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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 6:30pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 7:41pm: Candle Lighting
- 7:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 7:45pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyanin the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am: Hashkama Minyanin the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush
- 8:30am: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinic Intern **Jared Anstandig** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:18am: Latest Shema
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyanin the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

- 12:30pm: Beginners Shabbat Luncheon
- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 6:00pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:30pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur with Rabbinic Intern **Jared Anstandig**
- 6:30pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 7:30pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 8:42pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Groups Start at 10am: K-1 Room 211

Pre-K: Room 208/210

2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

*Youth Breakfast
@ 9:30am in room 208/210*

MOLAD

The Molad for Rosh Chodesh Iyar was Friday night 59 minutes and 17 Chalakim after 10 pm. Rosh Chodesh Iyar will be on Sunday and Monday

Weekly Prayer Schedule For the Week of May 8

Monday – Thursday Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:50pm

Sunday (R.C. Iyyar)	Mon (R.C. Iyyar)	Tues, Wed & Fri	Thurs
Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am
Daf Yomi: 7:55am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:40am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

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Hashkama Kiddush:

Sponsored by **Elissa and Bob Burnat** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Bob's mother, **Esther Burnat, Esther Gittel bas Shlomo a"h**.

Main Kiddush:

Sponsored by **Ruth and Bernie Simon** in commemoration of the upcoming yahrtzeits of their parents: **Samuel Simon (Shalom Ben Shlomo Zalman V'mirel z"l)**, **Renee Simon (Miryam Rachel Bat Sarah V'litman Dov a"h)**, **Ignatz Sikofand (Yitzchak Ben Yehuda V'Sarah z"l)**, **Jeanette Sikofand (Shaindel Bat Sarah V'Chaim a"h)**; and by **Ann Crane** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her parents, **Batya and Shmuel Crane z"l**.

Beginner's Kiddush:

Sponsored by **Beatrice Stoller** in honor of **Helga Weisburger's** birthday.

Seudah Shlishit:

Sponsors Welcome.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Josh Sasouness

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Grandparents **Marvin and Aviva Sussman** on the Bar Mitzvah of their Grandson **Abie**, son of their children **Aliza and J.J. Sussman** in Modiin, Israel. Mazal Tov to Great-grandmother **Els Bendheim**.

MISHNAH IMPOSSIBLE CAMPAIGN

We will once again be learning Mishnah leading up to Shavuot. We will have a siyum on June 13th. For questions contact Bill Greenbaum or Gabriel Gershowitz or email Mishnah@lss.org. More details coming soon.

Annual Dinner^{52nd}

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 • 6:00PM
180 AMSTERDAM AVE, NEW YORK

This year's annual dinner is shaping up to be one of our best ever -- an event that you won't want to miss. Be sure to save the date for a fun evening with good friends, great food, and a general spirit of bonhomie. Our honorees are: **Janice Weinman Shorenstein and Stuart Shorenstein** (Guests of Honor), **Debra & Adam Verstandig** (Young Leadership Honorees) and **Wendy Baker** (Community Service Honoree). Visit lss.org/dinner to RSVP and for more details

If either you or your children volunteered in any of Wendy's countless *Chesed* activities over these many years, please consider adding your name to the Volunteer Journal Page in her honor.

New Members Brunch • Sunday, May 15th • 11:00 AM

Please join Rabbi Shaul and Sarah Robinson at their home for a New Members Brunch. It's a great way for new members to meet the Rabbi, Sarah, and some of our long-time members in a more intimate setting, and get formally welcomed into the LSS family.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration: Israel's Jewish Identity at 68; Overcoming Challenges and Embracing Opportunities (FREE) Sunday, May 15 • 4:00 pm-5:00 pm in the Beit Medrash

Yakov Gaon, Executive Vice-President of Tzohar will speak about the 21st century detective work that is being conducted by Tzohar in order to achieve its mission of guaranteeing the Jewish future of the State of Israel while scrupulously adhering to Halacha.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration: A Taste of Israel • Sunday, May 15 • 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Feast on humus, baba ghanoush, falafel, Israeli salads, bourekas, kebabs, schwarma, vegetarian options and much more. Beteyavon! The cost is \$30 for adults and teens with preregistration, \$40 at the door. Lower prices for younger children. To register, please visit www.lss.org/yomhaatzmaut

Please note that there is a separate admission charge for the films that start at 7:00 pm in the Beit Medrash on the same day.

