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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

6:38pm Earliest Candle Lighting 7:50pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

## Friday Night

6:45pm Early Mincha/Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.

7:55pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

## Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur given by **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow** 

8:45am: Women's Tefillah Group Bat Mitzvah Project (Pre-function Room)

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Drasha given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by Musaf.

9:13am Latest Shema

9:15am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201

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

4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele
Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West.
(New volunteers needed and welcome)

5:50pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

6:35pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211

6:35pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on "The Cave: Origins of a Spiritual Hero"

7:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Speaker Major Gilad Sharon on his

father's transition from a soldier to a statesman.

8:52pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## **SEFIRA REMINDER**

Shabbat is the 28th day of the Omer.

## **MAZAL TOV**

Mazal tov to this year's Bat Mitzvah women Lee Holm, Lori Kollinsky, Rita Kozlowski, Melanie Miller, Rande Price, Gila Saxe, Shari Stern Sonnenberg and Paris Stulbach. Additional Mazal Tov to past Bat Mitzvahers on their anniversary.

Grandparents **Miriam and Jeff Zuckerman** on the birth of two baby boys and a baby girl born to their children Dr. Batya Matla and Rabbi Daniel Zuckerman of Washington Heights, New York.

## WELCOME

Cantor

This Shabbat, we welcome **Major Gilad Sharon**, son of the late Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Gilad Sharon has an MA in Agricultural Economics and Management from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He writes a regular column in Yedioth Ahronoth, and is the author of a bestselling biography of his father, titled "Sharon: The Life of a Leader". In it, he describes his father's transition from soldier to stateman. Married and the father of four, Sharon lives on his family's farm. He is a



member of the Likud party and serves as a major in reserve duty in an elite army unit. In his talk, Gilad's will focus on his father's transition from a soldier to a statesman. This lecture is sponsored by Israel Bonds.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

<u>Hashkama Kiddush</u>: Nathan Aaron Rosen in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of his grandmothers, Rebecca Rosen bat Aaron Haim Kotzin & Golda (next week) a"h and Marie Singer bat Abraham Nathan Marks & Jennie (last week) a"h.

<u>Main Kiddush</u>: Sponsored by the members and supporters of the Women's Tefillah Group honoring the memory of our beloved teacher, Chazzan Sherwood Goffin z"l and wishing a sincere yasher koach to the women celebrating their Bat Mitzvahs and to their mentors.

<u>Beginners Kiddush</u>: Beatrice Stoller in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved brother, Arnold Marvin Mazur, Avraham Moishe ben Yitzchak z"l.

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsored by Israel Bonds

## **HAKARAT HATOV**

**Dassa Gerber Greenbaum** for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

We are looking for volunteers for the following:

- To join the High Holiday Committee: help with various activities for the High Holidays including managing the seating assignments
- To join the rotation of members who are able to host Shabbat meals for new members and out-of-town visitors

If you are interested and able to help, please email <a href="mailto:president@lss.org">president@lss.org</a>.

## HOSPITALITY NEEDS

Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and/or lodging. Please email <a href="mailto:hospitality@lss.org">hospitality@lss.org</a> with the subject line "intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

LSS Teen Directors and Rabbinic Intern, Zac & Rachel Schwartz are in need of meals and lodging on May 24-25, June 8-9, and dinner and lodging on June 9-10.

**Community Educator, Zissy Turner** and her husband, Sam, are in need of lunch on June 7-8 and dinner on June 8-10.

Weekly Prayer Schedule:		May 19				
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
Early Mincha/Maariv						7:05pm
Mincha/Maariv	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:05pm	8:00pm

## LSS ANNUAL DINNER: ABOUT OUR HONOREES

LSS Annual Dinner Sunday, June 16 5:30pm



To register, please visit www.lss.org/campaign/annualdinner2019

This year's LSS 55th Annual Dinner theme is "Pay it Forward". We are honoring three inspiring couples who have given back to the LSS community through their participation and hard work. This week's spotlight honorees are our guests of honor, Judith Weil and Lloyd Epstein.



