

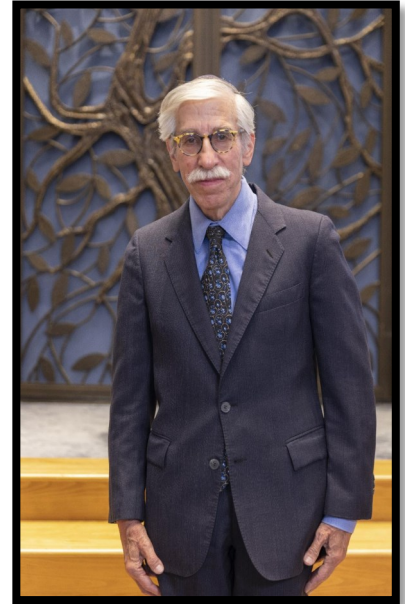
LSS 58TH ANNUAL DINNER: THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 4



Guests of Honor
Robyn & Alan Samuels



Keter Shem Tov Honorees
Marina & Michael Roxland



Community Service Honoree
Howard Zeisel

Redwood trees never stand alone. A lone redwood's roots, sometimes as shallow as six feet, won't support its stupendous height. But standing in a grove, a redwood can extend its roots sideways for dozens of feet, interweaving them with the roots of other redwoods. That's how each tree contributes to the solidity of the grove as a whole.

Lincoln Square Synagogue is supported in much the same way. To be sure, we do benefit from the generosity of major donors. But Lincoln Square's characteristic support structure fully depends on the numerous more modest gifts that we receive from our members and friends. These gifts knit together to form the synagogue's solid base of financial support.

Lincoln Square Synagogue's Annual Dinner, coming in a few days on June 4, is the year's major fund-raising event. By registering for the Dinner using the link below, you will join the many others determined to assure that Lincoln Square Synagogue continues to flourish magnificently in the realm of Jewish life like a grove of redwoods soaring magnificently tall in the forest.

We look forward to seeing you there!

5:30pm: Cocktails in the Shele Danishevsky Foyer

6:15pm: Buffet Dinner Extravaganza in the Ballroom

7:30pm: Speeches in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

8:00pm: Dessert reception in the Shele Danishevsky Foyer

Catered by: Petak's

Register at www.lss.org/campaign/lss-annual-dinner-2023.html

Journal ad contributions are now closed but our campaign remains open— please register and attend for what's sure to be a beautiful evening.



SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

6:49pm Earliest Candle Lighting

7:05pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

8:04pm Latest Candle Lighting

8:22pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

8:53pm Repeat Shema

Shabbat:

7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Dr. Moshe Sokolow on the third floor.

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;

Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Cholent/Kugel Kiddush to follow on The Spira Family Terrace.

9:00am COVID Bat Mitzvah Redo. Location: Ballroom

9:09m Latest Shema

9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;

Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow.

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

10:00am Youth Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms.

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

11:00am Babies & Me. Location: Room 211

12:30pm Final Beginners Shabbat Luncheon. Location: Room 206/207

6:05pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

6:50pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty. Topic: From Ear to Eye: The Intended Direction of Biblical Reading

7:50pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.

Hebrew only shiur with Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellows.

Led by Yehonatan Kahana in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Topic: Why is There Evil in the World?

שיעור שבועי בעברית אחר מנחה בשבת עם חברי כולל תורה מציון!

נושא: למה יש רע בעולם?

8:21pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.

9:05pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

THIS SUNDAY

***Offsite* Sunday, June 4th:** Celebrate Israel Parade: 11:00am - 4:00pm: Sunday, June 4: Israel Parade. LSS members will be marching as part of the UWS contingent of the UJA. Please line up on 52nd Street, between 5th Ave. and Madison Ave in Section 9E. You must enter 52nd St. from Madison (it will not be possible to cross 5th Ave. due to police barricades). Our group will be the first to march from this block, so when you enter 52nd St, walk all the way forward from Madison Ave up to Fifth Ave and wait there directly behind those marchers wearing the general UJA shirts. If you are approaching from the West Side, 57th Street or below 50th are good ways to cross 5th Ave so you can get to Madison. In case you need assistance in finding our group, call or text Gali Rabin at 646.629.0074.

