

Shabbat and Shavuot Schedule

Friday Evening, May 18

- 6:39pm** Earliest Candle Lighting
- 7:51pm** Candle Lighting
- 6:45pm** Early Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 7:55pm** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Main Sanctuary

Shabbat Morning, May 19

- 7:45am** Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur given by **Rabbinic Intern, Jeremy Perlow**
- 8:30am** Parsha Shiur given by **Rabbinic Intern, Zachary Rothblatt**
- 9:00am** Services in the Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**.
Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:13am** Latest Shema
- 9:15am** Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** Rm LL201
- 9:45am** Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 10:00am** Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
- 11:00am** Baby and Me ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor

Shabbat Afternoon:

- 4:00pm** Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the shul lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. New volunteers needed
- 6:10pm** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:40pm** Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class and the Book of Ruth with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211
- 6:40pm** Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

Saturday Evening, May 19 (Erev Shavuot)

- 7:40pm** Mincha/Shiur given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**
- 8:52pm** Candle Lighting
- 8:53pm** Ma'ariv
- 11:30pm-5:00am**
The Rabbi Moshe Kasirer Tikun Leil Shavuot beginning at 11:30pm with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** as the Keynote speaker. Keynote speech in commemoration of the 25th yahrtzeit of Rabbi Robinson's father, Graham Robinson z"l.
Topic: *Would We Accept The Torah if it Were Offered Today*
- 11:30pm** Teen Shavuot Learning led by **Ariel Sterman** in Rm LL202
- 12:30am-4:45am**
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald on "*The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments,*" starting with Mitzvah #472: "*Prohibition of eating meat not properly slaughtered.*"

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Hashkama Kiddush:

Joel Tennenholtz in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of his brother Perry, Peretz ben Benyamin z"l and his grandfather, Morris, Moshe Yosef ben Yitchak. z"l

Steve Kay Kupietzky in honor of the engagement of his niece, Danielle Wildes, to Joey Silverman, of New Rochelle, NY. Mazal Tov to Parents, Denise & Alan Wildes, and to Grandparents, Rabbi Jonah & Fran Kupietzky, and to Aunt & Uncle Joy & Morey Wildes.

Main Kiddush:

Sarah and Rabbi Shaul Robinson in commemoration of the 25th yahrtzeit of Rabbi Robinson's father, Graham Robinson z"l and co-sponsored by **Lincoln Square Synagogue** in gratitude to the myriad of volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, skills and passion to assuring LSS continues to be a thriving shul. We wish all a Shabbat Shalom & Chag Sameach.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Robert Freidlander in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother Eva Friedlander, Chava Chaya Sara bat Note Aryeh a"h .
Sara and Elie Kravitz in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Elie's grandfather, Bill Kravitz, z"l.

Beginners Kiddush: Sponsored in loving memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani z"l and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** .

Sunday, May 20 (Shavuot Day 1)

- 5:00am** Early Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 8:00am** Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 9:00am** Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**.
Drasha given by **Rabbinic Intern, Zachary Rothblatt**
- 10:00am** Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
- 11:00am** Youth Shavuot Ice Cream Party Rm 206/207
- 6:30pm** Tea and Torah Time with **Dr. Marjorie Lehman**, on "*Eating and Blessing at Rav Nachman's Table: The Lessons of Yalta*"
Located on the 2nd floor
- 7:00pm** Book of Ruth Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** Rm 211
- 8:00pm** Mincha followed by a shiur by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 8:53pm** Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:54pm** Ma'ariv

Monday, May 21 (Shavuot Day 2)

- 8:00am** Hashkama Minyan (including Yizkor) in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 9:00am** Services (including Yizkor) in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**.
Drasha given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 10:00am** Youth Groups for children 2-12
- Following morning prayer services:**
Mishnah Siyum Luncheon
(This event is now full: pre-registration required)
- 4:30pm** Teen Park Outing with sports, competitions, food, and lots of fun!
Meet at 67th and Central Park West by the benches inside the park entrance on left (across from old Tavern on the Green).
We will then walk to the area to the right of Sheep's Meadow
- 6:30pm** Tea and Torah Time with **Dr. Elana Stein Hain** on "*On God, Torah and Humanity: Between Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Yishmael*"
Located on the 2nd floor
- 7:00pm** Book of Ruth Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** Rm 211
- 8:00pm** Mincha/ Neilat HaChag Located in the Ballroom
- 8:55pm** Ma'ariv/Havdalah: Yom Tov Ends



HAKARAT HATOV

Jesse Cogan for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

Rachel Buller, Charlie Eden, Jackie Mero, Rebecca Mero and Sarah Mero for volunteering last shabbat for our **Ben Adam Le'Chavero Kiddush Program**.
Adult and teen volunteers needed to continue this important mitzvah! (helping to bring food and drinks to those who need assistance) please email teens@lss.org.

