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PARSHAT BEHA'ALOTECHA 16 SIVAN 5773 • MAY 24-25, 2013 Candle Lighting: 7:56 pm

Shabbat Schedule

Friday

6:42 pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
6:45 pm: Early Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
7:56 pm: Candle Lighting
8:00 pm: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

Shabbat

7:45 am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
9:00 am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
9:13 am: Latest Shema
9:15 am: Beginners Service with **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:30 am: Youth Breakfast
9:45 am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha given by Rabbinic Intern, **Dov Lerner**
10:00-11:00 am: Tween Corner: with Rabbinic Intern, **Dov Lerner**
4:00 pm: Bikur Cholim volunteers meet in front of LSS
NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED
6:15 pm: Beginners Mishnah Chavura with **Lloyd Epstein** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
6:45 pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Talmud Class with Rabbinic Fellow, **Rabbi Eitan Bendavid**
6:45 pm: Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi David Freedman** in room 211
7:45 pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary followed by Seudah Shlishit
8:56 pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends
Thank you to our volunteer Security Guards, Greeters, and Ushers this Shabbat

Thank You to Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Kiddush is being sponsored by the Fund.

Main Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by **Gloria and Richard**

Kestenbaum in honor of the aufruf of their son **Aron** and the recent yahrtzeit of Aron's grandmother, **Mrs. Frieda Stieglitz a"h**.

Beginners Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored anonymously in loving memory of **Shmuel Shoshani z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Seudah Shlishit

Seudah shlishit is sponsored by **Sydell Roth** in memory of her loving husband **Joseph Roth z"l**.

Mazal Tov to our Members:

If you've had a Mazal Tov, let us know!

- Mazal tov to **Aron Kestenbaum** on his aufruf and forthcoming wedding to **Tamar Friedman**. Special welcome to **Tamar** and her parents, **Roz and Ira Friedman** of Teaneck.
- Mazal Tov to **Stephen Kalish** on his aufruf and upcoming wedding to **Tzipora Teichman**
- Mazal Tov to **Michael and Caryn Bruckheimer** on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Ben Kessler**, son of **Jeffrey and Shari Kessler**.
- Mazal Tov to **Akiva and Lauren Glick** on the birth of a baby boy, **Kalman Yaakov ben Akiva Aryeh**
- Mazal Tov to **Manhattan Yoetzet Halacha Atara Eis** for being honored at Nishmat annual dinner. Email mesh@lss.org to join the group journal ad.
- Mazal Tov to **Yoseph Gordon** on his graduation from JTS.

LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE ANNUAL DINNER

SUNDAY JUNE 16TH 2013 | 6:00PM
AT OUR NEW HOME, 180 AMSTERDAM AVENUE

honoring

VALERIE & DANIEL FEDER
Guests of Honor
MARION & MAURICE SPANBOCK
Keter Shem Tov Award
RABBI DR. MOSHE SOKOLOW
Keter Torah Award

Visit lss.org to register

TO CLOSE BOOK REST, PLEASE PUSH DOWN

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun - Thurs at 8:05 pm

Sun	Mon (Memorial Day)	Thur	Tues, Wed & Fri
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

ONGOING CLASSES

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 5/26

9:00 am: Choshen Mishpat class with

Rabbi Shaul Robinson

MONDAY 5/27

LSS Office will be closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday 5/28

10:30-11:30 am: *The Marilyn & Sam Isler Studies in the Weekly Torah Portion* with

Rabbi Shaul Robinson

7:00pm: **Beit Midrash Night!**

Wednesday 5/29

7:00 pm: 'The Kaddish Class' A learning and support group for people who have suffered loss, with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

7:00 pm: Crash Course in Basic Judaism with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**. Topic: Belief in G-d and Prayer

Thursday 5/30

10:30 am: *Tefillah Shiur* with **Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain** (Please note: The class will only meet on Thursday this week)

7:00 pm: The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations on the weekly Parsha with

Rabbi Shaul Robinson

Shabbat 6/1

6:20 pm: (75 minutes before Mincha)- *Beginners Mishna Chavura* with **Lloyd Epstein**

6:50 pm: (45 minutes before Mincha)- *Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class* with

Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

6:50 pm: (45 minutes before Mincha)- *Louis Lazar Memorial "Eighth Daf" Talmud Class* with **LSS Clergy**

Events at LSS

Wednesdays, May 29th, June 5th, 12th, 7:00 pm: Crash Course in Basic Judaism with

Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

See *Beginners Announcements*.

Shabbat, June 1

12:30 pm: The final **Beginners luncheon** of the season. See *Beginners Announcements*.

