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Welcome to Lincoln Square Synagogue! In accordance with NY City and State regulations, wearing of masks is now optional at all services at LSS for adults and children, regardless of vaccination status, and indoor kiddushes and meals are no longer limited to vaccinated individuals. Of course, we request that attendees be sensitive to the comfort and safety concerns of others at shul by respecting any social distancing or masking desires of others.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:
6:55pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
7:00pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat; Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.
 Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
7:13pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha
7:44pm 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; Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.
 Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.
 Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; Location: 3rd floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow.
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
9:55am Latest Shema
10:00am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms
10:57am Latest Shacharit
5:05pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
5:50pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty. Topic: Discussion of this Week's Haftarah; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
6:50pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.
7:14pm Sunset: daven Mincha
7:57pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
Zoom Havdalah no longer available

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Hashkama Kiddush: Bina Presser in memory of her beloved grandmother Bracha Presser bat Alexander Zisha and Chaya a"n.

Main Kiddush: Karen Luchter-Stark in memory of the birthday of her beloved husband, Ed Stark z"l, Mar 29, 1931 -Oct 18, 2017. A loving husband, faithful companion, extraordinarily kind, helpful person, creative and knowledgeable scientist and engineer.

Thank you to **Rabbi Charlie Savenor and Julie Walpert** for their contribution towards the main kiddush in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary.

Beginners Kiddush: David Weisblat in honor of his parents Josh and Shoshana Weisblat , his brother Barry Weisblat , and his friends Rabbi Sam Rudansky and Steven Fink.

Seudah Shlishit: Available to be sponsored.

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MAZAL TOV

Jamie Fisher and Justin Koatz on their recent marriage.

Grandparents **Helene Katz Freedman and Rabbi David Freedman** on the marriage of Yacov, son of Aliza and Rabbi Lavey Freedman of Ramat Bet Shemesh to Esther Rosenberger of Yerushalayim. Mazal tov also to aunts and uncles Linda and Baruch Freedman, Rachel and Yonatan Shai Freedman, and Yoanna and Beny Rofeh.

WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION

Shacharit:
 Sunday, March 27 @ 8:30am
 Monday, March 28— Friday, April 1 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:
 Sunday, March 27 — Tuesday, March 29 @ 7:05pm
 Wednesday, March 30 & Thursday, March 31 @ 7:10pm

ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Nisan will be on Friday, April 1st afternoon at 36 minutes after 4 pm. Rosh Chodesh Nisan will be on Shabbat, April 2nd.

HAKARAT HATOV

Fred Ehrman for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

NEXT SHABBAT: SPRINGTASTIC COMMUNITY KIDDUSH

Spring is here! We're excited to see the flowers beginning to bloom and the warmer weather heading our way. Join us for a SPRINGTASTIC Shabbat Community Kiddush.
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ALL THINGS PESACH

Please visit www.lss.org/passover-2022.html to view all things Pesach.

PESACH HOSPITALITY

Dear Members of LSS:

Honoring the ancient tradition of kol dichfin yetei v'yechol, we are reaching out to you to participate in our Pesach Seder Hospitality Program.

Our mission is to ensure that all members have an opportunity to participate in a traditional seder in a warm environment. To accomplish this we need both hosts and guests.

If you will be conducting seder(s) at home this year and can accommodate one or more guests, please let us know the number of guests you can host for which seder(s) by emailing us at Hospitality@lss.org. Please include the words "**Seder Host**" in the subject line. Our experience over the years has shown that hosts "get" as much as they "give" by extending hospitality and we are confident this will be a meaningful experience for you.

If you would like an invitation, or if you know of an LSS member who would appreciate one, please let us know which night(s) at Hospitality@lss.org. Please enter the words "**Seder Guest**" in the subject line. Please understand that Seders can run late, and that respectful guests should plan on remaining through the end. *Please note that given limitations on the number of people that can be hosted due to the pandemic priority will be given to members.*

Please feel free to note pertinent restrictions, requests or questions in your message.

We hope that you will join us in ensuring a meaningful Pesach for all our members.

Thank you,
 LSS Hospitality Committee

SHMURAH MATZAH

Shmurah Matzah: Shmurah Matzah by the pound. Regular, whole wheat, gluten-free, and spelt available. \$31 for members and \$35 for non-members. Deadline: Sunday, April 3rd. Pick up on Sunday, April 10th. Order yours at <https://www.lss.org/form/shmurah-matzah-2022.html>

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

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

Join us for davening, Torah & play.

