

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

7:00pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

7:05pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur given by **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
 9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** followed by Musaf.
 9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201
 9:30am Minyan and Meaning "The Soulful Experience" with Kol Haneshamah and Chazzan Mo Kiss
 9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
 9:51am Latest Shema
 10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
 11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. (New volunteers needed and welcome)
 5:15pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
 5:45pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211
 5:45pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on "What is Religious Zionism?" pt. 2
 6:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.
 8:01pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

SPRING CLEANING

By now you must have heard all about our amazing I ❤️ LSS themed **Mishloach Manot**! Pick yours up to enjoy some delicious Pre-Pesach snacks! If you need to pick up after office hours contact us and we will arrange for it to be left for you with security. If you know of anyone who is homebound but would like to receive their Mishloach Manot please email us at info@lss.org.

LSS is cleaning for Pesach! **Lost & Found** items will be left out this Shabbat on a table outside the office. Please look through it to claim your missing treasure. All remaining items will be donated or disposed of next week. Happy Hunting!

APRIL 13: SHABBAT MAIN KIDDUSH

Join us for a pre-pesach April 13 Shabbat Main Kiddush. Co-sponsorship opportunities begin at \$100. We hope this will make sponsorship available to the entire community.

Sponsoring kiddush is a wonderful way to honor or remember friends and family, as well as to commemorate life cycle events.

If interested in joining please email the office, with the wording for the Echod, at info@lss.org or call the shul office at (212) 874-6100 ext. 105. We look forward to sharing in this Kiddush together.

MAIN MINYAN SHUL BUDDY

The LSS Beginners Service is looking for volunteers who attend the main LSS Service to serve as "buddies" to help "graduates" of the Beginners Service follow the regular service. If interested or are looking for a Shabbat main minyan buddy, please e-mail shulbuddy@lss.org.

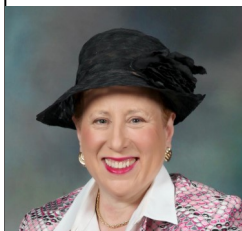
ROSH CHODESH

Molad for Rosh Chodesh Nissan will be Friday night 25 minutes and 17 chalakim after 1 am. Rosh Chodesh Nissan will be next Shabbat.

THIS SHABBAT

9:30am:

**Minyan and Meaning:
The Soulful Experience:**
Join LSS, Kol HaNeshamah and Chazzan Mo Kiss on a unique spiritual journey to the heart with prayer, enchanting melodies, and fascinating, modern explanatory insights into the service and weekly parsha.



THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm:

The LSS Youth Department Presents: Babies & Brunch: Animal Fun
Thank you to our sponsors, The Kuzniecky and Kanarfogel families

March 31: Early Bird Deadline for the NORPAC event taking place on May 21
NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where close to 1,000 citizen activists meet with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship. Buses will leave LSS early in the morning and return later in the evening. This year's mission is especially important given that many of the new members of Congress need to be educated about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship. To register, please visit www.norpac.net/mission-to-washington. For questions, please contact Dan Feder at dfeder613@gmail.com.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored anonymously

Main Kiddush: Sponsors welcome

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Sponsors welcome

Beginners Kiddush: Sarah Leah & Lou Vynerib in commemoration of the yahrtzeit and in loving memory of her sister, Benita Gorenberg, Bina bas Sima v Baruch Kalman a"h.

Seudah Shlishit: Sponsors welcome.

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents **Betty and David Roth** on the marriage of their grandson Daniel Raykher to Ariela Hecht. Mazal tov to the parents, Daphna Roth and Gregory Raykher and Donna and Joseph Hecht.

Judith and Daniel Sabba on the birth of a baby girl!

HAKARAT HATOV

Judy and Moshe Sokolow for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

REFUAH SHLEIMA

Please daven for our beloved Chaz, Chazzan Sherwood Goffin, **Shimon ben Yehudis**. Cards of support will be passed along.