Film Screenings: Shores of Light and Violins of War • Sunday, May 15 • 7:00pm

Shores of Light: At the end of World War II, thousands of Holocaust survivors arrived in Southern Italy on their way to the Land of Israel. Seventy years later, a group of Israeli women trace their parents' recovery in a DP camp in Salento. In **Violins of War**, an international master violin workshop in Israel plays on even as the second Lebanon War grips the country. The director of both films, Yael Katzir, will answer questions following the screening. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Please register at lss.org/films.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration: Theodor Herzl (and Beyond) Art Show • Sunday, May 22 • 10:30 am-11:45 am • UJA Building 130 East 59th Street

Israeli-born artist Michal Nachmany will lead us through her exhibit which begins with Herzl's dream and then explores the process of building the Jewish State. Michal will also discuss how Israeli history and culture have evolved since Herzl's dream. The cost is \$15 with preregistration, \$20 at the door (space permitting). After the tour, Michal has invited us to join her on a second art tour, this one titled, The Land of Milk and Honey, at Bnai Jeshurun on the West Side that starts at 12:30 at no additional charge. To register, please visit www.lss.org/art

LSS Singles presents its Lag B'Omer Reception • Wednesday, May 25 • 7:00-10:00pm.

"Meron" on the Upper West Side. Join us for an evening of inspirational speakers plus mix and mingle with Jewish singles (all ages welcome.) Early Bird rate: \$36. Email: lsqsingles@gmail.com for more details. Sign up at <http://www.lss.org/event/singles-reception>.

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DR. RUTH CALDERON SPEAKS AT LSS

Former Knesset Member Dr. Ruth Calderon will speak on **Tuesday, May 17 at 10:30 AM** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary replacing the parsha class. Dr. Calderon has a PhD degree in Talmud from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 1989, she established the first Israeli secular, pluralistic, and egalitarian Beth Midrash. From 2013-2015, she was a Knesset Member from the Yesh Atid Party, where she was Chair of the Lobby for Jewish Renewal. She is currently a Fellow with the Shalom Hartman Institute.



NORPAC Mission to Washington: May 18

The registration deadline for this year's Mission to Washington is Wednesday, May 11. This year's mission will devote time to educating Members of Congress about BDS, including its effect on college campuses. Please register at www.NORPAC.net and make a difference.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to those who are attending the Beginners Luncheon.**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet on **Monday, May 9th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 10 sessions series, is a “hands-on” experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com or www.lss.org. **Topic: Shavuot – Preparing ourselves and our home.**
- **THIS Monday, May 9th, 2015, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**
- **Save the date!** The **FINAL Beginners Luncheon of the season** will be **Shabbat, June 4th, 2016**. The cost is still only \$25. Please make your reservations by **Tuesday, May 31st**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100.
- **Save the date! Saturday night, June 11th, 12:00am-7:00am – All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon.** The keynote opener will start at **12:00am** and Rabbi Buchwald’s class starts at **1:00am** and continues to **4:45am**. **Topic: “The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments,” starting with mitzvah #426: “Prohibition Against Inter-marriage.”** Refreshments will be served. No reservation necessary.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Coffee & Responsa w/ Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • After Second Minyan (9:15am) Not meeting next week

MONDAY

Invitation to Tefillah w/ Rabbinic Interns Rabbi Jared Anstandig & Rabbi Mark Weingarten • 7:30-8:15pm

Each week, we explore, uncover, and understand a new aspect of the daily prayers, with the ultimate goal of making Tefillah a more intimate and meaningful experience.

