

## Shabbat Schedule

6:57pm Earliest Candle Lighting  
8:14pm Candle Lighting

## Friday Night

7:05pm Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Cantorial Intern Yisroel Lesches**  
8:20pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

## Shabbat Morning ( Rosh Chodesh)

7:40am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by shiur given by **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**  
9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Cantorial Intern Yisroel Lesches** . Drasha 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. Shiur 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  
6:30pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
7:00pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211  
7:00pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on *An Introduction and Invitation to Aggadah #3*  
8:00pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit .  
9:14pm Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

## THIS SHABBAT

We welcome **Cantorial Intern Yisroel Lesches** as he leads Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:05pm and services in the Nathaniel Richmond Cohen Sanctuary on Shabbat morning.

Drasha given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

**Hashkama Kiddush:** Sponsored by generous contributions to the Fund.

### Main Kiddush:

Rose and Morty Landowne to commemorate the 34th yahrzeit of Morty's father, Louis Landowne z"l

Co-sponsored anonymously in honor of the new administration with best wishes for success.

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan:

Bernard Broome in honor of Gabrielle, Jordana, and Josh. Also in honor of and with congratulations to Gabrielle for receiving a Scholastic Art Award and being recognized at Carnegie Hall.

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

**Seudah Shlishit:** Sponsors welcome.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Steven Shalowitz

## MAZAL TOV

To our very own Administrative Assistant, **Robin Epstein**, of Englewood NJ, on her recent wedding to Ron Kauderer of Hewlett, NY.

**Francine and Jay Cinamon** on the Aufruf of their son David and his forthcoming marriage to Arianne Thaler. Mazel Tov also to Arianne's parents, Janice and Joel Thaler.

## Weekly Prayer Schedule For the Week of June 25 Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:20pm

<u>Sunday ( Rosh Chodesh)</u>	<u>Monday &amp; Thursday</u>	<u>Tuesday ,Wednesday &amp; Friday</u>
Daf Yomi: 7:55am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Shacharit: 7:00am & 8:30am	Shacharit : 7:00am & 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:10am & 7:50am

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Monday, June 26 • 8:15-9:15pm • Thinking of Making Aliya? You've got questions, we've got answers.**

Representatives of the Jewish Agency will discuss the practical aspects ("tachlis") of making aliya. They will discuss such issues as how to decide whether aliya is right for you, finding the right community for you to live in, job opportunities, medical care and much more. There will be ample time for Q&A. Room 207



**Thursday, June 29 • 7:15pm • Membership Meeting** The meeting agenda will include election of officers, trustees and governors, financial report, caterer, building and mortgage updates. Please make every effort to attend



**Sunday July 23 • 11:00am • LSS Young Professionals Yoga Class (Women Only) \$25 by July 5th, \$35 after July 6.** Registration required. Register online at [lss.org/ypyoga](http://lss.org/ypyoga)



## MEALS 4 MOMS

Do you know of a couple in the community who recently had a baby and would like a meal train? Are you expecting or just delivered and want us to set up meals for your family? Would you like to make meals for new parents? If so, please email [meals4moms@lss.org](mailto:meals4moms@lss.org).

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT

**Groups: Tots (ages 2-4)- Room 208/210, K-1st- Room 211, 2nd + girls- Room 206, 2nd + boys- Room 207, Under 2: pre-function room**



**Our Jewish Identity:** This week in groups our children will learn the identities of famous politicians, scientist, athletes, and Tanach characters and discuss our own individuals lineages ( Kohen, Levi, Yisrael.) The oldest groups will also identify and discuss "rebellions" of the world today.

This Shabbat our kids will learn...

Who was Korach?

How did Hashem react to Korach's actions?

Which miracle happened to Aharon's staff?

### Parsha Nutshell

Korach is the story of a man in the tribe of Levi whose responsibility was to carry items of the Mishkan. Unsatisfied, he got Datan, Aviram, and 250 men to rebel against Moshe and Aharon. Korach offers Ketoret, a task performed only by Aharon the Kohen, and Hashem opens the earth underneath his rebellion. Aharon's staff sprouts almonds - a sign to show Bnei Yisrael that Aharon was chosen to lead the Kohanim.

Please note that groups are offered as drop off rooms only. Rest assured that your children are in caring, capable hands and that we will call parents as needed. Additionally, parents with children younger than 2 years old are invited to gather in the pre-function room.

**Going to camp? Let us know where by emailing [youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org) so we can stay in touch!**

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

As many of you prepare to be away for the summer months we want to remind you to please reach out to the shul office to pay any outstanding balances on your account. For your convenience, you can also do so online or on the LSS app. We appreciate your kind attention to this matter and wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer.



## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



### Sunday

- After Shacharit • Sunday morning Responsa with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld

### Monday

- Conversational Hebrew given by Hai Piazesky - 7:00pm- Rm 207 (last session).

