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Parshat Beshalach

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

5:03pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

5:05pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by

Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur on the third floor given by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow.

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz **Zolty** on "How Did the Manna Test Bnei Yisrael?"

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Drasha after services by Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty.

9:15am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201 9:33am Latest Shema

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the

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

11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, Rm 208/210)

Shabbat Afternoon

3:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. (New volunteers needed and welcome)

3:35pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in Rm 208/210

3:45pm: Women's Tu B'Shvat Oneg

4:05pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm 211

4:05pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by

Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on "Poems the Earth Writes Upon the Sky: The Inner Meaning of Tu B'Shvat"

4:50pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Roy Neubauer and Roey Morag will be speaking on "Duvdevan soldiers: Serving in the IDF in

disquise and under cover " 6:05pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Motzei Shabbat

6:05pm: Youth and Teen Musical Havdalah with Chazzan Lemmer

8:00pm: Meet the Real Fauda Soldiers

MAZAL TOV

Grandmother Lanette Dachs on the birth of a baby girl, Leora Shoshana born to her children Miriam and Moishe Dachs. Mazal tov to big sister Rachaeli and big brothers Menashe and Tzvi.

Tanya Gershon and Joe Warshawsky on the birth of a baby boy.

Great aunt Adena Samowitz on the birth of a baby boy, Chaim Shimon to her niece and nephew in law, Basya & Mordechai Rothstein. Mazal tov to siblings Bracha, Sholom, Moshe, Raphael Shmuel, Avromi and Esther.

Judy and Joel Schreiber on the engagement of their grandson, Yoseph Fein, son of Tobi and Avromie Fein to Danielle Bodoff, daughter of Bonnie and Jeff Bodoff.

Grandparents **Leah and Ephraim Savitt** on the birth of a baby boy to their children Simona and Abbaleh Savitt. Mazal tov to his big sister Tal Sarit and best wishes to the Caplan and Savitt families.

Great grandparents Sarah Leah and Lou Vynerib on the birth of a baby boy, Refael Yosef Tzvi to their grandchildren Yehudis and Tani Einzig in Yerushalayim. Mazal tov to grandparents Loren and Ruven Adler of Monsey, NY.

Noreen Wachs on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Zvi last weekend, son of Tamar and Joshua Kahn.

THIS SHABBAT & WEEKEND

Shabbat Morning

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Drasha after services by Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty.

Shabbat Afternoon

3:45pm: Women's Tu B'Shvat Oneg

Ashley Emrani is Tri-State Director of Jewish National Fund's Women's Campaign and a proud JNF Root Society member. Ashley will discuss how JNF invests in the land of Israel, focusing on the untapped "fruits" of the Negev and Galilee, and the importance of philanthropy.



4:50pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Topic: "Duvdevan soldiers: Serving in the IDF in disquise and under cover"

Sayeret Duvdevan is an elite IDF special forces anti-terrorist unit. They generally operate in the West Bank, frequently in disguise. Their missions are featured in the Netflix series, Fauda.

Our speakers are not actors. They are soldiers who served in this unit.

Mai. Rov Neubauer was born in a moshav in the Arava to a family of farmers. He has led units of 140 soldiers in some of the most complicated military missions during the last decade.

Maj. Roey Morag was born in the northern part of Israel to a father who served the IDF for 25 years and a mother who is a school teacher. He has served during the intifada as well as during Operation Protective Edge. He is now working for the Duvdevan Foundation helping soldiers who've served in this unit.

Motzei Shabbat

6:05pm: Youth and Teen Musical Havdalah with Chazzan Lemmer

8:00pm: Duvdevan: Soldiers in the Keffiveh

Hear personal stories from two soldiers who served in this unit and view videos of actual operations Cost: \$60 at the door

Motzei Shabbat

10:00am: UWS Mental Health First Aid Training

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Hashkama Kiddush:

Sponsored by the generous contributions to the Fund.

Main Kiddush: Jeffrey Schwartz and Milayna Subar in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Milayna's mother Ruthe Brown Subar a"h, רחל בת עזריאליעקב הלוי ומיראל לאה א"ה.

Adena Samowitz in celebration of the birth of her great nephew, Chaim Shimon named for her father Charles Samowitz z"l.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Bernard Broome and Janet & Stan Broome in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their grandfather, Avraham Shlomo ben Yisrael Yitzchak z"l which is on 17 Shevat.

Beginners Kiddush:

Marta Bede in commemoration of the 8th vahrtzeit of her mother, Maria Kacsak a"h who would also be turning 70 this weekend.

Caryn and Michael Bruckheimer in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Michael's parents, Max and Hilda Bruckheimer z"l.

Seudah Shlishit:

Ruth Cogan and Naomi & Jesse Cogan in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their husband and father, Rabbi Leo J. Cogan z"l.

