

DAVENING AT LSS

We are happy to once again be open for prayer services. As with all our minyanim in these times, ***you must be pre-registered in order to attend*** - only those who have signed up for these minyanim and have received confirmation may participate, as we are limited in the number of people who can attend. Social distancing, wearing of masks, no communal singing and all of the other public health measures that we have been employing since we began weekday services (see the complete Attendance Guidelines in the electronic version of Echod) will be in effect. Please remember to bring your own tallit, siddur and chumash on Shabbat if you are signed up. There will be no Seudah Shlishit at the shul, so please remember to eat Seudah Shlishit before you come to Mincha. *All minyanim mentioned below will be held in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary:*

**Shacharit:**  
Tuesday, September 29—Friday, October 2 @ 7:30am

**Mincha/Maariv:**  
Tuesday, September 29—Wednesday, September 30 @ 6:30pm  
Thursday, October 1—Friday, October 2 @ 6:25pm

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, a regular and, if you stop to think about it, remarkable feature of nearly every Shabbat Echod has been a message welcoming new members. Lincoln Square Synagogue attracts people of all ages, degrees of observance, and levels of Jewish education because even in these precarious times our congregation animates an awareness that to be fully engaged in the Jewish enterprise is a joyous way to live. Over these past months we have carried forward our activities with necessary adaptations but without compromise to our mission. That has been possible only through the tenacious service of our clergy, administrators, custodians, and lay leaders. And one last group: our dedicated members, whose financial support has been essential to propelling us forward. Today, with Yom Kippur just days away, is the time-honored moment for congregants -- veterans and new members alike -- to redouble their financial support of our synagogue community. Please visit our website at [www/lss.org](http://www/lss.org) to donate as generously as you are able to. May we all be sealed in the Book of Life for a year of health, happiness, and peace.

SUKKOT AT LSS

We are thrilled to once again be offering space in the Arlene and David Stone Sukkah in order to fulfill the mitzvah of "Leshev Ba'sukkah". Unfortunately, however, the pandemic requires us to restrict meals in the sukkah to Bring Your Own Meals only. In addition, the tables will be laid out in a socially distant manner, and in order to seat as many people as possible, we will be eating in shifts, with each shift limited to 1¼ hours. Similar to the High Holidays, we ask that you fill out the form listing your first and second time preferences and complete payment. Once seating has been assigned, you will receive an email confirming the shift at which we were able to seat you. Please note that there are many variables that will be going into this decision including, for example, earlier preference time for families with children. Tables seat 6-8 individuals, such that two couples may be seated at either end of one 6 or 8 foot table. In addition, this year, we will not be able to provide storage pre-Chag, so please make arrangements to bring your own provisions, including purchasing caddies of necessary, for toting food. In an effort to, quite literally, lighten the load, the shul will be providing water and soft drinks for each table. We look forward to a beautiful, albeit different, Sukkot at LSS.

*For access to registration links for Sukkot meals and purchasing lulav and Etrog, please visit [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org).*

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

**Friday Night:**  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:29pm  
Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00pm  
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 6:35pm Location: Ballroom  
Sunset (daven Mincha by): 6:45pm  
Repeat Shema after 7:16pm

**Shabbat:**  
Shabbat Morning Minyan at shul: 8:00am Location: Spira Family Terrace (weather permitting; if not it will be in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary).  
Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am Location: Ballroom  
Latest Shema: 9:46am  
Latest Shacharit: 10:47am  
Perek in the Park: 5:00pm Location: Eleanor Roosevelt Statue in Riverside Park (72nd St)  
Mincha followed by Maariv at shul: 6:25pm Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 6:44pm  
Shabbat Ends: 7:28pm  
Zoom Havdalah: 8:30pm

*For access to the zoom links for Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah, please click the link in the electronic version of Echod.*

