

MINYAN INFORMATION

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.

Shacharit:

Monday, October 12—Friday, October 16 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Monday, October 12—6:10pm

Tuesday, October 13—Thursday, October 15 @ 6:05pm

Friday, October 16 @ 6:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 18: Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur: 8:00pm

Join our women's shiur in conjunction with the Women's Tefillah Group led by our Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty.

Monday, October 19: Meet the Israeli Artist: 10:30am Live from Israel!

Ethiopian, Israeli artist, Tigist Yoseph Ron will present her exhibition "The White Paper is Black Within" currently at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. As we view her works her personal story will unfold: The difficult journey through Sudan, the arrival to a new country and the struggles of integrating into Israeli society. Reoccurring themes in her artwork include racism, motherhood and femininity. The program will be moderated by Ronnit Vasserman, founder of the Art Connect Group. Cost: \$20.

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 מן הצפורה]. 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

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Assistant Rabbi, Elie Buechler** of the Jewish Center for joining us on Yom Tov.

WELCOME TO THE LSS STAFF, MELANIE VESELY

Born and raised in Sydney Australia, Melanie has a passion for working within the Jewish community. She grew up attending a Jewish Day school and volunteered in Israel for a year prior to starting University. Melanie received a Bachelor of Social Work with Honors from the University of New South Wales in 2019, and wrote a thesis on supporting the bereaved in a trauma environment. Melanie has experience working within the Jewish community, both domestically and internationally. She is excited to start a new chapter working at LSS and helping members have the best possible experience. Her role will be both administrative and will also focus on Membership Experience- have a question or idea you'd like to discuss? or want to send Melanie a warm welcome? feel free to email her at melanie@lss.org and let's show her some LSS love.

HOSHANA RABAH, SHMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH SCHEDULE

All Mincha/Maariv services taking place in Ballroom
**Kiddush in the Sukkah is for those registered for prayer services*
We are thrilled to have two small sukkah's in front of our building. Members (who are not registered for prayer services) are welcome to use the sidewalk sukkah to say kiddush and hamotzei in the sukkah. Registration is not required. One family permitted at a time. **Grape juice and challah rolls will not be provided so please bring your own.** Kiddush on the terrace is for those registered for prayer services.

Please note that the Sukkah - both in front of the building and the main Sukkah on the terrace will be open on Shmini Atzeret for people who wish to eat in the Sukkah. There is no need to make advance registration, your contact details will be taken by security at the door.

Friday, October 9 - Hoshana Rabah

Candle Lighting 6:06pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:10pm (Ballroom).

Shabbat, October 10 - Shmini Atzeret

Shacharit 7:45am (Terrace), 9:00am (Ballroom), 9:30am (Nethaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary).
Mincha 6:05pm followed by a Shiur led by **Assistant Rabbi, Elie Buechler** on "Tradition or Innovation? Hakafot on Simchat Torah"
Candle Lighting: not before 7:04pm
Ma'ariv/Hakafot 7:05pm

Sunday, October 11 - Simchat Torah

Shacharit/Musaf: 7:45am (Terrace), 9:00am (Ballroom)
Mincha 6:10pm followed by a Shiur led by **Assistant Rabbi, Elie Buechler** on "How to Choose a Text: Finding Personal Meaning in Our Torah Learning".
Ma'ariv/Yom Tov Ends 7:03pm

Please note there will be no Kabbalat Shabbat or

HAKARAT HATOV

Fred Ehrman for writing this week's Dvar Torah
Rande Price and Julie Walpert Savenor for all of their hard work on Sukkah seating
Ian Silver and the entire CSS team for their dedication to the safety of our community.

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents **Gloria & Richard Kestenbaum** on the birth of a baby boy, Theodore Kesten Laudon (גיאי ארמון) born to their children Alex Kestenbaum and Sol Laudon.

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.