Mark Hus & Shirley Stark and Susan Stark in commemoration of the vahrtzeit of their father Elivahu ben Chaim Dov, z"l.

Frances and Ron Goldofsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Irving Goldofsky z"l.

HAKARAT HATOV

Jeffrey Schwartz for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 25: Wake Up Your Soul: 7:00pm

LSS is proud to host the US book launching event of Rabbi Dov Singer's "Prepare My Prayer: Recipes to Awaken the Soul", Maggid Books' new English language translation of his best seller "Tikon Tefillati". Join us to welcome the joyous month of Adar for a musical/spiritual voyage with this Modern Orthodox Hassidic master. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 26: Our Chazzanim at the Mansion: 7:30pm
Chazzan Yanky Lemmer and Chazzan Yisroel Lesches will be doing another show of lively klezmer and jazz with the Frank London Ensemble. Their November show sold-out, here is the reprise if you missed that one. Appetizers and open bar. *offsite event
To buy tickets, please visit www.themansion.nyc.

March 2: Beginners Schmooze: 8:15pm

Free and open to all. Refreshments will be served. Call 212-874-6100 to confirm. Location: Rm 211

March 7: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm

<u>Cost:</u> \$25 per person. To register, please visit <u>www.lss.org/beginners</u> or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Thursday, March 5. Special meal requests must be submitted no later than Tuesday, March 3.

ALL THINGS PURIM

Our Mishloach Manot Campaign is Now Open!

LSS is thrilled to offer the opportunity to send Mishloach Manot to members of the shul. Through your participation, your friends and neighbors will receive a beautiful gift basket all while helping to support the shul in the process. Order yours today! \$10 per family (6 family minimum, \$60), \$370 (maximum cost) To sign up, please visit: www.lss.org/campaign/purim2020.

Deadline to order: Wednesday, March 4 at midnight

Sunday, March 1: Pre-Purim Food Drive: Shacharit to after Mincha Join LSS to help feed the Jewish homeless. The food collected will be delivered in time for the homeless to utilize the foods as part of their Purim Seudah. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Wendy Baker at wbaker@panix.com.

Sunday, March 8: LSS Annual Youth Department Purim Carnival
The Purim Carnival is the main fundraiser for the LSS Youth
Department. We need your support for another incredible decade.
Thank you to our sponsors: Josh and Hattie Danziger, Dr. Susan Unger
Mero and Steven Mero and Allison and Yitzy Rubin. Sign Up to Be a
Sponsor Today! Email: youth@lss.org

Monday, March 9th: Beginners Purim Bash

Maariv and Megillah reading: 7:20pm.

Purim Bash: 8:35pm, featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Monday, March 9: Ta'anit Esther/Fast Day/Erev Purim Tuesday, March 10: Purim (Purim schedule to follow)

HOSPITALITY NEEDS

LSS Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff is in need of meals and lodging on February 14-15, 21-22, and March 13-14.

Please email hospitality@lss.org with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

AIPAC

The always exciting annual AIPAC Conference will be held in Washington D.C. March 1-3. Please visit the AIPAC website www.aipac.org. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please email Ann Crane Lowy at anncrane2750@gmail.com.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

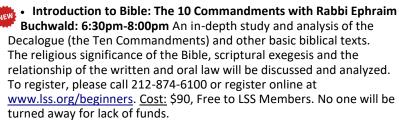
• **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan. <u>Location</u>: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday:

- What a Jew Believes: Practicing Faith in a Skeptical World led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. 1:00pm-2:00pm <u>Topic:</u> Torah From Heaven? Did G-d really speak and does He ever change His mind?
- 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. <u>Location</u>: Rm 206/207
- Deep Calling Unto Deep: A Journey into Tehillim led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 7:45pm-8:45pm. A five part series on the history, thought, and usage of Psalms in Jewish tradition through explanation and in depth study of individual chapters. This is the second of five classes. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Tuesday:

• The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am—11:30am. <u>Location:</u> Rm LL201



 Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. <u>Location</u>: Rm 211

Wednesday:

- Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:00pm-8:00pm <u>Location</u>: Rm 207
- What a Jew Believes: Practicing Faith in a Skeptical World led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. 7:00pm-8:00pm <u>Topic</u>: Torah From Heaven? Did G-d really speak and does He ever change His mind?? <u>Location</u>: Belfer Beit Midrash

Thursday:

- *(Cancelled this week) Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. <u>Last Week's Topic:</u> If I Had My Life to Live Over... Location: Rm LL201.
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. <u>Location:</u> Belfer Beit Midrash

Join Rabbi Robinson for the final lecture in this exciting mini series, What a Jew Believes: Practicing Faith in a Skeptical World; The Money in My Pocket - Who does it belong to and what should I do with it? *Please note the date change 03/04 @ 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Save the Date:

Monday, February 24: Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II: 6:30pm These 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.

