

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday night:

**5:56pm** Earliest Candle Lighting

**6:45pm** Candle Lighting

**7:00pm** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Davening led by Jake Nussbaum

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

**7:12pm** Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

**7:44pm** Repeat Shema

### Shabbat:

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

*Rabbi Sokolow's shiur is sponsored this week by **Golda Hudes** in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of her mother-in-law, Rita Hudes, Rivka Brandl bat Shaul and Sara a"n.*

**9:00am** Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;

Davening led by Jake Nussbaum

Drasha after Musaf by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.

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.

**9:45am** Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

**9:56am** Latest Shema

**10:00am** Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms.

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

**4:55pm** Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

**5:55pm** Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Community Intern Tzophia Stepansky in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

**6:40pm** 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 Yechiel Rozenberg in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Topic: Did We Celebrate Passover During the Time of the Tanakh

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

נושא: האם חגגנו פסח בימי התנ"ך?

**7:13pm** Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.

**7:56pm** Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends



## WEEKDAY MINYAN

### Shacharit:

**Sunday, March 26th @ 7:10am & 8:30am**

**Monday, March 27th @ 7:00am & 7:50am**

**Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28th-29th @ 7:10am & 7:50am**

**Thursday, March 30th @ 7:00am & 7:50am**

**Friday, March 31st @ 7:10am & 7:50am**

### Mincha/Maariv:

**Sunday-Wednesday, March 26th-29th @ 7:05pm**

**Thursday, March 30th @ 7:10pm**

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### Hashkama

**Sandy Gross** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Shimon Gross, Shimon Eliezer Ben Sinai z"l, on the 9th of Nisan.

**Shira and Hannah Hudes** in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of their grandmother, Rita Hudes, Rivka Brandl bat Shaul and Sara a"n.

**Elana & Benjy Burnat, and Cheryl & Adam Burnat** in honor of the 50th Anniversary of their parents, **Bob and Elissa Burnat**.

### Main Kiddush

**Moshe Sukenik** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, Zahava Sukenik a"n (ה' יוסף בת יוסף) on the 8th of Adar.

### Seudah Shlishit

**Judy and Martin Braun** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Martin's father, Ya'acov ben Mordechai z"l.

**Assaf Alster** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his grandfather, Irving Borenstein, Yisroel Gedalya ben Avraham Chaim Yosef Halevi z"l.

**Elana and Zachary Gorden** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents: Mindel Masha bas Manish Zavel, Manish Zavel ben Shmuel Yitzchok, Alter David ben Yechiel, Shachna ben Zalmen, and Yakov ben Chaim Volf z"l.

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored in loving memory of Farokh bat Saltanat v'Yousef haLevi, a"n

## MAZAL TOV

**Grandparents Elliot and Debora Gibber** on the birth of a boy, Yaakov Asher, Jack Irving, to their children David and Eliza.



**Tali and Noah Herenstein-Kolatch** on the birth of a girl.



**Lisanne and Arthur Lubitz** on the wedding of their daughter, Gabrielle Lubitz to Lawrence Zeldin on March 26. Mazal tov to Lawrence's parents Roman Shleyfer and Natalya Zeldina. Mazal tov to siblings Rachel and Matanya Loewenthal and Steven and Justin Zeldin and to grandparents Lucia Weinberg, Raya Komet, and Irina and Mikhail Zeldin.



**Grandparents Joan Papier & Dr. Henry H. Lieberman** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Leora Papier, daughter of Julie and David Papier, to Aaron Blustein, son of Cynthia and Andrew Blustein.



**Grandparents Suzan and Fred Ehrman** on the forthcoming marriage of Hadasa Ehrman to Avshalom Greenwald in Israel. Mazal tov also to Hadasa's parents, Eric and Ahava Ehrman.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, March 30th: Senior Shmooze: 12:00pm:** Lunch will be served. Cost: \$15. Register at [www.lss.org/form/senior-shmooze-march-30](http://www.lss.org/form/senior-shmooze-march-30)

**Monday, April 17th: Magen David Adom: When Every Second Counts: 7:00pm:** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash The speaker will be Guy Caspi, Chief multi-casualty instructor and director of Hazmat (hazardous materials) exercises and operational training for Magen David in Israel. Because of the sheer number of rocket attacks, suicide bombers, and other acts of terrorism Israel has endured, Magen David Adom has emerged as the world's most experienced paramedic organization in responding to multicasualty incidents, pioneering techniques and protocols that are being used worldwide.



