

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 21st: Women's Tefillah Group Rosh Chodesh Sivan Shiur: 8:00pm: Topic: Chuldah: Torah and Prophecy in the Hands of Women with Rabbani Mindy Schwartz Zolty. Meeting ID: 886 9004 2187 Passcode: 064745

***Offsite* Wednesday, May 31st: Smash the Stigma: A Jewish Communal Conversation on Mental Illness & Suicide: 7:00pm:** Held annually during Mental Health Awareness Month. Location: Shearith Israel, 2 West 70th Street. Register at www.shearithisrael.org/events/smash-the-stigma2023/

Shabbat, June 3rd: Final Beginners Luncheon: The cost is now \$35 per person. Registration will close Wednesday, May 31st at 5:00pm. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.

***Offsite* Sunday, June 4th: Celebrate Israel Parade: 11:00am - 4:00pm: *Offsite* Sunday, June 4th: Celebrate Israel Parade: 11:00am - 4:00pm:** LSS will march as part of the UWS contingent that will meet on 52nd Street, between 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue, scheduled to step off at 1:00pm. The streets will be packed, so give yourselves extra time to arrive at the meeting point. There will also be a chesed project located at 63rd Street between 5th and Madison, where we will work to raise much needed funding for the Ukrainian Jewish Community. Finally, there will be a block party from 11am-4:30pm at 63rd Street and Madison Avenue. This will be a family-friendly event meant for all ages and includes Kosher food options, Jewish and Israeli tables and vendor booths, and a number of activities for children such as face painting and arts and crafts. We hope you can join us there!

Shabbat, June 3rd: COVID Bat Mitzvah Redo: During COVID there were some young women that had their Bat Mitzvah under COVID restrictions, but not in the Women's Tefillah Group as we might have wished. Women/girls, join us Saturday morning Parshat Nasso as we celebrate with them.

Sunday, June 4: Lincoln Square Synagogue 58th Annual Dinner: Please see front page of Echod for details.

Sunday, June 11th: Farewell to Our Kollel Fellows Yechiel Rozenberg and Yehonatan Kahana: More details to follow.

***Offsite* Tuesday, June 20th: Tribute to the King of Cantors: 7:30pm:** A tribute to the 90th yahrtzeit of the renowned cantor, Yosef Rosenblatt. Featuring Lincoln Square Synagogue's very own chazzan, Yanky Lemmer. Location: Merkin Hall Kaufman Music Center, NYC. Register at www.CantorsWorld.com.

CELEBRATE YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Sunday, May 21s: 6:30pm: A Night of Songs Celebrating Yerushalayim: Mincha/Maariv: 8:00pm: Reach out to info@lss.org to be a sponsor.

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit:

Sunday, May 21st (Rosh Chodesh Sivan, 45th day Omer)

@ 7:00am & 8:30am

Monday, May 22nd (46th day Omer) @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 23rd-24th (47th-48th day Omer)

@ 7:10am & 7:50am

Thursday, May 25th (Erev Shavuot, 49th day Omer) @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday & Monday, May 21st - May 22nd @ 8:00pm

Tuesday-Thursday, May 23rd - May 25th @ 8:05pm

For the Shavuot schedule please see the third page

ALL THINGS SHAVUOT

Please email ricky+shavuot@lss.org to sponsor any of the following:

- ◆ Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary & Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer Flowers (\$1500) 3 Sponsors of \$500 or 2 Sponsors of \$750
- ◆ The Rabbi Moshe Kasirer Tikun Leil Shavuot: Clergy Shiur (\$360), Intern Shiur (\$180), Kollel Fellow Shiur (\$180), program details to follow.
- ◆ Cheesecake Fest (\$2000) 1 sponsor: \$2,000, 2 sponsors: \$1,000 each, 4 sponsors: \$500 or donate \$120 towards the cost
- ◆ Magen Avraham Teen Department Learning Program (\$100 per family, multiple sponsors encouraged)
- ◆ Key Note Speech (\$1000) or 2 sponsors of \$500
- ◆ Tea and Torah (\$500) or 2 sponsors of \$250
- ◆ Shavuot Mincha Drasha (\$360)
- ◆ Mishnah Siyum Luncheon: Naase V'nishma: (\$1000), Zman Matan Torateinu: (\$500), Chag Hakatzir (\$360)
- ◆ Neilat Hachag (\$500) or 2 sponsors of \$250.

Upcoming Shavuot Events:

Thursday, May 25th: The Rabbi Moshe Kasirer Tikun Leil Shavuot All Night Learning: 11:30pm: See 3rd page for more details.

Thursday, May 25th: Magen Avraham Teens Shavuot Night Learning: 11:45pm: Location: second floor classrooms. More details on 3rd page.

Thursday night, May 25th-Friday morning, May 26th: 12:45am-4:45am: Beginners All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: Topic: "The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments," starting with Mitzvah #576, "Workers and Domestic animals must be able to eat of the crop while harvesting." Refreshments will be served.

Friday, May 26th & Shabbat, May 27th: 10:00am Scoops & Sprinkles Shavuot Ice Cream Party: Location: Second floor youth rooms.

