


SHABBAT SCHEDULE		THIS SHABBAT	
Friday night: 5:14pm Latest Candle Lighting 5:20pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. 5:31pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha 6:02pm Repeat Shema Approx 6:30pm Friday Night Dinner featuring Scholar in Residence Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Brody. Topic: Judaism Confronts Mortality: Personal Lessons from October 7th. Welcome to all those attending.		Welcome Scholar in Residence Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Brody 	
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; Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary 11:15am: Join us for the 19th Annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Memorial Lecture in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary, followed by Main Kiddush in the Ballroom. Scholar in Residence Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Brody will speak about "The Creation of Jewish Military Ethics." 9:28am 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 Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Daniel Gottesman Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. 10:00am Youth Groups – Supervised Play; Location: Second Floor Classrooms. 3:25pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. 4:15pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbi Efraim Tepler in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. 5:00pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom. Featuring Scholar in Residence Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Brody. Topic: Jewish Medical Ethics and End-of-Life Care: Does Halakha Recognize Quality of Life? *Hebrew only* shiur with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary 5:33pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha. 6:16pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends 8:00pm Explanatory Signing Event for Ematai's Advance Healthcare Directive		Friday Night: Community Dinner: Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Brody will speak about "Judaism Confronts Mortality: Personal Lessons from October 7th." Evening services at 5:20pm, dinner at approximately 6:30pm. Thank you to those who registered! <i>Please note that registration for the dinner is required to join the lecture.</i> Thank You to Our Dinner Sponsors: Silver: Karen and Roy Simon. Bill and Esther Schulder, Alice and Jacob Klein Bronze: Bina Presser, Shirley Wald Shabbat morning at 11:15am: The 19 Annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Memorial Lecture: The Creation of Jewish Military Ethics in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary Mincha: 5:00pm followed by Seudah Shlishit: Jewish Medical Ethics and End-of-Life Care: Does Halakha Recognize Quality of Life? Motzei Shabbat at 8:00pm: Explanatory Signing Event for Ematai's Advance Healthcare Directive	
		THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS	
		Hashkama: Sponsored by generous contributions to the fund. Main Kiddush: Sponsored by the Spanbock Fund, in memory of Jonathan, Maurice and Marion Spanbock z"l. Beginners: Susan Hecht and David Cohen in honor of the Beginners Service. Seudah Shlishit: Shari and Joseph Sonnenberg in commemoration of the 63rd yahrtzeit (8th of Adar Rishon) of Shari's father, Siegfried Stern, Shmuel ben Shlomo z"l. Also sponsored in commemoration of the 35th yahrtzeit (12th of Shevat) of Shari's mother, Miriam Stern, Miriam bat Leib Mendel a"h.	
		HAKARAT HATOV	
		Scott Liebman for writing this week's Dvar Torah.	
		MAZAL TOV	
		Ariel Schaap and Joshua Heisler on the birth of a girl. Miriam and Jesse Izak on the birth of a girl, Dina. Sheba Mandel on the birth of twin girls, Raya and Isla, to her son and daughter in law Drs. Gabe and Kelly Leinwand. Chavie Kahn and Heshy Kofman on the engagement of their son Julian to Avigail Goldberg of Great Neck. Rabbi Jonah & Fran Kupietzky on the celebration of their 68th wedding anniversary this Shabbat.	
		PURIM MISHLOACH MANOT 2024!	
		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! Register at http://tinyurl.com/LSSMishloachManot Deadline to order: Sunday, March 17th at 12:00pm.	
WELCOME NEW MEMBER			
Neeti Deoras and Jeremy Liss			
WEEKDAY MINYAN			
Shacharit: Sunday, February 18th @ 7:10am & 8:30am Monday, February 19th (President's Day) @ 7:00am & 8:30am Tuesday & Wednesday, February 20th & 21st @ 7:10am & 7:50am Thursday, February 22nd @ 7:00am & 7:50am Friday, February 23rd (Purim Katan) @ 7:10am & 7:50am			
Mincha/Maariv: Sunday - Wednesday, February 18th - 21st @ 5:25pm Thursday, February 22nd @ 5:30pm			

