

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

In order to continue to keep each other safe and healthy, and to comply with New York City and State regulations, LSS requires that everyone (children and adults) wear a face mask, covering the wearer's mouth and nose, at all times in all areas indoors of LSS. In addition, we request that attendees be sensitive to the comfort and safety concerns of others at shul by respecting any social distancing desires of others. We thank you in advance!

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

4:51pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

4:55pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat;

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

Following Maariv, Neiro Shabbat Shiur by Rabbinic Intern Efraim Tepler.

5:09pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

5:40pm Repeat Shema

Shabbat:

7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Shiur by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow on third floor;

Hashkama Kiddush on The Spira Family Terrace

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha before Musaf by

Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Main Kiddush on the Spira Family Terrace.

9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;

Location: Ballroom. Beginners Kiddush to follow.

9:38am Latest Shema

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

10:00am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms

10:29am Latest Shacharit

3:10pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

4:10pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbinic Intern Efraim

Tepler; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Topic: Discussion of This Week's Haftara.

Sponsored by Alan Samuels in memory of שמואל מרדכי

4:45pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.

5:10pm Sunset: daven Mincha

5:52pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

6:02pm Zoom Havdalah (link in Electronic Echod)

WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION

Shacharit:

Sunday, January 30 @ 8:30am

Monday, January 31 @ 7:30am

Tuesday, February 1 & Wednesday, February 2, Rosh Chodesh Adar I @ 7:20am

Thursday, February 3 & Friday, February 4 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, January 30 & Monday, January 31 @ 5:00pm

Tuesday, February 1— Thursday, February 3 @ 5:05pm

ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Adar Rishon will be on Tuesday afternoon at 7 minutes and 16 chalakim after 3 PM. Rosh Chodesh Adar Rishon will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat, February 5th: 12:30pm: Beginners Luncheon. Cost: \$25.

Register at <https://www.lss.org/event/beginners-shabbat-luncheon---february-5-2022.html>

Sunday, February 27th: Women's Tefillah Group Shiur: Chodesh Adar I:

8:00pm. Title: Miriam: Sister, Prophet, Leader. Meeting ID: 842 1273 9437

Passcode: 364504

MAZAL TOV

Kiki and Rabbi Dr. Daniel Rothenberg on the engagement of their son, Yitzchak Menachem (Yitzy) to Aliza Bernstein.

Great aunt **Adena Samowitz** on the birth of two great nephews and one great niece. Aryeh Leib to parents Basya & Mordechai Rothstein, Shlomo Daniel to parents Chaya & Yehoshua Samowitz, and a girl to parents Sarah & Josh Hirth. Mazal tov also to all siblings.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, we commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people, 6 million Jews, along with countless members of other minorities between 1933 and 1945 by Nazi Germany, an attempt to implement their "final solution" to the Jewish question.

January 27 was chosen to commemorate the date that Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated in 1945. Every baby born and every mazal tov that we list in our Echod brings us tremendous nechama and nachat. May we never forget.

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Hashkama Kiddush: Alla Fizitskaya in memory of the birthday of Dana Hudes z"l.

Main Kiddush: Corinne and Barry Kirshenbaum in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Wendy Kirshenbaum a"h.

Co-sponsored by Anonymous.

Beginners Kiddush: Anonymous in memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani, z"l and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Seudah Shlishit: Naomi and Bernard Zweig in memory of Naomi's father, Elchanan Feiweil Rosen, z"l.

Would you like to sponsor a kiddush or Neiro Shabbat for future weeks?
Email info@lss.org.

Shabbat Shalom

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

We take the safety and health of our members very seriously and will do whatever we can to prevent further spread of Covid-19. As a reminder to all parents, if children are at all symptomatic (cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, GI symptoms, etc.), it is important that they stay home.

Important note: We ask families to continue to be vigilant about our health policies. Please support our efforts by sending your child to shul with a mask and reminding them of the importance of consistently keeping their masks on during groups.

