

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

6:28pm Earliest Candle Lighting
 7:37pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
Friday Night
 6:45pm Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**. Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
 7:40pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Belfer Beit Midrash.
Shabbat Morning
 7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by shiur given by **Daniel Besdin**
 8:30am Parsha shiur given by **Rabbinic Intern, Zachary Rothblatt**
 8:45am Women's Tefillah Group/Bat Mitzvah Project
 9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**. **Eli Beer** and **Murad Alyan** will be speaking before Musaf and **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** will be giving the Sermon after Musaf.
 9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201
 9:20am Latest Shema
 9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
 10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
 11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)
Shabbat Afternoon
 12:30pm Beginners Luncheon
 4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the shul lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. New volunteers welcome and needed
 5:00pm Tackling the Tuition Crisis
 5:55pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
 6:25pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211
 6:45pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Guest Speaker, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin**
 7:25pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
 8:39pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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THANK YOU TO OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: The Zareh family in loving memory of Emanuel's grandmother, Miriam bat Chaim a'h
Main Kiddush: Sponsored by the Women's Tefillah Group and friends, in thanks to **Cantor Goffin**, Bat Mitzvah Project mentors **Francine Cinamon, Sarah Cohen, Anna Freilich, Dassa Gerber Greenbaum, Naomi Goldman, Ari Klapholz, Michael Lauffer, Marjorie Lehman, Shirley Stark**, as well as to congratulate our Bat Mitzvah women **Sara Brzowsky, Naomi Cogan, Esther Green, Chavie Kahn, Nyla Kamlet, Arlette Loeser, Martha Steinmetz, Tova Weiser and Marcy Zwecker**.
Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Richard Okrent and Family in honor of the upcoming wedding of his son Jason to Rebecca Schlangel.
Beginners Kiddush:
Sarah Leah & Elazar (Lou) Vynerib in honor of the Bas Mitzvah of their dear granddaughter Camille, daughter of their children, Jennifer & David Vynerib, and a sincere thank you to **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.
Chaviva Warner and Helene Miller in honor of Chaviva's 7th birthday and giving thanks to **Aidel and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** for teaching her.
Seudah Shlishit: Sponsors welcome

SHABBAT GUIDE

Have you seen our new Shabbat guide? Check it out on the shul lobby table.

THIS SHABBAT

Rabbi Shaul Robinson will be officiating Shabbat services and will give the Shabbat morning sermon after Musaf. **Eli Beer**, founder of United Hazalah of Israel and **Murad Alyan**, a Muslum Hazalah volunteer—who have been awarded the Victor Goldberg Prize for Peace in the Middle East, will be speaking before Musaf. Davening led by **Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**.



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

12:30pm: Beginners Luncheon

5:00pm-6:30pm: Tackling The Tuition Crisis, a discussion of the increasing economic burden on families educating children in Jewish day schools. Join **Ami Eden** (MDS Board President), **Chavie Kahn** (UJA-Federation of NY), and **Maury Litwack** (Teach NYS) as they discuss the tuition crisis. Moderated by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.

6:45pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur:
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?"

NEXT SHABBAT

Chazzan Yanky Lemmer will be leading Friday night and Shabbat day services.

6:45pm: Friday evening, May 11: In addition to the regular scheduled Friday night minyanim, there will be a Yom Yerushalayim Pre-Shabbat Kumsitz with live music leading into Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv. Followed by a white wine and sushi Kiddush.

HAKARAT HATOV

Chavie Kahn for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

Agam Ackerman, Ava Eden, Raquel Foldbaum and Danielle Mero for volunteering last shabbat 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

Mazal tov to our new Bat Mitzvah women **Sara Brzowsky, Naomi Cogan, Esther Green, Chavie Kahn, Nyla Kamlet, Arlette Loeser, Martha Steinmetz, Tova Weiser and Marcy Zwecker**. Additional mazal tov to past Bat Mitzvahers on their anniversary. *Yasher Koach* to the mother/daughter teams reading from the Torah this Shabbat and to all Bat Mitzvah Project participants.

Grandparents Michelle and Eli Salig on the birth of a daughter to parents Daniella and Sam Schertz. Mazal tov to big brother Yehuda, big sister Kayla and aunt Margalit.

ANNUAL DINNER: SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Join us for a lavish dinner buffet and presentation, followed by a dessert extravaganza with special surprise entertainment. *Registration now open!*

Guests of Honor:

Dr. Susan Ungar-Mero and Steven Mero

Keter Torah Award:

Chani and Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld

Le'dor Va'dor Award:

Shirley Wald and Paris Wald-Stulbach

To Register go to www.lss.org/dinner

Deadline to Register: Monday, June 4th

MAHJONG

Interested in playing mahjong with fellow shul members? Email us to confirm your interest, your playing level (beginners, intermediate, or advanced) and your preferred day and time. With enough interest, we will announce the beginning of a weekly group. Email our Program Coordinator at alanna@lss.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

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: 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 Maharatz. To learn more, go to: <https://www.internationalwomenstalmudday.com>

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: 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

Saturday Evening, May 19: 11:30pm– 5:00am: The Rabbi Moshe Kasirer Tikun Leil Shavuot. Join us this year for an evening of learning! The evening starts with Rabbi Robinson as the Keynote speaker in commemoration of the 25th yahrtzeit of his father Graham Robinson z"l at 11:30pm and then continues throughout the evening with various classes and discussions until 5:00am. Cheesecake, blintzes, salad bar and coffee will be served throughout the evening.

