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March 6-7, 2020 **Alan Samuels**

Executive Director President Cantor

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

5:36pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

5:40pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by

Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld.

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a

shiur on the third floor given by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow. 8:30am Parsha Shiur given by Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty

on "The Symbolism of the Kohen's Garments"

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Drasha given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld followed by Musaf.

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

9:12am Latest Shema

9:15am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash.

10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12

11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, Rm 208/210)

Shabbat Afternoon

12:30pm Beginners Luncheon: Welcome to all those attending

3:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West.

(New volunteers needed and welcome)

4:10pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the

Belfer Beit Midrash

4:40pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class and the Book of Esther with

Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm 211

4:40pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by

Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on "Shaul & Amalek: What Was

the Failure?"

5:25pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz **Zolty** will be speaking on "Second Purim? How We Connect to Biblical Miracles" followed by Bar Reuven who will be speaking

on " בצרה קראת ואחלצך [In your distress you called, and

I rescued you?"

6:38pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

MAZAL TOV

Laura and Jonathan Heller on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Sam.

Adena Samowitz on the birth of a baby girl, Yehudis Pascal named after her dear mother Helen Samowitz, Yehudis bas Perelaya V'Yehoshua a"h born to her niece and nephew, Yocheved and Mordy Pascal. Mazal tov also to big brother Nesanel.

HAKARAT HATOV

Perry Davis for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

Susan Berlin, Gail Castagnello, Rose Friedman, Adina & Aaron Goss, Carol Gross, Sandy Kilstein, Barbara Klein, Bina Presser, Deina Shapiro, Grace Shevel, Joel Tenenholtz, Sholom Twersky, Nathan Vogel, and Jay Ziffer who volunteered and put together the Mishloach Manot packages for Purim. Your hard work is much appreciated!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Margot and John Mann

SHABBAT SHALOM!

PARSHAT ZACHOR

Everybody above the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah should hear the special Torah reading this week, where we remember the wickedness of Amalek. Zachor will be read at every service, and will be read in the Main Sanctuary three times— at approximately 10:15am, at the conclusion of Musaf (approximately 11:30am), and again at the conclusion of Mincha which begins at 5:25pm on Shabbat afternoon.

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Bar Reuven, Founder of the Cat Association - בצרה קראת ואחלצך [In your distress you called, and I rescued you] The Elite Unit 669 is the heliborne combat search and evacuation unit of the IDF. The alumni association, nicknamed, the Cat, is a team of people who devote their time, and even risk their lives, to the search and rescue of civilians and military personnel in need - in Israel and around the world - no matter what their nationality.



Bar is a reserve combat officer in Unit 669.

REMINDER

Sunday, March 8 2020: Daylight Savings Time: 2:00am Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead when you go to bed Saturday night.

THIS SUNDAY

Rabbi Yaakov Hoffman, a sofer (scribe), will be at LSS from 11:00am-1:00pm and will be available to check tefillin and mezuzahs. *prices based on work required

PURIM AT LSS

Monday, March 9th: Ta'anit Esther/Fast Day/Erev Purim

Beginners Purim Bash Maariv and Megillah reading: 7:20pm. Purim Bash: 8:35pm, featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Tuesday, March 10: Purim You can pick up a copy of our complete Purim Schedule in the lobby or visit our homepage for details.

Please note: the Purim Carnival is rescheduled as a Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration. Please view the third page of the Echod for details.

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Hashkama Kiddush: Joel Tenenholtz in commemoration of the seventh yahrtzeit of his father Benajmin (Benyamin ben Moshe Yoseph) z"l.

Main Kiddush: Laura and Jonathan Heller

in honor of their son, Sam's, Bar Mitzvah.

Beginners Kiddush: Helga Weisburger in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved husband, John Weisburger z"l and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Elaine Witty-Komito in commemoration of the yahrtzeit on 10th of Adar of her beloved father-in-law, Jerry Komito,

Yaakov ben Sol v'Emma, z"l. And, for a refuah shleimah for her mother-in-law, Sheila Komito, Stisha bas Chasha.

Seudah Shlishit:

Laura and Jonathan Heller in honor of their son, Sam's, Bar Mitzvah.