Lois and Leslie Katz for donating the new Beit Midrash tables in memory of their parents, Abraham and Sarah Alpert and Leonor and Grete Katz zl".
Thank you also to **Meira and Solomon Max** for their additional donation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Sarah Lieber and Mr. Jonathan Wachter

MAZAL TOV

Fran and Rabbi Jonah Kupietzky on the engagement of their granddaughter, Danielle Wildes, to Joey Silverman of New Rochelle NY. Mazal tov to the parents, Denise and Alan Wildes and Uncle Steve Kay Kupietzky, as well as Aunt and Uncle Joy and Morey Wildes.

HASHAVAT AVEIDAH

If anyone has seen a tallit bag with a multicolored collar band please contact the Shul office. It was kept in an upper cubby next to the Main Sanctuary doors.

ANNUAL DINNER: SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Guests of Honor:

Dr. Susan Ungar-Mero and Steven Mero

To register visit
www.lss.org/dinner



We are proud to
announce the offering
of Hearing Assist at this
year's annual dinner!

Keter Torah Award:

Chani and Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld



Le'dor Va'dor Award:

Shirley Wald and Paris Wald-Stulbach



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 22: 7:00pm: Names, Not Numbers (*offsite*) Join Manhattan Day School for this important event and listen to stories of holocaust survivors. Presented by the Eight Grade Holocaust Film Project.

Sunday June 3: Celebrate Israel Parade More details about exact time and meeting place of LSS marchers to follow. Please register in advance at www.lss.org/event/israelparade so that we know how many and what size t-shirts to order.

Sunday, June 3: 7:00pm: Please join us for the next screening of *Shababnikim*. This screening will include Episodes 4-6. To register please to www.lss.org/film.

Sunday June 3: Converts in Conversation More details to follow.

FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Ending in one week-please participate today in this important mitzvah!

LSS is participating in a global project designed to honor the memory of the 23,632 fallen IDF soldiers who sacrificed their lives defending and protecting the land of Israel. This is not an event surrounded by fanfare but a quiet and holy act between you and the neshama you choose to honor. Please join us by "adopting" a soldier and performing a positive action in his/her memory (i.e. chesed, Torah study- including learning Mishnayot, giving tzedakah or Davening).

To participate please visit <http://honorisraelfallen.com/group/318>



Yehuda Kimreich was born on October 20, 1913, in the city of Chavinia, near Krakow, Poland and in 1943 he immigrated to Israel and worked as a driver. The first to participate in the War of Independence and served in the Givati Brigade. On the first day of the State of Israel, he fell in an attempt to capture the Iraqi-Suweidan Police on 12 May 1948. He was brought to the military cemetery in Be'er Tuvia.



Avraham Weiss, son of Zvi and Chana Weiss was born on May 20, 1924 in Budapest, Hungary. He graduated from elementary school there and later served in the Hungarian National Army. Avraham immigrated to Israel in 1948 and worked in agriculture. He was wounded on duty =, and on the following day, on April 25, 1949, he died of his wounds and was brought to rest at the Nachlat Yitzhak military cemetery. He left behind his expectant wife who gave birth to their son a month after his death.

