

LSS UPDATE

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

This Shabbat marks 9 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 29th day of the Omer/Pesach Sheini

Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:32pm

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:43pm

Sunset (daven Mincha by): 7:59pm

Repeat Shema after 8:44pm

Count day 30 of Omer

Shabbat:

Today is the 30th Day Omer

Latest Shema 9:17am

Latest Shacharit: 10:30am

Earliest Mincha: 1:28pm

Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 8:00pm

Shabbat Ends: 8:44pm

Zoom Havdalah: 9:00pm

Count day 31 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

Grandparents **Joyce and David Friedman** on the birth of a baby boy born to their children Rebecca and Rabbi Adam Friedman. Mazal tov to the whole family.

Lindsay and Evan Majzner on the birth of a baby girl, Nessa Jordyn. Mazal tov to big brother, Nate.

Great grandparents **Ruth and Dr. Robert Riemer** on the birth of a baby boy born to their grandchildren, Tamar and Rabbi Elie Buechler. Mazal tov to grandparents Alissa and Avi Ossip & Laura and Rabbi Howard Buechler.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, May 13: Owning Your Life, Owning the World: 2:00pm

On Yom Kippur 1973, Anat Yahalom was an 18 year old soldier stationed in the Sinai. The sound of IDF soldiers praying in the base synagogue was broken by exploding bombs from the Egyptian Air Force. Anat was one of the many soldiers who was severely wounded in the attack. In this program, Anat will share her long road back to recovery, a road that led to raising a family and becoming a professional hand-cyclist who has completed marathons. Hers is not just a tale of survival. It is a story about rediscovering hope, purpose and inner peace. And isn't this just what we all need during these difficult times?

Anat, an inspiring bilingual speaker, is the recipient of the prestigious 2018 Israel Defense Force Award for excellence in rehabilitation. She is a founding member of the forum for disabled IDF Female Veterans and of Etgarim, the Association for the Disabled; promoting outdoor activities and educational programs for physically and mentally challenged children. Anat has served in a fundraising capacity for both organizations and was previously an emissary for the Jewish Agency in South Africa. Anat holds degrees in art and education from the Academic College of Education Oranim. She is married to Rafi Rimshon. They are the proud parents of three children and six grandchildren.



For access to the Zoom links for this event, please view the electronic version of the Echod.

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.

Main Kiddush: Aviva & Marvin Sussman and Judy & Moshe Sokolow in memory of their parents Sol & Roslyn Sussman, z"l, and Charles Bendheim, z"l, whose yahrtzeits are all in the month of Iyar.

HAKARAT HATOV

Gary Laveman for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

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.

TIMES FOR WEEKDAY DAVENING

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 12: EG Productions Presents: Together as One: 5:00pm
This Lag Ba'Omer, Yaakov Shwekey, Mordechai Ben David, and Ishay Ribo are coming together for a performance. All proceeds will benefit the Israel COVID Relief Fund.

Wednesday, May 13: Owning Your Life, Owning the World: 2:00pm
See cover page for details.

Sunday, May 17: Mother Daughter Learning: 2:00pm
Join Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty and explore key issues of ethics through a Jewish lens together with your daughter.
Topic: Vegetarianism and the Treatment of Animals According to Jewish Ethics.

Sunday, June 28: Virtual Annual Dinner: 7:00pm
Save the date. More information to follow.

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

LSS SUPPORTS WEST SIDE HATZOLOH

As a shul, we join in unity, to support and show appreciation for our local Hatzoloh and its volunteers, our heroes on the frontlines that heed the call 24/7 for us, our families and our community.

Now, even more than ever West Side Hatzoloh needs our support. Taking care of our community during the COVID-19 crisis requires tremendous resources above and beyond those required for normal operations.

Support West Side Hatzoloh Today!

Please click [here](#) to donate with our shul's team, and together we will show West Side Hatzoloh that LSS cares.

MISHNAH LEARNING

Every year Lincoln Square Synagogue collectively studies the entire Mishnah before Shavuot. We ask as many people as possible to choose what they want to learn, and complete it by the second day of Yom Tov. Especially this year, our Mishnah learning is even more important!

We are dedicating this year's learning for the refuah sheleimah, complete healing for all the people affected by the terrible pandemic, in our communities and all over the world.

We can't accomplish the goal without YOU! We promise you a meaningful and rewarding experience. Please help us achieve our participation goal of having every member and friend of LSS study a portion of Mishnah. Volunteer mentors or study partners are available upon request. Alternatively, you can email Bill Greenbaum or Janine Sherr at mishnah@lss.org.

