

Shabbat Schedule
 6:53pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
Friday Night
 6:15pm Beginners Shabbaton in Rm 206/207
 6:55pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 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 Perslow**
 9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha given by **Community Intern, Zissy Turner** following Musaf.
 9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201
 9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
 9:57am Latest Shema
 10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
 10:30am Teen Minyan in the pre function room
 11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)
Shabbat Afternoon
 12:30pm Beginners Shabbaton in Rm 206/207
 4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. New volunteers welcome and needed
 5:55pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
 6:25pm Mincha followed by the 19th Annual Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Hagadol Drasha given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.
 7:55pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Annual Dinner: Sunday June 17
 We are proud to announce this year's Honorees:
Guest of Honor:
 Dr. Susan Ungar-Mero and Steven Mero
Keter Torah Award:
 Chani and Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld
Le'dor Va'dor Award:
 Shirley Wald and Paris Stulbach

HAKARAT HATOV
Richard Kestenbaum for writing this week's Dvar Torah

CATCH CHAZZAN YANKY LEMMER ON PBS!
 Tune in next Thursday, March 29th to PBS at 9:00pm and see the special " The Cantors of New York" which was filmed at a live concert performance at the famous Portuguese Synagogue in Amsterdam. For a preview of the national broadcast please visit <http://www.pbs.org/video/new-york-cantors-preview-thiqmp/>.

PESACH @ LSS

Chametz Sale forms, Maot Chittim information, Hagalat Kelim, Pesach Hospitality information and the Full Pesach Schedule can be found on our website at www.lss.org/pesach

Pesach Hospitality at LSS:

- In the spirit of "Kol Dichfin Yeitei V'yechol," we encourage our members to participate in our annual Pesach Seder Hospitality Program. We wish to ensure that all members will be able to participate in traditional seders in a warm environment. To accomplish this, we need both hosts and guests. If you are conducting seders and can accommodate one or more guests or if you would like an invitation, please feel free to ask; you will be warmly welcomed. To participate, please contact us at Hospitality@LSS.org to let us know and we will contact you with details. We hope that you will join us in ensuring a meaningful Pesach for all our members. Thank you. -LSS Hospitality Committee

Please see Pesach Schedule handout which can be picked up on our lobby table and by the elevator racks.
Thursday Evening: Bediakt Chametz: 7:49pm
Friday Morning:
 Latest time to eat Chametz: 10:54am
 Latest time to burn Chamatz: 11:57am

THIS SHABBAT
The 19th Annual Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Hagadol
Drasha will be delivered by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** after Mincha at 6:25pm on "Matzahs Made by Machines - Bread of Affliction or Festival of Freedom?" Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!
Rabbi Shaul Robinson will also deliver the Friday night dvar torah and **Community Intern, Zissy Turner** will deliver Shabbat morning drasha.
Beginners Passover Shabbaton. The Shabbaton is devoted to the theme of Passover. We hope you all enjoy!

THIS SUNDAY
10:00am-2:00pm: Annual Chametz Drive; Collect your non-perishable Chametz, either opened or closed for hungry non- Jews. Volunteers needed.
9:45am-12:30pm: Kelim Kashering; in the Lower Level Kitchen

MAZAL TOV
Miryam and Amos Alter, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Dovid Alter, the son of their children Avraham and Tammy Alter of Riverdale.
Naomi and Gary Stein on the birth of a baby boy.
Michelle Ritholtz on the engagement of her daughter Annie to Yisrael Goldberg.
Grandparents Esther and Dr. William Green on the birth of a granddaughter, Ava Scarlet, to their children Rachel and Dr. Yonah Green. Mazal Tov to big brothers, J.J. and Sammy, and to aunt, uncle and cousin, Blima Malka, Zack, Emma Freud.

