

SHABBAT & CHAG SCHEDULE

Friday, October 6th, Hoshana Rabah

6:15am and 8:00am Shacharit

6:12pm: Candle Lighting

6:15pm: Mincha/Maariv: Followed by a baked goods kiddush: Sukkah

Shabbat, October 7th Shemini Atzeret

8:00am: Hashkama Minyan: Beit Midrash. Baked goods kiddush: Sukkah

9:00am: Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan: Sanctuary. Drasha before Yizkor by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Yizkor approximately 11:00am.

Baked goods kiddush: Sukkah

9:50am: Latest Shema

10:00am: Youth Groups: Game Zone and Torah Trivia; 206/207, 208/210

11:00-11:30am: Babies & Me led by Devorah Batt. Location: LL203

5:00pm: Youth Department dinner in the ballroom (parents and families welcome free of charge). Sponsors: thank you to Becky and Eitan

Kimelman and Daniella and David Levy for contributing to our youth dinner. Dinner followed by relay games and fun camp games!

6:05pm: Mincha followed by Torah Bowl Competition: fast-paced trivia-style Torah contest featuring LSS Clergy and Lloyd Epstein Torah MiTzion Kollel Fellows, moderated by Rabbi Robinson, location: Sanctuary

7:11pm: Candle Lighting not before this time

7:11pm: Maariv/Havdallah, followed by Hakafot. Baked goods kiddush: lobby.

Sunday, October 8th, Simchat Torah

7:00am: Hashkama Minyan: Belfer Beit Midrash

8:30am: Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan: Sanctuary. Followed by Hakafot.

9:00am: Women's Tefillah Group: rooms 206/207 followed by Hakafot in the Beit Midrash

9:50am: Latest Shema

10:00am: Youth Groups: Edible Torah Designing; 206/207 and 208/210

11:00-11:30am: Babies & Me led by Devorah Batt Location: LL203

11:30am: Kol Han'arim; Sanctuary

Simchat Torah Luncheon following services; Petaks Catering: Ballroom

6:05pm: Mincha, Followed by Neilat Hachag featuring Dvar Torah by Rabbinic Intern Ilan Kaissar; Ballroom

7:10pm: Maariv/Yom Tov ends

Sanctuary: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

Beit Midrash: Belfer Beit Midrash

Lobby: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer

Sukkah: Arlene and David Stone Sukkah

SIMCHAT TORAH: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Simchat Torah marks the end of the annual cycle of weekly Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle. In order for us to be able to celebrate Simchat Torah as one community, LSS is providing a Simchat Torah kiddush luncheon. We are thrilled to have many sponsors to list as a testament to the joy that we all feel, individually and collectively, as a shul, to be able to celebrate this beautiful holiday together in good health. Thank you for celebrating our wonderful Chatanim and Atarot! We look forward to this joyous holiday that celebrates the Jewish love of Torah and study.

Mazal tov to our Chatanim and Atarot!

Chatan Torah: Morey Wildes

Chatan Berishit: Shlomo Offer

Chatan Maftir: Joe Warshawsky

Ateret HaTorah: Ann Lowy

Ateret Hakehilla: Nyla Kamlet

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Supporter: In honor of the mentors, Morey Wildes, Bill Greenbaum, Shirley Stark & Mark Hus, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ari Klapholz, and Michael Laufer, who have taught the Bar Mitzvah projects participants how to learn, and in honor of Dassa and Bill Greenbaum for organizing the Bar Mitzvah project: Roger Wu, Stuart Lahn, Leonard Davidman, Bryant Macaraeg, and Fred Meyer and Rita Lourie-Galena.

