

MINYAN INFORMATION

Lincoln Square Synagogue is happy to welcome you for prayer services. Here is how to secure a seat in shul, as we have a limited number during the pandemic - and what the rules of conduct are:

In advance:

- [1] LSS members must pre-register using the link in the electronic Echod.
- [2] You will then receive a confirmation email.
- [3] Non LSS members are invited, but cannot use the link; they must email Rabbi Robinson to register: rabbil@lss.org

Once in shul:

- [4] Observe social distancing
- [5] You must wear a face mask, covering your mouth and nose
- [6] No communal singing
- [7] Men must bring their own tallit on Shabbat
- [8] No seudah shlishit in shul; eat at home before Mincha
- [9] Read the complete Attendance Guide (see the complete Attendance Guidelines in the electronic version of Echod)

Shacharit:

Sunday, March 21 @ 8:30am
Monday, March 22 — Friday, March 26 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, March 21 — Thursday, March 25 @ 7:00pm.

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Shmura Matzah Pick Up:

Pick up on from the LSS lobby by last name.

9:30 to 10:00am	A thru D
10:00 to 10:30am	E thru H
10:30 to 11:00am	I thru L
11:00 to 11:30am	M thru P
11:30 to 12:00pm	S T and V
12:00 to 12:30pm	R W and Z

(Pickups are a bit out of alphabetical order for the last two pickups).

LSS Youth and Magen Avraham Teen Department

presents an exciting event with Color Me Mine: 10:00am - 11:30am
Spira Family Terrace \$30 per Seder Plate.

Register at (deadline to register: tomorrow, Friday, March 19

<https://www.lss.org/event/sederplate2021>

Kashering Kelim: 10:00am- 1:00pm .

In order to ensure social distancing, you may be asked to leave your utensils to be Kashered and return to collect them. We also ask that you try to limit the number of items you bring to be kashered this year. For instructions please visit: <https://www.lss.org/hagalatkelim>

Israel's Election and Its Impact: 12:00pm

Join Israel's Ambassador Ido Aharoni and Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch from Stephen Wise Free Synagogue for the first of a two-part discussion about Israel's upcoming elections and its impact on Israeli society, the American-Jewish community and Jews worldwide. This session, just ahead of the March 23 election, will focus on the political map and the challenges and divisive issues facing Israelis as they head to the polls. The second session will be held in April and will dissect the results of the election and explore their ramifications and opportunities for Israeli society and the U.S.-Israel relationship. To register, please see link in online echod.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

As Shabbat Hagadol falls on Erev Pesach, Rabbi Robinson will be giving his Shabbat Hagadol drasha this Shabbat after Mincha rather than next Shabbat.

Friday Night:

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:30pm (link in electronic Echod)
Earliest Candle Lighting: 5:52pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:49pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 6:55pm
Location: Ballroom
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 7:07pm
Repeat Shema: after 7:38pm

Shabbat:

Hashkama Minyan: 7:45am
Location: The Spira Family Terrace (weather/temperature permitting).
Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom
Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (pre-registration required)
Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (Location: Spira Family Terrace)
Latest Shema: 10:00am
Latest Shacharit: 11:02am
Tots on the Terrace: 11:30
(This week it will take place in the Ballroom)
Mincha at 6:35pm followed by Rabbi Robinson's annual Shabbat Hagadol Drasha
Location: Ballroom
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 7:08pm
Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 7:51pm
Zoom Havdalah: 8:15pm (link in electronic Echod)
Shabbat Hagadol Drasha: 9:00pm (link in electronic Echod)

SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHA

Join **Rabbi Robinson** this Shabbat following 6:35pm Mincha for the Shabbat Hagadol Drasha. **Topic: Chabura; how the Pesach offering teaches us to rebuild community.** The Shiur will also be delivered on Motzei Shabbat over zoom at 9:00pm. Link in electronic Echod.