Finally, we're again making available the option to learn in memory of one or more of the IDF soldiers who fell in the defense of Medinat Israel. This is a completely voluntary option, but those who participated in past years found it to be a very meaningful experience. Please email Nathan at nvogel212@gmail.com to learn more.

Please click [here](#) to sign up

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For access to all the Zoom links for these classes, please visit www.lss.org/learningopportunities.

Sunday:

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 10:15am. *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 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. *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 459 533 337*
- **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. *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 774 751 778.*
- **Deep Calling Unto Deep:** led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 7:45pm-8:30pm. *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 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. *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 241 022 510*
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 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: Ramban & Thomas Paine's "Rights of Man": Hakhel, Covenant, & Political Theory. *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 952 176 470*
- **Jewish History Course led by Paul Shaviv: 8:00pm-9:00pm** *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 989 1372 9583*

Thursday:

- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. *Dial: US (New York): 646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 912 657 888*

Shabbat Shalom!

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Emor
May 8-9
By: Gary Laveman

A Tale of A Skinny Eight-Year Old Boy and His Mother

"I am Hashem, who sanctifies you, who took you out of the land of Egypt...." (Parashat Emor: 22:33)

It was winter of 1920, in the Rumanian province of Bessarabia. A skinny eight-year old Jewish boy and his mother lived in a small town, really a shtetl, surrounded by Russian and Rumanian residents. Conditions were harsh: long, dark frigid winters, virtually no opportunities for social or economic advancement, a brutal Czarist government which three years earlier had been replaced by a vicious Bolshevik regime, constant, insidious acts of anti-Semitism, including vicious pogroms; in short, a life of drudgery.

The mother's husband had managed to escape to the United States in 1913, just prior to the outbreak of World War I. Now, the mother was determined to take her son to the United States, whatever the cost. Throughout the spring of 1920, mother and son trudged across Europe, trying to avoid the civil war erupting throughout Germany, trying to cope with the devastation wrought by the combatants during the world war, taking detours to Switzerland and Italy, and finally managing to reach France, where a ship would take them to New York.

The family settled in the Lower East Side, amidst abject poverty. The refrain, "the streets are paved with gold" turned out, in actuality, to be "the streets are not paved with gold, the streets are unpaved; you are expected to pave the streets."

The little boy spoke Yiddish, no English, and had to struggle to earn an education. A government safety net did not exist. Mother and father, despite no knowledge of higher education, instilled in the boy the goal of somehow going on to college. With no money, the boy had two choices: get accepted by City College and work his way through college or find a menial job.

Unlike Columbia University, which had a strict quota to restrict Jewish

admissions, City College followed a policy of meritocracy, admitting students based solely on grades and test scores. The boy gained admission based on scholastic achievement. After years of perseverance, the boy graduated from City College with an accounting degree, in June 1935.

Most accounting firms in New York City in 1935 did not welcome Jewish accountants, no matter their qualifications. The same held true for most banks and investment banks. The boy found employment with a small Jewish accounting firm and eventually started his own firm, which prospered. He married, had children, then grandchildren. He helped found a new shul in his community, where he served as treasurer and trustee.

This little boy grew up to leave a life-defining legacy for future generations: Despite overwhelming odds, pursue your dreams. Never lose hope. Despite grinding poverty, never use it as an excuse. Instill in future generations the critical importance of securing a solid education. Don't dwell on obstacles before you; rather, learn how to leap over those obstacles. Impart to future generations the beauty of Judaism in all its many components. And, above all, express your love to those around you.

The flight from Bessarabia to New York City, in the spring of 1920, one hundred years ago, in the face of unspeakable odds, was, of course, accomplished under the guidance of G-d. It certainly could be considered a personal exodus.

"I am Hashem, who sanctifies you, who took you out of the land of Egypt...." (Parashat Emor: 22:33)

By the way, the little eight-year old boy was my blessed father, Josef Dovid ben Leibush Aryeh z'l, and his mother was my beloved grandmother, Sarah bas Avraham z'l.

Thank you, Daddy and Grandma.

Shabbat Shalom

DVAR TORAH

We are currently looking for writers for:

Shabbat Shavuot (5/30)

Parshat Shelach (6/20)

Parshat Korach (6/27)

If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

In case of a bereavement, please call
our Clergy at 646-543-7485
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Shabbat Echod by e-mail,
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