

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

5:13pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

### Friday Night

5:15pm 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 a shiur given by **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**  
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  
9:28am 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

3:45pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
4:15pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211  
4:15pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on "Pirkei Avot pt. 6"  
5:00pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
6:15pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

**Hashkama Kiddush:** Sponsored anonymously.

**Main Kiddush:** Tova Cavell Gershowitz in honor of the aufruf of her son, Gabriel Joseph Gershowitz, and the upcoming wedding of Gabriel to Jennifer Sara Citak.

**Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:**

**Martin Koenig** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of his father, Yaakov Yoseph ben Nisan z"l (Julius J. Koenig), and his mother, Chaya bat Shalom Tzvi z"l (Adele C. Koenig).

**Beginners Kiddush:** Aidel and Ephraim Buchwald in honor of their granddaughter, Yakira Buchwald's Bat Mitzvah, daughter of Blanche and Yedidiah Buchwald.

**Seudah Shlishit:**

**Milayna Subar and Jeffrey Schwartz** to show their appreciation to the community for welcoming them back from Israel so warmly.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Jacob Berger & Salome Chamma

## PURIM @ LSS

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Order yours today! Register at [www.lss.org/campaign/purim2019](http://www.lss.org/campaign/purim2019)

\$10 per family (6 family minimum, \$60), \$370 (maximum cost)

Deadline to order: Sunday, March 17

### Purim Carnival: Sunday, March 17:

1:00pm-4:00pm: Join us for a fun, festive, activity filled day. Sponsors needed. Please note sponsorships are tax deductible.

Please email [youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org)

### Purim Party: Wednesday, March 20:

The shul is looking to run a free community wide Purim celebration and is looking for sponsors. For details please Email: [Rabbi@lss.org](mailto:Rabbi@lss.org)

## NEXT SHABBAT, FEB 22-23, 2019

### WE WELCOME:

### Shabbat Morning—Feb. 23rd:

#### 9:30am: Intermediate Explanatory Service

LSS and Kol HaNeshamah present a Shabbat Morning Intermediate Explanatory Service with Mo Kiss, Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz and Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Join us for a Shabbat morning service including Torah Reading, at a pace you can follow, and explanations of the meaning and origins of the prayers, discussion of the Torah reading, Q & A session and much more! The event is free. To help us anticipate the number of guests, please kindly RSVP at [www.lss.org/event/kolhaneshamah](http://www.lss.org/event/kolhaneshamah).

Location: Pre-function room

### Shabbat Afternoon—Feb. 23rd:

**5:10pm:** Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Ohad Teharlev** on "Whole Luchot and Broken Luchot: The Need for Human Initiative in Avodat Hashem"



**Rabbi Ohad Teharlev** is a leading figure in the rapidly growing phenomenon of religious women enlisting to serve in the Israel Defense Forces. "Rav Ohad," as he is affectionately known, is the founding director of Israeli programs at Ohr Torah Stone's Hadas – Claudia Cohen Torah/Army School at Midreshet Lindenbaum, which combines intense Torah study with meaningful IDF service in the Air Force, Intelligence, and Education Corps. A prominent public rabbinic figure, Rabbi Teharlev appears frequently in the Israeli media. In addition to his many published op-eds on issues relating to religious women's service in the IDF, Rabbi Teharlev has also published articles in Torah journals such as Safrat V'Seifa and Akdamut, and has served as editor for "Shaalei Da'at." He studied at Yeshivat Shaalvim, served in the Armored Corps in the IDF, and was ordained by Yeshivat Shaalvim Kollel. Rabbi Teharlev resides in Talmon with his wife Avital, with whom he has three daughters and four sons, including Elchai, z"l, an IDF soldier killed in a terror attack in 2017.

### Motzei Shabbat—Feb. 23rd:

#### 8:00pm: LSS Film Club Presents: Who Will Write Our History

The story of a clandestine group of journalists, scholars and community leaders in the Warsaw Ghetto—led by Emanuel Ringelblum and known by the code name Oyneq Shabes—who were determined to document their lives and culture for future generations. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Please register at [www.lss.org/event/howillwriteourhistory](http://www.lss.org/event/howillwriteourhistory).

## REFUAH SHLEIMA

Please daven for our beloved Chaz, Chazzan Sherwood Goffin, **Shimon ben Yehudis**. Cards of encouragement and support can be dropped off or sent to the shul office and we will pass them along to the Chaz.

## MAZAL TOV

**Gabriel Gershowitz** on his upcoming marriage this Sunday to Jennifer Citak. Mazal tov to Tova Cavell Gershowitz, mother of the chatan (groom) who is visiting from Baltimore, MD, to Dr. Kenneth and Shari Citak, parents of the kallah (bride), to Audrey and Burton Citak and Lillian and Robert Fabrikant, grandparents of the kallah, and to the extended families on both sides.

