

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: rabbir@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 7 @ 8:30am
Monday, March 8 — Friday, March 12 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, March 7 — Thursday, March 11 @ 5:45pm.

MAZAL TOV

Anna Tafet on the engagement of her grandson Philip Tafet to Natalie Karafiol yesterday.

HAKARAT HATOV

Judy Sokolow for writing this week's Dvar Torah

Lanette Dach's for donating a beautiful new Ballroom Aron Kodesh in memory of her husband, Rabbi Heshy Dach's z"l. Thank you also to our member, **Shlomo Offer**, for the exquisite design and construction.

PESACH AT LSS

Shmurah Matzah: Shmurah Matzah \$27 per box deadline: Sunday, March 14 pickup will be Sunday March 21. Details to follow.
Mask required and social distancing adhered to
<https://www.lss.org/form/shmurah-matzah-2021.html>

Pesach Survey: As we look toward Pesach, we recognize how long this past year has felt, especially for the many who are burdened with the challenge of isolation and loneliness. We also recognize that, with the introduction of the vaccine, some members may feel comfortable to safely soften some boundaries. While we implore everyone to continue following CDC guidelines we are also exploring if there is interest in bringing our community together for one or more Pesach meals at LSS as safely as possible (catered only; no outside food will be permitted). Please answer the brief survey below to help us gather this information. *Survey link in online Echod.*

Pesach Events:

Sunday, March 21: LSS Youth and Magen Avraham Teen Department & Color Me Mine: Create Your Own Seder Plate! 10:00am - 11:30am
Spira Family Terrace \$30 per Seder Plate. To register, please visit (deadline to register: March 17)
<https://www.lss.org/event/sederplate2021>

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Next Shabbat : Yanky Lemmer will lead davening in the Ballroom - Shabbat Mevorchim Nissan

Friday Night:

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:15pm (link in electronic Echod)
Earliest Candle Lighting: 4:41pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:34pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 5:40pm
Location: Ballroom
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 5:52pm
Repeat Shema: after 6:23pm

Shabbat:

Hashkama Minyan: 7:45am
Location: The Spira Family Terrace (weather/temperature permitting).
Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom
Latest Shema: 9:14am
Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (pre-registration required)
Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (Location: Spira Family Terrace)
Latest Shacharit: 10:12am
Tots on the Terrace: 11:30
(This week it will take place in the Ballroom)
Mincha at 5:30pm followed by a shiur
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 5:53pm
Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:35pm
Zoom Havdalah: 7:00pm (link in electronic Echod)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 8: Mental Health Series: 6:00-7:00pm Lincoln Square Synagogue and The Jewish Board are proud to present a very important and timely discussion. Join Rabbi Herscher as she shares insights into how to understand grief and ways to help those grieving *Meeting ID: 999 2421 1892*

Monday, March 8: Beginners Schmooze with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 8:15-9:30pm over Zoom at no charge. register at www.lss.org/beginners

Thursday, March 11: Memorial Event for Chazzan Goffin: 7:30pm
Join us to mark the second yahrtzeit of our beloved Chazzan Sherwood Goffin z"l Memorial Shiur, given by Rabbi Menachem Penner, Max and Marion Grill Dean of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary "The Fascinating Legacy of Achiyah Ha-Shiloni: The Longest Living Participant in Yetziat Mitzrayim" Participating in this event will be; members of the Goffin family, Rabbi Shaul Robinson, Chazzan Yanky Lemmer, and Cantor Eric Freeman of the Belz School of Jewish music. *Meeting ID: 984 2123 4958 Passcode: 913811*

Wednesday, March 17: Inside Israeli Intelligence: 1:00pm.

Brig. General Yosef Kuperwasser, formerly the Director General of the Ministry of International Affairs and Strategy. In his long career at the IDF, he had a significant role in determining Israel's coping methods with terror as well as regional developments, and sharing such analysis with the US and other foreign entities. To register, please see online Echod. The program is sponsored by The Israel Intelligence Heritage and Commemoration Center an organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Israeli intelligence community (Mossad, Shin Bet, Intelligence Corps). For additional information about the center, email Igal at izm@intelligence.org.il

KITCHEN 2 KITCHEN

This week, we continuing with Kitchen2Kitchen, a collaborative project by the Manhattan synagogues to promote our neighborhoods' kosher restaurants.

This week (3/8-3/14) we are featuring **Cafe Roma**.

