

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: rabbi@lss.org

Once in shul:

- [4] Observe social distancing in the hallways and the distancing requirements specific to each minyan
- [5] You must wear a face mask, covering your mouth and nose
- [6] Communal singing is permitted outdoors on terrace, but not Indoors (low voice singing is permitted)
- [7] Read the complete Attendance Guidelines (see the complete Attendance Guidelines in the electronic version of Echod)

Shacharit:

Erev Shavuot: Sunday, May 16 @ 8:30am
1st Day Shavuot: Monday, May 17 @ 5:00am, 8:00am & 9:00am
2nd Day Shavuot and Yizkor: Tuesday, May 18 @ 7:45am, 9:00am, 9:15am & 9:40am
Wednesday, May 19 — Friday, May 21: 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Erev Shavuot: Sunday, May 16 — 2nd Day Shavuot: Tuesday, May 18 @ 7:55pm
Wednesday, May 19 & Thursday, May 20 @ 8:00pm

ANNUAL DINNER: SUNDAY, JUNE 13 @5:30PM

Mazal Tov to this year's honorees!

Rabbi Josh & Chani Rosenfeld, Guests of Honor

Alan Axelrod, Keter Torah Award

Adam Herbst and Shanna Kowalsky-Herbst, Young Leadership Award

This year, as we begin steps toward our more normal day to day lives, we know and understand that there are some who look forward to an in person annual dinner again and others that are still not quite ready to attend. We have strived to be as thoughtful about our approach as possible and considered all the ways we can be inclusive. As such, we are sharing with you our plans so that you can decide for yourself what is best for you.

5:30-6:15pm cocktail hour in lobby
6:30-7:30pm Presentations on the terrace (presenters, honorees, and their families will be in the Beit Midrash for this portion of the evening while dinner attendees will watch the presentations from screens on the terrace)
7:30pm: Dinner on the terrace

Please note this year the dinner is capped at 150 attendees. As an alternative to attending in person, you can join us virtually for the presentations and receive a meal delivered to your home.

Please look out for an email next week with the registration link.

Do you have questions or feedback? Email tamar@lss.org

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:36pm
Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm (link in electronic Echod)
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 7:00pm
Location: Ballroom
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:48pm
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 8:06pm
Repeat Shema: after 8:39pm

Shabbat:

Hashkama Minyan: 7:30am Location: The Spira Family Terrace (weather/temperature permitting).
Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom
Latest Shema: 9:14am
Terrace Minyan: 9:15am (Location: Spira Family Terrace)
Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (pre-registration required)
Latest Shacharit: 10:27am
Shabbat Groups: 11:30am (This week it will take place in the Ballroom)
Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash : 7:00pm
Mincha at 7:45pm followed by the Louis and Rhoda Lazar Shabbat afternoon shiur
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 8:07pm
Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 8:49pm
Zoom Havdalah: 9:20pm (link in electronic Echod)

SEUDAH SHLISHIT

Due to a private event on the terrace there will be no seudah shlishit at shul this week. Please make sure to eat seudah shlishit at home.

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents **Judy and Cyrus Abbe** on the birth of a baby girl, Basya Pasha, to their children Elihu and Eliana Abbe.

Shira and Avi Spira on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jack Spira. Mazal Tov to Grandparents Gale & Steven Spira and Sy Schulman, and to siblings Mia, Sara and Liv.

Grandparents **Ann Crane Lowy and Rudy Lowy** on the birth of a baby boy, to their children Lizzy and Sam Zakay, son of Victor Zakay, z"l. Mazal Tov to Dr. Adena Berkowitz, Rabbi Zev Brenner, grandparents, and aunts and Uncles Menachem Lieb, Pammy, Aderet, and Jessica Brenner.

HAKARAT HATOV

Shlomo Offer for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kenneth Wagner

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Shelach (6/5) and Balak (6/26)
If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE

'A Celebration of Life, A Celebration of Torah'

Please visit www.signup.com (Link in online echod) to register for services, all night learning, and our Mishna Siyum Celebration.

