

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

7:07pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

7:10pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**.
Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

Shabbat Morning

7:40am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur given by **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
8:30am: Parsha Shiur given by **Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz** on "*Pesach Cleaning or O.C.D.: Is it Permissible to Suspend Mitzvah Observance to Read O.C.D.?*"
9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** followed by Musaf.
9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201
9:44am Latest Shema
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. (New volunteers needed and welcome)
5:15pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
5:55pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211
5:55pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on "*What is Religious Zionism?*" pt. 3
6:55pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.
8:09pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

MAZAL TOV

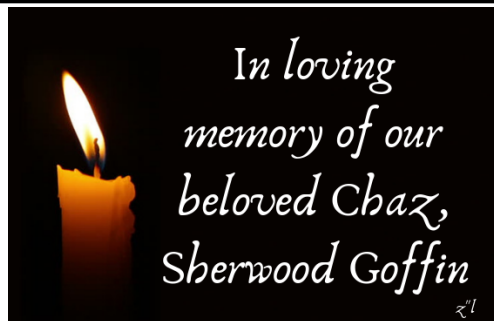
Judi and Alan Eisenman on the birth of a granddaughter Rory Lou (חנה מלכה) born to their children Ariana and Jason Eisenman. Mazal tov to grandparents Joanie and Larry Weissman, the great grandparents, Aunts and Uncles Kara and Avram Zamist, Marc and Liz Guttman, Alex Weissman and Lauren and Andrew Weissman.

Alla and Alex Eydeland on the marriage of their daughter Rebecca to Lee Drucker.

PESACH BOOKLET

Stay tuned for our LSS Pesach booklet.
Coming soon to an inbox and lobby near you.

BARUCH DAYAN HA'EMET:



This Shabbat our light is dimmed as we mourn the passing of our beloved Chaz on the 27th of Adar, 04/03/19. Chazzan Goffin was the constant and beloved presence in our Shul for over 50 years, who held us together in good times and bad. His sincerity, piety, spirituality and pure neshama will be missed by the thousands of people who were led by him in davening, taught by him in the Hebrew School or for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and inspired simply by his being. Our hearts and prayers will forever be with his beloved wife, Batya, his children and grandchildren who have all become a fabric of the LSS community. May his memory be for an eternal Blessing.

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Hashkama Kiddush: The Shoshani family and Emanuel Zareh to commemorate the azkara of his beloved grandmother, Farokh bat Rachel and Yosef H'Levi a"h.

Main Kiddush:

Marilynn and Marvin Goldman in commemoration of the yahrzeit on Rosh Chodesh Nisan of Marvin's mother, Esther Tzvia Brodsky a"h.

Moshe Sukenik in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, Zahava bat Yosef 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:

Chana Henriquez in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and the Tuesday evening Introduction to Bible class.

Ira Weinstock in celebration of the birthdays of his brother, Bruce's 68th birthday and Deena-Kristi Hays' "Jack Benny" birthday.

Seudah Shlishit: **David B. Levy** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, alav ha-shalom, Ruth bat Miriam a"h.

HAKARAT HATOV

Rabbi David Freedman for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

HOSPITALITY NEEDS: Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and /or lodging.
Please email hospitality@lss.org with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

LSS Teen Directors and Rabbinic Intern, Zac & Rachel Schwartz are in need of lodging on April 12-13.

Community Educator, Zissy Turner and her husband, Sam, are in need of meals and lodging on May 3-4.

Weekly Prayer Schedule: April 7

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Mincha/Maariv	7:15pm	7:15pm	7:20pm	7:20pm	7:20pm	7:20pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 8: Naomi Shemer: The Honey & The Sting: 7:00pm

Naomi Shemer's songs reflect Israel's history, the good times and the sad times. In this program, Roy Rimshon brings light and life to Naomi's story. The program will combine live music, well-known songs, videos and rare photos. Cost: \$15 before Monday, April 8 at 12:00pm, \$20 at the door.

To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/naomishemer.

