

SHABBAT SCHEDULE	ROSH CHODESH
5:20pm Shabbat Candle Lighting Friday Night 5:25pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld . Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer . Shabbat Morning 7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur on the third floor given by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow . 9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer . Drasha before Musaf given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld . 9:15am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201 9:24am Latest Shema 9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash 10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12 10:00am Parshat Mishpatim Teen Minyan 11:00am “Baby & Me” (ages 0-24 months, Rm 208/210) Shabbat Afternoon 3:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. (New volunteers needed and welcome) 3:50pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash 4:20pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm 211 4:20pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff on “ <i>Did Amsterdam Need a Beginner’s Service?</i> ” 5:05pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff will be speaking on “ <i>The Comeuppance at Matan Torah and Apocryphal Tales of Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits</i> ” 6:22pm Ma’ariv/Shabbat Ends	The molad for Roch Chodesh Adar will be Sunday night 30 minutes and 10 chalakim after 9 PM. Rosh Chodesh Adar will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.
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	Hashkama Kiddush: Martin Balsam in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father Moshe ben Yitzchak z"l. Golda Hudes in loving memory of her grandmother Simcha bat Avraham a"h, great grandmother to Shira and Hannah Hudes. Main Kiddush: Ruth and Bob Riemer in honor of Bob's 95th birthday. Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Edmond Haddad in commemoration of the 15th yahrtzeit of his mother, Yvonne Haddad, Hava bat Rahel ve Yehezkel Halevi a"h. Sholom J. Twersky in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, Reb Dovid Chaim Ben Harav Sholom Yosef z"l. Beginners Kiddush: Sponsored in loving memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani z"l and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald. Seudah Shlishit: Dr. Ira Friedman in memory of his mother Ruth Friedman, Rivka bas Nachum Yosef a"h.
	HAKARAT HATOV
	Fred Ehrman for writing this week’s Dvar Torah.
	NEXT SHABBAT & WEEKEND
	Friday, February 28th: Shabbat Across America: 6:45pm Featuring Leading word expert on global anti-Semitism and violent attacks against Jews, Yehudit Barsky, who will be presenting on the topic, “Anti-Semitism in America: How real is the threat, and what can be done about it?” Cost: \$50 per person, \$30 per child. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners . To be a host, please email bendheimd@gmail.com . To become a sponsor, please visit www.lss.org/sponsor . Shabbat, February 29: Spanbock Memorial Lecture: 11:15am Join us for our fifteenth Annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Memorial Lecture in Jewish Ethics. Guest speaker Rabbi Jason Weiner will be speaking on “Stories from the Front Lines: Confronting Complex Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas in the Hospital”. Hot Kiddush to follow. Motzei Shabbat, February 29: The What Matters Committee Presents: Navigating Common End of Life Issues in Halacha: 8:00pm Featuring Rabbi Jason Weiner. Light refreshments will be served. Sunday, March 1: LSS Presents: A Mother Daughter Lunch & Learn: Grandmothers, Sisters and Aunts welcome too! 12:00-1:30pm We invite you to connect through Torah study, a delicious lunch and through the empowerment of coming together with other Jewish women. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/miniseries . Are you able to sponsor lunch? Please email info@lss.org .
THIS SUNDAY	
Babies & Brunch: Yoga with Sarah: 10:00am <i>Generously sponsored by Sharoni & Mo Kanarfogel and Dana & Tzvi Simpson.</i> To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/yogababies .	
WELCOME NEW MEMBER	
Ms. Tina Atallah	
MAZAL TOV	
Gail Propp on being honored at this year’s Ramaz Annual Dinner to be held on this Sunday, at the New York Marriot Marquis. Gail is a parent of a Ramaz alumna, current grandparent of Ramaz students, and an honorary Ramaz board member. Gail is being recognized as a student advocate and as a champion for those with learning differences.	

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.
LSS Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty and her husband Yoni are in need of lunch on February 29 & March 31
LSS Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff is in need of meals and lodging on March 13-14 & 20-21
Passover Hospitality: Shabbat Shekalim is approaching, so can Passover be far behind? As you plan for Sedarim, please remember that many members are unable to be with family over the chagim. If you have one or two places at your table or would like to be hosted for a seder, please email Hospitality@lss.org , Subject line: SEDER.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 25: Wake Up Your Soul: 7:00pm

LSS is proud to host the US book launching event of Rabbi Dov Singer's "Prepare My Prayer: Recipes to Awaken the Soul", Maggid Books' new English language translation of his best seller "Tikon Tefillati". Join us to welcome the joyous month of Adar for a musical/spiritual voyage with this Modern Orthodox Hassidic master. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 26: Our Chazzanim at the Mansion: 7:30pm

Chazzan Yanky Lemmer and Chazzan Yisroel Lesches will be doing another show of lively klezmer and jazz with the Frank London Ensemble. Their November show sold-out, here is the reprise if you missed that one. Appetizers and open bar. **offsite event*
To buy tickets, please visit www.themansion.nyc.

