

SHABBAT SCHEDULE	
6:44pm	Earliest Candle Lighting
7:58pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting
Friday Night	
6:45pm	Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary . Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson .
8:00pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
Shabbat Morning	
7:45am	Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by shiur given by Rabbinic Intern, Zachary Rothblatt
9:00am	Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Sermon given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by Musaf
9:10am	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: Meet in the shul lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. New volunteers needed
6:15pm	Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash
6:45pm	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 Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld . Shiur sponsored by Dorothea Krieger in commemoration of the 6th yahrtzeit of her father Eliezer Nathan ben Moshe Nachum HaKohen z"l.
7:45pm	Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.
8:59pm	Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

HAKARAT HATOV	
Margy-Ruth Davis for writing this week's Dvar Torah.	
Agam Ackerman, Matthew Blitzler, Danielle Mero, Sarah Mero and Henry Wildes for volunteering last shabbat for our Ben Adam Le'Chavero Kiddush Program . <i>Please volunteer and help continue this important mitzvah! (helping to bring food and drinks to those who need assistance) Email teens@lss.org.</i>	

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THANK YOU TO OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS
Hashkama Kiddush: Suzan and Fred Ehrman in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of their father, Samuel Ehrman z"l, which took place on 24 day of Nissan and their mother, Anna Ehrman a"h, which took place on Rosh Chodesh Sivan.
Main Kiddush: Sydell Roth in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her husband Yosef Naftali ben Ze'ev z"l.
Beginners Kiddush: Sponsored in loving memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani z"l and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald .
Seudah Shlishit: Sponsors welcome.


MAZAL TOV
Martine and Jack Schenker on the forthcoming bar mitzvah of their grandson, Jonah Henri Schenker, son of Zachary and Alisa Schenker. Mazal Tov to siblings Emma, Max, and Ezra
Sara and Elie Kravtiz on the birth of a baby boy.
Vanessa and Michael Rouzenrouch on the birth of a baby boy.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Alexandre Benchimol
Barbara Gatti

ANNUAL DINNER: SUNDAY, JUNE 17


Keter Torah Award:

Chani and Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld



Guests of Honor:

Dr. Susan Ungar-Mero and Steven Mero




To register visit

www.lss.org/dinner

Deadline, Monday, June 4

Le'dor Va'dor Award:

Shirley Wald and Paris Wald Stulbach



Weekly Prayer Schedule: May 27				Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:05pm (Sun-Thurs)		
Day	Sunday	Monday Memorial Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	7:45am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 8:30am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday May 31: 8:35pm: LSS Board Meeting. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat, June 2: Beginners Luncheon The cost is still only \$25. Please make your reservations by Thursday, May 31st. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100.

Shabbat, June 2: 1:00pm: YP Roof Top Garden Party Shabbat Lunch. Join LSS Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s as we celebrate great weather at our Roof Top Garden Party Shabbat Lunch. Come meet Young Professional singles, couples and families and enjoy delicious food on the LSS Terrace. All YP's are welcome. Free babysitting will be provided. \$38 per person. Deadline: May 29. Register at www.lss.org/yp

Sunday June 3: 12:15pm: Celebrate Israel Parade We will meet on East 52nd Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues. Look for the banner that reads UWS Loves Israel which will include the LSS logo. As a frame of reference, we will be marching right behind the UJA group. Please register in advance at www.lss.org/event/israelparade so that we know how many and what size t-shirts to order.

Sunday June 3: 10:30am: Converts in Conversation Topic: "Modesty - Tzniut all year round." Rm 211. Register at www.lss.org/event/convertsinconversation

Sunday, June 3: 7:00pm: Please join us for the next screening of *Shababnikim*. This screening will include Episodes 4-6. To register please visit www.lss.org/film.

CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE

SUNDAY JUNE 3

12:15 pm East 52nd Street
between Fifth & Madison Avenue

Celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary by marching with fellow Upper West Siders and members of the United Congregations for Israel group. Look for the banner UWS ♥ Israel which will include the LSS logo. It will be right behind the UJA group.