Monday, May 6: CommUnity Witness Theater Performance: 7:00pm

***Please note this is an offsite event**

We made a promise to "Never Forget" – and we've kept it. Join Lincoln Square Synagogue, UJA-Federation and Selfhelp Community Services for a special performance in which Holocaust survivors are paired with local high school seniors to retell the survivors' wartime experiences through an original and compelling dramatic production. For tickets, please click the link in the electronic version of Echod.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Zimilover at zimilover@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1356. Location: Peter Norton Symphony Space (2537 Broadway, at W. 95th Street).



Naomi Shemer
The Honey & The Sting

Naomi Shemer composed over 1,000 songs many of which tell the story of the State of Israel, in sweet times and in sad times.

Monday, April 8th | 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
\$15 online | \$20 at the door
REGISTER AT:
WWW.LSS.ORG/NAOMISHEMER

Roy Rimshon is a Naomi Shemer enthusiast. His program brings light and life to Naomi's story. The program will combine well-known songs, videos and rare pictures, unfolding the life and work of Israel's most famous composer since King David.



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DEADLINE FOR MISHLOACH MANOT PICK UP

Don't forget to pick up your Mishloach Manot!
Take a break from your Pesach cleaning, indulge, and then get back to it refueled!

Deadline to pick up is Thursday, April 11

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday:

- *** (Cancelled this week) Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazesky and Dan Munk. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In this class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) to Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Location: Rm 207
- *** (Cancelled, returning Monday, April 29) Jewish Living Workshop:** 7:30pm-8:30pm. Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. To register, please email jlworkshop@yahoo.com.

Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am– 11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30—8:00pm:** Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. M'lachim, the Book of Kings - the death of David, the magnificent reign of Solomon and his fall, the split kingdom, the dramatic tales of Elijah and Elisha, and so much more. Join our lively weekly study/discussion group as we analyze, pasuk by pasuk, these exciting Biblical narratives. Location: Rm 211
- **Community Kollel: Passover Edition** organized by Rabbinic Intern and Teen Director, Zac Schwartz: 7:30pm-9:30pm. A groundbreaking program featuring impressive young educators. Choose between mini classes and one on one learning. Catering to aspiring learners of all backgrounds, from beginner to yeshiva veteran. To register please click on the link in the Echod electronic version or email teens@lss.org. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday:

- *** (Please note the time change) Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Rm 207
- **Jewish History Series: Israel & Zionism** led by Paul Shaviv: 8:00pm-9:00pm
Topic: The Still-Unfinished Business of the Six Day War
Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. This Week's Topic: "Our Heritage" Location: Rm LL201.
- *** (Please note this is an offsite event) Lunch & Learn:** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 12:45pm-1:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please email Micah Bloomfield at mbloomfield@stroock.com. Location: 180 Maiden Lane NY, NY 10038
- *** (Please note the time change) The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha. We welcome Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 7:30pm–8:30pm. Topic: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place": The Midrashim of Kriyat Yam Suf Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Enjoy the last
licks of challah!

Pesach is around
the corner!



**SHABBAT
SHALOM
FROM LSS**

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



Shabbat schedule:

- 10:00 am Drop Off (Rooms 206-211)
 10:45 am Davening, Circle Time, and Healthy Kiddush (Rooms 206-211)
 11:00 am Parsha & Candy: Pesach Prep (Rooms 210-211)
 11:00am Baby & Me (3rd Floor Gym)
 11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration (Room 206-207)
 11:45 am Groups End

Dvar Torah

Tazria is about the disease known as *Tzaraat* which is often incorrectly called leprosy in English. *Tzaraat* no longer exists today. Our sages tell us it was a punishment for speaking *lashon harah*.. Even though it no longer exists, we learn that we should be very careful with the words that come out of our mouths. Every day, we should be sure to be careful how we speak to one another because words have meaning.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

- Can you recite the four verses of the Ma Nishtana?
- How long do you have to make matzah before it turns to Chametz?
- What were the 10 Plagues?
- Why would someone get Tzaraat?

Answers:
 B. 18 minutes
 C. Dam, Tzfardeya, Kinim, Arov, Dever, Shcheen, Barad, Arbeh, Choshech, Makat Bechorot
 D. For Speaking lashon harah

Upcoming Event:

Sunday, May 5: Babies & Brunch Spring Time Fun: 10:00am

Join us for a morning of songs, crafts, and delicious brunch for babies 0-4 years old. Generously sponsored by the Gontownik family.

