



ECHOD

21 & 22 NISSAN 5775 • APRIL 9-11, 2015
PESACH LAST DAYS • CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:11PM

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YOM TOV PASSOVER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 9th - Pesach Day VI - Chol Hamoed

Omer Day 5

Candle Lighting: 7:11pm

(Remember to Make an Eruv Tavshilin)

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:15pm

Friday, April 10th - Pesach Day VII

Omer Day 6

Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash: 8:00am

Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: 9:00am

Drasha by **Daniel Besdin**

Youth Groups (K-4): 10:00am

Candle Lighting at 7:12pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:20pm

Shabbat, April 11th - Pesach Day VIII- Yizkor

Omer Day 7

Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash: 8:00am

Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: 9:00am

Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

Youth Groups (K-4th): 10:00am

Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: 4:00pm

Meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed

Mincha at 7:05 pm *followed by Neilat HaChag*

Ma'ariv & Yom Tov ends: 8:15pm

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, April 12– Friday, April 17

Sun–Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:20pm

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mon & Thurs</u>	<u>Tues, Wed, & Fri</u>
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

MAZAL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS

Mazal Tov to grandparents **Morton and Rose Landowne** on the birth of a baby girl, **Dahlia Chana**, born to their children **Shifra and Matt**. Mazal Tov to siblings **Jacob and Noah**.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Groups Schedule (Yom Tov days)

Pre-k: Room 206 at 10:00am

k-1: Room 207 at 10:00am

2-4 grade girls: Room 208- 10 am

2-4 grade boys: Room 210- 10 am

5-8 boys and girls: Room 211—10:15am

MDS & Junior Yachad Shabbaton

Friday, April 17th—7:45pm

Join MDS and Yachad for a Shabbaton at LSS including a Friday night dinner. \$50 to attend. Sign up at lss.org/youth

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

Yom HaShoa Commemoration

Tuesday, April 14th • 8:00pm

Join us for a special commemoration of Yom Hashoa featuring Rabbi Joseph Polak, a child survivor, who will discuss and read selections from his new memoir, *After the Holocaust the Bells Still Ring*.

Annual Yom HaShoah Reading of the Names

Wednesday, April 15th

For the 17th consecutive year, the Upper West Side community will gather to read the names of those among the six million murdered Jews. The reading will begin at 10 pm at B'nai Jeshurun 257 W. 88th St. and continue throughout the night with representatives of UWS congregations and other members of the community. It will resume at 9 am on Thursday, April 16 at the JCC ending with the recitation of the Kaddish. Come read or witness by your presence. **This year the LSS time slot is 6:00-6:30 AM**

April Book Club Meeting

Sunday, April 26, at 7:30pm

We will be meeting at the home of Steven and Gale Spira to discuss a book of short stories -

"The UnAmericans" by Molly Antopol. Steve Spira will lead the discussion.

Fire Safety for Jewish Observances

Monday, April 27, 2015, at 8:00pm

Join the Upper West Side Jewish community at Lincoln Square Synagogue for a Q&A with the FDNY, addressing safety issues on Shabbat and Yom Tov.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am
(Class resumes April 19th)

TUESDAY

Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

Tuesday Beit Midrash Night • 7:30-9:15pm

- Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings (7pm)
Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robin Mitchnick
(meeting in a private home – call office for details)
- Politics and Kingship: The Book of Samuel
Facilitated by Ron Platzer

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Beit Midrash Night • 8:15-9:15pm

- The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai
Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky

Talmudic Logic w/ Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm

Spring Semester of Nach B'lyun with Rabbi Hayyim Angel
Begins in April 15h. Sign up at lss.org/rabbiangel

THURSDAY

Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
7:15pm

ISRAEL CORNER

UNITED CONGREGATIONS FOR ISRAEL

A couple of months ago, we wrote that LSS has entered in discussions with a number of congregations in our immediate neighborhood, some of which are Orthodox, and some of which are not. The purpose of these discussions has been to explore ways in which – in the spirit of *achdut* -- we could partner in joint activities that support Israel. The other congregations that currently belong to this group are: Congregation Habonim, Congregation Shearith Israel, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue and West End Synagogue. Below is the Mission Statement of our group, one which has been endorsed by the rabbis of all the member congregations.