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Gabriel J. Gershowitz and Jennifer S. Citak**  
for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

## HASHAVAT AVEIDAH

Found: Honda car keys  
If these are yours, please contact the shul office at [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tuesday, February 26: **Lelamed: A Women's Torah Leadership Initiative:**

**8:00pm** Learn the practical skills to become leaders and educators within our shul community. Please register at [www.lss.org/event/lelamed](http://www.lss.org/event/lelamed). Gabe Falk will be speaking on "If You Build It, They Will Come—Models of Community." Location: Rm 206/207

### Friday, March 1: **Shabbat Across America: 6:45pm**

Featuring Holocaust Survivor, Dasha Rittenberg who will speak about "Shabbat Before, During, and After the Holocaust." Cost: \$45 per person, \$25 per child. To register, please visit [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). To be a host, please email [bendheimd@gmail.com](mailto:bendheimd@gmail.com).

### Sunday, March 17: **Spring Food and Clothing Drive: 10:00am - 1:00pm**

Join LSS and Project ORE to help feed the Jewish homeless. The food collected will be delivered in time for the homeless to utilize the foods as part of their Purim Seudah. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [wbaker@panix.com](mailto:wbaker@panix.com).



## SPRING FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 | 10:00am - 1:00pm

#### FOOD DRIVE:

Join LSS and Project ORE to help feed the Jewish homeless. Please take part in this amazing opportunity and help us help others. The food collected will be delivered in time for the homeless to utilize the foods as part of their Purim Seudah.

#### What we are looking for:

Tea, instant coffee, dry coffee creamer, individual instant hot cereal, cocoa, crackers or cookies, individual cereal boxes, etc. canned/jarred goods including but not limited to; soup, vegetables, fruit, olives, sauerkraut, fish, peanut butter and jelly.

Can openers are also welcome

Food must be KOSHER with a strong Hechsher

The mitzvah of matanot l'evyonim is fulfilled through the drive

#### CLOTHING DRIVE:

We need gently-used clothing in **clean** condition. Please sort by men's, women's, and children's. Please do not bring clothing on hangers as they puncture our packaging. Remember: someone has to wear your clothing, so let them have clothes they can wear with pride!

Available to volunteer? If you are 8 years + and wish to help with the drive, either with sorting, packing and loading please email Wendy Baker at [wbaker@panix.com](mailto:wbaker@panix.com)  
180 Amsterdam Avenue New York, NY, 10023 | [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org) | 212-874-6100



## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

- **Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazsky 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
- **My Fire: The Spiritual Genius of Rebbe Nachman** led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 8:00pm-9:00pm. After his return from the Holy Land, Rebbe Nachman's springs of Torah wisdom began to overflow. Through excursions into his central ideas and teachings, we will both discover his unique genius and why it matters for improving our own spiritual lives and deepening a connection to G-d. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

### Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am– 11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- **(Cancelled this week) 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](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-8:00pm. 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** organized by Rabbinic Intern and Teen Director, Zac Schwartz: 7:30-9:30pm. To register please click on the link in the Echod electronic version or email [teens@lss.org](mailto:teens@lss.org). Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

### Wednesday:

- **Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 207

### Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Last Week's Topic: Antisemitism in Congress Location: Rm LL201.
- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm–8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

### Save The Dates:

- **Monday, February 25: Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II: 6:30pm-8:00pm** There is no cost for this class. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Monday, February 25: Jewish Living Workshop: 7:30pm-8:30pm** Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. First topic: Shabbat—The Friday Night Experience. To register, please email [jworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:jworkshop@yahoo.com).

**HOSPITALITY NEEDS:** Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and /or lodging.

Please email [hospitality@lss.org](mailto: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 meals and lodging on March 1-2 and March 15-16.

**Community Educator, Zissy Turner** and her husband, Sam, are in need of meals on March 8-9.

### Weekly Prayer Schedule:

February 17

Day	Sunday	Monday (Presidents' Day)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	7:45am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 8:30am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Mincha/Maariv	5:20pm	5:25pm	5:25pm	5:25pm	5:25pm	5:25pm

## 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: The *Kohen* and *Kohen Gadol* Wardrobes (Rooms 210-211)  
 11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration (Room 206-207)  
 11:45 am Groups End

### Dvar Torah

Last week in *Parshat Terumah*, we discussed the *mitzvot* of building the *Mishkan*. This week's *Parshat Tetzaveh* discusses the garments the *Kohen* and *Kohen Gadol* wore while performing their duties. A *Kohen* wore four garments: pants, a checkered shirt, a hat, and a belt. The *Kohen Gadol* wore the same four garments plus an additional four: the *Meheel*, a special robe; an *Ephod*, an apron-like garment. On the *Ephod*, the *Kohen Gadol* he wore the *Choshen Mishpat*, the breastplate of judgment. And on his forehead he wore the *Tzitz*, a special headband. What's missing from attire of the *Kohen Gadol* and the *Kohen* were shoes--both were barefoot. The Talmud says they had doctors because the *Kohanim* would get sick from walking barefoot on cold floors and from eating the meat from the *Korbanot* (sacrifices) all the time.