Monday, March 2: Beginners Schmooze: 8:15pm

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

Wednesday, March 4: Aging Symposium: 2:00pm

Directly following Rabbi Robinson's final miniseries lecture, join us for this free, informative symposium moderated by Eric Leopold, Owner of Assisted Living Advisers. Speaking will be Sam Fox, Geriatric Care Manager owner of Samantha fox Care Consulting, Megan Lubkin, Daily Money Manager owner of Your Personal Financial Organizer, and Mira Weiss, Elder Care Attorney owner Weiss Law Group will be speaking at this symposium.

Topics: Financial Organizing in the Senior Years: The Geriatric Care Manager's 8 Core functions that Help Adults and their Families Live Well, Funding Long Term Care—Understanding Living Benefits, Power of Attorney and Medicaid Planning.

Location: Sanctuary

Shabbat, March 7: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm

Cost: \$25 per person. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Thursday, March 5. Special meal requests must be submitted no later than Tuesday, March 3.

Sunday, March 15: Early Registration Deadline for NORPAC Mission

The NORPAC annual mission to Washington will take place this year on Tuesday, May 19. The LSS bus will leave in the morning and return the same day. Three meals will be provided and talking points will be reviewed during the trip. Join Rabbi Robinson and over 1000 activists from around the country to advocate with Members of Congress for Israel. In these contentious times, it is vital to solidify our ties with all Members of Congress to insure that support for Israel remains a bipartisan concern. Questions? Contact Dan Feder at dfeder613@gmail.com. Early Bird discount expires 3/15. To register, please visit www.norpac.net.

Sunday, March 22: Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Join us for an afternoon remembering our dear Chaz z"l.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

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

Monday:

- ***(final class: March 4) What a Jew Believes: Practicing Faith in a Skeptical World led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.** 1:00pm and 7:00pm
Topic: The Money in My Pocket - Who does it belong to and what should I do with it?
- **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II: 6:30pm** These 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein** 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. This year, we will have a special focus on Israeli poetry. Location: Rm 206/207
- **Jewish Living Workshop: 7:30pm-9:00pm** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 9 session series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials. To register, please email JLworkshop@yahoo.com. The first topic: Shabbat - The Friday Night Experience.
- **Deep Calling Unto Deep: A Journey into Tehillim led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld:** 7:45pm-8:45pm. A five part series on the history, thought, and usage of Psalms in Jewish tradition through explanation and in depth study of individual chapters. This is the fourth of five classes. 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
- **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30pm-8:00pm** An in-depth study and analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and analyzed. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 211

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: If Only I Could Forget.....
Location: Rm LL201.
- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha. This week led by Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

LSS IS HIRING!

Office Position: Program Coordinator. If you know anyone who may be Interested please have them submit their resume and cover letter to info@lss.org. They can also request that the job description be emailed to them first. *(note: this position is for non members only)*



LSS BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

Women if you've never had a Bat Mitzvah or haven't read from the Torah sign up now at LSSbatmitzvah@gmail.com.

Read only 3-4 sentences and we help you do it with recordings and mentors. We are already giving out assignments.

Do not wait, sign up now!

AIPAC

The always exciting annual AIPAC Conference will be held in Washington D.C. March 1-3. Please visit the AIPAC website www.aipac.org. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please email Ann Crane Lowy at anncrane2750@gmail.com.

ALL THINGS PURIM

Have you signed up for our Mishloach Manot campaign yet? Through your participation, your friends and neighbors will receive a beautiful gift basket all while helping to support the shul in the process. Order yours today!
\$10 per family (6 family minimum, \$60), \$370 (maximum cost)
To sign up, please visit: www.lss.org/campaign/purim2020.
Deadline to order: Wednesday, March 4 at midnight

Sunday, March 1: Pre-Purim Food Drive: Shacharit to after Mincha
Join LSS 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 Wendy Baker at wbaker@panix.com.