5:00pm: **Getting to know you! Schmorg-n-Board** Are you thinking of joining? Recently joined? Come spend time meeting other members and LSS staff and clergy. We'll eat delicious food, and board games will be available for adults and kids! RSVP to programs@lss.org

7:20 pm: Please join the Women's Tefillah Group for its Mincha service

Sunday, June 2

Annual Run for Israel 4-mile run sponsored by New York Road Runners. Get out and support Israel on a beautiful day.

Register at: <http://www.nyrr.org/races-and-events/2013/celebrate-israel-run-4m>

Come celebrate Israel at the Celebrate Israel Parade beginning at 11:00am

Tuesday, June 11

7:00pm: **Rabbi Mordechai Greenberg, Rosh HaYeshivah** of *Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh* will be delivering a shiur in Hebrew. שיעור בעברית מאת הרב מרדכי גרינברג, ראש ישיבת כרם ביבנה. Topic: "Ata Bechartanu: Why Us?"

Shabbat, June 15

Scholar-in-Residence **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin**, *Founding Rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue*

Sunday, June 16

Lincoln Square Synagogue Annual Dinner. Visit lss.org to register

Shabbat, June 29

July 4th themed Lunch n' learn

For full event descriptions, please see our website at lss.org

Beginners Announcements

- Save the date! Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will be teaching a free **Crash Course in Basic Judaism** at Lincoln Square Synagogue for 3 consecutive Wednesdays, **Wednesday, May 29th, Wednesday, June 5th and Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00PM**. To register, please visit www.beginners.lss.org or call **212-874-6100**. Wednesday, May 29th topics: **Belief in G-d and Prayer**
- Save the date! The **final Beginners Luncheon** of the season will be **NEXT Shabbat, June 1st**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **THIS Wednesday, May 29th**. You can register online at www.beginners.lss.org or call **212-874-6100**.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR LSS COMMUNITY SINCE PASSOVER

Deborah Bendheim

Mark and Miriam Filer

Akiva and Lauren Glick

Stephen Kalish

Robert Kirschner

Elie and Sara Kravitz

Jonathan and Michaela Lehr

Joseph Lando and Laurie Siegel

David Menaged

Joel Pelofsky

Pauline Glaser

Tzipora Teichman

Jonathan Zanger

Andrea Zimmern

Special New Member Rates are now available

Wouldn't it be nice if we invited all our new members who have joined the LSS community in the last year to a Shabbat meal in our homes? If you want to volunteer, drop an email after Shabbat to hospitality@lss.org

To join our LSS family, call the
shul office at [\(212-874-6100\)](tel:212-874-6100)

or visit us online at www.lss.org

ISRAELUPDATE



Senate: U.S. must back Israel in case of Iran strike

May 24, 2013

The U.S. Senate unanimously pledged to stand by Israel should it take military action in its own legitimate defense against the nuclear threat from Iran. On Wednesday, the Senate voted 99-0 on Resolution S. R. 65. The resolution specifies that the United States should provide diplomatic, military, and economic support to Israel "in its defense of its territory, people, and existence." Earlier Wednesday, a U.S. House of Representatives committee approved legislation seeking to impose tighter sanctions on Iran. The "Nuclear Iran Prevention Act of 2013" passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee by a unanimous voice vote. With already 340 co-sponsors, a vote by the full 435-member chamber is likely within the coming weeks. Sponsors called this measure the strongest sanctions package ever against Iran's nuclear program.

Our synagogue partners with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby, in educating our community on issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We encourage you to learn more by contacting AIPAC at (202) 639-5200 or by visiting www.aipac.org.

LSS Security Message - Keeping LSS Safe. 5/25/13

Question: What would you do?

You are in shul on a Shabbat. You see a person you have never seen before and they are carrying a backpack or a large bag. You start to worry because you don't know what that bulky stuff is in that bag. You don't know if security checked that bag. Do you check the bag yourself? What do you do?

Answer:

Please remember that our security team are trained to inspect bags. Please be reassured that anyone who refuses to allow us to search their bags will not be allowed in shul. If you have any concerns about a visitor or someone unfamiliar to you in shul carrying a backpack, a knapsack or a large bag, please approach one of our security team. Please do not engage the person yourself. Members are not to search anyone's bag on their own.

Please join the LSS Security Committee and take the CSS Cadet Course. We want you!

