

Senior Rabbi Assistant Rabbi

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25 Sivan 5781 Yanky Lemmer Tamar Fix June 4-5 2021 Morey Wildes

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ANNUAL DINNER

Sunday, June 13th at 5:30pm

Have you signed up for the dinner yet? Only a limited amount of seats left!

Read more about our honorees on the next page and register at

www.lss.org

MINYAN INFORMATION

There is no sign up for weekday services (shabbat services require sign up). Non-members must sign in at the door.

Shacharit:

Sunday, June 6 @ 8:30am

Monday, June 7 — Friday, June 11 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, June 6 — Thursday, June 10 @ 8:15pm

MAZAL TOV

Great Grandparents, **Gale and Steven Spira** on the birth of a girl, Ariya Devora (Rory Gertrude), born to their grandchildren, Max and Tali Ottensoser. Mazal Tov to grandparents Jennifer and David Ottensoser.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES

Gabe Buller SAR High School, and Rachel Buller SAR Academy,

Matthew Burnett Cornell University,

Nathan Blum SAR High School,

Tovah Blank Stern College,

Jake Brzowsky Princeton University,

Natalia Emanuel Harvard University,

Sarah Abigail Emmerich NYU law school,

Aden Fischer-Brown Vassar College,

Erin Freilich Fordham University-Gabelli School of Business,

Shane Gordon MDS,

Raena Greenbaum University of Pennsylvania,

Elliot Greenbaum Greenwich HS,

Hannah Hudes Binghamton University,

Gabe Kabak Tulane Law School,

Chai Katz Ramaz High School,

Isabelle Sarah Kish SAR High School,

Rachel Tamar Lubitz University of Maryland,

Harry Meister high school graduation,

Ariella Mero SAR High School, and Sarah Mero Manhattan Day School,

Rebecca Mero Manhattan Day School,

Jonathan Ossip Brandeis University,

Daniel Riemer Texas High School,

Meira Papier Ma'ayanot, Tzvi Papier He"Atid,

Maya Puterman SAR Academy,

Rachel Schwartz Georgetown Law School,

Rachel Sheinwexler Daemen College Graduate School,

Abie Sussman Yeshivat Shalavim High School,

Charlotte Liel Uretsky Pre-1 Gindi Miamonides Academy,

Meira Wagner Touro College, and Simcha Wagner Clark University,

Alexander Wildes Yeshiva University,

Simon Wildes Yeshiva University High School for Boys,

Shlomo Yellin TABC High School, and Rivka Yellin Ma'ayanot High

MOLAD

The Molad for Rosh Chodesh Yammuz will be on Thursday morning at 16 minutes and 8 chalakim after 9:00am. Rosh Chodesh Tammuz will be on Thursday and Friday.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Chazzan Yanky Lemmer will be leading Davening Friday evening and Shabbat morning at the 9:00am service in the Sanctuary.

Friday night:

Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:50pm

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm (link in electronic Echod)

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 7:00pm

Location: Sanctuary

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 8:05pm Sunset: daven Mincha by: 8:23pm Repeat Shema: after 8:54pm

Shabbat:

Hashkama Minyan: 7:45am Location: The Spira Family Terrace

(weather/temperature permitting).

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:00am Location: Sanctuary. Prayer services followed by a hot kiddush on the terrace in celebration of our graduates.

Latest Shema: 9:08am

Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

(pre-registration required)

Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (Location: Spira Family Terrace)

Latest Shacharit: 10:24am

Shabbat Groups: 10:00am (This week it will take place in the

Ballroom)

Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the

Belfer Beit Midrash: 6:05pm

Louis and Rhoda Lazar Shabbat afternoon shiur: 7:05pm Location: Sanctuary

Mincha: 7:50pm Location: Sanctuary followed by seudah shlishit

Location: Terrace

Sunset, daven Mincha by, 8:24pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 9:07pm

Zoom Havdalah: 9:25pm (link in electronic Echod)

HAKARAT HATOV

Rabbi Charles Savenor for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

HAKARAT HATOV TO OUR GRADUATION KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Summa Cum Laude':

Donated anonymously in honor of Rabbi Robinson, Mendel and Ariella Lazaros, Tamar Fix and everyone at LLS for seeing us through the pandemic and enabling the kiddish to take place.

