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SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEHAR- BECHUKOTAI 23 IYAR 5773 • MAY 3-4, 2013

Shabbat Schedule - Omer day 38

Friday

- 6:27 pm:** Earliest Candlelighting
6:45 pm: Early Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
7:36 pm: Candle Lighting
7:40 pm: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat

- 7:40 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
Post-Musaf: A conversation between **Jacqueline Nicholls** and Jewish Art Critic **Richard McBee** about the direction and meaning of Jewish Art.
9:15 am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:30 am: Youth Breakfast
9:26 am: Latest Shema
9:45 am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
10:00-11:00 am: Tween Corner: conversation with clergy
12:30pm: Beginners luncheon, Rooms 206-207
4:00 pm: Bikur Cholim volunteers meet in front of LSS
NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED
5:55 pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Lloyd Epstein** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
6:25 pm: Draw Yomi- **Jacqueline Nicholls** presents her drawings based on the daily page of Talmud learned as part of *Daf Yomi*
6:25 pm: Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
7:00 pm: Early teen Mincha and Seudah Shlishit in the Belfer Beit Midrash
7:25 pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary followed by Seudah Shlishit with a presentation of **Jacqueline Nicholl's Omer Drawings**
8:36 pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends

Thank you to our volunteer Security Guards, Greeters, and Ushers this Shabbat

Mazal Tov to our Members:

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

- Mazal Tov to **Chaz & Batya Goffin** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, **Chaya Goffin**, in Baltimore. Mazal Tov as well to her parents, **Yael & Uri Goffin**, and her siblings **Binyamin, Aliza, Asher Yosef & Shmuel**
- Mazel Tov to **Michael Laufer & Miriam Morgenstern** on the engagement of their son **Jacob Laufer** to **Adina Sperling**, daughter of **Karen & Marvin Sperling** of New Rochelle

Thank You to Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Carl Wisotsky & Connie Rubin in honor of their grandsons' milestones: Second Birthday of **Harrison Cole Neuthaler**, Graduation of **Jack Abraham Taksel** from three year old program at MDS, and Fourth Birthday of **Aiden Samuel Wisotsky**; **Judy & Moshe Sokolow** and **Aviva & Marvin Sussman** in memory of their parents **Sol & Roslyn Sussman, z"l**, and **Charles Bendheim, z"l**, whose *yahrtzeits* are in the month of Iyar.

Main Kiddush

Ruth and Bernie Simon in honor of their new granddaughter, **Talya Leya Miriam Tikva**, to **Ariel Simon & Naava Katz**; **Francine & Jay Cinamon** in honor of the upcoming marriage of their son **Lawrence** to **Robin Most**, daughter of **Ellen and Alan Most**; **Karen Lehmann & David Eisner** in commemoration of the *yahrtzeit* of Karen's father, **Manfred Lehmann z"l**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored anonymously by the Beginners, in honor of our devoted substitute Mishna Class teacher, **Dr. Ari Klapholz**.

Seudah Shlishit

Manny Zareh in loving memory of his grandmother **Miriam Zareh a"l**.

See back page for our Weekday Prayer Schedule

The **Molad** for Chodesh **Sivan** will be on **Friday, May 10, 2013, 49 minutes and 16 chalakim after 7am.**

Rosh Chodesh **Sivan** will be on **Friday, May 10**

THIS SHABBAT, ARTS SHABBAT

Jacqueline Nicholls is a London-based fine artist who uses art to explore and challenge traditional Jewish ideas in untraditional ways using many different craft techniques. She has training as an architect and medical illustrator. She also teaches adult Jewish education. Her art brings together the art studio and the Beit Midrash.

Richard McBee is a painter of Biblical subject matter and writer on Jewish Art., primarily at the *Jewish Press* since 2000. He exhibits and lectures in the New York area.

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ONGOING CLASSES
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE
THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 5/5

8:00 am—10:00 am: Mezuzah & Tefillin Checking with **Rabbi Lasdun**
Drop-off checking, suggested donation: \$10, Mezuzah; \$50, Tefillin.

MONDAY 5/6

10:30 am - Tefillah Shiur with **Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain**
6:30-8:00 pm - Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels 1 and 2. 3 more weeks.