Sunday, March 8: LSS Annual Youth Department Purim Carnival
The Purim Carnival is the main fundraiser for the LSS Youth Department. We need your support for another incredible decade. Sign Up to Be a Sponsor Today!
Visit www.lss.org/event/purimsponsors2020.

Monday, March 9th: Beginners Purim Bash
Maariv and Megillah reading: 7:20pm.
Purim Bash: 8:35pm, featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.
Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Monday, March 9: Ta'anit Esther/Fast Day/Erev Purim

Tuesday, March 10: Purim
You can pick up a copy of our Purim Schedule in the lobby

CHESED OPPORTUNITY

One of our custodians just had a fire in his apartment building and has been through a very difficult and challenging week. Most of his clothes were destroyed including a brand new North Face jacket he loved and his other winter coat as well. Both of his television's were also destroyed. Can you donate clothes? Jacket & shirt size: XL
Pant size: 36 x 30. If you can help, please drop off your clothing donation to the shul office and we will pass it onto him. Let's come together as a community to show our gratitude for this hard working custodian during his time of need and participate in a Kiddush Hashem at the same time. Thank you!

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Vote Orthodox Israel Coalition in the World Zionist election. Your vote directly influences how \$5 billion in funding will be allocated over the next five years. Help secure funding for religious Zionist institutions and initiatives January 21-March 11, 2020.

The core four ways your vote makes a difference:

1. **Our Physical Safety:** Expand security funding and provisions to protect Jewish life at US synagogues, yeshiva day schools and Jewish community centers
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For more information visit: www.voteoic.org

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN 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 (Rooms 208/210, 211)
- 11:00 am Davening, Circle Time and Baby & Me (208-210)
- 11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration
- 11:30 am Parsha & Candy: Shabbat Shekalim
- 11:45 am Groups End

Dvar Torah:

This week at the LSS Teen Minyan, when we go up to read the Torah, we will read the first seven aliyot from Parshat Mishpatim, and then we will add an additional five pesukim from Parshat Ki Tisa for the Maftir. Why? This week is Shabbat Shekalim. When the Beit Hamikdash was still standing, each Jewish person would contribute a half-shekel to the Temple to help with upkeep and ongoing maintenance. This collection would begin on the first of Adar. Now we commemorate this tradition by reading the pesukim in Parshat Ki Tisa which describes the collection of the shekalim, on the Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Adar.

In Parshat Mishpatim we learn about many mitzvot and laws pertaining to Kashrut, Chaggim, and Tefillah, to name a few. All together the Parsha includes 53 mitzvot. At the end of the parsha, Bnei Yisrael accept the Torah and say "Na'aseh V'nishma" meaning "We will do and we will listen" which was their promise to Hashem to follow in his ways. Moshe goes up to Har Sinai where he will stay for 40 days and 40 nights to receive the Torah from Hashem.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

1. Why is this Shabbat called Shabbat Shekalim?
2. What are the two Parshiot read this week?
3. What did the Jewish people say when Moshe finished sharing the Torah?
4. How long did Moshe stay on top of Har Sinai?

1. Each Jewish person would contribute a half-shekel during this time of year to support the Beit Hamikdash
2. Parshat Mishpatim and Parshat Ki Tisa
3. Na'aseh V'nishma
4. 40 days and 40 nights

Answers:

Upcoming Events: To sponsor an event please email youth@lss.org

Sunday, March 1: Words to Action Part 2: 5:00pm-7:00pm

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

Sunday, March 29: Dorot Passover Package Delivery (Volunteer Mission) Save the date.

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DVAR TORAH

Parshat Mishpatim/Parshat Shekalim/Shabbat Mevarchim
February 21-22 By: Fred Ehrman

“You Shall Not Cook a Kid in Its Mother’s Milk” - Why?

“לא תבשל גדי בחלב אמו”, You shall not cook a kid in its mother’s milk” (Exodus 23:19). This commandment, which is the basis of our keeping milk and meat separated in our meals, is mentioned three times in the Torah. The first in our *parsha* today, the second eleven chapters later in parshat Ki Tisa (Exodus 34:26), and the third in *parshat* Re’eh (Deuteronomy 14:21). From here the Talmud learns that there are three prohibitions associated with mingling meat and milk: no cooking, no eating, and no benefit to be derived from this mixture (TB Chulin 115B).

This is one of those commandments that falls under the category of a חק, a law that is not readily understandable by our own reasoning, as opposed to a משפט, a law which most individuals would have no trouble comprehending (e.g. Thou shalt not kill.) I will attempt in this Torah essay to come up with a reason for our not eating cheeseburgers.

