

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

6:22pm Earliest Candle Lighting
 7:30pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
Friday Night
 6:45pm Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary . Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
 7:35pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Belfer Beit Midrash.
Shabbat Morning
 7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by shiur given by **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**
 8:30am Parsha shiur given by **Rabbinic Intern, Jeremy Perlow**
 9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary . Sermon given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** followed by Musaf.
 9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201
 9:25am Latest Shema
 9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
 10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
 10:15am Teen Minyan and Munch
 11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)
Shabbat Afternoon
 4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. New volunteers welcome and needed
 5:45pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
 6:15pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211
 6:15pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Lecture in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**
 7:15pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Guest Speaker, **Rabbi Benji Levy**
 8:32pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

THANK YOU TO OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored by generous contributions to the Fund.
Main Kiddush: Sponsored anonymously
Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Edna and Bill Caplow in commemoration of the 1st yahrtzeit of Bill's beloved mother, Lillian Caplow, Leah bat Ze'ev, a"h.
Beginners Kiddush: Sponsored in loving memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani z"l and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
Seudah Shlishit: Sponsors welcome

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LSS FOOD FUNNEL

For 30 years, LSS volunteers have been moving hundreds of pounds of fresh, first-class bread and rolls per week to be given out to individuals and families in need. One hour (approximately 7:45pm – 8:45pm) every 6 or 7 weeks is all that's needed from you to help keep this going. The Food Funnel team, consisting of a driver (with car) and a helper, picks up 100% of Orwasher's unsold bread and delivers it to local food pantries and soup kitchens. Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening an LSS team picks up the bread and delivers it to the agencies. The schedule is staffed by 24 volunteer teams, a few of whom are moving away or retiring. You can join us as a team – driver and helper; as an individual – either driver or helper and we'll try to organize a partner for you; or as a sub for either driver or helper, called on when one of the regulars can't do it. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please contact Phil Gassel at 212-362-5878 or philip.gassel@gmail.com.

THIS SHABBAT

Rabbi Shaul Robinson will be officiating Shabbat services and will give the Shabbat morning sermon.

Teen Minyan and Munch at 10:15am in the pre function room.

Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld will be giving the Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Lecture at 6:15pm.

We welcome **Rabbi Benji Levy** who will be speaking during Seudah Shlishit. Rabbi Benji Levy is the Dean of Moriah College in Sydney Australia, one of the largest Jewish schools in the world with over 1,800 pre-kindergarten through high school students.



THIS SUNDAY

9:30am– 12:30pm: Yom Iyun @ LSS in memory of Rav Ahron Lichtestein z"l. Topic: "Kedusha"

10:00am: Bat Mitzvah Project Practice session for those involved in reading from the Torah for the Bat Mitzvah project. Located in the pre– function room (floor: LL1) Email Dassa Gerber at lssbatmitzvah@gmail.com

10:30am-12:00pm: Converts in Conversation Challah Baking Class (only for women who completed the conversion process). Class is free but please register at www.lss.org/event/convertsinconversation.

NEXT SHABBAT

8:45am: Women/girls join the simcha, as a new group of women celebrate their Bat Mitzvahs in the Women's Tefillah Group! Pre-Function Room Floor LL1

12:30pm: Beginners Luncheon. The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payments by Thursday, May 3.

5:00pm-6:30pm: Tackling The Tuition Crisis Join *Ami Eden, Chavie Kahn, and Maury Litwack* as they discuss the tuition crisis. Moderated by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Location: Lincoln Square Synagogue . Although the event is free, please register at www.lss.org/form/tuitionpanel

6:45pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Lecture: Guest speaker, **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin**. Rabbi Riskin will be speaking on "What does the count of the Omer teach us about the challenge of Zionism today?"

HAKARAT HATOV

Evan Sehgal for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

Ava Eden, Isa Kamlet, Noa Lavi, Gabi Mero, and Danielle Mero for volunteering for our **Ben Adam Le'Chavero** Kiddush Program. *If you would like to volunteer at an upcoming main kiddush (helping to bring food and drinks to those who need assistance) please email teens@lss.org.*

MAZAL TOV

Judy and Joel Schreiber the engagement of their grandson Jordan Schreiber, son of Avram and Tammy Schreiber to Kyra Libin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judah Libin of Woodmere NY.

Grandparents Naomi and Bernie Zweig on the birth of a son, Ronen Alexander, to son Elliot and daughter-in-law Yael. Mazal tov to Aunt Gabi.

