

## 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 21 @ 8:30am  
 Monday, February 22 — Wednesday, February 24 @ 7:30am  
 Thursday, February 25 @ 7:10am  
 Friday, February 26 @ 6:15am & 7:30am

### Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, February 21 @ 5:25pm  
 Monday, February 22 — Wednesday, February 24 @ 5:30pm  
 Thursday, February 25 @ 5:15pm

## HAKARAT HATOV

Evan Sehgal for writing this week's Dvar Torah

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Dov H. Scherzer  
 David and Rose Steinmetz

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 21: The New Middle East: 5:00pm.** Professor Howard Stoffer will offer his insights on the new outlook for this region in light of the Biden administration. Prof. Stoffer teaches national security and political science at the University of New Haven. He has worked for the United Nations Security Council and was previously an American diplomat in the U.S. State Department. Hosted by the Habonim Congregation and co-sponsored by the United Congregations for Israel of which LSS is a member. Advance registration is required (link in online Echod).

**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. Led (in English) by our UWS shaliach, Harel Fenigstein, E; [harelf@jafi.org](mailto: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

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

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Night:

**\*Canceled this week\*** Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat  
 Earliest Candle Lighting: 4:28pm  
 Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:18pm  
 Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 5:20pm Location: Ballroom  
 Sunset (daven Mincha by): 5:36pm  
 Repeat Shema: after 6:07pm

### Shabbat:

Hashkama Minyan: 7:45am  
 Location: The Spira Family Terrace (weather/temperature permitting).  
 Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom  
 Latest Shema: 9:25am  
 Beginners Service: 9:30am Location: Belfer Beit Midrash (pre-registration required)  
 Terrace Minyan: 9:40am (Location: Spira Family Terrace)  
 Latest Shacharit: 10:20am  
 Zachor Leining: 11:15am Location: Ballroom  
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 Tots on the Terrace: 11:30 (This Shabbat it will take place in the ballroom)  
 Zachor Leining: 5:00pm Location: Ballroom  
 Mincha at 5:15pm followed by a shiur  
 Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
 Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 5:37pm  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends: 6:19pm  
 Zoom Havdalah: 6:45pm (link in electronic Echod)

## ALL THINGS PURIM

**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:** Have you ordered your Mishloach Manot yet? 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>

**\*Extended deadline to order: This Sunday, February 21st @ 9:00am**

**Mishloach Manot Pick Up: (Lobby)**

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

### Purim Events:

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

Join us this Sunday on our Spira Family Terrace for some safe, socially distant fun! Arcades, Purim crafts, and to go snacks! Disposable plastic gloves will be readily available to use at each station. Purim Puppet show in Beit Midrash. Masks required. Sponsorships encouraged  
 E: [youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org) Children (ages 3-13): \$5 Adults: \$10 PP  
 To Sign up, please visit: <https://www.lss.org/event/purimsponsors2021>



**Sunday, February 21: Purim Baking with Sarah Robinson: 4:00pm**

Join our beloved Sarah Robinson and her crew LIVE as they bake hamentashen and introduce a Shabbat friendly recipe for making a savory Purim themed challah roll. There may be a guest appearance from everyone's favorite Rabbi! Live event on our Facebook Page.

**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!**

## YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

### Dvar Torah:

In this week's Parshat Terumah, Bnei Yisrael are given the commandment to build the Mishkan, a portable dwelling place for Hashem and a place for Bnei Yisrael to participate in special rituals with Hashem. The reason the Mishkan needed to be portable was because Bnei Yisrael never knew how long they would be in one place, sometimes it was one year and other times it was a few days. Hashem proceeded to detail to Moshe the different components of the Mishkan, and how each should be constructed. A machloket is brought up at this point between Rambam and Ramban. Is the commandment to build the Mishkan a single mitzvah? Or is it many mitzvot all together? Many believe that it was one single mitzvah that grouped together all the different items like the Menorah and the Mizbeyach and others think that each different part was its own separate mitzvah.