Erev Shavuot, Sunday, May 16

7:49pm Shavuot Candle Lighting

7:55pm Minhca/Maariv

10:00pm — 1:00am: Magen Avraham Teen Department:

Sponsored by **Thomas Lowinger**. (Beit Midrash)

Teen Learning program featuring:

10:00-10:30pm Jake Nussbaum: Bas Kol: What is it? What is its role in making halachic decisions?

10:35-11:05pm Alexander Wildes: Judaism and sports-how notable athletes reconcile their Judaism and professionalism.

11:05-11:35pm Rebbetzin Sarah Robinson: "How are you feeling today" Developing our emotional intelligence.

11:40-12:20pm Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: Images of Matan Torah—Using art to learn.

12:25-12:55am Rabbi Shaul Robinson: Cave dwellers

no more—Rabbi Shimon's tips for emerging from quarantine.

The Rabbi Moshe Kasirer Tikun Leil Shavuot:

Join us this year for an evening of learning!

The evening begins with Rabbi Shaul Robinson as the Keynote speaker at 11:30pm and continues throughout the evening with exciting classes and discussions until 5:00am.

Flowers for the Main Sanctuary: Sponsored by Rita Kozlowski in loving memory of her mother Hana Bluma Kozlowski a"h who devoted herself to her family and to Israel, serving in the IDF. Her life was full of learning, singing and chesed.

Flowers for the Lobby: Sponsored by Trudy and Jay Zimmern

11:30pm — 12:15am: Rabbi Shaul Robinson - Opening Keynote

Lecture: "Bitachon - Faith and Belief in a post-Covid World". (Terrace)

Sponsored by **Bina Presser** in loving memory of her parents Mina and Leiser Presser z"l, whose yahrtzeits are both in this time of year. Learning was among their highest priorities.

12:15pm — 1:00am: Rebbetzin Sarah Robinson LCSW, in conversation with Dr. John Mann, professor of Psychiatry on "Health, Resilience, Flourishing and Torah". (Terrace)

12:45am — 4:45am: Beginners All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon: With Rabbi Buchwald. Topic: "The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments," starting with mitzvah #542: "Dressing in the clothing of the opposite sex." (Sanctuary) Sponsored by **Elaine Witty-Komito** in commemoration of the 3rd yahrtzeit of her husband, Larry Komito, Yehudah Leib ben Yaakov z"l and Stisha, shetichye.

1:15am — 2:00am: Dr. Adena Berkowitz: Topic: "From isolation to illumination: Lessons from the Klausenberger Rebbe z"l, Natan Sharansky and the Pandemic". (Beit Midrash)

1:15am — 2:00am: Steven Shalowitz interviews Dr. James Nussbaum on "v'Chai BaHem" Interview between noted podcaster and Senior Hatalah volunteer on the values of life and saving a life in Judaism (Terrace)

2:15am — 3:00am: Dr. Evan Sehgal "When can you believe a liar?" (Beit Midrash)

2:15am — 3:00am: Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty: Topic: "Acher and Sefer Ruth: The Surprising Connection Between the Talmud's Most Famous Heretic and the Story of the Mother of Mashiach." Sponsored by **Charlotte and Zachary Seelenfreund** in honor of Charlotte's father, Harley Greenbaum, Tzvi Yosef ben Michael Ze'ev z"l (Terrace)

3:15am — 4:00am: Rabbi Jason Goldstein on "Halakhic and Psychological Aspects of Birkat HaGomel in the Age of COVID," (Beit Midrash)

3:15am — 4:00am: Rabbi Yoni Zolty: Topic: "R's Gamliel, Eliezer, and Akiva: 3 Tannaitic Perspectives on Torah SheBal Peh" (Terrace)

4:15am — 5:00am: Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: Topic: "The Spark of the Messiah in Megillat Rut" Sponsored by **Harriet Frank** in honor of Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld, with great appreciation for his inspiring teaching, leadership, enthusiasm, and caring interest of and encouragement to members. We will all miss him. (Terrace)

Shavuot (1st day), Monday, May 17

5:00am (Terrace), 8:00am (Terrace) 9:00am (Sanctuary) & 9:15 (Ballroom) Morning Services

11:00am: Scoops and Sprinkles followed by Youth Groups: LSS Youth Department will be hosting an ice cream party during youth groups. Sponsored by **Iris Cahn and Mordechai Beilis** in honor of the birthday of Iris's wonderful brother Owen Cahn. Happy Birthday Owen! And, in honor of Mordechai's great nephews Finn & Aron. (Terrace)

6:15pm: Tea & Torah: Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty. Topic "Is There A Torah Prohibition on Lying?" (Terrace) Sponsored by **Robyn Gottlieb** in memory of the Yahrzeit of Robyn's beloved father Abe, Avraham Yitzchak ben Yaakov z"l.

