

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: rabbil@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 28 @ 8:30am
Monday, March 1 — Friday, March 5 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, February 28 — Tuesday, March 2 @ 5:35pm
Wednesday, March 3 — Thursday, March 4 @ 5:40pm

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Night:

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat **Canceled this week**
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:26pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 5:30pm Location: Ballroom
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 5:44pm
Repeat Shema: after 6:15pm

Shabbat:

Hashkama Minyan: 7:45am
Location: The Spira Family Terrace (weather/temperature permitting).
Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom
Latest Shema: 9:20am
Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (pre-registration required)
Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (Location: Spira Family Terrace)
Latest Shacharit: 10:16am
Tots on the Terrace: 11:30 (This Shabbat it will take place in the ballroom)
Mincha at 5:25pm followed by a shiur
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 5:45pm
Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:27pm
Zoom Havdalah: 6:55pm (link in electronic Echod)

MAZAL TOV

Great Grandparents **Judy and Joel Schreiber** on the birth of a baby girl to their grandchildren Jordan and Kiera Schreiber in Jerusalem.

HAKARAT HATOV

Amos Alter for writing this week's Dvar Torah

Sarah and Tehila Robinson for their Purim themed Facebook live baking event.

To Ari Dubinsky and Ian Silver for volunteering to work security at our Purim Chagigah.

To our amazing teens for volunteering at the Purim Chagigah;
Nadav Ackerman, Matthew Blitzer, , Ava Eden, Charlie Eden, Isabelle Kish, Charlie Nussbaum, Kara Nussbaum, Rande Price, Tova Robinson, Tehila Robinson, Andy Samuels, Benji Savenor, Jack Spira, Alexander Wildes, and Gabby Yohanoff.

To our generous Purim Chagigah sponsors; **Talia and Liron David, Adina and Marc Dolfman, Mushky and Dovid Efune, Bess and Sim Fern, Becky and Eitan Kimelman, Jackie and Jonathan Kotler, Sara and Zach Lebwhol, Dr. Susan Unger and Steven Mero, Avichai and Linda Rosen, Vivian Glueck and Henry Rosenberg, Allison and Yitzzy Rubin, Talia Kaplan and Benjamin Rubin, Pauline Glaser and Evan Sehgal, Shira and Avi Spira, Naomi and Gary Stein, Debra and Adam Verstandig.** Thank you also to all those that attended and supported this special event.

Jay Ziffer and the Mishloach Manot committee for putting together this years fantastic package.

To our Megillah Readers; **Avi Lavi, Jeff Neuman, Avery Neumark, Yoni Zolty, and Ari Klapholtz.**

Thank you to our Mishloach Manot hand out volunteers; **Susan Berlin, Ron Goldofsky, Ilana Ganz, Rachel Herlands, Ora Hamelsdorf, Barbara Klein, Sandy Kilstein and Jay Ziffer.**

Thank you to **Ronny Bassan** for her generous donation of masks for our Kehila.

ALL THINGS PURIM

Ta'anit Esther

Fast begins: 5:24am
Fast ends: 6:15pm

Purim Schedule now available on our homepage and in Electronic Echod

Sign up for a Purim Minyan
Zoom options available for select minyanim.
Links to zoom located on our website and in the electronic Echod.

Mishloach Manot Pick Up: (Lobby)

Thursday, February 25: 6:00– 9:30pm
Friday, 26: 7:30am-10:00am

Purim Events:

Thursday, February 25: Magen Avraham Teen Department: Teen Purim Trivia: 9:00pm

Join us for some trivia fun! On the night before Purim, we will be holding a 20 question trivia on our LSS Instagram account.
You must be following LSS on Instagram to be eligible for the prize.

CHAG PURIM SAMEACH!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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*

Wednesday, March 3: Israel Book Club: 7:00pm [Note new date!] 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. The discussion will be led (in English) by *Harel Fenigstein*; Please email him in advance to receive the link to the program: harel@jafi.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chloe Yinqing Zheng

Naomi Webberman

To look ahead to Pesach at LSS see back page of Echod

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Last week in Parshat Terumah, we discussed the mitzvot of building the Mishkan. This week's Parshat Tetzaveh discusses the garments the Kohen and Kohen Gadol wore while performing their duties. A Kohen wore four garments: pants, a checkered shirt, a hat, and a belt. The Kohen Gadol wore the same four garments plus an additional four: the Meheel, a special robe; an Ephod, an apron-like garment. On the Ephod, the Kohen Gadol wore the Choshen Mishpat, the breastplate of judgment. And on his forehead he wore the Tzitz, a special headband. What's missing from attire of the Kohen Gadol and the Kohen were shoes--both were barefoot. The Talmud says they had doctors because the Kohanim would get sick from walking barefoot on cold floors and from eating the meat from the Korbanot (sacrifices) all the time.

Inside the Choshen Mishpat was a parchment which contained G-d's secret special name of 72 letters. Before any major decision, an important member of the community would ask the Kohen Gadol for advice and the letters of the Choshen Mishpat would light up with the answer. However, during the time of the second Beit Hamikdash, they no longer had this special parchment with Hashem's name, but the Kohen still wore this special breastplate to perform his duties. The Choshen Mishpat had twelve stones, four rows of three, and each stone represented a different tribe of Israel.