Inside the *Choshen Mishpat* was a parchment which contained G-d's secret special name of 72 letters. Before any major decision, an important member of the community would ask the *Kohen Gadol* for advice and the letters of the *Choshen Mishpat* would light up with the answer. However, during the time of the second *Beit Hamikdash*, they no longer had this special parchment with Hashem's name, but the *Kohen* still wore this special breastplate to perform his duties. The *Choshen Mishpat* had twelve stones, four rows of three, and each stone represented a different tribe of Israel.

### After Shul Ask Your Children:

- Which four garments did the *Kohen* wear?
- Why did the *Kohanim* need a doctor?
- How many letters did the secret name of Hashem have?
- What did the 12 stones of the *Choshen Mishpat* represent?

Answers:  
 A. Pants, a checkered shirt, a hat, and a belt  
 B. The Talmud says they walked barefoot in cold floors and ate a lot of meat  
 C. 72  
 D. Each stone represented one of the 12 tribes of Israel

## PURIM CARNIVAL



**Sunday, March 17**

Join us for a fun, festive, activity filled day!  
1:00pm-4:00pm



LSS Youth proudly offers fun and educational programming to children every Shabbat and holiday throughout the year. The annual Purim Carnival is the most critical fundraiser for the Youth Department to defray the costs of staffing and events, and we can't do it without you. Please consider sponsoring generously by contacting [youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org).

### Sponsorship Levels:

- \$180 - Matanot Le'evyonim
- \$500 - Seudat Hamentashen
- \$1,000 - Megilla
- \$5,000 - Mordechai
- \$10,000 - Queen Esther

## MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Shabbat, March 2: Shabbat Teen Oneg: 3:45pm-5:15pm**

Join us for an afternoon of sushi and life sized board games (think Jenga but bigger!)

Location: Pre-function room

**Thursday, March 21: Teen Purim Fun**

Megillah reading followed by breakfast

Location: Pre-function room

To be a sponsor, please email [teens@lss.org](mailto:teens@lss.org)





Parshat Tetzaveh

February 15-16

Written by: Gabriel J. Gershowitz and Jennifer S. Citak

## Parshat Tetzaveh

Some things change, and some things never change! In this week's Torah portion, *Tetzaveh*, we learn many rules of the priestly vestments and service. Although we no longer have a tabernacle or Holy Temple and therefore these laws might be viewed, from today's vantage point, as academic, historical, or perhaps aspirational, the relationship between God and the Jewish people — the underpinning and *raison d'être* of the priestly service — endures. Like the *ner tamid*, or eternal light, constantly illuminating nearly every synagogue (*mikdash me'at*) around the world while perched above the ark (the concept for which derives from the first verse of the *parsha* instructing the Israelites to take pure olive oil to kindle lamps regularly in their worship), the relationship lasts. Like all relationships, though, it requires dedication and work from both sides. The *mishkan*, a forum for experiencing the closest aspects of the God-Israel relationship, was in fact not innately holy — only after the requisite work was put into constructing and preparing it (and preparing ourselves) would *Hashem's* presence truly sanctify it...only then our ancestors would "know that I the Lord am their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might abide among them, I am the Lord their God."

By focusing on complying with *Hashem's* requests and requirements for dignified vestments and orderly, rather than haphazard, worship, the Israelites built a tabernacle that allowed focused, concentrated holiness to be manifest in the world. We can all learn a lesson from this in terms of what it takes to build a strong relationship on a solid foundation. Carving out space and time for good communication on terms acceptable to our companions, having respect for the other's wishes, and maintaining with a sense of care a degree of attention to detail will help any relationship to flourish and to benefit from a sense of presence and sanctity. Moreover, and perhaps in a more far-reaching sense, note that the *midrash* analogizes the "lamp" to words of Torah and the fulfillment of *mitzvot*. By engaging in these activities, even in our modern world sans tabernacle, we can maintain our own personal *ner tamid* and therefore strengthen the broader God-Israel relationship while illuminating our homes, Jewish communities, and broader world.

Another idea from Tetzaveh is that the last verse stands out in contrast to the rest of the *parsha*: it pauses from describing the daily service and references *Yom Kippur*. The Lubavitcher Rebbe conveyed an interesting interpretation about this subject. People often get caught up in their busy lives and have a reduced appreciation for routine activities, both secular and religious. Whether it is that morning cup of coffee or the visit to the gym or daily prayer, monotony sets in and we tend to lose a certain passion of living. It takes a special day, like *Yom Kippur*, to put us in our place and remind us how incredible life is, especially those seemingly insignificant moments. In reality, every day and every activity is special. Every opportunity to pray is a chance to connect with God on an exceptional level. By mentioning *Yom Kippur* in the context of the daily service, the *parsha* is reminding us to be more aware and live in the moment — it is telling us that each moment of prayer can and should be thought of as (and has the potential to be as powerful and transformative as) our own *Yom Kippur*.

In short, although at first blush this week's *parsha* may seem somewhat esoteric and to offer a dearth of practical wisdom for our lives, by exploring beneath its surface, the *parsha* can help us strengthen our prayer experience and our personal and communal relationships with God and one another. As the authors of this note embark on our journey as a married couple as of tomorrow, we plan to absorb these important lessons, and hope that you will as well!

*Shabbat Shalom!*