

## LSS UPDATE

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

This Shabbat marks 13 weeks apart. We are hopeful to open again one day soon and are grateful to see that this challenging time has only brought us all closer through chesed and virtual connection.

Please see below for important Shabbat times.

## SHABBAT TIMES

### Friday Night:

Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:51pm  
Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:10pm  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 8:07pm  
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 8:23pm  
Repeat Shema after 8:54pm

### Shabbat:

Latest Shema: 9:08am  
Latest Shacharit: 10:24am  
Earliest Mincha: 1:32pm  
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 8:23pm  
Shabbat Ends: 9:08pm  
Zoom Havdalah: 9:30pm

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

## MAZAL TOV

Grandparents **Adele and Walter Wasser** on the birth of a baby girl, Rivka Tzipora, to their children Hadar and Aron Wasser in Jerusalem.

**Sara and Brad Nash** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Gaby.

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Shlomo Offer** for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

**BSD Cleaning Services** for donating COVID-19 disinfection cleaning

## LSS REOPENING

At the beginning of each week, an email will be sent asking people to sign up if they are interested and able to attend Minyan.

Priority will be given to people saying Kaddish, with Rabbi and Gabbaim managing the process. Please note the survey is just a measure of your interest, it does not commit you to attend.

*To read our President's letter and for access to the survey, please visit our homepage at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org)*

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

The New York Public Library has issued an album called "Missing Sounds of New York," available on Spotify. It records all the sounds New Yorkers miss as we stay in our homes to avoid the coronavirus: the screech of the subway, conversations of passersby in several languages, and, against a background of stadium noise, a lunatic yelling, "HOW IS THAT NOT A STRIKE!"

At LSS we have our own anthology of treasured sounds that we miss: Wendy Baker announcing she needs someone with a van to deliver goods from the clothing drive. Chazan Lemmer belting out "ya'amod, ya'amod habachur habar mitsvah ...." Dassa Greenbaum urging women to sign up to become b'not mitzvah. Alan Samuels announcing that this week we have a sponsored kiddush! At the kiddush Rabbi Robinson calling all the kids for "story time." An impassioned member in the Beit Midrash yelling, "HOW IS THAT NOT A STEERA!" And, of course, at this time of the year, announcements to register for Lincoln Square Synagogue's Annual Dinner.

To be sure, the Dinner, which is on Sunday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m., will be a little different this year. It will be done virtually, from our homes. But the fun and entertainment that we've come to expect will be there the same as always. The theme of the 2020 Dinner is "Honoring Our Covid-19 Heroes." Everyone is urged to place an ad in our virtual Dinner Journal honoring those resolute public servants who have unswervingly put themselves on the line, risking their own health and safety to protect ours. Or perhaps there is a Covid-19 Hero you have encountered in your personal experience who deserves recognition and thanks. Here's your chance!

Please register & submit your ad as soon and as generously as possible. And remember, this year the full amount of your dinner contribution is tax deductible!

Closed Captioning available.

*To contribute and/or donate to a group ad, please click the link in the electronic version of Echod or visit our homepage at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org).*

## BLACK LIVES MATTER EVENT

The murder of Mr George Floyd in the most horrific way has filled America with revulsion, and reminded us again - and of course we should have needed no reminder - of the awful scourge of Racism in our society. Pastor Jacques Degraff is a pastor at the Canaan Baptist Church in Harlem. He memorably led a delegation of his congregants, leaders in the New York African American community, to our synagogue at the beginning of January, to express solidarity and love for us reeling under a terrible wave of antisemitism. Few people who were in Shul on that day will forget the occasion.

We invited him to address us again so that we could listen and learn and perhaps even hear words of rebuke - about what we can do to be real allies - to help heal America, end racism, end brutality, and end division. In this moving event listen to Rabbi Robinson discuss Racism from a Torah perspective, followed by Pastor Degraff.

If you missed this event please view the Black Lives Matter flyer on our homepage slideshow and click the link to listen to Rabbi Robinson discussing Racism from a Torah perspective, followed by Pastor Degraff.

