

Shabbat Schedule

6:29pm Earliest Candle Lighting

7:38pm Candle Lighting

Friday Night

6:45pm Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

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 **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by **Rabbinic Fellow, Mark Weingarten**

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

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

9:19am Latest Shema

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West

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

6:25pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Shiur given by **Josh Rosenfeld** on *An Introduction to Jewish Ethics": Pirkei Avot, End of First Perek*

7:25pm Mincha /Seudah Shlishit with guest speaker, **Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz**, of Ohr Sameach

8:40pm Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

Sefira Reminder: Today is the 25th day of the Omer.

MAZAL TOV

Lenore and Jack Brown on the birth of a great grandson David Floyd Ben-Ezra and to **Aunt Meryl** and **Uncle Benjy**. Mazal Tov also to parents **Melanie and Kevin Ben-Ezra**.

Tzippy and Gilad Bendheim on the birth of a baby boy. Mazal Tov to grandparents Rachel and David Quint and Giti and Jack Bendheim, great grandmother Els Bendheim and great-aunt and uncle Aviva and Marvin Sussman.

Rachel Neumark Herlands and Jonathan Herlands on the birth of a granddaughter, Bea (Devorah) Asya, to their children Dinah and Joshua Foer of Brookline, Mass.

Esther and Adir Greenfeld on the birth of a baby girl

WELCOME

New Members: Elaine and Lewis Dubroff & Ms. Rosa Gorden

To those participating in the **Beginners Luncheon**. Enjoy!

We recently welcomed our new **Facility Manager:** Byron Johnson. Byron has already hit the ground running, getting to know members, taking on building projects and learning the intricacies of our shul. Please feel free to introduce yourself!

LSS 53rd Annual Dinner

Thursday, June 15 2017

Mazal Tov to this year's honorees:

Guests of Honor:

Miriam and Michael Laufer

Young Leadership Award:

Judith and Daniel Sabba

Community Service Award:

Karen and Ed Stark

Register now at lss.org/annualdinner

THIS SHABBAT

Chazzan Yanky Lemmer leads Shabbat davening in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary.

Sermon given by Rabbi Robinson.

Seudah Shlishit: Guest Speaker, Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz, of Ohr Sameach. Rabbi Tatz founded the Jerusalem Medical Ethics Forum, of which he is Director. He has written many works on the deeper aspects of Judaism, as well as recent books on Jewish Medical Ethics and Free Will & Destiny.

NEXT SHABBAT

May 13: We welcome Scholar in Residence **Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg** who established the Migdal Oz Beit Midrash for Women in 1997 and has served as the Rosh Beit Midrash since its establishment. Esti is continuing the tradition of her late father Rav Aaron Lichtenstein z"l and her late grandfather Rav Yosef Ber Soloveitchik z"l in teaching Torah at the highest level to new generations of students.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: The **Horwitz Family** in memory of their mother Helene Horwitz a"l.

Main Kiddush: **Aviva & Marvin Sussman** and **Judy & Moshe Sokolow** in memory of their parents Sol & Roslyn Sussman, z"l, and Charles Bendheim, z"l, whose yahrtzeits are all in the month of Iyar.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: **Meryl and Benjamin Brown and Lenore and Jack Brown** in honor of their new baby, nephew, and great grandson, David Floyd Ben-Ezra.

Beginners Kiddush: Sponsored in loving memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani z"l and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsors welcome

Sunday Beit Midrash Program: **Enid Moskowitz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father Nathan Moskowitz (Nachman ben Pinchas) z"l.

Thank you to **Jesse Cogan** for writing this week's Dvar Torah. To volunteer to write a Dvar Torah, email dvar@lss.org

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 email mishnah@lss.org or call the LSS office to choose a portion you would like to study and to sign up!

*All learning will culminate with a celebratory Siyum luncheon on the 2nd day of Shavuot. More details to follow.

**As was done last year, in solidarity with our Israeli brothers and sisters, we offer the additional option of learning in memory of an Israeli victim of terror (more details once you register).

Learning Mishnah is now easier than ever! Download the entire Mishnah with English translation and commentary (*kehati*) and start learning! Available for free on the iPhone and Android.

THIS SUNDAY

10:00am • Bat Mitzvah Project There will be a dress rehearsal in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary .

Email: lssbatmitvah@gmail.com

7:30pm • People of the Book in a Digital Age How is Jewish Culture the product of its books? How can "secular" literature contribute to religious life? A conversation between a leading American literary critic, Adam Kirsch and an Israeli Rabbi-Educator Rabbi Jeffrey Saks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday May 8 • 8:15pm-9:30pm • Beginners Schmooze. No charge, complimentary refreshments.

Wednesday May 10 • 7:00pm • United Congregations of Israel (of which LSS is an affiliate) presents Mark Podwal: Portraying Israel Through Art Mark Podwal will give a talk and show slides of his artistic career *Portraying Israel Through Art*. He will also sign copies of his most recent book "Reimagined; 45 Years of Jewish Art". Free Admission. Location: Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, 30 West 68th St. Rsvp: response@swfs.org or 212-877-4050 Ext 280

Shabbat May 13 • 1:00pm • LSS Young Professionals Roof Top Garden Shabbat Lunch Come meet YP singles, couples and families while enjoying delicious food on the LSS Terrace as we celebrate spring weather. For more information and to sign up visit www.lss.org/yp. Deadline: May 8th. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Shabbat May 13 • Come meet our new Youth Directors, Mendel and Ariella Lazaros in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary following davening where they will introduce themselves to the congregation.