SHMURAH MATZAH SALE

LSS is again selling Shatzer Shmurah Matzah for Passover. Cost: \$25.25 per pound for both regular and whole wheat. Place your orders at www.lss.org/form/matzah2019.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 8:

- Naomi Shemer: The Honey & The Sting: 7:00pm**
 Naomi Shemer's songs reflect Israel's history, the good times and the sad times. In this program, Roy Rimshon brings light and life to Naomi's story. The program will combine live music, well-known songs, videos and rare photos.
 Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.
 To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/naomishemer.
- Beginners Model Seder: 7:00pm**
 Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and Rabbi Elly Krinsky for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Passover Seder. Refreshments will be served.
 Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.
 For information or to make your reservation, contact LSS at 212-874-6100 or at www.lss.org/beginners.
- Deadline for Passover Hospitality: 12:00pm**
LSS Beginners interested in hospitality for Passover sederim and/or Shabbat or Yom Tov meals, may contact Rabbi Buchwald at 646-871-0012 or email jessica@njop.org. Please leave an accurate message with dates of meals & specify lunch or dinner.

Tuesday, April 9:

Deadline for Beginners Passover Shabbaton

This event will be taking place on Friday and Saturday, April 12-13.

Cost: \$50, includes two meals.

To register, please visit

www.lss.org/beginners.

Sunday, April 14:

- LSS Youth Presents Matzah Bakery: 10:00am**
 Join LSS for baking matzah and making fun Passover crafts.
 Cost: \$10 per child. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/matzahbakery.
 Location: Main Ballroom
- Chametz Food Drive: 10:00am-2:00pm**
 This is the one you've been waiting for! Collect your non-perishable Chametz, either open or closed. Volunteers 8+ welcome. If interested in volunteering please email Wendy Baker at wbaker@panix.com.



The Haggadah Like You've Never Seen Before

April 1st - Monday Evening - 7:30 PM - Beit Midrash
 Please Register At:

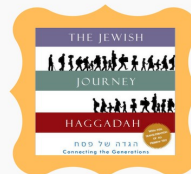
www.lss.org/event/prepesachseries

AN EXCITING BOOK LAUNCH WITH THREE NEW HAGGADAH AUTHORS

An Ancient Text Reenvisioned

Rabbanit Dr. Adena K. Berkowitz

is a scholar in residence and co-founder of Kol HaNeshamah, NYC, an organization dedicated to reenergizing the spiritual lives of both not-yet-affiliated and affiliated Jews. With a background in law, Jewish studies and psychotherapy, Adena is the author of The Jewish Journey Haggadah and co-author of Shaarei Simcha: Gates of Joy, a mini prayer book. A practicing therapist, she lives in New York with her husband Rabbi Zev Brenner and children Menachem Leib, Lizzy (and husband Sam Zakay), Pammy, Aderet, and Jessica Brenner.



Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg

is the spiritual leader of Congregation Etz Chaim of Kew Gardens Hills, New York, and a Judaic Studies educator and JudeoTech Integrator at SAR Academy in Riverdale, New York. His Unofficial Hogwarts Haggadah reached #10 overall on Amazon, and his Harry Potter Club at SAR was featured in the New York Times. He is also the author of Morality for Muggles: Ethics in the Bible and the World of Harry Potter and The Unofficial Muggle Megillah. He lives in Queens with his wife Dina and those of their seven children who haven't yet managed to escape.

Jordan B. Gorfinkel

known as Gorf (that's "froG" backwards!) — is a veteran comic book editor and writer of the Batman franchise for DC Comics, his creations serving as the inspiration for television shows, movies and video games. As a Jewish cartoonist, he draws the weekly JewishCartoon.com comic strip featured locally in the NY Jewish Week. He pioneered professional Jewish A cappella and with his all star vocal groups Kol Zimra brings harmony—vocal and communal—to simchas and services. He created and wrote the world's first Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel, illustrated by Israeli artist Erez Zadok and released through Jerusalem-based Koren Publishers. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter: @jewishcartoon, @jewish_cartoon



SHABBAT SHALOM!

HOSPITALITY NEEDS: Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and /or lodging. Please email hospitality@lss.org with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

LSS Teen Directors and Rabbinic Intern, Zac & Rachel Schwartz are in need of meals on April 5-6 and meals and lodging on April 12-13.

Community Educator, Zissy Turner and her husband, Sam, are in need of meals and lodging on May 3-4.