Starting off in the Beginner's service in 1980, under the watchful guidance of Rabbi Buchwald, LLoyd and Judith have built a wonderful home full of Torah, hospitality and chesed. Judith's name is probably familiar as a founder and organizer of our hospitality projects and you probably know Lloyd best from checking your bag as member of the Shabbat morning security team. And, yes, he was also a Shul president.

As LSS has enriched the lives of the Weil Epstein family they have transformed so many other members of the community by their countless hours of volunteer service, acts of chesed and deep devotion to LSS. We are deeply grateful to them and are pleased to honor them at this year's annual dinner.

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach!

Lincoln Square Synagogue & Kol HaNeshamah Present

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in honor of Yom Yerushalayim FRIDAY MAY 31ST - MINCHA 6:45PM

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Gala Sushi and Wine Kiddush to Follow on the Terrace With Guest Speaker Lori Palatnik

Followed by Maariv (Musical Instruments put away)





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## LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS



## WITH DR. MORDECHAI KEDAR

The majority of American Jews are liberal and progressive, while - as the recent elections show -- the majority of Israelis are leaning to the right. The rift between the two groups is widening, especially regarding the "peace process". Is there a way to bridge the gaps between Israelis and American Jews? Join us and find out.



**S10 ADVANCE** ONLINE

\$15 @DOOR

Dr. Mordechai Kedar was born in Tel Aviv. He is a religious Zionist and an expert in Islam, the Arab world and Israeli Arab relations. He served for 25 years in IDF Military Intelligence, where he specialized in Islamic groups, the political discourse of Arab countries, the Arabic press and mass media.

REGISTER AT WWW.LSS.ORG/EVENT/PEACEPROCESS

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Wednesday, May 22: Honoring Our Heroes: 7:30pm \*Please note this is an offsite event

Join us as we partner with UJA-Federation of New York and local institutions to Honor Our Heroes. In honor of Fleet Week and pre-Memorial Day, we will recognize the courage and selfless service of our brothers and sisters who have dedicated themselves to our great nations. To register, please click the link in the electronic version of the Echod or contact Cori Weiss at weissc@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1302.

Location: The Jewish Center, 131 W 86th St, NY, NY 10024

## Shabbat, May 31: Musical Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00pm

Join LSS and Kol HaNeshamah for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat with live musical accompaniment featuring Mo Kiss, Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz and Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by Ma'ariv. Gala sushi and wine Kiddush to follow on the Terrace.

## Shabbat, June 1: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm

This will be the final Beginners Luncheon of the season. Cost: \$25. Please make your reservations by Thursday, May 30th. To register, please visit <a href="https://www.lss.org/beginners">www.lss.org/beginners</a> or call 212-874-6100.

## Sunday, June 2: Celebrate Israel Parade: 12:20pm

Join your LSS friends and other UWS synagogues as we march up Fifth Avenue and show our support for Israel. Exact time and meeting place will be announced closer to the date.

## Monday, June 3: Israel, American Jewry and the Peace Process: 7:00pm

Dr. Mordechai Kedar is an Israeli religious Zionist who is fluent in Arabic and an expert in Islam, the Arab world and Israeli Arab relations. He served for 25 years in IDF Military Intelligence, where he specialized in Islamic groups, the political discourse of Arab countries, the Arab press and mass media, and the Syrian domestic arena. He teaches at Bar-Ilan University. He is one of the few Arabic-speaking Israeli pundits seen on Arabic satellite channels defending Israel. Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/peaceprocess.

Motzei Shabbat, June 8: All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon: 12:00am More details to follow.

## Sunday, June 16: LSS Annual Dinner: 5:30pm

To register, please visit www.lss.org/campaign/annualdinner2019.

## Friday, June 28: Dinner & Dvar: 7:45pm

Save the date. Kick off your summer with an intimate and lively Friday night dinner with LSS members and friends. More details to follow.

## **MISHNAH PROJECT**

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 <a href="http://hadranalach.com/847">http://hadranalach.com/847</a> to choose a portion you would like to study. All learning will culminate with a celebratory Siyum luncheon on Monday, June 10 following Musaf. We are asking participants this year to learn their Mishnayot in honor of the memory of our beloved Chazzan Sherwood Goffin, R' Shimon ben Chaim Eliezer z"l.

