

## MINYAN INFORMATION

Lincoln Square Synagogue is happy to welcome you for prayer services. Here is how to secure a seat in shul, as we have a limited number during the pandemic - and what the rules of conduct are:

In advance:

- [1] LSS members must pre-register using the link in the electronic Echod.
- [2] You will then receive a confirmation email.
- [3] Non LSS members are invited, but cannot use the link; they must email Rabbi Robinson to register: [rabbil@lss.org](mailto:rabbil@lss.org)

Once in shul:

- [4] Observe social distancing
- [5] You must wear a face mask, covering your mouth and nose
- [6] No communal singing
- [7] Men must bring their own tallit on Shabbat
- [8] No seudah shlishit in shul; eat at home before Mincha
- [9] Read the complete Attendance Guide (see the complete Attendance Guidelines in the electronic version of Echod)

### Shacharit:

Sunday, January 17 — Monday, January 18 @ 8:30am  
Tuesday, January 19 — Friday, January 22 @ 7:30am

### Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, January 17 — Tuesday, January 19 @ 4:45pm  
Wednesday, January 20 — Thursday, January 21 @ 4:50pm

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Amos Alter** for writing this week's Dvar Torah

## MAZAL TOV

Great Grandparents **Judy and Joel Schreiber** on the birth of a baby boy to their grandchildren Sammy and Carly Schreiber Rausch.

**Chazzan Yanky and Yudit Lemmer** on their son Mendy becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Grandparents **Judy and Cyrus Abbe** on the birth of a baby girl to their children Rivka and Yehoshua Szafranski. Mazal Tov to big brother Moshe Dovid.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Mr. Steven Galla and Dr. Michal Galla**

## KITCHEN 2 KITCHEN

This week, we continuing with Kitchen2Kitchen, a collaborative project by the Manhattan synagogues to promote our neighborhoods' kosher restaurants.

Our kosher restaurants are an important part of the unique Manhattan Jewish experience, and these establishments (and their employees) have been significantly impacted by the COVID pandemic and the specific restrictions on dining. To foster restaurant (home delivery) patronage, each week, all participating shuls and schools throughout the city will highlight one restaurant in a coordinated effort to encourage community support, and to demonstrate to the proprietors and their employees that we value them in our community.

For the this week (1/18-1/24) we will feature Talia's Steakhouse

Since opening nearly 18 years ago, Talia's Steakhouse has been known for its wonderful blend of American and Middle Eastern cuisine, with live music several nights each week. This week, enjoy Talia's Steakhouse from your own home by ordering from: <https://taliassteakhouse.com/product/talias-to-go-menu/>

### SPECIAL OFFER FROM TALIA'S STEAKHOUSE

SPECIAL OFFER. - 10% of all orders. Please insert coupon code "Kitchen2Kitchen" when ordering online to activate this special offer.  
SHARE THE LOVE - Consider purchasing a Talia's Steakhouse gift card for your family or friends, to extend your dining enjoyment.

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

**Chazzan Yanky Lemmer will be leading Davening Friday evening and Shabbat morning at the 9:00 am Ballroom Minyan.**

### Friday Night:

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:15pm (link in electronic Echod)  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 4:35pm  
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 4:40pm Location: Ballroom  
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 4:54pm  
Repeat Shema: after 5:25pm

### Shabbat:

Shabbat Morning Minyan at shul: 7:45am  
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom  
Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (pre-registration required)  
Latest Shema: 9:40am  
Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (weather permitting, if not it will be held in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)  
Latest Shacharit: 10:29am  
Mincha at 4:35pm followed by a shiur  
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 4:55pm  
Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:37pm  
Zoom Havdalah: 6:00pm (link in electronic Echod)

## ERUV ANNOUNCEMENT

The Hudson River boardwalk and pier are outside the Eruv, and carrying west of the West Side Highway is not permitted. For the full eruv map please visit [www.lss.org/west-side-eruv.html](http://www.lss.org/west-side-eruv.html). \*Please note due to construction 9 & 10 Av between 20 & 22 St are not in the eruv until further notice\*

## UPCOMING EVENT

**Sunday, January 24: Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Chodesh Shevat Shiur: 8:00pm Dedicated to the memory of Grace Shevel**

There will be a short introduction given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson and Howard Grossman. The shiur will be given by our Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty. Topic: Serach bat Asher: Midrash and Aggadah. Link in the electronic Echod.