THANK YOU TO OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS
Hashkama Kiddush: **Sandy Gross** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Sherman Gross, Shimin Eliezar ben Sinai z"l
Main Kiddush: **Gloria and Richard Kestenbaum** in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Isabella Ava Kestenbaum, and in honor of the birthday of Richard's mother, Blanche Kestenbaum, a"h.
Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: **Moshe Sukenik** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother Zahava bat Yosef a"h.
Beginners Kiddush:
Saakhi Chabra and Nir Yosef in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
Deborah Croland in commemoration of the second yahrtzeit of her beloved father, Stuart Saul Croland (Yisrael Shlomo Ben Avraham) z"l and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, April 15; 10:00am-6:00pm: The Upper West Side Celebrates Israel @ Symphony Space** (Broadway at 95th Street) Join the celebration of Israel's 70th anniversary! Upper West Side Synagogues, schools and Jewish organizations are coming together for a community-wide celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut. Featuring a concert by renowned Yemen Blues, a Street Fair with lots of family fun, kosher food tastings, talks, and more. Come hear Rabbi Robinson participate in a rabbinical panel discussion on how we relate to Israel. Pre-registration for ticketed events is strongly encouraged. Check out the full lineup and reserve your seats at www.uwslsrael.org.
- Wednesday, April 18; 7:15pm: LSS Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration.** We begin with a *tekes ma'avar* for Yom Yerushalaim and a musical tefillah in the Main Sanctuary followed by a grand celebration in our ballroom. Join us for delicious Israeli centered food, a bounce house and face painting for children, and fun music that will enhance it all.
- Sunday, April 22; 10:00am-1:00pm: LSS Spring Clothing Drive.** We need your gently-used clothing in clean, whole condition. Please sort by men's, women's and children's (no baby clothes). If you are 8+ and wish to help with the drive, please email Wendy Baker at wbaker@panix.com
- Sunday, April 29; 10:30am-12:00pm: Converts in Conversation Challah Baking Class.** (for convert women only)

Save the Date: Thursday, May 10: CommUnity Challah Bake. UJA-Federation's 3rd annual CommUnity Weekend kicks off on Thursday, May 10th with 1,000 people celebrating Shabbat all around New York City. In honor of Israel's 70th birthday, this year's CommUnity Shabbat will focus on Israel. Throughout the weekend, thousands of New Yorkers will celebrate Israel by joining together for Shabbat meals, engaging speakers, and a variety of other unique and meaningful opportunities. LSS is joining this effort with a special community Challah Bake. Let's join as members, neighbors, and friends for what is sure to be a special evening. Each participant will have the opportunity to take two challot home or to donate one challah to a fellow Jew in need (more details to come on donation organization). Cost: \$25 Registration link to follow.

NEW CHESED KIDDUSH INITIATIVE

Following Pesach, LSS will be starting an initiative during our main kiddush to help anyone that needs assistance getting food or drink. Please note that there will be a designated table set up in the ballroom with a sign marked for those that would like assistance. Teens wearing an ID necklace will approach the table to see how they can help and what they can get you. Our teens are excited to help make a difference! We hope your shabbat experience at LSS will become that much sweeter! Help us fulfill the mitzvah of *adam le'chavero*! We ask those of you who are able bodied and getting your own food & drink to please allow a teen with a badge to go in front of you. If you see a fellow member at this table who is not being attended to please feel free to join in on this important initiative and help as well. Our Teen Directors will be coordinating this effort and will have a rotating roster of teen volunteers. If you have suggestions please email our Teen Directors at teens@lss.org.

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. **(Canceled this week)**
- **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. Rm LL201
- **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:

- **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. 1 class remaining.
- **Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazsky. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In the class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Room 207
- **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. Topic: "How to Keep Kosher in non Kosher Places" Rm 208 **(Canceled this week. Next class will be meeting on April 16.)**
- **"The Philosophy of...Pesach: These Songs of Freedom"** Led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; 8:00pm-9:00pm. Can we approach the upcoming holidays with an expanded consciousness of their significance and meaning? Join Rabbi Rosenfeld to study and reveal the inner dimension of Pesach. Experience Pesach with fresh understanding and insight, courtesy of exciting thinkers like Rav Yitzchak Hutner, Rav Shagar, Rebbe Nachman and others. 1 Class remaining.

