

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Daily

Daf Yomi: Sunday at 7:30am Monday & Thursday at 6:10am and Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and virtual. Schedule: Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday– virtual. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday– in person and virtual. Dial instructions:
Step 1: dial in #: 646-558-8656. Step 2: dial in code 83765052291. Step 3: password # 1948
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Weekly:

Sunday, March 12th

- **9:15am-10:15am: Sh'eilot and Teshuvot by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.** Location: Room LL205.

Monday, March 13th

- **11:00am-1:00pm: Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- ***CANCELLED* 7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin:** The class is taught almost exclusively in Ivrit.
- **7:30pm: The Jewish Living Workshop:** Hands on Jewish living experience. Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. **Topic: Thursday Night Shabbat Prep Tools of the Trade.** Email them at: jworkshop@yahoo.com. **Meeting ID: 844 5972 4131 Passcode: 165025**

Tuesday, March 14th

- **11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

- **12:00pm: Parent Loss Support Group:** Register at www.lss.org/form/PLSG. This closed group of 12 sessions led by our LSS Social Worker, Daniella Veres and Social Worker, Rabbi Adam Huttel, seeks to help individuals discover personal models for navigating through the challenges of loss. Discussion topics vary, ranging from psycho-education about grief, self-care, cultivating spirituality, and navigating your current relationships during grief. Location: Room LL205
**All programs run by our Social Worker Daniella Veres are supported by Stuart and Paul Hanau in memory of Reni & Walter Hanau z"l.*
- **6:30pm-8:00pm: Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald:** An in-depth study and analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. Co-sponsored by NJOP. Register at www.lss.org/beginners or contact Jessica at jessica@njop.org
- **7:00pm-9:00pm: Weekly Beit Midrash Night:** Location Beit Midrash. Featuring Chaburas from LSS Clergy and Kollel Fellows! Dinner Included. Sponsorships welcome.
 1. **7:10pm:** Exploring personalities in the Talmud with Rabbinic Associate Daniel Gottesman
 2. **7:10pm** Fundamentals of Avodat Hashem through the lens of Chazal with Community Intern, Tzophia Stepansky.
 3. **8:15pm** Ezra- Nechemia: with Kollel Fellow, Yehonatan Kahana.
 4. **8:15pm** Jewish Sages Throughout the Ages with Kollel Fellow Yechiel Rozenberg.
- **8:00pm: The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer:** If you are interested in joining, please contact Ronald Platzer at RPlatzer@citytech.cuny.edu

Wednesday, March 15th

- **12:00pm: Conspiracy and Dysfunction: A Study of Shmuel 1 Through Biblical Contrasts: Led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty. Topic:** King David and Child Sacrifice Location: Outside the Nathaniel Richmond Cohen Sanctuary
- **6:30pm: Yiddish Course by Pamela Brenner:** This series of four classes will explore the history and culture of the Yiddish language from its inception 1000 years ago to today. Cost: \$15 Register at www.lss.org/form/yiddish-class
- **8:00pm: Building Blocks of Israeli Society with Paul Shaviv:** An analysis of the basic social, political, cultural, and religious building blocks of evolving Israeli society, history, ideology and personalities. **Topic:** Meeting ID: 820 8615 6691 Passcode: 119157

Thursday, March 16th

- **11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533
- **7:00pm: Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha by Rabbi Robinson.** Meeting ID: 868 9718 0675 Passcode: 870448

PESACH AT LSS

Sunday, March 26th: 9:30am: Speech by Rav Herschel Schacter: Topic: Hilchot Pesach: Shiur will be preceded by a light breakfast in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Rav Herschel Schachter is the Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva University, Rosh Kollel of RIETS' Marcos and Adina Katz Kollel (Institute for Advanced Research in Rabbinics), and holds the Nathan and Vivian Fink Distinguished Professorial Chair in Talmud. He serves as the senior halachic advisor for the Orthodox Union (OU) and is considered by many as "The Posek" of the Modern Orthodox community.

