

Parshat Tazria- Metzora **Shaul Robinson** Josh Rosenfeld

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

6:17pm Earliest Candle Lighting 7:23pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

6:45pm Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Dvar Torah given by

Rabbi Shaul Robinson 7:25pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Belfer Beit Midrash.

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 following Musaf.

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

9:3am **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: Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. New volunteers welcome and

5:40pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim 6:10pm

Buchwald in Rm 211 6:10pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Lecture in

the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld

7:10pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.

8:24pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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Hashkama Kiddush:

The Horwitz Family in memory of their mother Helene Horwitz, a"h.

Aviva & Marvin Sussman and Judy & Moshe Sokolow in memory of their parents Sol & Roslyn Sussman, z"l, and Charles Bendheim, z"l, whose vahrtzeits are all in the month of Ivar.

Main Kiddush: Kayla and Jon Moerdler in honor of the birth of their daughter.

Beginners Kiddush: Helga Weisberger in memory of her beloved mother, Kathy Preschel, a"h, and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Seudah Shlishit:

or philip.gassel@gmail.com.

Joseph Verschleisser and family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Joseph's wife Sandy Nussbaum Vershleisser, a"h.

Audrey Kallman in commemoration on the yahrtzeit of her father Alexander Kramer, Eliyahu ben Moshe, z"l.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LSS FOOD FUNNEL

For 30 years, LSS volunteers have been moving hundreds of pounds of fresh, first-class bread and rolls per week to be given out to individuals and families in need. One hour (approximately 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm) every 6 or 7 weeks is all that's needed from you to help keep this going. The Food Funnel team, consisting of a driver (with car) and a helper, picks up 100% of Orwasher's unsold bread and delivers it to local food pantries and soup kitchens. Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening an LSS team picks up the bread and delivers it to the agencies. The schedule is staffed by 24 volunteer teams, a few of whom are moving away or retiring. You can join us as a team – driver and helper; as an individual – either driver or helper and we'll try to organize a partner for you; or as a sub for either driver or helper, called on when one of the regulars can't do it. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please contact Phil Gassel at 212-362-5878

THIS SHABBAT

The celebration of Israel's 70th birthday continues at LSS as we welcome shabbat with several Israeli themes.

Chazan Yanky Lemmer will lead the services this week with a joyous and uplifting Israel and Yom-Haatzmaut flavor.

Rabbi Robinson will be speaking on 'Hayinu K'cholmim - Can a Person Dream for 70 Years?' followed by Musaf. Services followed by hot Kiddush.

Shabbat 6:10pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Lecture in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on "Making Sense of Sacrifice": Korbanot & Modernity

The Magen Avraham Teen Department is having a teen Israeli themed Seudah Shlishit at 4:30pm in the pre-function room. Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld will be sharing his stories and experiences as a soldier in the IDF! Teens: join for Israeli-style food, Israeli trivia, prizes, and more! Sponsored by Revital and Ariel Ackerman. Seudah Shlishit will conclude with our very first Teen Torah with Rabbi Shaul Robinson, a weekly Pirkei Avot class just for teens that will run each week until the summer

THIS SUNDAY

10:00am-1:00pm: LSS Spring Clothing Drive Please donate your gently-used clothing in clean condition. Please sort by men's, women's and children's clothing. To volunteer (age 8+), please email Wendy Baker at wbaker@panix.com

10:00am-11:30am: NORAC Training for those that have registered for the Mission to Washington on Wednesday, April 25.E: dfeder02@aol.com Rm206/207

HAKARAT HATOV

Mordechai Beilis, Roberta Flatow, Ora Hamelsdorf, Sydell Roth, and Nathan Vogel—for volunteering your time at the Yom Ha'atzmaut event. Your help was tremendously beneficial in running a successful and joyous event for our shul.

Gidi Grinstein and Ari Afilalo for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

The Samowitz Family expresses their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the LSS Family for the comfort they received from the huge loss of their unbelievable husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, great uncle and civil servant of the City of New York, and the Army Corps of Engineers, Charles Samowitz. They would like to thank Rabbi Robinson for his continued concern and support and the men of the minyan who made sure Charles Samowitz's memory was truly a blessing.

Dr. Susan Unger-Mero for donating 2 chemical peels for the Yom Ha'atzmaut raffle table and Mendy Stern for donating a \$500 gift card from Ohr Light Travel to include in our raffle table at Yom Ha'atzmaut! Thank you!

MAZAL TOV

Kayla and Jonathan Moerdler on the birth of a baby girl. Mazal Tov to grandparents Hannah and Paul Freilich and Susan and Jeffrey Moerdler, big brother Zachary and the entire family.

Karen & David Eisner on David's appointment as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury for management.