Shabbat Youth Groups: 10:00am (Location: 2nd floor classrooms)

Youth Groups are back in full swing with davening, Torah & play.

Youth Directors: Romy and Avraham Sanger

Assistant Youth Director: Alexander Wildes

Motzei Shabbat, February 5th: Teen Dave & Buster's Night: 7:30pm:

All teens of the UWS are welcome to join us for a fun night out at Dave & Buster's. Cost \$25.

Register at <https://www.wsisny.org/event/dave--busters.html>

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

Dvar Torah by Romy Sanger

Parshat Mishpatim is a continuation of the revelation at Har Sinai, as we see it begins with the traditional "והיבור". The letter in Vav in Torah, Chazal teach us, is used as a connector between stories or lessons.

The connection is pretty clear, Har Sinai was a nationwide revelation where Hashem exposed Himself to us all, and of course we took upon ourselves an infinite oath of dedication to Hashem and the Mitzvot. Parshat Mishpatim is the Mitzvot, a long Parsha full of laws that are the foundation of the Jewish society. But on a deeper level, there is another connection we can see.

The Parsha begins with the sentence: "וְאֵלֶּה, הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים, אֲשֶׁר תָּשִׂים, לִפְנֵיהֶם." "And these are the ordinances that you shall set before them". There is no מִצְוָה providing a nation with laws, especially a second after they have just literally heard G-d's voice. The real challenge is what happens next. Hashem tells Moshe that he must find a way to place the commandments BEFORE the nation. In other words, don't shove it down their throat, but rather place it before them, teach them in a way that they will WANT to perform all the Mitzvot. This is a nation that was just released into freedom, after generations of slavery, giving them rules and restrictions will be no easy task, the מִצְוָה in how you do it.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the meaning of the word Mishpatim?
2. When must a Hebrew servant be offered freedom?
3. If a donkey falls into a pit, who is responsible?
4. What is the reason given for not mistreating a stranger?

1. Ordinances
2. After he worked for 6 years
3. The person who dug the pit, which was a hazard
4. "For we were strangers in the land of Egypt"

ANSWERS

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- ***Canceled this week* Sh'eilot and Tshuvot: 9:15am-10:15am led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.** Come and learn some classic and contemporary responsa Sunday mornings after Shacharit. In person and via Zoom. In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Meeting ID: 838 3061 9860 Passcode: 354153. Sponsors are welcome.

Monday:

- **A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** 11:00am-12:00pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Repeated on Zoom Tuesday at 8:00pm.
- **Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein Chadashot (News from Israel):** 7:00pm-8:15pm. Available in person or via Zoom. Register at <https://www.jotform.com/212903440529048>
- ***Starting February 7th* Shabbos in the City: How Halacha Responds to Modern Innovations in a Cosmopolitan World led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty: 7:00pm-8:00pm.** Topic: Umbrellas. In person location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Meeting ID: 822 5613 5886 Passcode: 114608

Tuesday:

- ***Time Change* The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbinic Intern Efraim Tepler:** 11:00am-12:00pm Meeting ID: 241022510. Dial In: 646 876 9923. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- ***Starting February 1st* Introduction to the Bible: The 10 Commandments with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30-8:00pm.** Register at www.lss.org/beginners for Zoom link. Sponsors welcome.
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer:** 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 850 0937 1460 Password: 560900
- **A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 858 4080 4793 Passcode: 931015

Wednesday:

- **Chug Ivrit - Safa Ivrit (Hebrew Language) led by Harel Fenigstein:** 7:00pm-8:15pm. Available in person or via Zoom. Register at <https://www.jotform.com/212903661753153>
- **Modern and/or Orthodox - Some History led by Paul Shaviv: 8:00pm.** Topic: When did 'Modernity' begin for Jews?. Meeting ID: 867 9891 8125 Passcode: 396651

Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer:** 11:30am-12:30pm. Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533
- **Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:** 7:00pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888 In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Hebrew Months

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DVAR TORAH

Parshat Mishpatim
January 28, 2022/ 26 Shevat 5782
By Rabbi Charles E. Savenor

The Connective Power of a Single Letter

This week's Torah portion, Mishpatim, opens: "And these are the laws that you [Moses] will set before them." (Exodus 21:1) At first glance, this verse seems to be straightforward. Hashem gives Moshe laws to instruct the Children of Israel on how to organize their society built on the principles of freedom and justice.

