

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

6:52pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

6:55pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**. Davening led by **Assistant Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**.

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. Drasha given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** followed by Musaf. Davening led by **Assistant Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**.
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
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)
5:10pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
5:40pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211
5:40pm 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. 1
6:40pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.
7:54pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored anonymously.

Main Kiddush: Sponsors welcome.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Esther and Morris Sheinwexler in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Moish's father, Yisroel Meir ben Shmuel Dovid z"l.

Beginners Kiddush: Sponsored anonymously.

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsors welcome.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Aliza and Robert Balis

HAKARAT HATOV

Hannah Hudes for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

Ariella and Mendel Lazaros for their tremendous carnival success! Sunday was a buzz with Purim festivities and was a testament to their hard work and dedication. Thank you again to all our sponsors and youth department staff volunteers who made it all possible.

Wendy Baker who, for years, has tirelessly devoted herself to making sure LSS had successful food and clothing drives for underprivileged individuals. This past Sunday was Wendy's last clothing drive. This time they successfully collected 78 bags for Post-Soviet Jewry! Wendy-may Hashem repay you tenfold for all the good you have put forth in the world. We look forward to continuing to work with you on food drives. Wendy is passing on the clothing drive torch to **Mary Shalit**. Thank you Mary!

Jay Ziffer and Tamar Fix, the brainchild team behind this year's mishloach manot! I ❤️ LSS

A special thank you to the following volunteers who gave up their time and energy to help pack our Mishloach Manot packages- we could not have done it without you!

Jay Ziffer, Gail Castagnello, Ron Goldofsky, Carol Spitzel Gross, Ora Hamelsdorf and Barbara Klein

Jay Ziffer, Rande Price, Paris Wald Stulbach and Shirley Wald for volunteering to hand out mishloach manot on Wednesday night.

Alisa Adler and Lori Jacobowitz for volunteering to hand out Mishloach Manot on Thursday.

MAZAL TOV

Dr. Arlene "Lu" Steinberg, who on Thursday, March 28, will be honored with the Alumni of The Year Award from Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology. Dr. Steinberg will also be speaking on the topic of "More Than Meets the Eye: Reflections on Progress in the Trauma Field from a Personal & Professional Journey."

Grandfather **Len Margulies** on the birth of a baby boy and girl, Yonatan Asher and Susana Elisheva to his children Paula and Michael Sion in Ra'anana, Israel.

NEXT SHABBAT

Shabbat, March 30: Minyan and Meaning: The Soulful

Experience: 9:30am Join LSS and Kol HaNeshamah on a unique spiritual journey to the heart with prayer, enchanting melodies, and fascinating, modern explanatory insights into the service and weekly parsha. Hear insights from **Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz and Rabbi Robinson**, with a fusion of R&B/jazz from the renowned **Chazzan and artist Mo Kiss** and enjoy our famous mid-service Kiddush.

REFORMING UNRWA: THE MASTER INITIATIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 | 11:00AM
LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

SPEAKERS:

David Bedein:
Director of the Center for Near East Policy Research
and investigative journalist



Bassem Eid:
Chairman of the Center and renowned Palestinian human rights expert



Register at www.lss.org/event/reformingunrwa

\$15 online: Online Registration ends Thursday, March 21

\$20 at the door

“Nevertheless, He Persisted”

וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: צוּ אֶת־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶת־בָּנָיו לֵאמֹר זֹאת תֹּרַת הָעֹלָה הַזֶּה
עַל־מִזְבֵּחַ עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ כָּל־לַיְלָה עַד־הַבֹּקֶר וְאֵשׁ הַמִּזְבֵּחַ תִּשְׂקַד בּוֹ

“And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: That is the burnt offering which burns on the altar all night until morning, and the fire of the altar shall burn with it” (Leviticus 6:1-2).

צו begins with G-d commanding Moshe to teach Aharon and his sons about the Korban Olah. This is essentially the plot of the entire parsha: G-d telling Moshe to teach Aharon and his sons how to do avodah in the Beit HaMikdash before anointing them into Kehuna.

With the word “צו,” the Torah, in its narration, distinguishes between Hashem and Moshe to ensure that Bnei Yisrael knows that this is the will of Hashem and that He is the Almighty powerful being, not Moshe. This is certainly not the first time that this distinction is apparent. However, it is important to note that this differentiation between Hashem and Moshe extends further than the Torah’s narration:

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעֵדָה זֶה הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה ה' לַעֲשׂוֹת:

“And Moses said to the community: This is the thing the Lord has commanded to do” (Leviticus 8:5).

Rashi explains that Moshe says this so that it will be clear that “I am not doing these things for my own honor or for my brother’s honor.” This addition of “my brother’s honor” is key. Usually, the Torah has to dictate that G-d is the Almighty so that *Bnei Yisrael* does not think that Moshe is the one orchestrating miracles like splitting the Red Sea. Now, however, the “honor” may be attributed to Aharon. He is gaining great status in becoming the *Kohen Gadol*. He and his children are given the honor of being close to G-d by being commanded to do the most priestly work. In fact, Aharon and his descendants get more *schar* since the Talmud says that the reward due to one who is obligated to perform a mitzvah is greater than the reward of one who is not obligated to perform a mitzvah (Kiddushin 31a).

The Talmud also states that the *Kohen Gadol* receives the highest honor and the greatest wealth (Yoma 18a). Aharon is given the highest-paying job, both spiritually and monetarily. He and his descendants will share the high status of *Kehuna* for all eternity, instead of Moshe, who previously had always been the star.

וַיִּשְׁחָט | וַיִּקַּח מִשָּׁה מִדָּמּוֹ וַיָּתֵן עַל־תְּנוּךְ אָזְנוֹ־אַהֲרֹן הַיְמָנִית וְעַל־בֶּהֱן יְדּוֹ הַיְמָנִית וְעַל־בֶּהֱן רַגְלוֹ הַיְמָנִית:

“And he slaughtered [it], and Moses took some of its blood, and placed it on the cartilage of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot” (Leviticus 8:23).

While Moshe is anointing Aharon, a rare note known as a *shalsholet* appears over the word “וַיִּשְׁחָט” Rabbi Sacks says that a *shalsholet* is placed whenever someone is having an existential crisis. So, when Moshe says “this [anointing Aharon to be the Kohen Gadol] is the thing the Lord has commanded him to do,” he is expressing that ‘this’ really isn’t his will. It is also important to note that for the first seven days, before Aharon and his sons were anointed, Moshe was the one who was doing the avodah. He got so close to something so amazing and holy just to have it taken away and given to someone else, which is something that we can all relate to in some way. So, when Moshe is about to anoint Aharon by slaughtering the sacrificial ram, “וַיִּשְׁחָט,” he has an existential crisis. However, it is important to note that Moshe continued the appointment process and continued to lead Bnei Yisrael until the day he died, regardless of his disappointment. We too should have the strength to persevere despite certain setbacks.

Shabbat Shalom!

For more information about writing a Dvar Torah, see Bill Greenbaum in shul, or email dvar@lss.org, or leave a message for him with the Shul office at 212-874-6100.

We are currently looking for writers for:

March 30 (Parshat Shmini)

April 6 (Parshat Tazria)

April 13 (Parshat Metzora)