Congratulations to our raffle ticket winners: Hadas Azari- Chemical Peel by Dr. Susan Unger-Mero, Cami Bohm- Ohr Light travel voucher, Edna Caplow- Chemical Peel by Dr. Susan Unger-Mero, Edna Caplow- KT Collection gift card, Izzy Frioman- Soul Cycle gift classes, Rosa Gorden- NY Kids Club session, Ora Hamelsdorf-KT Collection gift card, Natalie Kanfer- Fly Wheel gift classes, Lori Kolinsky-Skyview gift card, Lorraine Ruth Kaufman-Saba's Pizza gift card, Melanie Miller-Blo Bar gift card, Melanie Miller- Barry's Boot Class gift card, Suzanne Offer- Noi Due gift card, Charlie Savenor- Saba's gift card, Grace Shevel- Spruce and Bond gift card, Jermey Watman- Noi Due Carne gift card

HASHAVAT AVAIDAH

A tallit clip has been lost. It has the name: Avraham ben Yitchak engraved on the clip. If found please return to the office.

There was a black, American Eagle, size small, wool coat left at the Yom Ha'atzmaut event on Wednesday evening. If it yours, please call the shul office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, April 25: NORPAC Mission to Washington. Join Rabbi Robinson and our LSS contingent as we advocate with over 1000 participants, on the NORPAC one day mission to Washington. Questions? Email Dan Feder at dfeder02@aol.com
- Sunday, April 29: 10:00am: Bat Mitzvah Project Practice session for those involved in reading from the Torah for the Bat Mitzvah project. Located in the Main Sanctuary. Email Dassa Gerber at lssbatmitzvah@gmail.com (Bat Mitzvah Project culminating on 5/5-see below)
- Sunday April 29: 9:30am- 12:30pm: Yom Iyun @ LSS in memory of Rav Ahron Lichtenstein z"l. Topic: "Kedusha"
- Sunday, April 29: 10:30am-12:00pm: Converts in Conversation Challah Baking Class (only for women who completed the conversion process). Class is free but please register at www.lss.org/event/convertsinconversation.
- Monday, April 30: 7:30pm: Singles Parents by Choice @ Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. For more information, contact LSS Social Worker, Ruth Kobrin at socialworker@lss.org
- Wednesday, May 2: 6:30pm-9:30pm: Lag B'omer Singles Party Join us for a dairy buffet and ice cream party followed by comedy show by Talia Reese at 8:30pm. Cost: Early Bird: \$36, \$45 after April 24. Singles Ages 40's and 50's. Please register at www.lss.org/event/lagbomersingles.
- **Shabbat May 5th 2018:** Women/girls join the simcha, as a new group of women celebrate their Bat Mitzvahs in the Women's Tefillah Group! Tefillah starts 8:45 am in the Pre-Function Room Floor LL1 (practice session on 4/29-see above)
- **Saturday, May 5: Beginners Luncheon.** The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Please make you reservations and payments by Thursday, May 3.
- Shabbat, May 5: 5:00pm-6:30pm: Tackling The Tuition Crisis Join Ami Eden, Chavie Kahn, and Maury Litwack as they discuss the tuition crisis. Moderated by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Location: Lincoln Square Synagogue
- Monday, May 7: 8:15pm-9:00pm: Beginners Schmooze The schmooze is free and open to all. Please call 212 874-6100 to confirm.
- Sunday, May 13: 7:00pm: LSS Film Committee presents *Shababnikim* The award-winning series features four less-than-stellar haredi yeshiva students as they
 - navigate religious expectations, the schisms of Israeli society and their own hearts. Satirical about yeshiva life yet deeply knowing about learning and tradition, this funny, cutting-edge and unexpectedly touching series could only have been made right now in Israel. Prepare to become a fan! Cost: \$15 per screening or \$50 for all 4 screenings. Screening dates: May 13, June 3, June 10 and June 24. Register at www.lss.org/event/shababnikim
- Sunday, May 13: 4:00pm: LSS Book Club presents Eternal Life by Dara Horn. Location: Home of Gale and Steven Spira. Please call the shul for address.
- Sunday, May 13: International Women's Talmud Day How can you participate? 1. Learn Talmud, either independently or using the online study resources on the International Women's Talmud Day website 2.Teach Talmud 3. Write/post about women's Talmud study on social media, using the hashtag #InternationalWomensTalmudDay. This project is founded by Shayna Abramson, daughter of Blima and Joel Abramson, and cosponsored by JOFA, JOFA UK, and Yeshivat Maharat. To learn more, go to: https://www.internationalwomenstalmudday.com

Monday, May 21: Following Shacharit: Shavuot Mishnah Siyum Luncheon . More details to follow.

