

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
- [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, February 14 — Monday, February 15 @ 8:30am
Tuesday, February 16— Friday, February 19 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:
Sunday, February 14 — Wednesday, February 17 @ 5:20pm
Thursday, February 18 @ 5:25pm

HAKARAT HATOV

Rabbi Charlie Savenor for writing this week's Dvar Torah

MAZAL TOV

Rabbi Jonah and Fran Kupietzky on their 65th wedding anniversary to be celebrated this coming week on February 16, 2021.

Ariella Dagi and Jason Schnier on the birth of a baby boy.

Judy and Joel Schreiber on the engagement of their grandson, Yoseph, to Tzippy Suss. Mazal Tov to parents Tobi and Avromie Fein and Zahava and Chaim Suss.

ALL THINGS PURIM

LSS is thrilled to offer the opportunity to send Mishloach Manot to members of the shul. Through your participation, your friends and neighbors will receive a beautiful gift basket all while helping to support the shul in the process.

Order yours today! \$10 per family (6 family minimum, \$60), \$370 (maximum cost)

To sign up, please visit: <https://www.lss.org/campaign/purim2021>

Deadline to order: February 19th, 11:59pm.

Purim Events:

Sunday, February 21: Youth Department Purim Chagigah: 1:00-3:00pm
Spira Terrace (Outdoors) Celebrations may look different right now but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate Purim together! Join us on our Spira Family Terrace for some safe, socially distant fun! Aracdes, Purim crafts, and to go snacks! Disposable plastic gloves will be readily available to use at each station. Masks required.

Sponsorships encouraged
E: youth@lss.org Children (ages 3-13) : \$5 Adults: \$10 PP
To Sign up, please visit: <https://www.lss.org/event/purimsponsors2021>

Thursday, February 25: Teen Purim Trivia: 9:00pm
On the night before Purim, we will be holding a 20 question trivia on the LSS Instagram account. You must be following LSS on Instagram to be eligible for the prize.

Sign up for Purim Minyan: For signup link please see online echod. It would be very helpful if you would signup as early as possible, so we know in advance how many additional services to add. Schedules subject to change.

Beginners: Maariv and Megillah Reading at 6:14pm in the Beit Midrash. To register visit the Beginners website

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Night:
Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:45pm (link in electronic Echod)
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:09pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 5:15pm Location: Ballroom
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 5:28pm
Repeat Shema: after 5:59pm

Shabbat:
Hashkama Minyan: 7:45am
Location: The Spira Family Terrace (weather/temperature permitting).
Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom
Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (pre-registration required)
Latest Shema: 9:30am
Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (Due to private event on the Spira Family Terrace, this Minyan will be held in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)
Latest Shacharit: 10:24am
Tots on the Terrace: 11:30 (This Shabbat it will take place in the ballroom)
Mincha at 5:05pm followed by a shiur
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 5:29pm
Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:11pm
Zoom Havdalah: 6:45pm (link in electronic Echod)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 14: Spanbock Memorial Lecture: 7:00pm Preserving One's Health in the COVID-19 Era וְנִשְׁמְרֵתָם מֵאֵד לְנִפְשֵׁיכֶם Join us for our sixteenth annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Memorial Lecture in Jewish Ethics. Guest speaker: Rabbi Aaron Glatt, MD. *Meeting ID: 962 2767 1581 Passcode: 587532*

Wednesday, February 17: Membership meeting: 8:00pm
Meeting ID: 997 9777 6513 Passcode: 178082

Sunday, February 21: The New Middle East: 5:00pm. Professor Howard Stoffer will offer his insights on the new outlook for this region in light of the Biden administration. Prof. Stoffer teaches national security and political science at the University of New Haven. He has worked for the United Nations Security Council and was previously an American diplomat in the U.S. State Department. The program is co-sponsored by the United Congregations for Israel of which LSS is a member. Link to follow.