Chuck Pollack in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, Mollie Pollack Angel a"h.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 15: Early Registration Deadline for NORPAC Mission

The NORPAC annual mission to Washington will take place this year on Tuesday, May 19. The LSS bus will leave in the morning and return the same day. Three meals will be provided and talking points will be reviewed during the trip. Join Rabbi Robinson and over 1000 activists from around the country to advocate with Members of Congress for Israel. In these contentious times, it is vital to solidify our ties with all Members of Congress to insure that support for Israel remains a bipartisan concern.

Questions? Contact Dan Feder at <u>dfeder613@gmail.com</u>. Early Bird discount expires 3/15. To register, please visit <u>www.norpac.net</u>.

Sunday, March 22: Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial: 1:00pm-3:00pm Join us for an afternoon remembering our dear Chaz z"l.

Monday, March 23: Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Governors: 7:45pm Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday, March 25: Fundraising for Non-Profits:

9:00am-11:00am Non-profits are looking for increased support and are interested in new crowd-funding approaches for quick high powered mass donation opportunities. At the same time they are on a constant search for major gifts from a more targeted group of donors. Board members can play a key role in reeling in those large gifts. Join us for an informational forum to discuss these topics led by distinguished LSS community members, Perry and Margy-Ruth Davis, as a part of Charidy's Learning series at Lincoln Square Synagogue. Charidy has become the go-to new firm specializing in crowd sourced high impact campaigns. Their presentation will provide vital tips on "decoding the crowd." After 34 years of experience with hundreds of non-profit groups, Perry Davis Associates (PDA), will focus in the event on how to activate the board to secure major grants and donations. Community members in senior positions or who are trustees or governors of non-profit organizations are welcome. Please see the link in the online version of Echod for registration.

Sunday, March 29: Jewish Communal Fund Presents: Israel on Campus: 9:00am-10:15am

Join JCF to discuss "Israel on Campus". JCF Trustee Ken Cappell will be giving an introduction followed by speaker Rebekah Thornhill Tokatlilar who is the Managing Director of The Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at NYU. Please see the link in the online version of Echod for registration. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday, April 1: Beginners Model Seder: 7:00pm

Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and Psachya Septimus for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Passover Seder. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$15 before April 1, \$20 at the door, payable to LSS (earmark Model Seder). To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.

Friday and Saturday, April 3 & 4: Beginners Passover Shabbaton Reservations must be made by Tuesday, March 31.

Cost: \$50 (includes two meals).

To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.

Sunday, April 26 Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration: 1:00pm-4:00pm Join us for a day of fun! The Nature Company, Wonderspark Puppet Show, Arcade, Bounce House, Face-Paint and more. For tickets or to become a sponsor visit www.lss.org/event/israelcelebration2020

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

Sunday Morning Responsa with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld;
 Takes place after the 2nd Minyan. <u>Location</u>: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday:

- *(Resumes March 16) Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II:
 6:30pm These 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all.
 This is the second of five classes. To register, please visit
 www.lss.org/beginners.
- *(Resumes March 16) 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. Location: Rm 206/207
- *(Resumes March 16) Jewish Living Worksop: 7:30pm-8:30pm led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 9 session series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials. To register, please email JLworkshop@yahoo.com. Topic: Shabbat Day Meal Experience

Tuesday:

- *(Resumes March 17) The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am—11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- *(Resumes March 17) Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments
 with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30pm-8:00pm An in-depth study and
 analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic
 biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis
 and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and
 analyzed. 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.
- *(Resumes March 17) Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study
 Group led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 211

Wednesday:

 Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:30pm-8:30pm Location: Rm 207

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. <u>Last Week's Topic:</u> The Best Purim I Ever Experienced Location: Rm LL201.
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class Explorations in the Weekly Parsha.
 This week led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: BM

IT MAY NOT BE PURIM YET BUT YES, WE'RE THINKING ABOUT PESACH

LSS will again be selling Shatzer Shmurah Matzah for Passover. Cost: \$26 per pound for both regular and whole wheat. Place your orders at www.lss.org/form/matzah2020.

