

NEW COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

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 adult) 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!

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:
4:20pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
4:25pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat; Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
4:38pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha
5:09pm 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. Main Kiddush on the Spira Family Terrace.
9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; Location: 3rd floor.
Beginners Kiddush to follow on the Spira Family Terrace.
9:30am Terrace Minyan; Location: Spira Family Terrace
9:39am Latest Shema
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
9:45am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms
10:26am Latest Shacharit
2:40pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
3:40pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Topic: Discussion of This Week's Haftara.
4:15pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Followed by Seudah Shlishit on The Spira Family Terrace
4:39pm Sunset: daven Mincha
5:22pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
5:32pm Zoom Havdalah (link in Electronic Echod)

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Generous contributions to the Fund.

Main Kiddush: Judy and Martin Braun in honor of all their grandchildren.

Beginners Kiddush: Yedidya Flaquer in honor of his son, Eliav Flaquer, who is turning 11 years old in Israel.

Seudah Shlishit: Golda Hudes in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of Dasha Rittenberg.

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

MAZAL TOV

Lisanne and Arthur Lubitz on the marriage of their daughter Rachel Lubitz to Matanya Loewenthal of Denver, Colorado. Mazal tov also to sister Gabrielle.

Raquel and Steve Herz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jack Benjamin Herz.

WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION

Shacharit:
Sunday, January 2 @ 8:30am
Monday, January 3—Friday, January 7 @ 7:30am
Mincha/Maariv:
Sunday, January 2— Wednesday, January 5 @ 4:30pm
Thursday, January 6 @ 4:35pm

ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on Monday 23 minutes and 15 chalakim after 2 AM. Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on Monday.

NEIROT SHABBAT MINI SHIUR AND KIDDUSH

Following Maariv on Friday night, January 7, join us for a shiur given by **Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty** followed by a hot kugel kiddush. If you are interested in sponsoring, please email info@lss.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 6th through Shabbat, January 8th: Scholar in Residence with Rav Ari Kahn, Rabbi of the Mishkan Etrog community in Givat Ze'ev and Director of the Overseas Students Program at Bar-Ilan University. See flyer for full schedule.

Sunday, January 9th: Women's Tefillah Group: Chodesh Shevat shiur: 8:00pm. Title: Redeemer of the Redeemer: Batyah the Daughter of Pharaoh Meeting ID: 876 7503 8328 Passcode: 337759

Shabbat, January 15th: Women's Tefillah Group: Shabbat Mincha: 4:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Sunday, January 16th: Women's Tefillah Group: Virtual Tu B' Shevat Celebration: 7:30pm. Meeting ID: 811 9018 2621 Passcode: 647237. Shop now and have ready: Wine or Grape juice: You will need both Red and white. Plate 1: At least one fruit that has a shell on the outside: e.g., pomegranates, almonds, walnuts, orange etc. Plate 2: At least one fruit that has no outer shell but has an inner pit we don't eat: e.g., olives, dates, cherries etc. Plate 3: At least one fruit that has no shell or big pit: e.g., grapes, figs, apples, pears etc.

Shabbat, January 22nd: Black Honey Film Screening: 8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
LSS Films is back! Black Honey which tells the story of the greatest Yiddish poet of modern time Avraham Sutskever. Sutskever led the Paper Brigade underground movement that saved Jewish manuscripts from the Nazis survived WWII due to Stalin sending him a private rescue plane, testified in the Nuremberg trials, and immigrated to Israel in 1947, where he led Yiddish culture, while continuing to write. The film is part of the award-winning Israeli television series, The Hebrews, produced and directed by Yair Qedar. The series documents Hebrew culture focusing on the life and work of major Hebrew literary figures of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Mr. Qedar will join us for a Q+A and to discuss the series. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Proof of vaccination and mask wearing required. Attendance capped at 70. Register at www.lss.org/event/lss-films-black-honey.html

If, due to a disability, you need an accommodation made or you need help registering for an event, please call (212)-874-6100.

Shabbat Shalom

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: three group leaders that worked on Shabbat, December 18, tested positive for Covid, and are, Baruch Hashem, doing well. They have completed their quarantine and are returning to groups this week.

Additionally, one group leader who was last in shul on Shabbat, December 25, has tested positive for Covid. The Youth leader who tested positive for Covid had tested negative on the Monday following that Shabbat but thereafter tested positive two days later. The group leader is in quarantine but is, Baruch Hashem, doing well. 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: 9:45am (Location: 2nd floor classrooms)

Youth Groups are back in full swing with davening, Torah, snacks & play.

Youth Directors: Romy and Avraham Sanger

Assistant Youth Director: Alexander Wildes

Sunday, January 9th: Babies & Brunch: 10:30am-12:00pm: Join us for a fun, child-centered and interactive morning with Sing with Julie!

There will be singing, guitar playing and creative movements!

This event is for parents and babies through preschool aged children.

Thank you to our sponsors to **Dr. & Mrs. David Lloyd Sherr**.

We are looking for sponsors for this event and future Babies & Brunch events. Please email youth@lss.org

Register at <https://www.lss.org/event/babies-and-brunch.html>.