Sunday, February 21: Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Chodesh Adar Shiur: 8:00pm: Led by Mindy Schwartz Zolty Topic: "And Mordechai Did Not Bow": Personal, Pious, or Proud? *Sponsored by Golda Hudes in memory of her mother, Sara Fizitskaya a"h, daughter of Yakov & Simcha, and wife of Aaron Yohanan Chaim. Meeting ID: 957 5535 0573 Passcode: 974471*

Wednesday, February 24: Israel Book Club: 7:00pm We will read and discuss the book "The Orchard" by Israeli author Yochi Brandes. The novel centers around Rabbi Akiva and his tremendous contribution to the survival of Judaism after the destruction of the Second Temple. See the online Echod for links to purchase the book and to register for the discussion. which be lead (in English) by Harel Fenigstein; you can email him with any questions at harelf@jafi.org

Monday, March 1 and Monday, March 8: Mental Health Series: 6:00-7:00pm
Lincoln Square Synagogue and The Jewish Board are proud to present two very important and timely discussions. Join Rabbi Huttel as he explores the effects of isolation, loneliness, and how to find hope and resiliency. Join Rabbi Herscher as she shares insights into how to understand grief and ways to help those grieving
Meeting ID: 999 2421 1892

KITCHEN 2 KITCHEN

This week, we continuing with Kitchen2Kitchen, a collaborative project by the Manhattan synagogues to promote our neighborhoods' kosher restaurants. For this week we are featuring **Sushi Tokyo**, which offers some of the best and freshest kosher sushi in New York. PLEASE NOTE- this week's offer is valid ONLY FOR MONDAY FEB 15th.

SPECIAL OFFER FROM Sushi Tokyo
Receive free delivery to the Upper west side and a free order of Edamame on all orders over \$25 on Monday 2/15 only
Orders must be received before 4:00 pm on Monday evening,
Contact the restaurant on Sunday or Monday to place the order.
By phone: 212-633-4330

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Parshat Mishpatim covers many laws. There are three kinds of mitzvot: mishpatim, aidot, and chukim.

Mishpatim are logical laws that we can make sense of and many mishpatim are related to monetary matters. For example, the parsha begins by describing how much is owed in damages, if one person's cow gores another person's cow.

Aidot are testimonials. For example, Shabbat is a testimonial that Hashem created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Pesach is a testimonial that Hashem took the Jewish people out of Egypt.

Chukim are mitzvot which are not logical and do not have an explanation. For example, we are forbidden from wearing wool and linen sewn together in the same garment. Or consider the laws of Kashrut—why did Hashem make a cow kosher but a pig non-kosher? We don't know, but we follow these rules because Hashem commanded them.

Even though mishpatim are logical, we should still have the same mindset in doing them as we do for the chukim—not because the mishpatim make sense, but because they are Hashem's commandments. If people rely on logic only, they may end up picking and choosing which mitzvot to follow based on which make sense to them. We should make our best effort to follow all mitzvot because they are Hashem's commandments.

Questions:

1. What are mishpatim?
2. What are aidot?
3. What are chukim?
4. If my ox gores your ox, how much do I owe you?

Answers:
1. Logical Laws
2. Testimonial Laws
3. Mystical Laws with no explanation
4. It depends. If this was the first time my ox committed such an act, I owe 50% of the cost of damages. However, if my ox has done this before to someone else, I owe 100%.

YOUTH EVENTS

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

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CHESED OPPORTUNITIES

HARRY NEEDS A KIDNEY DONOR: Harry Stricker, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend is in need of a kidney. With every passing minute the gift of a kidney for Harry becomes more urgent. The rewards of this gift is the GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING. It is not a win/lose... but a win/win. If you can save one life, you save the world. Please share this flyer with friends, relatives and co-workers. The more people who hear of the need, the more likely we are likely to find a donor (Flyer in online Echod) To see if you are a match please email CSTEINMETZ@RENEWAL.ORG

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.