LSS BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

Women if you've never had a Bat Mitzvah or haven't read from the Torah sign up now at LSSbatmitzvah@gmail.com. Read only 3-4 sentences and we help you do it with recordings and mentors. Deadline: Thursday 3/12

HOSPITALITY NEEDS: Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and /or lodging. Please email hospitality@lss.org with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

LSS Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty and her husband Yoni are in need of lunch on March 7

LSS Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff is in need of lodging on March 13-14 and meals and lodging on March 20-21, and April 4

Passover Hospitality:

With Purim fast approaching, can Passover be far behind? As you plan for Sedarim, please remember that many members are unable to be with family over the chagim. If you have one or two places at your table or would like to be hosted for a seder, please email <a href="https://example.com/hostel/h

CURRENT BEST PRACTICES

in Regards to Public Spaces During Coronavirus

In order to keep our whole community safe and healthy, we ask you to observe these best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



 Should anyone experience any flu-like symptoms, as in any flu season, including fever, cough and shortness of breath, please return home.



 If you have recently traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Italy, South Korea, Hong Kong, or Thailand, please observe the CDC travel advisories and the suggested practices before returning to public events.



 As a reminder, handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds is the most effective way of preventing the spread of infection. Please utilize hand sanitizer dispensers, as well.



 Please restrict physical social contact including handshaking to help prevent the spread of infection.

CARNIVAL TURNED YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION!

*Please note: The Purim carnival has been rescheduled. Join us on Sunday, April 26 as we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (proceeds to benefit the Youth Department). Same fun event, different day! To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/israelcelebration2020. All those that have previously purchased tickets for our Purim Carnival will have those tickets honored for our Yom Ha'aztmaut Celebration. Anyone with a conflict will be refunded.

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YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210

Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211

ניצנים Buds (K-1st) Room 208 פרחים Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206

ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



Schedule:

10:00 am Drop-Off (Rooms 208/210, 211)

11:00 am Davening, Circle Time and Baby & Me (208-210)

11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration

11:30 am Parsha & Candy: Special Purim Story Addition!

11:45 am Groups End

** parents are asked to please take their children to wash their hands thoroughly with soap before dropping them off in groups. Thank you!

Dvar Torah:

In Parshat Tetzaveh we get instructions on how to build and use the Mishkan along with some additional details. Bnei Yisrael needs to make pure olive oil for the Ner Tamid, so it will be constantly lit. Moshe is also instructed that the Kohanim should have special garments that they must wear when working in the Mishkan. Moshe is told he must dress them and anoint them with olive oil before they can begin their official work. This process will take seven days before they are ready to work in the Mishkan. Hashem explains and reiterates why the Kodesh Hakedoshim is so important -- that is where Hashem's Shechina will dwell.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

- What is the Ner Tamid?
- 2. Who anoints the Kohanim?
- 3. Where does Hashem dwell within the Mishkan?

The Kodesh Hakedoshim

Moshe
The Kedesh Hakedeshim

L. It's a special light that is on all the time in the Mishkan. We have these today in our shul and they are always lit.

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<u>Upcoming Events:</u> To sponsor an event please email <u>youth@lss.org</u>

Sunday, March 29: Dorot Passover Package Delivery (Volunteer Mission)

DOROT's pre-Passover package delivery programs bring hundreds of clients and volunteers together to share warmth and companionship. Participants attend a brief orientation, get assigned an older adult, pick up a care package, and hand deliver it to their homes. This is an incredible way to foster relationships between local elderly people and our young community. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/dorot.

Sunday, April 5: Matzah Bakery with Rabbi Fried: 10:00am

ALEINU

Aleinu is a first-of-its-kind web platform for transforming the state of child safety in Jewish youth-serving organizations, through the implementation of 10 Best Practices to prevent child abuse. Aleinu is more than just an educational website; the web-platform also serves as a headquarters for organizations to track their own progress and work alongside peer organizations for support. Here is a first glimpse at the Aleinu promotional video.

Lincoln Square Synagogue was selected to be in the first cohort, which was open to only twenty-five Jewish youth serving organizations from New York City, Westchester, and Long Island. If you are interested in sponsoring our participation in Aleinu, email us youth@lss.org.

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Tetzaveh/Parshat Zachor February 28-29 By: Perry Davis

Amalek's Roots

The upcoming recitation of Parshat Zachor and subsequent celebration of Purim conjure up a host of emotions, and tangible ways to express them. We will fast, then feast, re-experience dread, then sigh with relief and make merry. We will spend quality time with family and friends and exchange gifts as we attend to the needs of the poor in our community and beyond. Perhaps above all, we will listen with rapt attention – first to the words of Parshat Zachor and then to the Megillah.

