

Shabbat Schedule

6:34pm Earliest Candle Lighting

7:46pm Candle Lighting

Friday Night

6:45pm Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services lead by **Cantorial Intern, Yisroel Lesches**.

7:50pm 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 **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**

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

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Davening led by **Cantorial Intern, Yisroel Lesches**. Guest speaker, **Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg** will speak after services.

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

9:15am Latest Shema

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash.

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

6:05pm 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 Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg**

7:35pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit with a talk by guest speaker, **Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg**

8:47pm Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

Sefira Reminder: Today is the 32nd day of the Omer.

MAZAL TOV

To all the following women completing the **Bat Mitzvah Project**: Lauren Flaks, Anna Freilich, Marilynn Goldman, Naomi Goldman, Ora Hamelsdorf, Malkah Mayoral, Gloria Kestenbaum, Sara Nash, and Beatrice Stoller .

To all the following women celebrating their "Bat Mitzversary": Alisa Adler, Wendy Baker, Francine Cinamon, Helene Katz Freedman, Irene Hecht, Shara Lipson Schor, Grace Shevel, Shirley Stark and Frances Zelazny.

Nitza and Micah Bloomfield on the engagement of their son, Doni, to Ela Naegele and Mazal Tov to Doni's sister, Ariella.

Tuvy Miller on his engagement to Hannah Spellman.

LSS Social Worker, **Shira Felberbaum and Gilead Kedem** on the birth of a baby girl, Yael Hadassa.

Gail Math Castagnello on the engagement of her daughter, Bess Hannah to Simcha Fern of Monsey NY.

Linda and Howard Sterling on the marriage of their granddaughter, Leah Yael Sterling, daughter of Arielah and Yaacok Sterling, to Akiva Kraus of Bnei Brak.

Thank you to Dassa Gerber Greenbaum for writing this week's Dvar Torah and for organizing the Bat Mitzvah Project. To volunteer to write a Dvar Torah, email dvar@lss.org

LSS 53rd Annual Dinner

Did you know that you could register for our annual dinner on our app? Just download our app on iPhone or Android by searching for "Lincoln Square Synagogue" in the app store, and click 'Register Now!' on the home screen. You can also register online at lss.org/annualdinner

Guests of Honor: Miriam & Michael Laufer
Young Leadership Award: Judith & Daniel Sabba
Community Service Award: Karen & Ed Stark

THIS SHABBAT

We welcome Scholar in Residence **Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg**, founder of Migdal Oz, sponsored by the Ruth Belsky Program for Religious Zionism.

Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg will be speaking 3 times:

- **After Musaf:** Topic: "*To sanctify your name in the world*": The Wonder of Kedusha
- **Shabbat Afternoon, 6:35pm:** Topic: "*And you shall make known to your children the day you stood at Sinai*": From Exodus to Revelation
- **During Seudah Shlishit:** Topic: *Between the Festivals & The Ner Tamid: Holy & Mundane Mixed Together*

Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg 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.

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

Welcome **Bat Mitzvah Project participants**, their family and friends! Mazal tov!

We welcome those participating in the **LSS Young Professionals Roof Top Garden Shabbat Lunch**. Enjoy!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored by generous contributions made to its Kiddush Fund.

Main Kiddush: Sponsored by participants of the Bat-Mitzvah Project and friends in celebration of the event and to thank Cantor Goffin and mentors: **Sarah Cohen, Anna Freilich, David Freedman, Dassa Gerber Greenbaum, Naomi Goldman, Ari Klapholz, Marjorie Lehman, Jeff Schwartz, Hans Seidemann, Perry Schneider** and **Shirley Stark**.

Warren and Jane Weiss in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Warren's mother, Rose Weiss a"h.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: **Esther and Adir Greenfeld**, in honor of the birth of Nadine Rae and her big sister Taly Grace.

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

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsors Welcome

MISHNAH IMPOSSIBLE

*****SIGN UP NOW * SIGN UP NOW * SIGN UP NOW*****

Its not too late to participate in the 2017 LSS Mishnah Impossible Program!

We need each of **YOU** to reach our goal of **150 participants by Shavuot.**

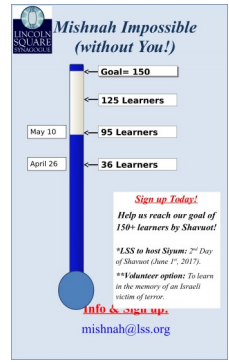
With 95 participants already signed up,

we're just over halfway to our goal with only 19 days until Shavuot.

