

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Welcome to Lincoln Square Synagogue! In order to continue to keep each other safe and healthy, and to comply with New York City and State regulations, LSS requires that everyone (children and adults) wear a face mask, covering the wearer's mouth and nose, at all times in all areas indoors of LSS. In addition, we request that attendees be sensitive to the comfort and safety concerns of others at shul by respecting any social distancing desires of others. We thank you in advance!

WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION

Shacharit:
Sunday, February 6 @ 8:30am
Monday, February 7— Friday, February 11 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:
Sunday, February 6— Tuesday, February 8 @ 5:10pm
Wednesday, February 9 & Thursday, February 10 @ 5:15pm


SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:
4:59pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
5:05pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat;
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Following Maariv, Neiroi Shabbat Kiddush and Shiur by Dr. Stephen Glicksman.
Topic: The Psychology of Free Will in the Book of Esther
5:17pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha
5:48pm 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. Drasha following Musaf by Dr. Stephen Glicksman. Topic: Inclusion vs. Chesed. Main Kiddush on the Spira Family Terrace.
9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;
Location: Ballroom. Beginners Kiddush to follow.
9:35am Latest Shema
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan;
Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
10:00am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms
10:27am Latest Shacharit
12:30pm Beginners Luncheon. Vaccinated individuals only;
Location: Ballroom
3:15pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;
Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
4:15pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Topic: Discussion of This Week's Haftara.
4:50pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom. Guest Speaker Dr. Stephen Glicksman. Topic: Addressing Community Crises: Perspectives from a Frum Psychologist
5:19pm Sunset: daven Mincha
6:01pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
6:11pm Zoom Havdalah (link in Electronic Echod)

GUEST SPEAKER THIS SHABBAT

Stephen Glicksman, Ph.D., is a licensed Developmental Psychologist and Director of Clinical Innovation at Makor Disability Services (formerly Women's League Community Residences), a life-span social services organization meeting the needs of children and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families. He is also an adjunct associate professor at Yeshiva College and the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology of Yeshiva University, as well as founder and director of the Makor College Experience Program, a partnership program of Makor and YU providing the YU Experience for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities on the Wilf Campus.



In addition to his Makor and YU related activities, Dr. Glicksman serves as the Consultant Psychologist for the School for Children with Hidden Intelligence (SCHI) in Lakewood, New Jersey and has a private practice in Teaneck, New Jersey. Dr. Glicksman has presented on a variety of developmental topics at numerous professional conferences and parent meetings, and his research has been published in both national and international scientific journals and periodicals.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Generous contributions from the Fund.

Main Kiddush: **Howard Hoffen** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, Marvin Jerome Hoffen.

Beginners Kiddush: **Mandy Pan** in honor of the Beginners Service.

Seudah Shlishit: **Vivien Eisenmann** in memory of Gabbai Rishon z"l and Gabbai Chevra Kadisha Muk Eisenmann z"l, Ha'chaver Levi ben Ha'chaver Shmuel Ha'levi, 1936-2022.

Would you like to sponsor a kiddush or Neiroi Shabbat for future weeks?
Email info@lss.org.

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents **Margy-Ruth and Perry Davis** on the engagement of their grand-daughter, Tiferet Nickerson to Avi Lekowsky. Mazal Tov also to Margy-Ruth and Perry's daughter, Rena Nickerson and to her husband, Yehuda Nickerson on the engagement of their daughter.

HOUSE UPDATE

We are thrilled to share some extraordinarily good news! Our dear friends **Robyn and Mark Tsesarsky** have made a gift to the Synagogue of \$5.5 Million. This gift will allow us to pay off our mortgage in its entirety, and the rest of the money will be used exclusively for building improvements and upgrades over the coming years. In recognition of this amazing generosity the Shul Building will now be known as **'The Tsesarsky Family Building'**.

Words cannot express our thanks to the Tsesarskys. These last two years have been a struggle for many of the things we hold dear. All religious institutions have faced considerable challenges in remaining open and vibrant. In New York City, especially in Manhattan these challenges have been particularly acute.

A gift of this size, given with such love and enthusiasm does more than secure our financial future. It is a vote of confidence in our Shul, an expression of belief that wonderful days are ahead for our community, and that, especially in these days, people who are able should support Synagogues as much as possible.

A tremendous thank you to the Tsesarsky family.

HAKARAT HATOV

A note from Vivien Eisenmann: Muk Eisenmann z"l
I would like to thank profusely **Rabbi Robinson as well as all my friends at LSS** who davened for my beloved husband, as well as all of you who have written to me notes and texts and e-mails after his petira. It is all very greatly appreciated.