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

By: Avraham Sanger

Rabbi Daniel Fine notes that when one reads the chapters about the slavery in Egypt, we notice a stark contrast between Shemos and Va'era. In Shemos the slavery begins whilst in Va'era the redemption from that slavery begins - seven of the ten plagues. Yet it is in Shemos that Moshe is chosen by Hashem and sent to Pharaoh. But despite Moshe's appointment in Shemos, things do not get any better for the Jewish People in Shemos - on the contrary, initially Moshe makes things worse. Pharaoh makes our work conditions harsher. Fascinatingly, as the Jews are about to experience the salvation of the plagues the slavery gets worse. This is not a one-off incident or coincidence: in Jewish thought challenge always precedes redemption. Night comes before day - the experience of darkness is central to experiencing the daybreak. Redemption must be preceded by exile. Galus and Geulah have the same root in Hebrew - they are intrinsically connected and part of one process.

This element of process and sequence is the source of true simcha. Simcha is a process, not just an experience. True simcha means living through Shemos and reaching Va'aro, Bo, and then Beshalach - true simcha means surviving the difficult times and seeing them through to really experience the euphoria of redemption.

QUESTIONS

1. How old were Moses and Aaron when they spoke to Pharaoh?
2. How many plagues are in this week Parsha?
3. What happened to the fish in the Nile when it turned to blood?
4. What was inside the hail that came down in plague?

1. 80 and 83
2. 7
3. They died
4. Fire

ANSWERS

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>

Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:** 10:30am-11:30am Meeting ID: 241022510. Dial In: 646 876 9923. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- **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. Topic: Yalta and The Authority of the Rabbinic Legal System
- **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>

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: 7:00pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888 In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash



DVAR TORAH

Parshat Vaera
January 1, 2022
Rabbi Charles E. Savenor

Cultivating Gratitude

With the Jewish people suffering in servitude, Moshe confronts Pharaoh and demands, "Shelach et Ami!" — "Let my people go!" These words commence a ten-round fight between Hashem and Pharaoh punctuated with plagues, intended to elicit a change of heart.

Hashem aims the first plague directly at the Nile River, whose waters are essential to Egypt's agricultural needs and sustenance. While Hashem commands Moshe to go down to the Nile River with his staff, Aaron is the one who will transform the water into blood.

One cannot help but be confused, because Moshe is most prominently associated with the Exodus as God's messenger. And yet, the text is clear; Hashem wants Aaron to actualize the miracle. This peculiar detail in our liberation story invites us to ask why Moshe does not actualize this first plague?

Noticing Aaron's role in the plagues, the commentator Ibn Ezra asserts that Aaron is involved with plagues emanating from the ground, while Moshe performs those from the heavens, thereby underscoring Moshe's higher position.

Rashi's approach takes into account Moshe's humble origins more than his prestigious destiny. Since the Nile protects Moshe when he is a baby, Hashem does not want him to harm the river. Thus, Moshe's holding back his staff constitutes an expression of gratitude.

Gratitude not only connects us to our past, but also represents a proven approach for paving the path to shared future. An attitude of gratitude can empower and inspire those around us to reach their potential.

In 2005 the day before his team, the New England Patriots, played in the Super Bowl, Deion Branch called every coach he ever played for to express his appreciation. "Win, lose or draw, you helped me get here, and I will never forget it," he told his teachers and mentors. The Patriots won that game, and Branch was named the MVP.

We make a powerful statement when we recognize the people, organizations, and institutions that help us become who we are today.

When Covid began in March 2020, every day at 7:00 pm, we cheered and rang our bells to say thanks to doctors, nurses, and front-line workers for their efforts to not just keep us safe, but to keep us together. Frequently, even now at 7:00 pm, I look out our window and wish our collective expression of gratitude had stayed with us. While the clapping may have ended, our community's need for Hakarat Hatov, recognizing the good, remains stronger than ever.

This week, Hashem teaches Moshe a timeless lesson in leadership, community building and relationships. Taking the time to say "thank you" never fails to lift one's spirits and perhaps even elicit a change of heart when the world needs it so desperately today.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Bo 1/8, Tetzaveh 2/12 & Ki Tasa 2/18
If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

LSS OFFICE

Due to the recent spike in COVID cases, the office will, for the time being, be working primarily remotely.
If you have any questions or concerns please email us at info@lss.org.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Countdown
Confetti
Midnight
Balloons

Celebration
Fireworks
January
Happy

New Year
Clock
Cheers
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Echod by e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org or

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Rav Ari Kahn

Rabbi of the Mishkan Etrog Community
Director of the Overseas Students Programs
at Bar-Ilan University

Shabbat of January 8th

Thursday January 6th 7:00pm

- Parsha and Pizza Shiur:
Emancipation from Mental Slavery

Friday January 7th

- Friday Night Neiroth Shabbat Shiur after Maariv
The Sabbatical Year and BDS- A View from Israel

Saturday January 8th

- Drasha after musaf in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
The "Wicked" Child In and Out of Context
- Seudah Shlishit
The Limits of the Elasticity of Elu V' Elu



Women's Tefillah Group Presents: *Chodesh Shevat Shiur* With Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty



Redeemer of the Redeemer: Batyah the Daughter of Pharaoh

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH
8:00PM**

Join via Zoom

Meeting ID: 876 7503 8328

Passcode: 337759

Men and women welcome

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Interactive, child centered entertainment through music and movement

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Sunday, January 9
10:30am-12:00pm

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Women's Tefillah Group Shabbat Mincha

**Shabbat
January 15th
4:00 pm**

Belfer Beit Midrash

