ECHOD



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February 23-24, 2024

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

5:20pm Magen Avraham Teen Minyan

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

5:22pm Candle Lighting

5:25pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

5:40pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

6:11pm 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 after Musaf by Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Brander, President and Rosh

HaYeshiva of the Ohr Torah Stone.

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Cholent/Kugel Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.

9:00am Women's Tefillah Group Davening followed by luncheon (for

those that registered only) in the Pre-function Room.

9:22am 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 Efraim Tepler

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

10:00am Youth Groups – Supervised Play;

Location: Second Floor Classrooms.

12:00pm: Young Professionals Kiddush. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

3:30pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

4:25pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbi Efraim Tepler in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

5:10pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.

Hebrew only shiur with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz in

the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

5:41pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.

6:24pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Katie Eisenstadt and Chaim Charytan Gamma and Joshua Segal

HAKARAT HATOV

Gabrielle Broome for writing this week's Dvar Torah

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit:

Sunday, February 25th @ 7:10am & 8:30am

Monday, February 26th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27th & 28th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Thursday, February 29th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Friday, March 1st @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, February 25th @ 5:30pm

Monday - Thursday, February 26th - February 29th @ 5:35pm

THIS SHABBAT

Cantor

Welcome Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Brander who will give a Drasha after Musaf! Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Brander is President and Rosh HaYeshiva of the Ohr Torah Stone network of 32educational institutions, leadership development programs, advocacy, outreach and social actioninitiatives. Prior to making aliyah, Rabbi Brander was Vice President of Yeshiva University and taught rabbinics at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan

Theological Seminary (RIETS). Rabbi Brander served for 14 years as the senior rabbi of the Boca Raton Synagogue (1991 – 2005). He oversaw its explosive growth from 60 families to more than 600 families. While at Boca Raton Synagogue, he also became the founding dean of The Katz Yeshiva High School, founder of the Boca Raton Community Mikvah, established two satellite synagogues and was instrumental in development of the Hillel Day School. Prior to moving to Boca Raton, Rabbi Brander was the assistant rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue from 1986-1990 after serving as its youth director, and Rabbi Brander was the acting rabbi of LSS from 1990-1991. He is a 1984 alumnus of Yeshiva College, received his ordination from RIETS as well as a special ordination from Machon Puah center of medical ethics in Israel, and from then-Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu, in the field of medical ethics, reproductive technology and halakha. Rabbi Brander holds a Ph.D. in general philosophy and comparative literature.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama: Steve Kay Kupietzky in honor of the 68th wedding anniversary of his parents, Rabbi Jonah and Fran Kupietzky, celebrated this past weekend.

Cholent/Kugel Kiddush: Co-sponsored by Joyce and David Friedman, Susan Ruttner, Linda and Howard Sterling, and Ilene and Lou Vynerib.

Beginners: Abe De Ramos in honor of Yehonatan Kahana for his courage and bravery in defending Eretz Israel.

MAZAL TOV

Bluma and Dr Stephen Snyder on the engagement of their daughter Lily to Shai Laniado of Cedarhurst.

Ariela and Max Levy on the birth of a girl, Annaelle Remi.

Grandparents Tamar and Dov Kahane on the birth of a girl, Theadora Eve, Adira Chaya, to Kelila and Tuvia Tendler.

LSS FOOD FUNNEL VOLUNTEERS UREGENTLY NEEDED

The LSS Food Funnel, in danger of downsizing due to a volunteer shortage after three decades of service, urgently needs your help. Volunteer to pick up fresh artisanal bread from Orwasher's Bakery at 6pm, Monday-Thursday, and deliver it to local food programs on the UWS. Contact Phil Gassel at 917-597-6759 or philip.gassel@gmail.com, or Judy Goldberger at jgoldbrgr@gmail.com

REVITALIZATION OF LSS HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

LSS Hospitality: Proudly providing Shabbat Hospitality for members and first-time guests. Needless to say, from 2020-2022 there was a very sharp decline in requests for Shabbat meals as well as hosts. As we emerge from this time, the hospitality committee has been revitalized and we would gratefully welcome participation from our community. If you can host, even occasionally, email hospitality@LSS.org.