To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/springbabies.

Shabbat Shalom,
 Ariella & Mendel

ALL THINGS PESACH

Shmurah Matzah:

LSS is again selling Shatzer Shmurah Matzah for Passover. Cost: \$25.25 per pound for both regular and whole wheat. Place your orders at www.lss.org/form/matzah2019.

Deadline: Tuesday, April 9

Pick up will be on Sunday, April 14 from 9:00am to 12:00pm and Monday, April 15 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Pesach Hospitality:

If you will be hosting a seder, please think about including your fellow LSS members. Reach out to them directly or contact hospitality@lss.org to let us know that there is space at your table or if you would like to be hosted.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, April 8:

• **Beginners Model Seder: 7:00pm**

Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and Rabbi Elly Krinsky for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Passover Seder. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For information or to make your reservation, contact LSS at 212-874-6100 or at www.lss.org/beginners.

• **LSS Beginners Deadline for Passover Hospitality: 12:00pm**

Beginners interested in hospitality for Passover sederim and/or Shabbat or Yom Tov meals, may contact Rabbi Buchwald at 646-871-0012 or email jessica@njop.org. Please leave an accurate message with dates of meals & specify lunch or dinner.

Tuesday, April 9: Deadline for Beginners Passover Shabbaton

This event will be taking place on Friday and Saturday, April 12-13. Cost: \$50, includes two meals. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.

Sunday, April 14:

• **LSS Youth Presents Matzah Bakery & Passover Crafts: 10:00am**

Join LSS for baking matzah and making fun Passover crafts. Cost: \$10 per child. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/matzahbakery. Location: Main Ballroom

• **Chametz Food Drive: 10:00am-2:00pm**

This is the one you've been waiting for! Collect your non-perishable Chametz, either open or closed. Volunteers 8+ welcome. We are also looking for people with cars who can drive boxes of food to the locations on the Upper West Side this Sunday from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. If interested in volunteering please email Wendy Baker at wbaker@panix.com.

MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Friday, April 12: Teen Unity Friday Night Minyan & Dinner: 6:15pm

Join us for an UWS Teen Unity Friday night Carlebach Minyan, delicious dinner and awesome fun activities with other teens from around the city, NCSY advisers and your favorite teen directors Zac and Rachel! To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/uwsteenunity.

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash followed by dinner and programming in the Pre-function room

Saturday, April 13: UWS Teen Unity Event: 3:30pm

Long Shabbat afternoon? Come spend it with friends in the park. Amazing games planned and fun snacks provided.

Location: Central Park, South End of Great Lawn, near softball field 1

To join our mailing list or to sponsor an upcoming event, please email teens@lss.org



Celebrate Our Rituals with Love and Happiness

The opening *aliyah* of Tazria contains the following verses (Lev. 12:6,8) :

וּבְמִלֵּאת יְמֵי טְהָרָהּ, לְבֵן א֥וֹ לִבָּת, תָּבִיא כֶּבֶשׂ בֶּן־שָׁנָתוֹ לְעֹלָה, וּבֶן־יוֹנָה א֥וֹ תֵר לְחֻטָּאת--אֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל־מוֹעֵד, אֶל־הַכֹּהֵן
וְאִם־לֹא תִמְצָא יֹדָהּ, דִּי שָׁה--וְלִקְחָהּ שְׁתֵּי־תֹרִים א֥וֹ שְׁנֵי בְנֵי יוֹנָה, אֶחָד לְעֹלָה וְאֶחָד לְחֻטָּאת; וּכְפַר עָלֶיהָ הַכֹּהֵן, וְטָהַרָהּ

And when the days of her purification are fulfilled, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb in its first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin-offering, to the door of the tent of meeting, to the priest.
And if her means do not suffice for a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two young pigeons: one for a burnt-offering and one for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be pure.

You will find many *Divrei Torah* on why the mother needs atonement and why she needs to bring an animal sacrifice in order to be ritually pure. You will find many *Divrei Torah* on the required number of days for this ritual impurity and why it is different for a son or for a daughter. However, the details of this sacrifice ritual are not important to us presently. What I will try to learn from this law are the Torah's value-concepts embedded in this passage.

