


SHABBAT SCHEDULE	THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
<p>Friday night:</p> <p>6:46pm Candle Lighting</p> <p>6:50pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lmmer</p> <p>Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.</p> <p>7:03pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha</p> <p>7:34pm Repeat Shema</p> <p>Shabbat:</p> <p>7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Dr. Moshe Sokolow on the third floor.</p> <p>9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;</p> <p>Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer</p> <p>Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson.</p> <p>Speech after Musaf by Lieutenant Colonel Noam Meyer, commander in reserves of the Sayeret Matkal Unit (Israel's Delta force equivalent), who has returned from four month</p> <p>Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.</p> <p>Cholent/Kugel Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.</p> <p>9:30am Beginners Service led by Dr. Lenny Davidman;</p> <p>Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow.</p> <p>9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan</p> <p>Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Tepler</p> <p>Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.</p> <p>10:00am Youth Groups – Supervised Play;</p> <p>Location: Second Floor Classrooms.</p> <p>10:03am Latest Shema</p> <p>4:55pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;</p> <p>Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.</p> <p>5:50pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbinic Intern Ilan Kaissar in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.</p> <p>6:35pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.</p> <p>Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.</p> <p>*Hebrew only* shiur with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary</p> <p>7:04pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.</p> <p>7:47pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends</p>	<p>Hashkama:</p> <p>Sponsored by generous contributions to the fund</p> <p>Cholent/Kugel Kiddush:</p> <p>Sanford and Thelma Hochberg in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Sanford's father, Jacob Hochberg (Yacov) z"l</p> <p>Ruth and Larry Kobrin in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of Ruth's mother, Aurelia Freedman, Fradel bas Yekutiel Zalman, Larry's brother, Jay Kobrin, Yaakov Aharon be Isser v'Chaya and Larry's grandfather,m Bernard Kobrin, DovBer ben Rephael z"l.</p> <p>Jody Rosenberg in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Basil, Baruch ben Avraham Avigdor z"l.</p> <p>Tova and Howard Weiser in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of of Tova's mother, Dora Weiss a"h.</p> <p>Beginners:</p> <p>Sponsored anonymously</p>
	MAZAL TOV
	<p>Aidel and Ephraim Buchwald on the Bar Mitzvah, in Houston Texas, of their grandson, Yossi Berger. Mazal Tov to parents, Ayelet and Gavriel Berger.</p> <p>Trudy and Jay Zimmern on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Keira Bryce Schwartz, daughter of Melissa and Marc Schwartz, and sister of Elise Schwartz. Mazel tov also to Aunt Andrea Zimmern and cousins Sidney and Reagan.</p>
	THIS SUNDAY
	<p>Book Launch: Pre-Pesach learning with Rabbi Noam Fix who is visiting us from Israel! See upcoming events for details</p>
	ISRAELI HEROES PURIM SEUDAH
	<p>REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!</p> <p>Sunday, March 24th: 4:30pm</p> <p>Join us for an amazing joy filled Purim seudah. Please come dressed as an Israeli hero. Prize for best costume (use your imagination!)</p> <p>www.lss.org/form/seudah2024.</p> <p>Buffet by Smokey Joe's. Check out the Purim section on the next page for all things Purim!</p> 
	WEEKDAY MINYAN
	<p>Shacharit:</p> <p>Sunday, March 17th @ 7:10am & 7:40am</p> <p>Monday, March 18th @ 7:00am & 7:50am</p> <p>Tuesday & Wednesday, March 19th & 20th @ 7:10am & 7:50am</p> <p>Thursday, March 21st (Taanit Esther) @ 6:50am & 7:30am</p> <p>Friday, March 22nd @ 7:10am & 7:50am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv:</p> <p>Sunday - Tuesday, March 17th-19th @ 6:55pm</p> <p>Wednesday, March 20th: 7:00pm</p> <p>Thursday, March 21st: @ 6:45pm</p>
	TAANIT ESTHER
	<p>Fast Begins: 5:45am</p> <p>Fast Ends: 7:42pm</p>
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS	
<p>Dennis Goodman and Wendy Fisher</p> <p>Liel Leibovitz and Lisa Sandell</p> <p>Renee Ripinsky</p>	
HAKARAT HATOV	
<p>Hava Preil for writing this week's Dvar Torah</p> <p>Shirley Wald, Jay Ziffer, the Magen Avraham Teens (Michael Blitzer, Matthew Blitzer, Avi Blitzer, Jeremy Feder, Ari Goralnik, Yonatan Lavi, Jake Nussbaum, Adrian Rosenfeld, Benjy Savenor, Adam Stern, and Ari Stern), as well as the wonderful LSS custodians (Jaime, Cristian, and Marlene), for their invaluable assistance in packing Mishlochei Manot.</p>	

