

## LSS UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that LSS is now open for weekday services **by pre-registration only**. Priority will be given to people saying Kaddish, with Rabbi and Gabbaim managing the process.

Because of health concerns, there is a limit on how many people are permitted attend each minyan each day, so look for an email letting you know if upon signing up, you have been invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, please let Rabbi Robinson know as soon as possible so we can give your spot to someone else.

Mincha/Maariv will be taking place Sunday, June 21 through Thursday, June 25 at 8:20pm. Shacharit will be taking place on Monday, June 22 through Friday June 26 at 7:30am.

To sign up for the above minyans, please contact Rabbi Robinson at [rbbi@lss.org](mailto:rbbi@lss.org)

To read our President, Alan Samuel's letter, please visit our homepage at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org)

Please see below for important Shabbat times.

## SHABBAT TIMES

### Friday Night:

Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:57pm  
Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 8:13pm  
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 8:29pm  
Repeat Shema after 8:58pm

### Shabbat:

Latest Shema: 9:10am  
Latest Shacharit: 10:36am  
Earliest Mincha: 1:35pm  
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 8:29pm  
Shabbat Ends: 9:14pm  
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.*

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

*Though we will not be joining together for communal kiddushim, we want to take this opportunity to list those sponsors that had every intention of sponsoring. We wish Mazal Tov's to those celebrating and Elyui Neshamot to those who are commemorating the loss of a loved one. May we very soon have the zechut again to share together in smachot and, lo'alenu, if difficult times befall, may we at the very least have the zechut to take comfort in coming together.*

**Hashkama Kiddush:** Leslie and Lois Katz in honor of the wedding of their granddaughter Tova Gutel Segal to Yaakov Salanger on June 22 in Jerusalem, Israel.

## MAZAL TOV

Mazal tov to **Lois and Leslie Katz** on the upcoming wedding of their granddaughter Tova Gutel Segal to Yaakov Salanger. Mazal tov to Parents, Yehuda and Shoshana Segal, brothers Gavriel, Avraham, Nessanel and Tzvi, sisters Chava, Adina, and Leah Malka, Mazal tov to Tova's uncle's and aunts Josef and Shari Katz, Benjamin and Michelle Katz, Ari and Shimona Katz and Tziona and Dan Josephs.

Grandparents **Judy and Rabbi Moshe Sokolow** on the birth of a baby boy born to their children Sharon and Dr. Shalom Sokolow.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Debbie & Mr. Yehuda Zucker

## ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Tamuz will be Sunday morning 26 minutes and 14 chalakim after midnight. Rosh Chodesh Tamuz will be on Monday and Tuesday.

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

Excitement is in the air! Our minyanim are restarting, our building is on its way to reopening, and the **2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL DINNER** is shaping up to be our most unforgettable yet, with a program featuring ...

- **MODI**, rated one of New York's "Top Ten" comedians - you're going to be rolling in your at-home aisles!
- The globe-circling, uplifting **KOOLULAM** will be premiering a joyous music video created uniquely for the 2020 LSS Annual Dinner!
- **A SILENT AUCTION** --- your bidding skills may win you one of our fabulous items or unique experiences!

And while you're treating yourself to a marvelous evening of amazing music and mirth, you can also display appreciation for the front-line healthcare workers who've gone all-out over these months battling the Covid-19 virus. Place an ad in our virtual Dinner Journal in their honor or in honor of someone who has helped sustain you personally through this crisis.

So please register and 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).*

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Fred Ehrman** for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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!

**Wednesday, June 24: The Pandemic's Impact on Israeli Society and Economy: 12:00pm** Live from Israel! In this webinar, we will hear from Professor Avi Weiss, President of the Taub Center and one of Israel's leading economists, how the pandemic crisis has affected nearly all aspects of Israeli society, from health to macroeconomics, welfare, the labor market and educational system. We will also hear how the crisis has affected Israel's minority populations, including ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods, Arab towns and Druze villages. And, we will also hear about the unique impact of the crisis on Israeli women across different cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds. In order to join the program, you will need to preregister. Professor Avi Weiss is a leading authority on the Israeli economy and the array of social issues facing Israel today. He received his PhD from the University of Chicago in 1987, and is the President of the Taub Center of Social Policy Studies in Israel, as well as a Professor of Economics at Bar-Ilan University. The Taub Center is one of Israel's leading social and economic think tanks, based in Jerusalem. The Center is focused on researching core issues that affect the everyday lives of Israelis and ensuring that this research is used widely – among policy-makers and the public – to encourage evidence-based decision-making for the betterment of Israeli society.