To Register visit:
www.lss.org/event/israelparade



To sign up to March with LSS at the Israeli Day Parade please visit www.lss.org/event/israelparade

To Attend the Young Professional Garden Party register at www.lss.org/yp

To attend the Shababnikim film screening register at www.lss.org/film

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The award-winning series features four less-than-stellar haredi yeshiva students as they navigate religious expectations, the schemes 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!

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Episodes 1-3 (of 12)

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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.

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. **(canceled this week)**
- The Jewish Living Workshop** Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 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. **(canceled this week)**

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
- Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzer: 7:05pm–8:05pm. Rm 211
- 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

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Rm LL201 Last Week's Topic: *Dealing with Differences*
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm–8:00pm. Belfer Beit Midrash

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



Shabbat Youth Schedule

10:00 am - Dropoff and Davening (all groups)
 10:30 am - The Story of the Mighty Samson (all groups)
 11:00 am - Baby & Me (3rd floor gym)
 11:15 am - The Casper Slide - Kadima Edition (Rooms 208 and 211)
 11:45 am - Groups End

Parshat Nasso - A Nazir's tale

Parshat Nasso is a continuation of last week's Bamidbar in that it discusses the different families of Levi and their responsibilities carrying components of the Mishkan. Kehas carried the Ark, table and menorah, Gershon carried the curtains, and Merari carried the boards and bars. The parsha then discusses a *Nazir*, one who takes special vows not to drink wine, alcohol, or anything made from grapes and can't cut his hair or come into a contact with the deceased. The Haftarah of Nasso describes the birth of the most famous Nazir, Shimshon, the mighty Samson. An angel appeared to his mother and told her not to drink wine or alcohol because she would have a son, who would be a Nazir and save the Jewish people from the Philistines. At the end of the Haftarah, she gives birth to a son, and names him Shimshon.

Shimshon had immense strength. He fought the Philistines, who could not defeat him, no matter how many soldiers they sent. Finally, they set a honey trap. They sent a beautiful woman named Delila, who became friendly with Shimshon in order to discover the source of his strength. First Shimshon told her that if he were tied with seven ropes, he would be helpless. Delila tied him in seven ropes and when the Philistines came in, Shimshon tore off the ropes and defeated them. When Delila asked again, Shimshon told her that wrapping him in chains would make him lose his strength. Delila wrapped him in chains and again he broke them. Finally, he told her the truth, that his strength existed because he never cut his hair. When Delila cut his hair, the Philistines took him as prisoner in their temple. One day, they brought Shimshon out of the dungeon to be their entertainment. Shimshon prayed to Hashem for his strength to come back one last time. Hashem answered his prayers and Shimshon pushed down the walls of the temple, crushing himself and the Philistine army.

Upcoming Events:

June 10, 10:00 am: 12:00 pm: Tie Dye & Goodbye
 June 24, 10:00 am: 12:00 pm: Babies & Brunch Five Senses Edition

Thank you to our sponsors

Estee & Eli Friedman, Vanessa & Michael Rouzenrouch for sponsoring the next edition of Babies & Brunch on June 24!

Jesse and Miriam Izak for sponsoring this week's Shabbat Nosh and Popsicles for Youth Groups.

If you'd like to sponsor the nosh and popsicles for youth groups next week, please email Youth@lss.org

Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel Lazarus

THE MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, May 30: "I on Campus": Today's Actual Jewish Experience on College Campuses.

Calling all 11th and 12th grade students, and their parents! Join UJA-Federation, Columbia/Barnard Hillel, NYU Hillel, Hunter College Hillel, Manhattan BBYO, and The Jewish Education Project to explore the complex experience of being Jewish and engaging with Israel on today's college campuses. Hear from current college students about how they navigate these complicated waters, and engage in thoughtful conversations to grapple with the complexity of these issues. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2lojDjw> and reach out to Erica Cohen at cohene@ujafedny.org with any questions.

