

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, April 11 @ 8:30am
Monday, April 12 — Friday, April 16 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, April 11 — Tuesday, April 13 @ 7:20pm
Wednesday, April 14 & Thursday, April 15 @ 7:25pm

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents **Gloria & Richard Kestenbaum** on the birth of a baby boy, Rafael (Raffa) Blake Kestenbaum, born to their children Tamar and Aron Kestenbaum.

HAKARAT HATOV

Fred Ehrman for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Anton (Anshel) Weiss and Mrs. Esther Schnitzer-Weiss

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.

MOLAD

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Iyar will be on Monday morning at 47 minutes and 6 chalakim after 7:00am. Rosh Chodesh Iyar will be on Monday and Tuesday.

SHABBAT AND PESACH SCHEDULE

Chazzan Yanky Lemmer will be leading Davening Friday evening and Shabbat morning at the 9:00 am Ballroom Minyan.

Friday night:

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:45pm (link in electronic Echod)
Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:08pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:11pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 7:15pm
Location: Ballroom
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 7:29pm
Repeat Shema: after 8:00pm

Shabbat:

Hashkama Minyan: 7:45am Location: The Spira Family Terrace (weather/temperature permitting).
Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am
Location: Ballroom
Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (pre-registration required)
Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (Location: Spira Family Terrace)
Latest Shema: 9:40am
Latest Shacharit: 10:46am
Tots on the Terrace: 11:30 (This week it will take place on the Spira Terrace)
Mincha at 7:10pm Location: Ballroom
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 7:31pm
Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 8:13pm
Zoom Havdalah: 8:35pm (link in electronic Echod)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 14

Join LSS, our UWS Shaliach, Harel Fenigstein, and other UWS shuls for a tekes maavar (transition program) from Yom Hazikaron (4/13) to Yom Ha'atzmaut (4/14). More details to be announced

Thursday, April 15: Israel's War of Independence: 12:00pm

Led by Shulie Mishkin, and live from Israel, the program will cover preparation for war, the siege of Jerusalem, major battles, including Latrun and the Castle. Shulie made aliyah from New York with a Master's degree in Jewish History from Columbia University and is now a professional guide. Her tours provide a complete picture of the land of Israel and Jewish heritage, with a strong reliance on sources ranging from the Bible to 19th century travelers' reports. *Meeting ID: 951 9124 6627 Password: 840515*

Stay tuned for more information on an in person Yom Ha'atzmaut service which will take place Thursday with Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

Sunday, April 18: Women's Rosh Chodesh Iyar Shiur: 8:00pm

Topic: and they died before the Lord: a closer look at the mysterious death of Nadav and Avihu. *Meeting ID: 95807380144 Password: 655410*

Sunday, May 2 till Wednesday, May 5: The Global Family Health & Halacha Conference

Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center is honored to partner with Mizrahi Canada and The Canadian Yoatzot Initiative (CYI), bringing together 70 shuls and 20 partnering organizations from around the world. We will convene to strengthen relationships and marriages, to address medical and emotional challenges, and to heal individuals, families and communities through Torah's timeless wisdom. And on top of it all, this conference is completely free of cost. *For more information and the link to register, please see online echod.*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It is sadly time to wish our Youth Directors farewell from Lincoln Square Synagogue. Mendel and Ariella Lazaros are moving to Englewood, NJ in August and will be beginning a Youth Director position at Ahavath Torah. Since their arrival in 2017, Mendel and Ariella have brought a tremendous amount of dedication, leadership, warmth, and passion to this role. The growth and vibrancy of our Youth Department is a testament to their hard work and sincere connection to and love for LSS. It has been a wonderful experience for us, as a community, to welcome them in with Margot and watch as they grew their family with the addition of Serena. We wish them only the very best! Mendel and Ariella- Thank you! We will always have our doors open to you as dear friends of Lincoln Square and are grateful for the years together.

We also look forward to a bright future ahead for our Youth Department and will keep everyone posted as we look to fill the position with our next dynamic Youth Director.

Email youth@lss.org to congratulate Mendel and Ariella.

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Parshat Shmini details the laws of Kashrut. The Torah tells us that the signs of a kosher mammal are that it chews its cud and has split hooves. The signs of a kosher fish are having fins and scales. However, the Torah does not give us any details about the signs of a kosher bird. The Gemara says that one of the signs of a treif bird is if it is a bird of prey. Since the Torah is unclear about kashrut for birds, we have a tradition to only eat birds that our ancestors ate. When the Jewish people first began coming to America, there was a big debate amongst the Rabbis whether or not the turkey was a kosher bird. Eventually someone located a Jewish community in the Middle East where they had a long tradition of eating turkeys so the Rabbis here decided that the turkey was a kosher bird.

The laws of Kashrut are a 'chok,' meaning we don't know the reason why Hashem commanded them. We are all familiar with the phrase "you are what you eat" — we are affected by the things we eat. Therefore be careful to only eat foods that are kosher and pure so that we too can be kosher and pure.

Questions:

1. Is turkey kosher?
2. What is the difference between Chukim and Mishpatim?
3. What are the signs of a kosher fish and a kosher mammal?

Answers:

1. Yes!
2. Mishpatim are laws from Hashem that make sense to us; Chukim are laws from Hashem that may not make any sense to us but we do them anyway.
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YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Groups :11:30-12:30pm (Location: Spira Terrace) Masks must be worn at all times.

Thursday, April 29: Youth Department Lag B'Omer BBQ: 5:00pm

Join us on the Spira Terrace for hot dogs, hamburgers, music, snow cones and prizes. Masks are required. \$20 per family. To register please visit <https://www.lss.org/event/bbq>

KITCHEN 2 KITCHEN

This week, we continuing with Kitchen2Kitchen, a collaborative project by the Manhattan synagogues to promote our neighborhoods' kosher restaurants.