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 18th: Death Duties: 10:15am: Sally Berkovic will highlight how the Chevra Kadisha has been represented as an integral part of Jewish communal life. Her book, *Death Duties*, is a poignant reflection on her own experiences of grief and loss, and challenges the reader to ask the tough questions about one's legacy, digital footprint and the conversations about death and dying with our loved ones. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday, February 21st: The Ins and Outs of Cyber Scams: Safeguarding Your Digital World: 8:00pm: Americans lost \$30 billion to cyber scams last year, a 60% increase. Join us for a presentation to understand the evolving threat landscape. Discover who cyber scammers are, how they operate, and their objectives. Learn to identify common scams and signs of being targeted, empowering you to navigate the digital world confidently. Transform from potential targets to scam-savvy users with Catch. Learn more at www.getcatch.ai/

Shabbat, February 24th: Women's Tefillah Group Parshat Tetzaveh: Luncheon to follow for the Women's Tefillah Group community! \$40 per adult ticket and \$25 per child under 10. Register by February 20th at www.lss.org/form/WTGluncheon2024

Shabbat, February 24th After Tefillah: Young Professionals Kiddush Lunch: LSS in partnership with MEALuim—raising money for the families of our chayalim! Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Price: Members: \$35, Non-members: \$45. Register at www.lss.org/form/YPkiddush24

Sunday, February 25th: New Members Brunch: 11:00am: Are you a member who has joined the shul between 2020 and the present? If so, we invite you to join us for a lovely brunch in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Rabbi Robinson and Co-Presidents Paris and Michael look forward to seeing you there! Register at www.lss.org/form/brunch

Sunday February 25th: 7pm: Trope (cantillation) class for Bat Mitzvah Project participants: If you haven't signed up for the Bat Mitzvah Project do it now! Email lssbatmitzvah@gmail.com. Location: Room 206/207.

Tuesday, February 27th: Evasions, Avoidance, and Integrity: A Joint Book Launch on Workarounds in Halacha: 7:30pm: With Dr Elana Stein Hain and Rabbi Daniel Feldman. Register at www.lss.org/form/Book-Launch

Friday, March 1st: Shabbat Across America: 6:45pm: Featuring Uri Pash, combat soldier returned from Lebanon, and Pe'era Wasserzug Pash, Ph.D., Israeli Fertility Scientist at Harvard Medical School who will be presenting on the topic, "On the Frontlines of Fertility and Lebanon." Cost: \$55 per person, \$35 per child under 10. Register or sponsor at www.lss.org/beginners. To host, email jessica@njop.org

Shabbat, March 2nd: Beginners Luncheon: Cost: \$35 a person. Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 28th at 12:00pm. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.

Monday, March 4th: Beginners Schmooze: 8:15pm on Zoom: Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.

Thursday, March 7th: Membership Meeting: 8:00pm: In-person

Sunday, March 10th: LSS Film and Culture Committee Presents: Courage to Act: Rescue in Denmark Exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Heritage: 11:00am: Join us for a personal tour of *Courage to Act* about the remarkable story of the Danish Jews' rescue during the Holocaust. The exhibit employs state-of-the-art technology and creative storytelling to immerse visitors in this inspiring narrative. The tour is open to LSS members ages 9 and above (adults must accompany children). Limited to 25. Additionally, you can join us for a prix fixe lunch at 1pm at the Lox Café (under the OU) at the Museum for \$35. \$15 a ticket. Register at www.lss.org/form/danishrescue

Shabbat, May 18th: Bat Mitzvah Project: If you haven't had a Bat Mitzvah or read from a Torah scroll, here's your chance! You can read as little as 3-4 sentences. We will help you! Register at lssbatmitzvah@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 13th: סומך נפלים, רופא חולים, ומתיר אסורים (Somaich Noflim, Rofeh Cholim, Matir Asurim): 8:00pm: An uplifting speech by Rabbi Paysach Krohn followed by a tasty reception at 9 pm. Sponsored by **Cyrus Abbe** in gratitude to Hashem on his 85th birthday.