<u>Dean's List:</u>

Aviva and Marvin Sussman

Joy and Morey Wildes.

Nachat:

Eva Blank,

Sara Brzowsky,

Sharona and Gideon Gordon,

Rachel Neumark and Jonathan Herlands,

Golda Hudes,

Ilana and Bernard Kabak,

Susan Ungar Mero and Steven Mero,

And Mark Hus and Shirley Stark.

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

When Bnei Yisrael left Egypt, the trip to Eretz Yisrael should have taken days. How did they end up wandering in the desert for forty years? The answer is found in this week's Parshat *Sh'lach*. Moshe sent representatives from each of the twelve tribes into Israel to scout out the land. When the scouts returned, they came back with conflicting stories. Yehoshua and Caleb gave positive reports of lush fruits and ease of entry, but the other ten representatives terrified *Bnei Yisrael* with stories of frightening giants who inhabited enormous fortresses. The people panicked and re-evaluated their faith, asking Moshe why he brought them to the desert to be wiped out by giants. For their lack of faith in Hashem, *Bnei Yisrael* consequently wandered the desert for forty years. Had the scouts encouraged *Bnei Yisrael* and reinforced their *emunah* (faith), they would have easily entered straight to Israel.

What can we learn from this story? The twelve scouts who went to Israel were men of great influence and leaders in their tribes. Sometimes in life, we are in a position of influence presented with the chance to lead through example. We should take every opportunity to rise to the occasion and exceed the expectations.

YOUTH GROUPS

Shabbat Groups: 10:00am (Ballroom) Masks must be worn at all

ANNUAL DINNER: SUNDAY, JUNE 13 @5:30PM

Mazal Tov to this year's honorees!

Rabbi Josh & Chani Rosenfeld, Guests of Honor

Alan Axelrod, Keter Torah Award

Adam Herbst and Shanna Kowalsky-Herbst , Young Leadership Award

Please visit our website homepage or the electronic Echod links.

The Covid-19 pandemic seems to have shaken the world to its core. Pirke Avot, The Ethics of the Fathers, stands as a corrective, telling us that the world stands solidly on three pillars: Torah, Worship, and Acts of Loving-kindness. Had Simon the Just, who penned those words, reached across the millennia to hand-pick representatives of those three pillars, he could not have found more inspired choices than this year's Lincoln Square Synagogue Annual Dinner honorees: Chani and Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld, Alan Axelrod,

and Shanna Kowalsky-Herbst and Adam Herbst.

Chani and Rabbi Rosenfeld interlace brilliant Torah insight with their personal qualities of charisma and warmheartedness to make every class and encounter with them an enriching and memorable experience.

Alan Axelrod, a master of the intricacies of our synagogue's marquee worship services on Shabbat and yom tov as Chief Gabbai, devotes no less energy to assuring that Lincoln Square Synagogue's weekday services are conducted with assured dignity.

Shanna and Adam Herbst, who have long devoted their professional lives and their own free time to the welfare of our city and the Jewish community, have astonishingly done even more during the year of the pandemic: caring for sick children and answering the call of those in need of food, mental health, and educational services.

We hope you will join the community in a show of gratitude to our honorees by attending the Annual Dinner, either in person or virtually, on Sunday, June 13.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lori and David Kaufthal

KIDDUSH: ON THE TERRACE

<u>Main Hot Kidddush</u>: See sponsors on first page <u>Seudah-Shlishit:</u> Sponsors welcome.

Attendees must be pre-registered for minyan to attend kiddush.

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.

Sunday:

- Sunday Morning Responsa with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 9:45am. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785 Password (if necessary): mds1234
- Rambam's Introduction to Mishnah: The Evolution and Eternity of Torah with Tzvi Benoff: 8:30pm. Topic: Hidden Truths: An Aggadic Test-Case. *Meeting ID: 465-268-1403 Password: shiur*

Monday

- Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein Chadashot (News from Israel): 7:00pm-8:15pm. This class covers news and feature stories from Israel; we discuss recent events, 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 primarily in Hebrew, this is the class for you. The class is taught by Harel Fenigstein, the Jewish Agency shaliach (emissary) for the UWS. Meeting ID: 853 8744 3723 Password: 180613
- Talmud Class with Rabbi Robinson: 8:30pm— 9:30pm 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.
- Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer: 8:00pm. *Meeting ID: 974 8108 9782 Password:389511*
- The World of Middot with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 8:00pm-8:45pm
 A special series for Sefirat HaOmer focusing on character development and refinement, utilizing Jewish wisdom from Tanach to Kabbalah to contemporary sources. Meeting ID: 827 823 0785 (no password needed)