YOM KIPPUR TIMES

**Erev Yom Kippur: Sunday, September 27:**  
1:45pm Mincha  
3:00pm Mincha  
4:00pm Mincha  
6:26pm Candle Lighting  
6:26pm Fast Begins  
6:15pm Kol Nidre/Maariv (Spira Family Terrace)  
6:20pm Kol Nidre/Maariv (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)  
6:30pm Kol Nidre/Maariv (Ballroom)  
6:30pm Beginners Service - Kol Nidre/Maariv (Belfer Beit Midrash)  
8:10pm Late Kol Nidre/Maariv (Ballroom)  
8:15pm Late Kol Nidre/Maariv (Spira Family Terrace)  
**Yom Kippur: Monday, September 28:**  
7:00am-9:30am Shacharit, Yizkor, Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)  
8:15am-11:15am Shacharit, Yizkor, Musaf (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)  
8:30am-11:30pm Shacharit, Yizkor, Musaf (Ballroom)  
10:00am - 1:00pm Shacharit, Yizkor, Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)  
10:00am - 1:00pm Beginners Service - Shacharit, Yizkor, Musaf (Belfer Beit Midrash)  
12:00pm-2:00pm Yizkor, Musaf (Ballroom)  
1:30pm - 3:30pm Yizkor, Musaf (Spira Family Terrace)  
1:45pm Beginners Service (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)  
4:00pm Beginners Service - Mincha/Ne'ilah (Belfer Beit Midrash)  
4:15pm Mincha/ Early Ne'ilah (Spira Family Terrace)  
5:00pm Mincha/Ne'ilah (Ballroom)  
5:10pm Mincha/Ne'ilah (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary)  
6:30pm Neilah Spira Family Terrace  
7:25pm Havdalah/Fast Ends

HAKARAT HATOV

**Rabbi Charles Savenor** for writing this week's Dvar Torah

DVAR TORAH

We invite all members to write a Dvar Torah for the Shabbat Echod from September through June. Enrich our Shabbat with your Torah thoughts. The next Shabbatot available are: Sukkot (10/3) Parshat Noach (10/24) Parshat Lech Lecha (10/31), and Parshat Vayera (11/7). If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at [dvar@lss.org](mailto:dvar@lss.org).

## YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

### Dvar Torah:

The tenth day of the month of Tishrei is called Yom Kippur. It is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is such a powerful day when Hashem is so close to us. What makes Yom Kippur so different from all other holidays?

In the days leading up to Yom Kippur, and on Yom Kippur itself, we focus on doing teshuvah. When we do teshuvah, it's important to think about the mistakes that we've made, apologize, and commit to do the right thing the next time. When we take the time to do Teshuvah before Yom Kippur, we become closer to Hashem. On Yom Kippur we resemble angels, all dressed in white. Why do we do this? On Yom Kippur Hashem forgives us for anything we may have done that wasn't right and erases it, and so we are like angels. We also say the prayer of Baruch Shem (from the Shema) out loud, instead of in a whisper, because it's a prayer that the angels say before they praise Hashem. We therefore always say this part of Shema quietly, because we don't want the angels to hear that we are using their prayer. But on Yom Kippur we are not afraid to say this part out loud because we are just like the angels.

As Yom Kippur comes to an end, after a long day of tefillah, the sound of the shofar is heard. We blow the shofar one last time as a sign of victory! We have done teshuvah, Hashem has cleared all our sins, and we are now closer to Hashem than ever before. We are sure that Hashem will give us a good and sweet new year ahead. Wishing everyone above all else, health and happiness in the new year.

### Kids in the Kitchen: Pre-fast Chicken Barley Soup

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 4 chicken bottoms bones in and skin on
- 2 red onions cut in half
- 8 cloves garlic peeled
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger cut into one large chunk
- 2 carrots peeled, cut in half
- 2 tomatoes cut in half
- 1/2 butternut squash peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon turmeric powder
- 1 tablespoon garam masala spice blend (optional)
- 2 tablespoons salt pink Himalayan
- 1/2 cup barley

#### Instructions

- Prepare a large pot on high heat. Add the olive oil and let it get hot. Add the chicken and let it brown for 8 minutes, mixing periodically.
- Add the onions, garlic, ginger, carrots and tomatoes. Mix and let cook for 5 more minutes.
- Add the rest of the ingredients (including the barley) and 5 cups of water. Cook on medium-high for at least 1 hour but up to 3 hours.
- Remove chicken bones, lemongrass stalks and add a chunk of ginger, if you would like.
- Serve hot with toasted bread. Salt to taste.

