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Parshat Yitro Josh Rosenfeld

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Feb 14-15, 2020 **Alan Samuels**

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

5:12pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

5:15pm Mincha followed by a Musical A Capella Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary presented by Kol Haneshamah. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Hot Kiddush to follow in the Shele Danishevsky Covlin Foyer.

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 Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff on "What's the Best Reason to be Jewish?"

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.

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

9:29am Latest Shema

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the

Belfer Beit Midrash

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

10:30am Youth Spot It Tournament Location: Rm 206/207

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

Shabbat Afternoon

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)

3:45pm Beginners Mishna Chayura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash

4:15pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim

Buchwald in Rm 211

4:15pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by

Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on "The Generation: How to Relate to Those Who Leave Torah Behind"

5:00pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff will be speaking on "Gold, Silver, and Earth: HaShem's Altar and

MAZAL TOV

Alter Egos"

6:13pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

THIS SHABBAT

Friday Night

5:15pm LSS & Kol HaNeshama Present an A capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat. Turn Friday Night into a truly inspiring Shabbat experience! Mo Kiss and the Kol HaNeshamah A Capella Group together with Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz and Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Location: Main Sanctuary with a hot Kiddush to follow in the Shele Danishevsky Covlin Foyer.

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Hashkama Kiddush: Steve Kay Kupietsky in honor of his parents, Rabbi Jonah & Fran Kupietzky, on their 64th wedding anniversary which they will celebrate on February 16.

Gad Cabessa in loving commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, Mazal bat Yitzchak a"h.

Main Kiddush: David Adelsberg and Jocy London in honor of the birth of their daughter, Aurora Lilac (Ora Chaya) Adelsberg.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Golda, Shira and Hannah Hudes in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Avraham Isaac Hudes z"l, beloved father of Dana Hudes and grandfather of Shira & Hannah Hudes.

lan Silver and family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his brother, Jason Silver, יעקב בן בן ציון z"l.

Iris Cahn and Owen Cahn in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their father Berndt Cahn HaKohen z"l, and Mordechai Beilis and Elana Zvulon in memory of their parents Aron z"l and Aviva Beilis a'h.

Beginners Kiddush:

Elaine Witty-Komito in commemoration of the first vahrtzeit of her beloved mother, Rachel J. Witty, Rochel Gittel bas HaRav Ephraim v'Sarah. a"h.

Halleli Chapman and Aaron Ishida in celebration of their recent engagement.

Seudah Shlishit: Susan Ruttner in commemoration of the yahrtzeit on 21 Shevat of Greta Weinman's husband, Moishe Weinman z"l.

HAKARAT HATOV

Alan Axelrod for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Ms. Valentina Tkachenko

Rabbi Jonah and Fran Kupietzky on the celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary which will be celebrated on February 16.

Isaac Showman on his wedding to Allison Sedrish.

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 February 29 & March 31

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

Passover Hospitality: Shabbat Shekalim is approaching, so 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 Hospitality@lss.org, Subject line: SEDER.

| Weekly Prayer | Schedule: | February 16-21 | | | | |
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| Day | Sunday: | Monday: Presidents' Day | Tuesday: | Wednesday: | Thursday: | Friday: |
| Daf Yomi | 7:45am | 7:45am | 6:20am | 6:20am | 6:15am | 6:20am |
| Shacharit | 7:10am, 8:30am | 7:00am, 8:30am | 7:10am, 7:50am | 7:10am, 7:50am | 7:00am, 7:50am | 7:10am, 7:50am |
| Candle Lighting | | | | | | 5:20pm |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv | 5:20pm | 5:20pm | 5:25pm | 5:25pm | 5:25pm | 5:25pm |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 19: LSS & Drisha Present: An Evening of Learning: 7:00-9:15pm

Join us for an evening of learning with Dr. Shana Strauch Schick and Rabbi Shlomo Walfish. From 7:00 - 8:00pm Dr. Shana Strauch-Schick will be speaking about "Abortion: A Study of Biblical Case Law" and from 8:15 - 9:15pm Shlomo Walfish will be speaking about "Injury, Damages, and Paths to Forgiveness: A Study of Mishnah and Tosefta in Bava Kama". This program is free of charge.

