

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:

Please see electronic echod for important update from our President:
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
- [4] Beginning June 1, all are invited to attend weekday services, but non-members must sign in at the door

Once in shul:

- [5] Observe social distancing in the hallways and the distancing requirements specific to each minyan
- [6] You must wear a face mask, covering your mouth and nose
- [7] Communal singing is permitted outdoors on terrace, and low voice singing is permitted indoors
- [8] Read the complete Attendance Guidelines (see the complete Attendance Guidelines in the electronic version of Echod)

Shacharit:

Sunday, May 23 @ 8:30am

Monday, May 24 — Friday, May 28 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, May 23 — Thursday, May 27 @ 8:05pm

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:41pm

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm (link in electronic Echod)

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 7:00pm

Location: Ballroom

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:54pm

Sunset (daven Mincha by): 8:12pm

Repeat Shema: after 8:43pm

Shabbat:

Hashkama Minyan: 7:30am Location: The Spira Family Terrace (weather/temperature permitting).

Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom

Latest Shema: 9:11am

Terrace Minyan: 9:15am (Location: Spira Family Terrace)

Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

(pre-registration required)

Latest Shacharit: 10:26am

Shabbat Groups: 11:30am (This week it will take place in the Ballroom)

Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the

Belfer Beit Midrash : 6:55pm

Mincha at 7:50pm followed by the Louis and Rhoda Lazar Shabbat afternoon shiur

Sunset (daven Mincha by): 8:13pm

Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 8:56pm

Zoom Havdalah: 9:15pm (link in electronic Echod)

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

Please visit our website homepage or the electronic Echod for all annual dinner links. This link is only for those that want to attend in person. As an alternative to attending in person, you can join us virtually for the presentations and receive a surprise package from LSS. Those who prefer to register at any of the sponsorship levels but will not be attending in person and would like to receive our surprise package should instead email us your desired sponsorship level and we will update you closer to the dinner date regarding package pick up/delivery.

Being included on a GROUP AD PAGE (i.e. a shul minyan page, class group page etc.) requires a separate donation. A link to the group ad pages will be located in your confirmation email following the successful submission of dinner form. After registering for the dinner, donating to a group ad page is encouraged as a sign of support for the programs you feel a special connection to but is completely optional. The final dinner journal will be viewed at the dinner and on our website.

If you require a VEGETARIAN MEAL please email us at info@lss.org with your name and the amount of vegetarian meals you will need.

PROGRAM:

5:30-6:15pm Light 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 located on the terrace). For those not attending in person, this portion of the evening will also be available to zoom into.

7:30pm: Dinner on the terrace

Please note, in light of COVID, the dinner this year is taking place on the terrace and is being capped at 150 attendees (first come, first served).

Closed captioning will be available for the presentations.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to celebrating together!

MAZAL TOV

Revital and Ariel Ackerman on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Nadav. Mazal Tov to siblings, Agam and Aviv Ackerman. Mazal Tov to grandparents, Zipi and Reuben Schluskel and Hanni and David Ackerman.

Shari and Joseph Sonnenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their great-grandson, Yekusiel Cahn, in Jerusalem.

Great Grandparents, **Ilene and Lou Vynereib**, on the birth of a baby girl, Hadassa Golish, to their grandchildren, Miriam and Shimon Golish in Yerushalayim.

Grandparents, **Ann and Rudy Lowy**, on the birth of a baby girl, born to their children Ariella and Chaim Lowy.

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.

HAKARAT HATOV

Shlomo Offer for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

To the entire CSS team for ensuring our safety and security over Shavuot, and to **Ari Dubinsky and Jeffrey Levine** for their ongoing dedicated service.

Thank you to **Janine Sherr and Bill Greenbaum** for organizing the Mishna Siyum Celebration and Mishna Learning.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Evan Teitelbaum

Jamie Fisher

Rachelle Cohen

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Parshat Nasso - A Nazir's tale

Parshat Nasso is a continuation of last week's Bamidbar in that it discusses the different families of Levi and their responsibilities carrying components of the Mishkan. Kehas carried the Ark, table and menorah, Gershon carried the curtains, and Merari carried the boards and bars. The parsha then discusses a Nazir, one who takes special vows not to drink wine, alcohol, or anything made from grapes and can't cut his hair or come into a contact with the deceased. The Haftorah of Nasso describes the birth of the most famous Nazir, Shimshon, the mighty Samson. An angel appeared to his mother and told her not to drink wine or alcohol because she would have a son, who would be a Nazir and save the Jewish people from the Philistines. At the end of the Haftorah, she gives birth to a son, and names him Shimshon.

Shimshon had immense strength. He fought the Philistines, who could not defeat him, no matter how many soldiers they sent. Finally, they set a honey trap. They sent a beautiful woman named Delila, who became friendly with Shimshon in order to discover the source of his strength. First Shimshon told her that if he were tied with seven ropes, he would be helpless. Delila tied him in seven ropes and when the Philistines came in, Shimshon tore off the ropes and defeated them. When Delila asked again, Shimshon told her that wrapping him in chains would make him lose his strength. Delila wrapped him in chains and again he broke them. Finally, he told her the truth, that his strength existed because he never cut his hair. When Delila cut his hair, the Philistines took him as prisoner in their temple. One day, they brought Shimshon out of the dungeon to be their entertainment. Shimshon prayed to Hashem for his strength to come back one last time. Hashem answered his prayers and Shimshon pushed down the walls of the temple, crushing himself and the Philistine army.

YOUTH GROUPS

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

We are thrilled to announce that as of next week Shabbat Youth Groups will be running concurrently with Davening and are returning to second floor classrooms. Masks must still be worn.