## ALL THINGS PURIM

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: <https://www.lss.org/campaign/purim2021>

**Deadline to order: February 19th, 11:59pm.**



## YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

### Dvar Torah:

In this week's Parsha, Vayera, Hashem tells Moshe to go back to Pharaoh and demand that he let the Jewish people go. When Pharaoh asked for a sign, Aharon's staff turned into a snake, but Pharaoh's magicians were able to do the same thing with their staff. Aharon's staff swallowed the staff of the magicians, but still, Pharaoh was not impressed. That's when the real plagues began. First, all the water in Egypt turned to blood. Frogs went all over the place. But Pharaoh was still not impressed because his magicians were able to do the same things. With the third plague, lice, Pharaoh's magicians finally admitted, "This is the finger of God." Rashi says that the magicians realized that their witchcraft would not work on creatures as tiny as lice. Then came the fourth plague, wild animals, and the fifth, where all the cattle got sick. For the sixth, G-d told Moshe to throw a handful of soot from a furnace into the sky and suddenly, the Egyptians were covered with blisters and boils. Finally, it started to hail. Rashi says the hail was a double miracle as each piece was ice with a drop of fire within. Fire and ice never mix so this was totally supernatural.

### Questions:

1. What were the seven plagues in Parshat Vaera?
2. Whose staff swallowed the staffs of Pharaoh's magicians?
3. Which two plagues were the magicians also capable of doing?
4. When did the magicians confirm that the plagues were the hand of G-d?
5. Why was the plague of hail a double miracle and supernatural?

- Answers:
1. Blood, frogs, lice, wild animals, cattle got sick, boils, and fire-filled hail
  2. Aharon's staff
  3. Blood and Frogs
  4. Lice: The magicians realized that their witchcraft would not work on creatures as tiny as lice
  5. The hail was a double miracle as each piece was ice with a drop of fire within, fire and ice never mix so this was totally supernatural.

## THE LEA SEGRE TOMCHEI SHABBOS FUND

It shouldn't take a miracle to make Shabbos. In this time of increasing food insecurity, if you, or someone you know, needs Shabbos meals, please reach out to **The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund** through the shul office. Contributions to the Fund are always welcome.

## BOOST YOUR BUSINESS

Boost Your Business for an entire month by placing an ad with LSS. Your ad will be featured in 3 locations! on our website homepage, weekly emailed newsletter, and outdoor display.

<https://www.lss.org/boostyourbusiness>

## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

LSS Spotlight & Share: This week, meet our **Membership Experience Coordinator, Melanie Vesely!!**

1. Where are you from? Sydney, Australia!
2. What did you want to be when you grew up? A hairdresser/psychologist (let's be real, hairdressers are basically psychologists)
3. If you had a superpower, what would it be? To lip read
4. Best part of your job? Interacting with the most amazing Jewish community, I love speaking to you all on the phone/email and hopefully in person soon!
5. Fun fact about yourself? Obsessed with astronomy, I have a virtual reality application that allows me to recognize stars and planets. My hope is to be able to point out the planets without the help of the application (I am getting there).

If you are interested in being featured for an upcoming LSS Spotlight and Share post, please contact Julie Rosenthal at [julie@lss.org](mailto:julie@lss.org)

## 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: 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: 85387443723 Password: 180613
- **Talmud Class** with Rabbi Robinson: 8:00pm-9:00pm We will be studying the second perek of Sanhedrin, that deals with Justice,
- Governance, Monarchy and the Legal System. Previous background will be useful but not essential - each shiur will focus on the text and classical commentaries, but will touch on contemporary and modern issues arising from the Gemara. Meeting ID: 916 3915 9514.

### Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am-11:30am Meeting ID: 241022510.
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 811 662 074
- **The Kohen: The inspired mind of a man of God.** A new series exploring the thought of R. Zadok of Lublin. Led by Rabbi Rosenfeld. 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785

### Wednesday:

- **Jewish History with Paul Shaviv: Wandering Jews: Triumph and Tragedies: The rise and fall of six centers of Jewish life** 8:00pm. Topic: Spain—Golden Age and Expulsion Meeting ID: 916 6638 3728 Password: 362427

### Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533
- **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 Rabbi. Moshe Sokolow: 8:15pm. Meeting ID: 846 701 6968.