YOUTH & MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENTS

Youth Groups: 10:00am: Second Floor Classrooms, supervised play.

Babies & Me (Newborn-2yrs): Shabbat, 10:00-11:30am in LL203: Parent-baby bonding (unsupervised) followed by a 30-min program by Amanda Dryer at 11:00 am. Dedicated nursing area available.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, February 9th: Teen Friday Night Minyan: 5:05pm

Motzei Shabbat, February 10th: Upper West Side 3rd Annual 3 On 3 Basketball Tournament: 7pm: Email youth@lss.org to register. Registration deadline: February 8th.

Division 1: Grades 6-8, Division 2: Grades 9-12.

Location: Manhattan Day School (310 W 75th St.)

Friday, February 23rd: Parents & Teens Friday Night Minyan & Sushi: RSVP by texting Teen Director Alexander Wildes or email youth@lss.org so we can ensure a minyan!

Shabbat, March 2nd: Kidtastic Kiddush: Please join for a Kidtastic Kiddush following morning services. Mingle with friends in a space perfectly suited for your kids to continue their youth group fun with extra games, laughter and play. Register or be a sponsor at www.lss.org/form/kidtastickiddush Location: Pre-function Room

Sunday, March 3rd: Babies and Me Sunday Funday: 9:45am: Enjoy Brunch and playtime, and take home a rattle toy for your baby to use as a grogger on Purim! Location: Pre-function room. Thank you to **Roger Wu and Fei Lu Fang** for sponsoring this event!

Sunday, March 17th: Purim Carnival: 1:30pm - 4:30pm: Strolling magician, arcades, clown, bounce house obstacle course, face painting, carnival games, photo booth, snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn! WonderSpark puppet show at 3:30pm. Pizza and hamentashen available for purchase. Room 206/207: Sensory Calming Room provides a relaxing yet engaging atmosphere for any child that needs it. Carnival begins at 1:00pm for those with sensory sensitivities. Tickets in advance: \$20, tickets at the door: \$30. Be a sponsor! Matanot Le'evyonim - \$180 + 3 entry tickets, Seudat Hamentashen - \$500 + 6 entry tickets, Mordechai - \$1,000 - 8 entry tickets. Queen Esther - \$5000 - 12 entry tickets. Register at www.lss.org/form/purim2024

Thank you to our sponsors:

Queen Esther: Tzipora & Stephen Kalish, and Gary & Naomi Stein

Seudat Hamentashen: Leora Walter & Asher Schlusberg

Matanot Le'evyonim: Joyce & David G. Friedman, Gabriela & Ariel Goldschlag, Tziona & Daniel Josephs, and Ariela & Max Levy

For more information email youth@lss.org.

LSS FOOD FUNNEL VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

For decades, the LSS Food Funnel project has been partnering with Orwasher's Bakery to collect their unsold bread and deliver it to local food programs and soup kitchens. Each week, Food Funnel volunteers are able to collect hundreds of pounds of fresh artisanal bread that goes to help feed individuals and families in need.

How it Works: At 6pm each evening, Monday-Thursday, LSS volunteers pick up the bread from Orwasher's (East 78th St) and deliver it by car to a food pantry or soup kitchen on the Upper West Side.

Need for New Volunteers: A number of volunteers have recently stepped down, leaving the LSS Food Funnel with a sizable shortfall in the number of volunteers necessary to maintain our commitment to the individuals and families who depend on us. Without additional volunteers the program will have to downsize after over 30 years of commitment to our local communities.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please contact Phil Gassel

[917-597-6759; philip.gassel@gmail.com] or Judy Goldberger [jgoldbrgr@gmail.com].