Our group is scheduled to step off at 1:00pm but aim to arrive between 12:30 and 1:00pm. Remember to bring sunscreen and water bottles. There will be a street fair from 11:00am till 4:30pm at 63rd Street and Madison Avenue. It will include strictly kosher food with Judaica items for sale as well as Israeli-oriented vendor booths, and lots of children's activities plus picnic areas and games. The parade is scheduled to take place rain or shine.

Sunday, June 4: Lincoln Square Synagogue 58th Annual Dinner: Mazal Tov to our honorees! Please see front page for details

GRADUATION KIDDUSH AND A WELCOME KIDDUSH FOR OUR IDF VETERANS

Shabbat. June 17th

Join LSS for a beautiful Shabbat Kiddush in honor of our graduates and as a warm welcome to our IDF Veterans! Two ways to celebrate your graduate: 1) To submit a graduate's name for the Mazal Tov section of the Echod, please email info@lss.org with the name of the graduate, the school they are graduating from and the degree earned. **2)** To be a Graduation kiddush sponsor visit:

www.lss.org/form/graduation-kiddush-2023

To sponsor in honor of our IDF Veterans visit

www.lss.org/form/WelcomeIDF

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Hashkama:

Sponsored by generous contributions to the fund.

Beginners:

Daniel Rodriquez and Danya Allswang in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald. Thank you for sharing all your knowledge.

MAZAL TOV

Valerie and Daniel Feder on the engagement of their daughter Rebecca to Kurt Moskovitz, son of Martin and Boni Moskovitz of West Orange, NJ. Mazel Tov also to siblings Sophia and Jeremy and to Grandma, Mrs. Raymonde Schroeder.



Gaby Nash and Ilana Ganz on their COVID Bat Mitzvah redo. Also thanks to their sisters Elana Nash and Noa Ganz who will be helping out with the reading of Nasso, the Torah's longest parsha.



Richard & Freya Wigler on the engagement of their granddaughter Cheryl Shalom to Joshua Goot.



PEACE OF MIND

We are privileged to be welcoming a unit of recently released **IDF combat soldiers** to our community for a week from Sunday 6/11 - Sunday 6/18. The IDF veterans engage in group therapy sessions from early in the morning. In the evenings, the soldiers will enjoy sightseeing and free time in the city.

Ways to get involved:

1. Host two soldiers for the entire week (providing them with breakfast daily) On Sunday, June 11th at 4:00 pm you will meet them at LSS and take them back to your home to get settled. On Monday, June 12th at 7:30pm you are invited to attend the Welcome Dinner for all HOST families and the IDF unit (location: LSS ballroom). You are also invited to attend the goodbye party for all Hosts and the entire unit on Motzei Shabbat, June 17 Location TBD. Friday, June 16th: Host Soldiers for a Shabbat dinner in your home.

2. Saturday June 17th: Be a sponsor for our Shabbat kiddush with the soldiers. Sponsor at www.lss.org/form/WelcomeIDF

3. Donate to this wonderful program: www.tinyurl.com/givePOM

Email Tanifoger@gmail.com to get involved today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 8th: The Essential Guide to Purchasing Real Estate in Israel: An event designed to provide you with the necessary and important information on every aspect of Buying Israel Real Estate
Location: Second floor classrooms.
Register at www.israelevent.live/manhattan

Sunday, June 11th: Farewell to Our Kollel Fellows Yechiel Rozenberg and Yehonatan Kahana: 6:30pm: Join us for dinner and an evening of Divrei Torah, heartfelt goodbyes, and parting words from our beloved Kollel Fellows, Yechiel Rozenberg and Yehonatan Kahana. \$35 per person. Admission for ages 18 and under is free.
Sponsorships encouraged. Register at www.lss.org/form/Farewell2023

