

Shabbat Schedule

5:06pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

5:10pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

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 Intern, Jeremy Perlow**

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

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

9:32am Latest Shema

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

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

11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)

Shabbat Afternoon

3:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West

3:40pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

4:10pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211

4:10pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on "...You Shall Not Follow in Their Practices": Yoga in the Halacha

4:55pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

6:07pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

PURIM @ LSS

Have you ordered your Mishloach Manot Yet?

Order at www.lss.org/purim2018
 Cost: \$10 per family (6 family minimum, \$60)
 \$370 (maximum cost) Deadline: Thursday, February 22.



Motzei Shabbat, February 24, 8:15pm: LSS Young Jewish Singles

Live Music, Comedian featured on the Late Show, open sushi bar, tantalizing deserts. For ages 22-23 (Modern Orthodox/M/O Machmir) Special LSS member rate: \$30. Non members: Early Bird (before Feb 12): \$36, after early bird deadline: \$54. Registration requires pre-approval. Please email Steve Eisenberg at yjs@lss.org for approval and registration link.

Sunday, February 25, 1:00pm- 4:00pm Purim Carnival

Join us for Carnival Games, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Balloon Twisting, Cotton Candy and Fresh Hot Pizza from Café Roma! Early bird special by Friday, February 23: \$20. \$25 at the door. Please consider sponsoring. If interested please email youth@lss.org

Business advertising available: Queen Esther & Mordechai: \$2,000
 Simchat Adar: \$1,000 and Hamantashen Sponsor: \$500
 Register at early bird price at www.lss.org/purimcarnival2018
 *One free raffle ticket for anyone dressed in costume, adults included.

Wednesday February 28, Purim Dinner after Megillah Reading.

Delicious dinner catered by Sova.
 Register www.lss.org/event/purimdinner2018
 Looking for sponsors to help us cover our costs. Please consider sponsoring:
 Mordechai (admission for 4 and 35 raffle tickets) \$250
 Queen Esther (admission for 2 and 20 raffle tickets) \$180
 Shushan (admission for 2 plus 10 raffle tickets) \$118

Wednesday, February 28- The Annual Beginners Purim Bash:

Maariv and Megilah Reading—6:05pm. Purim Bash-7:20pm. Featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

HASHAVAT AVEIDAH

A pair of LSS tefillin are missing. They are in a blue bag with the LSS name and the #6 on it. If found, please return to the shul office.

ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on Thursday Afternoon at 9 minutes and 3 chalakim after 3.Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on Thurs. and Fri.

THIS SHABBAT

Services officiated by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** which will include his Friday night dvar torah and the Shabbat morning Sermon.

Davening led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of **Joseph Samuel Savenor**.

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Hashkama Kiddush:

Martin Balsam in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father Moshe ben Yitzchak z"l.

The Jacobowitz Family in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of Michlah bat Eliyahu a"h .

Main Kiddush: **Rabbi Charlie Savenor and Julie Walpert** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joseph Samuel Savenor.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Golda Hudes in commemoration on the yahrtzeit of her father-in-law Avraham Yitzchak ben Naftali Tzvi z'l .

Henry Rosenberg and Vivian Glueck Rosenberg in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of their mother Dreizel bat Yaacov HaCohen a"h, and grandmother Pessel bat Yehuda Aryeh a"h.

Beginners Kiddush:

Hadassah Levinson in honor of Aidel and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Seudah Shlishit:

Drs. Lu and Michael Schulder, and Esther and Bill Schulder, in commemoration of the upcoming yahrtzeit of their mother Shirley K. Schulder a"h .

MAZAL TOV

Rabbi Charlie Savenor and Julie Walpert on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joseph Samuel. Mazal Tov to grandparents Ann and Harvey Walpert and Linda Savenor and Paul Blass. Mazal Tov to younger brother, Benji Savenor.

Benjamin and Talia Rubin on the birth of a baby girl. Mazal Tov to older brother, David Rubin.

HAKARAT HATOV

Lori Jacobowitz for writing this week's Dvar Torah.
Charlie Samuels for writing the Youth Department Dvar Torah

THIS SUNDAY

10:00-2:00pm Upper West Side Yad Leah Clothing Drive for Israel at OZ.
 Get a head start on Pesach - clean your closets and donate your clothing to needy families in Israel. Needed: boys, girls, men's and women's clothing in excellent condition. Also collecting gently used linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, backpacks, shoes and outerwear. Bring items to *Oheb Zedek, 118 W. 95th Street*. Questions? Contact Yad Leah at info@yadleah.org, 973-955-0861 or www.yadleah.org

10:30am-12:00pm– Babies & Brunch. A special musical edition of Baby & Me. Register at www.lss.org/event/babiesandbrunch Location: 3rd floor gym. (Please enter through the North door, to the right of the Shul's main entrance.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 22, 7:30pm: Membership Meeting