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: *Donated anonymously in honor of Rabbi Robinson, Mendel and Ariella Lazaros, Tamar Fix and everyone at LLS for seeing us through the pandemic and enabling the kiddish to take place (Summa Cum Laude)*

Multiple sponsors needed and encouraged;

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!

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
- **Rambam's Introduction to Mishnah: The Evolution and Eternity of Torah** with Tzvi Benoff: 8:30pm. Topic: The Omniscient Mashgiach: The Role of Prophecy in Torah. Meeting ID: 465-268-1403 Password: shiur

Monday:

- **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* Talmud Class** with Rabbi Robinson: 8:30pm-9:30pm 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:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am- 11:30am Meeting ID: 241022510.
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 974 8108 9782 Password: 389511
- **The World of Middot** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 8:00pm-8:45pm A special series for Sefirat HaOmer focusing on character development and refinement, utilizing Jewish wisdom from Tanach to Kabbalah to contemporary sources. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785 (no password needed)

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)
- ***Final Class* Jewish History Course: Some Great Jewish Families led by Paul Shaviv 8:00pm** Topic: THE BRONFMANS - North America's homegrown leadership family 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.

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DVAR TORAH

Parashat Nasso

May 21-22

Shlomo Offer

The Gifts of the Nesiim;

Leadership in a Community whose Institutions are in Transition

Naso is often translated to 'count.' However, it is more accurately denoted 'to uplift,' just as its meaning in marriage, where *Nissuin* is the uplifting of two people by uniting in spirit with each other, with their people, and with their G-d.

On the surface, Bamidbar simply enumerates the people of Israel and *Naso* enumerates the elite leaders, the Leviim and the Nesiim, the princes of the tribes. Looking deeper into its structure, *Naso* teaches the leadership how to engage in the uplifting, ennobling, and sacred tasks they must perform — how to dedicate a community's institutions in preparation for its travels through its soon-to-be-experienced history. Whether toward *Eretz Yisrael*, in the generation of the desert, or toward *yemot hamashiach* in our current generation, the Torah is sending a message to those who would be leaders.

Naso is edited in a puzzling way. It may first seem to be about counting the families of Levi. The Merari and Gershon families are numbered here. But oddly, the Kehat family's numbering was left behind at the end of last week's *parashat* Bamidbar. If *Naso* were too long, there are other subjects that could instead have been edited out, possibly the out-of-sequence laws of lepers, *sota*, *nazir* and *birchat kohanim*. Furthermore, *Naso* ends with the longest chapter in the Chumash, the meticulous and repetitive depiction of the twelve days of sacrifices given by the Nesiim. Each of the twelve princely sacrifices is identical to the other; yet the Torah described each in redundant detail. As a result, no one Nasi could set himself apart from or be superior to the others. The Torah's subtext in *Naso* is concerned with unity and an attitude of service in the leadership of *Bnei Yisrael*.

Another clue that *Naso* is addressed to the leadership is that it begins after we have already read about Kehat's functions, which are focused on the *Klei Kodesh* — the gifts of all the people — and are managed by Itamar, the Kohen. In contrast, Merari's and Gershon's functions deal with the intricate and specialized infrastructure of the Mishkan, dismantling the walls and planning its efficient rebuilding so that the community can efficiently move on to its destiny. These responsibilities require the expensive enabling resources, the oxen and the wagons, that can be provided only by the efforts of those wealthy and influential enough to be the Nesiim of the nation.

Strangely, in between these high-maintenance tasks and the *korbanot* of the Nesiim are inserted sections on the removal of lepers and *t'maim* apart from the camp; the estrangement of the '*sota*' couple that results from either infidelity or jealousy; and the *nazir* who sets himself apart by adopting self-selected restrictions. There is a common thread of estrangement, of self-righteousness, and their consequences. Conversely, *Birchat Kohanim* is the section that is inserted just prior to the return to the princes' role in dedicating the Mishkan. The *Kohanim* demonstrate

unity in reciting the prescribed words of the blessing. They demonstrate the humility that it is not they who bless the people; G-d tells them '*V'samu et shmi al bnei yisrael va'ani avarchem*'; the *Kohanim* just say the words and G-d blesses the people. These interrupting sections are the Torah's missive to the leaders. They are lessons framing the attitude required of leadership: avoid self-righteousness; embrace humility.

If it were just about the dedication of the *Mishkan*, *Naso* should have ended with the penultimate *pasuk*, counting and summarizing the total of *korbanot*, and declaring the altar dedicated. But the Torah is also communicating at a different level here, and lets us know that the leaders got the message. *Naso* ends with the declaration, '*Vayishma et hakol medaber eilav me'al hakaporet...*,' G-d's voice was heard from above the ark cover. Not since the leadership's hubris led the people to the sin of the Golden Calf had Moshe heard the voice of G-d from the midst of the people.

'*Ve'asu li mikdash ve'shachanti betocham*' is fulfilled and the *Shechina* returns from its estrangement, not just because a physical home was dedicated, but because the leaders struck the right attitude of deference, humility, and unity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See event registration links in electronic Echod.

Sunday, May 23, 11:00am: Israeli American Council, Coast-to-Coast Pro Israel Rallies.

Starting with a demonstration at 7 World Trade Center at 11:00am. Around 12:30 we will go lay flowers at the 9/11 Memorial to mourn the victims of terror in Israel and the United States. We will conclude with a march to the Museum of Jewish Heritage - a living memory to the Holocaust. Strong NYPD presence and private security.

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 Yahrtzeit 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.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Netzavim (9/4) and Vayelech (9/11)
If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

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**Sunday, June 13
@5:30pm**

Lincoln Square Synagogue

**ANNUAL
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