Wednesday, June 14th: Women's Tefillah Group Chodesh Tammuz Shiur: 8:00pm: Topic: Avigayil: Perfect Woman, Wife, and Prophet with Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty.
Meeting ID: 830 8411 9685 Passcode: Vj71kW1D

Wednesday, June 14th: Membership Meeting: 8:30pm:
Meeting ID: 854 7706 0271 Passcode: 241467

Shabbat, June 17: Graduation Kiddush and Welcome to Our IDF Veterans: See page 2 for special kiddush opportunities

***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.

Shabbat, June 24th: American Jews and Israelis: Can we talk? 4:00pm:
Gali Rabin is the current UWS schlichta (Israel emissary from the Jewish Agency for Israel). For the past year, she has worked with UWS synagogues across all denominations and with various Jewish schools and organizations. Drawing upon her experience and unique vantage point, Gali will address two important questions: What do American Jews need to understand about Israel? What do Israelis need to understand about American Jews. Refreshments will be served.
Location: Spira Family Terrace (weather permitting)

Sunday, August 20th: 5K Cancer Schlep: Join the run with American Friends of Rabin Medical Center to honor and remember loved ones with breast, ovarian, and prostate cancer. Location: 636 Broadway, Suite 618, New York, NY 10012. Visit events.elitefeats.com/23schlep to register volunteer, or donate.

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit:

Sunday, June 4th @ 7:10am & 8:30am

Monday, June 5th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 6th-7th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Thursday, June 8th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Friday June 9th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, June 4th @ 8:10pm

Monday-Thursday, June 5th-8th @ 8:15pm

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Daily

Daf Yomi: Sunday at 7:30am Monday & Thursday at 6:10am and Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and virtual. Schedule: Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday–virtual. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday–in person and virtual. Dial instructions:

Step 1: dial in #: 646-558-8656. Step 2: dial in code 83765052291. Step 3: password # 1948 Wednesday's: conference call only. dial in instructions:

Step 1: dial in #: 267-807-9601. Step 2: code #: 3113299601.

Sunday, June 4th

- **9:15am-10:15am: Sh'eilot and Teshuvot by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday, June 5th

- **11:00am-1:00pm: Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 - Sponsored by Richard and Ethan Goldstein in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their beloved wife and mother, Mara Goldstein, Yonit bat Avraham a"l.
- **7:00pm: Exploring Daat Tevunot with Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellow Yehonatan Kahana.** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
- **7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin:** The class is taught almost exclusively in Ivrit. This week's class will be held on Zoom. Meeting ID: 835 3789 4515 Passcode: 701985.

Tuesday, 6th

- **11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- **7:10pm: Weekly Beit Midrash Night:** Location Beit Midrash. Featuring Chaburas from LSS Clergy and Kollel Fellows! Dinner Included. Sponsorships welcome.
 - **7:10pm:** Ezra-Nechemia with Kollel Fellow, Yehonatan Kahana
 - **7:10pm:** Jewish Sages Throughout the ages with Kollel Fellow, Yechiel Rozenberg
 - **8:15pm:** Mincha in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- **8:00pm: The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer:** If you are interested in joining, please contact Ronald Platzer at RPlatzer@citytech.cuny.edu

Thursday, June 8th

- **11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533
- **7:00pm: Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha Led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: Outside of the Nathaniel Richman Sanctuary.



DVAR TORAH PARSHAT NASSO

Parashat Nasso and Choral Torah

June 2-3, 2023

by Judy Sokolow

It is good for a person to become accustomed to reviving himself with a nigun [a melody] because nigun is a powerful and mighty tool, and it has the great strength to awaken a person and point his heart towards the Blessed Name... For the “lift” of a nigun cannot be measured. (*Sichot Haran* 273—thoughts of Rabbi Nahman of Breslov compiled by his disciple Rabbi Natan of Nemirov.)