Tuesday, February 25: Wake Up Your Soul: 7:00pm

LSS is proud to host the US book launching event of Rabbi Dov Singer's "Prepare My Prayer: Recipes to Awaken the Soul", Maggid Books' new English language translation of his best seller "Tikon Tefillati". Join us to welcome the joyous month of Adar for a musical/spiritual voyage with this Modern Orthodox Hassidic master. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 26: Our Chazzanim at the Mansion: 7:30pm
Chazzan Yanky Lemmer and Chazzan Yisroel Lesches will be doing another show of lively klezmer and jazz with the Frank London Ensemble. Their November show sold-out, here is the reprise if you missed that one. Appetizers and open bar. *offsite event To buy tickets, please visit www.themansion.nyc.

Friday, February 28th: Shabbat Across America: 6:45pm

Featuring Leading word expert on global anti-Semitism and violent attacks against Jews, Yehudit Barsky, who will be presenting on the topic, "Anti-Semitism in America: How real is the threat, and what can be done about it?" Cost: \$50 per person, \$30 per child. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners. To be a host, please email bendheimd@gmail.com. To become a sponsor, please visit www.lss.org/saasponsor.

Shabbat, February 29: Spanbock Lecture: 11:15am

Join us for our fifteenth Annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Lecture in Jewish Ethics. Guest speaker Rabbi Jason Weiner will be speaking on "Stories from the Front Lines: Confronting Complex Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas in the Hospital"

Motzei Shabbat, February 29: The What Matters Committee Presents: Navigating Common End of Life Issues in Halacha: 8:00nm Featuring Rabbi Iason Weiner

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Jewish women.

Sunday, March 1: LSS Presents: A Mother Daughter Lunch & Learn: Grandmothers, Sisters and Aunts welcome too! 12:00-1:30pm
We invite you to connect through Torah study, a delicious lunch and through the empowerment of coming together with other

To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/miniseries.

Are you able to sponsor lunch? Please email info@lss.org.

Monday, March 2: Beginners Schmooze: 8:15pm
Free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.
Call 212-874-6100 to confirm. Location: Rm 211

Shabbat, March 7: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm
Cost: \$25 per person. To register, please visit

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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. Assignments given early February allowing for lots of prep time for the Shabbat May 9th reading.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

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

Monday:

- *(final class: March 4) What a Jew Believes: Practicing Faith in a Skeptical World led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. 1:00pm and 7:00pm Topic: The Money in My Pocket - Who does it belong to and what should I do with it?
- 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
- Deep Calling Unto Deep: A Journey into Tehillim led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 7:45pm-8:45pm. A five part series on the history, thought, and usage of Psalms in Jewish tradition through explanation and in depth study of individual chapters. This is the second of five classes. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Tuesday:

- *(Cancelled this week) The Marilyn & Sam Isler,
 "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:
 10:30am-11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- 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.
- 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: 7:00pm-8:00pm <u>Location</u>: Rm 207

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. <u>Last Week's Topic:</u> If I Had My Life to Live Over... Location: Rm LL201.
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class Explorations in the Weekly Parsha.
 This week led by Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty:
 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Save the Date:

Monday, February 24: 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. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.

Monday, February 24: Jewish Living Worksop: 7:30pm-9:00pm 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.

The first topic: Shabbat - The Friday Night Experience.

AIPAC

The always exciting annual AIPAC Conference will be held in Washington D.C. March 1-3. Please visit the AIPAC website www.aipac.org. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please email Ann Crane Lowy at anncrane2750@gmail.com.

Please note the office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents' Day. Morning services will be at 7:00am & 8:30am.

ALL THINGS PURIM

LSS is thrilled to offer the opportunity to send Mishloach Manot to members of the shul. Through your participation, your friends and neighbors will receive a beautiful gift basket all while helping to support the shul in the process. Order yours today! \$10 per family (6 family minimum, \$60), \$370 (maximum cost) To sign up, please visit: www.lss.org/campaign/purim2020. Deadline to order: Wednesday, March 4 at midnight

Sunday, March 1: Pre-Purim Food Drive: Shacharit to after Mincha Join LSS to help feed the Jewish homeless. The food collected will be delivered in time for the homeless to utilize the foods as part of their Purim Seudah. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Wendy Baker at wbaker@panix.com.