Pesach Hospitality: Hosting a seder? Let us know the number of guests and nights. Seeking an invitation? Include "PASSOVER" in the subject line. Sign up for Shabbat meals or Seders at www.lss.org/hospitality. Join us in ensuring a meaningful Pesach for all members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Wednesday, March 13: Live from Israel: The October War and Its

Impact on Israel's Society and Economy: 11:00am: Speaker: Professor Avi Weiss, President of the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel. The Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel is an independent, non-partisan, socioeconomic research institute based in Jerusalem. The Center conducts high-quality, impartial research on socioeconomic conditions in Israel, and develops innovative, equitable and practical options for macro public policies that advance the wellbeing of Israelis. The Center strives to influence public policy through direct communications with policy makers and by enriching the public debate that accompanies the decision-making process. Professor Weiss will discuss the current situation in Israel and opportunities to create a better reality in the areas of healthcare, welfare, education, the environment, the labor market, the economy, and demographics.

Admission to this virtual program is free, RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/AviWeiss

Wednesday, March 13th: סומך נופלים, 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.

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

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 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 10th: Teen Minyan and Breakfast: 9:30am

For more information email youth@lss.org.

PURIM

Mishloach Manot: 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.

Matanot L'evyonim: www.lss.org/payment.php

Sunday, March 17: Purim Carnival: See Youth Department section below for details.

Motzei Shabbat, March 23rd: Beginners Purim Bash: Maariv and Megillah reading – 7:55pm. Purim Bash – 9:10PM, featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100.

Save the Date: LSS Purim Seudah on Sunday, March 24th.

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, Allison & Yitzy Rubin and Gary & Naomi Stein

<u>Mordechai</u>: Anat & Adam Goodman, Tanya Gershon & Joe Warshawsky

<u>Seudat Hamentashen:</u> Leora Walter & Asher Schlusselberg, and Ron Goldofsky

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

Motzei Shabbat, March 23rd: Volunteering - Teen Mishloach Manot Packaging: 8:30pm

Sunday, March 24th: Purim: Bring you kidos for fun in shul! Teens will deliver Mishloach Manot to members that are homebound at 10:15am.

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/c4lsrael

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/supportisraeliartists.

This Week's Featured Artist: Adi Raffeld Podhorzer
Adi, a 37-year-old graduate of Bezalel Academy of Arts
and Design in Jerusalem, is an Israeli fashion designer and owner of ADI
RAFFELD PODHORZER. Specializing in unconventional materials, she
handcrafts unique, weightless, and comfortable-to-wear fashion and
jewelry using distinctive printing techniques. Adi's designs focus on
creating items with a strong presence, combining visual appeal with
comfort. "The Mezuzah collection extends my fashion styling into
Judaica, expressing a unique artistic interpretation."

Explore more designs at: https://adiraffeldpodhorzer.com/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/adi_raffeld_podhorzer/

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 25th

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

Monday, February 26th

- *CANCELED* 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 Passcode:701985.
- 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. Topic: Thursday Night Shabbat Prep Tools of the Trade
- 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 27th

- 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

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 28th

- 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
- 7:00pm: Kabbalah and Its Influence on the Birth of Chassidut with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
- 8:00pm: The Shoah: Jewish Rescuers and Resisters: Led by Paul Shaviv. Topic: Jews Under Nazi Occupation The Jewish Councils. Meeting ID: 870 2097 8420 Passcode: 728393

Thursday, February 29th

- 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 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 TETZAVEH

By: Gabriella Broome

Imagine you are an olive being crushed, the shell is coming out, and clear oil flows through you. The clear oil is your divine light glowing around you. Pasuk 1 of Tetzaveh states: "You shall instruct the Israelites to bring you clear oil of beaten olives for lighting, for kindling lamps regularly." While this command is addressed to Moshe, it lacks the mention of his name. This Parsha implies the presence of Moshe by the absence of him. It illuminates his humility and self-abnegation, which is the way G-d connects to him. Pure oil was needed to kindle the menorah. In order to extend the metaphor to ourselves, we must have pure intentions to create a *Ner Tamid*, continual flame, for the menorah in the Mishkan. If we are olives, we need to be crushed to transform the *lev tahor*, pure heart and soul. Even if we feel out of practice or unmotivated, by connecting routine to divine service, we can bind ourselves to our Creator and to our faith.