Youth Directors: Romy and Avraham Sanger

Assistant Youth Director: Alexander Wildes

Sunday, April 3rd: Matzah Baking: 10:00-11:00am.

Location: Ballroom. Ages 3-14. We will be making Matzah together in preparation for Pesach. Cost \$12 per child. Register at

<https://www.lss.org/event/matzah-bakery-2022.html>

Shabbat, April 9: Babies & Me: 11:00 -11:30am. Join us for your baby's first introduction to the youth department with musical Tefillah and songs! Babies & Me requires one parent to stay with your baby for the duration of the program. Location TBD

Sunday, April 10: Afikomen: 10:30 am - 12:30pm. Join your friends of the UWS at West Side Institutional Synagogue for Pesach themed art projects, family competitions and snacks! Families with kids of all ages are welcome! Sign up at [wsisny.org](http://www.wsisny.org)

Tuesday, April 19: Six Flags. Come join us at Six Flags on Chol Hamoed Pesach. We have transportation included in the price for teens and families can meet us there or opt in for the transportation. Bus will leave at 8:00 am. Sign up at [wsisny.org](http://www.wsisny.org)

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

By: Romy Koenig

This week's Parsha opens with the eighth day of the inauguration of the Mishkan. This was a tremendous day of celebration for the Jewish people as it served as an atonement for the sin of the golden calf. Moshe commands Aharon, "approach the altar and offer your Chatat and Olah and atone for you and your nation" (9:7).

Rashi picks up on the somewhat curious language of "approach the altar." Why was this necessary to state? Did Aharon keep a distance until this point? Rashi explains that Aharon felt unworthy of approaching the altar to offer the sacrifices and therefore Moshe had to urge him to do so, saying "it was for this you were chosen."

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks expounds on this Rashi with a beautiful message. Rabbi Sacks suggests that Aharon was not just being humble but rather felt that he was unworthy because he played a central role in the sin of the golden calf. Bnei Yisrael had brought him their gold and he was the one who threw it into the fire, only to produce the golden calf. Given that he aided in this debacle, he felt unworthy to now represent Bnei Yisrael in this service to God.

Yet, Moshe responds in kind. "It was for this you were chosen." It is specifically because of your role in the sin that God chose you to be the one to lead Bnei Yisrael in atoning for it. Because Aharon understands what it is to sin and to feel the guilt over it that he can ask forgiveness for the Jewish people. It was his faults and weakness that ultimately became his strength and led him to this position.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between Chukim and Mishpatim?
2. What are the signs of a kosher mammal?
3. Which four animals have only one sign of a kosher mammal?
4. How can we tell if a fish is kosher?

1. Mishpatim are laws from Hashem that make sense to us; Chukim are laws from Hashem that may not make any sense to us but we do them anyway.
2. The Torah tells us that the signs of a kosher mammal are that it chews its cud and has split hooves.
3. The rabbit, the rock badger, the camel, and the pig.
4. A kosher fish must have both fins and scales.

ANSWERS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 28th: Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Lecture by Rabbi Saul Berman: On Entering Into God's Time: The Multiple Forms of Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:30pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Masking optional if vaccinated, required if unvaccinated. Sponsored by **Karen Luchter-Stark** in memory of Dov Yitzhak ben Avraham (Edward Stark) z"l who was born on March 29, 1931.

Tuesday, March 29th: United Hatzalah Psychotrauma Workshop with Dr. Einat Kaufman of the United Hatzalah Psychotrauma Unit:

6:00pm-9:00pm. Location: Ballroom. Einat Kaufman Psy.D. is a managing member of the Psychotrauma Unit of United Hatzalah of Israel, specializing in grief and loss. She was part of a small delegation assisting in recovery efforts after Hurricane Harvey and The Tree of Life shooting. Einat joined an IsraeAID team in Liberia to help after Ebola, and has helped with disaster response in Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Kurdish areas in Turkey and most recently in Moldova. Light dinner and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Marcelle Farhi at MarcelleF@Israelrescue.org. Please note: limited spots available. Reservations are first come first serve.