Shabbat May 13 • 8:45 am • Bat Mitzvah Project 2017 Women and Girls, please join us in the pre-function room as we celebrate.

Sunday May 20 • Come meet our new Youth Directors, Mendel and Ariella Lazaros at the kiddush for the Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan (Beit Midrash, 11:45am) where they will introduce themselves to the congregation.

Sunday, May 21 • 7:30pm • Book Club Meeting (offsite) Book Titles: "*Judas*" by Amos Oz and "*A Horse Walks into A Barn*" by David Grossman. *Judas* is the first novel Amos Oz has written since "A Tale of Love and Darkness" and it has already won several prizes. *A Horse walks into a Bar* is a short book about a comedian performing in front of an audience at a provincial Israel nightclub. Both books are short listed for the Man Booker International Prize. The winner will be announced June 14. Location: home of Gale and Steve Spira.

Tuesday, May 23 • 7:30pm • Yom Yerushalayim. We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem with a Tefillah Chagagit, led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer joined by the Pumpadisa band. Following will be an address by former American Ambassador to the US, Sallie Meridor and a gala dessert reception.

Tuesday night, May 30 • 12:00am-7:00am • Tikun Leil Shavuot for the entire shul with a Beginners All Night Learning Program as well. More details to follow.

Wednesday May 31 • Mishnah Impossible Siyum Luncheon • Join us for a Siyum luncheon in celebration of this year's communal study of Mishnah. More details to follow.

Shabbat, June 3 • Final Beginners Luncheon. The cost is still only \$25. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, June 1st**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100.

Sunday June 4 • Salute to Israel Parade Exact time, meeting location, and more details to follow. To order your t-shirts , visit www.lss.org/parade. Deadline to order is May 18th.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Sunday

- Rabbi Rosenfeld's Shiur on Rabbinic Responsa 9:15am-10:00am
- Beit Midrash Program 10:00-11:30am Chavrusa Learning & Impactful Shiurim with Clergy- Beit Midrash

Monday

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II 6:30pm-8:00pm- Rm LL201 and Rm 211 (3 classes remaining)
- Conversational Hebrew 7:00pm- Rm 210 (one time class room change)
- Kaddish Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson 7:00pm-7:50pm - Beit Midrash (canceled, will resume 5/15)
- Jewish Living Workshop- 7:30-8:30pm- Rm 208- Topic: Shavuot- Preparing Ourselves and Our Home

Tuesday

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha." Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson 10:30-11:30am- LL202
- Gemara B'Shana 6:45pm-7:50pm- Beit Midrash

Wednesday

- Kol Dodi Dofek – with Jacob Bernstein- 1:15pm-2:00pm- Rm LL202
- Talmudic Logic with Rabbi Weiss 7:30pm-8:30pm- Rm 208/210
- Beit Midrash night The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai facilitated by Sara Brzowsky 8:00pm-9:15pm – Rm 207

Thursday

- Women's Talk Time- with School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer- 11:30am-12:30pm- Rm 201. Last week's discussion: *How do I make friends with other shul members?*
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson 7:00pm-7:50pm- Beit Midrash
- Cholent Chabura with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld - 8:45pm (*meets off site*)

Weekly Prayer Schedule For the Week of May 7, 2017

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:50pm

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday & Thursday</u>	<u>Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday</u>
Daf Yomi: 7:45am Shacharit: 7:10am & 8:30am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am Shacharit : 7:00am & 7:50am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am Shacharit: 7:10am & 7:50am

On Holiness

On a hot desert day, 3200 years ago (give or take a century), God asked Moses to call a meeting of all men, women, and children — the entire flock.

"Be Holy," God said, in a bold, take-no-prisoners way.

The children of Israel were baffled. Should we meditate? Gather our shattered souls? Bring wonder into the world? Muse? Ponder? Eat yogurt? Why should I be holy?

"Because I am holy," said God. "I made you in My image, and if I'm holy, you're holy."

And God proceeded to rattle off dozens of laws covering every moment of every day. What you can eat. How to talk to parents. How to treat converts. Paying your workers on time. Don't place a plate of fudge in front of a dieter. No robbing, stealing or sleeping with your aunt. And of course, Love your neighbor.

"Get it"? Asks God.

"Sure. I keep Your rules, and I'm holy."

"Not rules. *Mitzvot*."

"Whatever. I do Your mitzvot, and I'm holy."

"They're not My *mitzvot* - they're yours! A gift.

I don't need Your gifts."

God rumbled, which isn't common in the desert. Maybe He grumbled. Regardless, He was angry. "For this, I took you out of *Mitzrayim*?" He said.

"Feed the poor because I feed the poor, Keep the Sabbath because I keep the Sabbath. Atone on Yom Kippur because I atoned on Yom Kippur. And don't shave with a razor because I said not to." God is impatient.

"Oh. Follow Your rules; I mean *mitzvot*, and "Poof," I'm holy."

"No. The *mitzvot* won't make you holy. But stopping to realize throughout the day the unique role you play in the world and how you help make it better, is what makes you holy."

"How do I do that?"

“גלוי ראש. Don't go. Live *mitzvot*. Work your daily routine around them. When and with whom to have sex. Put something on your head. Give an old man a seat on the subway and control yourself when someone violates your מקום קבוע.

Suddenly, God sums up in a fatherly tone, which is his normal way of speaking. "Be honest. Be fair. You can't help but be holy."

A light bulb appears.

"Oh. I get it" as if finally figuring out what the real difference is between the *mitzvah* רבן גמליאל and תנא קמא "Holy is what I do. Holy is what I become!"

God leaves with a thumbs-up and a smile. "Be holy," He says.