In addition, 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 <a href="mailto:nvogel212@gmail.com">nvogel212@gmail.com</a> to learn more.

## **SPONSOR A SHIUR**

To sponsor a shiur please visit <a href="www.lss.org/form/sponsorship">www.lss.org/form/sponsorship</a>
Clergy Shiur (\$360)
Rabbinic Interns/Community Educators Shiur (\$120)

## **WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

## Sunday:

• **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

#### Monday:

- Chug Ivrit given by Hai Piazesky and Dan Munk. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In this class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) to Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Location: Rm 207
- **Jewish Living Workshop:** 6:20pm-7:30pm. Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. Topic: The Mikvah and Family Purity. <u>Location:</u> Offsite. To register, please email <u>ilworkshop@yahoo.com</u>.
- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at <a href="www.lss.org/beginners">www.lss.org/beginners</a>.
- Ramchal: Ethicist, Poet, Philosopher, Mystic, Renaissance Man led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld. 8:30pm-9:15pm. A five-part series introducing and exploring the life and works of Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto (1707-1746), one of Jewish History's most influential and remarkable thinkers. This will be the third of five classes. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

#### Tuesday:

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am—11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group
  led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-7:50pm.\_M'lachim, the Book of Kings the
  death of David, the magnificent reign of Solomon and his fall, the split
  kingdom, the dramatic tales of Elijah and Elisha, and so much more. Join
  our lively weekly study/discussion group as we analyze, pasuk by pasuk,
  these exciting Biblical narratives. Location: Rm 211
- Community Kollel: organized by Rabbinic Intern and Teen Director, Zac Schwartz: 7:30pm-9:30pm. A groundbreaking program featuring impressive young educators. Choose between mini classes and one on one learning. Catering to aspiring learners of all backgrounds, from beginner to yeshiva veteran. To register please click on the link in the Echod electronic version or email <a href="teens@lss.org">teens@lss.org</a>. Location: Pre-function Room

#### Wednesday:

 Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:00pm-8:00pm. <u>Location</u>: Rm 207

## Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. <u>Last Week's Topic:</u> "Dealing with Change" Location: Rm LL201.
- \*(Please note this is an offsite event and is cancelled this week, will resume May 30) Lunch & Learn: led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 12:45pm-1:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please email Micah Bloomfield at mbloomfield@stroock.com. Location: 180 Maiden Lane NY, NY 10038
- \*(Cancelled this week, will resume May 31) The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

## Happy Learning!

#### **DVAR TORAH**

Parshat Emor May 18, 2019

Written by: Dassa Gerber Greenbaum

#### **Parshat Emor**

"Vayomer Hashem el Moshe" Hashem said to Moshe, "Emor el Hacohanim Bnei Aharon" say to the Priests the sons of Aharon, "Veamarta Alehem" and say to them. Why did the Torah use the word "emor," say, twice? It seems redundant.

Rashi explains the redundancy as follows "lehazhir gedolim haketanim" — to warn the bigger ones about the smaller ones. Since he refers to Yevomot 114a, which discusses parents' responsibility for their children, this Rashi is commonly interpreted as admonishing adults about educating their children.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe noted that the word *lehazhir*, to warn, is also a derivative of the word "zohar" which means light. To the Rebbe, it is not just a matter of educating the children, but doing it in such a positive way, that the qualities learned are integrated into their being so that

they literally shine with light. Rebbe Elimelech of Lizhensk in "Noam Elimelech," his commentary on the Torah, has an interesting interpretation of Rashi's "lehazhir gedolim haketanim." He extends the meaning of "gedolim" to when we are

engaged in holy activities like learning Torah and praying. The person occupied in such activities is in a state of "mochin d'gadlus" an expanded spiritual state of consciousness. But what happens when you are finished with this concentrated divine connection and now enter back

into the everyday mundane? This connection of "greatness" can ebb away to "mochin d'katnus," a "smaller" more constricted connection to spirituality and Hashem. This, according to Rebbe Elimelech, is what Rashi is referring to. When in a "great" state, a high state, Rashi cautions to let this connection carry over to the "smaller" times, and infuse

holiness in the more mundane states of everyday life. This Shabbat is the fourth year of the Bat Mitzvah Project. We are proud

of all participants. But the project would never have gotten off the ground without Cantor Sherwood Goffin, our beloved Chaz, of blessed memory. He was my guiding "light" for this project. He gladly recorded all of our Torah sections, gave several classes in trop, even worked with individuals, always giving words of support.