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL

Assuta Ashdod Hospital: Established in 2017, Assuta Ashdod Hospital is Israel's first new medical facility in 40 years, recognized as the Startup Nation Hospital for its dedication to healthcare innovation. Situated 16 miles from Gaza's border, it boasts a unique bomb-shelter infrastructure, ensuring uninterrupted medical services during threats. The hospital has played a crucial role in providing 24/7 emergency treatment for soldiers, Nova festival survivors, and terror victims. Notably, during Israel's ground invasion, Assuta treated 23% of the IDF's critically injured soldiers, showcasing its exceptional emergency and trauma care. Donate at www.intlfriendsofassutaashdod.org. Gain insights into the hospital's efforts on October 7th by watching an interview with Dr. Debra West, Head of Assuta Ashdod's Emergency Department, at <https://ouwomen.org/video/#6Boa7XpM>.

ACHI (American Communities Helping Israel): The War in Gaza has severely impacted Israel's economy. Here is an easy way to help. Visit the Market sponsored by ACHI at www.achi613.org/achi-market/ and you will be greeted by almost 250 Israeli vendors. The varied items for sale include art, jewelry, food, clothing, and more. With just a click, you can purchase an assortment of items or you can gift family and friends. Most vendors ship in Israel and globally. **Hafrashat Challah for the Hostages:** Participate in the meaningful tradition of Hafrashat Challah as a symbol of solidarity for the hostages in Gaza. The goal is to gather 40 women for each hostage. Commit to this cause by pledging your name at www.tinyurl.com/c4Israel

Boots for Israel: Boots for Israel began with a call from Israeli General Daniel Jacobs, seeking tactical boots for his unit. Facing a shortage of suitable footwear for reservists Boots mobilized to help. Now, with growing requests, they need your support to continue providing Boots for Israel. Donate today to help them sustain this critical mission. Donate at www.yiholliswood.org/payment.php

Contact Your Elected Officials: We have an essential role to play to help protect Israel. Urge members of Congress to continue speaking out and standing with Israel as it acts to defeat the terrorist threat. Please urge your elected officials to stand with Israel! Reach out at www.whitehouse.gov/contact/

Wednesday, May 15th: Annual NORPAC Mission to Washington: Israel faces unprecedented challenges in the wake of the October 7th atrocities and the war with Hamas. This election year is especially important, with many Congressional supporters of Israel being targeted by extremist, anti-Israel propaganda. Join the NORPAC annual Mission to Washington to make your voice heard. The Manhattan bus will depart from LSS in the morning and return to NYC the same day. Three meals will be provided, and talking points will be reviewed during the trip. Early bird prices are currently in effect. Register at <https://norpac.net/mission-to-washington>.

SUPPORTING ARTISTS IN ISRAEL

Each week, LSS showcases talented Israeli artists, introducing our community to their incredible work and providing an opportunity to support the Israeli economy. . See past featured artists at www.lss.org/supportisraelartists.

This Week's Featured Artist: Sivan Sternbach

My ceramics serve as a pure expression of my life, drawing inspiration from everything I see, touch, and taste. Trained as a pastry chef in New York City, I find a natural connection between shaping pastries and clay, both processes bringing endless satisfaction. The playful, tactile qualities of my pieces reflect my innate appetite for freedom and connection to the present moment. Specifically, my floating balloons, varying in sizes and colors, trigger positive childhood memories, capturing fleeting happiness in timeless art. Through my travels, gallery visits, and shared culinary experiences, I delight in creating and capturing genuine moments that resonate with authenticity and heart.

Instagram: www.instagram.com/sivansternbach/#
Website: www.sivansballoons.com/

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 18th

- **9:15am Kosher Made Clear - Hilchot Kashrut Tzurba Style:** Led by Rabbi Tepler this week. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Monday, February 19th

- **7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin.** This week's class will be held on Zoom. [Meeting ID: 835 3789 4515](https://lss.org/zoom/MeetingID:83537894515) [Passcode:701985](https://lss.org/zoom/Passcode:701985).
- ***CANCELED* 7:30pm: Jewish Living Workshop:** "Hands on" Jewish living experience with Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. Email them at jlworkshop@yahoo.com for more information. Visit www.lss.org/beginners to register.
- **8:15pm: 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.