Jim and Gale Kaufman on the bat mitzvah this Shabbat of their granddaughter, Mira Kaufman, daughter of Eli Kaufman and Paula Raimondo of Newton, PA.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ruth and Martin Dunitz

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 30: 7:30pm: Singles Parents by Choice @ Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Join us for the first support group gathering at KJ. Stay tuned for the next meeting which will take place at LSS. Contact LSS Social Worker, Ruth Kobrin at socialworker@lss.org.

Wednesday, May 2: 6:30pm-9:30pm: Lag B'omer Singles Party Join us for a dairy buffet and ice cream party followed by comedy show by Talia Reese at 8:30pm. Cost: \$45, Singles Ages 40's and 50's. Please register at www.lss.org/event/lagbomersingles.

Monday, May 7: 8:15pm-9:00pm: Beginners Schmooze The schmooze is free and open to all. Please call 212 874-6100 to confirm. Room 211

Sunday, May 13: 7:00pm: LSS Film Committee presents *Shababnikim* The award-winning series features four less-than-stellar haredi yeshiva students as they navigate religious expectations, the schisms of Israeli society and their own hearts. Satirical about yeshiva life yet deeply knowing about learning and tradition, this funny, cutting-edge and unexpectedly touching series could only have been made right now in Israel. Prepare to become a fan! Cost: \$15 per screening or \$50 for all 4 screenings. Screening dates: May 13, June 3, June 10 and June 24. Register at www.lss.org/event/shababnikim

Sunday, May 13: 4:00pm: LSS Book Club presents *Eternal Life* by Dara Horn. Location: Home of Gale and Steven Spira. Please call the shul for exact address.

Sunday, May 13: International Women's Talmud Day How can you participate? 1. Learn Talmud, either independently or using the online study resources on the International Women's Talmud Day website 2. Teach Talmud 3. Write/post about women's Talmud study on social media, using the hashtag #InternationalWomensTalmudDay. This project is founded by Shayna Abramson, daughter of Blima and Joel Abramson, and co-sponsored by JOFA, JOFA UK, and Yeshivat Maharat. To learn more, go to: <https://www.internationalwomenstalmudday.com>

Monday, May 21: Following Shacharit: Shavuot Mishnah Siyum Luncheon Sova Catering will be offering a delicious dairy feast at LSS! Register at www.lss.org/event/siyum18

Sunday June 3: Celebrate Israel Parade More details about exact time and meeting place of LSS marchers to follow.

UPDATE ON THE BDS SITUATION AT BARNARD

Due to the very strong response from alumni, the LSS community, several Jewish schools and Jewish institutions, the Board of Barnard College sided differently from the student government. Over 3000 signatures were collected in less than 24 hours. There will be no divestment!! Thank you to Rabbi Robinson and all who participated.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There are times when, for various reasons, classes may be canceled. If you would like to confirm that any particular class is indeed taking place please call the shul office at 212-874-6100. To see our full Adult Ed. Brochure please visit us at www.lss.org

Sunday

- Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan - Belfer Beit Midrash. **(Canceled this week)**
- Sunday Morning Beit Midrash Program:** 10:15am– 11:45am. Come enjoy a bagel and OJ with our Rabbinic Interns, Zachary Rothblatt and Jeremy Perlow, and participate in two interactive shiurim on 1) Jewish Philosophy and 2) the Laws and Proper Perspective on Blessings and Jewish Holidays. **(Canceled this week)**

Monday:

- The Jewish Living Workshop** Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 7:30-8:30pm 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. Topic: Thursday Night Prep for Shabbat. Tips. Workshop will meet offsite.
- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II:** 6:30pm– 8:00pm: The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Rm 210 and Rm 211.
- Rav Kook's Orot ha-Torah: A guided exploration with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld:** 7:00pm-8:00pm. What is Torah? Why do we learn it? How does Torah affect the soul? Join as we prepare for Shavuot with Rav Kook's masterpiece. 4 text based sessions. Beit Midrash

Tuesday:

- Talmud Class for Women Studying Mesechet Ketubot** led by Rachel Rosenthal, PhD candidate in Rabbinic Literature at JTS; 8:00am– Rm LL202. The course focuses on both content and skill building. Students are expected to participate in reading and some translation of the text. As this is an ongoing class, attendance every week is expected.
- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 10:30am– 11:30am – RmLL201
- Gemara b'Shana** in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:50pm– 8:50pm Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday:

- Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky; 8:00pm-9:00pm - Rm 207
- Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzer; 8:10pm–9:00pm. Rm 211

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer; 11:30am-12:30pm - Rm LL201 Last Week's Topic: *Dealing with Diversity*
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:50pm–8:50pm– Belfer Beit Midrash