Sunday, April 3rd: Lincoln Square Synagogue, Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, and Congregation Ohab Zedek join together for an UWS Spring Clothing Drive: 9:00am-1:00pm. Location: Shele Danishevsky Covlin Foyer. Gently used men's, women's clothing, shoes, linen, table cloths, towels, handbags, and hair accessories will be shipped to Israel and distributed to Israel's neediest, including recent immigrants from Ukraine, by an organization called Yad Leah. Nothing with holes, stains, tears, please. Please only donate clothing that you would feel comfortable handing to the recipients in person.

Sunday April 3rd: Jewish Heritage Night at the Garden: 7:00pm

Support relief efforts for Ukraine in honor of Jewish Heritage Night when the New York Rangers take on the Philadelphia Flyers! Lower Bowl tickets starting at \$160, includes game ticket and \$25 F&B credit. Upper Bowl tickets starting at \$110, includes game ticket and \$10 F&B credit. *\$10 from each ticket package will support UJA-Federation's Crisis Relief Fund to meet the urgent and mounting humanitarian needs in Ukraine. LSS is trying to form a group. If interested email youth@lss.org.

Shabbat, April 9th: Beginners Passover Luncheon: 12:30pm. Cost: \$25. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Sunday, April 10th: LSS Clergy on the Haggadah: Short Thoughts to Share at Your Seder" with Rabbi Shaul Robinson, Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty, Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty, Chazzan Yanky Lemmer, and Rabbinic Interns Efraim Tepler and Daniel Gottesman. 8:00pm. Via Zoom. Meeting ID: 827 0576 0130 Passcode: 736372 Dial In: 6468769923

Tuesday, April 12th: Israeli Book Club: 6:30pm. We read books written by Israeli authors and then discuss them. The next book is *Fanny and Gabriel* by Nava Semel. Their first date was arranged by a professional matchmaker. A deal, a pragmatic matter that had nothing to do with romance – that's how it all began. Not long after the engagement, Gabriel was sent to war in 1914. This love story, set against a backdrop of the major historical events of the twentieth century, is also the story of the era's biggest Jewish dilemma: the choice between the promise of life in America and a new Jewish state in Palestine. Book available from Amazon; the discussion will be led (in English) by Harel Fenigstein. To register, please see the electronic Echod.

Wednesday, April 27th: Lunch and Learn with Rabbanit Laurie Novick on "Judaism and Acculturation: U'vechukoteihem Lo Teleichu". 12:30pm

Location: Ballroom. Laurie Novick is Director and Head Writer of Deracheha, an online halachic education initiative under the auspices of Yeshivat Har Etzion. She has worked as a Yoetzet Halacha for over eighteen years, is a certified Yoatzot Halacha Fertility Counselors and Sharsheret Breast Cancer Educator, and taught at Nishmat for many years. Laurie has masters degrees in Talmud, in Bible, and in Jewish Education, and has done graduate work in Counseling. Lunch is complementary but please register in advance in the electronic Echod. Sponsorships welcome.

Shabbat, April 30th: Scholar in Residence Rabbi Yonatan Rosensweig on Judaism and Mental Health in partnership with Mizrahi World Movement and Israel360. See flyer for full SIR schedule. Rabbi Yoni Rosensweig is rabbi of the Netzach Menashe community in Beit Shemesh and is a teacher of Halacha, Gemara and Jewish thought. He previously served as Rosh Kollel of the Mizrahi community in Melbourne, Australia. Rav Yoni is today's leading voice in the field of mental health and halacha. He is the author of Nafshi B'She'eilati and the founder of Maaglei Nefesh, the Israel Institute for Mental Health and Halacha.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- Pesach 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>
- *Will Resume after Pesach* Shabbat in the City: How Halacha Responds to Modern Innovations in a Cosmopolitan World led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty:** 7:00pm-8:00pm. In person location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Meeting ID: 822 5613 5886 Passcode: 114608
- Beginners The Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum.** 7:30-8:30pm. This Monday only, hybrid workshop in person and via Zoom. For in person info email jlworkshop@yahoo.com. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Meeting ID: 852 4193 5346 Passcode: 226256

Tuesday:

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Haggadah Insights" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: Topic:** 11:00am-12:00pm Meeting ID: 241022510. Passcode: 983323. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- Journey through Nach: Sefer Yehoshua at LSS led by Rabbinic Intern Daniel Gottesman.** 1:45pm-2:45pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 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:

- Personalities from the Haggadah in Rabbinic Literature led by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty** 12:00pm-1:00pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- 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>

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer:** 11:30am-12:30pm. Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533
- *Time Change* Redemption and Rejuvenation: Pre-Pesach series by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:** 7:45pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888 Passcode: 226974. In person Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. *Sponsored by Anna and Mark Freilich in memory of Anna's father Naftali ben Yaakov z"l.*

*Dial in code for all meetings hosted by LSS is 646-876-9923

SPRING CLEANING

By now you must have heard all about our amazing "V'ahavta L'reyecha Kamocha" themed Mishloach Manot. Pick yours up Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 5:00 to enjoy some delicious Pre-Pesach snacks! If you need to pick up after office hours contact us and we will arrange for your package to be left with security. If you know of anyone who is homebound but would like to receive their Mishloach Manot please email us at info@lss.org. Pick up deadline: Thursday, March 31

LSS is Spring cleaning! Lost & Found items will be left out this Shabbat on a table outside the office. Please look through it to claim your missing treasure. All remaining items will be donated or disposed of next week. Happy Hunting!

LSS BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

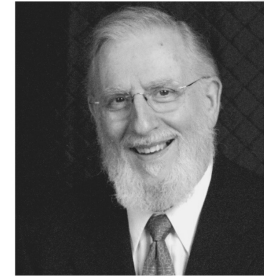
Women if you have never had a Bat Mitzvah or haven't read from the Torah, sign up now at LSSbatmitzvah@gmail.com. Read only 3-4 sentences and we will help you do it with recordings and mentors. Do not wait, sign up now!

CHESED OPPORTUNITY

The horrific humanitarian crisis in Ukraine continues to unfold. We have all seen the images of the bombing of civilian targets, the columns of refugees desperately seeking to escape, and the fierce resistance to the Russian invaders. There are about 200,000 Jews caught up in this tragedy and who need our help. Please consider making a generous contribution to either the UJA special appeal or to the Joint Distribution Committee to help our brothers and sisters. Please see our electronic Echod for donation links.

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Monday March 28th

7:30 pm

Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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DVAR TORAH

Parshat Parah Shmini
March 26, 2022
By Fred Ehrman

Under Whose Authority?
דברי הרב דודרי תלמיד דברי מי שומעים
Kiddushin 42B

The two first Parshiot in Leviticus, Vayikra and Tzav, are totally instructive; they outline each of the *Korbanot* that are to be taught to Aharon and his sons and how they are to conduct the Avodah, the service of the sacrifices brought on the altar. The Rebbe/ teacher is *Hashem* and the *talmid*/student is Moshe, who is the acting *Kohen Gadol*. No fewer than **ten times** do we see the new procedures introduced by these or similar words **"וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: "** "Hashem spoke to Moshe saying:" Nothing is left to discretion; all are laid out explicitly by Hashem for this momentous day of the inauguration of the Mishkan.

However, Parsha Shemini begins with the following:

"וַיְהִי בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי קָרָא מֹשֶׁה לְאַהֲרֹן וּלְבָנָיו וּלְקַהֲלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל"

"And on the eighth day Moshe called Aharon and his sons and the elders of Israel," (Exodus 9:1) and is followed by the *Korbanot* brought on this special day.

Vayikra and Tzav are the dress rehearsals, the seven days of *Miluim*, leading up to the inauguration for the big day. The eighth day, Rosh Chodesh Nissan is the first and special day the Mishkan and the newly inaugurated Kohanim finally begin their everlasting roles.

Questions:

- Why does Parshat Shemini not begin with the same or similar words on the day everyone has been preparing for?

"Hashem spoke to Moshe saying:"

"וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: ".... (על אחת כמה וכמה)?

- Where do we find Hashem instructing Moshe to bring the particular *Korbanot* which follow?

Spoiler alert — all that follows here are my own suggestions to deal with these questions, and all are based on hints in the text itself.