Gemara B’Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:15pm

A program dedicated to the memory of Bruce Ritholtz a"h with the ambitious goal of studying and completing an entire tractate of Talmud, focused on analysis and group discussion. This year we will be studying tractate Ta'anit.

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

Beit Midrash Night:

- **Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 8:05pm**
Adultery, incest, rebellion -- the travails of David, the greatest Jewish king -- A great story, complex characters, a subtle, sophisticated text.
- **Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings • 7:00 pm -**
Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robin Mitchnick (*Meets in a private residence, please call office for details*)

WEDNESDAY

Talmudic Logic with Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm

An in-depth look at a single Talmudic subject matter, starting from the relevant biblical texts and delving into the logic system of the Gemara. This year’s Topic: **“Double Jeopardy: A Study of Kim Lei B’d’raba Minei”**

Beit Midrash Night • 8:40pm

Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky. The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai: We continue to analyze the Israeli poet’s final masterpiece, Patuach Sagur Patuach.

THURSDAY

Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:30pm

Join Rabbi Shaul Robinson for an exciting and timely look at the weekly portion utilizing contemporary and ancient commentators to uncover new depth in Torah study.

Cholent Chabura with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 8:45pm

Welcome Shabbat early and explore a challenging new topic in Jewish thought each week in this informal and friendly gathering. Chabura meets in a private residence. *Please contact office for location.*

Rabbi Robinson now gives two Lunch and Learn Classes - on Monday in Midtown (5th and 52nd St) and on Wednesday near Wall Street - please speak to him for more details

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

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D'var Echod B'lev Echod

Insights into the weekly Parsha and other matters at the heart of the LSS community

29 Nissan 5776 • May 6-7, 2016
Parshat Acharei Mot

By: Rabbi Michael Laitner

Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut: Yirmiyahu's Words come to Life by Rabbi Michael Laitner, Assistant Rabbi Finchley United Synagogue, London

One of the best-known Biblical prophecies is that of Yirmiyahu Jeremiah, perhaps most familiar from the sheva berachot wedding blessings of 'kol sason ve'kol simcha', the voice of joy and happiness, based on Yirmiyahu 33:10-11, in which the prophet talks of how one day the hills of Judea and the courtyards of Jerusalem will resonate with joyful sounds of celebration. How different is that scene from the one in which Yirmiyahu actually spoke these words of prophecy! He was in a Jerusalem heading towards the destruction of the First Temple era.

As the start of that chapter notes, he was prophesizing whilst imprisoned by those who had refused to listen to his impassioned pleas about how to avert disaster. Despite this, Yirmiyahu, inspired by G-d, was still able to prophesize visions so uplifting that we say them as wedding blessings!

Looking out onto the Jerusalem landscape, where I am fortunate to be writing this article, I wonder what Yirmiyahu, prophesizing when and where he did, would have made of the Land and State of Israel today, a rebuilt Jerusalem and a modern country, where Judaism flourishes and which has recently been ranked by the World Economic Forum as the third most innovative country in the world.

Sitting in that prison, Yirmiyahu expressed one of our oldest truths, dating back to Avraham and the covenants G-d made with him, that the connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel is unbreakable. Wherever our history takes us, one day we will have the opportunity to come to our national home and to live out the prophecies of the Bible. It is a dream which has sustained us for thousands of years, even as we know that those prophecies have not yet been completed.

Our Talmudic Rabbis knew it well and put it into the sheva berachot, perhaps to remind us every time we celebrate a marriage, that the joy of our return to the Land of Israel would also take place.

We are privileged to experience some of these prophecies today. At the same time, we always must remain mindful that the situation of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel has and does not come without cost, at times a very dear one, through too many people making the ultimate sacrifice, as we remember on Yom Hazikaron.

Rabbi Meir Leibush, a 19th century scholar known as 'The Malbim', explains that the 'voice' Yirmiyahu refers to is also one through which we praise G-d in unison. Let us do that on Yom Haatzmaut, bearing Yirmiyahu's lessons in mind.

I wish you a reflective Yom Hazikaron and an uplifting Yom Haatzmaut.