

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

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 vaccinated adults and children. Anyone (2 years and older) who is unvaccinated, whether adult or child, must be fully masked, with the mask covering the wearer's mouth and nose, at all times while indoors at LSS. In addition, 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. We thank you in advance!

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:
5:25pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
5:30pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat;
 Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.
 Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 Following Maariv, Neirot Shabbat Shiur and Kiddush.
 Guest speaker Rabbi Avrohom Leventhal executive director of Lema'an Achai on "The Power of Smart Chessed"
 Location: Shele Danishevsky Covlin Foyer
5:43pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha
6:14pm 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.
 Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Cholent/Kugel Kiddush in the Ballroom (vaccinated only).
9:21am Latest Shema
9:30am Beginners Service led by Dr. Leonard Davidman;
 Location: Ballroom. Beginners Kiddush to follow.
No Terrace Minyan this week
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan;
 Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
10:00am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms
10:17am Latest Shacharit
3:35pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;
 Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
4:40pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 Topic: Discussion of This Week's Haftara.
5:15pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom (vaccinated only).
 Guest Speaker: Rabbi Avrohom Leventhal
5:44pm Sunset: daven Mincha
6:26pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
6:38pm Zoom Havdalah (link in Electronic Echod)
7:45pm Upheaval: The Journey of Menachem Begin; Location: Ballroom

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Hashkama Kiddush: Nathan Aaron Rosen in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, Emanuel Abraham Rosen, z"l on 1 Adar II and grandfather, Haim Solomon Rosen z"l on 12 Adar I.

Main Kiddush (cholent/kugel):
 Jeff Berger & Audrey Ehrmann, Michael Doppelt, Lavi Family, Ilana and Bernie Kabak, Amnon Malul, Rande Price, Puterman Family, Rabbi Charlie Savenor & Julie Walpert, Paris & Harry Stulbach in honor of Lori, Stu, and Josh Kolinsky as they embark on their exciting new chapter in Riverdale. The Upper West Side will miss them very much. Hopefully there are Jets fans further up the Hudson.

Beginners Kiddush: This week's Beginners Kiddush is sponsored in loving memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani, z"l and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Seudah Shlishit: Available to be sponsored.

To sponsor a Neirot Shabbat or Kiddush please email info@lss.org.

WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION

Shacharit:
 Sunday, February 27 @ 8:30am
 Monday, February 28— Wednesday, March 2 @ 7:30am
 Thursday, March 3, Rosh Chodesh Adar II & Friday, March 4 @ 7:20am

Mincha/Maariv:
 Sunday, February 27— Wednesday, March 2, Rosh Chodesh Adar II @ 5:35pm
 Thursday, March 3 @ 5:40pm

NEIROT SHABBAT

Following Maariv on Friday night, February 25, join us for a shiur given by Rabbi Avrohom Leventhal on "The Power of Smart Chessed" followed by a kiddush. If you are interested in sponsoring, please email info@lss.org.

Rabbi Avrohom Leventhal is the Executive Director of Lema'an Achai, one of the most innovative and successful chessed organizations in all of Israel. Prior to his Aliyah in 2005, Rabbi Leventhal was a senior instructor at the Talmudical Academy of Baltimore and a director of the Ahavas Yisrael Charity Fund. Since making Aliyah, Rabbi Leventhal has been involved in many aspects of communal affairs including rabbinic leadership, municipal politics and national initiatives against poverty. As the developer and senior mentor of Smart Chessed, Rabbi Leventhal is sought out internationally for his innovative and incisive approach for poverty interventions. Having presented throughout North America and Europe, Rabbi Leventhal is considered the leading figure on implementing the Smart Chessed philosophy. Rabbi Leventhal and his family reside in Ramat Beit Shemesh.

GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SHABBAT

Shabbat, March 5 after Musaf: Eli Kay z"l was a young man, born in South Africa who made aliya and served in the IDF. In November last year, as he was walking to work as a tour guide at the Kotel, he was murdered in a terror attack. We will hear from Eli's brother, Kasriel and his sister-in-law, Shani. They will speak about Eli's legacy and what making aliya and serving in the IDF meant to him. They will also speak about "The Base", an organization that has helped thousands of lone soldiers - like Eli - from all over the world.

