

SHABBAT SCHEDULE	THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
<p>Friday night: 4:33pm Candle Lighting 4:35pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. 4:51pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha 5:22pm Repeat Shema</p> <p>Shabbat: 7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Rabbi Charlie Savenor on the third floor. 9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan; Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Main Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom. 9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow. 9:41am Latest Shema 9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. 10:00am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash 3:50pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbi Robinson in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. 4:20pm 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. Topic: The Exemption of Women From Time Bound Mitzvot שיעור שבועי בעברית אחר מנחה בשבת עם חברי כולל תורה מציון! 4:52pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha. 5:35pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends</p> <p>*CANCELLED* Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;</p>	<p>Hashkama Sponsored by generous contributions to the fund.</p> <p>Main Kiddush The Liebman family in honor of the upcoming marriage of their son Philip to Danielle Kramer.</p> <p>Beginners Kiddush Beatrice Stoller in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved brother, Solomon Mazur, Shlomo ben Yitzchak Tzvi z"l.</p> <p><i>To sponsor a Kiddush please email info@lss.org.</i></p>
WEEKDAY MINYAN	MAZAL TOV
<p>Shacharit: Sunday, January 15th @ 7:10am & 8:30am Monday, January 16th, MLK Day @ 7:00am & 8:30am Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17th-18th @ 7:10am & 7:50am Thursday, January 19th @ 7:00am & 7:50am Friday, January 20th @ 7:10am & 7:50am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv: Sunday, January 15th @ 4:40pm Monday –Thursday, January 16th - 19th @ 4:45pm</p>	<p>Elaine and Scott Liebman on the aufruf and upcoming marriage of their son Philip to Danielle Kramer, the daughter of Bettina and Allen Kramer. Mazal tov also to Philip's siblings: Allison and Yitzy, Sam and Dani, and to the Rubin children: Zach, Jake, Ely and Ruthie.</p> <p>Suzan and Fred Ehrman on the engagement of their granddaughter Hadasa Ehrman of Ramat Beit Shemesh to Avshalom Greenwald of Ramat Beit Shemesh. Mazal tov also to the parents, Eric and Ahava Ehrman.</p> <p>Dr. Elizabeth Konecky for receiving the Outstanding Achievement in the Community Award given by the Jewish Orthodox Women's Medical Association (JOWMA) for serving the Jewish Orthodox community for more than 20 years, for showing exemplary dedication to the medical profession, and for serving as a role model for young Jewish Orthodox women.</p> <p>Great grandparents Caryn and Michael Bruckheimer on the birth of a girl, Reut Hadar Brenner, to Yael and Benjamin Brenner of Livingston, NJ. Mazal tov also to great grandparents Tina and David David of Ganei Tikva, grandparents Stacey and Oren David of Livingston and, Dr. Scott and Cheryl Brenner of Shaare Tikva.</p> <p>Yediya Flaquer for completion of a Masters of Arts in Multimedia Design and a Masters of Sciences in Educational Instructional Technology from Touro University.</p> <p>Debbie Lieber on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Joseph Max Schoenfeld in Israel last week, on Shabbat Vayechi. Mazal tov also to Joseph's parents Penina and Aron Schoenfeld of Modiin, Israel, to Joseph's siblings Michele and Elliot, and to the entire Lieber family.</p>
MISHNAYOS IN MEMORY OF MENACHEM HORWITZ	75 DAY COUNTDOWN TO ISRAEL'S 75TH
<p>please sign up to learn Mishnayos in memory of Menachem Horwitz, beloved son of Janet and Sam, brother of Mayer and Moshe. www.hadranalach.com/2616</p>	<p>During 2023, we commemorate the State of Israel's 75th anniversary. We will be celebrating with a 75 day countdown that will culminate on April 25/26 in an LSS Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration.</p> <p>Establishing and sustaining the State took the collective work of thousands of people, some are well known, some less so. As part of our countdown we will send out daily emails, highlighting different organizations and activists, and put on a variety of events. We hope you'll take part in the events that we offer over the 75 day period and enjoy reading the informative emails as well.</p> <p>To kick things off we will be displaying a blue & white paper chain in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer with 75 links. Each link will have a note folded up with your favorite memories from Israel, your hopes and dreams for Israel or what you love most about Israel. Each day, we will take off one folded note and share it with you via our Instagram account. Follow us on Instagram! @lincolnsquaresynagogue. Please take a moment to submit your thoughts on Israel by clicking the link in the electronic Echod or email info@lss.org. We encourage you all to participate and spread the word! It all begins on Shabbat, February 11 so stay tuned!</p> <p><i>*Please note by taking part in the paper chain project you agree to have your memory shared on our Instagram account.</i></p>
HAKARAT HATOV	HASHAVAT AVEDAH
<p>Lenore Richter deeply thanks all those who visited, called, wrote and donated to LSS during her shiva for her beloved sister Rita Surber.</p>	
<p>Women's Uniqlo black light down coat, with a hood and zipper, knee length. Last seen at the Beginners Luncheon on 1/07 at the Beit Midrash.</p>	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 18th: Board of Trustees and Governors Meeting:

8:00pm: Location: Zoom

Thursday, January 19th: Faith, Nationalism, and the Future of Liberal Democracy at 6:00pm: Location: Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan. Join The David H. Sonabend Center for Israel and The Joseph Stern Center for Social Responsibility to discuss the most recent Israeli election, its role in shaping the county's democratic future and what it means for American Jews. The speaker, David Elcott, will be in conversation with Aaron Dorfman, Founder and Executive Director of *A More Perfect Union: The Jewish Partnership for Democracy*. Cost to attend: \$10. To register, see link in the electronic Echod.

Friday, January 20th: Young Professionals Oneg: 8:00pm:

A great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, share some Torah, and be inspired by the holiness of Shabbat! All while enjoying some delicious cholent and kugel.

Email assistantrabbi@lss.org to RSVP.

Motzei Shabbat, January 21st: The Future of Israel and its Defenders:

7:30pm: This unabashedly pro-Israel documentary encapsulates contemporary perspectives of critical issues affecting Israel today. It features experts, military strategists, "start-up-Nation" leaders, journalists and current and former political leaders. We will be joined by Avi Benlolo, the writer and producer of the film. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Refreshments will be served.

Register at www.lss.org/form/future-of-israel.html

Sunday January 22nd: Young Professionals Sunday Morning Shiur Series:

10:30 am: Seeing Family Relationships Through a Torah Lens. First topic: Towards the Perfection of the Sibling Relationship, given by Aliza Penn. Complimentary breakfast provided. If you have any questions or would like to give a shiur in this series email Rabbanit Mindy at rabbanit@lss.org.

January 26th: We Are Here: Songs From the Holocaust: 7:30pm:

Location: Stern Auditorium Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall. An evening of music written by victims of the Holocaust who even in the worst of times continued to create. Featuring a performance by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer! Register at WeAreHereConcert.com

Shabbat, January 28th: International Holocaust Remembrance Day:

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Hedy Wald will be speaking in honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. **Drasha following Musaf:** Topic: Legacy of Medicine During the Holocaust: A Holocaust Survivor's Daughter Teaches German Medical Students at Auschwitz. **Lecture at 3:50pm:** Dr. Hedy Wald will be speaking to health professionals and health profession Trainees. Topic: Medicine During the Holocaust and Its Contemporary Relevance for Health Professions and Education and practice: Perspective of an Auschwitz Survivor's Daughter.

Shabbat January 28th: Young Professionals Women's Seudah Shlishit:

4:30pm: Hosted at the home of Sarah Couzens (Turek). Dvar Torah by Community Intern Tzophia Stepansky. Email Rabbanit Mindy at rabbanit@lss.org for address.

Sunday, January 29th: Women's Tefillah Group Chodesh Shevat Shiur:

8:00pm: Topic: For As a Human So the Tree of the Field. A Shiur for Tu B'Shevat. Meeting ID: 870 5879 8038 Passcode: 133109

Wednesday, February 1st: How to Talk to Your Children About

Antisemitism: 8:00pm: Join UJA for a Zoom Webinar to hear from experts in the field about how to talk to kids about antisemitism. See registration link in the electronic Echod.

Shabbat, February 4th: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm: Cost: \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 1st.

Motzei Shabbat, February 4th: Film: That Orchestra With the Broken

Instruments: 8:00pm: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Refreshments will be served! Register at www.lss.org/form/orchestra-film

Members: \$20 Non members: \$25 At door: \$30.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Learning Opportunities:

Tuesday, January 31st: Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30-8:00pm. 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. Co-sponsored by NJOP. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners. Sponsors are welcome. Please contact Jessica at jessica@njop.org or 646-871-0012.

Shakespeare and the Bible : Wednesday, February 8th: 12:30pm.

Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer. Dr. Shaina Trapedo is a lecturer in English at Stern College and a Resident Scholar at Yeshiva University's Status Center for Torah and Western Thought.

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

Wednesday's: conference call only. dial in instructions:

Step 1: dial in #: 267-807-9601. Step 2: code # :3113299601.

Monday, January 16th

- 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. This week's class will be held on Zoom. Meeting ID: 835 3789 4515 Passcode:701985.

- *NEW* 7:00pm: Exploring Daat Tevunot with Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fello Yehonatan Kahana.** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Tuesday, January 17th

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

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

- 7:00pm-9:00pm: Weekly Beit Midrash Night:**

Location Beit Midrash. Featuring Chaburas from LSS Clergy and Kollel Fellows! Dinner included. Sponsorships welcome.