But I think that there is another element of Zachor and Purim that we don't usually consider – outreach. Is this appropriate on Purim?

The final chapter of Tractate Sanhedrin focuses on the redemption of the Jewish people, indeed of the whole world. It speaks of messianic times. In that context, the Gemara addresses the question of who the righteous (those to merit redemption) are. This brings us to the famous quote from Rav as quoted by Rabi Abbahu (Sanhedrin 99:A): In the place that penitents stand even the completely righteous do not stand, as it is stated (in Isaiah 57:19) "Peace, peace upon him who is far and him who is near."

If the second part of the quote sounds particularly familiar – it is inscribed above the aharon kodesh in our Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Why 'far' before 'near' in the verse? The accepted explanation of the Gemara is that the one far is the penitent or potential penitent who has been far from righteous observance, and the one near is he/she who continues with a strong level of belief and piety. For both we should offer a warm gesture (shalom aleichem), a welcoming shul and a Shabbat meal. Certainly, we are inspired by these words to bring the one who is 'far' near to us. Forgive the chauvinism, but this is the LSS birthright and legacy.

Back to Zachor and Purim. Let's turn to the next page in Sanhedrin (99:B.) Speaking of those unworthy of meriting the redemption, the Gemara brings the case of evil King Manasseh (ben Hezekiah). Manasseh, we are told, would teach flawed interpretations and make

critical comments about the Torah.

The Gemara quotes Genesis 36:22, "Lotan's sister was Timna" and a previous verse (36:12) "And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz" (who was Esau's son.) Manasseh claims that details like these are unimportant and need not appear in the Torah. In refutation, the Gemara cites a medrash that teaches us that these verses are precious and meaningful. The Gemara tells us that knowing that Timna's brother was Lothan (a tribal chieftain) was important in establishing the aristocratic position of his sister. She was destined to royalty, or for whatever passed for royalty in those days. Yet, the medrash tells us, she went to Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov and begged them to convert her and allow her into their holy family. The Avot turned her away ("lo kibluha".) This is strong language of rejection (as in rejecting a gift.) Timna still sought a connection to the family and allowed herself to become Esau's concubine saying:

Better to be a maidservant for this nation then a noblewoman [of my native tribe.]

The Gemara goes on to say that the son produced by this union was Amalek whose descendants afflicted the Jewish people for generations to come (read the attack in the desert, Haman, and no doubt Hitler.) The Gemara is clear. Generations of Jews suffered at the hands of Amalekites because "They (the Avot) should not have rejected her." Thus, Manasseh's dismissal of these meaningful verses is sinful.

As I think about the welcoming Jewish embrace withheld from Timna, the words of Tefilat Geshem – the prayer for rain that we recite on Shemini Atzeret, come to mind:

"For his (Abraham's) sake do not withhold water." "B'avuro al timna moyim." Water, we know, can be a metaphor for Torah.

So, as we don costumes, feast with friends and family, remember and act to obliterate Amalekites ancient and modern, let's give some thought to Timna and how we can lovingly accept the outstretched arm of the one yearning for a bit of Jewish knowledge. Perhaps this will bring them and us that much closer to redemption.

This D'var Torah is dedicated to the memory of my father, Yaakov ben Reb Peretz Yosef HaCohen z'l.

We are currently looking for writers for:

Parshat Behar-Bechukotai (5/16) Shabbat Shavuot (5/30) Parshat Beha'alotecha (6/13)

Email dvar@lss.org or see Bill Greenbaum in shul.

Weekly Prayer	Schedule:	March 8-13		Fast Begins:	6:04am	Fast Ends: 7:29pm
Day	Sunday:	Monday: Taanit Esther/Erev Purim	Tuesday: Purim	Wednesday: Shushan Purim	Thursday:	Friday:
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:00am	-	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	6:50am, 7:30am	6:30am, 7:30am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Candle Lighting						6:44pm
Mincha/Ma'ariy	6:45pm	6:30pm	1:45pm, 6:45pm	6:50pm	6:50pm	6:50pm

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