Bar Mitzvah Project: Mazal Tov to participants in the Bar Mitzvah Project- Lenny Davidman, Zachary Gordon, Yuri Gruzglin, Justin Koatz, Stuart Lahn, Bryant Macaraeg, Fred Meyer, Roger Wu, and those celebrating their anniversary Yedidya Flaquer, Brad Nash, Shlomo Offer and Ian Silver. Our warmest appreciation for our teacher Cantor Sherwood Goffin z"l, and thanks to mentors, Bill Greenbaum, Mark Hus, Ari Klapholz, Michael Laufer, Jeff Schwartz, Shirley Stark and Morey Wildes and backup reader Matthew Silkin. Thanks to Roberta Flatow for her calligraphy. LSS thanks Dassa Gerber for all of her hard work and dedication on the impactful and moving Bar Mitzvah Project which we are privileged to have at LSS each year.

WEEKDAY MINYAN TIMES

Day:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13
Shacharit	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Mincha/ Ma'ariv	6:15pm	6:15pm	6:10pm	6:10pm	6:05pm

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Yedidya Flaquer in honor of Golda Hudes for her service to the beginners and Lincoln Square community. Elizabeth Konecky in memory of Cyrena and Lewis Konecky. Adena Samowitz in memory of Helen & Charles Samowitz. Bluma and Steve Snyder in memory of HaRav Yehuda Leib Gardenberg and Gilbert Snyder. Miriam Mayerhoff in memory of Bryna bat Mordechai. Fran Kalban in loving memory of Philip Kalban. Rebecca Frankel in honor of our previous President, Morey Wildes. Bernard and Ilana Kabak In honor of Rabbi Shaul & Sarah Robinson.

YOUTH & MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Baby & Me: 10:00am-11:30am (ages newborn-2) Join us on Lower Level 2: a dedicated space for our Newborn program on Shabbat in LL203. From 10-11:00am parents and babies spend time together (no LSS supervision). 11:00-11:30am Baby & Me program. Through songs, Devorah Batt leads a fun and interactive program for your little ones. A nursing area is available on LL2 in the same room.

Youth Groups begin at 10:00am: second floor classrooms (ages 3+)
The team looks forward to seeing you!
See schedule on first page for Youth Department details over chag.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Daf Yomi: Sunday at 7:30am, Monday and Thursday at 6:10am, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and Virtual. Details online and in the online Echod.

Monday, October 9th

- 7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin:** This class is taught almost exclusively in Ivrit. This week's class will be held on Zoom. Meeting ID: 835 3789 4515 Passcode: 701985.
- 7:30-8:30pm: Jewish Lifecycles: What to Expect at a Wedding, Sheva Brachot.**

Tuesday, October 10th

- 11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- 7:00pm-9:00pm: Weekly Beit Midrash Night:** Location Beit Midrash. Featuring Chaburas from LSS Clergy and Kollel Fellows! Dinner Included. Sponsorships welcome.
- 8:00pm: The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer:** If you are interested in joining, please contact Ronald Platzer at RPlatzer@citytech.cuny.edu

Thursday, May 18th

- 11:00am-12:00pm: Gemara Class Makot:** led by Rabbi Robinson: Location: LL201
- 11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533
- 7:00pm: Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha Led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Upcoming Classes:

Tuesday, October 10th: Introduction to Bible on Zoom with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 7:00pm - 8:30pm. This course offers a broad look at the Bible's content and style. We'll explore fundamental literary and theological approaches to studying the Bible, both traditional and modern, by analyzing its text. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. To sponsor email jessica@njop.org

Wednesday, October 25th: Jewish History Course with Paul Shaviv Fall 2023: Christians and the Shoah - Six Case Studies: First topic: Christianity and Christians - The Major Issues. Meeting ID: 898 7905 4195 Passcode: 312546 (remaining classes on November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, + 12/06).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat, October 14th: Beginners Luncheon: Cost is \$35 per person. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 11th.