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS Sunday, March 17th: Book Launch: Exodus of the Mind:

10:00am: The Haggadah is not just history... it's your story. Join us for inspiring pre-Pesach learning! A new Haggadah by **Rabbi Noam Fix**, Principal of Tomer Devorah Seminary. "This sefer guides us on a personal journey through our personal negative and limiting beliefs towards ultimate redemption." - Rav Asher Weiss, Shlit"a.

Tuesday, March 19th:

***Offsite* 11:00 am:** Embark on a gallery crawl in Chelsea highlighting contemporary artworks. Art docent Ronnit Vasserman will lead a tour of galleries featuring the works of female artists including two Israeli women, Orit Hofshi and Michal Rovner. Admission price of \$80 includes guided admission to all galleries and refreshments. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/artconnectgroup>

An Evening of Heroes: 7:30pm: Join us as we welcome our guests of honor for an unforgettable evening. Proceeds will go to the Gush Etzion Foundation.

Rachel and Evyatar Edri: Rachel was held hostage for 20 hours in Ofakim and her son aided in freeing her.

Michal Greenglic: sister of Shauli, who put his singing career on hold to fight in Gaza and was killed in combat.

Mordechai Shenvald: was seriously injured in Gaza when his tank was hit by an anti-tank missile; an IDF soldier and gifted musician whose violin touches everyone's heart.

Shlomo Hammer: serves in the 551st brigade, which tragically lost 13 soldiers while fighting in Gaza; Shlomo fought bravely in Gaza for three months straight.

Orna and Asher Naim: parents of Amir, the only casualty in Kibbutz Erez, which was saved due to his bravery.

6:55pm Mincha/Maariv 6:30-7:15pm - VIP Event (Belfer Beit Midrash)

7:30pm: Doors Open: Evening of Heroes (Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary). General Admission: \$36 pp VIP event: \$180 (entrance fee paid for separately). Register at www.lss.org/form/heroes

Sunday, March 31st: Defending Two Fronts: 12:00pm: Born and raised in Canada, Noy Leyb made the life-altering decision to move to Israel and join the IDF when he was 18 years old. After completing his service, Noy continued with annual reserve training. He has a BA from IDC Hertzlia and an MBA from the University of Michigan. On October 7th, Noy was living in NYC as the founder of a startup. He immediately flew to Israel to join his elite commando unit on the frontline. Noy will share his first-hand experience, from the battlefield in Gaza to battling antisemitism on social media. Noy has chosen to continue his Israel advocacy full-time with a clear mission: to harness his direct experience, unique insight, and unwavering spirit to empower others and lead a movement against antisemitism. Admission is free, but please register at www.lss.org/form/noy

Tuesday, April 2nd: Helping OUR lone soldiers during Operation

Swords of Iron: 5:30pm: The Michael Levin Base provides support to lone soldiers serving in the IDF as well as to b'not sheirut, women performing Israel's national service. To learn more:

<https://tinyurl.com/MichaelLevine>. We will hear from Richard Corman, Chairman of the Board for The Michael Levin Base and from Gavriel, a lone soldier who has served in an IDF counter-terrorism unit and, more recently, has served in Gaza as part of a special forces reconnaissance unit that has rescued over 100 seriously injured soldiers. A light dinner will be served. Location: Belfer Beit Medrash. Admission is free, but please register www.lss.org/event/lone-soldier-program.html