Questions:

1. Which four garments did the Kohen wear?
2. Why did the Kohanim need a doctor?
3. How many letters did the secret name of Hashem have?
4. What did the 12 stones of the Choshen Mishpat represent?

1. Pants, a checkered shirt, a hat, and a belt
2. The Talmud says they walked barefoot on cold floors and ate a lot of meat.
3. 72
4. Each stone represented one of the 12 tribes of Israel

Answers:

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.

LSS SPOTLIGHT & SHARE

Ruth Riemer, LSS Member

Where are you from?

I was born in Chicago Illinois, moved to the Bronx when I was three years old then to the Upper West Side when I was six.

Favorite part of being a member at LSS?

As an only child and one who had 5 close family members murdered in Sobibor, and the remaining family scattered to Australia, Argentina, South Africa, and England, a large close family was the most enviable thing in the world. I walked into my first Shul at the age of 16 and found my family. LSS is my present extended family.

If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be and why?

Golda Meir to ask how an unknown school teacher from Milwaukee against all odds, achieved all that she did.

What was the best advice you've received?

From my husband, Bob: "If he, she, or they can do it so can you".

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Coffee ice cream with tons of hot fudge on the top!

Follow us on Instagram. 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

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):

- **What Hath G-d Wrought? Scientific Progress in Jewish Thought** led by Tzvi Benoff: 8:30pm. Topic: Should We Daven for Schrödinger's Cat? The Utility of 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
- **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. Topic: Thursday night Shabbat prep—tools of the trade. 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

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
- **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.

CHESED OPPORTUNITIES

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.

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Tetzaveh / Shushan Purim
February 26-27
By: Amos Alter

This year, we here celebrate Purim on Friday, while in Yerushalayim, they're celebrating their Purim – Shushan Purim – on Shabbat. There aren't many ways that Purim manifests itself on Shabbat; the most famous characteristic of Purim, the reading of the Megilla, took place on Friday in Yerushalayim, as it did everywhere else. One way, however, that one knows that Purim is on Shabbat in Yerushalayim is that the Torah Reading for Maftir there is VaYavo Amalek, which for us was the Torah reading on Friday (our Purim). We have no special Maftir reading today.

That Torah reading (for us on our Purim on Friday and in Yerushalayim on their Purim on Shabbat), recounts the attack by Amalek upon the Children of Israel in the desert. Just who was Amalek, and why did he come and attack the Children of Israel, shortly after the latter left Egypt on their way to the Promised Land? The text tells us very little, and, as is frequently the case with our sacred texts, we have to read between the lines a bit.

What we know from the text is the following: Elifaz, the first-born of Eisav (Gen. 36:10, 15), fathered Amalak via a concubine (id. v. 12). Elifaz had a number of other sons (id. v. 11), who also became clan progenitors, together with their cousins descended from Elifaz's brothers (id. v. 15-18). The clan of Amalek was to be found in the

mountains of Canaan during the time Israel was in the desert (Num. 13:29, 14:43, 14:45), a year or two after the attack at Refidim recorded in Purim's Torah reading.

Ramban picks up the story from there. When Eisav/Edom moved from Eretz Canaan to Seir, during the lifetime of Ya'akov, Amalek was prevented by the other clans of Edom from moving with them. By reason of his status as the son of a concubine, says Ramban (Gen. 36:7, s.v. VeAileh), they did not consider him one of the heirs of Eisav: "For this son of a concubine will not inherit with Eisav's sons." We can now pick up the story from Ramban, and imagine Amalek's reaction to Edom: "You divorce yourself from me, but I divorce myself from you! You are conceding to Ya'akov the land of Canaan, the sacred heritage of the Holy Forefathers, Avraham Avinu, Yitzhaq Avinu, and Eisav Avinu, but I am not! I will remain in this land, and eventually take it all over! I swear eternal enmity to Yisrael, the rival to Eisav for the inheritance of this Land!"

We can now understand both why Amalek was still in the land of Canaan and not in Seir, and why he made an unprovoked attack on Israel in the desert.

Shabbat Shalom and Shushan Purim Same'ach.

PESACH AT LSS

Shmura Matzah: Shmura Matzah \$27 per box deadline: Sunday, March 14 pickup will be Sunday March 21. Details to follow. Mask required and social distancing adhered to
<https://www.lss.org/form/shmura-matzah-2021.html>

Pesach Survey: As we look toward Pesach, we recognize how long this past year has felt, especially for the many who are burdened with the challenge of isolation and loneliness. We also recognize that, with the introduction of the vaccine, some members may feel comfortable to safely soften some boundaries. While we implore everyone to continue following CDC guidelines we are also exploring if there is interest in bringing our community together for one or more Pesach meals at LSS as safely as possible (catered only; no outside food will be permitted). Please answer the brief survey below to help us gather this information. *Survey link in online Echod.*

THE LEA SEGRE TOMCHEI SHABBOS FUND

It shouldn't take a miracle to make Shabbos. In this time of increasing food insecurity, if you, or someone you know, needs Shabbos meals, please reach out to **The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund** through the shul office. Contributions to the Fund are always welcome.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available are:
Shabbat Pesach (4/3). Shmini (4/10), Acharei Mot-Kedoshim (4/24), Emor (5/1)

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

SHABBAT SHALOM

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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