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## DVAR TORAH

Parshat Shlach  
June 19-20  
By: Fred Ehrman

### *The Scouts ...And the Final Homecoming*

Throughout their 40 years in the desert, the people of Israel were described as an ערף קשי עורף, stiff-necked people, and complainers. Often their unhappiness was due to a lack of physical needs such as water, or food which did not meet their tastes. But there were two sins that they committed that stood out above all the rest. The first was the sin of the עגל הזהב, the Golden Calf. When Moshe their leader failed to appear to them at the time he was scheduled to come down after being up on Mount Sinai for forty days, they made an idol, the Golden Calf. The second sin they committed is described in today's sedrah, the sin of the scouts. When ten of the twelve scouts return from Canaan with a report of a fruitful land flowing with milk and honey, but heavily fortified and populated by giants and powerful people against whom they would have to fight, the Israelites panicked, cried, and were determined to return to Egypt.

If someone were to ask me which of the two incidents was the more severe and an affront to Hashem, my initial reaction would have been to say the Golden Calf was the worse of the two, because the people committed the three cardinal sins: idolatry, adultery, and murder. However, if we judge the two on the basis of the punishments meted out, the answer is that the sin of the scouts was much more grievous. About three thousand people died because of the Golden Calf, whereas because of the desire to return to Egypt after hearing the scouts' report, that whole generation of people over the age of twenty were condemned to die in the desert (with the exception of Caleb and Joshua). And we are told the very day the people received that evil report of the land and cried, was the Ninth of Av, and that night was then established for all time as a time of mourning and sadness.

The severity of the punishment to the Jewish people was due to, first and foremost, a lack of אמונה, trust in Hashem. He was shown to defeat the mighty nation of Egypt, split the Sea of Reeds, gave them Manna from Heaven, and water from a rock, and of course freed them from slavery, and now they doubted His word, that He would lead them into the Promised Land? They believed in the slandering of that Land and lacked a תודה, Gratitude, a necessary positive quality for every human being.

There is a fascinating insight by the Arizal (Rabbi Isaac Luria, 1534-1572) on the tikkun, the rectification of the sin of the scouts. He says that the mitzvah of Bikkurim, the offering of the first fruits in the Temple, is a rectification of that grave sin, and the perfect counterpoint to the acts described in today's sedrah. The mitzvah is described at the beginning of Sedrah Ki Savo (Dvarim 26:1-11). The ten scouts spoke negatively of the Land, so we must take extra measures to show our appreciation by bringing the first fruits. The Mishnah, in Tractate Bikkurim (3:1) mentions only three of the seven species that are brought, the fig, grape, and the pomegranate, the very same three fruits in our sedrah (13:23). The scouts opened their mouths and slandered the Land with adverse comments, while the farmer in the Temple recites a formula giving the history of coming to the land flowing with milk and honey, showing his appreciation and trust in Hashem, and thankfulness for bringing him to the place promised to his forefathers.

Today we read about many of our youth who do not have the same connection to Israel as did their parents. Even in Israel there are those who take the establishment of the State for granted. Post-Zionism is a form

of the reaction of the scouts over 3,000 years ago, a lack of appreciation and thanks for the great gift that has been given to us. It may not be a coincidence that Sedrah Ki Savo that begins with the great joy and thanksgiving of the farmer and the first fruits, tells us of the calamities near the end of the sedrah in the Tochacha, the verses of rebuke which may partially be the result of not rejoicing for Hashem's gift to us. It is our task to inculcate in our youth the obligation to express our appreciation, the תודה הטובה, for the bountiful land given to His people in our time. The flesh pots of the Diaspora can never substitute for the place that He has bestowed to us through our forefathers, the Land of Israel. Maybe that is the lesson to be learned from the חטאת המרגלים, the sin of the scouts. We must never look at ourselves as grasshoppers (13:33), but we must stand tall and self-confident as giants, while maintaining our humility with a constant sense of appreciation and gratitude to the One who has neither slumbered nor slept, watching over His people upon their return to their home for lo these past 72 years. And maybe that is the final tikkun of the errors of our ancestors in the desert.

*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).

### 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: Die Like a Man, Like Your Brother Did: The Legacy of Shepherds in Ireland and Israel. 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

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).

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