MISHNAH IMPOSSIBLE



We are keeping a decades old LSS tradition of learning the whole Mishnah between Pesach and the second day of Shavuot - and we can't accomplish this goal without YOU! Please contribute and help us achieve our goal of having every member and friend of LSS take on (at least) one small Mishnah portion to learn. We promise you a meaningful and elevating experience, all in time for Shavuot. Volunteer mentors or study partners are available upon request. Please sign up at www.hadranalach.com/507 to choose a portion you would like to study. All learning will culminate with a celebratory Siyum luncheon on Monday, May 21 following Shacharit. More details to follow. Please consider learning in memory of one or more of the IDF soldiers who fell in the defense of Medinat Israel. This is a completely voluntary

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210
שורשים Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211
ניצנים Buds (K-1st) Room 208
פרחים Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206
ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



Youth Schedule:

10:00 am Drop-Off (all groups)
10:30 am Davening (all groups)
10:50 am V'Ahavta L'Rayacha Kamocha - Parshat Kedoshim & Rabbi Akiva
11:00 am Raffles and Rewards Part 2 (Room 206/207)
11:00 am Baby & Me (third floor gym)

This week's Parsha: Achrei Mot– Kedoshim

This week in Shul, we'll read another double Parsha, Achrei Mot-Kedoshim. Achrei Mot covers the processes of Yom Kippur. Kedoshim covers nearly eighty different Mitzvot. An interesting thought is found in Chapter 19, Verse 18; the Pasuk says "Lo Tikom" translated as "do not take revenge" and "Lo Titor" translated as "do not bear a grudge". What is the difference between taking revenge and bearing a grudge? Rashi explains by example: Let's say I ask you to lend me your shovel, and you say "no.. The next day you come back and ask if you can borrow my rake and I say "No, because you didn't lend me your shovel yesterday," this is taking revenge. But if in the same example when you come to ask for my rake I say, "Here's my rake, which I'm letting you borrow, because I'm not a jerk like you," this is bearing a grudge. The same Pasuk 18 goes on to say, "V'Ahavta L'Rayacha Kamocha" that you should love your fellow as yourself. Rabbi Akiva explains that loving your fellow like yourself is the main principle of the Torah.

After Shul you can ask your children:

Approximately how many Mitzvot are covered in Parshat *Kedoshim*?
 According to Rashi, what is the difference between *Lo Tikom* and *Lo Titor*?
 What does *V'Ahavta L'Rayacha Kamocha* mean?
 Who said *V'Ahavta L'Rayacha Kamocha* is the theme of the whole Torah?

Baby & Me Recap:

For the past two Shabbatot, Baby & Me has been back at full speed. Two weeks ago the babies prepped for Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, and read *Goodnight Israel*, a book about different Israeli cities. They also sang *Kechol Velavan (Blue and White)* and *Eretz Yisrael Sheli (My Israel)*. This past Shabbat, the babes kept the book club going strong with *Everybody says Shalom*, a lesson on the different contexts for the word *shalom* and *If I Went to the Moon*, a prep book for Parshat Kedoshim, covering the Mitzvot one can accomplish in a lifetime. When they finished reading, the babies learned a new song for the end of every Shemona Esrei, *Sim Shalom*



Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 20th: 11:00am: Shavuot Ice Cream Party. We are searching for a sponsor, please contact youth@lss.org
Sunday, June 10th: 10:00am-12:00pm "Tie-Dyes and Goodbyes"
Sunday, June 24: 10:00am-12:00pm– Babies and Brunch Round Two

Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel Lazarus

TEEN DEPARTMENT

This shabbat, we've got a Teen Programming doubleheader:

We kick off with a Teen Minyan and Munch at 10:15am in the pre-function room, generously sponsored by **Adina and Marc Dolfman** in honor of their children Reese, Morrison and Madeline. Join us for a full davening, words of Torah, and a delicious teen-only Kiddush. Following Kiddush, LSS Teens are invited to a special lunch at the home of **Rabbi and Sarah Robinson!**

Thank you again to our generous sponsors for making these incredible events possible, and we can't wait for what's ahead!

Weekly Prayer Schedule: April 29

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:40pm (Sun– Thurs)

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am



Kedoshim t'he'u, "Be holy," we are commanded; but how do we fulfill that mitzvah? Perhaps the answer is in another mitzvah: "לפני עור לא תבן מכשול" and don't put a stumbling block in front of a blind person." Chazal understand this metaphorically, "... when temptation and the evil inclination have shut the eyes of an individual, do not assist him in adding to his blindness" (Rambam Mishna Shviis 5:6). By understanding how careful we have to be to avoid *lifnei iver*, we can infer how far we have to distance ourselves from sin.