### Upcoming Classes:

- **Jewish Living Workshop:** 7:30pm-8:30pm led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. (Begins Monday, February 1st) The Jewish Living Workshop, a 9 session series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free. To register, please email [JLworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com). The first topic: Shabbat - The Friday Night Experience.
- **Introduction to Bible:** 6:30pm-8:00pm led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald. (Begins Tuesday, February 2nd) An in-depth study and analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and analyzed. Registrants will receive the Zoom link prior to the start of the course. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.



## DVAR TORAH

Parshat Vaera  
January 15-16  
By: Amos Alter

In our Sedra, HaShem tells Moshe (Ex. 7:15), "Go to Pharaoh, behold he is going out to the Nile, and Nitzavta lekrato." The Gemara (Zev. 102a) records a difference of opinion regarding this verse between R. Yohanan and Resh Lakish as to how to understand these last words, which would govern what Moshe's attitude towards Pharaoh was supposed to be. According to R. Yohanan, HaShem said, Pharaoh is a king—act with respect accordingly. According to Rashi (id.), R. Yohanan understands Nitzavta Lekrato as meaning that Moshe should stand for Pharaoh in accordance with the latter's greatness. Resh Lakish, on the other hand, says those words mean Pharaoh is evil, and Moshe should be insolent to him. Rashi understands Resh Lakish as interpreting the words in question to mean that Moshe should stand against Pharaoh.

There is one other verse, which, as the Gemara explains it, supports R. Yohanan's view. In next week's Sedra, Moshe says to Pharaoh (Ex. 11:8), "And all these, your servants, will come and bow to me," when in fact it was Pharaoh himself who would do so (Ex. 12:31). R. Yannai (Zev. id.) saw this as an example of the awe one is supposed to have for royalty.

A number of other sources, however, support Resh Lakish's position of disrespect by Moshe and Aharon, not only of Pharaoh, but of his god, Pharaoh's alter ego, the Nile (see the Haftarah for VaEyra). To treat them in chronological order, for

the plague of dam (blood), Aharon literally smacks the Nile with his staff, in front of Pharaoh and his retinue (Ex. 7:20). This is a clear insult to the Nile and to Pharaoh. Interestingly enough, in order to duplicate Aharon's result, Pharaoh's Court Magicians must duplicate his acts (id. v. 22), thus forcing them into the same show of disrespect.

At the beginning of next week's Sedra, after warning Pharaoh about the impending plague of locusts, it is said of Moshe (Ex. 10:6), "He turned and exited Pharaoh's presence." The proper protocol for leaving a king's presence, certainly then and even today, was to back out of the room. To turn one's back on him and walk out simply was not done. This was major insolence. Finally, at the end of Moshe's last audience with Pharaoh before the Plague of the First-Born, it is said of Moshe (Ex. 11:8), "He left Pharaoh's presence in great anger." While there was a difference of opinion in the Gemara (id.) as to how that was expressed, according to Resh Lakish, Moshe slapped Pharaoh before leaving.

Before taking Moshe as our model, certainly as understood by Resh Lakish, we should remember that Moshe knew that HaShem had his back. To the extent we lack that clarity, we should hesitate to use that model.

*Shabbat Shalom!*

## CHESED OPPORTUNITIES

**LARRY NEEDS A KIDNEY DONOR:** With every passing minute the gift of a kidney for Larry becomes more urgent. The rewards of this gift is the GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING. It is not a Win/Lose. . . But a Win/Win. If you can save one life, you save the world. Please share the flyer with friends, relatives and coworkers. The more people who hear of the need, the more likely we are to find a donor. (Flyer in the online Echod)

**WE RUN FOR ESTHER:** On Sunday, December 20, 2020, tragedy struck when **Esther Horgan a"h**, was murdered by a terrorist while running near her home in Tal Menashe, Israel. Beginning Sunday, January 24, 2021 - Friday, January 29, we will run. We will run in Esther's memory. We will run to show the world that we will not live in fear. And we will run to show the Horgan family that they are not alone. Due to Covid, all runs will be individual. To participate: snap a picture before or after your run, holding a sign that says 'For Esther' and email it to:

[werunforesther@gmail.com](mailto:werunforesther@gmail.com)

Additionally, in Esther's memory, a park is being built in Shaked Forest, where she was murdered.

To see this project to fruition, support is needed.

If you would like to donate to this project please visit <https://www.charidy.com/cmp/Esther>

## DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available are:

Mishpatim (Rosh Chodesh on Shabbat Shekalim) (2/13), Tetzaveh (Shushan Purim) (2/27), Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol (3/27), Shabbat Pesach (4/3)

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

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

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org) or email [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org)

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