Monday, October 16th: Beginners Schmooze: 8:15pm - 9:30pm: Class will be on zoom. Register at www.lss.org/beginners

Sunday, October 22nd: at 7:30pm: Film & Culture Committee Presents the Israeli Movie 'Matchmaking' : מוטי בֶּרנְשְׁטֵין Moti Bernstein is an ideal son, Yeshiva student and friend seeking a match. The only problem is the community says he can't have the one he wants. What to do? Join us for this fun and thought-provoking film (in Hebrew with English subtitles) Cost: M: \$20, NM: \$25, \$30 at the door. Location: Ballroom. Register at www.lss.org/event/MatchmakingFilm

Sunday, November 19th: 3pm: LSS Culture Committee represents Harmony, a musical.

Sunday, October 29th: Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Yom Kippur War: 7:00pm: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash: This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, a war that brought the State of Israel to the brink of destruction. In the early days of the war, just a handful of Israeli tanks were all that stood between the hundreds of invading Syrian tanks and the Galil. Yet, the Syrians did not break through. One of the heroes of that battle was tank commander Avigdor Kahalani. LSS is honored to host Gen. Kahalani who will recount those dreadful days 50 years ago and the heroes who saved Israel. Admission is \$18 in advance, \$30 at the door. A donation to the El Ami organization that promotes Jewish unity, values and heritage in Israel through educational programs is appreciated. To register, click [here](#).

Sunday, November 19: The Culture Committee presents: "Harmony" the Musical 3:00p.m. Location: the Barrymore Theatre and post-theater light bite, location TBD. Join LSS members for a theater outing and enter the captivating world of 'Harmony,' a mesmerizing musical with Barry Manilow's enchanting music and Bruce Sussman's compelling storytelling. Based on a true story, the play follows the journey of the 1920s Comedian Harmonists, both a Jewish and Gentile German sensation, known for their unique harmonies and uproarious performances, as they grapple with history's twists and turns. Harmony unveils a tale of talent, friendship, and the enduring power of music in a changing world. We have a limited number of \$160 tickets, so there is a two-ticket maximum purchase. Link to follow next week.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsor a day of daf for \$120 or 5 days for \$500. Email info@lss.org to sign up to be a sponsor.

Donate Your Time & Be a Greeter! When people first walk into a shul they should be greeted by helpful, friendly people. Please visit www.lss.org/greeterssignup to see available shifts and sign up to be a greeter. If you have any questions or need help signing up please email president@lss.org

Sponsor a Kiddush: Help the community gather together in memory or in honor of a loved one. Visit www.lss.org/kiddush

Sponsor a Shiur: Is there a shiur you love attending and are inspired by? Sponsor the class in memory or in honor of a loved one. Visit www.lss.org/form/sponsorship

Dedicate a Yahrtzeit Plaque, It is a widely observed Jewish tradition to commemorate the passing of a loved one by memorializing those that have departed on a dedicated memorial wall. You can purchase a Plaque by visiting www.lss.org/yahrtzeitplaques

We hope you had an elevating and energizing High Holiday experience at Lincoln Square. We want to thank everyone for your generosity to the shul. Our Yom Kippur Appeal is still within 10% of last year's level. Our operating budget needs to exceed where we were last year. If you have not given yet or if you would like to increase your donation, please do so by clicking on the link at www.lss.org.

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL 2023

Yom Kippur 5784

Paris Wald Stulbach - Lincoln Square Synagogue

This Yom Kippur was my first time addressing you as co-president, and it was Michael Doppelt's first address as well. We both must say that it is a privilege to serve you all and this community.

Please know that we consider our co-presidency just that: a privilege, and a responsibility.

My grandparents worshipped here, and my parents; I was born into this shul, I raised my kids in this shul. And we inherited our presidency from Morey Wildes, a superb role model, who shepherded us through the darkest days of Covid, when we sat in this ballroom distanced and masked and, truth be told, afraid and pathetic.

In a first address, it is tempting to talk about our vision for the shul, about goals and leadership.