Wednesday, March 29th: LSS Clergy on the Haggadah: 7:00pm: Short thoughts to share at the Seder. Meeting ID: 890 2914 5790 Passcode: 382452

Shabbat, April 1st: Special Beginners Passover luncheon: The cost is now \$35 per person (Please note new price! First increase in price since 2015). Registration will closes Wednesday, March 29th, 5:00pm. Click here to register.

Pre Pesach Classes with Rabbi Robinson: 7:30pm: Via Zoom: March 16th: Inner Freedom: How Pesach Liberates the Human Soul. March 23rd: Jewish Freedom: What Pesach Means to the Jewish People. March 30th: Liberty for All: Pesach's Message to the Human Race. Meeting ID: 813 2632 4826 Passcode: 366357



DVAR TORAH SHABBAT PARA PARSHAT KI TISA

3.10-11.2023

Hadassa Gerber Greenbaum

The children of Israel were worshipping a Golden Calf. Moshe witnessed this and in anger threw the tablets he was carrying and broke them.

“And then he took the calf which they had made and **burned it in the fire**, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water and **made the children of Israel drink it.**” (Shemot 22:20)

Many commentators connect these actions to the procedure for the *Ishah Sotah*, the wife suspected of unfaithfulness (Rashi, Rashbam, Ibn Ezra).

“The priest shall write these curses on a scroll and erase it in the bitter water . . . The priest shall take the offering from the woman’s hand, wave it before the L-rd, and bring it to the altar. He shall remove a handful of the offering and **burn it upon the altar**, and he shall then give the water to the woman to drink. **He should make her drink the water.**” (Bamidbar 5:23-5:27)

Ibn Ezra notes that we should remember that very few of the Israelites acted with evil intent during the Golden Calf episode; in general, they thought they were acting properly. So how to sort out the guilty from the non-guilty?

Just as the woman was made to drink as a test of her faithfulness, so too Moshe made the children of Israel drink from the waters to identify those that were truly unfaithful to Hashem.

In both the case of the Golden Calf and of the *Ishah Sotah*, being made to drink the water was not an automatic confirmation of guilt. Quite the opposite—the drinking of the water was meant to alleviate suspicion of guilt and identify the truly unfaithful while dispensing all doubt about the innocent. It is the aftereffects that the water has on the guilty that weeds out the guilty from the non-guilty.

But why was it necessary to identify the sinners this way? Didn’t G-d know who had sinned? There were two immediate punishments of death meted out as a result of the Golden Calf, one by the Levites and

another during a plague. If man couldn’t identify the guilty, surely G-d would know and G-d could have punished them during the plague.

Yes, G-d knows who is guilty and who is not. But perhaps G-d wanted it publicly noted that in both of these situations, judgement of innocence and guilt is taken out of the hands of man and put squarely in the domain of G-d. There is a lesson here, that if man does not have enough evidence to judge, man should not judge. Even in circumstances that can be interpreted as a breach in fidelity against G-d, His Torah and vows, if we don’t have enough information to judge, we should not judge.

This week is also Parshat Parah. We read about the *Parah Adumah*, the Red Cow. Commentators note that the Red Cow was meant to atone for the sin of the Golden Calf. Here, we have another mixture which includes a burnt substance and water, but it was not used to identify the guilty. Rather, it was used to purify those who had come in contact with corpses. “A pure man shall gather the ash of the cow and place it outside the camp... it shall remain as a safekeeping for water of sprinkling; it is for purification” (Bamidbar 19: 9).

Ironically, the agent of purification, i.e., the priest who put the mixture together, is himself contaminated, albeit temporarily. There are many questions concerning the *Parah Adumah* that are unanswerable. As with *Kashrut*, there are no reasons given; it is a “*chok*,” a law without explanation.

But it is an interesting metaphor that sometimes agents of purification may need to take themselves out of their secure, controlled environs in their attempt to bring “sprinkles” of holiness to others. I think of such agents as these during my life; one example was Rabbi Grossman, who left the comforts of Mea She’arim to go to Migdal HaEmek, one of the most crime-ridden, poor cities in Israel. He spent Friday nights in discos reaching out to Jews there. Another such agent, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, left Lakewood Yeshiva and embarked on a path that led him to engage with a generation of hippies. Our own Rabbi Riskin came to an initially Conservative synagogue to teach Torah.