Sunday, February 25: Purim Food Drive. Fulfill several mitzvot from feeding the hungry to matanot le'evyonim. Please bring food that can be heated on a hot plate or made with just hot water, or ready-to-eat foods in small containers. Hours: Shacharit - Mincha

March 4-6, Annual AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington DC The AIPAC Policy Conference attracts more than 18,000 community activists from all 50 states, members of Congress, and countless Israeli and American policymakers. Choose from hundreds of informative sessions. To register, visit www.aipac.com. \$200 discount available through Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Enter coupon code "PC18LSS" to receive discount. Questions? Email: anncrane2750@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30pm: UNRWA: Breeding Ground for Terror. UNRWA stands for the United Nations Relief and Work Agency. It operates in Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Its official mission is to deliver primary and vocational education. The reality is quite different. Arabic speaking experts, who work for The Center for the Near East Policy and Research, will discuss the Hamas infiltration of UNRWA refugee facilities and how it has affected the books and films shown to children attending UNRWA schools. Free but requires registration. Register at www.lss.org/event/unrwa.

Sunday, March 18, 11:00am: Magen David Adom: Israel's First Responders. Learn the fascinating history of the organization, its latest technological life-saving tools and about its disaster relief operations around the world. Program dedicated in memory of LSS member, Pearl Glassberg a"h. Refreshments will be served. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/mda

Wednesday, April 25: Annual NORPAC Mission to Washington DC NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event which brings 1,000 citizen activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.- Israel relationship with Members of Congress. Early Bird registration \$125 (Deadline: Sunday, March 4) \$185 after March 4. Questions? Email Dan Feder at dfeder02@aol.com

CHESED OPPORTUNITIES

The Shabbat Shalom Initiative is a way to bring seniors in our community some pre-Shabbat ruach. Youth, teens, and adult shul members will have the opportunity to provide chesed to one or two seniors by calling them on Erev Shabbat to wish them a Shabbat Shalom. If you're interested in participating in the Shabbat Shalom Call Initiative please email parisstulbach@gmail.com.

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; 9:15am-10:00am - Belfer Beit Midrash.
- **Drisha @ LSS; 10:00-11:30am. Sefer Devarim: Prophet, King, Judge and Priest in the Covenantal Community** Taught by David Silber. 10 sessions: Feb 4-April 29. Cost: LSS members: \$125, Non LSS members: \$250 Enter coupon code "lss" for LSS member rate. Register at www.drisha.org
- **Sunday Morning Beit Midrash Program;** 10:15am– 11:45am. Come and join our Rabbinic interns as we begin a new season of the Beit Midrash program. Participants will have the choice of two different tracks of learning: Jewish Philosophy and Halacha. Both groups will learn in study groups in the Beit Midrash to create the best learning atmosphere. Breakout discussions and lectures will follow.

Monday:

- **Our Tefillot - Are They Really Ours?: A Conversation About Prayer;** 7:30pm –8:30pm—Rm 208/210

Tuesday:

- **Talmud Class for Women Studying Mesechet Ketubot** led by Rachel Rosenthal, PhD candidate in Rabbinic Literature at JTS; 8:00am— Rm LL202. 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. **(Canceled this week)**
- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 10:30am– 11:30am – RmLL201 **(Canceled this week)**
- **Gemara b'Shana** in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:15pm – 8:15pm Belfer Beit Midrash **(Shiur given by Community Intern, Zissy Turner)**
- **Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzer ; 7:30pm -8:30pm. Rm 211
- **Intro to Bible: The Ten Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; 6:30pm-8:30pm. An in-depth study and analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and analyzed. 8 sessions. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. - Room 206/207. New class begins this week.

Wednesday:

- **Drisha @ LSS; 9:30am-10:45am. Tanakh: A literary approach—** Taught by David Silber, **Isaiah's Messianic Vision and Its Resonances Throughout the Bible—** Taught by Yisca Zimran, **Biblical Religion and Its Near Eastern Context—** Taught by Deena Grant, **Biblical Poetry—** Taught by Michelle Levine. 12 Sessions: Feb 7– May 16. Cost: LSS members: \$150, Non LSS members: \$300 Enter coupon code "lss" for LSS member rate. Register at www.drisha.org.
- **Drisha @ LSS; 11:00am-12:15am. Aggadah: Inside the World of the Rebbe.** Taught by Wendy Amsellem. 6 Sessions: Feb 7– March 21. Cost: LSS members: \$75 Non LSS members: \$150 Enter coupon code "lss" for LSS members rate. Register at www.drisha.org.
- **Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky; 8:00pm-8:45pm - Rm 207
- **Heretics & Heresies: Real and the Imagined.** This week: **Abraham Geiger?** Led by Paul Shaviv; 8:00pm-9:00pm. Belfer Beit Midrash. A new series taking a proactive and an entertaining look at faith controversies throughout Jewish history. 10 lectures series: 1/10-3/21

