

PESACH AT LSS

Chametz Sale: The preferred way to sell your Chametz is 'in person' with Rabbi Robinson or another member of the Clergy. You may also sell your chametz through LSS using an online form. See link to the online form in the electronic Echod.

Clergy availability:

Monday March 20 - Friday March 24: 8:15 a.m. - 12 p.m., Tuesday March 21 & Wednesday March 22: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday March 26th: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Monday March 27 - Thursday March 30: 8:15 am - 12 pm, 6 p.m.-7 p.m., Sunday April 1: 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

DEADLINE: Monday, April 3rd: See link in the electronic Echod for the printable PDF to sell Chametz in person. Please do not mail the forms. If you are unable to come in person, please use the online form instead.

Wednesday, March 29th: LSS Clergy on the Haggadah: 7:00pm:

Short thoughts to share at the Seder. Meeting ID: 890 2914 5790
Passcode: 382452

Pre Pesach Classes with Rabbi Robinson: 7:30pm: Via Zoom: **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

***Youth Offsite* Sunday, March 26th: Matzoh Bake & Afikoman Games:**

Location: West Side Institutional Synagogue—120 W. 76th st. NY 10023
Matza baking, Pesach themed art projects, family competitions, grand prize raffle, and more. Register at www.WSISNY.org

Shabbat, April 1st: Special Beginners Pre-Passover luncheon:

The cost is now \$35 per person (Please note new price! First increase in price since 2015). Registration will close Wednesday, March 29th, 5:00pm. Register at www.lss.org/beginners

Sunday, April 2nd: Shmura Matza Pick Up: Specific time TBD

Sunday, April 2nd: Hagalat Kelim: 9:30am-12:30pm: Instructions: Items must not have been used in the 24 hours prior to kashering. Items must be clean and all labels removed. Pots with handles made of materials other than metal, can only be kashered if the handles can be removed and cleaned. No teflon utensils can be kashered. Frying pans and items used in the oven require an additional level of kashering and should not be brought to the Hagalat Keilim: Speak to Rabbi Robinson if you wish to kasher any of these items. Kashering will take place in the kitchen on LL2 and will be done by the Synagogue clergy while you wait (no drop offs)

Wednesday, April 5th: Burning of Chametz: 7:00am-11:52am:

Location: Outside LSS Building

Maot Chittim: The preparation for Pesach must include a demonstration of concern for the needy. You are urged to donate Maot Chittim through the Chesed Fund of the Synagogue in order to provide for the Pesach needs of the many people who depend on us.

Visit www.lss.org/maot-chittim

OU Guide to Passover: The OU's annual guide to everything you need to know about Passover is available to order or download. Complete with eye-catching graphics, useful charts, engaging features and practical how-to's, The OU Guide to Passover takes readers from Pesach prep through Sefirat Ha'Omer. See link in the Electronic Echod to download.

Celebrate Pesach Together: A message from the LSS Hospitality

Committee: If you will be conducting seder(s) at home this year and can accommodate one or more guests, please let us know the number of guests you can host for which seder(s).

If you would like an invitation, or if you know of an LSS member who would appreciate one, please let us know which night(s). Please also understand that Seders can run late, and that respectful guests should plan on remaining through the end.

To host or to receive an invitation email Hospitality@LSS.org. Please include the words "PASSOVER" in the subject line. Please feel free to note pertinent restrictions, requests or questions in your message. We hope that you will join us in ensuring a meaningful Pesach for all our members.

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: Please visit www.lss.org/learningopportunities For schedule details.

Sunday, March 19th

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

Monday, 20th

- **11:00am-1:00pm: Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- **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.
- **7:30pm: The Jewish Living Workshop:** Hands on Jewish living experience. Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. Topic: Kosher-I'd like to keep a kosher home but what do I do when I go to non-kosher friends & family? Email them at: jlworkshop@yahoo.com. Meeting ID: 844 5972 4131 Passcode: 165025

Tuesday, 21st

- **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.
**Program upported 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:** On Zoom. 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
- **7:10pm-9:10pm: 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, 22nd

- **12:00pm: Conspiracy and Dysfunction: A Study of Shmuel 1 Through Biblical Contrasts: Led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.** Topic: Family Squabbles and Envious Siblings. Location: Outside the Nathaniel Richmond Cohen Sanctuary
- **6:30pm: Yiddish Course by Pamela Brenner:** 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: The Sephardim: Restoring the Crown to its ancestral place —Rav Ovadya Yosef and Aryeh Deri. Meeting ID: 820 8615 6691 Passcode: 119157

