

SHABBAT SCHEDULE
Friday night: 5:07pm Candle Lighting 5:10pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. 5:24pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha 5:55pm Repeat Shema 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 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. 9:32am 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 3:10pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. 4:10pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbinic Associate Efraim Tepler in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. 4:55pm 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! 5:26pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha. 6:08pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WEEKDAY MINYAN
Shacharit: Sunday, February 12th @ 7:10am & 8:30am Monday, February 13th @ 7:00am & 7:50am Tuesday and Wednesday, February 14th-15th @ 7:10am & 7:50am Thursday, February 16th @ 7:00am & 7:50am Friday, February 17th @ 7:10am & 7:50am Mincha/Maariv: Sunday and Monday, February 12th-13th @ 5:15pm Tuesday-Thursday, February 14th-16th @ 5:20pm


MAZAL TOV
Gale and Steven Spira on the wedding of their granddaughter Lily Ottensoser to Sammy Smigel. Mazal tov to the parents, Jennifer and David Ottensoser and to Sheva and Kenny Smigel. Mazal tov as well to Uncle Avi, Aunt Shira, and Cousins Mia, Sara, Jack and Liv Spira.

PURIM MISHLOACH MANOT 2023!
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 www.lss.org/campaign/mishloach-manot-2023 Deadline to order: Wednesday, March 1st by noon.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
Hashkama The Balsam Family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Martin's father, Morris Balsam a"h (Moshe ben Yitzchak), on the 25th of Shevat. Silver Family in commemoration of the fifth Yahrtzeit of Ian's Brother, Jason Silver z"l, יעקב בן ציון Main Kiddush Trudy and Jay Zimmern in honor of their new granddaughter. Beginners Kiddush Tony Gittelson in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald. Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Kiddush Dr. Golda Hudes in commemoration of the 27th yahrtzeit of her father in law Dr. Abraham Isaac Hudes z"l, on the 25th of Shevat. Seudah Shlishit The Goldofsky family in commemoration of the upcoming yahrtzeit of Irving Goldofsky z"l. <i>To sponsor a Kiddush please email info@lss.org.</i>

ISRAEL AT 75
During 2023, we commemorate the State of Israel's 75th birthday. We will be celebrating with many exciting programs and events culminating in a Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration on April 25-26. As we pull together programming and speakers, we ask that you help support our efforts with a minimum donation of \$75. We hope to offer the majority of the events at a limited cost or free. Visit www.lss.org/form/75-donation Wednesday, February 22: Visit the 'El Al Museum': 7:30pm: LSS member Marvin Goldman is a retired attorney whose principal avocation is preserving the legacy of EL AL Israel Airlines. At his home in Lincoln Towers, Marvin has assembled the world's largest collection of EL AL memorabilia outside of the airline itself – with over 40,000 items and more than 10,000 images on computer. His collection has been utilized as a source of information, images and exhibits by museums and libraries. You now have the opportunity to experience this unique collection in person. Register at www.lss.org/form/el-al-museum . Register now! Only a small number of spots are still available. All attendees must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. * Offsite Sunday, March 12th: 71st Annual Israel Folk Dance Festival and Festival of the Arts: 12:30pm: Location: The Gerald W. Lynch Theater at John Jay College, 524 West 59th Street. An annual gala cultural event in dance, kmusic, and song. This year's theme is Orot Ve'tikvot- Lights and Hopes in light of Israel's 75th birthday. Cost: \$20. Discount Cost for students, seniors, and groups of 15 or more: \$15. Visit www.israelidanceinstitute.org to register.

	Friday, March 17th: Israel Themed Dinner: Join us for a Friday night dinner celebrating Israel's 75th. An 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 <i>*The Benny Amar Acapella Singers choir is sponsored by Yael and Avi Lavi in celebration of Israel's 75th.</i>
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Sunday, March 19th: 2:00pm: 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	
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat, February 25th: 18th Annual Spanbock Lecture in Jewish Ethics: Drasha after Musaf by Rabbi Daniel Sinclair. Topic: Human Dignity and Dignifying People with Disabilities in Halakhic Discourse. Special tribute to Maurice and Marion Spanbock z"l.
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Sunday, February 26th: Women's Tefillah Group Chodesh Adar Shiur: 8:00pm: Topic: Zeresh and Her Daughter: The Women of Haman's Household in the Eyes of Chazal by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty. Meeting ID: 823 2375 0975 Passcode: 338771

Friday night, March 3rd: Shabbat Across America at LSS: 6:45pm: Featuring former Beginner and former Radio City Rockette, Darlene Frank, who will be presenting on the topic, "Not the girl next door, or is she?" Cost: \$55 per person, \$35 per child under the age of 10. To register or sponsor this event, please visit www.lss.org/beginners. To be a host, please email jessica@njop.org.

Shabbat, March 4th: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm: Cost: \$35. (PLEASE NOTE NEW PRICE! First increase in price since 2015!) Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 1st.

Shabbat, March 4th: Young Professional Women's Seudah Shlishit: 5:00pm: Location: Hosted at the home of Jackie Retig. Dvar Torah by Aliza Penn. Email Rabbanit Mindy at Rabbanit@lss.org for address.