**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, 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](mailto:lssbatmitzvah@gmail.com)

**\*Offsite\* Thursday, April 27th: Israel. Not just a country.**

**A conversation: 7:00pm:** Comedy night in celebration of Israel's 75th. Location: Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. Featuring Joel Chasnof and Benji Lovitt. Tickets are \$21 for adults, \$7 for college students. See link in the electronic Echod to purchase tickets. Price includes registration fees. When you register, you will have the option of also purchasing Joel and Benji's new book "Israel 201," where you will learn how to unpack the magic, mystery and chaos of Israel. This program is cosponsored by LSS.

**Shabbat, April 29th: Young Professional Women's Seudah Shlishit:**

**6:30pm:** Hosted at the home of Areille Friedman. Dvar Torah by Community Intern Tzophia Stepansky. Email Rabbanit Mindy at [rabbanit@lss.org](mailto:rabbanit@lss.org) for address.

**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](http://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](http://www.events.elitefeats.com/23schlep)

## 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.

## A LOOK BACK

This past Wednesday, we heard a lecture by Avi Weiss, president of the Taub Institute on: "Who Are Today's Israelis? Portrait of a Nation." For those unable to join, see the link to a recording of the program in the electronic Echod.

You may have heard that last Friday evening we had a truly beautiful Shabbat dinner together filled with ruach and song and delicious food. Thank you to everyone who participated. You can see pictures from the event in the electronic Echod and on our website photo albums. On Yom Ha'atzmaut we continue the celebration together! See below for details.



## YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

**Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on Tuesday, April 25th**

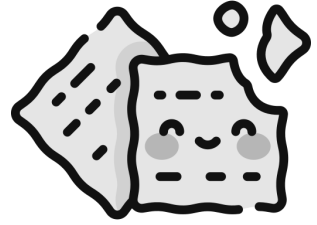
**Tekes Ma'avar:** 7:30pm, **Mincha:** 7:35pm, followed by a Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. Details of pricing and link coming soon.

# 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: 8:15am - 12 pm  
Wednesday March 22: 7:15pm - 9:00pm  
Sunday March 26th: 9:00am - 11am  
Monday March 27 - Thursday March 30: 8:15 am - 12 pm  
Monday, March 27 & Tuesday, March 28: 7:30pm-8:30pm  
Wednesday, March 31 & Thursday, April 1: 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Sunday April 1: 9:00am-1:00pm, 6:00-7:00pm  
Monday April 2: 8:00am-10:00am & 6:00pm-7:00pm



**Jewish Braille Institute** 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. They 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-order>.

**Pre-Pesach Classes with Rabbi Robinson: 7:30pm:** Via Zoom: **Thursday, March 23rd:** Jewish Freedom: What Pesach Means to the Jewish People. **Thursday, March 30th:** Liberty for All: Pesach's Message to the Human Race. Meeting ID: 813 2632 4826 Passcode: 366357  
If you would like to sponsor this drasha please email [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org) or 212-874-6100.

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

Location: West Side Institutional Synagogue—120 W. 76th St. NY 10023 Matzah baking, Pesach themed art projects, family competitions, grand prize raffle, and more. Register at [www.WSISNY.org](http://www.WSISNY.org)

**Wednesday, March 29th: LSS Clergy on the Haggadah: 8:00pm:** Short thoughts to share at the Seder.  
Meeting ID: 890 2914 5790 Passcode: 382452

**Shabbat, April 1st:**

First Letter of Last Name:	Time:
A & B	9:00am—9:30am
C—G	9:30am—10:00am
H—K	10:00am—10:30am
L—R	10:30am—11:00am
S—Z	11:00am—11:30am

**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](http://www.lss.org/beginners)

**Louis and Rhoda Lazar Shabbat Hagadol Drasha: 6:35pm:** Drasha by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.  
Topic: Inebriate or Educate? The Four Cups of Wine Seder Night.  
If you would like to sponsor this drasha please email [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org) or 212-874-6100.

**Sunday, April 2nd: Shmura Matzah Pick: Pick up your matzah from the shul office during these times:**

**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

**Thursday, April 13th: Neilat Hachag Meal:** The shul is looking for a sponsor for Neilat Hachag. If you would like to sponsor this meal please reach out to [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org) or 212-874-6100

**Maot Chittim:** The preparation for Pesach must include a demonstration of concern for the needy. Please 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](http://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). To host or to receive an invitation email [Hospitality@LSS.org](mailto: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.

# DVAR TORAH PARSHAT VAYIKRA

March 24-25, 2023

By Judy Sokolow

This Dvar Torah is dedicated to the memory of our friend, Mrs. Anna Tafet, with whom I would have enjoyed reading it. I miss her enthusiastic accolades, gentle criticisms, and loving smile, as everyone who knew her surely does.