MAIN KIDDUSH

Upcoming Main Kiddush Sponsorship Availability: February 15, March 7 & 14. To sponsor, please visit www.lss.org/requestkiddush or contact Julie Rosenthal at 212-874-6100 ext. 105 or julie@lss.org.

LSS BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

Women if you've never had a Bat Mitzvah or haven't read from the Torah sign up now at LSSbatmitzvah@gmail.com. Read only 3-4 sentences and we help you do it with recordings and mentors. Assignments given early February allowing for lots of prep time for the Shabbat May 9th reading.

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210 Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211

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



Dvar Torah:

Parshat Beshalach has a second name, Shabbat Shira, because in the story, the Jewish people sang Oz Yashir, a prayer we say every day in davening. The Jewish people had just escaped Egypt and traveled through the desert; a pillar of cloud led them during the day and a pillar of fire led them at night. When they approached a place called Bal Tefon, Pharaoh decided to chase after them and saddled 600 special chariots. When the Jewish people saw the Egyptian army approaching behind them and the Red Sea in front of them, they were trapped and questioned Moshe: "Did you bring us out here to be killed?" HaShem told Moshe to stretch his hand out on the sea, and the sea split into two, with dry land in between. While the Jewish people crossed, the Egyptian army pursued. But as soon as the Jewish people reached the other side of the sea, the waters crashed down on the Egyptian army. In seeing this miracle, the Jewish people sang Oz Yashir; Miriam took a tambourine and led the women in singing.

While traveling further, the Jews arrived at a place called Marah. In Marah, they couldn't drink the bitter water, so HaShem instructed Moshe to dip a certain tree into the water, which sweetened and purified the water. When the people became hungry, HaShem rained bread down. The people asked, "Maan Hu" (What is this?), which is how this bread got the name Maan. The Maan had a magical property in that it tasted like whatever the person wanted it to. Each day, the people were allowed a single portion of Maan, except on Friday, Erev Shabbat, when they gathered a double portion. This story is how we got the name Lechem Mishna for the two challas or breads we bless at Shabbat meals, in remembrance of the double portion.

The parsha ends when the Jewish people are attacked by the Amalekites in a place called Rifidim. In response, Moshe appointed Yehoshua to take an army and fight them. HaShem told Moshe to remember this day and to remember what the Amalekites had done.

Schedule:

10:00 am Drop-Off (Rooms 208/210, 211)
11:00 am Davening, Circle Time and Baby & Me (208-210)
11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration
11:30 am Parsha & Candy: Bnei Yisrael is Free
11:45 am Groups End

Upcoming Events: To sponsor an event please email youth@lss.org

Shabbat, February 15: Youth Spot it Tournament: 10:30am Location: Room 206/207

Shabbat, February 22: Parshat Mishpatim Teen Minyan: 10:00am If you'd like to lead any part of the Shabbat service (Kriyah Hatorah, Haftorah, Shacharit, Musaf) please speak directly to Mendel or email youth@lss.org.

Sunday, February 23: Babies & Brunch: Yoga with Sarah: 10:00am *Generously sponsored by Sharoni & Mo Kanarfogel and Dana & Tzvi Simpson.* To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/yogababies.

Sunday, March 1: Words to Action Part 2: 5:00pm-7:00pm To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/wordstoaction.

Sunday, March 29: Dorot Passover Package Delivery (Volunteer Mission) Save the date.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

- 1. What led the Jewish people in the desert?
- 2. What other name does the Parsha have?
- 3. Which part of every day davening appears in the parsha?
- 4. What instrument did Miriam play?
- 5. Why do we use two Challahs at each Shabbat meal?



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Because of the Lechem Mishna, the double portion of Maan bread that the Jewish people gathered on Friday

4. Tambourine

3. Oz Yashir

2. Shabbat Shira

By day, a pillar of cloud; by night, a pillar of fire

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DVAR TORAH

Parshat Beshalach By: Jeffrey Schwartz February 7-8

Hidden or Unhidden?

B'shalach conveys in a nutshell one version of the history of Israel's relationship with G-d. G-d saves the Jews, they are thankful, sing his praises, and commit to observing the laws and doing his bidding, but soon thereafter they backslide. One obvious perplexity for many of us reading about this sequence beginning in B'shalach (and repeated throughout Tanach) is that it happens so often. How could the ancient Israelites doubt G-d so soon after witnessing the splitting of the sea, or later, how could they sin so soon after the giving of the Ten Commandments? Another reaction to this narrative is that many of us are forced to admit that we have long wished to observe one big Godly miracle which would (we tell ourselves) put to rest all religious doubts. B'shalach is chock full of miracles. G-d is on full display. Moses tells the people (14:13) "Stand fast and see the salvation of G-d that he will perform for you today." Moses further tells the people (14:14) "G-d will make war for you, and you shall remain silent." And a few verses later, as the sea-splitting miracle begins to unfold, even the Egyptians themselves exclaim (14:25) "I shall flee before Israel, for G-d is waging war for them." The text further tells us (14:30) "On that day, G-d saved Israel from the hand of Egypt, and then (14:31) Israel saw the great hand that g-d inflicted upon Egypt and the people feared g-d and they had faith in G-d and in Moses his servant.'