7:00 pm - From Hasidism to Modern Orthodoxy: How Judaism Changed in the 18th and 19th Centuries with **Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain**

8:00-9:30pm— Modern Biblical Scholarship and Traditional Belief with Professor James Kugel, Ph.D and Rabbi Menachem Leibtag

TUESDAY 5/7

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

8:00 pm - Jewish Living Workshop

TUESDAY Beit Midrash Night!

7:00 pm - One2One. Contact dov@lss.org to register

8:00 pm - Hot Topics:

Rabbinic Intern Dov Lerner — Hilchot Shabbat
Ron Platzer — The Book of Samuel: Developing a Jewish Monarchy

6:15 pm - Morris Sheinwexler/Bina Presser/Paul Slater — Sholom Aleichem's Der Farkishfte Shnayder (in the original Yiddish)
Member-facilitated — Nach al HaPerek: learn 2 chapters of Navi

each week

Josh Rosenfeld — Intermediate Talmud - email programs@lss.org for address

WEDNESDAY 5/8

7:30 pm - Talmudic Methodology Class with **Rabbi Daniel Weiss**

8:00 pm - 'The Kaddish Class' – A learning and support group for people who have suffered loss, with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

THURSDAY 5/9

8:00 - 9:00 pm - The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations on the Weekly Parsha with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

SHABBAT 5/10

During Kiddush - Pirkei Avot Class

6:05 pm (90 minutes before Mincha) - Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Lloyd Epstein** (part of our Beit Midrash Program)

6:35 pm (60 minutes before Mincha) - Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**

Rabbi Yosef Lasdun will be doing Mezuzah and Tefillin Checking at LSS. **Sunday, May 5th, 8:00-10:00am.** Drop-off checking. Suggested donation: \$10 for Mezuzot, \$50 for Tefillin.

The **Shavuot Siyum luncheon** will take place **Thursday May 16th**. All are invited to join! Child care will be available during Siyum. Reservations will close this **Thursday May 9** or when we fill up which ever comes first. See flyer or LSS.org under events for details. Space is limited. Don't wait!

Beginners Announcements

- Welcome to all those joining us at this Shabbat's Beginners Luncheon.
- The next session of the Jewish Living Workshop led by **Dassa and Bill Greenbaum** will be this **Tuesday, May 7th, 8:00-9:00PM**. The workshop is free; register at www.lss.org
This week's topic: **Shavuot-Preparing ourselves and our home**
- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II began **Monday, April 22nd at 6:30PM**. The class meets for 1 & 1/2 hours, for 3 more weeks, and is free and open to all. Register for any of our Hebrew Reading classes at beginners.lss.org
- THIS Monday, **May 6th, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm
- Save the Night! **Tuesday night, May 14th, 11:30PM-7:00AM -- All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon**. Rabbi Kenneth Brander, the keynote opener, will start at **11:30PM** and Rabbi Buchwald's class starts at **12:45AM**. **Topic: "The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments," starting with mitzvah #398: Tithe of a Tithe**. Refreshments will be served, no reservation necessary.
- Save the date! Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will be teaching a free **Crash Course in Basic Judaism** at Lincoln Square Synagogue for 3 consecutive Wednesdays, starting on **May 29th at 7:00PM**. To register please visit www.beginners.lss.org or call 212-874-6100

MEMBERS HELP TD BANK TO DONATE SIGNIFICANT MONEY TO LSS, AT NO COST TO MEMBERS!!!!

Over the past 3 years the shul has received over \$28,000 from **TD Bank** as a result of our participating in their **Affinity Program**. This amount received was based on balances held in checking, savings, CDs and IRA accounts of our members who have signed up for this wonderful program. So if you don't have an account at TD Bank, please consider opening one and ask for the account to be linked to the LSS Affinity Program. If you already do have an account at TD Bank, and it is not linked, get it linked. There is total confidentiality. At no time will LSS know who has accounts there. They have a location at 68th & Broadway as well as many other locations in the city and are open on Sunday as well.

Please join us in this effort to get significant funds to LSS from TD Bank, with no cost to you at all!

