

MINYAN SIGN UP

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday October 7: Gathering the Grain and Praying for Rain: 10:00am Live from Israel!

Sukkot is the harvest holiday and it is a great time to look more deeply at nature in the land of Israel. What makes the seven species special? Why is water so precious here? And what two thousand year old mom and dad just had kids? A special Sukkot tour led by Shulie Mishkin: A look at the natural resources and fruits of the land on the harvest holiday.

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.

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 מיכאל]. 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

HAKARAT HATOV

Janine Sherr for writing this week's Dvar Torah

The High Holidays would not have gone as smoothly without the help of so many people. Thank you to the **seating committee**, the **proofing committee**, to **Ian Silver**, Chair of CSS, and to **the entire CSS team**, to the **ushers** and everyone else involved in making sure this chag, though different from other years, felt just as special and beautiful.

KOL NIDRE APPEAL: IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Throughout this pandemic, a regular and quite remarkable feature of nearly every Echod has been a message welcoming new members. LSS attracts people of all ages, degrees of observance, and levels of Jewish education because even in these precarious times our congregation animates an awareness that to be fully engaged in the Jewish enterprise is a joyous way to live. Over these past months we have carried forward our activities with necessary adaptations but without compromise to our mission. That has been possible only through the tenacious service of our clergy, administrators, custodians, and lay leaders. And one last group: our dedicated members, whose financial support has been essential to propelling us forward. It is not too late to contribute. Please visit our website at www.lss.org to donate as generously as you are able to.

SHABBAT AND SUKKOT SCHEDULE

We are thrilled to announce that we will have two small sukkah's in front of our building. Following morning and evening services 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 but keep in mind there may be a line to get in as we will permit one family in at a time. Grape juice and challah rolls will be provided but you may bring your own. Kiddush on the terrace is for those registered for prayer services.

*All Mincha/Maariv services taking place in Ballroom

*Please note there will be no zoom Kabbalat Shabbat or Havdalah

Friday, October 2 - Erev Sukkot

Candle Lighting: 6:17pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:25pm

Kiddush in the Sukkah: approximately 7:10pm

Begin meal after 7:07pm

Shabbat, October 3 - Sukkot I

Shacharit: 7:45am (terrace), 9:00am (ballroom)

Kiddush in the Sukkah: 11:00am

Mincha: 6:15pm (Shekia 6:34)

Candle Lighting: 7:15pm

Ma'ariv: 7:15pm

Begin meal after 7:16pm

Kiddush in the Sukkah: approximately 7:30pm

Sunday, October 4 - Sukkot II

Shacharit 7:45am (terrace), 9:00am (ballroom)

Kiddush in the Sukkah: approximately 11:00am

Mincha: 6:20pm (Shkeia 6:33pm)

Ma'ariv: 7:15pm

On **Chol Hamoed** the Sukkah will be available for member use (during the day and in the evenings until 9:30pm). You will need to sign in at the security desk and get temp checked before going up to the sukkah. We ask that you, of course, socially distance yourself from others and please clean up after yourselves. Thank you

Monday, October 5 - Chol Hamoed I

Shacharit: 7:10am

Youth Department Event: Sushi in the Sukkah 4:00pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:20pm

Tuesday, October 6 - Chol Hamoed II

Shacharit: 7:10am (ballroom)

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:20pm

Wednesday, October 7 - Chol Hamoed III

Shacharit: 7:10am (ballroom)

Mincha/Maariv: 6:15pm

Magan Avraham Teen Department Movie Night in the Sukkah: 7:00pm

Thursday, October 8 - Chol Hamoed IV

Shacharit: 7:10am (ballroom)

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:15pm

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents **Linda and Howard Sterling** on the birth of a baby boy born to Yakov and Batsheva Schwartz in Jerusalem. Mazal tov to great-great aunt and uncle Aidel & Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

The holiday of Sukkot begins five days after the holiday of Yom Kippur and lasts one week. When the Jewish people finally left the desert after hundreds of years of slavery, they had a long 40-year journey ahead of them before they would reach the holy land of Israel. Over those 40 difficult and exhausting years, Hashem took care of the Jewish people. Hashem surrounded them with a special cloud on all four sides which protected them from difficult weather and guided them on the right path towards Eretz Yisrael.

On the holiday of Sukkot we remember that kindness that Hashem showed us in the desert and we build a Sukkah to dwell in. The Sukkah is like a hut which surrounds and protects us and reminds us of the clouds with which Hashem surrounded and protected the Jewish people in the desert. During the holiday of Sukkot, we treat the Sukkah like our home. Whatever we would normally do at home, like eating, playing, and learning, we should try to do in the Sukkah.

This year, Sukkot may look different for many of us, but the main theme of the holiday will remain steadfast. Hopefully, in this new year we can take the simple joys of Sukkot and apply them to our whole year—spending time with family, enjoying the outdoors, and being thankful to Hashem for how far we've all come.

Kids in the Kitchen:

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. each nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon
- 1 1/2 c. each granulated sugar and packed brown sugar
- 1 c. oil
- 2 c. canned pumpkin
- 4 eggs
- 1 c. each raisins and nuts (optional)

Instructions:

1. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices. Add the sugars, mixing well.
2. Mix dry ingredients with the oil and pumpkin, stirring until well combined.
3. Add eggs, one at a time, blending thoroughly.
4. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9 1/2 x 5 1/4-inch loaf pans.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes or until the tester comes out clean.
6. Cool for 5 minutes. Remove from pans. Place on a wire rack to cool.

