

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: rabbi@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 7 @ 8:30am

Monday, February 8— Friday, February 12 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, February 7 — Monday, February 8 @ 5:10pm

Tuesday, February 9 — Thursday, February 11 @ 5:15pm

HAKARAT HATOV

Perry Davis for writing this week's Dvar Torah

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Golda Hudes, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Golda's father-in-law, Avraham Itzhak ben Naftali Tzvi, z"l.

MAZAL TOV

Great Grandparents **David and Betty Roth** on the birth of a baby boy to their grandchildren Daniel and Ariela Raykher. Mazal Tov to Grandparents Daphna Roth and Gregory Raykher, Donna and Joey Hecht. Mazal Tov to Great Grandparents Malka Gad, Vera Hecht, Shunia and Esfir Raykher.

Grandparents **Marcy and Scott Zecher** on the birth of a baby boy to their children Rachel and Eitan Zecher. Mazal Tov to Uncle Josh, Aunt Michal Zecher and Uncle Ari Cices, Aunt Ilana Ben-Ezra and Uncle Mendy Zecher.

Grandparents **Nitza and Micah Bloomfield** on the birth of a boy to their children Ariella and Joel Hyman. Mazal Tov to Aunt Ela Uncle Doni baby cousin Amos and great grandmother Malka Berger.

ALL THINGS 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! \$10 per family (6 family minimum, \$60), \$370 (maximum cost)

To sign up, please visit: <https://www.lss.org/campaign/purim2021>

Deadline to order: February 19th, 11:59pm.

Purim Events:

Sunday, February 21: Youth Department Purim Chagigah: 1:00-3:00pm

Spira Terrace (Outdoors) Celebrations may look different right now but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate Purim together! Join us on our Spira Family Terrace for some safe, socially distant fun! Aracdes, Purim crafts, and to go snacks! Disposable plastic gloves will be readily available to use at each station. Masks required.

Sponsorships encouraged E: youth@lss.org Children (ages 3-13) : \$5

Adults: \$10 PP

To Sign up, please visit: <https://www.lss.org/event/purimsponsors2021>

MOLAD

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on Friday morning at 19 minutes and 4 chalakim after 6 AM. Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on Friday and Shabbat.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Chazzan Yanky Lemmer will be leading the services Friday night and at the 9am ballroom minyan this Shabbat.

Friday Night:

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:30pm (link in electronic Echod)

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:01pm

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 5:05pm Location: Ballroom

Sunset (daven Mincha by): 5:19pm

Repeat Shema: after 5:50pm

Shabbat:

Shabbat Morning Minyan at shul: 7:45am

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom

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

(pre-registration required)

Latest Shema: 9:34am

Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (weather permitting, if not it will be held in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)

Latest Shacharit: 10:26am

Mincha at 5:00pm followed by a shiur given by **Mindy Schwartz Zolty**, on:

"Kibbud Av V'Em: Who Do We Honor and Why?"

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 5:20pm

Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:02pm

Zoom Havdalah: 6:30pm (link in electronic Echod)

KITCHEN 2 KITCHEN

This week, we continuing with Kitchen2Kitchen, a collaborative project by the Manhattan synagogues to promote our neighborhoods' kosher restaurants. For this week (2/8-2/14) we are featuring **Kasbah Grill**. Since opening in Manhattan in 1985, Kasbah has been a mainstay of the Upper West Side, known for traditional American deli favorites as well as Middle Eastern specialties.

SPECIAL OFFER FROM Kasbah Grill

Get 6 sesame wings with fries for free on orders over \$22. Simply place the item in the cart online and at checkout insert the code "K2K" to receive this special offer Order at: <https://eat.9fold.me/index.html#/556>, and insert coupon code "K2K" to receive special.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 10: Board of Trustees & Governors Meeting: 8:00pm

Meeting ID: 967 2010 5848 Passcode: 570956

Sunday, February 14: Spanbock Memorial Lecture: 7:00pm Preserving One's Health in the COVID-19 Era וְנִשְׁמְרְתֶּם מֵאֵד לִנְפֹשְׁתֵיכֶם Join us for our sixteenth annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Memorial Lecture in Jewish Ethics. Guest speaker: Rabbi Aaron Glatt, MD. Meeting ID: 962 2767 1581 Passcode: 587532

Wednesday, February 17: Membership meeting: 8:00pm Meeting ID: 997 9777 6513 Passcode: 178082

Sunday, February 21: Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Chodesh Adar Shiur: 8:00pm: Led by Mindy Schwartz Zolty Topic: "And Mordechai Did Not Bow": Personal, Pious, or Proud? **Sponsored by Golda Hudes in memory of her mother, Sara Fizitskaya a"h, daughter of Yakov & Simcha, and wife of Aaron Yohanan Chaim.** Meeting ID: 957 5535 0573 Passcode: 974471

Wednesday, February 24: Israel Book Club: 7:00pm 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. See the online Echod for links to purchase the book and to register for the discussion. which be lead (in English) by Harel Fenigstein; you can email him with any questions at harelf@jafi.org

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

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Having heard how Moshe and Bnei Yisrael safely left Mitzrayim, Yitro goes out to meet them in the desert. Moshe tells Yitro firsthand how Hashem delivered Bnei Yisrael safely out of Egypt. Yitro notices the constant and ongoing line of people waiting to see and speak to Moshe, in order to consult about their different questions. Yitro does not think this is an effective way of managing Bnei Yisrael and recommends delegating some responsibilities to other trustworthy leaders.