Dvar Torah:

Biblical mention of Shmini Atzeret can be found in Parshat Emor 23:36: "On the eighth day...you shall not do any laborious work." Here in New York City and anywhere outside of Israel, we call the second day of Shmini Atzeret, 'Simchat Torah,' because our ancestors had a sofek, 'a doubt' of the correct date. So what's the meaning behind gathering on the eighth day? The Medrish gives an example of a king who made the best party for his closest friends and relatives for seven days and seven nights but as it drew towards the end, everyone got sad because it was ending. The King then gathered everyone and extended the party for one more day, the eighth day. Similarly, after celebrating Sukkot for seven days, our King, Hashem, cannot bear to see us so sad to separate and gave us the eighth day, Shmini Atzeret. While we can't extend our party in person, we hope that everyone who is here for the chag will take a few minutes to pick up their special Simchat Torah Peklech (goodie bags) to continue to spread joy as the holiday season ends.

Wishing you all a Chag Sameach.

Notes About Events:

Outdoor Youth Groups on Rosh Hashana was a remarkable start to the year. We enjoyed seeing everyone again and being together. However, out of an abundance of caution and in light of a recent uptick in coronavirus cases, we have decided to cancel our youth and teen events that were scheduled to take place over Sukkot. It is critical that we do not become complacent during chag, which is normally a time of communal gathering and celebration. We urge all of our families to practice safety precautions. We are grateful for your partnership and understanding. Wishing all a Chag Sukkot Sameach and we look forward to one day soon gathering together again safely.

Simchat Torah Peklech Pickup:

In order to help bring simcha to your holiday, please come by and grab Simchat Torah Pecklech for your children. Pickup on Simchat Torah morning between 10:00 am - 11:00 am outside LSS.

***Shabbat
Shalom!***

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:

- ***(Cancelled this week) The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am– 11:30am Meeting ID: 241 022 510



- **Introduction to Bible** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30 - 8:00pm. This course provides a general overview of the content and style of the Bible. We will review basic literary and theological approaches to Bible study, traditional and modern, through the analysis of the Biblical text. 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. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

- **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: Jewish Life Cycles: What to Expect at a Wedding, Sheva Brachot 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.

PAUL SHAVIV'S JEWISH HISTORY COURSE:

MINISERIES: THE MESSIAH?

Wednesday, October 21: Jesus: Jewish or Christian?
 Wednesday, October 28: Alroy, Reuveni, Molcho—Products of Their Time
 Wednesday, November 4: Shabbetai Zvi—The Most Successful
 Wednesday, November 11: Jacob Frank—The Strangest
 Wednesday, November 18: Menachem Mendel Schneerson—Has to be Discussed!
 Wednesday, November 25th: No Session
 Wednesday, December 2: The Allure and the Cost of Messaianism in Judaism

All classes will begin at 8:00pm

Dial in: (646) 876 9923 Meeting ID: 916 6638 3728 Password: 362427

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Shmini Atzeret
October 9-10
By: Fred Ehrman

“Bone of My Bones, Flesh of My Flesh”

Until about 1975 at LSS, as at all other Orthodox synagogues, Simchat Torah celebration had the women standing behind the Mechitza, watching the men dancing with the Torah. Rabbi Riskin revolutionized this practice by allowing a Sefer Torah to be brought into the women's section to allow them to celebrate our completion of the weekly reading of the Torah and beginning the cycle anew. That idea of a woman's status in relation to man is shown in a new commentary on the creation of Man and Woman in Parshat Breishit.

“Ain Mikra Yotze M'ydai Peshuto – A Verse does not depart from its simple meaning” (TB Shabbat 63A)

On the sixth day of Creation, Adam, the first man, is placed in the Garden of Eden “to work it and to guard it” (Genesis 2:15). He is given only one commandment by G-d. While all the fruits of the Garden are available for Adam's consumption, only one is prohibited, the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.