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

****Due to Shavout, all Sunday and Monday classes are canceled**

Tuesday:

- **Talmud Class for Women Studying Mesechet Ketubot** led by Rachel Rosenthal, PhD candidate in Rabbinic Literature at JTS: 8:00am: 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. Rm LL202
- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am– 11:30am. Rm LL201
- **Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzer; 7:00pm–8:00pm. Rm 211
- **Gemara b'Shana** in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm– 8:00pm. Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday:

- **Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 8:00pm-9:00pm. Rm 207

Thursday:

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

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:

Shabbat, May 19

10:00 am - Drop-off and Davening (all groups)
10:50 am - A New Chapter: Dvarim (Room 206/207)
11:00 am - Baby & Me (3rd-floor Gym)
11:45 am - Pickup and groups end (all groups)

Shavuot, May 20

10:00 am - Drop-off and Davening (all groups)
10:30 am - Circle Time (Room 210 and 211)
10:50 am - "Kashut and Eating Dairy, The Science of Ice Cream*" (all groups)
11:45 am - Pickup and groups end (all groups)

Shavuot, May 21

10:00 am - Drop-off and Davening (all groups)
10:30 am - Circle Time (Room 206/207)
11:00 am - Build-a-Har, Why Har Sinai? (all groups)
11:15 am - Ice Cream Party x2! (all groups)
12:00 pm - Pickup and groups end (all groups)

Bamidbar Dvar Torah

This Shabbat we'll begin a new *Sefer*, a new book of the Torah. *Bamidbar*, the fourth book, is literally translated in English as "Numbers" even though *Bamidbar* actually means 'in the desert.' In the Midrash, *Bamidbar* is called *Chumash Hapekudim*, 'The Book of Counting' because it begins with Hashem telling Moshe to count Jewish men of military age, twenty and up. Moshe counted each tribe, a total of 603,550, not including Levi'm. Levi'm were counted separately as a special legion, the priests, of which there were 22,000. Four groups of three tribes marched under one flag in formation and the Gemara debates whether the formation was a straight line or a box with three groups representing four corners and Levi'm in the middle.

Shavuot Dvar Torah

Shavuot is the biblical holiday which celebrates receiving the Torah. It says in the Midrash that when Moshe went up to heaven to get the Torah, the angels asked G-d why Moshe was there. Hashem told the angels that Moshe is here to receive the Torah for the people. Upon hearing this, the angels asked Hashem, "Why give the Torah to man? Give it to us." G-d told Moshe to answer the angels. Moshe told the angels, the Torah says "I am the Lord your G-d who took you out of Egypt," were you ever slaves in Egypt? The Torah says "You shall have no other G-ds before me," are you angels here with Hashem tempted to serve idols? The Torah says "Honor your mother and father," do you have a father and mother? We can learn from this that the Torah is for people, G-d does not expect us people to be angels. The Torah is a guide for us act on a higher level and to elevate our lives.

Baby & Me Recap:

Last week the babes started new PJ Library Books, including 'Sign Language Shabbat,' covering a special lesson on Hebrew Sign Language and the signs for each Shabbat Mitzvah, eating challah, lighting Shabbat Candles, and Tefillot Shabbat.



Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 20am: 11:00am: Shavuot Ice Cream Party
 June 10, 10:00am: 12:00 pm: Tie-Dye & Goodbye
 June 24, 10:00am: 12:00 pm: Babies & Brunch Five Senses Edition

Thank you to our sponsors:

Thank you, **Estee & Eli Friedman, Vanessa & Michael Rouzenrouch** for sponsoring the next edition of Babies & Brunch on June 24!
 Thank you, **Revital and Ariel Ackerman** for sponsoring the Shavuot ice cream party.

Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel Lazarus

THE MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Motzei Shabbat/Erev Shavuot: 11:30pm: Teen Learning led by **Ariel Sterman** in Rm LL202. Sponsored by the **Ackerman Family and Rande Price**.

Monday May 21: 4:30pm: Teen Park Outing with sports, competitions, food and lots of fun! Meet at 67th and Central Park West by the benches inside the park entrance on left (across from old Tavern on the Green). We will then walk to the area to the right of Sheep's Meadow. Sponsored by the **Mero Family**. (If raining, please meet in the pre-function room)

Wednesday, May 30: 6:00pm-8:00pm: "I on Campus": Today's Actual Jewish Experience on College Campuses. Calling all 11th and 12th grade students, and their parents! Join UJA-Federation, Columbia/Barnard Hillel, NYU Hillel, Hunter College Hillel, Manhattan BBYO, and The Jewish Education Project to explore the complex experience of being Jewish and engaging with Israel on today's college campuses. Hear from current college students about how they navigate these complicated waters, and engage in thoughtful conversations to grapple with the complexity of these issues. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2lojDjw> and reach out to Erica Cohen at cohene@ujafedny.org with any questions.

Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel Sterman

Weekly Prayer Schedule: May 20

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:00pm (Tues-Thurs)

Day	Sunday (Shavuot)	Monday (Shavuot)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi			6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	5:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am	8:00am, 9:00am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am



What Not to Tell your Boss About Shavuot

- 1. Shavuot is the only Biblical holiday that has no date. R. Yitzhak ben Moshe Arama (1420–1494) said that the giving of the Torah is so basic to Judaism, it doesn't need a date: Torah exists as if it is constantly given to us.
- 2. It is really an agricultural holiday. Jews from around Israel brought the first fruits they harvested. In gold and silver baskets, and in a procession accompanied by music, they danced at the Holy Temple. Today, many synagogues have the custom of decorating their sanctuaries with flowers and greenery.
- 3. The holiday has many names:

Chag Shavuot
You shall make a Festival of Weeks for yourself (Shemot 34:22)

Also, Shavuot means oath. We took an oath at Sinai.
Yom HaBikkurim — Day of the First Fruits
When you offer a new meal-offering to Hashem, (Bamidbar 28:26)

Chag Hakatzir — Festival of the Harvest
Festival of Harvest of the first fruits of your labors. (Shemot 23:16)

Atzeret
In the Mishnah and Gemara (Pesachim 68b)

Zeman Matan Torateinu
Kiddush and Shemonah Esrei during Yom Tov. Time of the Giving of the Torah.

- 4. Rabbi Yehoshua says that on *Yom Tov*, you devote your day to spiritual matters and physical enjoyment. Rabbi Eliezer disagrees. But even Rabbi Eliezer agrees that one should involve in both on Shavuot. (Pesachim)
- 5. The Ten Commandments are read on Shavuot, but not delivered until 17 Tammuz. On Shavuot, God revealed Herself (or Himself) by giving the Torah.
- 6. Why did God choose the Jews? Because none of the nations of the world wanted it.
- 7. Shavuot is like a marriage. It is also the beginning of springtime. There were flowers on *Har Sinai*.
- 8. Shavuot is the Yahrzeit of King David. Chassidim celebrate the Yahrzeit of the Baal Shem.
- 9. There are water balloon fights throughout major cities in Israel. Torah, after all, is described as water.
- 10. Dairy is eaten on Shavuot. We didn't yet know that washing a meat knife over a dairy sink is a no-no. We were going to a "land of milk and honey." The gematria of *chalav* (milk) is 40 (get it?). In Netanya they eat calzones.
- 11. Humility is a Shavuot theme. The Torah was given at the humble Mt. Sinai. (Yes, Judaism believes in the feelings of inanimate objects). Moses was the most humble man on Earth. And Parshat Bamidbar, which always coincides with Shavuot, tells of people "having their place."
- 12. Forty generations before Sinai, God created *Derech Eretz*. Torah is a value system.
- 13. The Jews couldn't handle The Revelation. A mountain was hung over their heads. They couldn't understand God's telling the whole Torah in one or two sentences. They *saw* the voice of God instead of *hearing* it. Moshe Rabbeinu had to go up to Hashem for 40 days to learn Torah and teach it to the Jewish people.
- 14, *Sheloshet Yimei Hahagbolah*: The "Three Days of Abstention" before the giving of the Torah was a spiritual experience so great that at the Seder, we sing that it would have been enough even if we didn't receive the Torah.
- 15. *Ish Echod Bilev Echod*: "As one man with one heart" is how we sat around Sinai. We might have differences of opinion (Jews!) but as a people, we are one. Everyone was at Sinai. You. Me. Rabbi Robinson. Rabbi Hershel Cohen. Albert Einstein. Rashi. Harpo Marx and the Rambam. Joe Lieberman and Efraim and Menashe. Esther and Avraham Avinu.

No excuses! You were there.

17. Ruth is featured on Shavuot. She stood at Sinai with everyone else. And she is the ancestor of the Messiah. She chose our people — there was no mountain over her head.

18. Was the Iran deal good or bad? Should the U.S. have moved its embassy to the Holy City? Now? Should Israel use real or fake bullets? As a Individual we have opinions As a people, however, we are undivided. Nothing will stand in our way Nothing! We are *K'ish Echod Bilev Echod*.

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