Upcoming Teen Events :

Shabbat June 2: 6:00pm: Shabbat Teen Oneg celebrating all Teen Graduates Join us for Pareve Ice Cream Sundaes, snacks, sports, and games!

Sponsored by the Ackerman Family and the Mero Family.

Location: Spira Terrace

Shabbat June 16: 4:30pm: Teens on the Terrace: End of Year Celebration

More details to follow

Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel Serman

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Shabbat Teen Oneg

Celebrating All Teen Graduates

Pareve Ice Cream Sundaes, Snacks, Sports and Games

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Shabbat June 2, 4:30pm

Welcome To All Teens!

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Pre-Function Room

When should the priests bless the people?

In the mid-18th century, the esteemed Vilna Gaon sought to overturn established *minhag*. It was his great dream to restore the daily ritual of *birkat kohanim*, the priestly blessing. Among Ashkenazi Jews, it was then the practice – as it is today in the Diaspora – for the priests to bless the people only on the festivals.

According to Rav Chayyim of Volozhin, at first the Gaon did not dare to act. Then, passion overtook him. He declared that at the next morning’s *shacharit* prayer, this daily recitation would begin. It would be the new *minhag* of his Beit Midrash. Within hours, however, he was falsely accused and arrested – effectively foiling his plans.

Why was *birkat kohanim* so important to the Gaon? Partly, it was the belief that the *mitzvot* had to be restored to their pristine beauty. This *mitzvah* had been corrupted over time and it required correction. Maimonides clearly affirms that *birkat kohanim* is to be said daily (*Sefer Hamitzvot* 336).

On a deeper level, it is said, the Gaon sought to rush the Days of Redemption. As *birkat kohanim* had been said each day in the Temple, the return of this daily rite would bring the time of the messiah one step closer. After several aborted tries, however, the Gaon came to believe that Heaven, itself, did not wish it.

The priestly blessing reflects the profound connection between the Almighty and the Jewish people. In his commentary on *birkat kohanim*, Abravanel tells us that the word *bracha* has several distinct meanings. When God blesses us, the word *bracha* describes an abundance streaming from Him to us. When we bless one another, as a parent blesses his child, the word *bracha* means supplication; we are asking God to shower goodness on the recipient. Yet, when we make our *brachot* over food or in prayer, when we say our blessings, we are not transferring bounty; in this context, *bracha* means praise.

In ascending to the *bima*, the priests have a complex role. It is true that God requires the *kohanim* to bless the people: “Speak unto Aaron and his sons saying, thus you shall bless the children of Israel (6:22-23).” The priests are the necessary channel through which the blessing flows. In this light, we might understand *birkat kohanim* to mean supplication, a request for overflowing goodness.

Yet, it is also clear that this blessing comes from God. *Birkat kohanim* ends with the verse, “And they shall put My name upon the children of Israel and I will bless them (6:27).” In this context, the *bracha* emanates directly from Him, “down” to us. The priests, then, would have no function at all.

Nechama Leibowitz suggests a third possibility. She tells us that God requires human collaboration in His work, “just as the ground is prepared for the farmer for rain (Leibowitz, Bamidbar p.65).” The *kohanim* prepare the people for God’s blessing.

This may be why the Gaon of Vilna felt so strongly about saying *birkat kohanim* every day. As the priests prepare the people for God’s blessing, the Gaon was getting ready for the End of Days. He was the farmer preparing the ground for rain.

The Redemption is not yet upon us, but the Gaon did achieve a partial, posthumous victory. Between 1808 and 1812, some 500 of his students and their families made aliyah to Israel. They brought the custom of the daily priestly blessing with them and instituted this practice in their congregations. In almost every Israeli synagogue, *birkat kohanim* is said during daily prayers. We are all the richer for it.

This Dvar Torah is dedicated to the kohanim in my family. They bring blessings into our lives.

Shabbat Shalom!

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