MAZAL TOV

Dr. Robert Riemer on the celebration of his 97th year young birthday.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tamar Holoshitz and Michael Tanenbaum

HAKARAT HATOV


Sherry Herring
 for offering their delicious herring and appetizers at the main kiddush.

ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Adar Sheini will be on Thursday morning at 51 minutes and 17 chalakim after 3:00am.
 Rosh Chodesh Adar Shenii will be on Thursday and Friday.

PURIM MISHLOACH MANOT 2022

3 weeks until 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! Visit www.lss.org.
 Deadline to order: Friday, March 11th by noon.



PURIM SCHEDULE 2022

To view the Purim 2022 schedule please visit www.lss.org

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 explaining to your child our policy that unvaccinated children age 2 and over must wear masks at all times indoors. Please be sure to send your unvaccinated child to shul with a mask and remind him/her of the importance of consistently keeping a mask on during groups.

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

This Sunday, February 27th: UWS Snow Tubing Trip:

See details and register at www.wsisny.org

Motzei Shabbat, March 5th: Tzedakah Basketball Tournament: 7:00pm.

Location: Manhattan Day School. Make sure to sign up with your teams and start raising money for Tzedakah.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/wfVwT8pWv8noVhd98>

Sunday, March 6th: UWS Ski Trip: See details and register at

www.wsisny.org

Sunday, March 13th: Purim Carnival: 12:30-3:00pm

Location: Ballroom. Join us for a fun Purim celebration with carnival games, bounce houses, yummy food and so much more.

Register at: www.lss.org/event/Purimcarnival2022

Sponsorships available

Sunday March 20th: Babies & Me: 10:30am-12:00pm.

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. We will be singing and dancing the morning away. Registration link coming soon.

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. Registration link coming soon.

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

By - Romy Sanger

לא תבערו אש בכל מושבותיכם ביום השבת

"Do not ignite fire in any of your dwellings on Shabbat." (Ex. 35:3)

Parshat Vayakel focuses on Shabbat and the Mishkan. While speaking about Shabbat, the Torah specifically mentions to not ignite any fire. However we know there are 39 melachot that are forbidden on Shabbat, not just the issur of igniting a fire.

Why is fire explicitly mentioned? Furthermore, why does it say "your dwellings"? Why is it limiting the prohibition of starting fires to our dwellings? We know that lighting fire on Shabbat is forbidden no matter what.

Fire, which is harnessed by humans, shows power over nature. Fire is essential in burning coals, fueling energy and natural gasses. It enables us to use our intelligence to control the world around us.

When we refrain from working on Shabbat, we declare that Hashem is the sole Creator of the world:

כי ששת ימים עשה ה' את השמים ואת הארץ וביום השביעי שבת וינפש

But what about human creations, like inventions of science and technology? Maybe they are not God's creation directly, rather humans creation through the means of Hashem, and therefore we wouldn't need to stop doing them on Shabbat?

The prohibition to not light fire on Shabbat tells us exactly the opposite. Our progress in science and technology is not "ours," but is part of Hashem's creation. The heavenly design and creation of the world embraces everything including our human advances and inventions, which are best symbolized by the use of fire. That's the תורה not lighting fire - our creation is actually Hashem's creation.

This can explain why the Torah said לא תבערו אש בכל מושבותיכם. The Torah teaches us that even in cities, which we build and develop, we should always remember that our progress and advancements are part of Hashem's creation. No matter if its our dwellings or anywhere else, on Shabbat it is our time to stop using technology, science or whatever it might be and truly recognize that it is Hashem who is in charge.

QUESTIONS

1. What does Vayahkel mean?
2. What had to happen before the construction of the Mishkan began?
3. Who was in charge of crafting the Mishkan?