Monday, May 21: Following Musaf: 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. Please register in advance at www.lss.org/event/israelparade so that we know how many and what size t-shirts to order.

OFFICERS' BOX

In your response to our survey last year, you told us that would like to know more about how the officers and board function.

The officers, in concert with our board and with input from our administrative staff and members, consider and set the agenda for the shul's decisions, from the quotidian and mundane to the special and significant. We meet once a month (whereas the board meets quarterly) and are in constant contact with each other, the Rabbi, and the Executive Director. We are each active in at least one shul committee, and often take on other tasks as needed.

Committee work, and in this case specifically, the officers group, is more than just helpful or practical, more than a mitzvah: it offers us a deeper familiarity with how the shul runs. HVAC systems and maintenance issues, room rentals, security features, caterer considerations, the practical needs of youngsters and seniors, couples and singles, beginners and old timers, celebrants and mourners.

I believe I was invited to be an officer because I participated in committee work over the years, generally showed interest in the shul, its facilities, and its programs, and built up some institutional knowledge over time.

If you have a question for the officers please feel free to email us at officers@lss.org and stay tuned to see if the question and answer is featured in a future Echod.

Shabbat Shalom! - Paris Wald Stulbach

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.
- **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.

Monday:

- **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.
- **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: Zemirot-songs we sing at the Shabbat table. Rm 208
- **Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazsky. 7:00pm-8:15pm. **Special edition of the class:** The family of our instructor, Hai, works the fields of a moshav that is right by the border with Gaza. The moshav, like many others, has unfortunately been the target of "kites with fire" attacks by Hamas. Come hear a first-hand account of this very grave situation. Don't worry if your Ivrit is not perfect, translation will be provided.
- **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: 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. Rm LL202
- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am– 11:30am. Rm LL201
- **Gemara b'Shana** in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm– 8:00pm. 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: *How Do You Choose a Good Friend?*
- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm–8:00pm. Belfer Beit Midrash

Did you miss Paul Shaviv's lecture series? Visit <https://soundcloud.com/paulshaviv-jewishhistory> (includes all talks from LSS Winter series 'Heretics and Heresies')

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 Musaf. 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 option, but those who participated in past years found it to be a very meaningful experience. Please email Nathan at nvogel212@gmail.com to learn more.

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 - Dropoff
 10:30 am - Davening
 10:50 am - Torah Shebal Peh
 11:00 am - Baby & Me (3rd floor Gym)
 11:15 am - Parshat Hamoadim - A Calendar of Biblical Holidays

Parsha Theme: *The Mesorah - The Tradition*

Parshat Emor is called Parshat Moadim, the Parsha of Holidays. It has this name because it mentions all biblical holidays. The first is Shabbat. The Mishna says Shabbat is the holiest day of the year, holier than Yom Kippur. The proof is that Monday or Thursday has three Aliyot, Rosh Chodesh has four, Chag has five, Yom Kippur has six, and Shabbat has seven, because Ma'alim BeKodesh: we increase in matters of holiness. Parshat Emor goes on to discuss Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. Between Pesach and Shavuot, the Torah tells us to count the Omer Mimacharat HaShabat, literally "the day after Shabbat." The Rabbis have a Mesorah tradition, not to take this literally; rather, HaShabat in this context means the second day of Pesach. The Karaites didn't believe in the oral law and started counting the Omer on Sunday. Rashi brings a proof in Parshat Emor that HaShabat can't mean Shabbat because how would we know which Shabbat to start counting from?

We follow the Rabbis because without rabbinical interpretation it would be impossible to understand how to do all the Mitzvot. Taking Tefillin as an example, the Torah says "Bind them as a sign upon your hand and frontlets between your eyes." How would this teach us that Tefillin are square shaped, black, have four scrolls, etc.? We believe G-d explained how to make and wear Tefillin to Moshe, and that explanation was handed down from generation to generation. This is Torah Shebaal Peh, the oral law, the rabbinical interpretation of the Torah, and the tradition.

Ask your children after Shul:

Why is Parshat Emor called Parshat Moadim?
 How does the Mishna prove Shabbat is the holiest day of the year?
 Who were the people that took everything in the Torah literally?
 When does the Torah say to start counting the Omer?
 What is *Torah Shebaal Peh*?

