Friday Evening

6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by Rabbi Robinson and Chazzan Lemmer.

6:47pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
8:02pm: Candle Lighting
8:10pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

Shabbat Morning

7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with Rabbi Moshe Sokolow
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by Rabbi Robinson and Chazzan Lemmer. Post-Musaf Drasha by Rabbi Dov Lipman: Religious Tolerance in Israel: An Orthodox Rabbi and Member of Knesset Shares His Vision for the Jewish State
9:09am: Latest Shema
9:15am: Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld.

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
6:20pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash
6:50pm: The Book of Ruth with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in room 211
6:50pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha Shiur with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: Sinning for God: Soft/Hard Antinomianism and the Book of Bamidbar
7:50pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
9:03pm: Ma’ariv/Shabbat Ends

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush
Sponsored by Joel Tenenholtz to commemorate the second yahrtzeit of his brother Perry Tenenholtz, Peretz ben Benyamin z”l, and the yahrtzeit of his grandfather, Morris Tenenholtz, Moshe Yoseph ben Yitzchak, z”l.

Main Kiddush
Sponsored by J. J. Lando and Laurie Seigel in celebration of the birth of their son and daughter.

Beginners Minyan Kiddush
Sponsored by the Beginners Minyan in honor of Rabbi David Freedman.

Seudah Shlishit

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal tov to J.J. Lando and Laurie Siegel Lando on the birth of twins, a boy and a girl last Shabbat. The baby naming and the bris will take place in the Main shul this Shabbat morning.
- Mazal Tov to Richard Kestenbaum, Moshe Sukenik, Jenna Statfeld Harris & Aaron Harris on being honored at our Annual Dinner on Sunday.

If you have a loved one who recently graduated or is about to graduate and would like to wish a Mazal Tov to them, please email the information to Madeline@lss.org. It will be printed in the June 14th Shabbat Echod.

Attention Dedicated Seat Holders: Please check your email this coming week for instructions on how to reserve your seats for the 2014 High Holidays. If you do not have email, a snail mail letter will be coming to you shortly.

Join our community. Go to lss.org/become-a-member.html

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Sunday, June 1 - Friday, June 6
Mincha/Ma’ariv: Sun-Thurs at 8:10pm

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Shavuot is Tuesday evening until Thursday Evening

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER - JUNE 1, 2014

THE DINNER IS SOLD OUT! HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL TIME TO PLACE AN AD IN THE JOURNAL.

We look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary with you on Sunday evening, starting at 6pm!
Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Shavuot Siyum lunch on Thursday, June 5th.

### SHAVUOT 2014/5774 AT LSS • JUNE 3-5TH, 2014

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- **9:00 am**: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary  
- **10:00 am**: Services led by Chazzan Family Lammot with Rabbi Mohan Bom, Drashos by Chazzan Chaim Sukiak from Shir HaShirim to Ruth: Can this marriage be saved?  
- **10:00 am**: Youth Groups  
- **11:00 am**: Tea and Torah in the Beit Midrash - Rabbi Mohan Bom: How Many Words Are There in Your Shema?  
- **12:00 pm**: The Basics of Ruth shiur with Rabbi Lippman Buchwald in room 211  
- **1:00 pm**: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary  
- **1:00 pm**: Chavot by Prof. Chaim Szuknik: The Future of the Israel Culture: Heritage and General Education in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary  
- **2:00 pm**: Candle Lighting  
- **6:00 pm**: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

- **8:00 am**: Havdalah Services (including Halitzot) in the Beit Midrash  
- **8:00 am**: Services by Chazzan Family Lammot with Rabbi Mohan Bom, Drashos by Rabbi Shaul Robinson  
- **8:00 am**: Youth Groups  
- **10:00 am**: A Dairy Happy Shavuot! Programming for Kids of all ages on the second floor  
- **12:00 pm**: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary  
- **7:30 pm**: Teas and Torah in the Beit Midrash - Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: Two Poetic, Two Approaches: Rosh Hashanah and Rosh Hashanah on conversion,riages, and love of women in adult life  
- **7:10 pm**: The Book of Ruth shiur with Rabbi Lippman Buchwald in room 211  
- **8:10 pm**: Michon in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary  
- **9:00 pm**: Youth Groups  
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**A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS!**

A hearty yasher koach to the nearly 200 LSS community members who have participated in the Mishnah learning program in the days and weeks leading up to Shavuot. Collectively, we have learned the entire shisha sidrei Mishnah, all 66 tractates, all the way from Masekhet Berakhot to Masekhet Uktzin. Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi would be proud of our accomplishment. And, as the Mishnah says:

רבי מאיר אומר: כל העוסק בתורה לשמה, זוכה לדברים הרבה, ולא עוד אלא שכל העולם כולו إليه הוא לו

Rabbi Meir said, “Whoever studies Torah for its own sake merits many things, indeed, they are worthy of the whole world.”