But, that's not all – there's more. G-d showed Moses (15:25) how to use a tree to make water potable for the thirsty Israelites. Later, (16:4) "G-d rained down for them bread from the heaven." Later still, G-d stands before Moses (17:6) and advises him to hit a rock, which miraculously pours forth water for the people who are once again thirsty. In short, in B'shalach, G-d is demonstrably and miraculously present. This is an unhidden G-d.

In our day however, we confront a totally different reality. G-d is everywhere but only if we so perceive him to be: His less obvious presence is disguised by explanations of psychology, geopolitical decisions of nations, and ever-expanding scientific understanding of nature. We live in an era in which whether we see the divine depends upon how we understand events; G-d's presence is not overt. This is a hidden G-d.

Does this week's parasha make a case for whether it is better, religiously, for G-d to show hiddenness or unhiddenness? As I considered this, I was surprised with what I found my answer to be.

How did the Israelites of old react in this week's Torah reading, when things went awry in the desert? They: 1) complained a lot (e.g., 15:24); 2) waxed sarcastic ("Were there no graves in Egypt that you took us to die in the wilderness,"14:11); 3) were impressed (and perhaps overly so) by expressions of power and might ("..and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore," 14:30); 5) doubted ("Is G-d among us or not?, "17:7); and 6) seemed easily broken ("Perhaps the people will reconsider when they see a war, and return to Egypt," 13:17). Yes, they

were newly freed slaves with all the traumatic impact this entails but G-d's overt actions on their collective behalf do not seem to have instilled a deep-seated faith. In an "unhidden-G-d" era, people in doubt gaze outward into the world, seeking G-d's confirmation. Miracles are needed to reinforce belief, but the miracles seem to be taken for granted even as G-d protects and feeds the people.

In contrast, in our (post-modern) times, what are the responses when things go south? At our best, we might: 1) search for meaning and consider events are telling us that our ethical behavior needs improving; 2) band together and help one another (for example, to make it safely to a shelter as rocket sirens blare); 3) strive to solve (water) problems and not just wail (can you spell desalinization?); 4) assume G-d IS in our midst but that G-d is waiting, hoping and expecting us to act and to do "what is just in his eyes" ("yashar b'einav," Exodus, 15:26); and if it would be necessary then we would 5) fight to defend our land and traditions and lives. I am proposing that in a "hidden-G-d" time, individuals in doubt look for the divine inside themselves, reconsider whether their understanding of what's moral has gone awry, and recommit to actions that bring more holiness into the world.

Is there support for what I've proposed here? In contrast to B'shalach, consider Megilat Esther, which seems to offer instruction about how to live in a "hidden-G-d" world (and consider this an early reminder to buy your intoxicants of choice — Purim is about a month away). A dangerous time called forth courageous action by Esther and Mordecai. Events elicited a search for meaning ("and who knows whether it was for just such a time as this that you attained the royal position,"4:14). Mordecai urges Esther to think not only of herself ("Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king's palace," 4:13). Ultimately, the threatened community bands together — at first in fasting and prayer, then in self-defense and, when successful, with gifts to the poor and joyous shared meals. Indeed, there is no direct mention of a divine actor in the Purim story; in the darkness created by Hamen, Persia's Jews found meaning in the creation of a miracle instead of complaining and waiting for G-d to provide one.

I realize this may be an ungenerous understanding of the generation of the desert; some chazal assert that the lowest among them had more direct access to G-d's essence than our greatest Biblical prophets. But, in the context of G-d's hiddenness, religious people in our modern world respond more resiliently to life's travails than did those Israelites of old for whom G-d was radically present. Perhaps not experiencing overt miracles, thereby forcing us to purposefully engage and accomplish miraculous things, is more of a blessing than we realize?

Shabbat Shalom

We are currently looking for writers for:

Parshat Emor (5/9)
Parshat Behar-Bechukotai (5/16)
Parshat Bamidbar (5/23)

Email dvar@lss.org or see Bill Greenbaum in shul.

Weekly Prayer	Schedule:	February 9-14				
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
Candle Lighting						5:12pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:15pm	5:15pm	5:15pm	5:15pm	5:15pm	5:15pm

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