The crux of the matter is the phrase **וְאִם־לֹא תִמְצָא יֹדָהּ**, *if her means do not suffice*. The Torah adjusts the obligation expense in order to make the ritual affordable to everyone. Wealthier people are obligated to spend much more, while those who are less wealthy spend much less. There is a progressive rate scale to be able to fulfill this ritual. The Mishnah (Kritot 1:7) picks up on this value-concept, and states:

חֲמֵשׁ יָלֹדֹת וְדָאוֹת, חֲמֵשׁ זִיבוֹת וְדָאוֹת, מְבִיאָה קָרְבָּן אֶחָד, וְאוֹכֵלֶת בְּזָבָחִים, וְהַשָּׂאֵר עָלֶיהָ חֹבֶה. מַעֲשָׂה שֶׁעָמְדוּ קָנִים בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם בְּדִינֵי זָהָב. אָמַר רַבִּן שְׁמַעוֹן בֶּן גַּמְלִיאֵל, הַמַּעֲוֵן הַזֶּה, לֹא אֵלִין הַלֵּילָהּ, עַד שְׁיֵהוּ בְּדִינֵיוֹ. כִּכְנֵס לְבֵית דִּין וְלֹמֵד, הָאִשָּׁה שֵׁישׁ עָלֶיהָ חֲמֵשׁ יָלֹדֹת וְדָאוֹת, חֲמֵשׁ זִיבוֹת וְדָאוֹת, מְבִיאָה קָרְבָּן אֶחָד, וְאוֹכֵלֶת בְּזָבָחִים, וְאֵין הַשָּׂאֵר עָלֶיהָ חֹבֶה. וְעָמְדוּ קָנִים בּוֹ בַּיּוֹם בְּרַבָּעֵתִים:

At the time of the Temple, a Pesach Seder, for example, took place in Yerushalayim. A nursing mother or a pregnant woman may not necessarily have been able to go to Yerushalayim for the three pilgrimage festivals. We all have this picture of a family Seder with the mother and all the kids gathered around the father leading the celebration. In fact, there could have been many Seders when a nursing mother or a pregnant woman may not have attended. Eventually, after maybe six years or so, the mother is now able to go to Yerushalayim. Is this mother now obligated to bring **five** lambs and **five** birds — or, minimally, **ten** birds — in order to partake of some of the sacrifices being offered by the family? No! The following mishnah would apply to her:

If a woman had five births . . . she brings one sacrifice and may eat sacrificial meat, but the others are still obligations for her.
Unfortunately, this solution didn't quite solve the problem. We still have all these young mothers scurrying around trying to find birds for their obligatory sacrifices:

*It once happened in Jerusalem that the price of a nest [a pair of sacrificial birds] cost a golden Dinar. Rabban Shimon ben Gamaliel said: [I swear] by this sanctuary! I shall not sleep tonight until it costs a silver Dinar! He entered the court and taught: If a woman had five certain births . . . she brings one sacrifice and may eat sacrificial meat, and the others are **not** obligations for her.*

It would seem that Rabban Shimon ben Gamaliel changed the original rule of the Mishnah to allow more people to join in the festivities. (To help give you the scope of the change, if two birds had cost \$100.00, Rabban Shimon ben Gamaliel wanted them to cost \$4.00. As a result of his pronouncement, the nest of birds cost only \$1.00 or even less.)

The Torah wants as many as many people as possible, from all walks of life, to be able to participate joyfully in our Jewish rituals. Some people can afford the full price, while others can afford only a lesser amount. Costs should not be so prohibitive as to discourage people from joining in the celebration.

This was certainly true of the Chaz, of blessed memory: May our sensitivities to the needs of all Jews allow us to all celebrate our rituals with love and happiness.

Shabbat Shalom!

For more information about writing a Dvar Torah, see Bill Greenbaum in shul or email dvar@lss.org.

We are currently looking for writers for:
April 13 (Parshat Metzora)
April 27 (Parshat Pesach)
May 4 (Parshat Aharei Mot)