

Parshat Nitzvavim/Shabbat Vaveilech

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September 11-12, 2020 **Morey Wildes**

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LSS UPDATE

We are happy to once again be open for prayer services. As with all our minyanim in these times, you must be pre-registered in order to attend -- only those who have signed up for these minyanim and have received confirmation may participate, as we are limited in the number of people who can attend. Social distancing, wearing of masks, no communal singing and all of the other public health measures that we have been employing since we began weekday services (see the complete Attendance Guidelines in the electronic version of Echod) will be in effect. Please remember to bring your own tallit, siddur and chumush on Shabbat if you are signed up. There will be no Seudah Shlishit at the shul, so please remember to eat Seudah Shlishit before you come to Mincha. All minyanim mentioned below will be held in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary:

Shacharit:

Sunday, September 13 @ 8:30am Monday, September 14 - Thursday, September 17 @ 7:10am

Friday, September 11 @ 6:15am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, September 13—Tuesday, September 15 @ 6:55pm Wednesday, September 16—Thursday, September 17 @ 6:50pm

SHABBAT TIMES

Friday Night:

Earliest Candle Lighting: 5:52pm

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:30pm

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:53pm

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 6:55pm

Location: Ballroom

Sunset (daven Mincha by): 7:11pm

Repeat Shema after 7:42pm

Shabbat:

Shabbat Morning Minyan at shul: 8:00am Location: Spira Family Terrace (weather permitting; if not it will be in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary).

Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom

Latest Shema: 9:41am Latest Shacharit: 10:45am

Perek in the Park: 4:45pm Location: Eleanor Roosevelt Statue in

Riverside Park (72nd St)

Sponsored by Golda Hudes in memory of Dana Hudes.

Mincha followed by Maariv at shul: 6:50pm Location: Nathaniel

Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Between Mincha and Maariv,

Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty will be speaking on

"Mourning Moses: Searching for Comfort in the Death of a Leader." Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 7:09pm

Shabbat Ends: 7:52pm

Zoom Havdalah: 8:45pm

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Gila and Mr. Jonathan Ashtor

SELICHOT

Motzei Shabbat, September 12 at 10:30pm

Led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Location: Ballroom

Sunday, September 13 at 1:00am

Led by Ruvan Cohen. Location: Main Sanctuary

For access to the zoom link for Selichot, please see the electronic version of Echod.

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020

Cantor

Kol Nidre Appeal: It is this time of year that we again call upon our community to contribute to the HH appeal with a sense of renewed optimism, continuity, and generosity. Now more than ever before, COVID-19, which resulted in significant lost revenue, brings us to a different level of need. Our functioning, growing bayit, our shul, which is an integral part of our shared legacy and soul, to us and our children, should inspire our support. Funds for brick and mortar, funds for day to day function and perennial programming are all needed to maintain the splendor, vibrancy, and legacy of our shul. Be generous, and many thanks in advance. Contributions can be sent through the shul website.

Machzorim: In an effort to maintain the health and safety of our community and its members, we request that everyone bring their own Machzorim to all minyanim during the High Holidays this year. However, please note that machzorim will be available at shul if you do not have your own and cannot purchase one in time. For those of you that need to borrow a machzor for use at home, we are able to lend out our Birnbaum machzorim. Please complete the form in the electronic version of Echod and you will be contacted with information about pick up time and location. Deadline to reserve machzorim is Tuesday, September 15th. All borrowed machzorim must be returned by October 15th.

Book of Remembrance: During the Yizkor service, there is a passage in which one pledges an offering to charity in the name of the deceased who is being remembered. Lincoln Square Synagogue will be emailing a Book of Remembrance slideshow and posting it on our website for Yom Kippur in which names of departed friends and relatives will be listed. Please click here to fill out the names of those friends and relatives you wish to include in the Virtual Remembrance Book. The deadline for inclusion is Tuesday, September 22, 2020. May the memories of our loved ones be with us forever.

Youth and Magen Avraham Teen Department:

Sunday, September 13: The Shofar Factory with Rabbi Fried: 10:00am Join us on the Spira Family Terrace and discover the fun in learning about the Shofar! Cost: \$20. Must be masked to participate. For access to the registration link, please visit the electronic version of Echod.

September 19-20: Rosh Hashana Youth Groups: 10:00am-11:30am

10:00am-10:20am: Circle Games

10:30am-10:45am: Tefillah, Storytime, Holiday Questions

10:45am-11:00am: Snack (prepacked and individually wrapped)

11:00am-11:30am: Active Games

Location: Riverside Park and 76th (next to Elephant playground)

September 20:

Shofar in the Park with Rabbi Robinson: 11:00am Location: Riverside and 76th

Magen Avraham Teen Department Tashlich: 4:00pm Location: Riverside Park (70th) by Pier 1

HAKARAT HATOV

Fred Ehrman for writing this week's Dvar Torah

MAZAL TOV

Joyce and David Friedman on the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca to Pierre Weil, son of Catherine and Phillip Weil.