Shabbat, May 18th: 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

Shabbat, May 18th: The hospitality Shabbaton is back! Connect with your community and help foster a spirit of hospitality at LSS. Volunteer to be a host or sign up to be a guest and we will match you with fellow LSS community members for a Shabbat lunch. This event is open to LSS members only. Registration deadline: Monday, May 6. Register at www.lss.org/form/hospitality-shabbaton-2024

PURIM

Mishloach Manot: LSS is thrilled to offer the opportunity to send Mishloach Manot to members of the shul. 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! Register at <http://tinyurl.com/LSSMishloachManot>



Deadline to order: Sunday, March 17th at 12:00pm.

Matanot L'evyonim: www.lss.org/payment.php

Sunday, March 17th: Purim Carnival: 1:30pm - 4:30pm:

Strolling magician, arcades, clown, bounce house obstacle course, face painting, carnival games, photo booth, snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn! WonderSpark puppet show at 3:30pm. Pizza and hamentashen available for purchase. Room 206/207: Sensory Calming Room provides a relaxing yet engaging atmosphere for any child that needs it. Carnival begins at 1:00pm for those with sensory sensitivities.

Tickets in advance: \$20, tickets at the door: \$30. Be a sponsor! Register at www.lss.org/form/purim2024

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Monday, March 18th: Unveiling the Unseen: Exploring Purim's Hidden Gems: 7:45pm: With LSS Clergy.

[Zoom Meeting ID: 819 1330 2280](https://lss.org/zoom/81913302280) Passcode: M6t2msd4

Wednesday, March 20th: Clashing Commentaries: 7:45pm: join us for a special joint shiur with Rabbis Gottesman and Tepler. The Rabbis will highlight pivotal moments in the Megillah and alternate sharing opposing perspectives found in the commentaries. You'll never see the Megillah the same way again! Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Israeli Heroes Purim Seudah on Sunday, March 24th: Details on pg. 1.

Motzei Shabbat, March 23rd: Beginners Purim Bash: Maariv and Megillah reading – 7:55pm. Purim Bash – 9:10PM, featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100.

Motzei Shabbat, March 23rd: Volunteering - Teen Mishloach Manot Packaging: 8:30pm

Sunday, March 24th:

10:15am: Magen Avraham Teen Department delivers Mishloach Manot to the homebound.

Israeli Heroes Purim Seudah: 4:30pm: Join us for an amazing joy filled Purim seudah. Buffet catered by Smoky Joe's. Please come dressed as an Israeli hero. Prize for best costume (use your imagination!) www.lss.org/form/seudah2024

Wednesday, March 27th: Post-Purim Party: 11:00am: Don't want the Purim festivities to stop? Join LSS's new social worker, Rabbi Adam Huttel, for a Post Purim party! Enjoy delicious hamantaschen and snacks while having engaging discussions with fellow community members. Whether seeing old friends or making new connections, don't miss out on the opportunity for camaraderie and fellowship. All members are warmly welcomed. Register at www.lss.org/form/postpurim

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL

Central Park Rally: 11:00am every Sunday: Meeting point: 90th street and Central Park West. Run For Their Lives Manhattan, a group with 52 locations worldwide, has now been walking and running every Sunday, demanding the release of the Israeli hostages still held by Hamas. We will continue until the last hostage has been freed. Please join us and pass this information on to friends and families

<https://bit.ly/FamiliesHQ-USA>

Assuta Ashdod Hospital: Established in 2017, Assuta Ashdod Hospital is Israel's first new medical facility in 40 years, recognized for healthcare innovation. Located 16 miles from Gaza, it features a unique bomb-shelter infrastructure for uninterrupted services during threats. The hospital played a vital role in providing 24/7 emergency treatment for soldiers, Nova festival survivors, and terror victims. During Israel's ground invasion, Assuta treated 23% of the IDF's critically injured soldiers, showcasing exceptional emergency and trauma care. Support at www.intlfriendsfassociataashdod.org. Learn more on October 7th in an interview with Dr. Debra West at <https://ouwomen.org/video/#6Boa7XpM>.