Meeting ID: 969-1112-7314 Password: 885526

HAKARAT HATOV

Hadassa Gerber Greenbaum for writing this week's Dvar Torah

MAZAL TOV

Dr. Andrea Zimmern on the birth of a baby girl, Sidney Ella - Yocheved bat Sarah. Mazal Tov to Grandparents, Trudy and Jay Zimmern. Mazal Tov to Uncle and Aunt Marc and Melissa Schwartz, and Cousins Keira Bryce and Elise Riley Schwartz

Hindi Silber and Boaz (Bryant) Macaraeg

on their marriage which took place on Sunday, March 14th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mrs Ariela and and Mr Max Levy

PESACH REMINDERS

As next Shabbat is Erev Pesach, the ballroom minyan will be at 8:00a.m. rather than the usual time. This will allow everyone to eat their Shabbat seudah before the time to eat chametz passes.

Men; reminder to remove chametz from your Tallis bags.

ALL THINGS PESACH AT LSS

PESACH SCHEDULE:

The Pesach Schedule is available on our website and in the online Echod.

www.lss.org

PESEACH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For access to all the Zoom links for these classes, please visit www.lss.org/learningopportunities. To dial into a class please call 646-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID and password (if necessary) associated with the class below.

Monday, March 22nd: Why is this year different from all other years:

7:45pm Pesach Falling After Shabbat, Pesach in a Pandemic - Understanding the unique laws and circumstances of this year's Pesach. With Rabbi Robinson. Meeting ID: 976 1649 2193
Password: 365692 Sponsored by **Priscilla, Elizabeth and Margaret Konecky and Jaron, Julia and Matan** in memory of their mother/grandmother Cyrena Parker Konecky Sara Bas Ephraim

Tuesday, March 23rd: Pesach Prep #3: 8:00pm

"Matzah & The Faith-Based Diet" with Rabbi Rosenfeld.
Meeting ID: 827 823 0785

SELL YOUR CHAMETZ

This year, you may sell your chametz through LSS using an online form, or in person with Rabbi Robinson. The link to the online form is in the online echod. Please do not forget to make a donation to the chesed fund as is customary when selling chametz.

MAOT CHITTIM

The preparation for Pesach must include a demonstration of concern for the needy. You are urged to donate Maot Chittim through the Chesed Fund of the Synagogue in order to provide for the Pesach needs of the many people who depend on us.

To donate, please visit:

<https://www.lss.org/maot-chittim>

BURNING OF CHAMETZ

Burning of Chometz: Friday, March 26:

Due to COVID, we will not be conducting the burning of Chametz in the usual way on the terrace. Instead, please drop off your chametz in the lobby between 7:30-10:00am on Friday morning and Rabbi Robinson will burn it for you before zman.

LSS 1st NIGHT SEDER

First Night Seder at LSS with Silverleaf Catering; Motzei Shabbat, March 27;

Seder begins: 8:15pm on the Spira Family Terrace (with an option to move indoors for the meal)

Running the seder is Rabbi Yitchak White:

Yitzchok White originally from Australia, after spending time in Israel in Yeshiva obtained an MBA from the University of Melbourne where he was Magna Cum Laude in Managerial Economics and Innovation and Entrepreneurship strategy and did research on the economics and social value of making inner city rental space more affordable.

After working in Corporate Australia he relocated to New York to attend the Rabbi Issac Elchanon Theological Seminary (RIETS) where he has been learning for the past two years. He is an AIPAC Leffell fellow and in the process of graduating from RIETS/FERKUAF program of Pastoral and Mental Health counseling. He has an interest in the confluence of Public health and Halacha and in his spare time can be found cycling and hiking the Great American landscapes. He looks forward to bringing in Pesach with the Lincoln Square Synagogue community!

Important Announcement:

For those that prefer to sit indoors for the Pesach seder meal we will be opening up the Beit Midrash for indoor seating as well. Please note, The seder itself will be on the terrace- those wanting to sit indoors will be invited to move indoors for the meal portion of the evening.

Deadline to register: Monday, March 22 at 11:00am

SEDER IN A BOX & YOM TOV MEALS IN A BOX

DEADLINE: Tomorrow, Friday, March 19

Please see our website www.lss.org to download the spreadsheet to order a Seder in a Box and Yom Tov meals in a Box.

Once completed, email it with any questions to **Silverleaf caterers** at silverleafcateringbox@gmail.com.

The catering office will then call you to collect payment. Box deliveries will be made on Thursday and Friday with confirmation of which day you have been scheduled for made by the catering office.