The main section of this Parsha describes the induction of the priests and their holy clothing. The Kohen Gadol (high priest), Aharon, had eight specific clothing articles and his sons, the other Kohanim, had four. I will be discussing some elements regarding the clothing of the high priest.

Priests were on a higher level than the rest of the people and their clothing was essential to their role. Their clothing was imbued with specific meaning and the craftsmen were," filled with a spirit of wisdom," as it is written in Pasuk 3. The colors of the *ephod* (apron) with the attached *choshen*, worn by the high priest, were sky-blue, purple, and scarlet. What do these colors of the ephod, sky-blue, purple, and scarlet mean? All these colors have different significance to me: sky reminds me of the spiritual connection to the universe and G-d, purple is the color of *malchut*, royalty and dignity, while scarlet is a color that is also like blood, reminding us of our mortality.

The high priest's robe was made entirely of sky-blue wool, and attached to the robe was an interwoven medley of sky-blue, purple, and scarlet that appear as "pomegranates that have not opened their mouths... as the cones [konaot] of the helmets [kenasot] that are found on the heads of children" (Gemara, Zevachim 88b). The pomegranate design is purposely attached to the bottom of the high priest's robes between golden bells. In this way, the sound of the high priest moving about could always be heard. This was important because if the people couldn't hear him, they would not know if he was alive or dead since there was danger working in the proximity of the Holy of Holies.

The high priest wore a *Choshen Mishpat* (Breastplate of Judgment) on gold chains; it would be consulted when Divine advice was required. On the *choshen*, 12 diverse precious stones were mounted, engraved with the names of the 12 tribes, and inlaid in gold. Within the folds of the *choshen*, a piece of parchment, called the *Urim V' Tumim*,

was inserted. *Urim* means light and *Tumim* means perfection. The first letter of these words encompasses Alef through Tav (the Alef -Bet). According to Rashi, upon this piece of parchment was written the name of Hashem. Some commentators say it was Hashem's 42-letter name and others say it was His 72-letter name. This slip of paper was missing during the time of the Second Temple. The *choshen* needed to be placed over the heart of the high priest at all times. This reminds me of the opening line of *V'Ahavta* in Shema, "And you shall love the Lord your G-d with all your heart and with all your soul..." Through his layers of holy garments, the priest remained connected



to the divine continuously since the hidden name of G-d was worn over his heart.

The *ephod*, the apron, had two shoulder pieces, each holding an onyx stone. Each stone was engraved with the names of six tribes. In his commentary on the Torah, *Kedushas Levi*, Rabbi Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev discusses the significance of writing the names of the tribes on the two shoulder pieces. Wearing the names of the tribes would cause the high priest to avoid jealousy as the priest was representing everyone; in his high position, it showed that he was taking all of Israel up with him. It was very important for the tribes and all of Israel to feel as if they were participating in the atonement ritual.

Moshe's name is missing from the beginning of our Parsha. Similarly, G-d's name is hidden in the Purim story. Purim is a miraculous story hidden within a series of political events where the schemes of the enemies of the Jews are foiled. G-d hides within the natural world, but His presence can still be felt.

This Shabbat is Purim Katan which is celebrated only seven times in a 19-year cycle. May this be an amazing Shabbat and Purim Katan with the highest potential of good to illuminate outwards. As the menorah is rekindled daily through the partnership of man and G-d, may the joy of Adar bring us light that will shine continually.

Shabbat Shalom

Dvar Torah Writing

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members, their children, and LSS clergy. Guidelines available upon request. Contact Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org or visit the shul office for more information. Next available Shabbatot: Ki Tissa, 3/1-2. Read the weekly Dvar Torah in print at the Shelly Danishefsky Foyer, on Iss.org under the Echod tab, or in the Electronic Echod (printable at home).

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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