

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Shabbat Youth Groups: 10:00am (Location: 2nd floor classrooms)

Join us for davening, Torah & play.

Youth Directors: Romy and Avraham Sanger

Assistant Youth Director: Alexander Wildes



Story time with Rabbi Robinson returns this week during the Main Kiddush!

THIS Sunday, April 3rd: Matzah Baking: 10:00-11:00am.

Location: Ballroom. Ages 3-14. We will be making Matzah together in preparation for Pesach. Cost \$12 per child. Register at <https://www.lss.org/event/matzah-bakery-2022.html>

Shabbat, April 9: Babies & Me: 11:00 -11:30am.

Join us for your baby's first introduction to the youth department with musical Tefillah and songs! Babies & Me requires one parent to stay with your baby for the duration of the program. Location TBD

Sunday, April 10th: Teen Minyan/Breakfast: Tefilah begins at 9:30am.

Join your teenage friends at LSS for Davening followed by breakfast and socializing. Sponsors welcome! Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Breakfast to follow.

Sunday, April 10: Afikomen: 10:30 am - 12:30pm. Join your friends of the UWS at West Side Institutional Synagogue for Pesach themed art projects, family competitions and snacks! Families with kids of all ages are welcome! Sign up at www.wsisny.org/event/afikoman-games.html

Tuesday, April 19: Six Flags. Come join us at Six Flags on Chol Hamoed Pesach. We have transportation included in the price for teens and families can meet us there or opt in for the transportation. Bus will leave at 8:00 am.

Sign up for teens at: www.wsisny.org/event/six-flags-teen-trip.html

Sign up for families at: www.wsisny.org/event/six-flags-family-trip.html

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

By: Romy Koenig

Our parsha, in focusing on the condition of Tzaraat, considers it not a physical illness but a spiritual one, involving ritual impurity and requiring the involvement of Kohanim, isolation, atonement, and purification. What is the nature of the Tzaraat condition-with what sin or spiritual failing is it connected?

Briefly reviewing 3 episodes of Tzaraat in Tanach may shed some light:

- 1) The first incident is that of Miriam (Bamidbar 12:1-15). After speaking out against Moshe in the Ohel Moed, Hashem rebukes her and stresses the singularity of Moshe's position and prophecy, and gives her Tzaraat.
- 2) The second, and literarily similar episode, is that of the King Uzziah (DH II 26:16-21). Uzziah arrogates the right to offer incense in the Bet Hamikdash, the true role of Kohanim only. The Kohanim stand up to him, and he is struck with Tzaraat.
- 3) The third Tzaraat incidence belongs to Gehazi, servant of the prophet Elisha (Melachim II 5). Elisha refuses payment for healing the Tzaraat of the general Naa'man, saying that he serves Hashem. Gehazi then runs after Naa'man, requests and receives gifts, and is punished by Elisha with Tzaraat.

In all three stories, we find a challenge to religious authority and hierarchy-to Moshe, to the Kohanim in the Bet Hamikdash, to Elisha as the servant of Hashem. And in all three, the result is Tzaraat. It would appear that Tzaraat serves as a kind of safeguard of boundaries, it demonstrates that while we are all indeed an Am Kohanim v'Goy Kadosh, there are still limits to our individual actions and aspirations.

QUESTIONS

1. How old does a child have to be to receive a Brit milah?
2. Who was the first person commanded to receive a Brit milah?
3. What is Tzaraat?
4. What is one reason that someone gets Tzaraat?

1. 8 days
2. Avraham
3. A disease similar to leprosy in which one finds unusual spots
4. For speaking Lashon Hara (Bad speech about another person)

ANSWERS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat, April 9th: Beginners Pre-Passover Luncheon: 12:30pm. Cost: \$25. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Deadline: Wednesday, April 6th.

Sunday, April 10th: LSS Clergy on the Haggadah: Short Thoughts to Share at Your Seder" with Rabbi Shaul Robinson, Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty, Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty, Chazzan Yanky Lemmer, and Rabbinic Interns Efraim Tepler and Daniel Gottesman. 8:00pm. Via Zoom. Meeting ID: 827 0576 0130 Passcode: 736372Dial In:6468769923

Tuesday, April 12th: Israeli Book Club: 6:30pm.

We read books written by Israeli authors and then discuss them. The next book is *Fanny and Gabriel* by Nava Semel. Their first date was arranged by a professional matchmaker. A deal, a pragmatic matter that had nothing to do with romance – that's how it all began. Not long after the engagement, Gabriel was sent to war in 1914. This love story, set against a backdrop of the major historical events of the twentieth century, is also the story of the era's biggest Jewish dilemma: the choice between the promise of life in America and a new Jewish state in Palestine. Book available from Amazon; the discussion will be led (in English) by Harel Fenigstein. To register, please see the electronic Echod.