1. "Assemble": Moshe assembled the Jewish people together to give them the commandments of Shabbat and building the Mishkan.
2. Hashem had to forgive Bnei Yisrael for the Egel Hazahav before they could start.
3. Betzalel

ANSWERS

LLOYD EPSTEIN TORAH MITZION KOLLEL

Beginning in fall 2022, we will be joined by two post-army Israeli yeshiva students who will, under the supervision of Rabbi Robinson, Rabbi Zolty and Rabbanit Schwartz Zolty, teach Torah to LSS members in small classes and one-on-one, will engage with members of LSS of all ages, and will inspire our Israel programming. These young men will live near LSS and will be part of our community, hopefully developing friendships with LSS members.

Our dear, departed past president Lloyd Epstein z"l played a major part in the previous version of this Kollel, by hosting, mentoring and learning with the Kollel students, in the process also forming for himself and Judy lasting, lifetime relationships with many of them. We cannot think of a better way to commemorate Lloyd's memory than to name this Kollel in his honor and as his lasting legacy to LSS.

Thanks to a challenge grant from the Applebaum Foundation, under the guidance of its Board members Jim Kaufman and Michael Doppelt, a grant has been secured for half of the funds for this initiative, but additional funding is still needed. Please contact kollel@lss.org for more information and to contribute.

PICK UP SOME SHERRY HERRING THIS SHABBAT AT THE MAIN KIDDUSH

Introducing Sherry Herring - your new eatery on the Upper West Side!

Founded in Tel-Aviv in 2010 by Sherry Ansky. Ansky is a food celebrity in Israel, where she has written six cookbooks and, for over two decades, wrote the food column for the Maariv newspaper.

Sherry Herring is famous for its gourmet sandwiches and homemade appetizers.

Sherry Herring's bestseller is the Matjes Sandwich. Even those who aren't normally fans of herring may find it hard not to be taken by Ansky's herring sandwich. It is a carefully constructed work consisting of a fresh baguette, sliced in half and slathered with sour cream and French butter, seasoned with hot pepper, seeds, and juice from a tomato, onions, and scallions, and finished off with brined herring.

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WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- **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>
- **Shabbat 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
- **Beginners The Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.** Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Topic: Shabbat - The Friday Night Experience. Click here to join. Meeting ID: 852 4193 5346 Passcode: 226256

Tuesday:

- **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 Passcode: 983323. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- **Lunch and Learn Series led by Rabbi Saul Berman: Tefillah: On Speaking to and Hearing from God. 12:00-1:30pm.** This will be part of a six week series. Lunch in the Shele Danishevsky Covlin Foyer followed by class in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. All attendees must be vaccinated and wear masks. Attendees are asked to please wear masks in between eating as well. *Sponsored by Bina Presser in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her grandmother Bracha Presser bat Alexander Zisha and Chaya a"n.*
- **Journey through Nach: Sefer Yehoshua at LSS led by Rabbinic Intern Daniel Gottesman. 1:45pm-2:45pm.** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- **Beginners Introduction to the Bible: The 10 Commandments with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30-8:00pm.** 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. Co-sponsored by NJOP. 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:

- **Personalities 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>
- **Modern and/or Orthodox - Some History led by Paul Shaviv: 8:00pm.** Meeting ID: 867 9891 8125 Passcode: 396651

Thursday:

- ***Canceled next week* 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 Passcode: 226974. In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash. *Sponsored by Mildred Goldczer in memory of her mother Yochevet Bat Malka.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS MOTZEI SHABBAT, February 26th: Upheaval Film: 7:45 pm.

Location: Ballroom. A documentary film about the incredible life story of the former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Post screening discussion with Phil Rosen, executive producer, Avi Shilon, professor and author, and Rachel Greenberg, producer and researcher. Cost: in advance: \$10 members, \$15 non-members; at the door: \$20. Register at: <https://www.lss.org/event/Upheaval>

THIS SUNDAY February 27th:

- **LSS Blood Drive for New York Blood Center: 8:00am-12:30pm.** Location: Ballroom. New York Blood Center relies upon 1500 volunteer blood donors per day. We're encouraging folks to give blood and/or help amplify the message on the need for blood in our community. Saving a life takes just an hour of your time. You can visit nybc.org to learn more. Use this link to schedule your donation: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/301982
- **Women's Tefillah Group Shiur: Chodesh Adar I: 8:00pm.** Title: Miriam: Sister, Prophet, Leader. Meeting ID: 842 1273 9437 Passcode: 364504

Monday, February 28th: Halachic Shmita in Modern Times: 12:00pm.

