

SCHEDULE FOR LAST DAYS PESACH & SHABBAT

Thursday Night

Reminder to make an Eruv Tavshilin

7:28pm Candle Lighting
7:35pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday Morning

8:00am Service in the Belfer Beit Midrash
9:00am Service in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Drasha given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** before Musaf.

Friday Night

6:10pm Early Mincha/Ma'ariv
Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.
6:20pm Earliest Candle Lighting
7:29pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
7:35pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Shabbat Morning

8:00am Service in the Belfer Beit Midrash
9:00am Service in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Drasha given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** before Yizkor.
10:45am Yizkor (approximately)

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)
7:20pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit Neilat HaChag
8:31pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
8:45pm Chametz sold through LSS may be eaten after this time

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.

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

LSS Teen Directors and Rabbinic Intern, Zac & Rachel Schwartz are in need of meals and lodging on May 10-11 and May 24-25.

LSS ANNUAL DINNER

Sunday, June 16

Honorees:

Guests of Honor: **Judith Weil & Lloyd Epstein**
Young Leadership Award: **Talia & Liron David**
Community Service Award: **Paula & Nathan Vogel**

SHLOSHIM OF CHAZZAN SHERWOOD GOFFIN Z"l

Thursday, May 2

Following Mincha/Ma'ariv, there will be a siyum to mark the shloshim of **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin z"l** followed by a dessert reception in the ballroom.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Seudah Shlishit:

Miriam and Alan Axelrod in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Alan's mother, Bernice Axelrod, Bina bat Reuven a"h.

Shelley and Ruven Cohen in honor of the birth of Nathaniel (Natey) Chaim Cohen and in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his namesake, Nathaniel Richman Cohen z"l.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

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

Monday:

- *(Resumes Monday, May 6) 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

- 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
- *(Resumes Tuesday, May 7) Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-7:50pm. 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: 7:30pm-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:

- Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Rm 207

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Last Week's Topic: "Chaz Sherwood Goffin z"l" 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
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. 7:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Happy Learning!

Weekly Prayer Schedule: April 28

Day	Sunday 8th Day Omer	Monday 9th Day Omer	Tuesday 10th Day Omer	Wednesday 11th Day Omer	Thursday Yom HaShoah 12th Day Omer	Friday 13th Day Omer
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	7:40pm	7:40pm	7:40pm	7:40pm	7:40pm	7:40pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1: From Depths to Summits: Analyzing The Responsa from the Holocaust: 7:30pm

Join LSS as we learn and discuss "The Responsa from the Holocaust: by Ephraim Oshry z"l, Rabbi & Spiritual Leader of Kovno Ghetto. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/yomhashoah.

Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2: These Are The Names: LSS: 2:00am—2:20am

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

The Marlene Meyerson JCC and LSS invite you to read or listen to the names of those who perished in the Shoah during the 21st Annual West Side Communal Observance of Yom Hashoah.

Location: The Carlebach Shul, 305 West 79th St. NY, NY 10024

Saturday, May 4: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm

Cost: \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Thursday, May 2.

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

Sunday, May 5: UWS Celebrates Israel: 10:30am

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

Join the neighborhood celebration of Israel's 71st anniversary featuring Israeli bands, dancing, kosher food, arts & crafts, activities for kids. Many of the activities are free, but some require paid, advance registration. Please visit www.UWSIsrael.org. Location: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 257 West 88th St, between Broadway & West End Ave

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).

Monday, March 6: Beginners Schmoose: 8:15pm

Free and open to all. Refreshments will be served. Call 212-874-6100 to confirm. Location: Room 211

Wednesday, May 8: Yom Ha'atzmaut Singles Celebration: 6:00pm

Join the LSS Singles Committee 40+ as they celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut. There will be entertainment, a foodie talk and demo, and a light dinner plus. Early Bird Cost: \$36 **before April 30**, \$45 after. To register, please visit

www.lss.org/event/singlescelebration.

Thursday, May 9: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration: 6:00pm

Celebrate Israel's 71st anniversary with Israeli-style food. Sing along with Chazzan Yanky Lemmer as he performs Israeli songs. Raise a l'chayim with Israeli beer and wine. Special activities for the kids. Cost: \$25 in advance, \$10 for children under 10.

To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/yomhaatzmaut2019.

Location: Spira Terrace

Monday, May 13: Insurance 101: 6:30pm

This class will cover everything you always wanted to know about life, disability, long-term care, and medicare supplement insurance. We will help you understand what these plans cover, how to determine your needs, and whether any of these plans are appropriate for you. There is no cost to register. For questions, please email lsqsingles@gmail.com. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/insurance101.

DVAR TORAH

Shabbat Pesach: Last Days

April 26-27

By: Mark Hus

Last Days of Pesach

On each of the Shalosh Regalim (three Festivals), we read a megillah. Tradition tells us that two of those works were authored by King Solomon. Yet, despite the fact that they were written by the same person, they could not be more different in tone and outlook. One is full of love and passion. The other is pessimistic and depressed. But, of course, human beings usually experience the full gamut of emotions during a lifetime, so there is no reason to doubt that the same man penned both works. The question is, why are they read on Pesach and Sukkot?

This year, because there is no Shabbat Chol Hamo'ed, we will read Shir Hashirim (The Song of Songs) on the eighth day of Passover. In Shir Hashirim, King Solomon proclaims his fiery affection for a woman. While the Art Scroll commentary insists that the words cannot be taken literally, I think that there is ample reason to believe that it was, in fact, his intention to declare his feelings for his beloved. After all, Passover is the "Festival of Spring" and as Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote in Locksley Hall:
In the Spring a livelier iris changes on the burnish'd dove;
In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.

Spring is a time of rebirth. The dreary winter comes to an end. The days grow longer. Buds are on the trees. Accordingly, it is a time of hope for the future. Not too many things better exemplify those feelings than a freshly blooming love.

Spring is also the time of the birth of the people of Israel, which we commemorate with the holidays of Passover and Shavuot. It is also the inception of the ideas of freedom and independence. It is the time of Yom Hatzma'ut and Yom Yerushalayim. What better time to read Shir Hashirim?

On the other hand, Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) depicts the depression and cynicism of someone who has been hurt too many times during his lifetime. Its darkness is appropriate for the holiday which heralds the advent of the dark winter. Is it possible that we are directed twice to be happy on Sukkot, the harvest Festival, because happiness does not come naturally at that time and we are required to try extra-hard to force ourselves to feel joyous? Certainly in those years when the harvest has not yielded as much as one had hoped for, this must have been the case (and Lord knows that this happened far more often than people desired). But Kohelet concludes that a spiritual life is the only way to be truly happy and that material gains are not the measure of one's life. That is a message that can help to keep one's hopes alive in difficult times.

Hence, the megillot that we read reflect the tenor of the times at which they are read, and serve to inspire our observance of the Festivals and to carry us through the months that follow.

One final thought about the last day of Passover. The Haftarah which we will read is positive in nature and alludes to the final redemption – when we will welcome the Messiah in our midst. This is another expression of the hope and optimism which we feel during this time of year. May it be G-d's will that all of the good things for which we hope and dream, will all be realized soon – especially the coming of the Messiah.

Shabbat Shalom!