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.
- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 10:30am– 11:30am – RmLL201 **(Canceled this week)**
- **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. 2 sessions remaining. 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.
- **Gemara b'Shana** in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:30pm– 8:30pm Belfer Beit Midrash **(Canceled this week)**
- **Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzer; 7:30pm -8:30pm. Rm 211 **(Canceled until after Pesach)**

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. Rm LL201
- **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. Rm LL201
- **Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky; 8:00pm-9:00pm - Rm 207
- **Heretics & Heresies: Real and the Imagined.** Led by Paul Shaviv; 8:30pm-9:30pm. Belfer Beit Midrash. The next class will meet on April 11. Topic: The Zoo Rabbi

Thursday:

- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:30pm–8:30pm– Belfer Beit Midrash **(Canceled this week)**

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



Youth Schedule:

10:00 am - Dropoff
10:30 am - Davening
10:50 am - Memorize *Mah Nishtana*, win an Amazon Gift Card
11:00 am - Pesach Ticket Trivia (Room 206/207, 208, 211)
11:00 am - Baby & Me
11:15 am - March Madness 3 Point Challenge

This weeks Parsha: Tzav

This Shabbat we read the *Parsha* of Tzav which continues the discussion of the *Korbanot*. This Shabbat is also called *Shabbat Hagadol*, "The Great Shabbat" which is always celebrated on the Shabbat before Pesach. Why is it called *Shabbat Hagadol*? Because when *Hashem* unleashed the plagues on the Egyptians, each time before the plague, Moshe gave the Egyptians a warning. Before the first plague of blood, Moshe warned the Egyptians "Let the Jewish people go or all the water in Egypt will turn into blood." Before the second plague of frogs, Moshe warned the Egyptians, "Let the Jewish people go or millions of frogs will swarm all over the land," and so on. Before the 10th and final plague, *Makat Bechorot*, the killing of the firstborn, Moshe gave the Egyptians a final warning, "On the midnight following the 14th of Nissan, all Egyptian firstborn males will be killed." The Egyptian firstborn men heard this and realized that Moshe was batting 1000% and they didn't want to die. The firstborn men went to Pharaoh and told him to let the Jewish people go. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused, the first-born Egyptians made their own army, rebelled and attacked him. Pharaoh had to send his main army to quell the rebellion. We mention this story every Shabbat in *Hodu LeHashem Ki Tov*, when we say *LeMakayh Mitzrayim Bevichorayhem*, "To Him Who smote Egypt through their firstborn."

This rebellion occurred on the 10th day of Nissan, which was a Shabbat, five days before the Jewish people left Egypt, which is why this Shabbat is called *Shabbat Hagadol*, "The Great Shabbat." But this begs another question: usually, we commemorate a date by the day of the month, not the day of the week, so why not celebrate every year on the 10th day in the month of Nissan? The answer is because Miriam died on the 10th of Nissan and we don't celebrate on a day when this holy person passed away. Therefore, we celebrate this miracle every year on the Shabbat before Pesach, *Shabbat Hagadol*.

After Shul, you can ask your children:

1. Why is the Shabbat before Pesach always called *Shabbat Hagadol*?
2. What did Moshe say to the Egyptian people before each plague?
3. Where in our Shabbat davening do we repeat the story of *Shabbat Hagadol*?
4. Other events are remembered by a date in the month, why is *Shabbat Hagadol* remembered by a week?

Two Special Announcements:

1. Calling all teenage volunteers this Sunday for the LSS pre-Pesach Chametz Drive. Wendy needs your help in the shul lobby by 10:00am. Stay as long as possible, the food collection ends at 2:00pm.
2. Although many families including your youth directors will be going away over Pesach, the Youth Program must go on! The LSS Youth Department will offer youth groups for ages 2+ and ages 3-4 on March 31 and April 1, and April 6 and April 7. Regular youth groups and Baby & Me will resume after Pesach on Shabbat April 14.

Baby & Me Recap

This past Shabbat, the theme was all about preparing for Pesach. The babies learned about the ten plagues through the book, "If You Give a Frog a Piece of Matzah," sang *frogs are jumping everywhere*, and practiced their mobility with frog-like exercises. The animal education continued with *Chad Gadyah*; we learned animal noises and finished with singing the four questions, *Mah Nishtana*.



Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel Lazarus

TEEN DEPARTMENT

This Shabbat: Teen Minyan and Kiddush in the pre function room @10:30am.

Sponsored by **Shira and Avi Spira** in memory of Mia and Sara Spira's beloved grandmother, Rachel Schulman a"n.

Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel Stermann

NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON, Wednesday April 25

Three weeks ago we celebrated the holiday of Purim. Mordechai and Esther were able to thwart the planned destruction of the Jewish people because they had access to the levers of power. Fortunately for the Jewish people - so do you. One doesn't have to look very far to find the enemies of the Jewish People seeking to attack the State of Israel. Be the hero of your generation. Your participation can change the course of history and *does* make a difference! Join me, Rabbi Robinson, and our LSS contingent as we advocate with over 1000 participants, on the NORPAC one day mission to Washington taking place on Wednesday, April 25th. Questions? Email Dan Feder at dfeder02@aol.com

WHAT MATTERS PROGRAM

The What Matters Program offers all individuals the opportunity to add the gift of conversation to their advance directive so that the person who has agreed to be their healthcare proxy has much more information directly from them about their values and wishes than the legal health care form formally requires. To be part of a facilitated conversation please sign up with an email to whatmatters@lss.org. We are going to be sending out dates for a group conversation option shortly. Feel free to reach out to us on the above email with any thoughts you might have regarding a what matters conversation. Wishing all a reflective and rejuvenative Pesach holiday! - The What Matters Committee



Parshat Tzav

This year marks 85 years since the Nazis came to power in Germany. Two months after their political rise, on Tuesday of the week of Parshat Tzav, my grandfather was arrested. The next day, the extended family left Germany and went to The Hague. That Saturday, when the whole town had been invited to my father’s gala bar mitzvah, anyone who showed up for the event found nothing. The bar mitzvah boy and his family had vanished.

My father *lained* Parshat Tzav in a small *shtiebel* in The Hague. As a 13-year old boy he was not aware of the treachery and terror that shadowed every move of our family and every Jew in Europe but he always described the shul as “dark.” During the next three years, the family traveled though Holland, France and England, barely staying ahead of the Nazi military advance, until they were able to find their way to this good and blessed land. During the 14 years after he landed here, my father became a rabbi, an accountant, a businessman and a husband.

When he met my mother, she had no Jewish education or background in religious observance; she was a *baalat teshuva* before there were any. She loved the Jewish life she adopted and she had a wise and honest view of it. She disliked only one thing that I remember — she hated the idea that after her passing, people would drink a *Le’Chaim* on the anniversary of the day she died. She told me and my sisters, “if you have to make a *kiddush* relating to my memory, don’t do it on my *yahrzeit*, do it on my birthday.” Her birthday in 2018 would have fallen this coming Wednesday.

Parshat Tzav that my father read is about sacrifices. As my father read the parsha on this Shabbat 85 years ago, the sacrifices that the Jews of Europe were to make were not yet known. During that week of Parshat Tzav, my family’s life pivoted; the escape they made days before he read the *parsha* saved my life and the lives of many others before those lives even began. The fear and on-the-run life they endured to bring us here handed me, my siblings and cousins a life of security and opportunity. On my parents’ tombstone, we wrote words from this week’s parsha, “*Torah achat lahem*,” one Torah for them. It refers to one law applying to multiple sacrifices but to us it spoke about my parents. They were one couple, creating one family, living one life together, with one Torah for them both.

Now Gloria and I have become grandparents. Our granddaughter, Isabella Ava Kestenbaum, is named for my mother, Gloria’s father and our *mechutan*’s father. As Parshat Tzav comes around again, it’s hard not to think about what the people who came before us had to undergo for this to be possible. Today Gloria and I are commemorating past lives honestly lived, my mother’s birthday, a new life begun, two people grateful for what has flowered from the sacrifices of others before them, and Parshat Tzav that connects it all.

Shabbat Shalom!

Weekly Prayer Schedule: March 25						Mincha/Ma’ariv: 7:00pm (Sun– Th)
Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (Erev Pesach) See full Pesach schedule on hand outs which can be found on lobby tables and by the elevator racks.
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	5:45am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	6:30am, 7:30am

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