Pirkei Avot 6:1

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**Youth Shavuot Programs**

**Tuesday, June 3rd**

11:45 PM – 12:45 AM  
**For Tweens:** Shur Fun! Shavuot themed discussion group just for kids. Grades 5 and below w/ Ariela Greenbaum in room 217; Grades 6-8 with Rabbi Robinson in the Beit Midrash.  
**For Teens:** Brainwashed? The Truth About the Year in Israel with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld  
1:00AM – 1:45  

**For Tweens Only:** High School Prep - Top 10 Challenges You Will Face as a Freshman... and How to Beat Them  
**Wednesday June 4, 10am**

Join us for a special edition of youth groups with a Shavuot theme. Don’t miss all the special events, giveaways, prizes, dairy snacks, stories, songs, and games!

**Thursday June 5**

10 am - Youth Groups  
11am  A Dairy Happy Shavuot! For Kids of all ages!  
Celebrate with LSS with dairy themed treats, Shavuot stories and games and all kinds of fun  
**Toddlers:** Make your own yogurt parfait!  
Our youngest friends will have the opportunity to make and eat their own healthy snack, sing songs, and have Shavuot story time.  
**K-1:** Har Sinai Cupcake Decorating Party  
Make your own rendering of Matan Torah on a cupcake... and then eat it!  
**Grades 2-8:** Make your own Sundae and Shavuot Trivia  
It’s an ice cream treat-fest as we make our own sundaes, and compete for top scholar with Shavuot Jeopardy and other trivia games.
Beginners Announcements

- RESCHEDULED: "Save the dates! Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will be teaching a FREE Crash Course in Basic Judaism at East Hill Synagogue in Englewood, NJ at 255 Walnut Street, for 3 consecutive Tuesday nights, starting on June 10th at 7:00pm. To register, please visit www.njop.org/get-involved/events/crashcourse or call 646-871-4444.

- Save the date! THIS Tuesday night, June 3rd, 11:30pm–7:00am – All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon. Chaim Sukenik, of the Jerusalem Institute of Technology, the keynote opener, will start at 11:30PM and Rabbi Buchwald’s class starts at 12:45AM. Topic: “The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments,” starting with mitzvah #405: “Sounding the Shofar on Rosh Hashana.” Refreshments will be served, no reservation necessary.

- Save the date! The FINAL Beginners Luncheon of the season will be NEXT Shabbat, June 7th, 2014. The cost is still only $20. Please make your reservations by THIS Friday, June 6th, 12 noon. You can register online at www.beginners.lss.org or call 212-874-6100.

- New sessions of the Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I will begin Monday, June 23rd, 2014 at 6:30pm. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.beginners.lss.org.

Youth Announcements – lss.org/youth

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Singing with Sivan- Fridays (May 2nd-June 6th) Room 206/207, 11am-11:45am, babies/toddlers. $15 per session. Singing with Sivan is an interactive music and movement class for children ages four months to four years and their caregivers. Each class includes instrument playing, balls, scarves, story time, puppets, parachute, bubbles, Shabbat & holiday songs.

Math Circle will continue to meet on Monday nights from 6-8pm in room 208. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Contact hjstein@gmail.com

Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

Youth Breakfast at 9:30

Pre-K: 10:00 am — Room 206

K and 1st grade: 10:00 am — Room 207

2nd - 4th Grade (girls): 10:00 am — Room 217

2nd - 4th Grade (boys): 10:00 am — Room 208

Tween Minyan: 10:00am— Ballroom

Featured Upcoming Events– lss.org/events

Celebrate Israel Parade
Sunday, June 1, 2014 • 11am-4pm
The parade will be running from 5th Avenue from 57th to 74th street.

LSS Golden Jubilee Annual Dinner
Sunday, June 1, 2014 • 6pm
We look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday evening and celebrating the shul’s 50th anniversary. Reservations are now closed, however you can still place an ad in the virtual journal by emailing dinner@lss.org.

Aging Symposium
Sunday, June 8th • 10am
A community-wide Aging Symposium presented by Synergy HomeCare on important aging related issues including finances and health.

Rabbi Hayyim Angel’s Book Launch Party
Monday, June 16th • 7:30pm
Join us for a party celebrating the launch of Rabbi Hayyim Angel’s new book: Peshat Isn’t So Simple: Essays on Developing a Religious Methodology to Bible Study.