In addition, I am humbled that LSS boasts the most incredible Chevra Kadisha team, who are totally devoted to chesed shel emet. I am so proud that it was Muk z"l, together with Dr. Roy Stern z"l, who is responsible for having created such a Chevra over half a century ago and that it is functioning today as need- ed for our Community. Marc and Esther join me in thanking you and wishing all of you a long and healthy life. I hope that you will join us for Seudah in memory of my beloved husband. This seudah will conclude our shloshim.

LSS sincerely thanks **Rabbi Robinson and Yitzy Rubin** for their tremendous efforts in bringing our exciting house update to fruition. Thank you also to **Morey Wildes, Jim Kaufman, and Mike Roxland** for their vital involvement.

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 sending your child to shul with a mask and reminding them of the importance of consistently keeping their masks 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 Motzei Shabbat, February 5th: Teen Dave & Buster's Night:

7:30pm: We will be meeting at Dave & Buster's. Tweens, teens and families with kids of all ages are welcome. Children age 10 & under must attend with a trusted parent or supervisor. Parents who join do not need to purchase a card (unless they want to join in the fun!). You will need to show proof of vaccination in order to enter Dave & Buster's. The cost is \$25 which includes unlimited video games in addition to regular chips.

Register at <https://www.wsisny.org/event/dave--busters.html>

Sunday, March 13th: Save the date for the Purim Carnival

Ballroom: more information to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 8th: Membership Meeting via Zoom. 8:00pm.

Meeting ID: 869 4537 0861 Passcode: 664007

Wednesday, February 16th: Road to Recovery: 12:00pm.

Road to Recovery is a nonprofit organization of thousands of Israeli volunteers, who drive Palestinians – mostly children – requiring medical treatment that are not available in their own communities from border crossings between Israel and the Palestinian Authority to hospitals in Israel.

The speakers will be Alona Abt, board member and volunteer and Yuval Roth, founder. To learn more about the organization, visit

<https://www.roadtorecovery.org.il/Site/en/EnIndex.html>

Meeting ID: 816 5494 7149 Passcode: 842627

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. There has been a chronic gap in blood donations since the start of the pandemic. Remote and blended learning has resulted in a 75% reduction in youth donations from high schools and colleges and remote work has also resulted in hundreds of organizations no longer able to host blood drives. At the same time, the need for blood from patients in our local hospitals has increased by 10-15% from pre-pandemic levels, from pent up demand for treatment and surgeries postponed during the pandemic. 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 nycb.org to learn more. Use this link to schedule your donation for February 27th:

https://donate.nycb.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/301982

Sunday, February 27th: Women's Tefillah Group Shiur: Chodesh Adar I:

8:00pm. Title: Miriam: Sister, Prophet, Leader. Meeting ID: 842 1273 9437 Passcode: 364504

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

By Romy Sanger

This week's Parsha opens with the commandment to build a Mikdash so that Hashem can dwell among us. "ונעשו לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם"

However this commandment raises a question that many mefarshim ask: why does Hashem need a dwelling place on earth? If we take a look at Melachim (מלכים א, ח, נ) at Shlomo Hamelech's tefilla after building the Beit Mikdash, we can sharpen up the question a bit:

1. How is it even possible for Hashem to dwell on the earth?
2. Even if Hashem is able to dwell on the earth, why restrict himself to a certain place?

In order to deal with the first question, first we must acknowledge that despite Hashem's greatness, he cares about us human beings, his shchinah is in the heavens and the earth. Just as R' Yochanan says in the Gemara of Megilla: 'In every place that you can find Hashem's greatness, you can find his humbleness'. However, after understanding this point in our minds, that Hashem cares about us humans, one still may have a hard time experiencing it, and may wonder whether Hashem really is interested in hearing about his troubles? At this time, he should think about the Neshama that he has inside him, that was given to him by Hashem, and he should realize that Hashem put part of himself inside us. That is how Hashem dwells in the earth, by dwelling inside us.

As to the second question, we first need to realize that man is made up of a Neshama and a body, which inevitably means that we are subject to time and place. The Mikdash is the meeting point, the place where we can feel and absorb Hashem's presence, (the time being the Chagim). This is very much needed for us because as humans, we see our lives as if they are split into two: Kodesh and Chol. It is our need to have a special holy time and place and this way, the meeting becomes a special event which requires a lot of Avodat Hamidot in order for us to be fully prepared for it. This experience couldn't have happened if we thought that Hashem is close to us at every time and place without us having to make any effort.

Shlomo Hamelech finishes his tefilla by asking Hashem to open his eyes towards the Beit Mikdash. At the Beit Mikdash we look towards Hashem, therefore in a tefilla for the Geula, the Navi Yeshaya prays "עין בעין יראו בשׁוּב" "that once again we will be able to look Hashem in the eye. B"H may we look at Hashem eye to eye at the Beit Hamikdash.