Chabad *Shlichim* set up roots in places that have no Jewish community. Along with their passion for Torah, their love for Jews, their drive, and their very special personalities, all of these examples, in my opinion, have another common denominator—their non-judgmental nature. They do not see people as Sephardim or Ashkenazim, as Reform, Conservative or non-affiliated Jews. They see only Jews. They see people where they are right now, accept them, and bring sparks of holiness into their lives by sharing Torah with them.

There are no magic water litmus tests available to us today to discern the guilty from the non-guilty. There are also no magic mixtures that can be sprinkled on us to provide instantaneous purification. Nor are most of us, including myself, willing or in a position to dedicate our entire life as these modern day *Parah Adumah* agents have done, risking all to purify others. But we do, I think, have the ability to shift the tone of the world for the better, even if it is in small doses: by not rushing to judgement when it is not our place to do so; by accepting others as they are first and then building on that foundation.

I dedicate this Dvar Torah to both Bill’s father, Robert Greenbaum, whose yahrzeit was on the 11th of Adar, and to my father, Ben Gerber, whose yahrzeit will be on the 25th of Adar.



The next Shabbatot available to write are:
Parshat Vayikra 3/25 and
Parshat Tzav 4/1

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members. Guidelines will be provided on request. For more info, email Ricky at ricky@lss.org or see Bill Greenbaum in shul, or email him at dvar@lss.org. Enjoy reading the weekly Dvar Torah -in print, in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer, or -on lss.org under the Echod tab, or - in the Electronic Echod from info@lss.org (available to print at home).

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

5:39pm Candle Lighting

5:45pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

5:57pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

6:28pm Repeat Shema

Neirot Shabbat Shiur and Kiddush

Following Maariv join us for a shiur given by Rabbi Ari Kahn in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Topic: Playing Hide and Seek With God. After shiur there will be a hot kugel kiddush in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer.

Shabbat:

7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Dr. Moshe Sokolow on the third floor.

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan; Drasha after Musaf by Rabbi Ari Kahn. Topic: Not All That Glitters is Gold Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Main to follow in the Ballroom.

9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow.

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

10:00am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

10:08am Latest Shema

3:40pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

4:40pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbi Ari Kahn in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Topic: Attitudes to Israel Produce—Are We Part of the BDS? Seudah Shlishit: A Fishy Social Justice Story.

5:25pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.

Hebrew only shiur with Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellows. Led by Yehonatan Kahana in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

שיעור שבועי בעברית אחר מנחה בשבת עם חברי כולל תורה מציון!

5:58pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.

6:41pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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Hashkama

Ronald Platzer in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father Robert David Platzer, z"l.

Main Kiddush

Allison and Yitzy Rubin, with gratitude to Hashem, in honor of Ruthie's 1st birthday, and Yitzy's 36th.

Beginners Kiddush

Helga Weisburger in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved husband, Dr. John Weisburger and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Seudah Shlishit

Joyce and David Friedman in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of David's mother, Deborah Greenfield Friedman, David's grandparents, Israel and Marion Friedman and Rae Greenfield z"l

The Nussbaum family as a Seudas Hodaah, thanks to haKadosh Baruch Hu for Max Nussbaum safety after a significant car accident and also in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of James' grandmother, Kaila bas Hechaver Yitzchak, Lily Hammelburger, and James' great grandfather, Asher Ben Moshe, Ausher Nussbaum z"l.

THIS SHABBAT

We welcome Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Ari Kahn, Director of the One Year Overseas Student Program at Bar-Ilan University, Rabbi of the Mishkan Etrog Community as well as published author of several best sellers including "The Crowns on the Letters".



THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Annual Clothing Drive: 8:30am-1:00pm

Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer. Gently used men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, linen, table cloths, towels, handbags, and hair accessories will be shipped and distributed to Israel's neediest, including recent immigrants from Ukraine and Russia. Nothing with holes, stains, tears, please. To volunteer email nvogel212@gmail.com

Religious and Secular in Israel: Relationship or Lack Thereof? Brunch at 10:00am: Lecture at 10:30am: Rav David Stav the founder and chairman of the Tzohar Rabbinical Organization will discuss the environment in Israel since the recent elections and new government, specifically, the general tension between religious and secular Israelis, what are the issues at stake and how to try to deal with them successfully. Tzohar is a modern orthodox rabbinical organization which aims to provide religious services to and create dialogue with the broader Israeli population. Admission is free but please register in advance at www.lss.org/form/rav-stav

Sunday, March 12th: Workshop on Trope: 10:00am: For those involved in the Bat Mitzvah Project. Location: Room 206/207

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shlomo and Tess Cahlon
Dr. Rebecca Pollack

A PURIM LOOK BACK & HAKARAT HATOV

The Purim atmosphere at LSS this year was full of energy and enthusiasm. It was an undeniably special time at LSS . From Rabbi Robinson's cookie monster shpiel, the break-fast comedian event, to the fun Purim carnival, we hope you created a lot of fun memories. Take a look at the LSS photo album and enjoy looking back at the special LSS Purim memories. Visit www.lss.org/photo_gallery and click on Purim 2023

To our mishloach manot packers who spent hours managing a conveyor belt of items (with the "cherry"/Crembo on top!): **Alexander Wildes, Devorah Batt, Devora Movtady** and our custodial staff: **Antonio Cintron, Norberto Ocampo Rivera & Oscar Franco.**

To our mishloach manot volunteers who kindly gave of their time on Purim so that packages could be handed out to members: **Rande Price, Julie Walpert, Frances Zelazny, Jay Ziffer, Hattie Danziger & her children, Gaby & Gideon.**

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit:

Sunday, March 12th @ 7:10am & 8:30am

Monday, March 13th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14th-15th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Thursday, March 16th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Friday, March 17th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday-Wednesday March 12th-15th @ 6:50pm

Thursday, March 16th @ 6:55pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 13th, Beginners Schmooze: 8:15-9:30pm (EST) on Zoom. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.

Wednesday March 15th: Good Deed: A Conversation on Torah, Sexual Intimacy, and Fulfilling Relationships: 8:00pm: This thought provoking discussion will be led by Rachel Hercman, LCSW and Ellin Cooper, Manhattan Yoetzet Halacha: Hosted at the home of Tali Herenstein Kolatch. Please email Rabbanit Mindy at rabbanit@lss.org to RSVP. Sponsorship welcome.

Offsite Thursday, March 16th: Gila's Way-- Suicide Prevention and the value of Life: 8:00pm: Gila's Way is a nonprofit dedicated to mental health awareness, breaking stigmas, and saving lives throughout the Jewish World. Rabbi Hammer will share the tragic story of how he lost his daughter Gila a"h to suicide and how his family commemorates her memory. Location: West Side Institutional Synagogue 120 W 76th St., NY.

Friday, March 17th: Israel at 75: Israel Themed Dinner: Join us for a Friday night dinner celebrating Israel's 75th. Israeli cuisine will be served by Sova catering. Chat with fellow members and friends as the Benny Amar Acapella Choir fills our ballroom with ruach and song. An activity for children will be available and youth group items will be set up in the pre-function room for babies & toddlers. Sponsors requested and encouraged! Register at www.lss.org/form/lss-israel-dinner

Sunday, March 19th:

- 3:00pm: AVIIR Krav Maga Class:** Location: Ballroom. One time only class with Raz Chen, an accredited Level Expert 2 Krav Maga Instructor. In keeping with the mission of Imi Lichtenfeld, Raz aims to bring Krav Maga to as many communities around the world as possible, creating a ripple effect that will help communities feel safer. Cost: \$25. Open to all ages. Only 20 spots are available. Register at www.lss.org/form/krav-maga-class
- 5:00pm: Pre-Pesach Wine and Cheese Tasting and Sale:** Israeli Pesach wine will be available for sale in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer by Skyview Wines. Cheese & crackers will also be served.
- Sunday, March 19th: 7 Habits of Highly Successful Olim with Marc Rosenberg: 6:00pm:** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Marc Rosenberg is the VP of Diaspora Partnerships at Nefesh B'Nefesh – a non-profit organization that is revitalizing Aliyah from North America and the UK.