Many factors attract people to Judaism including its philosophical, legal, and moral teachings and their positive impact on personal and communal life. Arguably, one facet that we look at less often is its music. Judaism has a long tradition that, by modern times, has come to include a variety of musical styles.

The Bible is replete with references to musical instruments and worshipping God through song, from the mention of the harp and the pipe (Genesis 4:21, in the context of foundational human endeavors) to the Song of the Sea followed by the Song of Miriam (Exodus 15:1-31) to the Song of Deborah (Judges 5:2-31) to the final Psalm (150)—perhaps the epitome of the genre-- which encourages us to celebrate God with music, dancing, and no fewer than nine musical instruments. Indeed, psalms accompanied by music played a large role in the Temple service. Several terms such as *gittith* (Psalms 81), *mahalat* (53), and the ubiquitous *selah* are believed to be related to music but, as their meanings are unclear, translators usually simply transliterate them as they cannot be definitively defined.

Historically, at King David’s behest, the Levites arranged musical programs to consummate the “simchah” of settling the Ark in Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:16). “Choral chanting of antiphonal and responsorial psalms and other passages along with an orchestra of harps and lyres complemented sacrificial rites during the first Temple period with even more elaborate musical accompaniment including a water-powered organ and trumpets and flutes during second Temple times.” (*The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion*, pp. 487-489). (A fine synopsis of the subsequent history of Jewish Music can also be found in this source.)

So, have you deduced the connection between all this and Nasso? Were you to scroll through a Torah or leaf through many editions of the printed Bible, you would notice that sets of verses that contain poems and songs are laid out with much more spacing than normative narrative or legal texts. One such anomaly is in our parashah; namely, the three verses (Numbers 6:24-26) that comprise the Priestly Blessings that Aharon and his descendants were told to bestow upon the people, a grace from God that we still enjoy to this day. From its historical setting and its written formatting, we can assume that these blessings were probably sung or chanted in Temple times.

In this context, I would like to introduce a recently published volume titled *The Choral Torah: Five Books in Four Parts*. It was compiled by musician extraordinaire Cantor Josh Ehrlich, assistant director of the Kol Ram Ramaz Adult Community Chorus and founder of the Choral Torah Collective. This unique work contains 54 a cappella original compositions, each one based on a selected text from a weekly parashah and the Priestly Blessing was Josh’s choice for Nasso. Josh hopes that his Torah-related musical endeavors will “reanimate our most venerated and ancient texts through four-part harmony” and concurrently bring Jews together. “Musically,” Josh explains, “and in spite of its guttural “ch” sounds, this blessing evokes comfort for many Jews as it is uttered by parents to children at the Shabbat table.” So, give yourself a treat and find Josh and the Choral Torah on YouTube.

On another note, hats off to my granddaughter's pre-K teachers! There is a limit to what a five-year-old should be overtly taught about Judaism’s historical, philosophical, legal, and moral underpinnings; but many songs about Shabbat and holidays are now part of the children's repertoire, which infuse their budding Judaism with joy, spirit, and love (and incidentally leave many Hebrew words etched into memory) that will hopefully last a lifetime. May we express our gratitude to all those, certainly including Chazan Lemmer and all others who lead services at LSS, who pass on our rich musical traditions and who keep us spiritually stimulated with innovative sound.

In the words of Rabbi Jay Kelman of Torah in Motion fame, in remarks titled Torah Tunes (which can be found on the Torah in Motion website) concerning the chanting that traditionally accompanies students in the Beit Midrash:

The values and yearnings of a culture are reflected by its music...The Torah is a beautiful song that comes in octaves that can hit all kinds of notes. Whether minor or major, we must sing as we learn, so that we will be inspired to greater learning, adding more and more song.

In case of a bereavement, please call our Clergy at 646-543-7485 (day or night)

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