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):

- ***New Class* What Hath G-d Wrought? Scientific Progress in Jewish Thought** led by Tzvi Benoff: 8:30pm. Topic: Edward Jenner and Adam 1: The Mandate for 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*

Monday:

- **Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein:** 7:00pm-8:15pm. In this class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) to Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. *Meeting ID: 853 8744 3723 Password: 180613*
- ***Resumes 02/22/21* 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. 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. Sponsored by Alice and Jacob Klein in memory of the upcoming yahrzeits of Jacob's beloved father, Yonah Klein z"l and beloved uncle, Benyamin Yumi Berkovits z"l.*

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.
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 8:00pm. *Meeting ID: 811 662 074*
- ***Canceled this week* 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.*

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.*

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LSS Spotlight & Share:

Meet our Business Manager, Devora Movtady!

1. Where are you from? New York
2. What did you want to be when you grew up? A Nutritionist
3. If you had a superpower, what would it be? Object manipulation
4. Best part of your job? Meeting new people
5. Fun fact about yourself ?I love the snow!
6. What's the best professional advice you've ever gotten? Be patient
7. What's your favorite Jewish holiday? Chanukah

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

DVAR TORAH

Rosh Chodesh Adar/Parshat Mishpatim/Parshat Shekalim
February 12-13
By: Rabbi Charlie Savenor

This week's Torah portion, Mishpatim, begins: "VeElah Hamishpatim Asher Tasim Leefnayhem," "And these are the laws that you [Moses] will set before them." In this seemingly straightforward verse, Moses is informed of his responsibility to teach the Children of Israel how to organize their community around the G-d's law.

Yet taking another look at the verse, we notice an extraneous letter, namely the very first one, the vav. The verse begins with the word "And."

Why would the Torah begin this portion with the word, "And?" Don't we learn in grade school that we are not supposed to begin a sentence with a conjunction?

The presence of this extra vav does not go unnoticed by our traditional commentators. Rashi explains that this seemingly superfluous vav connects these laws to what immediately precedes them, namely the Ten Commandments given at Sinai. In his eyes, this extra vav serves as the lynchpin for grounding our faith not only in ritual observance and spiritual practice, but also in our civil interactions with one another. According to our Jewish tradition, civil law is sacred because it too is commanded by G-d.

The Midrash asserts that every single letter – along with the crowns and dots around them - in the Torah has a sacred purpose. The literal translation of the word "vav" is hook. Living up to its name, the "vav" constitutes the quintessential connector.

Being connected is a core 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 gathering. We become more than the sum of our parts when we combine our intentions towards Hashem and harness our efforts for the sake of one another.

The power of connection informs our American identities as well. The night that the Revolutionary War broke out, two riders were sent to spread the word. Yet we only remember one of them. We know of

Paul Revere's success because he was the ultimate connector. Through his communal involvement, Revere knew which doors to knock upon, and that made all the difference.

This week on Shabbat Shekalim, we recall how the Jewish people would make a half shekel contribution to the Temple each year. The donation was used not only to help keep up the Temple, but also to count the people. Everyone gave the same amount, so the leaders would count the coins to calculate the census.

Of all of the amounts, why a half shekel? One interpretation is that an individual standing alone is not complete. With this in mind, we only become whole when we are connected to family, friends, and community.

Metaphorically speaking, we are all half shekels waiting to be connected to one another. Connection – even over Zoom - makes life more meaningful. Further, a sense of shared purpose and destiny serves as a link to those who have come before us and to those who will follow us one day. The power of connecting is demonstrated in how we greet others as well as by taking the time to hear their story and affirm the G-d-given potential residing in each of us.

When we experience this kind of connection, we can truly appreciate the deeper message of the vav that launches this week's Torah portion. This single letter not just connects one chapter to another, but also invites us to link our individual and communal stories together for all time.

Shabbat Shalom

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available are:
Tetzaveh (Shushan Purim) (2/27), Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol (3/27),
Shabbat Pesach (4/3)
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*

SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

Columbia University students are offering assistance with scheduling appointments for the Covid-19 vaccine. They understand that for many individuals eligible for the vaccination, the use of technology required to register for an appointment can be daunting. By being paired with young, tech-savvy students, the registration process will become a lot easier. They are also offering to help take community members to their appointments. Please reach out if you are interested. Please email: smb2321@columbia.edu



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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