Weekly Prayer Schedule:

March 31

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Mincha/Maariv	7:10pm	7:10pm	7:10pm	7:10pm	7:15pm	7:10pm

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210
שורשים Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211
ניצנים Buds (K-1st) Room 208
פרחים Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206
ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



Shabbat schedule:

10:00 am Drop Off (Rooms 206-211)
 10:45 am Davening, Circle Time, and Healthy Kiddush (Rooms 206-211)
 11:00 am Parsha & Candy: The Signs of Kashrut (Rooms 210-211)
 11:00am Baby & Me (3rd Floor Gym)
 11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration (Room 206-207)
 11:45 am Groups End

Dvar Torah

Parshat Shmini details the laws of Kashrut. The Torah tells us that the signs of a kosher mammal are that it chews its cud and has split hooves. The signs of a kosher fish are having fins and scales. However, the Torah does not give us any details about the signs of a kosher bird. The Gemara says that one of the signs of a treif bird is if it is a bird of prey. Since the Torah is unclear about kashrut for birds, we have a tradition to only eat birds that our ancestors ate.

When the Jewish people first began coming to America, there was a big debate amongst the Rabbis whether or not the turkey was a kosher bird. Eventually someone located a Jewish community in the Middle East where they had a long tradition of eating turkeys so the Rabbis here decided that the turkey was a kosher bird.

The laws of Kashrut are a 'chok', meaning we don't know the reason why Hashem commanded them. We are all familiar with the phrase "you are what you eat," we are affected by the things we eat.

Therefore be careful to only eat foods that are kosher and pure so that we too can be kosher and pure.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

- Is turkey kosher?
- What is the difference between Chukim and Mishpatim?
- What are the signs of a kosher fish and a kosher mammal?

Answers:
 A. Yes!
 B. Mishpatim are laws from Hashem that make sense to us; Chukim are laws from Hashem that may not make any sense to us but we do them anyway.
 C. The Torah tells us that the signs of a kosher mammal are that it chews its cud and has split hooves. The signs of a kosher fish are having fins and scales.

Upcoming Events:

THIS SUNDAY, March 31, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm,
 Babies & Brunch: *Animal Fun*

Thank you to our sponsors, The Kuzniecky and Kanarfogel families!
 Register at: www.lss.org/event/animalfun

Sunday, April 14, 10:00 am, Matzah Bakery & Passover Crafts
 Register at: www.lss.org/event/matzahbakery

MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Stay tuned-exciting teen programming coming your way!

Save the date: Shabbat April 5-6

To join our mailing list or to sponsor an upcoming event
 please email teens@lss.org

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday:

- Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazsky and Dan Munk. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In this class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) to Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Location: Rm 207
- Jewish Living Workshop: 7:30pm-8:30pm** Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. Topic: *Kosher for Passover- How To*. To register, please email jlworkshop@yahoo.com. Location: *meeting offsite*
- The Haggadah Like You've Never Seen: 7:30pm** Topic: An Ancient Text Reenvisioned. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/prepesachseries.



Tuesday:

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am- 11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30-8:00pm:** Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at www.lss.org/beginners.
- Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. M'lachim, the Book of Kings - the death of David, the magnificent reign of Solomon and his fall, the split kingdom, the dramatic tales of Elijah and Elisha, and so much more. Join our lively weekly study/discussion group as we analyze, pasuk by pasuk, these exciting Biblical narratives. Location: Rm 211
- Community Kollel** organized by Rabbinic Intern and Teen Director, Zac Schwartz: 7:30pm-9:30pm. To register please click on the link in the Echod electronic version or email teens@lss.org. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday:

- *(Please note the time change) Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Rm 207
- Jewish History Series: Israel & Zionism led by Paul Shaviv:** 8:00pm-9:00pm Topic: 1948-1967-The Age of Heroic Israel Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. *This past week's topic: "Our Heritage"* Location: Rm LL201.
- *(Please note this is an offsite event) Lunch & Learn:** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 12:45pm-1:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please email Micah Bloomfield at mbloomfield@stroock.com. Location: 180 Maiden Lane NY, NY 10038
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

“Bein Kodesh le-Hol: Making a Difference”

“You must distinguish between the holy and the unholy, and between the pure and the impure” (Leviticus 10:10).