When Hashem commands Moshe to build the Mishkan, he uses the words "I will dwell in them." But wouldn't it make more sense to say "I will dwell in it"? The answer is that Hashem meant "them" to mean us as Bnei Yisrael. We should each build a Mishkan inside our hearts where Hashem can dwell.

### Questions:

1. Why did the Mishkan need to be portable?
2. Who financed the Mishkan?
3. What is the argument between Rambam and Ramban about the mitzvah of the Mishkan?

**Answers:**  
 1. Because Bnei Yisrael never knew how long they would stay in one place.  
 2. Bnei Yisrael donated gold and silver to build the Mishkan.  
 3. They debate whether the Mishkan is a single mitzvah or many mitzvot.

## 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.

**Sunday, February 21: Youth Department Purim Chagigah: 1:00-3:00pm**  
 Join us this Sunday on our Spira Family Terrace for some safe, socially distant fun! Arcades, Purim crafts, and to go snacks! Disposable plastic gloves will be readily available to use at each station.  
 Purim Puppet show in Beit Midrash at 2:00pm in the Beit Midrash.  
 Masks required. Sponsorships encouraged  
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## 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

## KITCHEN 2 KITCHEN

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

### This week (2/22-2/28) we are featuring My Most Favorite Food.

MMF opened in 1980, and relocated to the Upper West Side in 2010. Beyond their delicious salads, pastas and fish, MMF is best known for their time-honored desserts, which put them on the map. This week, enjoy MMFF in your own home: Bakery Orders [www.mymostfavorite.com](http://www.mymostfavorite.com) Restaurant/Food Orders – order at 212.580.5130.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Receive 1/4 lb assorted cookies with any order placed online with the code 'K2K' or over the phone by mentioning "Kitchen2Kitchen". Note: this offer is not available for Purim orders.

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For access to all the Zoom links for these classes, please visit [www.lss.org/learningopportunities](http://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: Alexander the Great's Intellectual Revolution: The Cost 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: Purim. We learn by doing. The workshop is free. To register, please email [JLworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://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.

## LSS SPOTLIGHT & SHARE

### Meet our Youth and Teen Director, Mendel Lazaros!

1. Where are you from?  
Framingham, MA
2. What did you want to be when you grew up?  
A Policeman
3. If you had a superpower, what would it be?  
Fluency in every language
4. Best part of your job?  
Parsha & Candy @ Groups
5. Fun fact about yourself?  
I love using different voices when reading stories

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](mailto:julie@lss.org)

## DVAR TORAH

Parshat Zachor / Parshat Terumah  
February 19-20  
By: Evan Sehgal

### Why I Intend to Wear a Costume This Purim

Two tenets of Judaism are that G-d created the world and that nothing happens in this world that isn't His will, from the rise and fall of nations to the rustling of a leaf. Amalek disagrees. Amalek sees life as a series of coincidences without consequence or purpose. While Amalek and his descendant, Haman, may see happenstance in any isolated event, we look at history and see a pattern. For the heirs of Avraham, it is obvious there is no house without an architect nor a symphony without a composer. Purim is one of our proofs. It might have been a coincidence that Vashti was deposed as Queen and Esther replaced her. How fortuitous that Mordechai overhears a plot to assassinate the king and how lucky the king had insomnia, the only cure for which was to be reminded of Mordechai's loyalty. How could Haman have known Esther was Jewish? And how unfortunate for Haman that he served a paranoid king who suspected that Haman had designs on both his queen and his throne. G-d's name is absent from the Megillah and His face is hidden (Chullin 139b), but in retrospect, His fingerprints are on every page. The reason the person who reads the Megillah is required to unroll the entire scroll before reading it (Shulchan Aruch 690:17) "is to see in one glance how all the events of Purim are connected, and how even the (apparently) negative events lead to G-d's salvation" (R. Chaim Friedlander).