6:55pm: Beginners Bible Class: Book of Ruth with Rabbi Buchwald (Beit Midrash)

7:55pm: Mincha followed by Shiur with Rabbinic Assistant Tzvi Benoff followed by Maariv. Topic: "Were Korach and Miriam Correct? Matan Torah and the Secret to Unlocking Sefer Bamidbar" (Sanctuary)

8:50pm: Holiday Candle Lighting

Shavuot (2nd day), Tuesday, May 18

7:45am (Terrace), 9:00am (Sanctuary), 9:15am (Ballroom) & 9:40am (Terrace): Morning Services and Yizkor

11:00am: Scoops and Sprinkles followed by Youth Groups: LSS Youth Department will be hosting an ice cream party during youth groups. Sponsored by **Iris Cahn and Mordechai Beilis** in honor of the birthday of Iris's wonderful brother Owen Cahn. Happy Birthday Owen! And, in honor of Mordechai's great nephews Finn & Aron. (Beit Midrash)

6:15pm: Mishna Siyum Celebration and Torah Symposium with Rabbi Shaul Robinson, Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld, Community Intern - Mindy Schwartz, and Rabbinic Assistant Tzvi Benoff (Terrace)
Gold Sponsor: Sponsored by **Margy-Ruth and Perry Davis** with prayers for a full recovery of our friend Lloyd Epstein.
Silver Sponsor: **Dr. Golda Hudes** with Gratitude to clergy, LSS staff and community in these difficult times.

6:55pm: Beginners Bible Class: Book of Ruth with Rabbi Buchwald (Beit Midrash)

7:55pm: Mincha followed by Shiur with Rabbi Yoni Zolty. Topic "Being Tahor on Yom Tov: Does it Matter Nowadays?" (Sanctuary)

8:52pm: Maariv, Havdalah, and Yom Tov ends

MISHNA LEARNING

Join LSS Community Mishnah Study! Learning is dedicated to the refuah sheleimah (complete healing) of our dear friend, Lloyd Epstein, and all others in need of healing. Open to all members and friends of LSS of all ages, including all who have never studied Mishnah before. Self-study, or with a partner or a class.

Signup & info at <http://hadranalach.com/1858>.
Email questions to mishnah@lss.org or call the shul office.

YOUTH DIRECTOR

The shul is looking for our next fantastic couple or individual who can step into this role. Do you know someone who may be the right fit?
Email our Executive Director, Tamar Fix, at tamar@lss.org.

SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in our vaccination survey.
Please see the electronic Echod for a letter from our President, Morey Wildes explaining the results.

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Bamidbar Dvar Torah

This Shabbat we'll begin a new Sefer, a new book of the Torah. Bamidbar, the fourth book, is literally translated in English as "Numbers" even though Bamidbar actually means 'in the desert.' In the Midrash, Bamidbar is called Chumash Hapekudim, 'The Book of Counting' because it begins with Hashem telling Moshe to count Jewish men of military age, twenty and up. Moshe counted each tribe, a total of 603,550, not including Levi'im. Four groups of three tribes marched under one flag in formation and the Gemara debated whether the formation was a straight line or a box with three groups representing four corners, with Levi'im in the middle.

Shavuot Dvar Torah

Shavuot is the biblical holiday which celebrates receiving the Torah. It says in the Midrash that when Moshe went up to heaven to get the Torah, the angels asked G-d why Moshe was there. Hashem told the angels that Moshe was there to receive the Torah for the people. Upon hearing this, the angels asked Hashem, "Why give the Torah to man? Give it to us." G-d told Moshe to answer the angels. Moshe told the angels that the Torah says "I am the Lord your G-d who took you out of Egypt." — Were you ever slaves in Egypt? The Torah says "You shall have no other gods before me." — Are you angels here with Hashem tempted to serve idols? The Torah says "Honor your mother and father." — Do you have a father and mother? We can learn from this that the Torah is for people, G-d does not expect us people to be angels. The Torah is a guide for us to act on a higher level and to elevate our lives.

YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Groups: 11:30-12:30pm (Location: Ballroom)
Masks must be worn at all times.

Sunday, May 16: Tikun Leil Shavout: 10:00pm - 1:00am:
Teen Learning program featuring Rabbi Robinson, Rabbi Rosenfeld, Sarah Robinson, Jake Nussbaum. *Sponsored by Thomas Lowinger.*

Monday, May 17: Shavuot Ice Cream Party: 11:00am:
Sponsored by Iris Cahn and Mordechai Beilis in honor of the birthday of Iris's wonderful brother Owen Cahn. Happy Birthday Owen! And, in honor of Mordechai's great nephews Finn & Aron.

BOOST YOUR BUSINESS

Large room for rent on West 86th street \$1,000/month very nice building. Available to female with kosher diet. Room is in apartment of a senior female. Semi-private bathroom and shared kitchen. WIFI included. Rent may be negotiable for the right person. Please contact:
Haym Gross : 917-576-4957
haym.gross@gmail.com

THE LEA SEGRE TOMCHEI SHABBOS FUND

It shouldn't take a miracle to make Shabbos. In this time of increasing food insecurity, if you, or someone you know, needs Shabbos meals, please reach out to **The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund** through the shul office. Contributions to the Fund are always welcome.

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:

All classes canceled due to Shavuot.

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Tuesday:

All classes canceled due to Shavuot.

Wednesday:

- **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)*
- **Jewish History Course: Some Great Jewish Families led by Paul Shaviv 8:00pm** Topic: HASIDIC ARISTOCRACY - Twersky's and Twerski's *Meeting ID: 914 1219 4324 Passcode: 790939*

Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. *Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533*
- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 6:30-7:30pm. *Meeting ID: 912 657 888.*
- **Parashat HaShavua** led by Rabbi. Moshe Sokolow: 8:15pm. *Meeting ID: 846 701 6968. Sponsored by Aviva and Marvin Sussman and Judy and Moshe Sokolow in memory of their parents Sol and Roslyn Sussman, z"l, and Charles Bendheim, z"l, whose yahrtzeits are all in the month of Iyar.*

GRADUATION KIDDUSH

It's time to celebrate this year's graduates! 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 and the school they are graduating from. We are thrilled to announce that our first main kiddush back will be in honor of our graduates and will take place on Shabbat, June 5th on the terrace.

This year especially, our children have shown an immense amount of inner strength, resiliency, and the ability to overcome any obstacle. Let's celebrate them and give them a beautiful send off to college.

Thank you to our current sponsor:

Linda and Avichai Rosen (Summa Cum Laude')

Multiple sponsors welcome;

Summa Cum Laude': \$1,000,

With Honors: \$500

Dean's List: \$360

Nachat: \$100

Please email info@lss.org if you would like to be a sponsor!

DVAR TORAH

Parashat Bamidbar

By: Shlomo Offer

May 14-15

Ever since the writing of the Septuagint, the book of Bamidbar has been translated as “Numbers” from the rabbinic appellation “*Sefer Hapekudot*.” Granted, it was done in reference to the events bracketed in time by the census Moshe performed just after Mount Sinai, and the census performed again 38 years later on the plains of Moav, before the People of Israel entered the land. Except for Joshua and Caleb, none of the men enumerated in the first count are still alive at the second. But calling it “Numbers” presents a misleading emphasis because the book is actually more about the complexity of names, roles, choices, conflicts and consequences than about the simplicity of a census number.

Moshe Rabenu counted the people and was praised; King David counted the people and was chastised. Because Moshe’s count was accompanied by an exhaustive list of names and narratives, it served as an act of love for Hashem to count Bnei Yisrael. David’s failing was that he sought a quantity, to revel in his power as leader. Numbers are soulless; names are qualitative and convey identity, character, and fate. The dryness of the census in reading parashat Bamidbar is compensated by the deep richness of the narrative and the emotional impact of Hosea’s life and prophesy in the haftorah reading. Through the naming of his children, Hosea brings his prophesy to life.