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; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan Belfer Beit Midrash.
- 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:

- 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. Rm 208 Topic: Weekday Prayer Starting Out. Building Blocks
- 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.
- Chug Ivrit given by Hai Piazesky. 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
- Rav Kook's Orot ha-Torah: A guided exploration with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 7:00pm-8:00pm. What is Torah? Why do we learn it? How does Torah affect the soul? Join as we prepare for Shavuot with Rav Kook's masterpiece. 4 text based sessions. Beit Midrash

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
- Gemara b'Shana in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson;7:50pm-8:50pm Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday:

- Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky; 8:00pm-9:00pm Rm 207
- Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II led by Ron Platzer; 8:10pm -9:000pm. Rm 211

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer; 11:30am-12:30pm Rm LL201 Last Week's Topic: When is it Lashon Hara?
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:50pm–8:50pm– Belfer Beit Midrash

MISHNAH IMPOSSIBLE



We are keeping a decades old LSS tradition of learning the whole Mishnah between Pesach and the second day of Shavuot - and we can't accomplish this goal without YOU! Please contribute and help us achieve our goal of having every member and friend of LSS take on (at least) one small Mishnah portion to learn. We promise you a meaningful and elevating experience, all in time for Shavuot. Volunteer mentors or study partners are available upon request. Please email mishnah@lss.org or call the LSS office to choose a portion you would like to study and to sign up! All learning will culminate with a celebratory Siyum luncheon on Monday, May 21 following Shacharit. More details to follow. Please consider learning in memory of one or more of the IDF soldiers who fell in the defense of Medinat Israel. This is a completely voluntary option, but those who participated in past years found it to be a very meaningful experience. More details once you register to learn mishnayot.

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



Schedule: 10:00 am Drop-Off 10:30 am Davening 10:50 am Parsha Overview 11:00 am Raffles and Rewards 11:00 am Baby & Me

11:15 am Broken Telephone, a lesson on Lashon Harah

This week's Parsha: Tazria- Metzora

This week we'll read a double Parsha, Tazria and Metzora. Both Parshiot discuss Tzaraat, a term term which is often inaccurately described as leprosy. Tazria

discusses the signs of Tzaraat and Metzora discusses the process to get rid of it. Our sages tell us that Tzaraat was actually a punishment for Lashon Harah, speaking badly of another person. When one did Teshuva, the Tzaraat would go away. There were four different types of Tzaraat and if it was suspected, the person went to the Kohen who would quarantine them for one week and return to check if the Tzaraat was still there. The Torah describes a different type of Tzaraat that would appear on the walls of someone's home. In order to remove it, the person had to remove large stones from within their walls. Rashi says this was actually a blessing in disguise, because frequently when the walls were torn down, people found buried treasure that was left by the Canaanites.

Although we no longer have the disease of Tzaraat, we can learn from this week's double Parshiot how terrible the sin of Lashon Harah is and how careful we must be never to speak badly of another person. Rashi further teaches us that what appears at first like a terrible experience can turn into a positive outcome.

After Shul you can ask your children:

What is Lashon Harah?
How did our sages define Tzaraat?
Where else could Tzaraat appear?
Who was in charge of diagnosing Tzaraat?
Why does Rashi say this could be positive?

Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel Lazarus

TEEN DEPARTMENT

This Shabbat: 4:30pm in the pre-function room: The Israel celebrations continue this Shabbat with a very special Israeli-Themed Seudah Shlishit, featuring our very own **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** sharing his stories and experiences as a soldier in the IDF! We'll also have delicious Israeli-style food, Israeli trivia, prizes, and more! All generously sponsored by **Revital and Ariel Ackerman.**

Seudah Shlishit will also wrap up with our very first Teen Torah with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**, a weekly Pirkei Avot class just for Teens that will run each week until the summer!

Next Shabbat, April 28th, we've got a Teen Programming doubleheader:

We kick off with a Teen Minyan and Munch at 10:15 in the pre-function room, generously sponsored by **Adina and Marc Dolfman.** Join us for a full davening, words of Torah, and a delicious teen-only Kiddush. Following Kiddush, LSS Teens are invited to a special lunch at the home of **Rabbi and Sarah Robinson**! Please RSVP for lunch to teens@lss.org - walking groups home will be organized if needed!

Thank you again to our generous sponsors for making these incredible events possible, and we can't wait for what's ahead!

Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel Sterman

Weekly Prayer Schedule: April 22 Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:30pm (Sun-Thur						
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

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Israeli Power and Jewish Resilience

Is Yom HaAtzmaut Reshit Tzmichat Geulateinu?

by Gidi Grinstein and Ari Afilalo

On every Shabbat, synagogue-goers read a prayer for the State of Israel, which begins with the inspiring words: "Heavenly Father, Israel's Rock and Redeemer, bless the State of Israel, reshit tzmichat geulateinu..." Indeed, at its seventieth anniversary celebrated this week, it seems that the State of Israel is living up to the expectation, coined by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog in 1948, to be "the first flowering of our redemption," as it becomes an economic, diplomatic and military powerhouse.