Elevate yourself in time for Shavuot,

while also partaking in a beautiful mitzvah on behalf of our community.

Sign up by emailing mishna@lss.org or call the shul office for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat 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.

Thursday June 1 • Mishnah Impossible Siyum Luncheon • Join us for a Siyum luncheon in celebration of this year's communal study of Mishnah. Adult Members:\$25, Adult Non-Members:\$30, Children (11 and under):\$15.

Sponsorships appreciated: Silver-\$150 (includes 2 tickets) **Deadline: Thursday May 25**

Did you know that you could register for our Siyum Luncheon on our app? Just download our app on your iphone or android by searching for "Lincoln Square Synagogue" in the app store, and click 'Register Now!' on the home screen.

You can also register online at lss.org/event/siyumlunch



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 We will be marching under the banner of United Congregations for Israel. Our assembly point will be between Fifth and Madison Avenues at 1:30 PM. To order your t-shirts , visit www.lss.org/parade. Deadline to order shirts is May 18th.

NEXT SHABBAT

- Davening will be led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer
- Friday night we welcome Dr. Adina Berkowitz and Kol HaNeshama for a Carlebach Friday night service followed by sushi Kiddush on the terrace
- We welcome **Professor Shai Secunda** who will be speaking before Mincha and at Seudah Shlishit.

BAR-MITZVAH PROJECT

Male participants for the Bar Mitzvah Project- We will soon be giving out assignments and a recording of your Torah section which you will read on Simchat Torah October 13, 2017. For those who have not signed up, but would like to read from the Torah on Simchat Torah (we will give you recordings and assign individuals to help you) Email: lssbarmitzvah@gmail.com

Youth Department

Youth Groups:

Tots (ages 2-4)- Room 208/210, K-1st- Room 211, 2nd + girls- Room 206, 2nd + boys- Room 207

This Shabbat:

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

In honor of Lag Ba'Omer, this week each group will celebrate in a special way! Here are just some of the exciting things you can expect!

In our Younger groups, we will walk up the 49 "steps" from Pesach to Shavuot and receive the Torah. We will be building and eating candy bonfires with all the groups with pretzels, Mike and Ike's and Fruit by the Foot.

Shavuot , Wednesday and Thursday May 31 and June 1: Get excited for Shavuot Programs in groups!

More details to follow!

In honor of Shavuot we are planning some nighttime learning for our older kids (ages 10-14). Is your child interested in participating? Reach out to our new Youth Directors Mendel and Ariella at youth@lss.org



WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday: Beit Midrash Program with Rabbinic Fellow, Mark Weingarten.

Sunday Morning Responsa Class with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld-**Canceled this Sunday**

Monday

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II given Sharona Spivack and Reva Rapps- 6:30pm-8:00pm- Rm LL201 and Rm 211 (2 classes remaining)
- Conversational Hebrew given by Hai Piazsky - 7:00pm- Rm 207
- Kaddish Class given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson - 7:00pm-7:50pm - Beit Midrash
- Jewish Living Workshop given by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum - 7:30-8:30pm- Rm 208- Topic: Zmirot workshop in conjunction with Shabbat, 5/20 placement in homes.

Tuesday

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson - 10:30-11:30am- Rm LL202
- Gemara B'Shana given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson - 6:45pm-7:50pm- Beit Midrash
- Beit Midrash Night The first book of Samuel given by Ron Platzer- 8:20pm -Rm 211

Wednesday

- Talmudic Logic with Rabbi Weiss 7:30pm-8:30pm- Rm 208/210 (last class of the season)
- Beit Midrash night The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky 8:00pm-9:15pm - Rm 207

Thursday

- Women's Talk Time- led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer- 11:30am-12:30pm- Rm 201.
Last week's discussion: *Let's Start an Older Singles Group*
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson 7:00pm-7:50pm- Beit Midrash

Weekly Prayer Schedule For the Week of May 11, 2017

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:55pm

Sunday (Lag B'Omer)

Daf Yomi: 7:45am

Shacharit: 7:10am & 8:30am

Monday & Thursday

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit : 7:00am & 7:50am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Daf Yomi: 6:20am

Shacharit: 7:10am & 7:50am

Parshat Emor

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not remove completely the corners of your field as you reap and you shall not gather the gleanings of your harvest; for the poor and the proselyte you shall leave them” (Leviticus 23:22). This sentence describes the *mitzvot* of *Pe’ah* and *Leket*.*

The sentence, seemingly simple, raises a few questions.