Preamble -- United Congregations for Israel is comprised of a diverse group of synagogues all within close proximity on the Upper West Side which embrace a strong commitment to Medinat Israel, its security and the shared heritage and spiritual bonds that connect us, transcending the boundaries of the individual congregations. Our goals are:

Unity -- Inspiring a deeper engagement between members of our congregations and with Israeli citizens.

Collaboration -- Fostering collaboration among the Israel Committees of the individual synagogues by sharing information about upcoming programs and events relating to Israel for members of all congregations to attend, as well as co-sponsoring events, lectures, and functions.

Education -- Conducting and promoting broad based educational programs about the history, challenges and accomplishments of the State of Israel and its moral and ethical foundations.

Expansion -- United Congregations for Israel may, with time, enlarge by including other congregations that share our goals and strong commitment to Medinat Israel as spelled out in the preamble.

Mindful of the wide range of political and religious beliefs and practices in Israel and the States, United Congregations for Israel will stay clear of divisive issues choosing instead to focus on issues that unite us.

The very first joint activity of the United Congregations will be, quite appropriately, the Salute to Israel parade on Sunday, May 31. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Beginners Service will resume on Shabbat, April 18th.**
- The **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will **NOT** meet on **Monday, April 13th**. The workshop will resume on **Monday, April 20th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 10 sessions series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com or www.lss.org. **Topic: Kosher – Like to keep it but what do I do when I go to non-Kosher relatives/friends?**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, May 2nd, 2015**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, April 30th**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call **212-874-6100**.
- **Save the date! Monday, May 4th, 2015, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, May 4th, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will begin **Monday, May 4th, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

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PESACH LAST DAYS

By: Mark Hus

There have been many Divrei Torah spoken and written over the past few weeks and as mine is one of the last to be delivered, I want to address a topic which some might deem trivial. While it does get attention, it is never discussed. It is a part of the liturgy that is unique to Passover. Every day of Passover, for the final Torah reading, we read the same portion (from a separate scroll) as the last aliyah. The sentences in that aliyah describe the offerings and sacrifices that are to be brought to the Almighty in the Temple each and every day of the holiday. And, in most synagogues, at a certain point in that last aliyah, several members of the congregation join in saying one word out loud (to the great consternation of most serious b'alei kriyah and scholars). That word is "Kawaayleh."

I confess to being one of the louder voices in the crowd for this custom. I didn't always do this, but when Mr. Schrenzel (Naomi Cogan's late father, O"B"M) would leyn on Passover at LSS, he would encourage anyone in earshot to "Give me a really good 'Kawaayleh'." Mr. Schrenzel was not a tall man, but when he would do a pazair, he would rise steadily to his tiptoes as his voice rose up the musical scale and grow in physical stature. He was a warm and friendly man, who liked the congregation to really "get into" his leyning – just as much as he did. So thank you Mr. Schrenzel for making this custom a part of LSS.

But there is more to the uniqueness of the word Kawaayleh, which means "(l)ike these." I have always found it odd that in a book that is so very focused on details discussing a subject that is particularly detail oriented, the Torah should use a term, which seems inexact. I must admit that I have not had (or more accurately, not taken) the time to do thorough research on what many commentators say about this word, but I did find that Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch did not interpret the word as I did to mean "something similar." His reading was that each day's sacrifice was to be "exactly like" the other days, because

on the festival of its foundation, it is above all necessary to completely permeate the nation with the ideas of what it was founded for . . . making all phases of the national life prepared and ready for the Presence of G-d in its midst . . . by submitting them all to the power of the Fire of the Torah as an expression of giving satisfaction to G-d in the active services of life.

I propose that my understanding of the word Kawaayleh could be piggy-backed onto the concept advanced by Rabbi Hirsch. While we must remember the purpose for which the Jewish nation was founded and all act in unison and harmony, we can still have different ways of approaching the same issue – as long as the different approaches are not contrary to one another. Mutual respect for opinions that are at variance with our own is critical in keeping a community strong.

May our people and our community remain strong and focused while continuing to embrace divergence and non-conformity.

Shabbat shalom and chag sameach.