Yet when we take a look at the Hebrew, we notice that the very first letter is extraneous. The verse begins with a vav, which translates as "And."

We all know from grade school that we are not supposed to start a sentence with a conjunction. Its presence invites us to ponder why the Torah would launch a vital section of laws with the word, "And?"

The presence of this seemingly extraneous conjunction does not go unnoticed by our traditional commentators. Rashi asserts that the extra vav teaches us that these laws are connected to what immediately precedes them, namely the Revelation at Sinai. In his eyes, this extra vav is the lynchpin for grounding our faith not only in ritual observance and spiritual practice, but also in our civil interactions and social contract with one another. Civil law is sacred because it, too, is commanded by Hashem.

Our Midrashic tradition asserts that every single letter in the Torah is infused with sacred purpose. Viewed as a word, "vav" translates as hook, peg, or nail. While this Hebrew letter lives up to its name by holding things together in this week's Torah portion, vav invites us to be connectors ourselves.

Being connected is a major Jewish value. For example, the Hebrew word for synagogue is not *Beit Tefilah*, a house of prayer, but rather a Beit Knesset, a house of assembly. We become more than the sum of our parts when we combine our efforts and passion. Like water that boils when the heat increases from 211 degrees to 212, nine voices transform into a powerful spiritual quorum as soon the tenth arrives.

The vav at the beginning of Mishpatim subtly reminds Jewish leaders and community members alike that our lives are meant to be intertwined. This is demonstrated not only by following Hashem's law, but also building community through love, respect, and connection. Being a connector is as simple as saying hello, asking someone's name, and taking the time to hear their story.

In *Paul Revere's Ride*, David Hackett Fischer explains that when the Revolutionary War broke out, two riders were sent to spread the word. Yet, we only know of Paul Revere's success. As the ultimate connector, Revere knew which doors to knock upon, and that made all the difference in the world.

We can enhance our sense of community by connecting with and knowing those around us. As we navigate our way through the pandemic, the vav stands tall like a beacon, reminding us about our covenant with Hashem as well as our connection to one other.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Tetzaveh 2/12, Ki Tisa 2/19, Vayakhel 2/26 & Pekudei 3/5
If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

LSS OFFICE

The office is open on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays. In order to avoid peak travel times during this recent surge, office hours are 10:00am-4:00pm. If you would like to coordinate anything outside of those hours please email us at info@lss.org.

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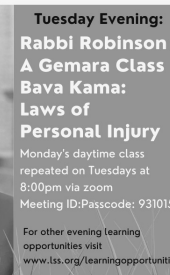
DAYTIME LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Email info@lss.org to sponsor a shiur and/or breakfast

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rabbi Yoni Zolty Sh'eilot and Tshuvot: Learning Classic & contemporary responsa	Rabbi Robinson A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury	Rabbi Robinson Parshat HaShavuah shiur	Rabbanit Mindy Personalities in Rabbinic Literature Will resume in March
9:15am Following Shacharit	10:00 am-11:00am	10:30am- 11:30am	12:00pm-1:00pm

In the Belfer Beit Midrash

In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary



Tuesday Evening:
Rabbi Robinson A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury

Monday's daytime class repeated on Tuesdays at 8:00pm via zoom
Meeting ID: Passcode: 931015

For other evening learning opportunities visit www.lss.org/learningopportunities

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CHODESH ADAR I SHIUR



Sunday, February 27th
8:00pm
Shiur given by
Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty

Topic:
"Miriam: Sister, Prophet, Leader"

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