Please note; Yom Tov meal boxes available for the first days of Pesach only. **Contact Silverleaf with any questions at: 914-315-7413**

Seder in a Box: \$150

<https://www.lss.org/sederinabox>

Yom Tov meals in a Box: \$325

<https://www.lss.org/yomtovmealsinabox>



YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

This Shabbat, we begin the third book of the Torah, the book of Vayikra. Parshat Vayikra discusses the Korbanot, sacrifices made on the altar. There were five different kinds of Korbanot:

- 1) Olah: This sacrifice was completely burned and no one ate any of it.
- 2) Shalomim: The person who brought the animal and the Kohanim got to eat some of it.
- 3) Chatot: A mistake offering brought for certain avairos (mistakes)
- 4) Mincha: A flour and water offering, some of which was burned, some of which was eaten by the Kohanim
- 5) Osham: An offering brought for a specific type of mistake.

What can we learn? The Torah (1:2) says: "Adam Ki Yakriv Meekem," ("a man when he will bring from among you a Korban to Hashem.") It seems like the word "Meekem" is in the wrong place. What does it mean that he will bring from you? Our rabbis explain that a Korban had to be brought not only from an animal but from oneself, too. It's not enough to sacrifice an animal on the altar, we also have to sacrifice a bit of our own animalistic desires.

Questions:

1. What are the five different Korbanot discussed in this week's Parsha?
2. What book of the Torah are we starting this week?
3. What do we learn from this about bringing Korbanot?

Answers:
 1. Olah, Shalom, Chatot, Mincha, and Osham
 2. Vayikra
 3. It was not enough to just bring a physical korban, you had to put some of yourself into that sacrifice.

YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Groups :11:30-12:30pm (Location: Ballroom)

Masks must be worn at all times.

Please note: There will be no groups on Shabbat of March 27 and April 3rd. Wishing you all a Chag Pesach Lasher Ve'Sameach!

LSS SPOTLIGHT & SHARE

LSS Spotlight & Share: Meet our member, Chloe Zheng

1. Where are you from?
I'm from Brooklyn and am thinking of moving to Manhattan within the next few months :)
2. What is your favorite part of LSS?
The Beginner's Class! Rabbi Buchwald has been so patient and kind and every-one I talked to has been so warm and welcoming.
3. If you could have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
There is a traditional Korean soup called **곰탕** which literally translated to "Bear Soup." It is a soup that is slow cooked for more than 7-8 hours using beef shank or oxtail. There is nothing in the ingredients other than that and some scallions for garnish. You can season the soup with salt and pepper but all the flavor comes from the bone. After boiling for more than 7 hours the broth becomes milky in color due to all the collagen and nutrients. It has the best flavor after slow cooking - very delicious and super nourishing. Definitely one of those dishes that shows just how much simplicity and time goes a long way for a dish full of flavor and richness.
4. Your favorite color?
My favorite color changes with the season. Right now I would say pastel blue.
5. Fun fact about yourself?
I'm Korean who grew up in China so I can speak both languages pretty fluently

Follow us on Instagram. If you are interested in being featured or want to nominate someone for spotlight and share for an upcoming post, please contact Julie Rosenthal at julie@lss.org

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For access to all the Zoom links for these classes, please visit www.lss.org/learningopportunities. To dial into a class please call 646-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID and password (if necessary) associated with the class below.

Sunday:

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 9:45am. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785 Password (if necessary): mds1234

Monday:

- ***Canceled this week* Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein Chadashot (News from Israel):** 7:00pm-8:15pm. This class covers news and feature stories from Israel; we discuss recent events, watch video clips and listen to Israeli songs. The class is taught virtually entirely in Hebrew and assumes a fairly advanced knowledge of the language. If you can have a conversation with your Israeli family primarily in Hebrew, this is the class for you. The class is taught by Harel Fenigstein, the Jewish Agency shaliach (emissary) for the UWS. Meeting ID: 853 8744 3723 Password: 180613
- ***Canceled this week* Jewish Living Workshop:** 7:30pm-8:30pm led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 9 session series, is a "hands-on" experience. The workshop is free. To register, please email JLworkshop@yahoo.com. Meeting ID: 918 4115 8366 Password: 865860
- **Why is this Year Different From All Other Years:** 7:45pm Pesach Falling After Shabbat, Pesach in a Pandemic - Understanding the unique laws and circumstances of this year's Pesach. With Rabbi Robinson. Meeting ID: 976 1649 2193 Password: 365692 Sponsored by Priscilla, Elizabeth and Margaret Konecky and Jaron, Julia and Matan in memory of their mother/grandmother Cyrena Parker Konecky Sara Bas Ephraim
- ***Canceled this week* Talmud Class** with Rabbi Robinson: 8:00pm-9:00pm We will be studying the second perek of Sanhedrin, that deals with Justice, Governance, Monarchy and the Legal System. Previous background will be useful but not essential - each shiur will focus on the text and classical commentaries, but will touch on contemporary and modern issues arising from the Gemara. Meeting ID: 916 3915 9514

Tuesday:

- ***Canceled this week* The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am- 11:30am Meeting ID: 241022510.
- **Introduction to Bible:** 6:30pm- 8:00pm led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald. 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. Registrants will receive the Zoom link prior to the start of the course. 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.
- ***Canceled this week* Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 974 8108 9782 Password: 389511
- **Pesach Prep #3: 8:00pm "Matzah & The Faith-Based Diet"** with Rabbi Rosenfeld. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785

Wednesday:

- ***Canceled this week* Chug Ivrit - Safa Ivrit (Hebrew Language) led by Harel Fenigstein: 7:00pm-8:15pm** The emphasis in this class is on improving the students' knowledge of the Hebrew language. It features explanations of Hebrew words, roots of words (i.e., shorashim), and idiomatic expressions. There are also news items and feature stories. It is taught at a slightly lower level of Hebrew than Monday's class, and includes more English translations, but is not meant for beginners in Ivrit. If you can negotiate your way through Tachana HaMerkazit or through Mahane Yehuda in Hebrew, this is the class for you. The class is taught by Harel Fenigstein, the Jewish Agency shaliach (emissary) for the UWS. Meeting ID: 853 8744 3723 (Password: 180613)

Thursday:

- ***Canceled this week* Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533
- ***Canceled this week* The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888.
- **Parashat HaShavua** led by Rabbi. Moshe Sokolow: 8:15pm. Meeting ID: 846 701 6968.

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Vayikra
March 19-20
By: **Hadassa Gerber Greenbaum**

I have a confession to make. In all the years I went to yeshiva, from 1st-12th grade, I never learned the book of Vayikra. So here I am, playing catch-up on, I find, a rather challenging part of the Torah.

In our Torah, every word is measured and important. The whole of Creation, including a detailed narrative of the creation of Man and Woman, comprises only two chapters of the Torah. Compare that to the book of Vayikra, which is called the Torah of the Kohanim (priests), because it deals mostly with the laws pertaining to priests and their service, and does so in 27 chapters. The import of the Temple service, korbanot (offerings) and the role of Kohanim is therefore undeniable, though admittedly after over 19 centuries of Jewish existence without a Temple, its relevance to the modern-day Observant Jew is muted.

Korbanot

Shabbat's Torah reading of parshat Vayikra, deals with korbanot; the root of the word is — כ-ר-ב — "korov" — to come near. This illuminates a key reason for korbanot — to come nearer to Hashem (G-d). The korbanot heightened a spiritual awareness of Hashem's presence. But as our prophets pointed out, korbanot by themselves are inadequate if they are not accompanied by G-d-inspired actions of morality and integrity.

There are two main groups of korbanot:

1. Those given voluntarily to elevate one's spirituality.
2. Those required in order to atone for unintentional sins (as a prelude to coming near to Hashem, sins should be cleansed).