Batya Goffin on her grandson Binyamin Goffin, son of Rabbi Uri and Yael Goffin, on being inducted into the IDF next week. We wish him much Hatzlacha.

Grandparents Judy and Cyrus Abbe on the birth of a baby girl to their children Hava and Rabbi Dovid Preil in Israel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 21: As a Ram Yearns Yearns for the Brook: the journey of a father and son: Following 6:15pm Mincha

A project two years in the making, this book was written in memory of Daniel's father Bruce Ritholtz (z"l. As a Ram Yearns for the Brook details the relationship between a father and son and the impact Bruce had on Daniel, his family, and the greater Jewish community. Book sale following Maariv and available on Amazon September 22. Join us on Tzom Gedalia, Bruce's 6th yahrzeit in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary for this special and moving program.

This event is free, but requires pre-registration.

Masks required and social distancing adhered to.

Wednesday, October 21: Moadon Ha'Sefer (Israeli Book Club): 6:30pm The next book written by an Israeli author that we will read and discuss will be "Trumpet in the Wadi" by Sami Michael [חצוצרה בוואדי/סמי Michael's internationally acclaimed novel illuminates the vast range of interlocking relationships between Jews and Arabs, Muslims and Christians, men and women living in Israel. The English version of the book can be ordered on Amazon. For information on how to purchase the Hebrew version, please contact Harel Fenigstein at harelf@jafi.org. The discussion will be in English.

For access to the links for these events, please click on the link in the electronic version of the Echod or visit our website at www.lss.org

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For access to all the Zoom links for these classes, please visit 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: 9:45am.
 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. Meeting ID: 459 533 337
- The Book of Jeremiah with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 8:15pm-9:15pm 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
- 8:000m-9:000m. Topic: From Self Protection to Chesed.

 Sponsored by Libby Peppersberg in commemoration of the 24th yahrtzeit of her mother, Bertha Peppersberg a"h and Elaine Witty in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Rabbi Abraham B. Witty, HaRav Avraham Baruch b'Reb Noach HaLevi, z"l.

Wednesday:

 Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 7:30pm-9:00pm. Topic: Tisha B'Av, Yom Kippur Meeting ID: 938 8328 9103 Password: 832084

Thursday:

- *(Cancelled until further notice) The Jacob Adler Parsha Class Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888
- Parashat HaShavua led by Dr. Moshe Sokolow: 8:30pm.
 Meeting ID: 846 701 6968.





YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Parshat Nitzavim begins with the words"Atem Nitzavim Hayom Kulchem" — "You are all standing before your G-d." Moshe said this to Bnei Yisrael on the 7th of Adar, the day he passed away. Parshat Nitzavim is always read on the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah, sometimes combined with Nitzavim-Vayelech and sometimes just as Nitzavim. What is the connection between Nitzavim and Rosh Hashanah? The parsha states that everyone was standing before G-d: heads of tribes, elders, leaders, women, men, children, woodchoppers and water carriers. When is the day that every single person passes before HaShem? Rosh Hashanah!

What do we all pray for on Rosh Hashanah? We daven for good health, nachas from our children, parnasah (wealth), all material things, not spiritual. But that's okay because that's what Rosh Hashanah is about. By praying to G-d, we are showing that we believe and acknowledge that everything is in HaShem's hands and that HaShem decides what to provide us during the year. It is our blessing from the LSS Youth Department that you and your family should all be inscribed in the books of health, happiness, and nachas from our children.

Upcoming Events:

- September 13th @ 10:00 am Shofar Factory with Rabbi Fried
- September 19-20 @ 10:00-11:30 am Rosh Hashana Groups in Riverside Park @ 76th street (More information to come!)
 - Shofar Blowing with Rabbi Robinson @ 11:00 am
 - Parental/Guardian Supervision Required for Children 7 and under
- September 20 @ 4:00 pm Teen Tashlich in Riverside Park

Kids in the Kitchen: Apple Muffins

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 1 Tablespoon vanilla
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 cups peeled, cored, diced apples (around 3 apples)
- Brown sugar for topping, (around 1/2 cup)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line muffin pan with 18 paper liners
- 2. With a mixer, cream together sugar, eggs, oil, and vanilla. The mixture should be a pale yellow.
- 3. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, and ground cinnamon. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture and mix until combined. The batter will be very thick almost like the texture of cookie dough. Mix in the diced apples. The dough will loosen up a bit when the apples are mixed in.
- 4. Fill paper liners almost to the top, about 3/4 of the way full. Sprinkle each muffin top generously with brown sugar.
- 5. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-24 minutes. Makes 18 muffins.