Wednesday, April 27th: Lunch and Learn with Rabbanit Laurie Novick on "Judaism and Acculturation: U'vechukoteihem Lo Teleichu". 12:30pm

Location: Ballroom. Laurie Novick is Director and Head Writer of Deracheha, an online halachic education initiative under the auspices of Yeshivat Har Etzion. She has worked as a Yoetzet Halacha for over eighteen years, is a certified Yoatzot Halacha Fertility Counselors and Sharsheret Breast Cancer Educator, and taught at Nishmat for many years. Laurie has masters degrees in Talmud, in Bible, and in Jewish Education, and has done graduate work in Counseling. Lunch is complementary but please register in advance in the electronic Echod. Sponsorships welcome.

Shabbat, April 30th: Scholar in Residence Rabbi Yonatan Rosensweig on Judaism and Mental Health in partnership with Mizrahi World Movement and Israel360. See flyer for full SIR schedule. Rabbi Yoni Rosensweig is rabbi of the Netzach Menashe community in Beit Shemesh and is a teacher of Halacha, Gemara and Jewish thought. He previously served as Rosh Kollel of the Mizrahi community in Melbourne, Australia. Rav Yoni is today's leading voice in the field of mental health and halacha. He is the author of Nafshi B'She'eilati and the founder of Maaglei Nefesh, the Israel Institute for Mental Health and Halacha.

Sunday, May 1st: Matan and Lincoln Square Synagogue Yom Iyun: My Heart Is In the East: 10:00am-1:00pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Light brunch included. Please see flyer for a full list of speakers and topics.

**If, due to a disability, you need an accommodation made or you need help registering for an event, please call (212)-874-6100.*

SUPPORT UKRAINE

The horrific humanitarian crisis in Ukraine continues to unfold. We have all seen the images of the bombing of civilian targets, the columns of refugees desperately seeking to escape, and the fierce resistance to the Russian invaders. There are about 200,000 Jews caught up in this tragedy and who need our help. Please consider making a generous contribution to either the UJA special appeal or to the Joint Distribution Committee to help our brothers and sisters. Please see our electronic Echod for donation links.

YOUTH TOYS AND CLOTHES FOR UKRAINIAN ORPHANS

We are partnering with the David Frohlich z"l Youth Department at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun of Teaneck, NJ along with many other youth departments across America to raise money for toys and clothes for Jewish Ukrainian orphans who have arrived in Israel. 100% of the money goes directly to the kids (there is no overhead cost). Donate at <https://toysforkidsinIsrael.com>

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- *Canceled this week* 9:15am-10:15am: Pesach Sh'eilot and Tshuvot: led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.** Come and learn some classic and contemporary responsa Sunday mornings after Shacharit. In person and via Zoom. In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Meeting ID: 838 3061 9860 Passcode: 354153. Sponsors are welcome.

Monday:

- 11:00am-12:00pm: A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson.** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Repeated on Zoom Tuesday at 8:00pm.
- 7:00pm-8:15pm: Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein Chadashot (News from Israel).** Available in person or via Zoom. Register at <https://www.jotform.com/212903440529048>
- *Will Resume after Pesach* 7:00pm-8:00pm: Shabbat in the City: How Halacha Responds to Modern Innovations in a Cosmopolitan World led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.** In person location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Meeting ID: 822 5613 5886 Passcode: 114608
- 7:30-8:30pm: Beginners The Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum.** This Monday only, hybrid workshop in person and via Zoom. For in person info email jlworkshop@yahoo.com. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Meeting ID: 852 4193 5346 Passcode: 226256

Tuesday:

- 11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Haggadah Insights" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: Topic.** Meeting ID: 241022510. Passcode: 983323. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- 1:45pm-2:45pm: Journey through Nach: Sefer Yehoshua at LSS led by Rabbinic Intern Daniel Gottesman.** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 8:00pm: Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer.** Meeting ID: 850 0937 1460 Password: 560900
- 8:00pm: A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.** Meeting ID: 858 4080 4793 Passcode: 931015

Wednesday:

- 12:00pm-1:00pm: Personalities from the Haggadah in Rabbinic Literature led by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty.** Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- 7:00pm-8:15pm: Chug Ivrit - Safa Ivrit (Hebrew Language) led by Harel Fenigstein.** Available in person or via Zoom. Register at <https://www.jotform.com/212903661753153>

Thursday:

- *Permanent Time Change from 11:30am to 11:00am* 11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533
- *Time Change* 7:45pm: Redemption and Rejuvenation: Pre-Pesach series by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.** Meeting ID: 912 657 888 Passcode: 226974. In person Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

*Dial in code for all meetings hosted by LSS is 646-876-9923

ALL THINGS PESACH

Please visit www.lss.org/passover-2022.html to view all things Pesach including the Pesach Schedule.