Thursday:

- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:00pm–8:00pm— Belfer Beit Midrash **(canceled this week)**

Save the Date:

Monday, February 26, 2018: 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

Monday, February 26: The Jewish Living Workshop Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum; 7:30-8:30pm 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. The first topic: Purim – One of the easiest and most fun holidays. What do we need to do? - Rm 208

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



Parshat Shekalim

Youth Schedule:

10:00 am - Dropoff (all groups)
 10:30 am - Davening (all groups)
 11:00 am - Broken Telephone: Moshe to Bnei Yisrael Edition (all groups)
 11:00 am - Baby and Me (3rd Floor Gym)
 11:15 am - Hashavat Avaydah, Hot and Cold (Rm 208, Rm 211)

Written by Charlie Samuels

Parsha Theme: נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע : "We Will Do and We Will Listen"

At the end of this week's parsha, in *Sefer Shemot (Perek Chaf Gimmel Passuk Bet)*, *Bnei Yisrael* are taught "לא תהיה אחרי רבים לרעות" - you shall not side with the majority to do wrong. Rashi and Sephorno explain that the verse has practical legal implications in cases where there is a tie in the jury, and there's a need to determine which side is correct, etc. The Rashbam, however, offers a more ideological explanation of the verse that relates much more to everyday life, and specifically to the life of a teenager. The Rashbam explains that if, in your opinion, the majority is about to commit an error in judgement, you should not remain silent but rather state your view. Far too often, teenagers make bad decisions that could have been thwarted if one mere individual had spoken up. The individual, instead of voicing their concerns, chooses to remain silent, whether it be out of fear of the wrongdoers (maybe a cool clique in school) or because they think their speaking up won't impact the wrongdoers' decision. The Torah thus comes to teach us that one should never go along with a stupid decision, even if it seems scary or pointless to speak up.

After Shul you can ask your children:

How did *Hashem* teach the Mitzvot to the Jewish people?
 Where in the *Parsha* do we learn of a consistent process?
 What happened before *Matan Torah*?
 Why be extra sensitive to a convert, an orphan, and a widow?
 Where is the source of not mixing milk and meat?

Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel

Baby & Me

Baby and Me: February 3 recap:

Last Shabbat in Baby and Me we said Modeh Ani, danced with a parachute, and read 'Pete The Cat Wheels on the Bus' during story time.



This Sunday, we welcome all parents and babies ages 0-24 months to a special Sunday edition of Baby's & Brunch, featuring 'Singing with Sprouts' live music and instruments with croissants and jam, tea and juice. Thanks to our generous sponsors, this event is free but requires advance registration online through <http://www.lss.org/event/babiesandbrunch>. Please enter through the North door (to the right of the Shul's main entrance, where the Manhattan Star Academy sign is. There will be a "Baby and Me" sign on the door)

Teen Department

Join us for a Teen Chesed event on **February 25** sponsored by the **Lavi Family** in honor of Noa's Bat Mitzvah. Meet in the Pre-Function Room at 9:45am to pack mishloach manot for the elderly. At 11:00am we will then walk to Esplanade Senior Residence (305 West End Ave at 74th St) for a Purim Party and to distribute the mishloach manot. Register at www.lss.org/event/teenpurimchesed

Join us for a Teen Break Fast following Megillah Reading on **February 28th** in pre-function room sponsored by the **Mero Family** in honor of their daughter Gaby's Bat Mitzvah (Esther Dina).

Shabbat Shalom! Danielle and Ariel Sternman

Housing for Interns

Please consider hosting one of our interns for housing, a meal or both at least once before the end of the year. This year we have three fantastic interns, **Zachary Rothblatt, Jeremy Perlow and Zissy Turner**— and at least one of them is with us every Shabbat. Why wait until last minute? If you know you will be having guests or making a simcha, or if you can offer housing (or vacant apartment) for a particular weekend— Please email hospitality@lss.org with INTERN in the subject line. While we may not know which of our interns will be on duty for a specific Shabbat, we know at least one will be here.





NAASEH V’NISHMAH: THE BIRTH OF A NATION

This D’var Torah is written in commemoration of the first yahrzeit of my mother, Winnie Jacobowitz (Michlah bas Eliyahu a”h), who was *niftar* on Erev Shabbos Parshas Yisro 5777.

We read last week in Parshas Yisro that the Israelites experienced thunder, lightning, smoke, shofar blasts and fire at *Mattan Torah* (19:16). Upon my mother’s first yahrtzeit this week during Parshas Mishpatim, we read that the Israelites are presented with a series of laws.