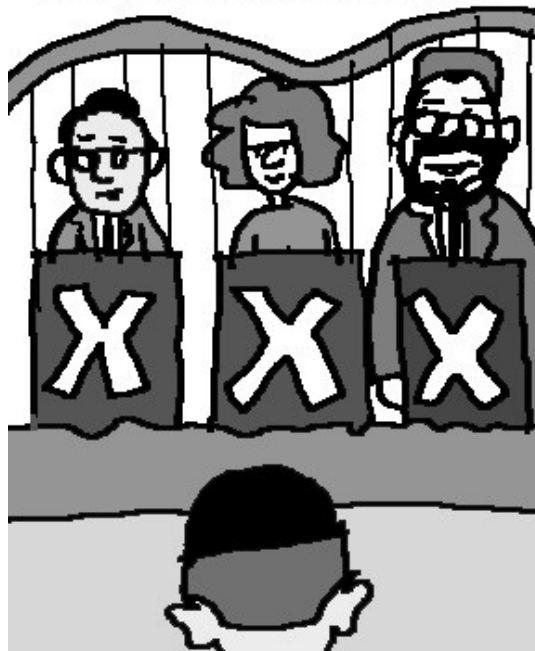
If you have further questions, if you would like to be trained in shul security or want to take an advanced Cadet course with CSS please speak to **Harvey Stein**, the head of LSS security or contact him at security@lss.org. You can also speak to one of our CSS trained team leaders **Ari, Ian, Martha or Lenny**.

If you see something...say something.

Act is if your life depends on it..because it does

In Shul by Alan Zwiebel

"Cantor Number three, what is the maximum number of times you would repeat a pasuk in the musaf kedushah?"
"Which of The Three Tenors do you like best?"
"How would you respond if told to speed up?"



Youth Announcements

Shabbat Schedule

Toddlers: 10:00 am — room 210

Pre-K: 10:00 am Supervised Playtime, 10:30 am Circle Time Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:05 am Snack — room 208

Kindergarten and 1st grade: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:30 am Parsha, 10:55 am Snack — room 207

2nd and 3rd Grade: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:00 am Snack — room 206

4th and 5th Grade boys: 10:15 am Shacharit, 10:45 am Snack, 11:00 am Musaf — room 204

2nd through 5th Grade girls: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:00 am Snack — room 217

Tween: 10:00 am: Weekly Tween (6th—8th grade) Shabbat Morning Program, with LSS Clergy — room 111

LSS Math Circle

The LSS Math Circle is dedicated to expanding, deepening, and disseminating mathematical knowledge. It is a place for kids to learn interesting mathematics and meet others with like interests. Open to children 4th grade and up, it meets from 6pm -8pm on Tuesdays. Contact Harvey Stein (histein@gmail.com) for details.

Building Tips . . .

5/24/13

Please don't block doors open because . . .

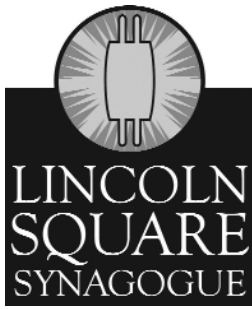
1. The sanctuary and Beit Midrash A/C systems are separate from the hallways'; open doors upset the controls.
2. Corridor noise disturbs the davening.
3. The fire doors can't protect us when blocked open.
4. The security system can't lock open doors, defeating the lockdown system.
5. The door stop can damage the lower edge of the door!
6. It is a violation of the building code jeopardizing our TCO.

Shabbat Shalom, Ed Stark

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod in your e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org. Subscribers to the LSS email list receive the Shabbat Echod and D'var Torah every week, along with other shul-related announcements.

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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

SHABBAT PARSHAT BEHA'ALOTECHA
16 SIVAN 5773 • MAY 24-25, 2013

BY: JESSE COGAN

Please Release me, let me go

There's something magical about a candle flickering its flame, maintaining its posture until the wind comes along, yearning to escape and fly home, but held down by its wick until it loses its strength and disappears.

Yet a candle, in all its glory, is nothing but a tool. It creates light and then retreats. It can help find all 10 pieces of chametz, publicize a miracle, remember a loved one, welcome the Sabbath Queen or separate her from the rest of the week. Its singularity of purpose is remarkable yet its temporal nature leaves you wanting.

Mitzvot, too, seem spiritual at first but then disappoint. The analogy recorded by King Solomon in Mishlei (The Book of Proverbs) uses just four words to tell the story.

Ner: Mitzvah - Torah: Ohr

Candle: Mitzvah - Torah: Light.

Like a candle, Mitzvot can accomplish beautiful and wondrous things. They feed the needy, give money and love, keep the peace, and even when not understood, they bring you closer to God. Those, however, are not their reasons for their being. "Ha'Olam Hazeh domeh laprozdor bifnei ha'olam haba" it says in Perek. "This World is simply a prozdor, a corridor, a tunnel, with a single destination. Their reason for being is to get you somewhere else. Hoboken or Olam Haba.

As you travel through the prozdor you pick up mitzvot along the way. You do them, finish them, revel a bit and then stuff them into your nishama. That's what SHlomo HaMelech meant when he said, Ner Hashem Nishmas Odom. God's ner (mitzvot) are what your soul is made of.

Oh how they yearn to escape and go home to Hashem, as they cling to your body, the mishkan of mitzvot. They flicker and fight, push, punch, yearning to return to Hashem. Some say that's the reason we sway when we daven.