- 7:00pm:** Fundamentals of the Parsha with Rabbinical Associate Efraim Tepler.

- *CANCELLED* 7:00pm** Fundamentals of Avodat Hashem through the lens of Chazal with Community Intern Tzophia Stepansky.

- 8:10pm** The Kaddish Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson.

- 8:10pm** Ezra- Nechemia: with Kollel Fellow Yehonatan Kahana.

- 8:10pm** 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, January 18th

- *CANCELLED* 11:00am: Shmuel Aleph (1 Samuel) led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty:**

Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer.

Thursday, January 19th

- *CANCELLED* 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.** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Sunday, January 22nd

- 9:15am-10:15am: Sh'eilot and Teshuvot by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.



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Parashat Shemot: Dirshuni
January 13-14, 2023
By Judy Sokolow

Selections from a pair of books originally written in Hebrew have recently been published in English in a new version of Dirshuni: Contemporary Women's Midrash. Edited with extensive commentary by Israeli scholar and author Tamar Biala, this new book might be of interest to many in our community.

There are two types of midrash: (1) midreshei halachah, which use biblical exegesis to extrapolate from our religious texts the actual laws by which we live and (2) midreshei aggadah, which glean from these texts ethical and spiritual lessons. The midrashim in Dirshuni are aggadic.

There is, however, a bit more to it. Werblowsky and Wigoder's Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion states that midrashic interpretations "often formed a response to the need of a particular age or environment" (p.463). The recent increase in advanced Torah learning for women has produced a cadre of talmidot chachamim sufficiently creative and erudite to author contemporary midrashim in a style that imitates the traditional rabbis. But, in most cases, the midrashim in Dirshuni have a feminine twist. (The book's introductions contain a far more extensive discussion of the foundations of this genre including its origins, methodology, and guiding principles.)

To illustrate, I have selected a midrash written by Orna Pilz that elaborates on events described in the first chapter of this week's parashah. Pharaoh, fearing that his Jewish slaves might procreate to the point of outnumbering and overpowering the Egyptians, ordered the Jewish midwives to kill male babies at birth. But, the text tells us, the midwives feared G-d in awe—"vati'rena"—and let the boys live. This word derives from the root meaning "fear" but it can be construed to derive from the root meaning "vision." Pilz's midrash links these meanings.

The midrash questions the source of the midwives' faith, which was so strong that they were able to defy Pharaoh. What had they seen to have developed such awe? Their faith, they claimed, came from repeatedly witnessing the miracle of childbirth, the "compassion and the love" of the mothers with "crying babies bursting forth from exhausted bodies, and the soft seal of G-d's finger imprinted on their faces."

Others disputed their approach and argued: Are not the thunder and lightning that all the people saw at the

revelation at Mt. Sinai the most faith-inspiring experience, and did G-d not say there: "Do not fear, for G-d has come to test you, to keep the fearful awe of G-d before you so that you will not transgress"? (Exodus 20:15-17).

The midwives persisted. They explained that there are two types of awe. Thunder and lightning evoke "fearful awe that comes from external seeing," but birthing babies produces awe "from within nature, from within the pain of what we witness on the birth stool. From there we learn to choose what is good, to protect life, to fight against death, and to resist evil."

This midrash raises a question for us all. What do we choose to see and do to sustain and augment our faith and resist evil? Participating in the birth of a healthy child is indeed faith-inducing, but it is not such a common experience. Appropriate books, lectures (of late, fortuitously more available due to Zoom), good friends, being on either the giving or receiving end of acts of kindness, expressing gratitude—all of these can remind us to focus on the good and eschew evil, and to appreciate the miracles that G-d bestows daily. Many of us have professions that lead us in these directions. Many of us volunteer. Some have made such behavior their life's calling. And being part of LSS is a hugely inspiring asset.

Please G-d, if things go according to plan, my husband and I will be in Israel when this devar Torah is published. We try to go annually (although Covid has put us off track) to see family and friends and enjoy the ambiance. But, for many of us, being in Israel is restorative; it helps to heal our pain and become spiritually stronger. There are always problems, inequities, and disappointments in life, but Israel is my generation's "newborn" Jewish achievement with so much potential, and its development embodies the courage, fortitude and skills of which we, as individuals and as a people, are capable. May G-d help us to use these attributes wisely.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write are: Va'eira 1/21,
Bo 1/28, Beshalach 2/04, and Yitro 2/11.

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members. Guidelines will be provided on request. For more info, call Ricky in the LSS office, or see Bill Greenbaum in shul, or email him at dvar@lss.org.

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-on lss.org under the Echod tab, or
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