The Chaz was a person who when davening before the amud, praying on behalf of his congregants and friends, was in a "mochin d'gadlus" a high state of spiritual consciousness. He carried over this goodness and spirituality into the smaller things on a day-to-day basis; reaching out. connecting with and befriending people of all backgrounds. He empowered and infused the sweetness of Torah to generations of boys

and girls through the LSS afterschool Talmud Torah as well as bar and bat mitzvah lessons. He valued the education of boys and girls equally, giving his full dedication and respect to girls studying with him for their bat mitzvah as he did for boys studying with him for their bar mitzvah.

Through his tefillah, his prayers, he advocated on behalf of his kehillah, his congregation, to Hashem. Through his personality, love for all and spirituality, he advocated for Hashem to his kehillah. His "gadlus," greatness, spilled over into our lives and into our souls, making us shine with its light.

I would also like to recognize his eshet chayil, Batya, his equal in goodness, his partner in life, and the supporter who made his work possible.

Please know, Chaz, as you look down on us from your place in the heavens, that your "mochin d'gadlus" is still being shared with the "smaller" ones, your adopted kehillah, children and students. We still learn from you; you are still lifting us up.

Shabbat Shalom

For more information about writing a Dvar Torah, see Bill Greenbaum in shul or email dvar@lss.org.

We are currently looking for writers for: May 25 (Parshat Behar) June 1 (Parshat Bechukotai) June 22 (Parshat Beha'alotcha)

#### YOUTH DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210

Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211

Buds ניצנים (K-1st) Room 208

Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206

ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207

## Shabbat schedule:

10:00 am Drop Off (Rooms 206-211)

10:45 am Davening, Circle Time, and Healthy Kiddush

(Rooms 206-211)

11:00 am Parsha & Candy: The Holy Kohanim

(Rooms 208-211)

11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration

(Room 206-207)

11:45 am Groups End

### **Dvar Torah**

Parshat Emor starts when Hashem tells Moshe to speak with the Kohanim regarding the special laws of being a Kohen. Why are Kohanim so special that they have their own laws? The Torah tells us that Hashem specifically selected and elevated the tribe of Levi because they were the only ones who didn't make the mistake of participating in building the Golden Calf. As a result, they became Hashem's special tribe. Within the tribe of Levi, there are a family of Kohanim who are elevated even higher than the typical Leviim.

In the Beit Hamikdash, the Kohanim and the Leviim both served; the Kohanim, however, were the only ones allowed to bring sacrifices. Because the Kohanim are so elevated, they have certain honors -- for example when we call men to the Torah, Kohanim are always called first. Another example - when you say Birkat Hamazon (grace after meals) the Kohen should be honored by leading the benching. Kohanim also have certain restrictions such as being banned from a cemetery with the exception of seven specific family members. The Rambam says every Jew can be a Kohen in the literal sense. If we work hard to daven, do mitzvot, and give tzedakah, we too can be as holy and elevated as the Kohanim.

#### After Shul Ask Your Children:

- What tribe didn't participate in the sin of the Golden calf?
- 2. What are two honors that Kohanim still get today?
- 3. What is one restriction for a Kohen?
- 4. How does the Rambam say we can all be *Kohanim*?

Through davening, doing mitzvot, and giving tzedakah They cannot go into a cemetery .ε RILCAL HAWAZON They get an Aliya at the Torah and are the first to lead 7. The Leviuim τ. :syewsnA

## **Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, June 2: Torah Letters Workshop: 10:00am Save the date. More information to come.

Shavuot, June 9: Ten Commandments Ice Cream Party: 11:00am Save the date. More information to come.

Shavuot, June 10: Har Sinai Cake Creation: 11:00am Save the date. More information to come.

> Shabbat Shalom, Ariella & Mendel Lazaros