Special offer from Cafe Roma pizzeria Get 5% off all orders. Order by phone at 212-875-8972 and mention "Kitchen2Kitchen" to receive this limited time offer. Located at 854 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10025

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Ki Tisa means “when we will count.” The parsha begins with Hashem commanding Moshe to count the men eligible to be a part of Bnei Yisrael’s army. Each man put a half Shekel into a pot. Moshe then counted the shekels to see how many there were. The story takes a sad turn when Moshe climbs Har Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights to receive the Luchot. Bnei Yisrael miscount the days and begin to panic when Moshe hasn’t returned in time. They hurry to Aharon and beg him for a G-d in place of Moshe. Aharon decides to hold them off by commanding them to collect the gold in their homes, thinking that the women and families would not oblige so quickly in donating their gold. Members of Bnei Yisrael took the gold and created an idol of a calf to worship instead of Hashem.

Hashem saw what happened and encouraged Moshe to immediately climb back down the mountain. When Moshe sees the people worshipping the Golden Calf, he throws the Luchot to the ground in horror. He begs Hashem to forgive the people, prays for another 40 days and 40 nights, and then climbs back up Har Sinai. When Moshe returns with the new Luchot, it is the 10th of Tishrei, which is now known as the day of forgiveness, or Yom Kippur.

Questions:

1. What does Ki Tisa mean?
2. How long was Moshe on Har Sinai receiving the Luchot?
3. How did Moshe count the men for the army?
4. Why is Yom Kippur on the 10th of Tishrei?

- Answers:**
1. When we will count
 2. 40 days and 40 nights
 3. By having each man put a half shekel in a pot and then counting the shekels
 4. It was the day Moshe returned to Bnei Yisrael with the second set of Luchot and got true forgiveness from Hashem

YOUTH EVENTS

Tots on the Terrace:11:30-12:30pm (This week it will take place in the Ballroom) Takes place every Shabbat. Masks must be worn at all times.

Sunday, March 21: LSS Youth and Magen Avraham Teen Department & Color Me Mine: 10:00am - 11:30am Spira Family Terrace \$30 per Seder Plate. To register, please visit (deadline to register: March 17)
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LSS SPOTLIGHT & SHARE

LSS Spotlight & Share: Meet our member, Paul Shaviv!

1. Where are you from?
 - I'm originally from the UK but have lived all over including Israel, Canada, NY and Florida.
2. What do you love about LSS?
 - Laid-back atmosphere; VERY sane rabbi (actually, both of them!); great chazzanim; amenable people! - nice building! Also really enjoy my 'Jewish History' following!
3. Best gift you've ever received?
 - Children and grandchildren; my late wife Judy a"h, and, for just over ten years now, Michelle (who brought me to NY).
4. Favorite place to travel?
 - Of course, Israel. A couple of years ago we did a fabulous Kosher Safari in South Africa with Rabbi Natan Slifkin
5. What was the last book you read?
 I read constantly in English and Ivrit, and several books at a time. Mostly academic Jewish history, and I have a huge library, so I am constantly re-reading older books. Among the (new) books recently arrived: 'Jews and Crime in Medieval Europe', 'The Christian Jew and the unmarked Jewess' 'H'a-Kanai' ('The Fanatic') 'I am the Scribe, Joel ben Simon

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.

Saturday (Motzei Shabbat):

- ***Final Class* What Hath G-d Wrought? Scientific Progress in Jewish Thought** led by Tzvi Benoff: 8:30pm. Topic: A Response to Dan Brown's Angels and Demons: The Redemption of Scientific Progress. Using Dan Brown's Angels and Demons, we will explore the opportunities and challenges heralded by science through the eyes of several 20th Century Jewish sages like Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Rabbi Avraham Y. Kook. Meeting ID: 4652681403 Password: shiur

Sunday:

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 9:45am. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785 Password (if necessary): mds1234 Sponsored by **The Brown Family** in honor of International Artist Magazine awarding Jack Brown the Grand Prize for his still life painting "Bird on Vase".

Monday:

- **Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein Chadashot (News from Israel):** 7:00pm-8:15pm. This class covers news and feature stories from Israel, in it, we 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 in Hebrew and the rest in English, this is the class for you. The class is taught by Harel Fenigstein, the Jewish Agency shaliach (emassary) for the UWS. Meeting ID: 853 8744 3723 Password: 180613
- **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. Topic: Thursday night Shabbat prep—tools of the trade. We learn by doing. The workshop is free. To register, please email JLworkshop@yahoo.com. Meeting ID: 918 4115 8366 Password: 865860
- **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:

- **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.
- ***New Class* Chug Ivrit - Safa Ivrit (Hebrew Language) led by Harel Fenigstein:** 7:00pm-8:15pm The emphasis in this class will be on the Hebrew language. It features explanations of Hebrew words, roots of words (i.e., shorashim), and idiomatic expressions. There will also be news items and feature stories. It will be taught at a slightly lower level of Hebrew than Monday's class, it will include more English, 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 (emassary) for the UWS. Meeting ID: 853 8744 3723 (Password: 180613)
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 811 662 074
- **The Kohen: The inspired mind of a man of God.** A new series exploring the thought of R. Zadok of Lublin. Led by Rabbi Rosenfeld. 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785. Sponsored by **Anna and Mark Freilich** in memory of her father's 16th yahrzeit, Sandor Friedmann, Naftali ben Yaakov.

