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PARSHAT BALAK 14 TAMMUZ 5773 • JUNE 21-22, 2013 Candle Lighting: 8:12 pm

Shabbat Schedule

Friday

6:56 pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
6:45 pm: Early Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
8:12 pm: Candle Lighting
8:15 pm: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

Shabbat

7:45 am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
9:00 am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson: Combating Religious Hatred**
9:11 am: Latest Shema
9:15 am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:30 am: Youth Breakfast
9:45 am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash.
4:00 pm: Bikur Cholim volunteers meet in front of LSS
NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED
6:30 pm: Beginners Mishnah Chavura with **Lloyd Epstein** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
7:00 pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Talmud Class with **Rabbinic Intern, Josh Rosenfeld**
7:00 pm: Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
8:00 pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary followed by Seudah Shlishit.
9:12 pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends

Thank you to our volunteer Security Guards, Greeters, and Ushers this Shabbat

LSS General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 7:30 pm
In the Beit Midrash
Early Mincha: 7:10 PM

Wikipedia Editing:

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The shul needs you!

Thank You to Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Nathan Rosen** and **Priva Simon** in memory of their beloved mothers, **Golda Seva Rosen bat Mordechai a"h** in commemoration of her 13th yahrtzeit and **Gisela S. Simon, Gisa bat Elhanan Mordechai and Reizel a"h**, in commemoration of her 2nd yahrtzeit.

Main Kiddush

Co-sponsored by: **Marion and Maurice Spanbock** in memory of Marion's father, **Benjamin Heyman z"l**; **Dalia and Joseph Cohen** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Joseph's sister **Arlette Bat Olga a"h**.

Beginners Kiddush

Co-Sponsored by: **Ilene & Lou Vynereb** in honor of their dear granddaughter **Yehudis Adler's** graduation from Bais Yaakov of Spring Valley High School; **Friends of Irv Elias** in commemoration of Irv's 7th yahrtzeit.

Seudah Shlishit

Co-Sponsored by: **Joan and Les Erber** in memory of Les' father, **Simon Erber (Shimon Meyer) z"l**, on his third yahrtzeit; **Audrey Kalman** in memory of her dear husband **David Kallman, Dovid ben Zvi z"l**

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Sun, Mon, Wed & Thurs at 8:20 pm**

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon & Thurs</u>	<u>Tuesday (17th of Tammuz)</u>	<u>Wed & Fri</u>
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Fast Begins: 4:14am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 6:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am
		Shacharit: 7:30am	
		Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:05pm	
		Fast Ends: 9:02 pm	

ONGOING CLASSES

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE THIS WEEK

Sunday 6/23

9:00 am: *Choshen Mishpat* class with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

Monday 6/24

Tuesday 6/25 (17th of Tammuz)

10:30-11:30 am: *The Marilyn & Sam Isler Studies in the Weekly Torah Portion* with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

Wednesday 6/26

7:20 pm: *The Kaddish Class*, A learning and support group for people who have suffered loss, with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

Thursday 6/27

7:20 pm: *The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations on the weekly Parsha* with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

Shabbat 6/29

6:35 pm: (90 minutes before Mincha)- *Beginners Mishna Chavura* with **Lloyd Epstein**

7:05 pm: (60 minutes before Mincha)- *Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class* with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**

7:05 pm: (60 minutes before Mincha)- *Louis Lazar Memorial "Eighth Daf" Talmud Class* with **LSS Clergy**

A Warm Welcome to all of the New Members of our LSS Community

Richard Bell

David & Adrienne Greenblatt

David Cinamon

Miriam Mayeroff

Joshua & Hattie Danziger

Jacob & Jaclyn Soleimani

Mazal Tov to our Members:

If you've had a Mazal Tov, let us know!

- Mazal Tov to **Ariella & Josh Berliner** on the birth of a baby daughter **Jill, Yael Shlomtzion**.
- Mazal Tov to **Joseph Kallman**, grandson of **Mrs. Audrey Kallman** on his graduation from Highland Park High school and for being awarded Student of the Year.
- Mazal Tov to **Joshuah Kyle Eisner**, son of **David Eisner & Karen Lehmann Eisner**, on his graduation from Stanford University
- Mazal Tov to **Elisha Verschleisser**, daughter of **Joe & the late Sandy Verschleisser**, on her engagement to **Alan Richter**.
- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Deborah & Fredy Lieber** on the birth of a baby boy, born to their daughter and son-in-law, **Penina & Aron Schoenfeld**.

Events at LSS

Tuesday, June 25

17th of Tammuz. Fast Begins, 4:14 am. Fast Ends, 9:02 pm

Wednesday, June 26

Annual Meeting of the Lincoln Square Synagogue Membership, 7:30 pm in the Beit Midrash; Early Mincha will be at 7:10 pm. We will be voting on our lease of the third floor so it is imperative that as many members attend as possible.