Mishnah Study:

Join LSS's Community Mishnah Study program for 2023/5783! Together as a community Lincoln Square Synagogue learns the entire Mishnah in preparation for Shavuot. Hundreds of people participate by signing up to learn as much or as little as they feel comfortable with! Learn your chapters of Mishnah in Hebrew or your native language, by yourself, or with a learning partner, a mentor, or a class.

Our goal is for all learning to be completed by the second day of Shavuot (May 27th) We seek to include all participants from previous years, and to bring in first-time participants, especially if you have never studied Mishnah before.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/MishnahSiym for as many chapters as you can learn between now and the second day of Shavuot.

Questions?

Please email Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty at assistantrabbi@lss.org.

Mishnah Siyum Luncheon

Please join us for a Mishnah Siyum Luncheon following morning services on **Shabbat, May 27th** on the **Spira Family Terrace** (weather permitting). Dairy Lunch catered by Sova. Cost: Members: \$45, Non-members: \$55, children 10 and under free of charge. For families of 4+ use the code "family" for a 10% discount.

LSS is charging a nominal fee with the intent to cover any short fall. Sponsorships are requested and encouraged. Register at www.lss.org/form/mishnah-siyum-luncheon

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 25: Erev Shavuot

Candle Lighting not before **7:58pm**

8:05pm Mincha/Maariv; Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.
Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

11:30pm-2:00am Magen Avraham Teen Department Learning Program;
Location: 208/210

The Rabbi Moshe Kasirer Tikun Leil Shavuot All Night Learning:

11:30pm-12:30am Graham Robinson z"l 30th Yahrzeit Shiur by Rabbi Shaul Robinson Topic: Can AI Hear A Baby Cry? Will Torah Survive Artificial Intelligence?; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

12:45am-4:45am Beginners All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon with Rabbi Buchwald; Location: Room 206/207. Topic: "The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments," starting with Mitzvah #576, "Workers and Domestic animals must be able to eat of the crop while harvesting." Refreshments will be served.

12:45am-1:45am Jewish Matchmaking: Marriages of the Sages by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty;
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

2:00am-2:45am Rabbinic Intern Efraim Tepler. Topic: The Surprising Issue of Studying Tanach at Night?;
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

2:00am-2:45am Kollel Fellow Yechiel Rozenberg Topic: What is the Best Part of the Torah? (Hebrew shiur); Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

3:00am-3:45am Kollel Fellow Yehonatan Kahana. Topic: Why Do We Learn Torah? (Hebrew shiur); Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

3:00am-3:45am Rabbinic Intern Daniel Gottesman Topic: When did Ruth Convert?; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

4:00am-4:45am Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Topic: Did Hashem Finish Giving the Torah Yet?; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

4:54am Shacharit; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary



Friday, May 26: Shavuot 1st Day

8:00am Shacharit; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

9:00am Shacharit. Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.
Drasha by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

9:10am Latest Shema

10:00am Youth Scoops and Sprinkles; Location: Second floor

5:15pm Tea and Torah shiur by Scholar in Residence Professor David Flatto Topic: Confessions, Pleading the Fifth, and Plea Bargaining: A Jewish and Comparative Law Perspective; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash, refreshments will be served.

6:05pm Book of Ruth with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;
Location: Room 206/207

6:30pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial by Rabbinic Intern Efraim Tepler;
Topic: Oneg Yom Tov - Is It Only for Meat-Lovers?;
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

6:45pm Earliest Candle Lighting

7:05pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat Dvar Torah by Rabbi Shaul Robinson
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

Candle Lighting not before **7:59pm**

Shabbat, May 27: Shavuot 2nd Day/Yizkor

8:00am Shacharit; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

9:00am Shacharit. Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.
Drasha before Yizkor by Rabbi Shaul Robinson;

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

9:10am Latest Shema Following services: Mishnah Siyum Luncheon;
Location: Spira Family Terrace (weather permitting)

10:00am Youth Scoops and Sprinkles; Location: Second floor

5:45pm Tea and Torah Panel: The Jewish Community of Tomorrow - The Younger Generation looks to the Future with Clergy and Kollel Fellows: Daniel Gottesman & Efraim Tepler, Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty, and Yehonatan Kahana and Yechiel Rozenberg. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash, refreshments will be served.

6:50pm Book of Ruth with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;
Location: Room 206/207

7:00pm Young Professional Women's Seudah Shlishit.
Dvar Torah by Shira Poliak.

7:10pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial by Rabbinic Intern Daniel Gottesman; Topic: Moses and Aaron-Two Brothers, One Fight;
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

7:50pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
Followed by Neilat Hachag in the Ballroom

9:00pm Maariv, Havdalah, and Yom Tov ends; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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LSS Youth Scoops and Sprinkles: **Lauri and Charles Stern**

Mishnah Siyum Luncheon: Chag Hakatzir:

Golda Hudes in memory of Dana's, z"l, and Golda's parents; Abraham and Rita Hudes z"l, and Aaron Tchikvshvili and Sara Fizitskaya z"l.