Wednesday, March 22: Israel at 75: 12:00pm: The State of the Nation Report: Live from Israel (via Zoom): A sweeping view of key demographic, economic, and societal trends in Israel on its 75th anniversary. Speaker: Professor Avi Weiss, President of the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel. The Taub Center is an independent, nonpartisan, socioeconomic research institute based in Jerusalem. Its well-respected research is used by policy makers across party lines as part of their decision-making process. See link in the electronic Echod to pre-register. The event is free.

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Shabbat, May 6th: Bat Mitzvah Project: If you haven't had a Bat Mitzvah or read from a Torah scroll, here's your chance! You can read as little as 3-4 sentences. We will help you! Register at lssbatmitzvah@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 10th: NORPAC Annual Mission to Washington:

The Manhattan bus will leave from LSS in the morning and return to NYC the same day. Three meals will be provided, and talking points will be reviewed during the trip. Join with hundreds of participants to advocate with Members of Congress for Israel. Register at www.NORPAC.net. Early bird deadline: March 12th. Q: (201) 788-5133 Reach out to Daniel Feder or any of the many LSS members who have been engaged in this mission over the past many years.

THE JEWISH BRAIL INSTITUTE (JBI)

JBI wants to ensure that anyone who is blind, visually impaired or print disabled can fully participate in the Passover Seder using a FREE Large Print or Braille Haggadah from JBI. We offer a variety of editions—new this year, in accessible formats, are Mishkan HaSeder from the CCAR Press, the PJ Library Haggadah (including an audio version for those who want to study the text and the singing ahead of time), and a new Chabad Haggadah. To learn more or request a free Large Print or Braille Haggadah, please call JBI at 1-800-999-6476 before March 24th, or visit: <https://www.jbilibrary.org/haggadah->

PEACE OF MIND

Every year, thousands of released Israeli combat soldiers face the difficult transition back to civilian life. Many spend months overseas as a means to discharge and mitigate the psychological impact of intense combat experiences faced during their military service. Despite the well-known image of the resilient Israeli soldier, long-term effects of veterans' exposure to stress from combat are well documented. Veterans can suffer from a myriad of psychological difficulties ranging from difficulties in relationships, aggressiveness, sleep disturbances, substance abuse, and depression. Peace of Mind works with 15-20 IDF veterans from a high-risk combat unit who all served together. Led by two Metav (Israel Psychotrauma Center) therapists, the program consists of approximately 65 hours of group counseling held in a supportive diaspora community. The support and love from the community plays a vital role in the healing process for these soldiers and enables them to emerge with strengthened emotional and mental health allowing for a healthier transition from military to civilian life. The government of Israel recognizes the value of this program and for the first time has agreed to partially fund it. This year LSS will have the privilege of hosting a group of former combat soldiers from the elite Sayeret Maglan unit.

This unit operates behind enemy lines and is involved with counter terrorism and intelligence gathering. The program will take place at LSS from 6/11-6/18 and is extremely expensive to run despite the partial governmental funding. As such we must raise a large portion to enable the program to take place.

We hope that everyone in our community contributes. We will also require lodging for these participants who will stay with host families in groups of two. Several of our community members have hosted this program previously in their summer communities. Please feel free to reach out to Michael Doppelt, Daniel Feder or Dov Schwartzben for more information. They are all extremely committed to P.O.M. and have witnessed firsthand the incredible results of this program and the bonds established between the community and these soldiers who have given so much for the security of Israel and the diaspora Jewish Communities. It is our honor to give back to them in their time of need.

See the electronic Echod for a compelling video that further explains the Peace of Mind program. If you are interested in donating towards this program at Lincoln Square Synagogue, please see the link in the electronic Echod.

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