Tuesday, February 20th

- **Nuggets of Wisdom: A 10-Minute Morning Mishnayot Session After 7:50am Shacharit Minyan:** Led by Bezalel Racz. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
 - **11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: LL201
 - **6:30pm: United Hearts for Israel:** Register at www.tinyurl.com/UnitedHeartsIL
 - **7:00pm: Am Yisrael Chai: Tikvateinu: Jewish Dreams for the Future:** Join Rabbi Robinson for an uplifting overview of the origins, contributions, vision, and grandeur of the Jewish People. Followed by refreshments at 8:00pm and a choice of **Torah classes with the LSS Clergy at 8:15a5pm:**
 - **Ani Ma'amin: Principles of Faith** led by Rabbi Gottesman
 - **The 6 Remembrances** led by Rabbi Tepler
 - **Relevant Insights from Rabbi Steinsaltz** led Bezalel Racz
- Listen to a recording of Rabbi Robinson's previous Am Yisrael Chai Class on "Shema-Yisrael: What Judaism Taught the World" at www.lss.org/classrecordings
- **7:00pm: Introduction to the Bible With Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald:** Explore the Decalogue and other biblical texts. This is a free class on Zoom! Co-sponsored by NJOP. Visit www.lss.org/beginners to register. Sponsors welcome, contact Jessica at jessica@njop.org or 646-871-0012.

Wednesday, February 21st

- **Nuggets of Wisdom: A 10-Minute Morning Mishnayot Session After 7:50am Shacharit Minyan:** Led by Bezalel Racz. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
- **6:30pm: United Hearts for Israel:** Register at www.tinyurl.com/UnitedHeartsIL2
- **8:00pm: The Shoah: Jewish Rescuers and Resisters:** Led by Paul Shaviv. The Belski Partisans; And Some Other Resisters and Rescuers. [Meeting ID: 870 2097 8420](https://lss.org/zoom/MeetingID:87020978420) [Passcode: 728393](https://lss.org/zoom/Passcode:728393)
- **7:00pm: Kabbalah and Its Influence on the Birth of Chassidut** with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Thursday, February 22nd

- **11:00am-12:00pm: Gemara Makot Class:** led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: LL201
- **11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** [Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238](https://lss.org/zoom/MeetingID:97240548238) [Passcode: 142533](https://lss.org/zoom/Passcode:142533)
- **7:00pm: Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha:** Led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Daf Yomi: Sunday at 7:30am, Monday and Thursday at 6:10am, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and Virtual. Details on www.lss.org/LearningOpportunities

Upcoming Opportunities:

Monday, March 4th: Hebrew Reading Crash Course –Level 1 With Sharona Spivack: 6:00pm: Tailored for beginners, this course teaches the Hebrew alphabet and reading skills. The 5 classes, each lasting 1 1/2 hours, are free of charge! Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

DVAR TORAH PARSHAT TERUMAH

February 12, 2024

By Scott Liebman

Details. Details. More details. Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, whose iconic building designs included the Seagram's Building on Park Avenue, was quoted as saying that "G-d is in the details." Mies van der Rohe must have studied Parashat Teruma because the Parsha lays out in excruciating detail Hashem's instructions regarding the dimensions of the מִשְׁכָּן (Tabernacle) and the materials to be used.

Frankly, the mind-numbing detail makes Teruma a rather boring Parsha to read, particularly in contrast to all the excitement – Creation, family feuds, escape from Egypt, etc. – that we have recently read. However, interspersed within all the architectural details, are two important concepts: 1) why and how to give charity and 2) why we need a Shul.

At the beginning of the Parsha, the Jewish people are given the mitzvah of וְיִקְחוּ לִי תְרוּמָה which the Steinsaltz Chumash translates as "they shall collect for me." The late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks offers a slightly different translation: "they should take for themselves a contribution for me." This, as Rabbi Sacks and others point out, seems strange. Why the concept of *taking* versus *giving* for the building of the מִשְׁכָּן? Were the donations a tax or were they a gift?