Bina Presser

Book of Ruth with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: **Golda Hudes** in memory of her husband Dana Hudes, z"l, and in gratitude to Rabbi Buchwald for his many years of teaching and support.

Rabbi Moshe Kasirer Leil Tikun Shavuot:

All-Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon Beginners Program: **Elaine H. Witty** in commemoration of the 5th yahrzeit (22 Iyar) of her beloved husband, Larry Komito z"l, Yehudah Leib ben Yaakov, z"l v'Stisha, shetichye.

Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellow Shiur; sponsored by **Bina Presser** in honor of Yechiel Rozenberg and Yehonatan Kahana.

Kollel Fellow Shiur given by Yehonatan Kahana:

Golda Hudes with gratitude to the great teacher and wonderful all around person that he is.

Flowers: Partially sponsored by **Bernie and Naomi Zweig** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Naomi's mother, Frieda bat Yaacov Ovadia and Breindel a"n.

PEACE OF MIND

Peace of Mind works with 15-20 IDF veterans from a high-risk combat unit. Led by two Metiv (Israel Psychotrauma Center) therapists, the program consists of approximately 65 hours of group counseling held in a supportive diaspora community. The support and love from the community plays a vital role in the healing process for these soldiers and enables a healthier transition from military to civilian life.

This year LSS will have the privilege of hosting a group of former combat soldiers from the elite Sayeret Maglan unit.

The program will take place at LSS from 6/11-6/18 and is extremely expensive to run.

We hope that everyone in our community contributes. We will also require lodging for these participants who will stay with host families in groups of two.

Please feel free to reach out to Michael Doppelt, Daniel Feder or Dov Schwartzben for more information. They are all extremely committed to P.O.M. and have witnessed firsthand the incredible results of this program and the bonds established between the community and these soldiers who have given so much for the security of Israel and the diaspora Jewish Communities. It is our honor to give back to them in their time of need.

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WRITE A DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write are:
Shavuot (5/26-27), Nasso (6/2-3), Sh'lach (6/16-17)

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members. Guidelines will be provided on request. For more info, call Ricky in the LSS office, or see Bill Greenbaum in shul, or email him at dvar@lss.org.

Enjoy reading the weekly Dvar Torah

-in print, in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer, or

-on lss.org under the Echod tab, or

- in the Electronic Echod from info@lss.org (available to print at home).

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DVAR TORAH PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

May 19-20, 2023

By Dr. Moshe Sokolow

The Wilderness Experience and Terms of Endearment

First of all, let's stipulate that a midbar is not necessarily a desert. It is, foremost, a wilderness, "a tract or region uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings" (Webster), which may not be on account of aridness. Our introduction to the theophany of the burning bush, for instance, consists of: "Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law and priest of Midian; he led the sheep into the midbar, arriving at the divine mount, at Horeb" (Exodus 3:1). Moses would have been a pitiable shepherd (and, hence, a poor choice for a leader) had he brought his flock to pasture in a desert. A greater likelihood is that he led them to a place that provided adequate pasturage because it was uninhabited by others and, therefore, uncontested. Indeed, RASHI (1040-1105) comments there: "To distance himself from theft, lest they pasture in private property."

This observation brings us to the theme of this essay: Israel's endearment before G-d as personified in the wilderness experience. For our title, we chose a segment of a verse in Jeremiah (2:2):

Go and call out in the hearing of the [people of] Jerusalem and proclaim: Thus said the Lord, I recollect on your behalf the loving-kindness of your youth, the endearment of your betrothal; you followed after me in the wilderness, in an uncultivated land.

A cursory reading of the Book of Numbers, however, does not reveal overt acts of Israelite kindness or endearment. Au contraire; it is in the Book of Numbers that we encounter some of the most malevolent episodes in early Israelite history: the calumny of the spies—that set back the entry into the Land of Canaan by the better part of forty years; the rebellion of Korach—that challenged the authority of Moses and Aaron and, implicitly, sought to undermine the element of divine election; the incident of the quail—representative of incessant complaints over diet; the wholesale debauchery with the Midianite women at Ba'al Pe'or; and the water from flint affair of mei merivah—which ended with Moses and Aaron impugning the people as "rebellious," and leading to their exclusion from entry into the Promised Land.

While God's tolerance for Israel's stubbornness is truly remarkable and commands our appreciation, surely He does not mistake recalcitrance for endearment?

The resolution, I believe, lies in the prophet's recognition that G-d was willing to overlook Israel's iniquities on account of the overwhelming importance He attaches to the essential act of leaving Egypt whereby they crossed the chasm of qualm and misgiving to follow His emissaries, Moses and Aaron, through "the wilderness, in an uncultivated land." The enslavement and oppression in Egypt—lasting either 210 or even just 80 years, depending on whether it began immediately upon Jacob's entry or only shortly before the birth of Moses—entitled Israel to repeated reassurance that they were anticipating their destiny in the wilderness rather than hastening their fate.

In this season of Shavuot, "the time of the giving of our Torah," let this serve as an enduring reminder of our ancestors' loving-kindness to God and a sign for the renewal of our terms of endearment.