob Arise and Go: Rabbi Yosef Rosen's Postcard Responsa on Zionism and the Forefathers. Meeting ID: 952 176 470

### Thursday:

- **\*(Resumes June 4) The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020: KARLEEN KURYS, A PROUD TEACHER

Seniors of the class of 2020,

"This is our time. Seize the moment. 'Fear not the unknown. It is a sea of possibilities. —Tom Althouse.'" All of these are quotes and phrases familiar to almost all graduating classes across the country. But fear of the unknown is all many of you are facing today.

The unknown about whether you will get to walk across that stage at graduation, with your parents and family looking on, celebrating your accomplishments. Fear that those moments you spent with your friends on that last day of school before all schools closed will be the last memories you get to make with those friends before you graduate. Anxiety about how those possible last grades might affect your transcript or how you might not be able to take that AP exam for that honors class that you studied so hard for.

You have the right to feel uncertain, fearful and anxious. But you are a generation of fighters. You are the generation that came after the uncertainty of the attacks of 9-11. You have been growing and thriving despite having wars being fought your entire life, because we as a country have ensured that you were sheltered in safety so that you can achieve this.

Your parents have watched and reveled in each milestone you have accomplished: your first steps, first words, promotion to first grade, riding a bike, promotion from eighth grade, your driver's license and ultimately your graduation from high school. No one and nothing can take that accomplishment away from you. You have not only achieved

but excelled in the face of uncertainty. This is just another obstacle which you will overcome.

All of your teachers, from kindergarten through your senior year, we have watched grow into the outstanding young men and women that you are today. We take pride in the fact that we have had at least a small part to play in your accomplishments. We have seen you struggle, we have held your hand, taught you step by step until you understood, been a shoulder for you to cry on, and hopefully occasionally told you just how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. Hopefully you know that all of your teachers feel your pain, and that we also feel cheated not able to divulge that last bit of knowledge we have to share with you before you leave the shelter of our classrooms.

You have had to overcome obstacles that only people from the Greatest Generation have had to experience like you. Shortages of toilet paper, bottled water, hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes. Words like "hoarding," "social distancing" and "global pandemic" becoming a part of your everyday language. These words that no one could have fathomed might possibly mean the end of your 13-year journey to graduation from high school. You have weathered this storm. You are a survivor. Be proud of your accomplishments and do not dwell on the disappointment or fear that you might not get to walk across that stage at the end of the year. You will be celebrated. It may be only with your immediate family members, or it might be at a later date. But you deserve your recognition. Do not lose faith. Your parents and teachers are there for you. So congratulations, class of 2020. You did it!

## DVAR TORAH

Parshat Bamidbar

May 22-23

By: Maurice Spanbock and Jerry Tov Greenberg

### *A Count Ability*

When we study Scripture, whether it's narrative or the presentation of law, often we need to figure things out. To gain a fuller understanding, we seek the wisdom of Chazal for interpretations and insights into the subtleties and sometimes the enigma of the text. Not so today, where the meaning of the parsha is obvious.

This week we begin reading the fourth book of the Chumash. We call it Bamidbar (In the Wilderness), but the rest of the world knows it as Numbers, because in the first chapters, HaShem orders Moshe to conduct a census of men over the age of twenty. The book begins with a familiar declaration: "And HaShem spoke to Moshe." But unlike most other Divine decrees, what comes next is rare. It's a direct reference to time and place — "in the wilderness of Sinai," "in the tabernacle of the congregation," "on the first day of the second month," "in the second year after they came out of the land of Egypt."

So, why a census at this point? There are five other censuses chronicled in Tenach, most notably in Sh'mot at the beginning of parshat Ki Tisa, which we read every year on Shabbat Shekalim. That, too, was for men over twenty, but the reason that's given is puzzling, and the only thing we learn for certain is that the half-shekalim collected in the tally were used to maintain the Mishkan.

Historically, the last reference to the Mishkan was at the end of the book of Sh'mot, where we find another interesting fragment of timeline. We're told the construction of the Tabernacle was in the first month of the second year. Therefore, we can infer that one month has passed and that, Torah-wise, the saga of our ancestors' journey "in the wilderness" was temporarily suspended in order to slip in the book of Vayikra.

Now, one book later, the Torah makes clear that one month has passed, and we pick up where we left off. The next item on HaShem's agenda is the new census. The Torah also makes clear that this census isn't some idea Moshe came up with on his own; it's a direct order from HaShem.

There's no mystery or enigma. The stated rationale is to get an accounting for military readiness. Not just an accounting, but accountability, because the princes of all the tribes — we can think of them as "generals-in-waiting" — are mentioned by name, as is the exact strength of every tribe's battalions. Indeed, in the next chapter, each tribe is given strategic placement for defense of the camp, with the Ohel Mo'ed (the Mishkan) in the center.

Prior to this, B'nei Yisrael had been protected through Divine intervention. No armies led them out of slavery; it was HaShem's "mighty hand and outstretched arm." Their one significant experience of war was the sneak attack by the Amalakites early on. They prevailed then because they were inspired, encouraged by the sight of Moshe with his staff held high above his head. Surely, before these former slaves could reclaim their ancestral homeland, they would need to be better prepared. And what better time to show the people that they themselves were capable of handling any hostile situation than before the next need to marshal their forces even arose.

Slaves depend upon others for protection. They are helpless, vulnerable, powerless. Perhaps HaShem wanted the new nation to see, literally "by the numbers," the power it held in reserve; to teach it that with unity and strength in the aggregate of those numbers, the Israelites could now depend upon themselves and rely upon each other, not just for defense but for the inevitable time when they would have to go on the attack.

*This Shabbat is the 60th anniversary of Jerry's bar mitzvah.*

*Shabbat Shalom*

## DVAR TORAH

We are currently looking for writers for:

Shabbat Shavuot (5/30)  
Parshat Korach (6/27)

If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at [dvar@lss.org](mailto:dvar@lss.org).

## TIMES FOR WEEKDAY DAVENING

For access to the times for weekday davening, please click [here](#).

## ZOOM NOTICE

Zoom is now requiring that all users update their zoom accounts. All users who don't update it by May 30 may experience difficulties signing into classes and programs.

## REMINDER

Tonight, Thursday, May 21 and tomorrow, Friday, May 22 are Yom Yerushalyim. It is customary to say Hallel after the Shacharit Amidah on Yom Yerushalyim.

# Shabbat Shalom!

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

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