Well, I don't know about you, but Kol Nidre night makes me feel powerless and fragile. We also just spent 25 hours pleading for our lives. Maybe it's not a time to discuss where the buck stops.

Yom Kippur makes me apprehensive about the year to come. Will I have this year? Will my loved ones? And I think about people we've all lost, and I've lost.

In the spring of 2022, my family visited Israel to see our older kids who were there for a gap year of study in Jerusalem. When I took my phone off airplane mode after landing back home at JFK, the first message I saw was a notice that someone I adored and greatly admired had died suddenly of a heart attack.

His name was Dr. Paul Farmer...you can Google him later. He was a medical doctor and an anthropologist, and Founder of an organization called Partners in Health that has saved hundreds of thousands of lives around the world -- entire communities! -- and impacted millions.

He was a religious man, a Catholic, and at his memorial service at Trinity Church in Boston, a clergy member said Paul believed something like this and it has stayed with me:

"We can each define and expand our community to include all those who need us, and we are all enrolled in the work of community, automatically. YOU are enrolled in this work: you don't choose it, opt in, raise your hand, or sign anything. It is already and always your responsibility to support and join your fellows."

This shul, our rabbis and staff, me, those to your right and left, we are your community. And your community needs you. We need you to support neighbors in need, just as we expect you to turn to us should you yourself require support. We need you to guard the front door, join our event planning committees, sponsor kiddushes when you celebrate a milestone or remember a loved one. We need your constructive suggestions and your generous donations.

(Not in that order -- we need you most to guard the door and donate generously :)

As Jews, so much of our practice is communal; it demands group participation. That makes God, our religion, our community parts of our very identities. But we need each other for so much more than worship. We are not a religious app or a God hack. We gather here at LSS to learn, grow, make friends, laugh, celebrate and grieve. We don't just approach God together. We approach all of life together. Classes, lectures, shiva minyan and meals, provisions for new parents, personalized learning with our Kollel fellows, youth programs, bread runs, clothing and food drives, our chevra kadisha, Shabbat and holiday meals and hospitality, cultural events, daf yomi, women's tefillah groups, bar and bat mitzvahs at any age...

We gather often. So often, especially this time of year, that I fear the risk that gathering can feel like habit, like routine. And routine -- even when it is tradition -- can be the enemy of the special, the enemy of the meaningful. So this time of year I ask you to remember the Why of our gatherings, the virtue of us, the growth and support and learning and celebration, in addition to the prayer. Lincoln Square wants to offer you and partner with you on all this work. Please partner with us. Join us if you're not already a member, join a committee if you are not already part of one, and support us with a donation if you have not already given. Make this shul your priority.

I say all this from an unfamiliar place. As I've said before, after years on the Chesed Committee, I try to approach everything from a place of Yes. Yes, of course, we'll help you clean for Pesach as you recover from surgery. Yes, of course we'll listen to your ideas about better youth programming. But as co-presidents, sometimes our knee jerk response to requests and suggestions is Maybe. Maybe, if we can we afford more staff. Maybe we can improve, repair and replace things, if we meet budget projections. Maybe we can buy new office equipment and supplies, if the Federal Reserve tames inflation. With your donations, we can get back to Yes.



"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."

-Kathy Calvin

DVAR TORAH

By: Jordana Offer

I am so proud and grateful to celebrate my father, Shlomo Offer, who is receiving the honor of *Chatan Bereishit* at Lincoln Square Synagogue.

In *Parshat Bereishit* it is written that G-d created Man in His image. While G-d has no physical image, we do know about G-d's traits and qualities. As we have just recited many times during *Slichot* (special penitential prayers) and the *Yamim Nora'im* (Days of Awe), G-d is "....compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness and truth." (*Ki Tisa*, 34:6). As beings who were created in G-d's image, we have the freedom to choose our own actions; whether those actions are good or damaging is up to us. However, G-d puts His faith in us that we will choose to follow His example by being compassionate, loving, gracious, and truthful. My father is someone who always does his best to act according to these traits. While he exemplifies many admirable values, one in particular that I have learned from him is his drive to support and help others, his *ahavat chinam* (unconditional love).