Questions:

1. How long is Sukkot?
2. What does a Sukkah remind us of?

Answers:
1. One week long
2. Hashem protecting us as we wandered the desert

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
- ***(Resumes October 13) Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** Led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Meeting ID: 811 662 074

Wednesday:

- ***(Resumes October 12) 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: IS THIS 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, December 2: The Allure and the Cost of Messianism in Judaism

All classes at 8:00pm

Zoom link to follow

DVAR TORAH

Shabbat Sukkot
October 2-3
By: Janine Sherr

Beyond the Promised Land: Life Lessons from Our Greatest Teacher

In honor of my father, Mr. Michael Muller, and of my husband, David, on their birthdays. With gratitude to my father for helping me to visualize Moshe Rabbeinu's final moments. And with thanks to Elie Schwab, whose song "Chizku V'Imtzu" (sung by Mordechai Shapiro) was the inspiration for this Dvar Torah.

It is the final scene of the Torah. One can picture it so vividly: Moshe, the devoted servant of God, 120 years old, taking his walking stick in hand, putting one foot in front of the other, and with his last strength, scaling Mount Nebo. When he finally reaches the top of the cliff, he stops and is overcome by emotion. He views the Land for the first time and is captivated by its beauty. Over there, just beyond the majestic Jordan River, lies the beloved Land. It is so close, almost within his grasp. Yet, he will not live to set foot on the holy ground. He will die on the mountain.

What can we learn from Moshe Rabbeinu, Moshe our Master Teacher, as we reflect back on his life?

The first lesson is about the nature of true leadership. After God decrees that Moshe and Aaron will be barred from entering the Land due to their sin at the waters of Kadesh, He instructs Moshe to ascend the mountain and view the Land from a distance. Initially, Moshe does not utter a word about his own fate. Instead, he approaches God with a remarkable request (Bamidbar, 27:15): "May Hashem, God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the assembly, who shall go out before them and come in before them... and let the assembly of Hashem not be like sheep that have no shepherd."

When we hear Moshe's words, we are suddenly cast back to another scene from more than forty years earlier: Moshe tending the sheep of his father-in-law Yithro in Midian. The midrash poignantly describes what happens one day when a sheep strays from the flock. Moshe follows the sheep and finds it drinking at a stream.

"I didn't realize that you ran away because you were thirsty. Now you must be red," says Moshe, and then he lifts the sheep and carries it on his shoulders back to the herd.

It was this deed that caught the eye of God who then deemed Moshe worthy of being the shepherd of His flock, Israel. As their faithful shepherd, Moshe carried the Children of Israel for forty years. At the end of his life, when he is about to leave this world, Moshe is most concerned that his people will be left without a shepherd.

By worrying about finding a worthy successor, Moshe teaches us that true leaders care more about the people they lead than they do about their own status as leaders. Moshe was determined that his "sheep" would be guided and cared for. Moshe goes on to appoint his student, Yehoshua, as the new leader before the entire assembly of Israel, thus demonstrating his confidence in Yehoshua's abilities to carry on his legacy.

Moshe's second lesson involves his relationship with us, his people. Here, Moshe teaches us about the giving of unconditional love. It is easy to love people who are pleasant, easy-going, and cooperative; but how very difficult it is to love a "stiff-necked" people, who were, in many ways, the very cause of his ultimately being denied entry into the Holy Land. Moshe had always been the steadfast champion of his people, pleading their case before God after they sinned. Following the incident of the Golden Calf, God wants to destroy the people and appoint Moshe the leader of a new nation. Moshe will have none of this. He turns to God, saying, "If you would but forgive their sin...if not erase me now from this book that You have written." (Shmot 32:32). Moshe would rather choose self-eradication than separate himself from the fate of his people. Indeed, his fate would be forever bound with theirs.

On the last day of his life, Moshe walks through the Israelite camp, bidding farewell to the people (Ramban). Like a concerned and loving father, he offers his "children" encouragement and strength: "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid...for Hashem your God...will not forsake you." (Bamidbar, 31:6) For forty years, Moshe bore the brunt of the people's complaining, suffering, and bitterness. At times he lost his patience with them, yet he continued to love them until the end. As we recall how devoted Moshe was to us, the Jewish People, it is important to ask ourselves: Are we able to accept the people in our lives and to love them unconditionally as Moshe loved us?

Then there is Moshe's final lesson. Even our greatest leader did not live to see the Promised Land, the realization of his most fervent hope, the dream of a lifetime. How familiar this feels to us. Our disappointments can feel so devastating. We wait and we wait and sometimes we do not live to see the fruits of our labor. Often our hopes are dashed; it can feel as harsh as the sound of Moshe's stick smashing against the rock.

But wait. Let us revisit the Torah's final scene: There is our Moshe standing at the peak of the mountain, the mountain at the entrance to the Holy Land. If you look closer, you can see that he has not given in to despair. He is standing tall and determined. Fixing his gaze on the horizon, he looks to the future with hope.

Shabbat Shalom

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.

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