Seeing Adam alone, G-d brings all the animals and birds to him as possible companions and to be named (Yikra) by him. Giving something a name is sign of dominion. Adam had been previously told that he would be the master over the entire animal kingdom (1:26). But after completing the naming, he finds that he has still not found a suitable helpmate. G-d then takes one of Adam's sides and fashions a woman from it. Seeing the woman, Adam says “This time it is a bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” (2:23). He does not give the woman a name as he did with the other creatures. Instead Adam says significantly that she shall be called (Yikarai) “Isha,” because she came from an “Ish” (a man). There is a subtle but important difference in

saying someone shall be called, and actually calling that person with a name. It means he did not rule over her. (Interestingly when we give a child a name, we also say Yikarai, shall be called, to indicate that the parent will not have dominion over the newborn.) Woman would be “Isha”, with an equal status to Man, the “Ish.”

The story of the great sin committed by Man and Woman follows, when they violate G-d's commandment not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge. The wily serpent entices Woman into eating from the forbidden fruit and she in turn gives it to Man to eat as well. All three characters, the serpent, the Woman and Man, are given suitable punishments for disobeying the Almighty.

The Woman's punishment would be that she would suffer pain in childbearing. In addition, her desire will be for her husband, but he would now rule over her. She would no longer be on an equal level with him.

Immediately after the punishments are decreed, we read the following significant verse. “And Man called his wife Chava, because she had become the mother of all the living (Aim Kol Chai)”(3:20). It does not say that she shall be called (Yikarai) Chava, as written when she was to be called “Isha,” but he called (Vayikra) her, a sign of rulership and domination, effecting her punishment. Chava's primary role in life

going forward was to bear children and care for them and her household.

Let's now skip about 3,000 years where we meet the Prophet Hoshea, the first of the Twelve Minor Prophets. The Israelites have sinned; they have abandoned their G-d, have worshiped idols, and are unrepentant. They are compared to a woman who is unfaithful to her husband and who becomes a prostitute. Hoshea is told that the people will be punished and scattered among the nations, with their rejected Lord showing no pity at this stage. But after a prolonged period of exile, the Prophet says that G-d will once again show His love for His people, and reconciliation will take place with the following proclamation. “It shall be on that day, the words of Hashem, you will call me my Husband (Ishi) and you will no longer call me my Master (Baali)” (Hoshea 2:18). This metaphor brings us back to the primordial couple. At that time, the wife will once again be restored to a position of equality with her husband, “Isha” alongside her “Ish” as before the sin, and not “Chava.”

There are some who believe that we today are at a glorious period of the beginning of the Final Redemption, Atchalta D'Geula. After the horrors of the Holocaust when a third of our people were murdered, Jewish sovereignty over the Land of Israel has again become a reality. In the last seventy-two years with G-d's kindness and grace, this little nation has grown and prospered. An ingathering of the scattered people is taking place, just as the Prophets said.

If this is truly so, could the place of woman which has changed so radically in the last one hundred years from the preceding five thousand years also be an additional sign of the early manifestations of Redemption? With women now educated in religious and secular matters, and being highly represented in almost every occupation and human endeavor—something

that did not exist a century ago nor in the previous millennia—could this be a sign of extraordinary events taking shape? This, just as foretold by Hoshea?

None of us can answer that question categorically. Many of the Jewish people are once more beginning a true reconciliation with G-d, with unprecedented numbers involved in Torah learning and spiritual yearning and growth. Near the end of that same chapter, Hoshea gives us the assurance of a glorious future, with G-d's enduring promise to His people. “*I shall betroth you to Me forever. I shall betroth you to Me with righteousness and with justice and with kindness and with mercy. I will betroth you with fidelity and you shall know Hashem*” (2:21-22).

Ish and Isha standing together with total fidelity to their Creator. And so may it be His and our will.

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:

Parshat Noach (10/24)
Parshat Lech Lecha (10/31)
Parshat Vayera (11/7)

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)

If you would like to receive the
Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at
www.lss.org or email info@lss.org

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