This summer I had the incredible opportunity to volunteer in a maternity center in Uganda, where I witnessed a beautiful act of *ahavat chinam* which I know my father would appreciate. The maternity center is connected to the local Ugandan Jewish community, known as the Abayudaya. I was fortunate to get to know many of the local Jews and spend *Shabbatot* with members of the community. Perhaps the most memorable was my last Shabbat, on which I met a visiting couple who were also doing volunteer work in Uganda. The couple was comprised of a man from South Africa whose father was Christian but his mother was Jewish, and a woman from Germany who said she was interested in Judaism. It quickly became clear that they knew very little about Jewish traditions or culture. Rabbi Gershom, the Rabbi of the community, patiently and graciously explained many of the rituals to them as we ate a beautiful Shabbat dinner in his home.

Before lunch the next day, the community gathered to learn together in preparation for the High Holidays. As we all gathered around, the visiting couple asked to sing a song for the community, and Rabbi Gershom gladly agreed. They then asked to read a passage and lead a discussion, and it gradually, subtly, became clear that these people were trying to proselytize and hoped to convert the community to Christianity.

As this situation unfolded, I looked on silently, filled with disgust, fear, rage, trepidation and a range of other emotions. My initial thought was that this couple should be kicked out of the village, but Rabbi Gershom's response left me in awe. He explained to them that we do not share their beliefs, and trying to convince us otherwise would be futile because we are a stubborn people. He then told them, "We do not agree with you, but you are not our enemy. We love you, just as we love all Christians and Muslims and people of all faiths. We will not try to convince you that we are right, we just ask that you leave us be in our own faith. We welcomed you into our community because we thought that you were Jewish, but you are not Jewish; you are Christians. But you are still welcome here, and we do not hate you. You are still our brothers." We then all proceeded to a communal Shabbat lunch, cordial discourse was shared across the table, and Rabbi Gershom continued to show hospitality and grace to the visiting couple for the remainder of Shabbat. No other attempts were made to proselytize, and the community took great care to ensure that the couple did not feel embarrassed or unwelcome.

In this small village in Africa, a place so foreign and so different than anywhere I've ever been before, Rabbi Gershom's act of *ahavat chinam* did not feel foreign at all—it reminded me of my own family and made me feel at home. My parents raised me to understand the great importance of genuine caring and kindness to others. My mother learned from her own mother to never pass a beggar on the street without stopping to give them some *tzedakah*, and during my childhood I watched her befriend several homeless people in our neighborhood, always giving them whatever she could, and most importantly bolstering their self-worth and dignity. My father, too, has always taught me to care for those around me. Growing up I watched him show kindness even to those who had wronged him. I remember asking, "Aba, aren't you angry? Why would you go out of your way to be nice to them after what they did to you?" and he explained that neither he, nor they, would benefit if he reacted in anger. If he showed them kindness, he would feel better and so would they. In Uganda, while my thoughts toward the visiting couple were of outrage and betrayal, Rabbi Gershom's hospitality and courtesy reminded me of the lesson I learned from my own parents: kindness always wins.

May we all continue to exemplify the value of kindness and caring for others in G-d's image, this year and always. Mazal tov, Aba, on this wonderful honor! *Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!*

WRITE A DVAR TORAH

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members. Guidelines are provided on request. For more info, see Bill Greenbaum in shul, email him at dvar@lss.org, or call Ricky in the LSS office. Inquire now about reserving a parsha from Sept 2023 thru June 2024. Advance parsha reservations are for members first-come, first-served. . Note: Noach is taken.)

From September - June, enjoy the weekly Dvar Torah in the Echod:

-in print, in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer, on lss.org under the Echod tab, or in the Electronic Echod from info@lss.org

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