The *mitzvot* of *Pe’ah* and *Leket* were brought up just four chapters ago last week in Kedoshim, Chapter 19:9-10. Why are they repeated here?

Their placement here in chapter 23 seems unusual as the rest of the chapter talks about Shabbat and the Jewish holidays. The chapter begins with Shabbat, Passover, and Shavuot. Then we have this outlier of a sentence, after which the chapter continues to talk about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot.

In addition, what are we to make of the verse’s choice of words? Nowhere does it say we should “give” the poor part of our harvest, but rather just leave it for them. That doesn’t sound very hospitable.

Rashi comments that the fact that these *mitzvot* appear twice shows their importance; if disregarded, the transgressor is accountable for two negative commands. He also says that it is inserted here where we talk about the holidays and their sacrifices to reflect that a person who fulfills this *mitzvah* of *Pe’ah* and *Leket* is on the same level as building the *Beit Hamikdash* and offering up sacrifices.

Let’s also explore some other possibilities. The first time these *mitzvot* are mentioned in Chapter 19 they are right at home as a lead-in for how we treat our fellow man and our communal responsibility, such as not stealing, cheating, or taking revenge. Here they are bookended with the **personal** fulfillment of *mitzvot* having to do with the holidays. Perhaps they are inserted here to remind us that even if we are meticulous with our personal fulfillment of *mitzvot*, if we don’t give equal weight to fulfilling *mitzvot bein adam le chavero*, between one human to another, it’s like a one-handed clap; we are not fulfilling our Torah mission.

In addition, their juxtaposition right after Shavuot in the chapter aligns nicely with the story of Ruth who went collecting in Boaz’s field, which we read on Shavuot.

The Torah is very careful in its selection of words to highlight key aspects of these *mitzvot*. First, YOU don’t decide what to give them. It’s not like you go through your field and say, “OK, I’m going to give the poor some of this produce, a little bit of that produce. It’s not my best produce but it’s adequate. Hey, they’re poor, anything should be better than what they’ve got.” No, the Torah says, leave a corner of the same field that you are getting produce from for yourself. The same quality. Also, don’t **give** it to the poor. Hashem gave you this produce. Hashem blessed you with the right climate, earth, rain, etc. This section of the field Hashem wants you to cordon off is not yours. It **belongs** to the poor. You can’t give them something that’s not yours. Let them come and take it on their terms. If they want to come in the nighttime to avoid embarrassment, that is their decision. It is theirs to take.

The Torah emphasizes the importance of giving *tzedakah*. But it also highlights that attitude and the respectful way we give *tzedakah* is important as well.

Today when people planting fields are a minority of our population, we still understand that each of us has communal responsibility of sharing what we have been blessed to receive with those less fortunate. Most obvious is the monetary *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*. But there are many other ways to extend this concept of sharing our blessings. I would like to suggest a few.

Share your Shabbat and Yom Tov table with those who might be eating alone, or who don’t have a Shabbat or Yom Tov table. They don’t expect gourmet meals or perfection. Most of the time it’s not even the food that attracts them. It’s being part of a community, knowing someone cares, experiencing the spirit of a Shabbat meal which they can’t do on their own.

In addition, if you have been blessed from Hashem with a knowledge of Torah, share it! Let someone who knows less Torah than you, come to your field and glean from your knowledge. There are many programs set up that will let you do just that.

We ask Hashem to continue to bless us. Hashem might be asking of us, what have you done with my blessings?

I dedicate this Dvar Torah to my mother Rosalyn Gerber from whom I learned *hachnosat orchim*, taking in guests, *tzedakah*, and how to respect people regardless of their religious background, race or position in life. May 13 was her birthday.

I also dedicate it to all of those involved in the Bat Mitzvah Project, which is happening this Shabbat—those that gave of themselves to help others learn Torah, and those who grabbed the chance to learn Torah. May we all merit to grow in our Torah learning and increase our connection to the blessings of Hashem.

* *Pe’ah*: the ‘corner’ portion of the crop that must be left standing for the poor; *Leket*: ‘gleanings’ that fell from the reaper’s hand or sickle while the grain is being gathered during the harvest.