

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:
Monday, September 21—Friday, September 25 @ 6:50am

Mincha/Maariv:
Sunday, September 20 & Tuesday, September 22—Wednesday, September 23 @ 6:35pm
Monday, September 21 @ 6:25pm
Thursday, September 24 @ 6:30pm

FAST OF GEDALIA: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Fast Begins: 5:31am
Fast Ends: 7:25pm

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020

Kol Nidre Appeal: We 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.

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:
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

SHABBAT & ROSH HASHANA TIMES

Friday Morning:
8:15am Hatarat Nedarim *Meeting ID: 954 1074 0430*

Friday Night:
6:41pm Candle Lighting
6:30pm Beginners Service - Mincha/Ma'ariv (Belfer Beit Midrash)
6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv (Ballroom)
6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
6:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv (Spira Family Terrace)

Shabbat:
6:45am-9:15am Shacharit, Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)
8:00am-10:30am Shacharit, Musaf (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
8:30am-11:00am Shacharit, Musaf (Ballroom)
9:45am-12:15pm Shacharit, Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)
10:00am-11:30am Youth Department Youth Groups (ages 2-10) at Riverside Park (76th St)
11:00am-12:30pm Beginners Service - Shacharit, Musaf (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
11:30am-1:00pm Musaf (Ballroom)
12:45pm-2:15pm Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)
1:00pm-2:30pm Beginners Service - Musaf (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
6:30pm Beginners Service - Mincha/Ma'ariv (Belfer Beit Midrash)
6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv (Ballroom)
6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
6:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv (Spira Family Terrace)
7:39pm Candle Lighting

Sunday:
6:45am-9:15am Shacharit, Shofar, Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)
8:00am-10:30am Shacharit, Shofar, Musaf (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
8:30am-11:00am Shacharit, Shofar, Musaf (Ballroom)
9:45am-12:15pm Shacharit, Shofar, Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)
10:00am-11:30am Youth Department Youth Groups (ages 2-10) at Riverside Park (76th St)
11:00am Public Shofar Blowing (Youth Dept) at Riverside Park (Elephant Playground) near 76th St.
11:00am-12:30pm Beginners Service - Shacharit, Shofar, Musaf (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
11:30am-1:00pm Shofar, Musaf (Ballroom)
12:45pm-2:15pm Shofar, Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)
1:00pm Public Shofar Blowing at Riverside Drive between 73rd and 74th Streets. The Shofar will be blown from a porch of the Schwab House.
1:00pm-2:30pm Beginners Service - Shofar, Musaf (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
3:30pm Public Shofar Blowing at Riverside Blvd and 68th St (Choo Choo park)
4:00pm Teen Tashlich in Riverside Park, meet at LSS and we will walk over together
4:30pm Public Shofar Blowing at Lincoln Towers (69th and West End, behind 180 WEA)
5:15pm Public Shofar Blowing at Central Park at the 72nd St Entrance
5:45pm Tashlich
6:35pm Mincha/Maariv (Ballroom)
7:38pm Yom Tov Ends

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

HAKARAT HATOV

Dr. Charles Savenor for writing this week's Dvar Torah

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 21: As a Ram Yearns Years 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.

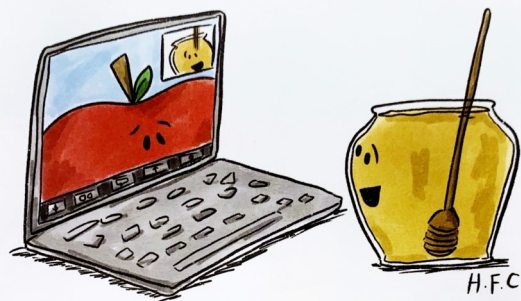
Masks required and social distancing adhered to.

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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:

- ***(Cancelled until further notice) 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
- ***(Cancelled until further notice) 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

Wednesday:

- **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 7:30pm-9:00pm. Topic: Sukkot: Including How to Build a Sukkah 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
- **Elul Miniseries: Spiritual Antibodies** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 8:00pm-9:00pm. Topic: From Fear to Faith.
- **Parashat HaShavua** led by Dr. Moshe Sokolow: 8:30pm. Meeting ID: 846 701 6968.

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Rosh Hashana is the start of the Jewish year and celebrates man's mission to fill the world with Mitzvot. When Hashem created the world he did so in six days; on that sixth day he added Adam and Chava. Hashem chose to make the day of Rosh Hashana on the same day that Adam and Chava were created to teach us a very important lesson. The lesson is that YOU matter. Hashem created the world just for you and me. Every year, it is important that we refocus on our mission that Hashem is counting on us to do. On Rosh Hashana, Hashem remembers all the mitzvot that we have done, and blesses us with a sweet new year filled with good things.