UPCOMING AT LSS

Sunday, May 5th, 8-10am — Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking by Rabbi Yosef Lasdun

Drop off checking. Suggested donation: \$10, \$50

Monday, May 6th, 8:00 pm — Modern Biblical Scholarship and Traditional Belief with Professor James Kugel and Rabbi Menachem Leibtag

\$10 in advance at lss.org, or \$15 at the door

Monday, May 6th, 8:15-9:30 pm — Beginners Shmooze

See *Beginners Announcements*.

Wednesday, May 8th, NORPAC Mission to Washington

5:30-8:00 pm — Yom Yerushalayim BBQ

\$25/adult, \$18/children under 12, \$80/family maximum. Register at LSS.org, 5:30-7pm: Youth Arts and Crafts Table,

Tuesday, May 14th, 11:30 pm — Shavuot All-Night Learning

Come learn with us! Classes from 11:30 pm - 5:00 am, starting with Keynote Opener **Rabbi Kenneth Brander**.

1st Day Shavuot, Wednesday, May 15th, 6:55 pm — Graham Robinson, z"l, Memorial Drasha

Rabbi Robinson will give a special drasha to commemorate the 20th yahrtzeit for his father.

2nd Day Shavuot, Thursday, May 16th, 12:30 pm — Mishnah Siyum Luncheon

This special event will celebrate Shavuot, as well as the hishtadlut (work) of all the members and friends of LSS who have learned a part of the Mishnah for our communal study.

SAVE THE DATE: May 19th, 7:30 pm — Book Club meets

This month the Book Club is reading **Maus: A Survivor's Tale** and **MetaMaus: A Look Inside a Modern Classic** both by Art Spiegelman. **Maus** depicts Spiegelman interviewing his father about his experiences as a Polish Jew and Holocaust survivor. It uses postmodern techniques—most strikingly in its depiction of races of humans as different kinds of animals, with Jews as mice, Germans as cats and non-Jewish Poles as pigs. In 1992 it became the first graphic novel to win a Pulitzer Prize.

Steven Spira will lead the discussion at his home. Please contact programs@lss.org for address.

Monday, May 20, 8:00 pm — Showing of Partisans: a film short by Jacob Holm— free, followed by Q&A with director Jacob Holm and Refreshments

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

See *Beginners Announcements*.

<p><i>Save the Date</i></p> <p>LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE</p> <p>ANNUAL DINNER</p> <p>SUNDAY JUNE 16TH 2013 6:00PM</p> <p>AT OUR NEW HOME, 180 AMSTERDAM AVE</p>	<p>HONORING</p> <p>VALERIE & DANIEL FEDER <i>Guests of Honor</i></p> <p>MARION & MAURICE SPANBOCK <i>Keter Shem Tov Award</i></p> <p>RABBI DR. MOSHE SOKOLOW <i>Keter Torah Award</i></p>
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Security Notice

Please enter and exit the shul using only the main entrance doors.

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

LSS Security Message - Keeping LSS Safe.

What exits may I use to leave the shul building?

Q. May I use the back doors past the women's section that lead directly on to the Lincoln Towers driveway?

Q. I daven in the main shul. May I use the north exit door from the front of the women's section on the front bimah, to the left of where the shul president sits?

Q. I daven in the Beit Medrash on the second floor. May I take the back staircase (by the north service elevator) and exit on to Amsterdam Ave. - coming out right next to the West End Synagogue?

A. The answer to all questions is no, no and no.

At this time there is only one way to exit the shul. Please use the main entrance to exit the shul.

For security reasons we don't want any other exit doors open in case somebody outside those doors wants to come in - avoiding our security screening. We are sorry for the inconvenience but we need total control of who has access to our shul. Controlling access to our shul is one of the strongest protections we have from intruders who want to harm us.

Lesson Learned: Please enter and exit the shul only using the main entrance doors. No exceptions.

Questions? Do you want more security training as a **Local Synagogue Volunteer (LSV)** or do you want to take the advanced **CSS** course? Contact **Harvey Stein** LSS' head of security at security@lss.org or speak to one of our team leaders Martha, Ian, Ari or Lenny.

Act as if your life depends on it - because it does.

What Happened? What Now?
An honest, confidential discussion group for parents coping with children who are no longer observant

This 3 session group will be moderated by Dr. Michelle Friedman. People need not be synagogue members but are expected to attend all 3 sessions. **Contact Dr. Friedman** to register at mefriedman@gmail.com or 212-799-5723. Business Tagline or Motto; \$75 for Non-Members.