Moshe picks judges to help filter down and resolve the issues within Bnei Yisrael. Finally, Bnei Yisrael arrives at Har Sinai. There, Hashem tells Moshe that if Bnei Yisrael follows His way, they will be a treasured nation filled with priests. The people of Israel are instructed to prepare to receive the Torah. When the moment comes, the mountain fills with smoke, thunder and lightning are bellowing, and the people are frightened. They ask Moshe to be the liaison between them and G-d, and for him to tell them the 10 Commandments from Hashem.

Questions:

1. Who is Yitro?
2. What advice does Yitro offer Moshe?
3. Which mountain was the Torah given on?
4. What are the Ten Commandments?

Answers:

1. Moshe's father in law
2. That he appoint judges to delegate issue resolution within Bnei Yisrael
3. Har Sinai
4. I am the Lord your G-d

You shall have no other gods except me
You shall not take G-d's name in vain
Remember Shabbat and keep it holy
Honor your father and mother
Do not murder
Do not commit adultery
Do not steal
Do not bear false witness
Do not covet your neighbor's things

YOUTH EVENTS

Tots on The Terrace: Masks must be worn at all times. 11:30-12:30. Every Shabbat.

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LSS Spotlight & Share:

This week, Meet our awesome Custodian, Lincoln Patrick!

1. Where are you from?
-Jamaica
2. What did you want to be when you grew up?
-Firefighter
3. If you had a superpower, what would it be?
-Speed or invisibility
4. Best part of your job?
-The people, both members and coworkers
5. Fun fact about yourself?
-I'm a really shy person at heart

If you are interested in being featured for an upcoming LSS Spotlight and Share 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.

Sunday:

- ***Canceled this week* 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. We learn by doing. The workshop is free. To register, please email JLworkshop@yahoo.com. Topic: Shabbat Day Meal experience.
- **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
- ***Canceled this week* 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.

Wednesday:

- **Jewish History with Paul Shaviv: Wandering Jews: Triumph and Tragedies: The rise and fall of six centers of Jewish life** 8:00pm. Topic: Germany—The City Of It All. Meeting ID: 916 6638 3728 Password: 362427

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

HARRY NEEDS A KIDNEY DONOR: Harry Stricker, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend is in need of a kidney. With every passing minute the gift of a kidney for Harry becomes more urgent. The rewards of this gift is the GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING. It is not a win/lose... but a win/win. If you can save one life, you save the world. Please share this flyer with friends, relatives and co-workers. The more people who hear of the need, the more likely we are likely to find a donor (Flyer in online Echod) To see if you are a match please email CSTEINMETZ@RENEWAL.ORG

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 Yitro / Shabbos Mevarchim
February 05-06
By: Perry Davis

What was Moses thinking? In a brilliant analysis of Moshe's interchange with Yitro at the beginning of our parsha, the late, great Rav Adin Steinsaltz z'tl, addresses an obvious question that is rarely asked. How could Moshe have sustained a one-man judicial/ administrative system with several million Jews beating down his door for personal advice and halachic rulings. (Several million because the 600,000 number we are familiar with only represents fighting-age men.)

Clearly those seeking counsel with their rav and teacher came with more than just the simple 'is this Arizona state kosher-sign reliable?' They came with family disputes of varying degree. As Rabbi Steinsaltz puts it in his distinct style of wry humor, "Life without quarrels is an impossibility, then as now. People will always find a way to fight with one another, even for no special reason."

To compound the question, Rav Steinsaltz points out that Moshe came to his job with a unique exposure and knowledge of a bureaucratic hierarchy. Raised in the court of Pharaoh, he had witnessed first-hand the intricate system of governance that maintained the tyrannical grip of the god king. Archaeological records reveal layers of officials and priests keeping the population in check and maintaining law, order and obedience. Thus, Moshe could easily have created the judicial system that Yitro suggested. Why did he need that nudge from his father-in-law?

It seems that the class and ranking systems were anathema to Moshe.

Egyptian society served as a negative reference for Moshe. To Moshe, all Jews were equal with a G-d-given right to approach G-d's servant Moshe with any inquiry or concern. No one should be relegated to a lower-level judge or rav. When Joshua wanted to shut down the open prophesying of Eldad and Meidad, Moshe responds "Would that all of G-d's people were prophets" (Num 11:29.) Egyptian society imposed a system of castes which instilled a sense of inferiority on the common citizen. Judaism would be — and is — different. We are a stiff-necked

people but at the same time, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people" (Deut. 4:6). Every Prime Minister of Israel jokes that he/she is saddled with a nation not of mere citizens but of millions of would-be prime ministers.

Clearly all people are not equal. But, here Steinsaltz adds his unique, more mystical perspective.

While Jews have varying levels of knowledge and personalities, their souls are all holy. They all come from G-d. Moshe could not assume that one soul was on a higher plane than another. No inquiring, yearning, thirsting Jewish soul should be turned away from G-d's messenger. As the rabbi puts it, "For Moses, every Jew should aspire to the highest level. Ideally, Moses believes, every member of Israel should receive the Torah directly from the Almighty, as perfectly as he himself received it."

But sadly, reality bites. Moshe had to succumb to Yitro's practical advice. Yet the lesson of the episode should inspire us. We should never refrain from questioning, exploring and challenging our teachers and rabbis. I know this from experience. Having been around since the days of Rabbi Riskin, the LSS community has never been shy about expressing our views about our rabbis. But I've often asked our rabbis what they think of the congregation. They give so much, what would they want in return? What would be most fulfilling? Invariably, they are not eager for any respite from interaction or to be given a pass on difficult issues. "We wish the kehila would interact more, reach out, ask questions of all kinds."

So, go ahead... ask.

Shabbat Shalom

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available are:

Mishpatim (Rosh Chodesh on Shabbat Shekalim) (2/13), Tetzaveh (Shushan Purim) (2/27), Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol (3/27), Shabbat Pesach (4/3)

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



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

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