### Questions:

1. What makes Yom Kippur such a powerful day?
2. Why are we like angels on Yom Kippur?
3. What are three things we don't do on Yom Kippur?
4. What do we do at the end of Yom Kippur as a sign that we are sure that Hashem has forgiven us?

### Upcoming Youth & Teen Events:

- Monday, October 5: Sushi in the Sukkah: 4:00pm—5:30pm. Cost: \$10 per child. Location: Spira Terrace
- Wednesday, October 7: Teen Movie Night in the Sukkah: School of Rock: 7:00pm. Cost: \$5.
- Sunday, October 11: Simchat Torah Chagigah

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, October 18: Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur: 8:00pm

Join our women's shiur in conjunction with the Women's Tefillah Group led by our Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty.

### Wednesday, October 21: Moadon Ha'Sefer (Israeli Book Club): 6:30pm

The next book written by an Israeli author that we will read and discuss will be "Trumpet in the Wadi" by Sami Michael [ מִצֹּפֶרֶת בּוֹאֵדִי/סָמִי מִיכָאֵל]. Michael's internationally acclaimed novel illuminates the vast range of interlocking relationships between Jews and Arabs, Muslims and Christians, men and women living in Israel. The English version of the book can be ordered on Amazon. For information on how to purchase the Hebrew version, please contact Harel Fenigstein at [harelf@jafi.org](mailto:harelf@jafi.org). The discussion will be in English.

For access to the links for these events, please click on the link in the electronic version of the Echod or visit our website at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org)

## 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.

### Monday:

- **\*(Resumes October 5) 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:* 459 533 337

### Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am– 11:30am *Meeting ID:* 241 022 510
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** Led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-8:00pm. *Meeting ID:* 811 662 074

### Wednesday:

- **\*(Resumes October 12) Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 7:30pm-9:00pm. Topic: Jewish Life Cycles: What to Expect at a Wedding, Sheva Brachot *Meeting ID:* 938 8328 9103 *Password:* 832084

### Thursday:

- **Parashat HaShavua** led by Dr. Moshe Sokolow: 8:30pm. *Meeting ID:* 846 701 6968.

## CALENDARS

As you know Plaza Funeral Home usually delivers calendars directly to LSS. This year, given the circumstances of the pandemic, they are happy to mail them to members. Simply email [Plaza@plazajewish.org](mailto:Plaza@plazajewish.org), put the word "Calendar" in the subject line and include your address in the email. Wishing everyone a Shabbat Shalom and *Gmar Tov!*

### Answers:

1. Hashem is so close to us on this day
2. Because all our mistakes are cleared
3. We don't drink, we do not eat, and we do not wear leather shoes
4. We blow the shofar

## DVAR TORAH

Parshat Ha'Azinu/Shabbat Shuva

September 25-26

By: Rabbi Charles Savenor

### *Tears of Joy and Pain*

When we reach this point in the Torah, Moses knows his days are numbered. Despite his passionate persistent appeals to God, Moses is told that he will not enter the Promised Land with the Children of Israel.

Framed as a poem, parashat Ha'azinu resembles an ethical will in which Moses implores the people to follow the Torah and to fulfill God's vision for what they can become. Equally important, our greatest prophet concedes that the people's process of growth will include bumps along the way.