As long as you hold on to your mitzvot you get no rest. The turmoil inside causes havoc. You get no payback, bear yisurim, suffering, miseries without any recognition from The Above of your accomplishment. You can be visiting an old, frail woman, help her shower, prepare her for bed, and get hit by a truck on the way home.

Bitachon, trust in God, is what keeps you going. God will only hand you the miseries you can handle. Hut Bitachon. God will see you through the prozdor. Keep on moving. Somehow God knows what He is doing.

The candles that Aharon HaCohen learns to light offer no more permanence than any other flame or mitzva. If you touch them you might get burned but you won't have to bring a korban chatas. They won't protect you from thirst or war, Amalek or death. That's why Bnei Yisrael who left Mitzraim never made it to the Holy Land. They complained too much. They found their prozdor too difficult to bear. With bitachon they could have lived. Without it they died.

You need not give meaning to mitzvot or understand why despite your good deeds, life is such a challenge. Like your body, mitzvot are temporary; they haven't the power you think they do. Don't try and understand. If they weren't so temporary, we'd have a whole lot of that miracle oil that lasted just eight days.

The Abarbanel, financial advisor to Queen Isabel, the last of the Rishonim (or the first of the Achronim), publicly and scornfully belittled the Rambam who lived two hundred years before him, because the Rambam gave meaning to mitzvot.

Kashrus has no health benefits, he said. Mitzvot don't have to make sense. Everyday I see the King and Queen eat, anything you can imagine, glatt treif, and trust me, they are not suffering.

Yet Schar mitzvah behai alma leka, there is no reward in This World for mitzvot. The famous yesod, we often acknowledge at times when suffering and doing a mitzva coincide comes not from the Abarbanel but from the Rambam. Giving meaning to mitzvot might change your understanding of the mitzvah but you still won't understand the mysteries of Hashem.

Mitzvot are a burden. They have no value in Olam Hazeh. Stash them into your neshama and make sure they don't go away. Your neshama, however, will grow. Schar mitzvah, mitzva says Ben Azzai. Like buy one get one free, the only reward for a mitzvah is that you get to do another.

Mitzvot are temporary. A yahrtzeit lasts but a day, the tins and glasses end up in the garbage. You'd be hard pressed to find the remains a havdallah candle in a sheimos box. There is no holiness to a candle. It's just a tool.

Do mitzvot for the future, not for today. You'll have too much agmas nishama if you have expectations. Hoard them, protect them and watch your nishama grow. Wait for the end of the tunnel and plop your neshama on the table of The Holy One and ask "How much can I get for my neshama?" Then cash in your mitzvot. Your chelek is your reward. And that's a reward will last forever.

This Dvar Torah belongs to my brother who gave me his kidney and suffered with pain for a year.

VOLUNTEER AND CHESED OPPORTUNITIES – LSS NEEDS YOU!

Volunteer for LSS!

Volunteer needed to assist with computer work in the shul office. Help needed inputting into our database and preparing letters. Please call the office at 212-874-6100 or email info@lss.org.

Hospitality - Be a host! Be a guest! Be a part of a warm enriching enhancement to your Shabbat experience. Visit hospitality.lss.org to explore how easily you can make a difference to others.

Tzedaka - The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund discreetly distributes thousands of dollars to our own community members to defray the costs of Shabbat and Yom Tov meals and clothing. Help yourself and your neighbors by sending your contributions, earmarked for LSTSF to the LSS office.

Tehillim Circle – Meets every Monday at 8:00 pm at the home of Karin Feldhamer. Tehillim are recited for the sick, for *shiduchim* and for the soldiers in Israel.

Security volunteers are needed to help protect our LSS family on Shabbat and holidays. To sign up or request information, email security@lss.org or speak to any volunteer.

Security and safety are the responsibility of all shulgoers. Be aware of suspicious objects as you approach the shul and as you enter any room. Make it a habit to check under and near your seats when you sit down. And consider joining our security volunteers. Contact Harvey Stein (hjstein@gmail.com) for details.

Sign Language Interpreters available upon request. Please email inclusion@lss.org if you are in need of such services at LSS. We thank UJA-Federation of NY for their support through their **NY Jewish Community Deaf Interpreter Fund** administered by **The Jewish Deaf Resource Center**.

WEST SIDE MIKVAH – 236 West 74th Street, 212-579-2011, www.westsidemikvah.com. If you have questions regarding *taharat hamishpacha* (Jewish family law), please contact Rabbi Robinson or Mrs. Atara Eis, Yoetzet Halacha, at 610-639-7474 or ataraeis@gmail.com. Please consider making a donation to the Mikvah by making a check payable to LSS Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, with "UWS Mikvah" in the memo.

Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbat Fund - If you are aware of any LSS community member (including yourself) who could benefit from a Shabbat meal, please let us know by contacting the LSS office or by confidential email to rabbi@lss.org.

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