Shabbat, June 29



July 4th themed Lunch n' Learn: America, America, God Shed His Grace on Thee.

Delicious food! Fun for the whole Family! Includes American Jewish trivia and a brief presentation about American Jewish History by **Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokolow.**

Youth Program: American Heroes and Contemporary Gedolim Go-Fish

Price: \$35/Adult, \$20/Child, \$100/Family Maximum, \$150 Sponsorship Available.

Sign up by June 25 at lss.org

Monday, July 8

Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level 1 See *Beginners Announcements*

Tuesday, July 16

Tisha B'Av

For full event descriptions, please see our website at lss.org

Youth Announcements

Shabbat Schedule

Toddlers: On Summer Hiatus

Pre-K: 10:00 am Supervised Playtime, 10:30 am Circle Time Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:05 am Snack — room 208

Kindergarten and 1st grade: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:30 am Parsha, 10:55 am Snack — room 207

2nd and 3rd Grade: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:00 am Snack — room 206

4th and 5th Grade boys: On Summer Hiatus

2nd through 5th Grade girls: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:00 am Snack — room 206

Tween: On Summer Hiatus

Beginners Announcements

New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, July 8th at 6:30pm.** The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.beginners.lss.org.

Security Committee Update – June 22, 2103

What to Do If You Spot Suspicious Terrorist Activity.

Be on the lookout for people who just “don’t belong” or their behavior is out of place.

Outside the shul if you see suspicious behavior please alert one of the shul security volunteers. Do not confront the individuals involved. Become familiar with this outline. Take note of the details: Remember: **S.A.L.U.T.E**

S – Size (Remember the number of people, gender, ages, and physical descriptions)

A – Activity (Describe exactly what they are doing)

L – Location (Provide exact location)

U – Uniform (Describe what they are wearing, including shoes)

T – Time (Provide date, time, and duration of activity)

E – Equipment (Describe vehicle, make, color etc., license plate, camera, guns, etc)

Suspicious activity is often recalled after an event. We must train ourselves to be on the lookout for things that are out of the ordinary and arouse suspicions.

Source: **National Terror Alert Response Center**

<http://www.nationalterroralert.com/suspicious-activity/>

Please join the LSS Security Committee. Contact Harvey Stein at security@lss.org

JULY 4TH THEMED LUNCH N' LEARN

June 29, 12:30PM

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RABBI DR. MOSHE SOKOLOV



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AMERICAN HEROES AND CONTEMPORARY GEDOLIM GO-FISH



\$35 for Adults

\$20 for Kids

\$100 Family Maximum

\$150 Sponsorships Available

Sign up by 6/25 at lss.org

For more information, email programs@lss.org

Tisha B'Av Schedule and Events July 15-16

Monday, July 15	Tuesday, July 16	
<p>8:10 pm: Mincha</p> <p>8:25 pm: Fast Begins</p> <p>8:56 pm: Maariv & Kinnot</p>	<p>6:30 am & 8:30 am: Shacharit & Kinnot</p> <p>10:30 am: Women's Kinnot led by Rebbetzin Sarah Robinson</p> <p>1:02 pm: Chatzot</p>	<p>1:40 pm: Early Mincha</p> <p>7:55 pm: Mincha</p> <p>8:56 pm: Fast Ends</p>
<p>Film Screening</p> <p><i>Partisans of Vilna</i> tells the extraordinary story of the men and women who fought for the Jewish partisans in Vilna, Lithuania, during World War II. Using archival footage dating 1939 to 1944 and interviews with 40 partisan survivors, the film explores the challenges of organizing under the brutal conditions of the ghetto.</p> <p>Showings at 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm, July 16</p> <p>Free and open to the public, For more info and to RSVP, visit lss.org</p>	<p>Museum of Tolerance</p> <p>226 East 42nd Street</p> <p>LSS joins with area synagogues to host the 3rd annual Tisha B'Av Program at the Museum of Tolerance</p> <p>Full day of film screenings, lectures, and tours free of charge to the public.</p> <p>For more information visit www.museumoftolerancenewyork.com or www.facebook.com/motny leading up to July 16th</p>	<p>Pre- Early Mincha Shiurim</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokolow Other Speaker TBD

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod in your e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org. Subscribers to the LSS email list receive the Shabbat Echod and D'var Torah every week, along with other shul-related announcements.