Wednesday:

• Chug Ivrit - Safa Ivrit (Hebrew Language) led by Harel Fenigstein: 7:00pm-8:15pm The emphasis in this class is on improving the students' knowledge of the Hebrew language. It features explanations of Hebrew words, roots of words (i.e.,shorashim), and idiomatic expressions. There are also news items and feature stories. It is taught at a slightly lower level of Hebrew than Monday's class, and includes more English translations, 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 (emissary) for the UWS. Meeting ID: 853 8744 3723 (Password: 180613)

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: 6:30-7:30pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888
- Parashat HaShavua led by Rabbi. Moshe Sokolow: 8:15pm. Meeting ID: 846 701 6968.

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Sh'lach / Shabbat Mevarchim June 4-5 Rabbi Charles Savenor

After recruiting twelve spies from every tribe to scout out the land of Canaan, Moshe instructs them to bring back an assessment not only of their new home, but also how best to conquer it. Sadly, this pivotal story in this week's Torah portion, Shelach Lecha, tells us more about the Israelites than the land they seek to inhabit.

The nation imagines that the final steps of their long road home will commence as soon as the spies return from their secret sacred mission. This moment constitutes as much a covenantal homecoming dating back to Abraham as the culmination of a quest for freedom born in Egypt with miracles, signs, and wonders.

The spies, however, return from the land of milk and honey flowing with conflicting reports. Ten of them share tall tales of giants who cannot be beaten, thereby infecting the people with their own low self-perception that calls into question not just their ability to succeed, but also the entire Exodus enterprise.

Two spies, Joshua and Caleb, assure the people that God's promise still stands true. The text reads: "Caleb silenced the people before Moshe and said, 'We shall surely ascend and conquer it [the Land], for we can surely do it." (Number 13:30) It is important to note that Caleb does not refute the daunting challenges of the other spies' report. Rather, he encourages the Israelites to look inside themselves, to look towards Hashem, and to believe that Hashem would fulfill their shared covenant.

Sforno, the 16th century Italian sage, understands Caleb's confident proclamation to apply not just to Hashem's power, but also to the potential inside of the people. Speaking in Caleb's voice, he writes: "For as soon as we shall ascend in that direction, the Canaanites will flee from us seeing that these inhabitants of Canaan have already a defeatist attitude toward us." Caleb's most important report focuses on the people and how they are perceived, if only they embrace this remarkable moment and their own momentum.

Despite the encouraging words of these two brave souls, mass hysteria breaks out in the Israelite camp. The ten spies' report paralyzes the nation and reveals to God that this generation is not capable of conquering the land and, equally important, their own demons. In a crushing moment of despair, God decrees that entry into the Promised Land will be delayed forty years when their children will hopefully be ready.

This tragic episode motivates us to ponder, what does "ready" mean?

Does readiness entail wisdom, experience, maturity, perspective, patience, urgency, or courage? While our ancestors had decades to contemplate how to move forward, Anne Frank offers this advice: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Like Moses and the Israelites, Anne Frank could only gaze onto the world in which she yearned to live, and yet she understood that when the opportunity for betterment arrives, we must always be ready regardless of whether we feel as such.

This week, the Children of Israel have the chance to enter the Promised Land but are held back by their fears and the feelings that they are not ready and, perhaps, not enough. During challenging times throughout Jewish history and even today, the words of Caleb serve as a reminder that, with faith in Hashem and our ourselves, we are ready and more than enough: "We can surely do it."

Shabbat Shalom!

BEGINNERS EVENT

Save the date! Great news, the Beginners Luncheon is back. The first and last Beginners Luncheon of 5781 will be held on Saturday, June 26th. The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners.or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Wednesday, June 23rd. Special meal requests must be submitted no later than Tuesday, June 22nd. The Beginners luncheon is only open to those who are fully vaccinated.



DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:

Netzavim (9/4) and Vayelech (9/11)

If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at <u>dvar@lss.org</u>.

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

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