The Gemara (Chullin 139b) finds an allusion to Haman and his philosophy in man's first sin. In Gan Eden, G-d asks Adam, "Did you eat from the tree?" Ha-min haetz, הַמִּן הָעֵץ (Bereshit 3:11). The name "Haman, המן" spelled the same as the interrogatory "הא-מין". G-d's question is a reflection of the distance between G-d and man that Adam created by disobeying Hashem and eating from the Tree of Knowledge (R Akiva Tatz). After his sin, Adam actually convinced himself that he could hide from and deny the truth to G-d, who is both omnipotent and omniscient. It is a short step from imagining a limited god to denying G-d altogether. The archetypical atheist was Amalek. "He did not fear G-d" (Devarim 25:18) because he did not believe in G-d. If you don't believe in G-d there is no objective morality; all the world is chance, and power is the only king. Hitler, the spiritual heir of Amalek, saw this contrast clearly, "The Jews have inflicted two wounds on mankind – circumcision on its body and conscience on its soul.... I am freeing humanity from the false vision called conscience and ethics... The struggle for world domination will be fought entirely between us, between the Germans and the Jews." (Quoted in Purim Unmasked, from Hitler Speaks, Hermann Rausching.).

Even the name Purim is tongue-in-cheek. A pur, פּוּר, is a lot, a "random event," a roll of the dice. Certainly, G-d created a world where there are statistics for large numbers of identical events. But the sequence in which they unfold are not calculable and rare event are not predictable. (Ask the Nobel Laureates at the former Long-Term Capital). The Torah understands that no event is random and subconsciously, everyone seems to recognize this. How many times have you said, "What are the chances" or wondered at a "bizarre coincidence"?

When the sailors in sefer Yoneh were in mortal danger and didn't know who among them was the cause of the supernatural currents, "...they said everyone to his fellow, 'Come and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause the evil is upon us.' So, they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Yonah" (Yonah 1:7). Elsewhere, the Jewish people accepted a lottery system to divide the land of Israel. Undoubtedly, each person desired the most fertile and scenic homestead, but everyone accepted lots as a manifestation of Divine will. "Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot; according to the names of the tribes of their fathers shall they inherit" (Bamidbar 26:55).

Just as all events in history are connected, so too are all Jews connected. Poor, unwell, and less knowledgeable Jews may feel a sense of isolation from the larger Jewish community. That is why the Rambam in Laws of Megillah (2:17) writes, "It is preferable for a person to be excessive when it comes to the Mitzvah of giving gifts to the poor... because there is no greater or more glorious rejoicing than to gladden the hearts of the poor, the orphans, the widows, and the strangers, for one who gladdens the hearts of these unfortunate individuals can be compared to the Shechina (G-d's Divine Presence) as it is written (Yeshaya 57:15) 'to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the crushed.'" means they are not forgotten. It is a tangible acknowledgement that they are as much a part of the Jewish family as any Jew.

"Amalek represents the philosophy of chance: an atheism that deprives the world of purpose" (Purim Unmasked). Purim is the holiday of seeing G-d in the natural course of events, of seeing the truth beneath the surface. There is a custom to wear masks on Purim to show how ridiculous it is to look at superficial and think it represents a deeper reality. Nothing encapsulates the essence of Purim better than the phrase, "Great costume, Chaim." Despite the creative disguise, we immediately recognize who is underneath. By the way, great costume this year, Hashem.

שבת שלום  
פורים שמח

Shabbat Shalom

## PESACH AT LSS

**Shmurah Matzah:** Shmurah 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/shmurah-matzah-2021.html>

**Pesach Survey:** As we look toward Pesach this year we recognize how long this year has felt, for many riddled with the challenge of isolation and loneliness. We also recognize that, with the introduction of the vaccine, some members may feel more comfortable to safely soften some boundaries.

While we implore everyone to continue following DCD guidelines we are also exploring if there is interest in bringing our community together as safely as possible. *Stay tuned for the Pesach survey coming soon!*

## DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available are:  
Tetzaveh (Shushan Purim) (2/27), Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol (3/27),  
Shabbat Pesach (4/3)  
If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at [dvar@lss.org](mailto: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](http://www.lss.org) or  
email [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org)

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