In Parshas Yisro, we were introduced to the first of three “*Na’aseh*” proclamations (19:8). Now, in Parshas Mishpatim, we experience the true birth of our Nation as the Israelites collectively repeat *Na’aseh* (24:3) and four verses later, the familiar *Na’aseh V’Nishmah* (24:7).

- 19:8 “...*Kol Asher Debair Hashem Na’aseh*” (Yisro)
- 24:3 “...*Kol Hadevarim Asher Debair Hashem Na’aseh*” (Mishpatim)
- 24:7 “...*Kol Asher Debair Hashem Na’aseh V’Nishmah*” (Mishpatim)

The Baal HaTurim, in his classic commentary on Parshas Mishpatim, remarks that the key phrases in 24:3 and 24:7 each contain six words, for a total of 12 words, corresponding to the 12 Tribes of Israel.

It is interesting to note that 24:7 is exactly 13 words in length: “*VaYikach Sefer HaBris...Na’aseh V’Nishmah.*” Thirteen is a significant number in Judaism – there are 13 Attributes of Mercy, 13 Principles of Faith, 13 Rules of Explaining the Torah, and the number 13 appears in the opening words of the Zohar.

Many great sages have offered their unique interpretations of *Na’aseh V’Nishmah*.

According to the Sar Shalom of Belz, G-d enters into a *bris* (covenant) with the Israelites and responds measure for measure to their proclamation of *Na’aseh V’Nishmah*. (Isaiah 65:24).

Rabbi Yoel Teitelbaum, the Satmar Rebbe, observed that *V’Nishmah* cannot literally mean listen, since one cannot hear something that up until then had been inaudible. Rather, *V’Nishmah* means “to understand.” He implores in his writings that to best put this understanding into effect, one should attempt to elevate oneself spiritually as much as possible, thus leading to a higher level of understanding (*V’Nishmah*).

In his explanation of these verses, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks says that if you follow the narrative in the chronological order of Parshas Mishpatim (as do Ibn Ezra, Rashbam and Ramban), it makes sense that once we heard the laws, we agreed to follow them. However, if you hold that “there is no before and after in the Torah” (as does Rashi here), then the utterance of *Na’aseh V’Nishmah* preceded the laws enumerated in this Parshah. According to this understanding, the events in Chapter 24 preceded *Mattan Torah* in Chapter 20.

Rabbi Berel Wein cites the Talmud (BT Shabbos 88), that a non-Jew once remarked that the Jews were a hasty and impulsive people with their “no questions asked” attitude in accepting the Torah. On the contrary, says Rabbi Wein: they correctly foresaw that only those who are willing to “do” and knew “what to do” would eventually appreciate intellectually and emotionally the greatness of Torah.

Rabbi Norman Lamm states that *Na’aseh V’Nishmah* is nothing less than an entire philosophy of Judaism: do and understand. He explains the order of the words in 24:7 as follows:

- 1)This is the natural way to live Judaism, since life is lived before it is comprehended = NATURALNESS.
- 2)As an act of love; you do the bidding of your beloved even before you understand = LOVE.
- 3)It entails an act of discipline and self-restraint, without which religion has no spiritual and existential grounding = DISCIPLINE.

He suggests that we utter these three approaches daily in our prayers when we describe the angels: “They are all beloved; they are all pure; they are all might, and all perform in fear and trepidation the Will of their Maker.”

When the Israelites said *Na’aseh V’Nishmah*, they were spontaneous in their acceptance and enthusiasm. As their journey continued, they became lost, building a golden calf a mere 40 days after *Mattan Torah*, and later on, participating in the sin of the spies. After 40 years of wandering, the Israelites finally do enter the Promised Land.

We continue to be a nation of both *Na’aseh and Nishmah*. *Na’aseh*: our current generation is the exemplar of unprecedented *chesed*, as we constantly help our fellow Jews and the world at large. *Nishmah*: in addition to our great rabbis and teachers, we have our great Jewish thinkers, people who understand the previously unimaginable (e.g. Freud, Einstein, numerous Nobel Laureates).

Finally, it is interesting to note that the *gematriya* (numerology) of “*Na’aseh V’Nishmah*” is exactly that of “*Yetzias Mitzrayim*” – the true *Yetzias Mitzrayim* is accepting and following the Torah. If we follow the Torah, G-d will lead us in an open way.

Thanks to Eliot Jacobowitz for his assistance with the sources for this D’var Torah.
May we merit the coming of Mashiach speedily in our days.

Weekly Prayer Schedule: February 11					Mincha/Ma’ariv: 5:15pm (Sun– Thurs)	
Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday (Rosh Chodesh)	Friday (Rosh Chodesh)
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, 7:40am	7:00am, 7:40am

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