This week (4/12-4/18) we are featuring Abaita

Abaita is offering all Kitchen2Kitchen patrons a complimentary **20% off ALL fresh pizzas and the pizza kit for the entire week**. Abaita invites you to watch a full Pizza Making Class on their instagram IGTV @eatAbaita to warm up! Use code ABAITAPIZZANOW at checkout

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

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
- **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: Part 1: Weekday prayers starting out. Building blocks 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. Sponsored by Philip Friedman in memory of Goldie bas Fishel a"h.
- **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
- ***Time Change* The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 6:30-7:30pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888. Sponsored by Judy and Martin Braun in commemoration of the second Yahrtzeit of L'iluy Nishmat Leo Schachter a"h יצחק אריה בן מנחם מנדל
- **Parashat HaShavua** led by Rabbi. Moshe Sokolow: 8:15pm. Meeting ID: 846 701 6968.

DVAR TORAH

Shabbat Mevarchim / Parshat Shmini

April 09-10

By: Fred Ehrman

The two first Parshiot in Leviticus, Vayikra and Tzav are totally instructive and outline each of the Korbanot (sacrifices) that are to be taught to Aharon and his sons, and how they were to conduct the Avodah, the service of the sacrifices brought on the altar. The Rebbe/ teacher is Hashem and the Talmid/student is Moshe, who is the acting Kohen Gadol. No fewer than ten times do we see the new procedures introduced by these or similar words – “וידבר ה' אל...” – “And Hashem spoke to Moshe saying...” Nothing is left to discretion; all instructions are laid out explicitly.

However, our Parsha begins with the following: Exodus 9:1: “And on the eighth day Moshe called Aharon and his sons and the elders of Israel.”

Vayikra and Tzav are the dress rehearsals, the seven days of “Miluim,” the inauguration for the big day. The eighth day, Rosh Chodesh Nissan is the first day the Mishkan and the newly inaugurated Kohanim finally begin their everlasting roles. So is it not surprising that Parshat Shemini does not begin with the same or similar words, “And Hashem spoke to Moshe saying...” on the day everyone has been preparing for?

For the very first time the Altar is being inaugurated, Moshe tells Aharon, his sons and the elders to bring an Eigel (calf) for a Chatas; a ram for an Olah; for a Chatas for the people, a Seir (he-goat), and for an Olah, an Eigel and a sheep. But nowhere do we read that Moshe was instructed by Hashem to do this. We also never find the word Eigel connected to a Korban; it is always a Par (bull), a Shor (ox) or a Ben Bakar (bullock). The only two places we find an Eigel in the last four books of the Torah is here and with the Eigel Hazahav, the Golden Calf.

With the flow of the previous Parshiot as explained above, the Torah would have explicitly written that “Hashem spoke to Moshe saying...” – but it doesn't. What could be the reason?

I suggest that Moshe gave these instructions on his own. However, that presents another problem. The Gemara in Shabbat 87A states that there were only three instances where Moshe took actions on his own and Hashem was agreeable to the actions (one being the breaking of the Luchot). Since our case was not listed, it follows

that if we are correct that Moshe did this on his own initiative, that Hashem was not happy with Moshe's action. A hint of this are the first words in the parsha, “ויהי ביום...” “And it was on the (eighth) day...” which we see (TB Megilla 10B) portends a day of grief and sadness. In our case, the death of Aharon's two eldest sons, Nadav and Avihu follows.

How do we explain Moshe's action? The incident of the Eigel Hazahav took place 10 months before this day. Moshe wanted to give Aharon an opportunity for atonement, so the inaugural Korban was an Eigel for a Chatas.

I am suggesting that Moshe initiated his instructions to Aharon and his sons to bring an Eigel for a Chatas as Chazal tell us, for the sin of the Golden Calf, the Chait HaEigel. The goat for the people, also a Chatas, was for the sin of selling Yosef and using a goat's blood to deceive their father. The Eigel they brought was for their part in the Chait HaEigel. Moshe, having been taught the laws of the inadvertent sinner and the Korban Chatat, felt that in initiating the Altar, it would be most appropriate for Aharon and the people to bring the animal that reflected their own sins. When Moshe says, “This is the thing Hashem has commanded you to do (9:6),” Moshe assumed that the Chatas was required, which he had been taught earlier would cover a past sin even if it was not given explicitly in this

case. Moshe thought that the first Korban to initiate the Mishkan should be Aharon's Eigel, and that of the people a goat and a calf, and that Hashem would certainly approve. However, the deaths of Nadav and Avihu follow.

In addition, the Torah tells us that Nadav and Avihu died because of bringing an “אש זרה אשר לא צוה אותם” an alien fire He had not commanded them.” The word “אש זרה” has a Mayrcha Kefula, a pausal cantillation found only five times in the Torah, signifying the severity of their action. Nadav and Avihu saw Moshe instructing a Korban without explicit instructions and they followed suit. I think this signifies the importance of not improvising when you are doing Avodat Hashem.

The absence of the key phrase, “And Hashem spoke to Moshe saying...” at the beginning of Parshat Shemini, is the “Sod,” the hidden meaning that brings on all that follows. May we all continue in the paths laid out for us in the Torah and our traditions when that is what is required but not lose spontaneity when those special moments allow for them.

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/>.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:

Acharei Mot-Kedoshim (4/24),
Emor (5/1),
and Behar-Bechukotai (5/8)

If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

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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