Recipe shared with permission of: The Girl Who Ate Everything

Questions:

- 1. What is the connection between this week's Parshat Nitzavim and Rosh Hashanah?
- 2. How does davening show HaShem we care?

Shabbat Shalom!

The parsha states that every single person in Bnei Yisrael was standing before G-d. What other day does this happen in the Jewish calendar? Rosh Hashanah! We are showing we believe that everything is in HaShem's hands and that HaShem will provide for us during the year.

Answers:

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

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DVAR TORAH

Parshat Nitzvatim September 11-12 By: Fred Ehrman

Moshe summons Yehoshua in front of all the people, and gives him words of encouragement. "Chazak V'Ematz!" — Be strong and courageous. But then he says something strange.

וַיִּקְרָּא מֹשֶׁה לְיהוֹשֵׁעַ וַיּאֹמֶר אֵלָּיו לְעֵינֵי כָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲזַק וֶאֱמֶץ בָּי אַתָּה תָּבוֹא וְי אֶת־הָעָם הַדֶּה אֶל־הָאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְהוֶה לַאֲבֹתָם לָתֵת לָהֶם וְאַתָּה תַּנְחִילֵבָּה אוֹתֵם:

"Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: "Be strong and resolute, for it is you who shall go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their fathers to give them, and it is you who shall apportion it to them. (Devarim 31:7)"

He follows this up 16 verses later with these words:

וַיִצֿו אֶת־יְהוֹשֵׁעַ בּּן־נּוּן וַיּאֹמֶר ۗחֲזַק וָאֱמֶץ בּּיִ אַתָּה תָּבִיאׂ אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לָהֶם וְאָבֹּכִי אֶהְיָה עִמֵּךְ: אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לָהֶם וְאָבֹּכִי אֵהְיָה עִמֵּךְ:

"And He charged Joshua son of Nun: "Be strong and resolute: for you shall bring the Israelites into the land that I promised them on oath, and I will be with you. (Devarim 31:23)"

In pasuk 7, Moshe tells Yehoshua that he would come with the people into the Holy Land, and these were his own words. In pasuk 23, Moshe repeats to Yehoshua what Hashem told him to say, that he would bring, as the leader, the people into the Land, Hashem's words.

Why was there this change of language? In the first instance Moshe relegates Yehoshua to an ordinary position within the people. In the second, he addresses him as the leader.

I would suggest two answers. The first based on Rashi is that the zekainim, the elders, would be in charge and Yehoshua would just follow their advice. Hashem later corrects Moshe and says that Yehoshua would be the sole leader.

Why did Moshe say what he did in verse 7, in effect withholding the leadership position? Maybe he wanted to lessen the pressure on Yehoshua as he was taking on a major new role and was easing him into this very difficult position.

But maybe there was another reason. I would suggest that the answer may lie in a hint given 40 years earlier. In Parshat Tzav, during the eight-day inauguration period of Aron and his sons to the priesthood, Moshe acted as the Kohen Gadol. He was instructing his brother and his family on all the procedures of this lofty position. Hashem Instructed Moshe in almost every step of the way, which Moshe then passed on.

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"And it was slaughtered. Moses took some of its blood and put it on the ridge of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. (Vayikra 8:23)"

You will notice that on top of the letter chet in the word וַּיִּשְׁחָׁט, there is an unusual cantillation, a shalshelet, signifying a hesitation. There are only four Shalshelets in the whole Torah. Since this was the last shechitah Moshe would perform as the Kohen Gadol, a position he may have wanted — as Chazal tell us — but was given to his brother, he hesitated. Moshe didn't want to part from the Kehunah so quickly where he would be performing so many Mitzvot.

Moshe's greatest desire was to lead the Israelites into Canaan. In Devarim 3:23, he beseeched Hashem to let him cross the Jordan: "V'etchanan," (and I implored). Now, as Moshe is about to hand over the reins of leadership to his trusty servant, he cannot say the words, "You will bring" the people in. No, Moshe says, you will go with all the people into the Land. But Hashem interjects and corrects him, cutting the last string of hope in Moshe's heart of leading the Israelites for a little while longer.

As great a man as Moshe was, the most humble of all men, he was still a human being with all his desires and wishes. Entering the land of his forefathers was his paramount wish, which was denied. The Torah gives us a little hint of this in the one word. תַּבוֹא.

Shabbat Shalom

DVAR TORAH

We invite all members to write a Dvar Torah for the Shabbat Echod from September through June. Enrich our Shabbat with your Torah thoughts. The next Shabbatot available are:

Rosh Hashanah (9/19) Parshat Ha'azinu (9/26) Sukkot (10/3) Parshat Noach (10/24)

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