Moses asserts: "May my teaching drop like the rain, may my utterance fall like the dew; like storm winds upon vegetation and like raindrops upon blades of grass." (Deut. 32:2) Moses's rain imagery immediately catches the attention of the commentators, who understand rain as an allusion to Torah. The Spanish sage Ibn Ezra explains that Moses yearned that his Torah-infused message would penetrate the people's hearts and souls, just like rain and dew seep into the earth. Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch focuses on the beneficial nature of rain itself. Like rain, Torah would serve to nourish the people and enable them to "bear fruit."

Moses' water metaphor is drenched in meaning, for so much of his life is associated with water. He is saved by the Nile, rescues the Israelites by splitting the Red Sea, and repeatedly satisfies their thirst in the desert. Ironically, his tenure ends over a conflict over drawing water from a rock.

There may be more to this aquatic analogy than meets the eye. I speculate that his use of falling rain may be an allusion to another type of water, namely tears. When life truly hangs in the balance, one can expect that tears as much as prayers are not far behind. These tears are an admixture of regret and pain as well as joy and fulfillment.

Twenty-four years ago, I sat beside my father during High Holiday services. What made that year different from all other years was that my father was battling pancreatic cancer. When the congregation reached the UnetanaH Tokef and asked "Who will live and who will die?," my heart sank. These once hypothetical words terrified me so, I could not even look at my father. My gaze locked forward or straight at my Mahzor, but not at him.

The prayer continued: "Who will die at the right time, and who will go before their time?"

Still unable to look at my dad, I peeked over at his Mahzor and noticed something strange. The pages were wet. Finally gazing over at my father's face, I understood why. Teardrops had landed on his prayer book. His tears communicated volumes about his yearnings and regrets about tomorrows we would not experience together. Despite his speeches about beating cancer, despite his never-ending jokes, despite his fervent prayers and moments of silence, he knew he was going to die.

As Moses speaks to the Jewish people in our Torah portion, he understands acutely that his life is quickly coming to an end. With this realization in the forefront of his mind, our greatest teacher models for us how to share our hopes and dreams with those we care for most.

While the message of the rain may be tinged with remorse and pain, Moses understands that the waters of Torah have the eternal power to nourish, inspire and lead us towards a strong future together. With these messages in our hearts, the spirit of our parents and teachers live on with us forever.



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(day or night)

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## A LETTER FROM RABBI ROBINSON

Dear Friends,

Its Yom Kippur - Be Kind...

Yesterday I shared on social media a post from a letter from a shul in Florida about seating on Yom Kippur. The Rabbi had remonstrated with his community; there had been people whose reaction to the seats they had received had been inappropriate - inappropriate at any time, but especially under these circumstances. When I read that letter, I thought to myself, 'Thank G-d we don't need to send such a letter at Lincoln Square.'

Well, it turns out, we do. At least to a few people (but too many people). Look: Everyone is doing their best. Thank G-d we have hundreds of people who want to daven at LSS on Yom Kippur. Please, please think for a moment what that means. Instead of three services, to seat people for, we have fifteen services each one of which requires separate seat allocation. Please, take a moment and imagine how much work that entails for the office staff and seating committee.

And of course, seating at every service has to be extremely limited for everyone's safety. Instead of about 500 seats in the Sanctuary, we have not many more than 50. There is no way to ensure that you get 'your seat' this year. And - can I be frank ? - emailing repeatedly, and using insulting or belittling language says more about the sender than it does about the person they are emailing.

These past few months have been so hard for everyone - I really understand. People are exhausted, people are suffering, people are sad, angry and frustrated. I get that.

And it can be extremely disappointing that what we were all so looking forward to - being back in our shul, in our seats on Yom Kippur will be not exactly - close, but not exactly - as we had dreamed. But it's Yom Kippur we are talking about. And we really can be better than this.

Let's try to be understanding of the unusual challenges this year. Certainly, even when we are dissatisfied, let's resolve to speak with kindness not anger. This isn't the time for venting or insulting. If it helps, let's daven that not getting my preferred seat or service, should be the WORST thing that happens this year.

Of course, if you do have an issue with your seat, please do email the office. They will TRY to help. But please, be kind.

Warmly,  
Rabbi Robinson