ACHI (American Communities Helping Israel): Support Israel's economy post the Gaza War at ACHI's Market: www.achi613.org/achi-market/. Explore nearly 250 Israeli vendors offering art, jewelry, food, clothing, and more. Easily make purchases or send gifts with global shipping options.

Contact Your Elected Officials: Please urge your elected officials to stand with Israel! Reach out at www.whitehouse.gov/contact/

Wednesday, May 15th: Annual NORPAC Mission to Washington: Join NORPAC's crucial annual Mission to Washington this election year to support Congressional backers of Israel facing extremist propaganda. Depart from LSS in the morning, return the same day on the Manhattan bus, with meals provided. Register at <https://norpac.net/mission-to-washington> for early bird prices.

SHMURA MATZA

The shul will once again be offering Shmura Matzah for Pesach, directly from Brooklyn, NY.

Cost for Members: Regular 1 pound box: \$39,
Regular 2 pound box: \$76, Whole Wheat 1 pound box: \$42,
Whole Wheat 2 pound box: \$80

Note: Non-member pricing is an additional \$2 for all products.

Order deadline: March 24th

Order at www.lss.org/form/ShmuraMatzah2024

SUPPORTING ARTISTS IN ISRAEL

This Week's Featured Artist: Adi Raffeld Podhorzer

Adi, a 37-year-old graduate of Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem, is an Israeli fashion designer and owner of ADI RAFFELD PODHORZER. Specializing in unconventional materials, she handcrafts unique, weightless, and comfortable-to-wear fashion and jewelry using distinctive printing techniques. Adi's designs focus on creating items with a strong presence, combining visual appeal with comfort.

"The Mezuzah collection extends my fashion styling into Judaica, expressing a unique artistic interpretation."



Instagram: www.instagram.com/adi_raffeld_podhorzer/

Website: <https://adiraffeldpodhorzer.com/>

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Please note that Paul Shaviv's class 'The Shoah: Jewish Rescuers and Resisters' has been postponed until further notice.

Sunday, March 17th

- 9:15am Kosher Made Clear - Hilchot Kashrut Tzurba Style:** Led by Rabbi Gottesman this week. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Monday, March 18th

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course –Level 1 With Sharona Spivack:** **6:00pm:** Tailored for beginners, this course teaches the Hebrew alphabet and reading skills. The 5 classes, each lasting 1 1/2 hours, are free of charge! Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- 7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin.** This week's class will be held in person in room 206/207
- 7:30pm: Jewish Living Workshop:** "Hands on" Jewish living experience with Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. Email them at jlworkshop@yahoo.com for more information. Visit www.lss.org/beginners to register. Topic: Purim
- 8:15pm: 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.

Tuesday, March 19th

- Nuggets of Wisdom: A 10-Minute Morning Mishnayot Session After 7:50am Shacharit Minyan:** Led by Bezalel Racz. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
- 11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: LL201
- 7:00pm: Introduction to the Bible With Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald:** Explore the Decalogue and other biblical texts. This is a free class on Zoom! Co-sponsored by NJOP. Visit www.lss.org/beginners to register. Sponsors welcome, contact Jessica at jessica@njop.org or 646-871-0012.

Wednesday, March 20th

- Nuggets of Wisdom: A 10-Minute Morning Mishnayot Session After 7:50am Shacharit Minyan:** Led by Bezalel Racz. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:00pm: Beit Midrash Night with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz:** 6:00pm: Group Mishnah Learning, 6:30pm: Mishnah Lecture, 6:45pm Mincha Break, Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Please note that the Kabbalah class is canceled this week. Instead, join us for a mind-blowing class on clashing commentaries in the Megillah with Rabbis Gottesman and Tepler at 7:45 pm.