Thursday, 23rd

- **11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533
- **Pre Pesach Classes with Rabbi Robinson: 7:30pm:** Via Zoom: Topic: Jewish Freedom: What Pesach Means to the Jewish People. Meeting ID: 813 2632 4826 Passcode: 366357

DVAR TORAH SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT VAYAKHEL PEKUDEI

"Heart to Heart"

Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei – LSS
March 17, 2023/ 24 Adar 5783
by Rabbi Charlie Savenor

The Jewish people's initial foray into freedom can really be seen as a failure to launch. The Golden Calf incident we read about last week represents as much the Israelites' anxiety about the future as their reliance on bad habits from their traumatic past in Egypt. Things get so bad, even G-d wants to press restart and begin again with Moshe.

Thankfully, Hashem forgives the Israelites and grants them not just a momentary chance for atonement, but an enduring space and process for repentance with the Mishkan. Draped in regret, guilt, and shame, the Jewish people embark on constructing this mobile Tabernacle. The Mishkan is designed to enable G-d and the Jewish people to connect and move forward.

Betzalel, the Mishkan's lead architect, is re-introduced in this week's Torah reading as construction commences. In addition to managing the nuts and bolts, a noteworthy responsibility seems shoehorned into his job description: "And G-d also put into his heart the ability to teach" (Exodus 35:34). With all of the details necessary to actualize this massive structure, we may wonder at the value of the foreman simultaneously serving as lead educator. This question indicates that there are multiple agendas in the blueprints of this divinely ordained project.

Training the Israelites has to be the first priority, argues the Ramban, because these former slaves have no experience with this sort of intricate work. This 13th century sage writes: "Israel in Egypt had been crushed under the work in mortar and in bricks, and had acquired no knowledge of how to work with silver

and gold, and the cutting of precious stones, and had never seen them at all." The Israelites may have served as the backbone of Pharaoh's edifices, but their tasks were limited in skill and precision. In the Ramban's eyes, biblical job training represents a pragmatic step in cultivating the Israelite workforce.

In the aftermath of the Golden Calf, it is vital that the Tabernacle constitute not only a breathtaking locus of spirituality, but also a platform for nurturing and celebrating the people's spirit. Recognizing that some brilliant people find it challenging sharing their expertise with others, the 12th century commentator Ibn Ezra asserts that finding the appropriate leader for the job is of paramount importance. With so much on the line, G-d endows Betzalel with pedagogic abilities.

To uncover the nexus between contractor and educator, we need to turn our attention to how the Torah describes the Israelites engaged in this project. The Torah reads: "And everyone whose heart inspired them came, and everyone whose heart moved them brought to G-d their offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting and for all its service and for the sacral vestments." (Exodus 35:21) While this verse focuses on the people's desire to contribute either their resources or efforts to the Tabernacle, what stands out is the word "heart."

We may recall that when Hashem appoints Betzalel, the teaching imperative is to be rooted in his heart, thereby connecting his heart to the people's. This dynamic reminds us of the famous Talmudic saying that "Words that come from the heart penetrate the heart" (Berakhot 6b). With this in mind, Betzalel's role is as much teaching as it is reaching the people, one heart at a time.

More than a single project, the Mishkan represents an open invitation for the people to begin again – to let go of their shame and regrets and to unite with common purpose. Perhaps that is why, according to the Midrash, that while its construction was finished in Kislev, the Mishkan's dedication was delayed till Nisan. There is a beautiful confluence of events that we read about completing the Mishkan in this week's double parshah Vayakhel-Pekudei as we also commemorate Shabbat Hachodesh, the Sabbath immediately preceding the Jewish month of Nisan. Nisan is the month we remember leaving Egypt by the moonlight and, equally important, beginning again.

This Shabbat, Betzalel does more than construct the Mishkan, he teaches the Jewish people to trust in G-d, trust one another, and trust themselves again. With an open heart and the knowledge that Passover is fast approaching, we are reminded of the complicated road to freedom and, equally important, what it feels like to embrace the possibilities before us.



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:

6:47pm Candle Lighting

6:50pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

7:05pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

7:36pm Repeat Shema

Following Services (Approx 8:00pm) Celebrate Israel Shabbat Dinner.

Registration is now closed. For those that have pre-registered, we look forward to welcoming you!

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;

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson.

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Main Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.

10:02am Latest Shema

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

4:50pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

5:50pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbinic Associate Daniel Gottesman in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

6:35pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom featuring guest lecturer Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth.

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!