The second pasuk includes the phrase וְדָבַר לָנוּ which the Steinsaltz Chumash translates as "a gift; from every man whose heart pledges you shall collect My gift." Rabbi Steinsaltz adds that this shows that it was clearly a gift because the specific amount donated depended upon the generosity of the donor. Finally, the translation of Teruma is offering or a gift and the root of Teruma is "ram" which means elevated and therefore, as Rabbi Sacks and the Kli Yakar point out, there is a clear link between giving and elevating your soul because "givers" receive more than they give.

Interestingly, the Haftorah for Teruma provides a contradictory message. Unlike the מִשְׁכָּן, King Solomon's temple was built with money from the Royal Treasury and conscripted labor. In fact, the translation in the Steinsaltz Chumash uses the word "levy" of 30,000 men who were sent to Lebanon in shifts to harvest wood for the Temple. Even though King Solomon used taxes to fund the construction, the Haftorah concludes with Hashem telling King Solomon that if you observe all my commandments "I will fulfill My word with you that I spoke to David your father. I will dwell among the children of Israel and I will not forsake My people Israel," which is the same message given at the beginning of Parashat Teruma.

The first lesson of Teruma is that giving charity is good and that it elevates us closer to Hashem. This leads to the second question of why

we need a physical synagogue. At the beginning of the Parsha it says: "They shall make for Me a sanctuary, and I will dwell among them." But why? After all, Uncle Moishy's song lyrics say: "Hashem is here, Hashem is there, Hashem is everywhere," so why do we need a building?

The late Moshe David Cassuto (Professor of Bible at Hebrew University) suggests that the purpose of the מִשְׁכָּן was to provide the people who were leaving Mt. Sinai and all that transpired after Moshe brought down the ten commandments with a tangible connection to Hashem. There is another argument which I found surprising because it questions whether the Torah should be understood literally. The incident of the "golden calf" takes place in Ki Tisa which is two Parshas *after* Teruma and the building of the מִשְׁכָּן. Rashi and others suggest that the incident of the "golden calf" took place *before* the construction of the מִשְׁכָּן which would make sense because Hashem clearly would want the Jewish people to build the מִשְׁכָּן to create an environment which provides evidence of Hashem's presence.

Aside from the myriad details on how to build the מִשְׁכָּן, what else do we learn from Parashat Teruma? First, we learn that our financial gifts are necessary to support our synagogues so that we can create the type of society outlined in the Torah, a society of hope and a society of good deeds. Secondly, we learn that we get more in return for what we give.

Elaine and I just learned on our recent trip to Israel what the Kli Yakar means when he says that Hashem gives us more in return for what we give. We saw how appreciative the Israelis were, not only for our gifts, but merely for our coming to show support. Israel will rebuild. It will take time and it will take money, but as Teruma teaches us, we will all benefit.

I wrote this D'var Torah to commemorate the anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah which took place a few years back when I had brown hair and weighed 100+ pounds less.

Dvar Torah Writing

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

The next Shabbatot available: Tetzaveh, 2/23-24; Ki Tissa, 3/1-2.

Enjoy reading the weekly Dvar Torah

-in print, in the Shelly Danishefsky Foyer, or


-on Lss.org under the Echod tab, or

-in the Electronic Echod (available to print at home).

APARTMENT FOR SALE

Available for sale: ideally to a shul community member: Super 2-bedroom/2-bath apartment in full-time doorman, co-op building. Great location: 70th Street and West End. Very spacious, excellent closet space, tons of light, new air conditioning/heating units, new windows, new refrigerator. On 3rd floor. If interested, email: loisliebowitz@gmail.com. (No real estate agents please.)

SHABBAT GREETERS

Donate your time as a greeter at our shul! Two morning shifts available (9:00-10:00am and 10:00-11:00am) with one greeter per shift. Enjoy meeting new people, putting names to faces, and making everyone feel welcome. Register at www.lss.org/form/greeter. For questions or assistance, email president@lss.org. 

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