## MAZAL TOV TO ALL OUR GRADUATES:



**Malka Sima Adler** Bais Yaakov of Spring Valley High School  
**Eric Ajdler** SAR High School  
**Devorah Blank** Wurzweiler School of Social Work  
**Moshe Blank** Yeshiva College  
**Lea Braun-Goldberg** NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing  
**Jordana Broome** SAR High School  
**Zachary Buller** Ramaz Upper School  
**Tali Clements** Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology  
**Ezra Cohen** Ramaz Upper School  
**Madeline Dolfman** SAR Academy  
**Reese Dolfman** SAR High School  
**Morgan Eilers** Riverdale Country School  
**Benjamin Emmerich** University of Rochester B.A. Music & Philosophy  
**Ethan Freilich** Baruch College B.A. Business Administration  
**Tamar Friling Schick** DMD NYU Periodontics Program  
**Liana Goldstein** Frisch High School  
**Noa Grinstein** SAR Middle School  
**Shira Hudes** Hunter College  
**Aavigayil Kahn** Bruria High School  
**Matthew Kirschenbaum** Baruch College B.A. Business Administration

**Noa Lavi** Manhattan Day School  
**Orah Meisels**, Manhattan Day School  
**Tova Miller** Maayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls  
**Jacob Neumark** Fordham University School of Law  
**Max Nussbaum** Frisch High School  
**Elsie Platzer** Columbia University  
 B.A. Environmental Biology & Creative Writing  
**Eliana Price** Rudolph Steiner School  
**Zoe Raykher** Frisch High School  
**Mordechai Baruch Rosen** SUNY Albany B.S. Biology  
**Charlie Samuels** SAR High School  
**Shimon Zvi Savitt** City College of New York B.S. Physics  
**Sam Schwartzben** Indiana University Kelley School of Business  
 B.S. Finance  
**Cheryl Shalom** Stockton College  
**Julia Tepper** Columbia University DDS College of Dental Medicine  
**Benjamin Vogel** Binghamton University B.A. Psychology  
**Libby Walker** University at Buffalo BFA Theater and Performance  
**Natalie S. Wisotsky** Yavneh Academy  
**Gabi Zweig** NYU Rory Meyers School of Nursing

### 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
- **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
- **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: The Overlapping Worlds of Brisk and Chabad: Rav Lichtenstein and the Lubavitcher Rebbe's Views on Volunteerism in Halacha. Meeting ID: 952 176 470

#### **Thursday:**

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Sunday, June 7: Tzfat: The Mystical City: 10:00 AM Live from Israel!**

Shulie Mishkin, an American Jewish historian who made aliya a number of years ago will lead this virtual tour. Tzfat is called one of the four holy cities in Israel. What makes it so special? We will explore Tzfat's rich history, its beautiful synagogues and fantastic old cemetery. Plunge into the deep mystical waters of the city of the Ari and Rabbi Yosef Caro. Registration fee is \$13.

#### **Tuesday, June 9: Global Challenges and Opportunities after**

**Coronavirus: 1:00pm-2:00pm** Kevin Sneader is the Global Managing Partner of McKinsey & Company and is based in Hong Kong. Kevin joined McKinsey in London in 1989. He later worked from the firm's Beijing, Paris, and Hong Kong offices before moving to the United States in 2001, when he became Managing Partner of McKinsey's New Jersey, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC, offices. He went on to become Managing Partner of the firm's practice in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and he later served as Chairman of the Asian offices from 2014 to 2018. Kevin has been involved in research efforts on global economic and business trends, productivity growth and innovation in China and Asia, as well as gender and diversity. He holds a degree in law with first-class honors from his hometown University of Glasgow and an MBA with highest distinction from Harvard Business School, where he was designated a Baker Scholar.

#### **Wednesday, June 10: Membership Meeting: 7:00pm**

*Note the time change from 7:30pm to 7:00pm.* The zoom link will be sent next week. The membership will be voting on approving the Report of the Nominations Committee. We will be using online voting tools during the zoom meeting. If you are unable to attend, please complete the proxy form to pass your vote to the President (or anyone else you so designate). Each adult member (even of the same household) is able to vote and should complete the proxy form. Agenda: Financial Update, Updated projections for income and expenses, Status of loans and grant applications, Mortgage, Annual (Virtual) Dinner 2020, "Move Back" Planning, Report of the Nominations Committee, Any Other Business. To request a proxy form or Nomination Committee Report, email [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org)

**Sunday, June 21: Virtual Celebrate Israel Parade** The 2020 Virtual Celebrate Israel Parade will have a theme of Todah (thank you in Hebrew). We want to utilize this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to all the healthcare, first responder and other frontline workers in New York, across the United States, in Israel, and around the world. This year the parade will be live streamed on YouTube and on their website, as well as available on Facebook and Twitter via the Parade's Facebook page. More details for this year's virtual event to come!