### Tuesday

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, “Studies in the Weekly Parsha” given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson -10:30-11:30am- Rm LL202 (last class)
- Gemara B’Shana given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson - 7:00pm- Beit Midrash (last class)
- Beit Midrash Night The first book of Samuel given by Ron Platzer- 7:30pm-Rm 211

### Wednesday

- Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky 8:00pm-8:45pm - Rm 207

### Thursday

- Women’s Talk Time- led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer 11:30am- 12:30pm- Rm 201. Last week's discussion: *How Much Should be Revealed on a First Date*
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson 7:15pm- Beit Midrash (Canceled)
- Cholent Chabura with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld - 8:45pm (*meets off site*)

\*\*\*\*\*Please note Rabbi Shaul Robinson’s last class on Tuesday morning and evening will be this week and resume after the summer and his Thursday night class will be given by Shlomo Zuckier in 2 weeks for three weeks.

\*\*\*\*\*Please note Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld’s last Sunday Responsa class will be July 2 and will resume August 13

## Parashat Korach and the Importance of Family Unity

Thoughts in Memory of my Mother, Doris Nadler, a"h

The story of Korach is familiar to most of us. It involves a rebellion — really a series of rebellions — directed against the leadership of Moses and Aaron. Although the main instigator appears to be Korach, also joining the fray in separate complaints are the Reubenites, Dathan and Abiram, the tribal chieftains, and the Levites. That this all seems to take place following God's indictment of the people after the spy affair (Ibn Ezra suggests that Korach's rebellion took place earlier, when the firstborn sons were displaced by the Levites) demonstrates that the rebellion occurred when the community of Israelites was dispirited. It is not surprising that people who had been sentenced to wander in a desert for forty years, until their generation died out, would be eager to turn on their leaders in anger believing that a change in management or government could somehow help them. Moses dismisses all complaints against him with an impatient swiftness, and his rebukes are followed by the famous scene in which the earth swallows up the detractors and their families, with 250 men who rebelled against Aaron consumed by fire.

The question is why? Why was Korach dealt with so harshly? After all, the dissidents in the camp seemed to have much about which to complain. Not only was the community condemned to flounder in the harsh desert, but the rebels' argument that they too were deserving of roles in community governance is a sympathetic one, certainly to readers living in democratic societies. In addition, dissent is a common theme in the post-Exodus world. The people worry about their future, they complain about the quality of their food and water, and Miriam and Aaron express their jealousy concerning Moses' special relationship with God. Punishments are meted out and the complaints eventually cease. Yet this is the only time that the earth consumes entire families alive in a particularly gruesome scene. What made Korach's complaint so serious?

What Korach advocated was not so much improved leadership as it was civil war. Rather than demonstrate his capabilities, he asserted he was just as holy as Moses. Holiness is a state of being that is available to all Israelites (Lev. 19:2); however it is a state that is attached to the performance of mitzvot. It must be earned (See Benjamin Sommer's article in <http://www.jtsa.edu/where-does-holiness-come-from>). Korach is therefore incorrect when he asserts that holiness belongs equally to all as a right. Moreover, Korach's challenge was personal, not political. He was trying to break up the national leadership structure for personal gain, not for the good of the national whole. And in doing so, he crossed the line of acceptable dissent.

Twenty-five years ago, at a time when I was angry with one of my brothers, as Pesach approached my mother wrote me a letter in which she implored me to let bygones be bygones for the sake of the family. In a letter I have kept and reread over the years she wrote: "Destroyed family unity is damaging to each unit of the family. We all stand to lose in hostility, and everything to gain from peace and forgiving." My mother passed away right before Pesach this year, and when going through her letters recently I realized that this one sentence summed up her philosophy of life. She was a woman with strong liberal values who believed that every man, woman and child on this earth had equal merit and therefore deserved equal opportunity. In fact, she was known in our house as the "defender of the weak and the meek." On this, she might have agreed with the protestations against the perceived unmeritorious leadership structure of the Israelites. However, she also believed very strongly in civility and respect, never had an unkind word to say about another human being, and abhorred ad hominem attacks in which the person, not the policy, was the focus of criticism. Disagreement was fine, debate was encouraged, but personal attack was never justified. What Korach and his co-conspirators did was attack Moses and Aaron personally in order to stage a political coup. By seeking to chip away at their leaders' credibility, they were destroying Israelite unity at a time of national peril. Had their rebellion been allowed to fester it would have destroyed not only Moses and Aaron but each unit within the community. When Moses went to confront Datan and Aviram, it was because he, like my mother, realized that family quarrels must be dealt with expeditiously and not allowed to linger. As our Sages observed regarding this verse in our Parasha (Bab. Talmud, Sanhedrin 110a): מכאן שאין מחזיקין במחלוקת "From here we learn that one should not persist in a quarrel." It is a conclusion with which my mother, Doris Nadler, of blessed memory, would have concurred.