For the very first time when the *Mizbeach*, the Altar is being inaugurated, Moshe tells Aharon, his sons and the elders to bring an *eigel*, a calf, for a *Chatas*, and a ram for an *Olah*; and for the people, a *sa'ir*, a he-goat, for a *Chatas*, and an *eigel* and a sheep for *Olot*. But nowhere do we read that Moshe was instructed by Hashem to do this! We also never find the word *eigel* used in connection with any other bovine *Korban*; it is always a ben *bakar*, a *shor* or a *par*, a bull. (An *eigel* is the youngest, a ben *bakar* is a young bull, and a *par* or *shor* are fully grown [See Mishna Parah 1:1 and 2]). The only two places we find an *eigel* as an object of worship in the last four books of the Torah are here and with the *Eigel Hazahav*, the Golden Calf. **This is a significant clue.**

With the flow of the previous Parshiot as explained above, the Torah should have explicitly written that "Hashem spoke to Moshe saying:" but it doesn't. Nothing in the Torah happens by chance or inadvertently. Each letter and *tag* (the "crown" or decoration over some of the Hebrew letters in the Torah) is intentional. What could be the reason?

I could not find anyone asking the question why the Parsha doesn't begin as it apparently should have. The Ramban does point out that we do not find where Moshe was explicitly given his instructions.

I would therefore suggest that Moshe gave these instructions on his own initiative! However, that presents another problem. There is a Gemara in Shabbat 87A that there were only three instances where Moshe took actions without instruction and Hashem was agreeable to

the actions (one being the breaking of the *Luchot*). Since our case was not listed, it follows that if we are correct that Moshe did this on his own initiative that Hashem did not approve of Moshe's action. Hints of this are the first words in the Parsha, **"וַיְהִי בַּיּוֹם "** "And it was on the (eighth) day..." which we see in TB Megilla 10B are ominous words which portend a day of grief and sadness on a day that should have been totally joyful. In our case, the death of Aharon's two eldest sons, Nadav and Avihu follows. How do we explain Moshe's action?

I would like to suggest the following. The incident of the *Eigel Hazahav* took place 10 months before this day. Moshe wanted to give Aharon an opportunity for atonement, so the inaugural *Korban* was appropriately an *eigel* for a *Chatas*, or so he thought.

I am suggesting that Moshe initiated his instructions to Aharon and his sons to bring an *eigel* for a *Chatas*, as Chazal tell us, for *Chait HaEigel*, the sin of the Golden Calf. The goat for the people, also a *Chatas*, was for the sin of selling Yosef and using a goat's blood to deceive their father. The *eigel* they brought was for their part in the *Chait HaEigel*. Moshe, having been taught the laws of the inadvertent sinner and the *Korban Chatas*, felt that in initiating the Altar, it would be most appropriate for Aharon and the people to bring the animal that reflected their own sins.

Moshe then says, "This is the thing Hashem has commanded you to do" (9:6). Moshe assumed, as he had been taught earlier, that the *Korban Chatas* would cover a past sin even if it was not given explicitly! Moshe thought that the first *Korban* to initiate the Mishkan should be Aharon's *eigel*, and that of the people, a goat and a calf, and that Hashem would certainly approve on this great day of joy of the Chanukat HaMishkan, and that it was included under the *Chatas* offering that he was taught in the previous period. That seems not to be the case.

In addition, the Torah tells us that Nadav and Avihu died because of bringing an "an alien fire **He had not commanded them**" —

אש זרה אשר לא צוה אותם. The word לא has a *Mayrcha Kefula*, a pausal cantillation found only five times in the Torah, signifying the severity of brothers' action. Nadav and Avihu saw Moshe instructing on which *Korbanot* to bring **without explicit instructions** and they followed suit. I think this tells us the importance of not improvising when you are doing *Avodat Hashem*, the ritualistic service in the Sanctuary.

The absence of the key phrase **"וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: "** "Hashem spoke to Moshe saying:" at the beginning of Parshat Shemini, is the **סוד** the hidden meaning that brings on all that follows.

May we all continue in the paths laid out for us in the Torah and our traditions when that is what is required, but also not lose spontaneity when those special moments allow for them (e.g., saying Hallel on Yom Haatzmaut). The historically momentous occasion of the inauguration of the Mishkan was not one of those moments. That special day needed to follow the words of the Master and not those of the student:

דברי הרב ולא דברי התלמיד.

Not doing so resulted in tragic consequences.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Shabbat Pesach 4/16 and 4/23, Acharei Mot 4/30, & Kedoshim 5/7
For more information, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

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