However, the question for religious Jews remains: Is Israel indeed the first flowering? Chief Rabbi Kook responded with a resounding affirmative. Rabbi Joseph B. Soleveitchik viewed the State of Israel as the knocking of Divine Providence (*Kol Dodi Dofek*). The Lubavitcher Rebbe, rejected this notion, calling out the State of Israel's secular nature. And the Satmar Rebbe is vehemently opposed to Zionism in any form.

The religiously 'messianic' view of Zionism is echoed in the Jewish secular world. Many Zionists believe that Israel represents an irreversible revolution in Jewish history and hold repatriation to Zion to be the only path to a full Jewish life. To them, Diaspora Jewish life is temporary and ethically inferior, bound to end in either assimilation or persecutions. Return to Zion is a one-way ticket and Diaspora life is negated.

These approaches have fundamental implications. Zionism was created in the late 19th century as a response to the crisis of European Jewry to serve the continued and significant existence of the Jewish People. It was only in the 1970s, following the Six-Day War, that Zionism became the leading movement of the Jewish People, with the assertive claim that all Jews should come to Israel and the Diaspora be dismantled to termination. But the foundational debates about Zionism persisted nonetheless, namely: how should Israel serve the Jewish People and how should it view the Jewish Diaspora?

The starting point for this debate must be an exploration of the secret of Jewish resilience. Jewish communities have survived out of Zion for twenty-six centuries, since the First Temple exile, and most people believe that significant Jewish existence around the world will be sustained for centuries to come. Hence, although powerless in military terms, the Jewish People is clearly resilient.

Mobility has been the key. The center of gravity of the Jewish People is in permanent motion from places of rising intolerance, insecurity and poverty to places of acceptance, security and opportunity. Babylon, Spain, Poland, Germany, Russia, Morocco, Iraq and Iran were all important centers of Jewish life which later declined. Hence, the image of the wandering Jew, which is a symbol of Jewish weakness and powerlessness, is also a secret of Jewish resilience.

The architecture of a world-wide web of communities allows this permanent global motion of Jews, which unfolds in a natural and bottom-up manner, with every family taking its own decisions whether to move or to stay. It allows Judaism to transcend catastrophes that eliminate entire sections of its network. In fact, as Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks points out, all calamities in Jewish history were followed by a resurgence in political, economic and cultural power within a short time.

Clearly, the State of Israel represents a radical departure from these dynamics. In the early 1900s, the Zionist movement concluded that it must master the use of force and establish Jewish self-defense, and by the end of the 20th century, Israel became a military superpower. For many Zionists, Israel's rising successes are the ultimate proof of the validity of their views regarding the declining Diaspora.

Yet, reality challenges the bold assertion of Zionism that the ingathering of Jews in a Jewish state would offer a comprehensive remedy to the plights of the Jewish People. First, Israel's Prime Ministers have warned that Israel may be subject to existential threats by weapons of mass destruction. Second, World Jewry has proven to be much more resilient than Zionism anticipated, and is at a peak of its influence and affluence. Third, as many as one million Israelis chose to relocate back to the Diaspora. Fourth, anti-Semitism did not disappear but mutated to attack the state of the Jewish People through the delegitimization of Israel. Finally, as Judaism has transcended golden epochs of tolerance, acceptance, security and prosperity, assimilating in modern Western societies should not be viewed through a doomsday lens. In fact, the idea that the State of Israel or the USA represent the final destination of Jewish migration is ahistorical.

Dr. Micah Goodman writes in his book, *Moses' Final Speech*: "Zionism is the second chance of the *Tanach*." The first chance—Hebrew presence and sovereignty in the Land of Israel since Yehoshua and until ... the Bar-Kochva Rebellion—ended in failure, destruction and exile. Zionism gave Judaism a second chance with sovereignty, which is the State of Israel. From this perspective we can appreciate the historical juncture for the Jewish People.

Indeed, the Jewish People currently has two models to secure its existence: The 'Diaspora model' where the collective security of Jews is based on a global network of communities and the 'Israel model,' whose national security is based on military force and technological edge. These models are and should remain complementary, calling upon world Jews to support Israel's security, legitimacy and prosperity and mandating Israel to serve the security and needs of world Jewry. At the 70th anniversary of Israel, Zionism must come view the Jewish world beyond the dichotomies of Israel and Diaspora as an integrated societal whole understanding a vibrant Diaspora to be a Zionist imperative.

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