This year (5782) is a shmita year. Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; but in the seventh you shall let it rest and lie fallow. Let the needy among your people eat of it, and what they leave let the wild beasts eat. You shall do the same with your vineyards and your olive groves. Please join this live from Israel program with Rabbi Oren Duvdevani, Head of Tzohar's Kashrut Department on how this Biblical mitzvah is observed in modern Israel. A graduate of Yeshivat Har Etzion, Rabbi Duvdevani is a certified rabbi from the Israeli Rabbinate and received his Ph.D. from Bar Ilan University. He is an internationally-respected expert in matters pertaining to kashrut certification. Meeting ID: 861 7190 2296 Passcode: 442812

Friday, March 4th: Shabbat Across America: 6:45pm. Featuring the remarkable Wu Family, who will be presenting on the topic, "A Chinese Family's Journey to Orthodox Judaism." \$50 per adult and \$30 for 12 and under. Shabbat Across America is open only to those who are fully vaccinated (5+). Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Sponsorships welcome.

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

Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Please register by Wednesday, March 2nd. Open only to those who are fully vaccinated (age 5+).

Sunday, March 6th: Siyum Masechet Chagiga Seder Moed and Fred Ehrman's Siyum Hashas Gemara: Shacharit at 8:30am followed by a Festive Seudah. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. If you are participating in Daf Yomi, please email renee@lss.org for the RSVP link.

Monday, March 7th: Beginners Schmooze: 8:15-9:30pm via Zoom.

Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.

Friday, March 11th: Friday night dinner following Maariv. With guest speaker Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld. Topic: A Stiff-Necked People: The Ethics of Jewish Resilience. Location: Ballroom. Cost: \$75 members; \$85 for non-members; \$30 for kids. Sponsorship opportunities available. Register at: <https://www.lss.org/event/friday-night-dinner.html>

Shabbat, March 12th: 17th Annual Spanbock Lecture in Jewish Ethics.

Following Musaf. Speaker: Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld Topic: A Tale of Two Roosters: How to Understand Other People. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Sunday, March 13th: Guest Lecture with Professor Aviad Hacohen:

10:30am. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Topic: From 'Juden Shtetl' (Jewish village) to 'Juden Staat' (Jewish State) - Israel as Jewish and Democratic State: Between Theory and Practice

Tuesday, March 15: Israeli Book Club: 7:00pm In this series of monthly meetings, we read books written by Israeli authors and then discuss them. The next book is *My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner: A Family Memoir* by Meir Shalev. A tale of family, pioneers and countryside living, this is a fun, easygoing book from one of Israel's favorite authors. The discussion will be led by Harel Fenigstein. Book is available for purchase on Amazon.

Wednesday, March 16th: Beginners Purim Bash. Maariv and Megilla Reading at 7:35pm and Purim party at 8:50pm. Cost \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Open only to those who are fully vaccinated (age 5+).

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Shekalim Vayakhel/Shabbat Mevarchim
By Janine Sherr

Wisdom of the Heart

In this week's parasha, the Children of Israel enthusiastically donate the materials for the construction of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) and its vessels, and the artisans, chief among them Bezalel and his partner Oholiav, begin their holy work.

The Torah calls the artisans entrusted with this sacred task חכמי לב (chochmai lev) What is the meaning of this beautiful phrase, which can be translated as "wise-hearted," and why is this specific trait so essential for those men and women involved in the building of the Mishkan? Indeed, this unique expression appears seven times in this parasha. Otherwise, it appears only twice in the entire Torah in the earlier parashiot describing the design of the clothing of the kohanim and in the selection of Bezalel and Ohaliav.

When Bezalel is designated by G-d to oversee the building of the Mishkan, the verse states that "I have filled him with G-dly spirit, with wisdom, insight, knowledge and with every craft" (31:3). G-d Himself is the source of this special wisdom granted to those constructing the Mishkan. The Kli Yakar, R. Shlomo Ephraim Luntschitz, adds that G-d's spirit was filtered through Moses to the artisans.