## The Sin Offering: Then and Now

As we know, offering sacrifices involving animals, birds, grain, wine, and oil was a major form of worshipping God and ritual details about them consume, but are not limited to, this week's parashah. Some sacrifices were communal and some were personal. Priests and Levites played major roles. Intensity of the sacrificial worship was greatest during the major holidays; indeed, many of us probably know most about these sacrifices from the musaf (additional) prayers we recite on holy days to commemorate the extra offerings those occasions warranted. The whole enterprise is called the avodah, as per the maxim in Avot 1:2 that proclaims that the world is dependent on three things: "Al haTorah ve'al ha-avodah ve'al gemilut chasadim" (kindness).

The sacrificial order began in biblical times and lasted (with interruption during the 70 year exile to Babylonia after the destruction of the First Temple) until the destruction of the Second Temple and we pray every day for their reinstatement in Messianic times; yet, the ultimate return of the sacrificial rites is a point of dispute among the sages.

Maimonides (in *Guide for the Perplexed* 3.32, 46) stated that G-d understood that the early Israelites were so habituated to pagan culture that if sacrifices were to be totally prohibited in one fell swoop, the people would have found the transition overwhelming. Therefore, the plan was to wean them off gradually. Of course, the Torah's version of worship by sacrifice was modified to remove purely pagan elements and to make it compatible with monotheism. In Judaism, contrary to pagan belief, sacrifices were not meant to control natural events by propitiating the divine

nor, despite the anthropomorphisms used to describe them as G-d's food (e.g., "G-d's bread" Vayikra 21.6), were they meant to satisfy supposed physical desires.

Furthermore, human sacrifice was common among the pagans, yet the Torah banned it. And pagan altars were widespread, whereas Israelite practice was limited to the Mishkan and then to the Temples. And so, bringing sacrifices was transformed into a symbol of a new theology that recognized the omnipotence of the one G-d and was designed to bring the Israelites closer. (This idea is clearly reflected in the Hebrew word for sacrifice, *korban*, whose root letters KRB signify "to come near", hence Everett Fox's translation: near-offering).

Nahmanides, however, strongly disagreed with Maimonides and wrote that sacrifices were divinely ordained and were the most noble way to worship G-d (Vayikra 1:9). Abarbanel then sided with Maimonides. And the debate persists.

As we know, with the destruction of the Second Temple, prayer replaced traditional sacrifices as our major conduit to G-d and, as such, came to be called avodah shebalev (service of the intellect/heart). Will sacrifices be reintroduced in whole or in part in the future? Presumably, this is an issue the Messiah will have to sort out.

Let us focus for a moment on one of the sacrifices discussed in our parashah, the sin offering (korban chatat), through which an individual whose error was inadvertent can achieve atonement. Why would a person who makes an honest mistake need to make restitution? "Failure," wrote Rabbi Mordechai Schiffman, "requires atonement, even if inadvertent, because we must address our deficiencies and detect all levels of failure." Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler (and others) suggested that people do not usually make mindless errors in areas that are important to them and that an inadvertent sin often reflects insufficient seriousness about the issue at hand.

Perhaps introducing a concrete deed can be of help here. The author of the 13th century Sefer Ha-Chinukh is known for his belief that "acharei hapeulot nimshakhim halevavot" (feelings are prompted by

actions). And so, for an inadvertent sinner to overcome his/her lack of concern, a dedicated action is required, hence the sacrifice.

So, what do we do today when the sacrificial order has been replaced by prayer? Avodah shebalev is not a passive procedure. Although we may fulfill our obligation to pray without total mindfulness (kavannah) throughout, halakha requires us to move our lips and to actually articulate the words in an undertone. Perhaps each of us should track our inadvertent sins and have a list of them in hand when we pray, or find another personal way to remind ourselves how we need to improve. Avodah shebalev requires thought but, to be most meaningful for us, it also requires action.

I would like to conclude with a question for the Messiah on behalf of myself and some of my friends. Should we merit his/her coming in our lifetime and should he/she decide to reinstate all or some of the sacrifices, including the personal sin offering, will there be an age cutoff, or will one have to bring a korban chatat even for a lapse due to a senior moment?

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**The next Shabbatot available to write are Chol hamoed Pesach 4/8, Shemini 4/15, Tazria-Metzora 4/22, Acharei Mot-Kedoshim 4/29. Other parshiot are available after these through the end of June.**

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