Shmurah Matzah: by the pound. Regular, whole wheat, gluten-free, and spelt available. \$31 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Deadline: THIS Sunday, April 3rd at noon

Pick up on Sunday, April 10th: 9:00am-12:00pm. More details to follow.

Order yours at <https://www.lss.org/form/shmurah-matzah-2022.html>

Sell your Chametz:

Deadline for the online form: April 13th at 5:00pm.

Our Clergy will be available for the sale of Chametz as follows:

Monday, April 4th -Thursday, April 7th: 8:15am-11:00am, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday, April 10th: 9:15am-1:00pm

Monday, April 11th: 8:15am - 11:00am, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, April 12th & Wednesday, April 13th: 8:15am-11:00am, 6:30pm- 8:30pm

Please see www.lss.org for the form.

Burning of Chametz:

Friday, April 15th: 7:00am-11:49am outside of the LSS building.

Hagalat Kelim:

Sunday, April 10th 9:30am-12:30pm in LL2 Kitchen

Shabbat HaGadol:

The Louis and Rhoda Lazar Shabbat Hagadol Drasha will be delivered by Rabbi Shaul Robinson on: Shabbat, April 9th after 6:40pm Mincha B'Chipazon-When Life Changes in an Instant, From Egypt to Ukraine

Pesach Hospitality:

Dear Members of LSS:

Honoring the ancient tradition of kol dichfin yetei v'yechol, we are reaching out to you to participate in our Pesach Seder Hospitality Program.

Our mission is to ensure that all members have an opportunity to participate in a traditional seder in a warm environment. To accomplish this we need both hosts and guests.

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) by emailing us at Hospitality@lss.org. Please include the words "Seder Host" in the subject line. Our experience over the years has shown that hosts "get" as much as they "give" by extending hospitality and we are confident this will be a meaningful experience for you.

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) at Hospitality@lss.org. Please enter the words "Seder Guest" in the subject line. Please understand that Seders can run late, and that respectful guests should plan on remaining through the end. *Please note that given limitations on the number of people that can be hosted due to the pandemic priority will be given to members.* 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.

Thank you,
LSS Hospitality Committee



PESACH 2022 APRIL 15TH - APRIL 23RD

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH EREV PESACH TAAANIT BECHOROT 7:00am-11:49am Burning of Chametz 7:15am Shacharit Siyum for the First Born following Shacharit Approx. 8:15am Break Fast following Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan 10:45am Latest time to eat Chametz 11:49am Latest time to dispose of Chametz 7:18pm Candle Lighting 7:25pm Mincha/Maariv 7:35pm Sunset 8:07pm Start Seder	SHABBAT, APRIL 16TH PESACH 8:00am Hashkama Minyan 9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan 7:10pm Mincha 7:37pm Sunset 8:18pm Candle Lighting 8:19pm Maariv 8:19pm Begin Seder	SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH PESACH 1ST DAY OF OMER 8:00am Hashkama Minyan 9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan 7:25pm Mincha 8:20pm Maariv/Havdalah	MONDAY, APRIL 18TH CHOL HAMOED PESACH 2ND DAY OF OMER 7:15am Shacharit 7:30pm Mincha/Maariv	TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH CHOL HAMOED PESACH 3RD DAY OF OMER 7:15am Shacharit 7:30pm Mincha/Maariv
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH CHOL HAMOED PESACH 4TH DAY OF OMER 7:15am Shacharit 7:30pm Mincha/Maariv	THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST CHOL HAMOED PESACH 5TH DAY OF OMER 7:15am Shacharit 7:24pm Candle lighting 7:30pm Mincha/Maariv	FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND PESACH 6TH DAY OF OMER 8:00am Hashkama Minyan 9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan 6:18pm Earliest Candle Lighting 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 7:25pm Candle Lighting 7:43pm Sunset	SHABBAT, APRIL 23RD PESACH YIZKOR 7TH DAY OF OMER 8:00am Hashkama Minyan 9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan 7:15pm Mincha Neilat Hachag following Mincha 7:44pm Sunset 8:26pm Maariv/Havdalah	

OFFICE HOURS

Friday, April 15th: 9:00am-1:00pm.
Monday, April 18th-Wednesday, April 20th: 10:00am-4:00pm.
Thursday, April 21st: 10:00am-1:00pm.
Friday, April 22nd: Closed.