The Netziv (R. Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin), in his commentary Ha' Emak Davar, wonders about the combination of the two words חכם (wise) and לב (heart), for doesn't wisdom reside in the brain, not the heart? He resolves this issue by saying that this expression refers to "ראשית חכמה יראת ה", as expressed in the verse, "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord." (Psalms 111:10). Thus, those involved in the construction of the Mishkan needed, first and foremost, to be G-d-fearing. But the Netziv also adds a further dimension to their G-d-given wisdom: these artisans needed to have the confidence, a special intuition, that they could succeed in the design of the Mishkan without having any professional training in the art of weaving, stone-cutting or wood carving, and the crafting of vessels from gold, silver, and copper.

Rabbanit Sharon Rimon (etzion.org.il, Parashat Vayakhel, 2016) highlights the commentaries of R. Samson Raphael Hirsch and of the Ramban to explain the unique attributes of the לב. According to Rav Hirsch, Bezalel needed to possess the spiritual powers of "wisdom, insight, and knowledge" because the building of the Mishkan and its vessels was not simply a grand architectural project. Each of the holy objects contained deep hidden meanings and symbolism. The artisans needed to keep these ideas close to their hearts when immersed in their holy work. Thus, the לב חכם possessed two special talents: the first was the ability to grasp the inner spiritual dimension of these holy objects, and the second was the skill to express these lofty spiritual ideas in the concrete vessels he designed or the yarn that she spun.

The Ramban goes even further and quotes the rabbinic teaching that Bezalel possessed a special wisdom to "combine the letters in which the world was created." The building of the Mishkan was a great work of the spirit like the creation of the world itself. There are indeed many parallels between the construction of the Mishkan and the creation of the world expressed in the very language the Torah uses to describe both acts of creation.

Based on the above approaches, Rabbanit Sharon Rimon explains that the joining of the word לב (heart) to חכמה (wisdom) emphasizes a special type of wisdom. The wisdom required for the construction of the Mishkan was not an ordinary skill that could be acquired intellectually but an inner wisdom of the heart derived from the artisan's special connection with G-d. On the one hand, the individual

tried to grasp the inner spiritual meaning and on the other hand, G-d filled him or her with a special spirit in order to achieve such understanding. According to the sages (Brachot 55a), Moses gave Bezalel his name, which means "in G-d's shadow." Filled with divine wisdom, Bezalel and his fellow artisans strove to understand the deep meanings of the Mishkan and create holy vessels that could convey this spirituality.

People are endowed with a range of talents and skills in various areas—intellectual, artistic, musical, athletic—that enable them to succeed in their endeavors. We might think that our achievements are merely the result of our efforts and determination. But if we are "wise-hearted," we will recognize our talents as G-d-given and try to use them to increase the light and holiness in G-d's world.

My mother, Rochelle Muller, a"ח, רחל חיה בת אברהם יעקב וחנוך, Rochel Chaya bat Avrohom Yaakov V'Chana) possessed, among other talents, a rare understanding of people and often shared her deep and meaningful insights about life with those close to her. Such wisdom of the heart was surely a gift from G-d. I miss her very much and remember her with love on her fifteenth yahrzeit.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:

Shemini 3/26, Tazria/Shabbat HaChodesh 4/2 &
Shabbat Pesach 4/16 and 4/23

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

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!

CHAZZAN SCHEDULE

For an updated schedule please visit our website at www.lss.org/chazzan

CHESED OPPORTUNITY

An individual with close ties to our community, Dr. Howard Abramowitz, is in need of a kidney transplant. This is a true "pikuach nefesh" urgent situation. Anyone interested in learning more about kidney donation or to test to see if you are a match to help Howard, should please email Renewal at RN24443@renewal.org. Renewal is a reputable and admirable organization that is dedicated to helping people in need of kidney transplants.

We wish Dr. Abramowitz a complete and speedy refuah shlema!

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The office is open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday's.



In case of a bereavement, please call our
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Echod by e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org or

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