Sunday, March 8: LSS Annual Youth Department Purim Carnival
The Purim Carnival is the main fundraiser for the LSS Youth
Department. We need your support for another incredible decade.
Thank you to our sponsors: Josh and Hattie Danziger, Dr. Susan Unger
Mero and Steven Mero and Allison and Yitzy Rubin. Sign Up to Be a
Sponsor Today! Visit www.lss.org/event/purimsponsors2020.

Monday, March 9th: 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.

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

Tuesday, March 10: Purim (Purim schedule to follow)

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Thank you to those who have donated so far to our Purim Carnival:

David Adelsberg and Jocelyn London Becky and Eitan Kimelman Dr. Susan Ungar Mero and Steven Mero Allison and Yitzy Rubin



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זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210

Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211

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: The Ten Commandments

11:45 am Groups End

Dvar Torah:

Yitro heard how Moshe and Bnei Yisrael safely left from Mitzrayim and he goes out to meet them in the desert. Moshe tells Yitro firsthand how Hashem delivered Bnei Yisrael safely out of Egypt. Yitro notices the constant and ongoing line of people waiting to see and speak to Moshe, and consult with him about their different questions. Yitro does not think this is an effective way of managing Bnei Yisrael and recommends delegating some responsibilities to other trustworthy leaders.

Moshe picks judges to help filter down and resolve the issues within Bnei Yisrael. Finally, Bnei Yisrael arrives at Har Sinai where Hashem tells Moshe that if they follow in his ways, they will be a treasured nation, filled with priests. The people of Israel are instructed to prepare to receive the Torah. When the moment comes, the mountain fills with smoke, thunder and lightning are bellowing, and the people are too frightened. They ask Moshe to be the liaison between them and G-d, and for him to tell them the 10 Commandments from Hashem.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

- 1. Who is Yitro?
- 2. What advice does Yitro offer Moshe?
- 3. Which mountain was the Torah given on?
- 4. What are the Ten Commandments?

Har Sinai The Ten Commandments: I am the Lord your G-d, You Shall have no other G-ds except me, You Shall not take G-d's name in vain, Remember Shabbat and keep it holy, Honor your father and mother, Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not covet your neighbor's things

Yisrael 3. Har Sinai

Moshe's father in law
That he appoints judges to delegate issue resolution within Bnei

Answers:

Upcoming Events: To sponsor an event please email youth@lss.org

This Shabbat, February 15: Youth Spot it Tournament: 10:30am Location: Room 206/207

Shabbat, February 22: Parshat Mishpatim Teen Minyan: 10:00am If you'd like to lead any part of the Shabbat service (Kriyah Hatorah, Haftorah, Shacharit, Musaf) please speak directly to Mendel or email youth@lss.org.

Sunday, February 23: Babies & Brunch: Yoga with Sarah: 10:00am Generously sponsored by Sharoni & Mo Kanarfogel and Dana & Tzvi Simpson. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/yogababies.

Sunday, March 1: Words to Action Part 2: 5:00pm-7:00pm To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/wordstoaction.

Sunday, March 29: Dorot Passover Package Delivery (Volunteer Mission) Save the date.

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Yitro February 14-15 By: Alan Axelrod

Love and Fear of Hashem

The Torah sets forth two major motivations to impel us to serve Hashem and perform His commandments. Those are ahava, love of G-d, and yira, fear or awe of G-d: - acknowledgment of both His authority over us and that reward and punishment respectively can follow from our acting in accordance with or opposition to His will. Those motivations are set forth in Kriat Sh'ma that we read twice daily in davening. The first paragraph of Sh'ma contains the command to love G-d with all our heart, our soul, our might. The second paragraph tells us that if we obey the commandments, things will go well, but if we turn away from them, Hashem will punish us by banishing us from Eretz Yisrael. The importance of these concepts is demonstrated by their centrality in Moshe's valedictory speech in Sefer Devarim, a charge to Am Yisrael to remember as they are about to enter the land. So what do these concepts of ahavat and yirat Hashem have to do with Parashat Yitro?