*Schedule subject to change



DVAR TORAH

Parshat Tazria
Friday, April 1, 2022—Shabbat, April 2, 2022
By Rabbi Charlie Savenor

"Retaining Clarity"

Reports about infection cascade across the page. This invisible menace adheres on skin, clothing, and household surfaces. One might easily expect that this scenario depicts the Coronavirus that disrupted our lives for two years now, but this dismal picture comes directly from this week's Torah portion, Tazria. In light of our "new normal," this often-overlooked Torah portion has taken on new meaning.

The Torah deals with a biblical malady called *tzara'at* that is believed to be similar to leprosy. For the afflicted, this condition impedes everyday life in the Israelite community. When the symptoms erupt, the Torah gives clear guidelines to the priests of that day: "He shall be impure as long as the disease is on him. Being contaminated, he shall dwell apart; his dwelling shall be outside the camp" (Leviticus 13:46). Serving as much as government official as pastor, the kohen is called upon to separate the afflicted from the community.

It is logical for us to surmise that the rationale for this quarantine is to shield the community and the afflicted soul from one another. Yet commentators across the generations note that the procedures in place do not sound entirely medical in nature.

If this detailed sacred source is not protecting public health, then what meaning does it hold for us? The Torah and Talmud link this affliction to the ethical failings of gossip, so the quarantine amounts to something akin to a social "time out."

By contrast, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch asserts that this physical separation is not about time served but rather time away: "During this period of isolation he will contemplate changing his ways and will reconsider his past behavior. Thus, he will come to a change in his attitudes and undertake to improve his character, and, as a result, he will emerge from the test stage in a pure state." In his eyes, the seven-day quarantine constitutes a sabbatical in the truest sense of the word. The separation represents an opportunity for internal growth that is more than skin deep. Walking back to the camp, the *metzora* is supposed to look at oneself and the world itself differently.

In some strange way, this biblical quarantine reminds me of *shiva* and the transitional moment when it's time to reenter society. When my father died 26 years ago, from the instant he breathed his last breath through the end of shiva was a surreal and numbing blur. After a week of remembering, crying, laughing, eating, and embracing, the concluding ritual was to walk around the block to symbolically reenter the normalcy of communal life.

What I didn't expect was that crossing the threshold of our door would be a life-changing experience. In the matter of just days, the world looked different. Certain priorities and sources of anxiety were put into perspective. In short, a clarity had emerged about what matters.

Unfortunately, retaining this clarity is extremely challenging as Midrash Genesis Rabbah observes: "In time of trouble, people vow; in time of relief, they return to old habits." The rabbis understand that clarity evaporates quickly if isn't intentionally integrated into our souls.

Rabbi Hirsch writes that the quarantine of the biblical *metzora* reveals the "discrepancy between the life that he leads in the world and the life that he is called upon to lead." The same can be said of us today.

At this vital moment in human history, we are presented with a choice: Will we build on what unites us or do we go back to what divides us?

This week the Torah urges us not only to hold onto the clarity about what matters most, but also to embrace one another as partners. Only together can we tackle the immense challenges facing us today, for our sake and the generations that follow.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Shabbat Pesach 4/16 and 4/23, Acharei Mot 4/30, & Kedoshim 5/7
For more information, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

LSS BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

Women! If you have never had a Bat Mitzvah or haven't read from the Torah, sign up now at LSSbatmitzvah@gmail.com. Read only 3-4 sentences and we will help you do it with recordings and mentors. Do not wait, sign up now!

A LOOK BACK AT THE CHAZZAN SHERWOOD GOFFIN MEMORIAL LECTURE WITH RABBI SAUL BERMAN

The LSS community mourned the passing of our beloved Chaz on the 27th of Adar, 04/03/19. Chazzan Goffin was the constant and beloved presence in our Shul for over 50 years, who held us together in good times and bad. His sincerity, piety, spirituality and pure *neshama* are missed by the thousands of people who were led by him in davening, taught by him in the Hebrew School or for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and whom he inspired simply by his being. The Chaz created an inspirational atmosphere, a "davening" that, in no small measure, helped build LSS and its international reputation as one of the leading synagogues of our times. Our hearts and prayers will forever be with his beloved wife, Batya, his children and grandchildren who have all become a fabric of our LSS community.



May his memory be for an eternal blessing.

Did you miss the Monday, March 28th Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Lecture by Rabbi Saul Berman?

Visit www.lss.org/classrecordings to listen to it today

In case of a bereavement, please call our Clergy at 646-543-7485 (day or night)

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org or

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