The last source for this *mitzvah*, which is found in *parshat* Re’eh, fits in very comfortably in its context. It is included in the section dealing with animals that are deemed kosher and permitted for consumption and those that are not. The identifying signs are given to determine their permissibility. The milk and meat prohibition fits in readily.

However, in the first two places we find the following. Both appear to be almost an exact duplication of each other even though they are quite close in their placement in the Torah. They both begin with the three pilgrimage festivals, חג המצות, the festival of Matzot-Passover, חג האסיף, the harvest festival- Shevuot, and חג האסיף, the festival of ingathering of one’s crops- Succot. All are urged to leave their homes and go up to the holy city of Jerusalem, to the Temple, to be seen by G-d himself, in his abode. These are the only times in the Torah that the Almighty is referred to as האדון, the master, the ruler, the owner. The concluding verse in both places is repeated word for word. ראשית בכורי אדמתך תביא בית ה' אלוך. “לא תבשל גדי בחלב אמו” The first of your land’s produce (*Bikkurim*) shall you bring to the House of Hashem your G-d, do not cook a kid in its mother’s milk.”

Two questions immediately jump out at the student/reader: First, why is the commandment of not cooking a kid in its mother’s milk placed together with the שלש רגלים, the three pilgrimages, which seems to be totally out of context? And second, why are Bikkurim in the very same verse with the kid/milk prohibition? As Rashi would say, these questions are calling out “please offer an explanation.”

To try to answer the difficulty certainly is not obvious or it wouldn’t be a חק. One approach is to look at the context, see what central idea lies behind the words, and attempt to find a common theme.

When the Torah tells the Jewish people to make a pilgrimage, the עליה “עליה” three times a year, what is it trying to accomplish? After all, one could stay in his home and look up at the heavens and thank G-d for the bounty that has been given to him. Why travel all the way to Jerusalem, to the Temple, to show his appreciation? A possible answer is that the Torah recognizes that in prosperity, when things are going well, often one says, “My strength and the might of my hand made me all this wealth (Deuteronomy 8:17).” By being required to come to the G-d’s House to greet the “אדון” the Master, He who freed us from slavery and gave us the harvest and the gathering of the produce, the hubris that might impact him in his home will be unlikely to affect his thoughts here in this place of sanctity. And when he brings his first fruits, the Bikkurim, to the temple, the farmer makes the following formal declaration. “והנא” “Behold, I have brought the first fruit of the ground that you have given me Hashem... (Deuteronomy 26:10)”. The farmer acknowledges the source of his good fortune.

What is the underlying theme? Gratitude, הכרת הטוב, that G-d and only G-d is the one who provided us with our sustenance and wealth. So how do we fit the *mitzvah* of not cooking a kid in its mother’s milk into this theme? Here one needs to enter the world of symbolism. Torah has several examples of certain food symbols that underlie an important meaning. For example, we do not eat the “גיד הנשה,” the sinew of the hip, to remind us of Jacob’s wrestling with the “Man” who disabled him in his hip which has some very meaningful interpretations for each of us. We eat Matza on Passover to remind us of the Exodus from Egypt, when G-d took us as his Chosen people.

I would like to suggest that the Kid is a metaphor for our material possessions—in the Torah, sheep, goats and cattle were a major part of a person’s wealth. The Milk represents how nature and the natural process allow our material possessions to exist and be sustained; the land of Israel is naturally flowing with milk and honey. What this *mitzvah* is telling us is to separate that connection from our minds. Whatever possessions we may own (the Kid), has nothing to do with nature (the Milk), or the “might of our hands,” or luck. It all stems from the good graces of the One above. All comes from Him. Therefore, we separate meat and milk as an expression of gratitude. It is to remind us and acknowledge that the “אדון עולם,” is the owner and master of all things.

ל-ה הארץ ומלואה

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that it holds” (Psalm 24).

Shabbat Shalom

We are currently looking for writers for:

Parshat Behar-Bechukotai (5/16)

Shabbat Shavuot (5/30)

Parshat Naso (6/6)

Email dvar@lss.org or see Bill Greenbaum in shul.

Weekly Prayer Schedule: February 23-28						
Day	Sunday:	Monday:	Tuesday: Rosh Chodesh Adar	Wednesday: Rosh Chodesh Adar	Thursday:	Friday:
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:15am	6:15am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:40am	7:00am, 7:40am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Candle Lighting						5:28pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	5:35pm	5:35pm	5:30pm

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