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 Five Senses Edition

Baby & Me Recap

Baby and Me cracked 80 mitzvot covered in Achrei Mot Kedoshim in the book Sammy Spider's First Mitzvah, covering Bikur Cholim, visiting the sick. Afterward, the babies rhymed with the story One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. They ended with a special rendition of Head, Shoulders Knees and Toes!

This Shabbat:

Youth groups while Mom & Dad
 solve the Tuition Crisis
 Ice cream party, gaga &
 Pop-A-Shot Tournament
 on Terrace
 5:00pm-6:30pm
 Ages 2 and up



Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel Lazarus

TEEN DEPARTMENT

After an amazing Teen Minyan and Lunch at the Rabbi's last Shabbat, we're getting ready for an incredible slate of Shavuot programming - stay tuned for details on a special all-night learning schedule just for Teens, and a park outing with all your friends!

We're seeking sponsors for snacks and refreshments for our Teen Tikkun Leil Shavuot - please let us know if you'd like to take part!

If you're not receiving Teen emails - please email us at teens@lss.org to be added to the list and stay tuned for exciting events to come!

Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel Serman

Weekly Prayer Schedule: May 6

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:45pm (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



Keep the Fires Burning

Lag B’Omer does not merely hearken an end to the Omer restrictions and the start of the season of *s’machot* (celebrations such as weddings); rather, in Meron (in Israel) and beyond, Lag B’Omer is synonymous with fires. That’s right. Building centralized fires on Lag B’Omer is a traditional way of commemorating the *hilhulla* (day of death) of one of the great Tannaim of the Talmud—Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, also known as Rashbi. Rashbi was a 2nd-century *tannaitic* sage in ancient Judea, who famously escaped to a cave with his son after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE. He was one of the most prominent disciples of Rabbi Akiva, credited by many with the authorship of the Zohar, the chief work of Kabbalah.

Thousands flock to Meron to celebrate Lag B’Omer and to pay homage to Rashbi. Why? Rav Moshe Weinberger, in *Sparks From the Fire* explains that Rashbi’s mission was to reveal the intense secrets of the Torah through the Zohar, and that the joy of the Torah revealed by Rashbi overcomes the sadness of the Omer and the mourning of the death of Rabbi Akiva’s 24,000 students.

Parshat Emor highlights the centrality of Torah in our lives and our obligation to transmit the deep learning of Torah from generation to generation. The concept of a legacy passed down from generation to generation is captured in the word *l’doroteichem* (for generations). In Parshat Emor, the word “*L’dorotam/L’doroteichem*” is used eight times – significantly more than in any other parsha. The recurrence of the concept emphasizes the importance of transmitting the Torah and our shared values from generation to generation.

The last reference to the concept of transmission is in the context of Ner Tamid – the instruction that a light has to be lit continually outside the Mishkan. Aaron is commanded to ensure that the light is lit “*lifney Hashem tamid*” –before Ha-shem always - and that the Ner Tamid is “*chukat olam l’doroteichem*” – an eternal statute (Vayikra 24:2-3).

Why does the light of the menorah need to be lit 24/7? On this point, the Gemara asks: Does Hashem really need the light to stay on continuously? (Shabbat 24b:2). Gemara answers that the reason for the light is so that anyone who comes to the Mishkan understands that the light of Hashem rests in the Mishkan. Over the arc of Jewish history, that Torah’s fire continues to burn—not in a highly visible way such as outside the Mishkan, but rather inside each and every Jew.

Our community is in the throes of a crisis—many families are faced with the increasing burden of day school tuition, and some are forced to educate their children elsewhere. We cannot forget that it is our communal obligation to ensure that the Torah’s fire continues to burn from generation to generation (Rambam, Mishneh Torah, Sefer Madda, Ch. 1). It is our responsibility to strategize, plan, and to attract new investors into the day school system—all with the objective of yielding sustainable day schools and yeshivot for years to come. We cannot simply focus on this year and next year’s budget—this is the long game. Are we planning for our schools’ long-term future?

We are blessed to live in a city and in a country where opportunities for rigorous Jewish and secular education abound. As a community, let’s recommit to making our day schools and yeshivot the best they can be—academically excellent, inspiring, and accessible to all students. We need to find ways to make day school education more affordable. There is no magic bullet. We need to explore every viable path to strengthening our schools, while devoting our time, resources, intellectual capital and laser focus to ensure that our tradition is transmitted *L’doroteichem*. It is our responsibility to keep the legacy of the precious fire of Torah burning for generations to come. As we aspire to provide yet one more link in the chain of Torah through the ages, we hope that --as poignantly described by Rabbi Yosef Dov Soloveichik--“This unity of generations, this march of centuries, this conversation of generations, this dialogue between antiquity and present will finally bring the redemption of the Jew. “

Chavie N. Kahn is the director of Day School Initiatives at UJA-Federation of NY.

Shabbat Shalom!

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