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: 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 Parah / Shabbat Ki Tisa

March 05-06

By: **Judy Sokolow**

Early in this action-packed and very dramatic parashah, we read more about the appurtenances that were part of the ohel moed/mishkan (Tabernacle). Which was the most holy? The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion (p. 63) grants that honor to the aron habrit (Ark of the Covenant) also known as the aron ha-edut (Ark of the Testimony), as its main function was "to represent the presence of G-d." The ark was a "portable chest" made of acacia wood that measured 2.5 x 2.5 x 1.5 cubits (1 cubit = c.18"), plated inside and out with gold and provided with carrying poles so that the Israelites could transport it as they travelled. It was topped with a golden kapporet (cover or "mercy seat") with two golden cherubim whose wings were spread wide that served, as it were, as G-d's throne. It was from here that G-d "spoke" to Moshe and through him to the Jewish people.

Our parashah has its highs and lows. We feel elated when we learn that G-d finished communicating with Moshe and gave him "the two luchot habrit (Tablets of the Covenant), tablets inscribed with the finger of G-d" (31:18) to bring down Mt. Sinai to his flock. But our joy is short-lived as we read about the people's affair with the golden calf that provoked Moshe to smash those luchot to pieces. And then, after punishment was meted out and G-d yielded to Moshe's plea not to destroy the whole nation, we take comfort in the knowledge that G-d had Moshe prepare duplicate tablets upon which He once again inscribed the 10 Utterances. Our spirits might even soar as we read the formula that He gave us for repentance—His 13 attributes of mercy—that we still fervently use over and over to this day during the Days of Awe when we seek atonement for our sins.

These new tablets were placed in the ark as G-d had commanded when He commissioned its construction (see Shemot 25:21). But what happened to the shivrei haluchot (the broken pieces of the first pair)? We learn in the Talmud (Baba Batra 14a-b) that plausibly they too were deposited in the ark (as was the Sefer Torah that Moshe wrote, as per Devarim 31:24-26).

Like the ups and downs in Ki Tisah, our lives often seem like a seesaw. May I share several points from of an essay entitled "The Broken Luchot" by Rabbi Eliyahu Krakowski that I chanced upon in the Spring 2019 issue of the Orthodox Union's Jewish Action magazine?

The Gemara (Pesachim 68b) relates that Rav Yosef celebrated Shavuot in a very grand style; presumably this was because his eminence was derived through the study of the Torah that was given on Shavuot. But, since the luchot given on Shavuot were shattered, would it not make more sense to celebrate the Torah's arrival on Yom HaKippurim when the second luchot arrived?

The Gemara (Nedarim 41a) reports that Rav Yosef became ill and was unable to remember information that his students had learned from him. Rabbi Krakowski suggested that this caused his self-esteem to plummet. But he realized that if Shavuot celebrates the broken luchot, he too still had value. Furthermore, the Gemara (Berachot 8b) teaches: "Be careful [to respect] an elderly Sage who has forgotten his Torah knowledge through no fault of his own, for it was said: 'Both the whole Tablets and the fragments were placed in the ark.' " This would explain Rabbi Yosef's special affinity for Shavuot.

May we experience far fewer downs than ups. But when we do feel broken-down due to circumstances beyond our control, may we gain fortitude from the realization that if we are doing the best we can, we are still worthy and retain our value to ourselves, our families, and our community. And when others are in distress, may we afford them the same consideration and keep them close.

Once again, I thank my husband, Dr. Moshe Sokolow, for assisting with my research.

Shabbat Shalom!

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available are:

Shabbat Pesach (4/3). Shmini (4/10), Acharei Mot-Kedoshim (4/24), Emor (5/1)

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

ERUV ANNOUNCEMENT

The Hudson River boardwalk and pier are outside the Eruv, and carrying west of the West Side Highway is not permitted. For the full eruv map please visit www.lss.org/west-side-eruv.html. *Please note due to construction 9 & 10 Av between 20 & 22 St are not in the eruv until further notice*

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CHESED 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/>.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE: Help our hungry neighbors during this time of food insecurity by donating prepared meals to the Community Fridge located outside the West End Collegiate Church on West 77th Street, between WEA and Broadway. Food containers should be labeled along with the date. Donations accepted Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 pm.

SHABBAT SHALOM

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

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org or email info@lss.org

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