Ma’aleh Film
Thursday, June 19th • 6:45pm
Join us for an evening of short films made by Ma’aleh graduates offering three very different views of the Israeli experience. $10

Reb Shlomo Carlebach’s Visit to LSS
Shabbat, June 21st • 8:15pm
Join us at Seudah Sh’lishit where Rabbi Dr. Natan Ophir (Offenbacher) will discuss "Reb Shlomo Carlebach’s Visit To LSS 20 years ago".

Weekly Learning Opportunities – lss.org/classes

SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha
  Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

Monday

- Faith Discussion Group w/ Rabbi Ben Elton • 7:00pm
  At the home of Suzanne Bernstein (Last class for the series).

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday classes will not be meeting this coming week due to Shavuot.

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By: Shlomo Offer

The Gifts of the Nesiim:
Leadership in a Community whose Institutions are in Transition

Nasso is often translated to ‘count’. However it is more accurately rendered ‘to uplift’. The same idea is suggested in the context of marriage, where nissuin leads to the uplifting of two people, by their uniting in spirit with each other, with their people, and with their G-d.

On the surface, Bamidbar simply enumerates the people of Israel and Nasso enumerates the leaders: the Leviim and the Nesiim, the princes of the tribes. Looking deeper into its structure, Nasso teaches the leadership about how to engage in the uplifting, ennobling, and sacred tasks they must perform — about how to dedicate a community’s institutions in preparation for its travels through its soon-to-be-experienced history. Whether in the desert, toward Eretz Yisrael or towards yemot hamashiach today, the Torah is sending a message to those who would be leaders.

The borders of parashat Nasso were set in a puzzling way. It may first seem to be about counting the families of Levi. The Merari and Gershon families are numbered here. But oddly, the Kehat family’s numbering was left behind at the end of last week’s parasha, Bamidbar. Furthermore, Nasso ends with the longest chapter in the Chumash, the meticulous and repetitive depiction of the twelve days of sacrifices given by the Nesiim. Each of the twelve princely sacrifices is identical to the other; yet the Torah described each in apparently redundant detail. As a result, no one Nasi could set himself apart from or superior to the others. The Torah’s subtext in Nasso is concerned with unity and an attitude of service in the leadership of Bnei Yisrael.

Another clue that Nasso is addressed to the leadership is that it begins after the discussion of Kehat’s functions, which are focused on the klei kodesh — the sacred vessels which were the gifts of all the people. By contrast, Merari’s and Gershon’s functions deal with the infrastructure of the Mishkan, dismantling the walls and planning its efficient rebuilding so that the community can move on to its destiny. These responsibilities require the expensive enabling resources, the oxen and the wagons, that can be provided only by the efforts of those wealthy and influential enough to be the Nesiim of the nation.

In between these intensive tasks and the korbanot of the Nesiim are inserted sections on the removal of lepers and t’maim from the camp, the estrangement of the ‘sota’ couple that results from either infidelity or jealousy, and the nazir who sets himself apart by adopting self-selected restrictions. There is a common thread of estrangement, self-righteousness, and their consequences. Conversely, Birchat Kohanim is the section that is inserted just prior to the return to the princes’ role in dedicating the Mishkan. The Kohanim demonstrate unity in reciting the prescribed words of the blessing. They demonstrate the humility that it is not they who bless the people; G-d tells them ‘V’samu et shmi al bnei yisrael va’ani avarchem’; the Kohanim say the words and G-d blesses the people. These interrupting sections are the Torah’s missive to the leaders. They are lessons framing the attitude required of leadership: avoid self-righteousness; embrace humility.

If it were just about the dedication of the Mishkan, Nasso should have ended with the penultimate pasuk, counting and summarizing the total of korbanot, and declaring the altar dedicated. But the Torah is also communicating at a different level here, and lets us know that the leaders got the message. Nasso ends with the declaration, ‘Vayishma et hakol medaber eilav me’al hakaporet...’ G-d’s voice was heard from above the ark cover. Not since the leadership’s hubris led the people to the sin of the Golden Calf had Moshe heard the voice of G-d from the midst of the people.

‘Ve’asu li mikdash ve’shachanti betocham’ is fulfilled and the Shechina returns from its estrangement, not just because a physical home was dedicated, but because the leaders struck the right attitude of deference, humility, and unity.

Shabbat Shalom.

This dvar Torah is dedicated to the memory of our father Aaron Jacoby, Moshe Aharon ben Chaim Zeev z”l, on the first yahrtzeit of his passing. To those of us in his family and his community who knew him well, he exemplified the best qualities of the Nesiim.

The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund discreetly distributes thousands of dollars to our own community members to defray the costs of Shabbat and Yom Tov meals and clothing. Help yourself and your neighbors by sending your contributions, earmarked for LSTSF to the LSS office. If you are aware of any LSS community member (including yourself) who could benefit from a Shabbat meal, please let us know by contacting the LSS office or by confidential email to rabbi@lss.org.