After the deaths of Nadab and Abihu, God warned the remaining priests not to approach the Tabernacle in a state of intoxication because that would compromise their ability to perform their duties, including, specifically, distinguishing between holy and unholy. Maintaining such distinctions is not required of priests alone. Upon the conclusion of *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov*, during *havdalah*, the prayer of demarcation, we give recognition to the divisions between “holy and unholy, light and darkness, Israel and Gentiles, and *Shabbat* and the six days of creation.”

Some of these distinctions are empirical. While there are different intensities of light and darkness, it requires no great expertise to tell the difference, let us say, between noon and midnight. Some are more complicated. And while the difference between *Shabbat* and Tuesday may be obvious within our homes and synagogues, it is not noticeable, per se, on the corner of 72nd Street and Broadway. While some Jews dress distinctively, it is generally difficult, if not impossible, to tell people’s faiths from their wardrobes alone.

Then we come to a more complex distinction: purity and impurity, which is entirely intangible and lacks external markings. Yes, a corpse is impure and, usually, we can tell the difference between dead and alive, but whether a person or object has come into contact with the corpse and acquired its impure status is not self-evident.

Perhaps even more abstruse is the distinction between *kodesh* and *chol*, which we are accustomed to apply not only to physical objects but to concepts as well. Every yeshivah day school student or parent knows that some hours are devoted to *kodesh* studies and others to *chol*. Just what distinguishes them from one another, and does that distinction apply elsewhere as well? When God enjoined us to “be holy (*kedoshim*) because I am holy” (Leviticus 19:2), just what are His expectations of us?

A philological analysis is helpful. Using the remarkable graphic concordance built into alhatorah.org, we note that 92 of 467 appearances (20%) of the root K-D-SH are in Leviticus, the greatest number of any book of *Tanakh*. (Second is Ezekiel with 57; it has no appearances at all in 9 entire biblical books, including Job and Proverbs.) The essential meaning of K-D-SH, acknowledged by the Sages, is to set apart, and people, places, times, and things become *kodesh* due to their separation from outwardly similar people, places, times, and things. Back in the day, if I had several animals and I designated one to be offered to the Temple, I had done nothing to change its external appearance, but it nevertheless became holy (*hekdeshe*). Hence, any subsequent use of that animal for a mundane purpose would have constituted an act of trespass (*me’ilah*) against God. More contemporaneously, if I serve wine at Thanksgiving dinner, do I use the “*kiddush cup*” I generally use on Friday nights?

As for the essential meaning of *chol* (whose verbal root could be either CH-O-L or CH-L-L), it designates something hollow, in the physical sense, and void, in the conceptual sense. This implies that unlike something holy that has substance or gravitas, something unholy is relatively mundane or trivial. Our verse contains the only appearance of CH-O-L in the Torah (providing we distinguish it from its homonym meaning sand) and is clearly paralleled by only three additional appearances, all in Ezekiel. (Of particular note is Ezekiel 43:23: “The [priests] shall instruct My people between holy and unholy and inform them between pure and impure.”)

If we return to the day school analogy we gave earlier, if *limmudei kodesh* are religious studies, how should we translate *limmudei chol*? While many schools avoid the problem by using general studies or secular (i.e., worldly) studies, the real question is what do they see as the relationship between the two? Are they polar opposites that we are enjoined to keep separate? Or are they complementary terms that might yet be joined together through a process of—perhaps—synthesis?

Rav Kook deemed the corollary of “holy” to be “not yet holy.” Following this line of thought, anything that one studies or chooses to do in life, if it is done in a manner that is pleasing to God and promotes our devotion to Him and His mission for us on Earth, becomes holy. We have the potential to fill the world with holiness.

Shabbat Shalom!

[For a far more extensive study of these terms, see *A Theology of Holiness*, by Alec Goldstein (Kodesh Press, 2018).]

For more information about writing a Dvar Torah, see Bill Greenbaum in shul or email dvar@lss.org.

We are currently looking for writers for:
April 13 (Parshat Metzora)
April 27 (Parshat Pesach)
May 4 (Parshat Aharei Mot)