Yitro recounts the seminal event in our history – G-d's revelation on Har Sinai and the giving of the Torah, beginning with the Aseret Ha'Dibrot. A close look at the parasha will provide some insight into the tension between ahava and yira as the major motivations for serving Hashem by following His commandments. It will also provide some thought regarding the questions posed in the title of Rabbi Robinson's previous class on G-d and Faith – did G-d really speak, and does He ever change His mind?

Shmot 19:9 recounts that G-d told Moshe, "I will come to you in the thickness of a cloud, so that the people hear when I speak with you..." This seems to say that Hashem was planning to tell Moshe the Dibrot, and the people would either listen in so they would believe what Moshe said came from G-d, or that Moshe would interpret the otherwise unintelligible revelatory sounds they were hearing, but not that G-d would speak directly to the people. However, the Torah goes on to say: "Then Moshe reported the people's words to G-d." (19:9).

Rashi explains that "the words of the people" means Bnai Yisrael responded that they wanted to hear from G-d directly, not from Moshe. Rashi, as explained by Rav Menachem Leibtag, bases this, and the idea that Hashem acceded to the people's request, on Shmot 19:10-11, where it says that G-d instructed Moshe to tell the people to get ready, for on the third day G-d would reveal Himself "in view of all the people on Har Sinai." This suggests that G-d changed His mind, as it were, and now planned to convey His mitzvot directly to the people instead of through Moshe as His intermediary.

On the third day, Hashem did reveal Himself, as Har Sinai was full of smoke, fire, shofar blasts, and the mountain shaking violently. Sh. 19:18. The Torah then recounts the *Dibrot* that *Hashem* spoke.

Right after this, the Torah tells us that upon experiencing the grandeur and awe of the revelation, the people moved back, away from Har Sinai, and told Moshe that he should hear the Torah from Hashem and tell it to them, because they were afraid that if they experienced any more of G-d's awesomeness, they would die. Moshe told them not to be afraid, that G-d was testing them to instill vira within them so they wouldn't sin. Then Moshe entered the cloud on Har Sinai alone and received the rest of the Torah, which he later related to the people. So, it appears that G-d reverted to His original plan to give the Torah through Moshe, because, overwhelmed by this intense experience of Hashem's awesome presence and revelation, the frightened people changed their minds and asked for an intermediary, as Hashem originally had planned. Nonetheless, G-d allowed the people to try to be as close to Him, to show their love for Him, as they requested.

The major commentators agree that G-d changed the plan for delivering the Dibrot, but disagree about when the request occurred that led to G-d's reverting to giving the mitzvot through Moshe. Ramban places it right before Matan Torah took place, as the revelation was just beginning. Rashi and Chizkuni place it during Matan Torah, between the first two and last eight commandments. That is supported by the fact that the first two Dibrot are in the first person: "I am your G-d," and " You shall have no other gods besides Me," which suggests Hashem spoke the first two directly to the people. The other eight *Dibrot* are told in the third person, e.g., "Do not take the name of the Lord your G-d in vain," which suggests that these were told over by Moshe after he heard them from G-d. Ibn Ezra places the change in plan after all ten Dibrot were given, because that's when the Torah mentions it, and that all of the other mitzvot were told only to Moshe.

This review of Matan Torah shows that from the start, there's been a tension in our search for the proper relationship with G-d. We must strive to show our love of G-d, by coming as close to Him as possible, and that He is ready and willing to let us try to be close to Him. In contrast, we must also constantly be aware of G-d's awesomeness and our own humble status, and always remember to have the proper distance and awe which will lead us to be as respectful as possible of Hashem, His mitzvot, His creations, particularly our fellow human beings, and the places where we worship G-d. The importance of trying to reach the proper balance between ahavat and yirat Hashem is something we should always be mindful of, and that, I believe, is the reason why Hashem commanded us to perform the mitzvah of Kriat Sh'ma, which mentions both ahavat Hashem and virat Hashem, every day, both morning and night. Shabbat Shalom!

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