Welcome to LSS

Welcome to LSS. We are so glad that you joined us for shabbat.

We are a Modern Orthodox synagogue devoted to making everyone, from all walks of life, feel that they have a home in the Jewish community.

Our synagogue is fully wheelchair accessible, with an elevator and bathrooms available on every level. This guide outlines some of the logistics and services we provide.

Whether you are a long-time member or this is your first time at LSS, we want you to feel at home.

Shabbat Shalom,

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I had such a great shabbat experience and would love to join LSS as a member! How can I do so?
We’re thrilled to hear that you enjoyed being here as much as we enjoyed welcoming you. Please visit our website at www.lss.org and click on the new member link on our homepage or call our office at 212-874-6100.

I had such a special shabbat! I’m just visiting but would love to make a contribution. How can I do so?
Thank you so much! While making a donation is certainly not necessary to visit our shul, your support is much appreciated and helps our shul continue to offer our high quality programming and services. To make a donation you can visit us at: www.lss.org/payment.

Is it possible to get shabbat meal hospitality?
LSS is committed to making sure every member of the community, and every visitor to the community, has a place to enjoy a warm, friendly shabbat meal. Whether you are a current member or a visitor looking for shabbat meal hospitality, please visit www.lss.org/hospitality to request or offer hospitality. (Please endeavor to do so by the Wednesday prior to the shabbat.)

I have some questions. Is there someone with whom I can follow up after shabbat?
Sure, we’d love to hear from you! Please feel free to email or call our office staff, Monday through Friday, at info@lss.org or 212-874-6100.

I have an idea to make this User Guide more useful. To whom should I speak?
Please send any suggestions to president@lss.org.
What options are available for babies, children and teens?
We boast a thriving family-friendly environment. Our main lobby, the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Grand Foyer, quickly becomes a “stroller park” on Shabbat morning (though, if it gets too full, we ask that they be moved to the second floor). We have a number of programs for all ages. A Baby & Me program for ages 0-24 months takes place in the 3rd floor gym at 11:00 am. (For nursing mothers, we have a special private room on the main level opposite the entrance to the women’s section.) We offer weekly drop-off youth groups for ages 2-12 on our second floor from 10:00 am to 11:45 am. Our Youth Directors provide supervision while our Youth Counselors lead tefilah (prayer), learning, and play. Our Magen Avraham Teen Department offers a monthly “Teen Minyan & Munch” which begins with shacharit prayer service followed by a teen kiddush. At the back of the main sanctuary we have dedicated seats and space for parents of young children, including plush toys (for the children).

Are accommodations available for people with disabilities?
We want our shul to be welcoming to everyone. To that end, the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary – named after a beloved member of our synagogue who used a wheelchair – is completely wheelchair accessible, from the aron kodesh to the bima. We provide access to a sensory calming room for children who benefit from a calm and quiet environment. It is located one floor down from the main level in Room LL207. (We ask that a caregiver or parent remain with the child at all times.) We have large print siddurim for those with visual impairments in the closet to the left of the sanctuary. A solitary wheelchair accessible bathroom is available adjacent to the first floor coat room so that those needing bathroom assistance with an aide can have complete privacy.

What should I do if I am sick or become injured?
If you feel sick, or become injured, please make yourself known to one of our ushers (stationed at the doors to the main sanctuary) or security volunteers (stationed at our main entrance). They will be able to find a medical professional, or call Hatzalah for you. There is a first-aid kit, together with a defibrillator, by the elevator in the lobby, and another first-aid kit by the elevator on the 2nd floor.

I need a little help. To whom can I speak?
Our ushers can help you. Just let them know what you need and they will be happy to help.

Where can I hang my coat?
A coatroom is located in our main lobby. There are also coat racks located outside the women’s section of the main sanctuary. On the 2nd floor, there are coat closets outside the Belfer Bet Midrash.

How can I learn more about Lincoln Square Synagogue and what is going on?
Please check out our informative website at www.lss.org. You can also sign up for The Echod, our weekly newsletter that provides information about what is taking place on that particular Shabbat, announces mazal tovs, welcomes new members, thanks our kiddush sponsors, highlights upcoming events and classes, and much more. You can pick up a copy on our lobby table or in the racks near the elevators.

Security Notice
Our aim is to keep you safe whilst you are in Lincoln Square Synagogue. Before taking your seats please locate your closest and backup emergency exit. In case of an emergency evacuation please proceed away from the building via your closest exit, unless instructed otherwise, and move away from the building. In case of other emergencies please follow instructions from the security personnel. Children should be accompanied at all times, either in youth groups or with parents. (Children will be found in Lincoln Towers following an emergency evacuation). If you see something suspicious, report it immediately, either to a security team member, usher, or other person in charge. We thank you for your cooperation.