Thursday, March 21st

- 11:00am-12:00pm: Gemara Makot Class:** led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: LL201
- 11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** [Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533](https://www.lss.org/learningopportunities)
- 7:15pm: Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha:** Led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Daf Yomi: Sunday at 7:30am, Monday and Thursday at 6:10am, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and Virtual. Details on www.lss.org/LearningOpportunities

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

This past week we heard Prof. Avi Weiss from the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel speak about the October war and its impact on Israel's society and economy. For those unable to join, listen to the recording of the program at <https://tinyurl.com/TaubCenter>.

OU GUIDE TO PASSOVER

Pick up a copy from the Shele Danishefsky foyer!

DVAR TORAH PARSHAT PEKUDEI

The Power of Unity

By Hava Preil

When Haman proposes to Achashveirosh his extermination plan for the Jewish people, he says to him: *"Yeshno am echad mefuzar u'meforad bein ha-amim."* Sefaria translates: *"There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples".* Literally, Haman is telling Achashveirosh that the Jewish people are scattered throughout his empire. However, the commentators invoke a deeper message here. At the beginning of the Purim story, the Jewish people are not united. They are divided and dispersed. This is one of the reasons for the initial success of Haman. If the Jewish people are not united amongst themselves, our enemies can begin to rise.

Later in the Megillah, Esther asks Mordechai to gather the Jewish people and fast for the success of her mission. She states *"Leich, k'nos et kol haYehudim,"* — *"Go and gather all of the Jews."* On a deeper level, she is teaching that in order to overcome Haman's evil decrees, the Jewish people must be gathered together, they must be united. That is the key to overcoming our enemies.

And how do we celebrate Purim? After the threat has been removed and the holiday of Purim is established, two of the special mitzvot which we fulfill on Purim day are to bring foods to our friends (Mishloach Manot) and gifts to the poor (Matanot La'evyonim). These mitzvot promote unity and camaraderie among the Jewish people. They are the antidote to the disparity which was exhibited at the beginning of the Megillah. Once again, the message of Purim is clear: When we present a united front, G-d helps us to defeat our enemies.

In honor of my father Mr. Cyrus Abbe's 85th birthday, I'd like to share with you a lesson I have learned from him. My father taught that we must be concerned for the plight of our Jewish brethren no matter where in the world they may be. His work for Soviet and Romanian refuseniks, Syrian Jewish brides and Ethiopian Jews, to name a few, show his deep commitment to his fellow brothers and sisters. No Jew can be forgotten! We must do our best to help every single Jew!

As we once again face the threat of our enemies here in the Land of Israel, we must take this message of the Purim story deeply to heart. May we unite as one nation and herald in a time where G-d will see our unity and vanquish our enemies.

Hava Preil, daughter of Mr. Cyrus and Dr. Judith Abbe, is an enthusiastic Licensed Israeli Tour Guide. She grew up on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and holds an MA in Judaic Studies. Hava has developed and taught accredited courses in Tanach and Jewish Ethics for Naaleh/Woodmont College and Cybersem. She currently lives in Givat Ze'ev, Israel with her family. Hava can be reached at IL:054-844-1579, USA: 845-391-0438 or at Havapreil@gmail.com

The next Shabbatot available: Vayikra, Shabbat Zachor 3/22-23, Parah 3/20-30, Shemini - Shabbat HaChodesh 4/5-6.

Enjoy reading the weekly Dvar Torah in print, in the Shele Danishefsky Foyer or on ss.org under the Echod tab or in the Electronic Echod (available to print at home).

SHABBAT GREETERS

Donate your time as a greeter at our shul! Be part of the welcoming team on Shabbat, embodying the true spirit of LSS. Two morning shifts available (9:00-10:00am and 10:00-11:00am) with one greeter per shift. Enjoy meeting new people, putting names to faces, and making everyone feel welcome. Register at www.lss.org/form/greeter. For questions or assistance, email president@lss.org.



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