What’s in a name? Every *Yom Hashoah* and *Yom HaZikaron* in Israel, it is customary to recite the poem *L’Kol Ish Yesh Shem* (Every Person has a Name), by the beloved classic Israeli poet Zelda Mishkofsky. In it she exhaustively lists the names given a person by his parents, his luck, his efforts, his sins, his aspirations, his enemies, his love, his challenges, even his death. The poem is reminiscent of a *Medrash Tanhuma* in *Vayakhel*:

Every time a man increases his mitzvot, he earns himself a new name. There are three names by which a person is called: one that his father and mother call him, one that his peers call him, and one that he has earned for himself. The best one is the one he earned for himself.

This midrash, as well as the haftorah in Hosea, is a message of hope that, no matter what our circumstances, and how far we have wandered, we can still renew ourselves, energized by knowledge of G-d’s unwavering love and betrothal to His people.

Hosea lived and prophesied in the last years of Jeroboam II, a corrupt king of the northern tribes, and he spent his life forewarning Israel’s demise at the hands of the Assyrians in 722 B.C.

The Navi uses the metaphor of Hosea’s marriage to Gomer, a prostitute, to explain Hashem’s loyalty and belief in the people of Israel, despite their disloyalty in an era when idol worship was rampant. And the names Hashem commanded for his children represent a lifelong commitment to his prophesy.

Hosea challenged G-d, asking why He does not abandon the Jews and take another nation as his chosen people. In response, Hashem commanded Hosea to marry Gomer, even though she would not be faithful. They had three children and Hashem instructed that they be named *Yizreel*, after the valley where so many Israelites were killed, but also meaning the re-sowing of Israel into the land after the Diaspora; *Lo-Ruchama*, meaning Without Mercy; and *Lo-Ami*, meaning, they are no longer My People. Then, Hashem ordered him to send his family away, and Hosea could not abandon them. He understood, viscerally, G-d’s continuing love and longing for the people of Israel. This was not just a literary metaphor of a disloyal wife: Hosea was made to actually live out the prophesy in his life, so that he would speak from the heart.

In our Haftorah, Hosea teaches that the Jewish people can turn things around and reclaim Hashem’s love. Then the names of the children of Israel will change and become *Ami*, My People, and *Ruchama*, Worthy of Mercy.

We can control our destiny by being faithful to Hashem.

The Haftorah ends with G-d’s promise that we recite every day while putting on tefillin — that Israel will be betrothed to Him forever, in justice and in mercy, and in true fidelity, and we will know G-d. Motivated by this knowledge, we can keep the hope that we, as a people and as individuals, can and will always be embraced by G-d. The prophet reassures us that whether or not we believe in G-d, G-d believes in us.

Dedicated to the memory of Lillian Weiss Jacoby, לאה בת יהודה ובינה, upon her shloshim, and on the 8th yartzzeit of Aaron Jacoby, משה אהרון בן חיים זאב ושרה רוזה, ע"ה.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See event registration links in electronic Echod.

Sunday, May 23, 8:00PM: Chodesh Sivan Shiur Led by community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty. Shimon and Levi at Shechem: Murderers or Defenders of the Innocent? *Sponsored by Francine and Jay Cinnamon to commemorate the 60th Yahrzeit of Francine’s mother, Lea Nagel a”h, Leya bat Shmuel v’Gittel Rivka.*

Wednesday, May 26, 8:00PM: Position Your Child for Target Colleges: Essential Information for Jewish Day School Parents: Gain Effective Strategies & Get Your Questions Answered about: Navigating College Process | Preparing for SAT/ACT | Raising Scores & Reducing Stress. Featuring: Alan Dorfman, M.S., M.A., Founder of Elevation Tutoring. Find out more by emailing youth@lss.org

Thursday, June 3, 7:30PM: Moadon Ha'Sefer: Israeli authors book club. The next book that we will read (in either English or Hebrew) is *The Literary Murder: A Critical Case* (Retzach Ba'Chug Lesifrut) by Batya Gur. The book is available from both Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Shabbat, June 5: Graduation Main Kiddush: Join us for our first main kiddush in person! More details on previous page.

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

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