נושא: למה יש גלות?

6:35pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.

7:49pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

THIS SHABBAT

LSS welcomes Special guest lecturer

Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth, one of the first LSS Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellows during the years 1998-1999. Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth is currently the director of Mosaica, an Israeli NGO that is advancing community mediation and dialogue in Israel. Much of Rabbi Dr. Roth's work focuses on the network of insider religious mediators who help prevent, mitigate, and mediate crisis situations throughout Israel, the Middle East, and beyond. Rabbi Dr. Roth also works to connect religious leaders to the roughly 90 community mediation and dialogue centers and initiatives throughout Israel, including 30 in the Arab sector and 16 in mixed Jewish-Arab cities and areas, which Mosaica professionally supports through a tender of the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs called the Gishurim Project.



Rabbi Dr. Roth holds a Ph.D. from Bar-Ilan University's Graduate Program for Conflict Management, Resolution, and Negotiation; an MA in Talmud from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; a B.Ed in Jewish Philosophy from Herzog Teachers' College; and studied for eight years at Yeshivat Har Etzion during which time he received Orthodox rabbinic ordination.

HAKARAT HATOV

Last Sunday's clothing drive was very successful. Approximately 80 large bags of clothing were collected and will be distributed to needy people in Israel. Thank you to all the donors and a special thanks to the volunteers who helped us pack the donations: **Claire Burnett, Lily Friedman, Chaya Guttman, Isabelle Kish, Lenny Margulies, Sarah Mero, Ron Platzer, Hadassa Santhouse and Mary Shalit.**

Thank you to our Benny Amar Acapella Singers Sponsor

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Hashkama

Julie Walpert and Rabbi Charlie Savenor in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of Julie's beloved mother Ann Walpert, Chana Sara bat Tzvi HaCohen a"n.

The Levant and Roxland Families in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their grandfather, Gershon ben Tzion, z"l.

Main Kiddush

Lisanne and Arthur Lubitz in celebration of the Aufruf of Lawrence Zeldin on the occasion of his upcoming marriage to their daughter, Gabrielle Lubitz. Mazal tov to parents Roman Shleyfer and Natalya Zeldina. Mazal tov to Arthur and Lisanne Lubitz

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Kiddush

Silver family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Ian's Grandfather Alec Silver z"l and in loving memory of Grandparents Nettie Silver and Jane & Jack Jackson z"l.

Beginners Kiddush

Yedidya Flaquer in honor of Bill and Dassa Greenbaum for their commitment to Jewish education.

ROSH CHODESH NISSAN

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Nissan will be on **Wednesday morning at 24 minutes and 12 chalakim after 1:00am.** Rosh Chodesh Nissan will be on **Thursday.**

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents Dr. Mark and Anna Freilich on the birth of a boy to their children Ally and Ethan Freilich. Mazal tov also to Aunt Erin and to big sister Kayla.

Gila and Jonathan Ashtor on the birth on March 4th of August Ella Ashtor, a girl born weighing 9lbs.

Leora and Asher Schlusselberg on the birth of a boy on Thursday evening, March 9th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS 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 8 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: Who are today's Israelis? 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: 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. Attendance is free but need to pre-register. See the link in the electronic Echod



LSS Date & Time TBD: Reading of the Names: Monday, April 17 at 10:00pm-Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00am.

Location: Ansche Chesed for readers and Zoom for participants. Synagogue communities will read in 30 minute slots. Participants will be given a 2 hour break so that the program can be moved to the JCC, where names will be read from 9 am to 6 pm. The program will be livestreamed but readers must be in person.

Shabbat, April 22nd: Young Professional Women's Seudah Shlishit:

6:30pm: Hosted at the home of Areille Friedman. Dvar Torah by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty. Email Rabbanit Mindy at rabbanit@lss.org for address.

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. 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.

Sunday, August 20th: 5K Cancer Schlep: Join the run with American Friends of Rabin Medical Center to honor and remember loves ones with breast, ovarian, and prostate cancer. Location: 636 Broadway, Suite 618, New York, NY 10012. to register, volunteer, or donate visit www.events.elitefeats.com/23schlep



WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit:

Sunday, March 19th @ 7:10am & 8:30am

Monday, March 20th @ 7:00am & 7:50a

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21st-22nd @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Thursday, March 23rd, Rosh Chodesh Nissan @ 7:00am & 7:40am

Friday, March 24th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday and Monday @ 6:55pm

Tuesday - Thursday March 21st-23rd @ 7:00pm

THE JEWISH BRAILLE 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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