QUESTIONS

1. What was the purpose of the Mishkan?
2. What items were kept in the Kodesh Hakedoshim?
3. When Bnei Yisrael would finally settle, where would the Mishkan go?
4. Who built the Beit Hamikdash?

1. The Mishkan was the dwelling place for the shechina of Hashem.
2. Only the aron was kept here, inside the aron were the two sets of luchos.
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4. The mishkan would become the interior for the Beit Hamikdash.
5. King Shlomo

ANSWERS

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<https://www.lss.org/campaign/purim-mishloach-manot-orders-2022.html>

Deadline to order: Friday, March 11th by noon.



DVAR TORAH

Parshat Terumah
February 4-5, 2022
By Judy Sokolow

Although *parshanim* (biblical exegetes)—and we—generally focus on the commentary itself, understanding the methods that they used to construct their comments adds insight into the variety of philosophical approaches to the study of Jewish texts. From time to time, however, an exegete overtly explained his methodology, such as Rabbi Avraham Ibn Ezra (Spain, 1092-1167) in his comment on *atzei shitim* (acacia trees) (Shemot 25:5) in our parashah.

The text begins with a list of items that the Israelites were asked to donate for the construction of the Tabernacle, which included acacia wood. Amongst the many items that they were told to construct from those raw materials, were several from acacia wood including the walls, as we read: "You shall make the planks for the Tabernacle of acacia wood, upright (*atzei shitim omdim**). The length of each plank shall be ten cubits and the width of each plank a cubit and a half (26:15-16). (A cubit is approximately 18 inches).

Rashi asked: "Where would they find acacia trees in the desert?" In answer, he cited the Midrash Tanchuma: "Our Father Jacob foresaw by means of *ruach hakodesh* (the Holy Spirit) that Israel was destined to build the Tabernacle in the wilderness; so, he brought cedars to Egypt, and he planted them and commanded his children to take them with them when they will go out of Egypt." (Cedars and acacia are related.)

Ibn Ezra was skeptical. Among his arguments, we read the following: "It is clear that the Egyptians thought that the Israelites were going to offer sacrifices and then return to Egypt. That is why the Egyptians lent the Israelites [gold and silver jewels plus raiment]. How could the Israelites take out many boards, each one of which was ten cubits? The boards were also accompanied by crossbars [that were even longer]. In Egypt they passed by the seat of the king [a main thoroughfare]. What was their answer to those who asked them why they were carrying acacia wood when they were going on a three-day journey to offer sacrifices?"

Next comes Ibn Ezra's statement about his methodology: "Now we do not know whether our ancestors had a tradition (*kabbalah*) that the Israelites took the acacia wood out of Egypt. If they did, then we will accept their tradition. However, if their statement is based on reasoning alone, then we must seek another explanation. We suggest that there was a forest of acacia trees next to Mount Sinai."

It would appear then that Ibn Ezra accepted *midrashic agadah* as factual if its provenance could be traced way back in time. If, however, a midrash agadah reflects speculation, as is the case here, it need not be taken literally. (Midrash halacha has tighter standards).

So if you are reading midrash agadah to learn history, you have the right to be skeptical. But, if you love the moral messages it conveys, harken and enjoy the wisdom of the rabbis as you understand it, as that is its ultimate purpose.

*These three words were popularized in a lively tune of unknown origin sung by Zionist *halutzim* (pioneers). Listen in at <https://www.zemereshet.co.il/m/song.asp?id=1115>

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Tetzaveh 2/12, Ki Tisa 2/19, Vayakhel 2/26 & Pekudei 3/5
If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

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.
- ***Cancelled this week* 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>
- ***Starting February 7th* 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

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. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- ***Starting February 15th* Lunch and Learn Series led by Rabbi Saul Berman: Tefillah: On Speaking to and Hearing from God. 12:15-1:30pm.** 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. Sponsorships for lunch welcome.
- ***Starting February 15th* 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:

- **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.** Topic: When did 'Modernity' begin for Jews?. Meeting ID: 867 9891 8125 Passcode: 396651

Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer:** 11:30am-12:30pm. Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533
- ***Online only* Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by TBD:** 7:00pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888

LSS OFFICE

The office is open on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays. In order to avoid peak travel times during this surge, office hours are 10:00am-4:00pm. If you would like to coordinate anything outside of those hours please email us at info@lss.org.

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

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Friday, February 4

- Friday Night Neiroi Shabbat Shiur after Maariv
The Psychology of Free Will in the Book of Esther

Shabbat, February 5

- Drasha after musaf in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary:
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