The first group of voluntary korbanot include:

- **Olah:** From the root to go up, the Olah represents the complete sublimation of oneself to the will of Hashem and, therefore, is totally burned. As a result, the Olah is alternately called elevation offering or burnt offering. Cattle, sheep, goats, or birds may be used based on a person's economic means.
- **Minchah:** Meal offering. The Mincha is a tributary gift to Hashem. Made of flour, olive oil with some "levonah," frankincense spice. Partly burnt, the remainder is eaten by the Kohanim.
- **Shlamim:** Peace offering. The Shlamim expresses thanks or gratitude to Hashem for His goodness. Cattle, sheep, or goats can be used. Commentators Rashi and Rashbam (3:1) note that because this offering is split three ways, one part on the altar to Hashem, one part to the Kohanim and one part to the individual who brought the offering, it promotes peace and increases wellbeing in the world.

The second group of required offerings include:

- **Chatat:** Sin Offering. Chatat comes from the word chayt, which is often translated as sin or transgression. I find greater comfort in the interpretation of "miss" as in missing the mark. These are unintentional sins that were committed due to carelessness. The parsha talks about a Chatat offering from the Kohen, the community,

a ruler and the individual; each offering requires a different animal. The individual who cannot afford an animal may substitute birds or flour.

- **Asham:** Guilt offering. The Asham is brought when a person is unsure whether or not he has transgressed. (If he were sure he transgressed he would bring a Chatat.) Two other reasons for Asham cited in this parsha; one who has in some way used sacred property improperly or breached the trust of his fellow man. The person brings a ram and when restitution is required, repays the value and an additional penalty.

Earlier offerings

Vayikra is not the first time the Torah tells us about offerings. Adam's sons Cayin and Hevel brought offerings; Hashem only accepted Hevel's (Bereishit 4:3-5). After the flood, Noach brought offerings and "Hashem smelled the pleasing aroma" (8:20-21). Avraham gladly replaced a ram for an offering to Hashem instead of his son Yitzchok (22:13). The Korban Pesach took place in Egypt before the exodus (Shemot 12:3-10). But in Vayikra, the korbanot were codified.

Reinstatement of korbanot

The Rabbis say that when Mashiach (Messiah) comes and the Temple is rebuilt, the korbanot will be reinstated. Being in the modern world, it is difficult for me to visualize the renewed slaughtering and offering of animals as a way of coming closer to Hashem. I have read many explanations, but they do not resonate with me. However, I am open to the possibility that an understanding of korbanot might be out of my grasp from only intellectual readings and explanations and might become totally clear from actually experiencing it.

There are times when I am praying, especially during long services like Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, that my mind wanders further than I would like from my prayers. I often draw myself back in by remembering moments spent at the Kotel (Wailing Wall); pouring my soul out while resting my head on its stones, kissing it goodbye, touching my fingertips to it as a last imprint before I need to go. I remember these moments like it was yesterday and call upon them to help me get closer to Hashem. The Kotel is a wall of stones. Intellectually it might not make much sense. Experientially, it is a very special connection.

Today's "Service"

The application of parshat Vayikra's content waits for us in Hashem's spiritual vault to be opened by the coming of Mashiach and rebuilding of the Temple. In the meantime, we need to make do with the stand ins for the Temple service: Tefillah (prayer), Tzedaka (charity), kind deeds, and studying Torah. They are our "offerings." They are our bridge to the Divine.

Dedicated to my father Benjamin Gerber, who after moving to Israel in his 60s, started preparing and giving Passover meals to Ethiopian immigrant families in Ashkelon. It grew to be a community effort. His Yahrzeit was the 25th of Adar.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:

Shmini (4/10), Acharei Mot-Kedoshim (4/24),
Emor (5/1),
and Behar-Bechukotai (5/8)

If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

CHESD OPPORTUNITIES

RENEWING BIKUR CHOLIM IN THE TIME OF COVID-19. 10 SESSIONS:

The Jewish Board, along with Kavod v'Nichum, Neshama: the Association of Jewish Chaplains, and several other Bikur Cholim groups around the country, are sponsoring an innovative program on Bikur Cholim—visiting and caring for the sick and vulnerable—Renewing Bikur Cholim. The conference, which runs bi-weekly on Monday nights from January 4 to May 10, addresses many of the emerging challenges of doing Bikur Cholim during the pandemic. The program will provide an educational forum and a venue for exchange of ideas and concerns, assisting providers and volunteers in providing this essential service. To register please visit, <https://www.jewishfunerals.org/2021-bikur-cholim-conference/>.

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

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