*For access to the links for these events,  
please click on the link in the electronic version of the Echod.*

## DVAR TORAH

Parshat Nasso  
June 5-6  
By: Shlomo Offer

### **The Gifts of the Nesiim:**

#### **Leadership in a Community whose Institutions are in Transition**

Naso is often translated to 'count.' However, it is more accurately denoted 'to uplift,' just as its meaning in marriage, where Nissuin is the uplifting of two people by uniting in spirit with each other, with their people, and with their G-d.

On the surface, Bamidbar simply enumerates the people of Israel, and Naso enumerates the elite leaders: the Leviim and the Nesiim, the princes of the tribes. Looking deeper into its structure, Naso teaches the leadership about how to engage in the uplifting, ennobling, and sacred tasks they must perform – about how to dedicate a community's institutions in preparation for its travels through its soon-to-be-experienced history. Whether toward Eretz Yisrael, in the generation of the desert, or toward yemot hamashiach in the current generation, the Torah is sending a message to those who would be leaders.

Naso is edited in a puzzling way. It may first seem to be about counting the families of Levi. The Merari and Gershon families are numbered here. But oddly, the Kehat family's numbering was left behind at the end of last week's parashat Bamidbar. If Naso were too long, there are other subjects that could instead have been edited out, possibly the out-of-sequence laws of lepers, sota, nazir and birchat kohanim. Furthermore, Naso ends with the longest chapter in the Chumash, the meticulous and repetitive depiction of the twelve days of sacrifices given by the Nesiim. Each of the twelve princely sacrifices is identical to the other; yet the Torah describes each in redundant detail. As a result, no one Nasi could set himself apart from or claim superiority to the others. The Torah's subtext in Naso is concerned with unity and an attitude of service in the leadership of Bnei Yisrael.

Another clue that Naso is addressed to the leadership is that it begins after Kehat's functions, which are focused on the Klei Kodesh – the gifts of all the people – and are managed by Itamar, the Kohen. In contrast, Merari's and Gershon's functions deal with the infrastructure of the Mishkan, dismantling the walls and planning its efficient rebuilding so that the community can move on to its destiny. These responsibilities require the expensive

enabling resources, the oxen and the wagons, that can be provided only by the efforts of those wealthy and influential enough to be the Nesiim of the nation.

In between these high-maintenance tasks and the korbanot of the Nesiim are inserted sections on the removal of lepers and t'maim apart from the camp, the estrangement of the 'sota' couple that results from either infidelity or jealousy, and the nazir who sets himself apart by adopting self-selected restrictions. There is a common thread of estrangement, self-righteousness, and their consequences. Conversely, Birchat Kohanim is the section that is inserted just prior to the return to the princes' role in dedicating the Mishkan. The Kohanim demonstrate unity in reciting the prescribed words of the blessing. They demonstrate the humility that it is not they who bless the people; G-d tells them 'V'samu et shmi al bnei yisrael va'ani avachem'; the Kohanim say the words and G-d blesses the people. These interrupting sections are the Torah's missive to the leaders. They are lessons framing the attitude required of leadership: avoid self-righteousness; embrace humility.

If it were just about the dedication of the Mishkan, Naso should have ended with the penultimate pasuk, counting and summarizing the total of korbanot, and declaring the altar dedicated. But the Torah is simultaneously communicating at a different level here and lets us know that the leaders got the message. Naso ends with the declaration, 'Vayishma et hakol medaber eilav me'al hakaporet...' G-d's voice was heard from above the ark cover. Not since before the leadership's hubris led the people to the sin of the Golden Calf had Moshe heard the voice of G-d from the midst of the people.

'Ve'asu li mikdash ve'shachanti betocham' is fulfilled and the Shechina returns from its estrangement, not just because a physical home was dedicated, but because the leaders struck the right attitude of deference, humility, and unity.

*Shabbat Shalom*

We are currently looking for a writer for:

Parshat Korach (6/27)

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

## ZOOM UPDATE

As of June 1st, Zoom forced an update of their Zoom client to version 5.0. The new version contains better encryption and security. Without updating the Zoom client on your device, Zoom will no longer function.

*For resources from Zoom that can help you navigate this update,  
please view the electronic version of Echod.*

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(day or night)

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Shabbat Echod by e-mail,  
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