Dr. Michelle Friedman received an MD from the NYU School of Medicine and has completed advanced training at the Columbia University Psychoanalytic Center for Training and Research. She is a highly respected psychiatrist who focuses on the Jewish community and has a special interest in the rabbinate and pastoral counseling. In addition to her private practice and her role at YCT, Dr. Friedman is Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.



BUILDING UPDATE

May 3, 2013

What You Can See . . .

The bench in the lobby has been installed. Please enjoy it for sitting but not as a table.

Construction Progresses!

The stairs down to the beginner's service and the ballroom are nearing completion.

Behind the Curtains . . .

Changes to the exit lighting and final cleaning and sealing should allow us to use the terrace by mid May.

Kiddush Alert!

To protect the new bench from damage, please do not use it as a table for plates or glasses, as these may damage the surface. As always, no food or drink should be carried beyond the doors to the carpeted area.

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Shabbat Shalom, Ed Stark



In Shul by Alan Zwiebel

"Thanks to the success of our Co-Presidents system, we will be instituting a Co-Rabbi, Co-Chazan, Co-Gabbai and Co-membership. And our new caterer will be Prime-Co. Shabbat shalom."



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.

Youth Announcements

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Sun - Thurs at 7:45 pm**

Sun

Shacharit: **7:10am**

Daf Yomi: **7:45am**

Shacharit: **8:30am**

Mon & Thurs

Daf Yomi: **6:15am**

Shacharit: **7:00am**

Shacharit: **7:50am**

Tues & Wed

Daf Yomi: **6:20am**

Shacharit: **7:10am**

Shacharit: **7:50am**

Friday (Rosh Chodesh)

Daf Yomi: **6:15am**

Shacharit: **7:00 am**

Shacharit: **7:40 am**

Anyone who is post-Bar Mitzvah and would like to leyn his Parsha on Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary is urged to contact Mark Hus at MHusOffice@aol.com. Thanks!

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

SHABBAT PARSHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI
24 IYAR 5773 • MAY 3-4, 2013

BY MORDECHAI BEILIS

**IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER AHARON SIMCHA BEN YITZCHAK V'KLORA
AND HIS MOTHER MAZALA AVIVA BAT MENACHEM V'ESTER**

The juxtaposition of Behar and BeChukothai is interesting. In Behar we receive the outline of the blessings and the curses for keeping the commandments of the Sabbatical years namely Shmita and Yoav.

For helping those financially in trouble, for good treatment of slaves, we are not told of our blessing. G-d tells us you should do this because I am the L-rd thy G-d who took you out of the land Egypt. Reminding us if we forgot I could have left you in Egypt to rot. So I already gave you the blessings.

As we continue to read into BeChukothai we get 13 sentences telling us of our reward for being obedient and 46 sentences telling us of our punishment for disobedience. This could have been done in two sentences.

If you obey my commandments you will have everything.

If you disobey you will have everything ripped from your grasp.

Instead G-d gives us detail. In the rewards he promises to take care of us financially, to live securely in the land and to have confidence in all that we do. "You will have your fill of food and live securely in the land... I will grant peace in the land so that you will sleep without fear... I led you out from Egypt and led you forth with your heads held high"

But those curses, Oh those curses, endless sentences of rebuke all those excruciating details of G-d's wrath against us. What he will do to us for idol worship. Of not treating not only our fellow Jew, but all the inhabitants of the land.

These details actually give us a window into all the misdeeds that we have or will (G-d forbid) do. It is a way to understand how we can avoid sin and accept G-d's commandments. Even the most righteous among us has acknowledged that they have not been sin free.

So what is G-d's limit? What can he accept and not accept before he lets go of his anger?

My father has seen the worst in human beings running to Russia to escape death during WW II. We didn't even have the land to commit some of these sins that G-d speaks about. What did we do so differently during that time from what we are doing now?

We have been blessed since those days ended. We have the land and it belongs to us. Yet, we are also cursed. There are those who don't understand what that means. We have terrible illnesses that should have been eradicated from society. So we have much to learn. All peoples of this earth, then and only then will G-d's complete blessing be bestowed and all curses eradicated from the land.

Shabbat Shalom.

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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