Multiple examples of *lifnei iver* in the Gemorah can be aggregated into three general categories:

1. Not to cause someone to "stumble." An example would be the obligation to mark graves so Kohanim and pilgrims would not inadvertently become *ritually unclean* (Moed Katan 5a, Niddah 57a). A father should not spank an older son since it might cause the child to hit the parent back; a violation of one of the Ten Commandments to honor one's parent. (Moed Katan 17a)
 2. Not to intentionally give bad advice. Rambam (ספר המצוות לא תעשה) and רמב"ם (12:14) "If someone consults with you, you must offer him proper counsel." This prohibition includes bad advice where the advisor has a self-interest such as suggesting someone sell a field because the advisor wishes to buy it for himself. And it includes malicious advice with no ulterior motive such as informing a Kohen that a certain woman is eligible to marry him when she isn't (both, Midrash Sifra, Leviticus 19:14).
 3. Providing the physical means for a person to sin, such as giving a limb torn from a living animal to a gentile (a violation of one of the seven Noahide laws) or a glass of wine to a Nazir, who takes a vow not to consume alcohol (Pesachim 22b). From this we can infer *lifnei iver* is applicable to Jew and gentile alike (Avodah Zarah 14a).
- If the facilitator suggests the sin himself, he is always guilty; it is entrapment (Chofetz Chaim LH 9:1, Chazon Ish YD 62:13).
 - Since any item may be used for good or evil, it is not *lifnei iver* if it is more likely the item will be used for a permitted purpose. For example (Nedarim 62b): It is forbidden to facilitate an idol worshiper in his *avodah*. Nevertheless, Rav Ashi, who owned a forest, legally sold the wood to a sect of fire-worshippers because it was much more likely the wood would be used for heating or cooking and not idolatry. And even if the item provided may only possibly be used for a legitimate purpose it is not *lifnei iver*. For example, Beit Shammai forbids selling an ox before the *shmita* year to a person who doesn't keep *shmita*; oxen are usually used for plowing. Beit Hillel allows the sale because the ox could conceivably be slaughtered and eaten (Shevis 5:8).
 - We are not concerned for derivative *lifnei iver* such as providing the means for another person to provide the means to sin (Avodah Zarah 14a). It is prohibited to sell small quantities of frankincense to idol worshippers since it will be used for idol worship, but is permitted to sell large quantities to them since this is obviously for commercial purposes. We are not concerned about the non-Jewish merchant reselling personal-size spices to another idolater. (see also Igrot Moshe Yoreh De'ah א, סימן עב)
 - The sinner must require the assistance of the facilitator to commit the sin for it to be *lifnei iver*. This principle is called "two sides of the river" (אבדא זרח 6b), meaning that if wine and a Nazir – to whom the wine is forbidden – are on opposite sides of a river, it is only you and your boat that allow the two to get together. How difficult does "two sides of the river" have to be? The Meiri says a "great effort," the Kesav Sofer says even minimal effort such as going to market to buy it, and the Pischei Teshuva (151:2) says it is only called "one side of the river" if the sinner owns the object already.
 - There is a disagreement if "one side of the river" is forbidden by Torah law; Rabbinic law (Tosafot Shabbat 3a and Rema YD 151:4); or if it is in cases of Rabbinic prohibitions where the sinner is acting intentionally. (Shach and Dagul Meruvah YD 151:6)
 - Rabbi Akiva Eger says if the assistance contributes to a sin in a way that minimizes the sin, it is a *not menasheh* עברה! חידושי ר" עקיבה איגר an עברה! חידושי ר" עקיבה איגר יורה דעה קפא:א: יורה דעה קפא:א:
 - Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach (Minchas Shlomo א, סימן לה) goes one step further. *Lifnei iver* must take the entire effect of one's action into account. For example, it is forbidden to give food to someone who won't make a *bracha* before eating (Orach Chaim 169); giving such a person food might be considered *lifnei iver*. However, not giving food to a less observant Jew at a *seudah* will certainly drive him farther away from Judaism, which is much worse. The single act of giving or not giving food has multiple consequences; it is situation specific, and all the ramifications must be considered. (Certainly, one cannot use this logic to initiate a sin. For example, Rav Moshe prohibits inviting non-observant Jews from out of town to a Shabbos function unless accommodations are made available to them for all of Shabbos (Igrot Moshe, Orach Chaim א, סימן צט).

The mitzvah of *lifnei iver* shows how cognizant a Jew has to be of the effect he has on every other person. If it is Hashem's desire that we do not lead other people astray, think how happy He is when we are a good example and a good influence, truly fulfilling the mitzvah of *Kedoshim t'he'u*!

Shabbat Shalom!

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