Monday, March 6th: Beginners Purim Bash: 7:40pm. Purim Bash – Featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. (PLEASE NOTE NEW PRICE! First increase in price since 2015!) Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Monday, March 6th: Purim Night Comedy Show: 7:50pm: Special performance by comedian Eli Lebowicz. Register at www.lss.org/form/purim-2023-comedy-show

Sunday, March 12 from 8:30am to 1:00pm Annual Clothing Drive: Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer. Donations will be shipped and distributed to Israel's needy, including recent immigrants from Ukraine and Russia.

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

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

Start Date TBD: Parent Loss Support Group: Please show your interest by registering online. 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, will help individuals discover personal models for navigating through the challenges of loss. Each group will facilitate discussion on a variety of topics ranging from; psycho-education about grief, self-care, cultivating spirituality, navigating your current relationships during grief, and more.

**All programs run by our Social Worker Daniella Veres are supported by Stuart and Paul Hanau in memory of Reni & Walter Hanau z"l.*

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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 Wednesday's: conference call only. dial in instructions: Step 1: dial in #: 267-807-9601. Step 2: code #: 3113299601.

Sunday, February 12th

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

Monday, February 13th

- **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:** This week's class will be held on Zoom. Meeting ID: 835 3789 4515 Passcode: 701985.
- **7:00pm: Exploring Daat Tevunot with Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellow Yehonatan Kahana.** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
- **7:30pm: The Jewish Living Workshop:** Hands on Jewish living experience. Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. Email them at: jworkshop@yahoo.com. Topic: Shabbat– Day Meal Experience. Meeting ID: 844 5972 4131 Passcode: 165025

Tuesday, February 14th

- **11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Robinson.** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- **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 or 646-871-0012.
- **7:00pm-9:00pm: Beit Midrash Night:** Location Beit Midrash. Dinner included. Sponsorships welcome.
 1. **7:00pm: Special Guest Speaker Rav Yosef Tzvi Rimon on Halacha and Cultivated Meat (Lab-Grown Meat)** Learn about Rav Rimon's ground-breaking work advising leading biotech companies and renowned poskim on the interface between kashrut and cultivated meat.
 1. **8:10pm** The Kaddish Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson.
 2. **8:10pm** Ezra- Nechemia: with Kollel Fellow Yehonatan Kahana.
 3. **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, February 15th

- **12:30pm: Shakespeare and the Bible:** 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. Topic: "Hath Not A Jew Eyes?": Shylock and the Logic of Racism Register at www.lss.org/form/shakespeare-and-the-bible Cost: \$15

Thursday, February 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** Led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities:

Tuesday, February 21st: Beit Midrash Night: 7:00pm: Featuring YU Rosh Yeshiva and Rosh Kollel, Rav Mordechai Willig

Wednesday, February 22nd: Building Blocks of Israeli Society: 8:00pm: An analysis of the basic social, political, cultural, and religious building blocks of evolving Israeli society, history, ideology and personalities! Led by Paul Shaviv. Meeting ID: 820 8615 6691 Passcode: 119157

DVAR TORAH PARSHAT YITRO

2/9/23

Written by Mar Hus

On Tuesday evening, after the very delightful Lag B'Omer Seder had concluded, I jokingly asked Yechiel, one of the Kollel Fellows, whether he had a dvar Torah about Parshat Yitro because I had been asked to write this one. He responded that he had an interesting observation to convey. He had read a Rashi with one of his chevrotot that suggested that the events described at the beginning of this week's Parsha actually took place after the momentous events at Mount Sinai. If this were true, he extrapolated that Moshe's two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, who had been living with their mother at their grandfather's house in Midian, were the only members of the Jewish people in the desert who had not been present at the giving of the Torah. We wondered whether this fact had any adverse effect on those two young men. We noted sadly that Moshe's two sons were almost invisible in the biblical narrative. Contrast them with their cousins, the sons of Aharon, who became priests (for better or for worse) and occupied center stage in the Torah during their lives.

We wondered whether the "disappearance" of Gershom and Eliezer was because Moshe was an absentee father. (In Shoftim, [Ch.18 v. 30-31] we learn that Yonatan, the son of Gershom, the son of Moshe, and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Dan in idol worship. In Divrei Hayamim [Ch.23 v. 16-17], there is a very brief family tree provided for both Gershom and Eliezer. Otherwise, the progeny of Moshe remain invisible.) The obvious question is whether Moshe's taking on the mantle of leadership of the people required sacrificing his parental relationship with his sons or whether it just worked out that way. Either way, given the proper importance that we place on family and familial responsibility, we cannot help but be critical of Moshe's decision to abandon his sons.

It is rather frightening, we noted, how bad the

dynamic is in so many families in the Torah (beginning, at the beginning, with Adam and Eve's family). It is, in fact, somewhat odd that the relationship between Ephraim and Menashe, the sons of Joseph, (who, parenthetically, grew up in Egypt where their father was the second most powerful person in all the land), is noteworthy simply because they were two brothers who had a good relationship with one another. One would hope that this would be the norm, rather than the exception.

At the end of the day, the takeaway is that, while we admire and appreciate the favorable aspects of characters in the Bible, we must acknowledge that none of them are perfect. It is our duty to endeavor to emulate their positive qualities and improve upon those areas in which the examples they provided were not as good as they could have been.

This Dvar Torah is dedicated to the memory of our friend, Audrey Kallman, who always fully understood the importance of family and community. She was a blessing for all of us. She will be sorely missed.

Shabbat shalom.



DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write are:
Mishpatim 2/18 and Zachor/Tetzaveh 3/4.

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
- in the Electronic Echod from info@lss.org (available to print at home).