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Insights into the weekly Parsha and other matters
at the heart of the LSS community

SHABBAT PARSHAT CHUKAT 13 TAMMUS 5773 • JUNE 21 – 22, 2013

Awareness

BY: FAITH FOGELMAN

Balak the Moabite read Sonnet 43 penned by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, but actually misread what she wrote. Her sonnet asked *How do I love thee? Let me count the ways....* Balak looked at the Jews, perceived them as a threat, and substituted the word hate for love. Some would say the substitution was the word *fear*. (Was he aware of the difference?) *Balak* can be viewed as simple or one rich with many themes on the macro, mezzo, and micro levels. On the micro level, *Balak* revolves around a deficiency of awareness of intra and inter-personal motivations. On the macro level, Jews need to be aware that this story re-surfaces throughout history with different sets of characters. Awareness, then, is the overall theme. The parsha also has ironic twists which may be lost in a cursory reading - pun intended.

Everyone knows the narrative. Balak was determined to destroy the Jewish people before they could destroy him and his people. Counting the ways he hated them would prove insufficient for his goal. He called upon his cousin, the pagan prophet Balaam, descendant of Lavan, to curse them. After all, since Balaam was also a nephew of Avraham and a prophet, he was the right one to curse the Jewish people on Balak's behalf. Balak failed to realize, or was unaware, that his cousin answers to a higher power. Balak's wish was that Balaam's curse would destroy *the people who came out of Egypt* (22:5), since words from the prophet alone would be sufficient for destruction. Instead, Balaam praises the Jewish people in accordance with Hashem's will. At the end of the parsha, the cousins go their separate ways.

Rashi cites the Midrash which states that Balaam wanted to curse the Jewish people, but felt helpless. He saw them as strongly connected to HaShem, their roots, and to each other; only internal strife would destroy them. Too bad he exited the parsha prior to its end when such strife occurred with disastrous results. The curse Balaam did not give B'nai Israel, they gave to themselves.

Parsha Balak is a psychological study of impulse and emotions, and a wish to utilize the power of cursing words, somebody else's in this case. Balak was sufficiently aware that words have power, but he did not realize that words of power do not apply in all cases. Ask Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, author of *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal*, about the power of words. Sometimes words are the tools of strength, and sometimes the tools of a coward. When action is needed, cowards hide behind rhetoric, and yet words can be very powerful. They can be perceived as reflections of strength when manipulated by skillful, shallow orators or utilized to motivate for the good.

If Balak had assessed he could physically defeat the Jewish people, he would have tried. If he felt he could communicate well, he would have negotiated. He was empty and employed the alleged ability of somebody else, and was rightfully betrayed. Sound familiar? Are we aware that that same story is currently in the news with print media complementing speech? The world is aware of our blessings, our strength as a people, and our talents, so that naturally we have to be destroyed. There are people today who do not read newspapers and rely on weekly parshas to inform about current events. The Jewish people today are still misperceived as the enemy. Words are still employed to curse us. Balaam knew his curses would not succeed and offered praise instead of curses. Why don't others see our goodly tents?

We have to be aware of external events. It is no coincidence that *Balak* is situated between the outstanding events of *Chukat*, (the deaths of Aaron and Miriam and Moshe's rock hitting episode), and the intensity of events in forthcoming parshas, we could use a break. Parsha *Balak* gives us reason to pause, but it is not comic relief. While connected to the chain of events outlined in *Bamidbar*, this parsha can be lifted from the Torah and serve as an independent story, and yet it is very inter-connected. The parsha begins with chapter 2 and concludes with the start of the Pinchas saga, reinforcing that the series of events is embedded in our history after Egypt, not separate from it. While the Jewish people were complaining about food, Balak wants them destroyed. Did they know? While we complain about the food quality at our local markets, are we oblivious to security all around?

B'nai Israel cannot afford insularity. We need to be aware of and have insights into current political and social climates since history is repetitive (sorry, that's true). Simultaneously, each person needs awareness of the emotions and motivations of self. There are levels and nuances of awareness to provide information for appropriate planning, knowledge of consequences, to see the big picture, etc. Awareness translates to moving from self to gain broader perspectives.

In 22:6 Balak says that whomever you (Balaam) bless is blessed and whomever you curse is accursed; language symmetry which will be used again in 24:9 by Balaam using HaShem's words against Balak, the latter still being unaware that Balaam's curses will not work. This language pattern would be echoed by another Moabite, Ruth, who said to her mother-in-law that wherever she goes, I (Ruth) will go...and your G-d will be my G-d (Ruth 1:16), but her purposes were different and she had historical awareness. We should be aware that the Mashiach will have Moabite blood. Implications? Unfortunately, I am unaware of what they are.

We need awareness of self, current events, and the relevance of parshas in our own life. Writing sonnets heightens awareness. ... By the way, what time is it? Just checking to see if you are aware!

Shabbat Shalom