Questions:

1. What are some symbolic foods we eat on Rosh Hashanah?
2. How do we translate "Rosh Hashana"?
3. What is the Hebrew date of Rosh Hashana? (Alef Tishrei)

Upcoming Events:

- 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 @ 11:00am
 - Parental/Guardian Supervision Required for Children 7 and under
- September 20 @ 4:00 pm - Teen Tashlich in Riverside Park
- Monday, October 5: Sushi in the Sukkah: 4:00pm—5:30pm. Cost: \$10 per child. Location: Spira Terrace
- Wednesday, October 7: Teen Movie Night in the Sukkah: School of Rock: 7:00pm. Cost: \$5.

Answers:

1. Apples dipped in honey, pomegranates, round challahs, fish head, carrots, squash, etc.
2. The head of the year
3. Alef Tishrei

DVAR TORAH

Shabbat Rosh Hashanah
September 18-19
By: Rabbi Charles Savenor

"The Courage to Continue"

You never know who you will meet on any given day in New York. Over the years I have seen Matt Damon pushing a baby stroller, Cynthia Nixon chatting outside Zabar's, and Jerry Stiller heading into a voting booth. Before Covid, my approach to celebrity sightings was to let them know I know who they are and then quickly disengage.

A few years ago, I noticed a man walking towards us who looked a lot like Philip Roth. While Roth has a certain look, what sealed the deal was this man was carrying — a book by no one other than Philip Roth.

As we approached each other, I made eye contact and exclaimed, "Excuse me, sir. Are you Philip Roth?"

"Well, yes, I am," he replied with a hint of surprise.

"I am very big fan of your work," I said turning to make my signature quick exit. Before I could pivot, he responded, "Thanks. Who are you?"

This question doesn't usually happen when meeting celebrities, so I was taken aback. What ensued was a wonderful conversation about our children, the pennant race, and his book, *The Plot Against America*. When Mr. Roth looked at his watch, I figured our time was up.

"Before you go, can I ask you one last question, Mr. Roth? Do you always carry your own books around?"

Looking at his own book in his hand, Philip Roth let out a gentle laugh: "Oh, that. I told a friend I would mail him a copy of my new book, so I am heading to the Post Office."

Today, on Rosh Hashanah, we are in a similar position as Philip Roth. Spiritually, we all stand before God with our own stories from the past year in our hands, and we pray for the privilege to add another chapter in the Book of Life. This might just be a metaphor, but what could be more important, more powerful than the idea of being here next year — or even next week — with those we love and respect?

In order for the Days of Awe to have true resonance, we embark on an honest review of our lives over the past year and identify where we succeeded and where we can improve in the next chapter. While our individual experience is important, Rosh Hashanah reminds us that we are part of something larger than ourselves. The fact that our prayers are couched in the plural signifies that this path of growth, healing and renewal is one we walk together.

At this unprecedented moment, we acknowledge the enormity of our shared challenges. Our lives have been upended, leaving

us knee-deep in currents of change.

One of the first Jewish leaders to be confronted with change is Joshua. As soon as Moses has passed away, Joshua is called upon to lead the people. Three times God says to Joshua, "Hazak V'amatz"; "to be strong and take courage." The commentators believe that the emphasis of this expression is intended not only to calm Joshua's nerves, but also to underscore what is needed at times of uncertainty: strength and courage.

From Elul through the end of haggim, Psalm 27 echoes this sentiment in its last verse: "Hope in Hashem, strengthen yourself and G-d will give you courage, and hope in Hashem." Years later, Winston Churchill helps us better understand this sacred charge when he writes: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

The "courage to continue" constitutes the cornerstone of communal resilience. From the time of Joshua till today, the Jewish people have faced enemies and crises that have shaken the foundation of our spirit. Yet, in every generation, we find a way not just to continue, but to move forward; not just to escape death, but to embrace life, not just to leave Egypt, but to find our way to the Promised Land.

I mentioned earlier that I ran into Philip Roth on the street. As you may recall, I knew it was him because he was carrying his own book.

This year on Rosh Hashanah, I believe that we carry not just one, but two books: one for ourselves and another for our community. With strength to carry on and faith in our aspirations, we possess the power today to write the next chapter in our shared story that is filled with purpose, love, freedom, health, trust and equality. All it takes is the courage to continue.

Shanah Tovah!

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.

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

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Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at
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