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Candle Lighting: 7:48pm

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

6:45pm: Special Carlebach style Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the

Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary sponsored

by KolHaneshamah. Service will be conducted by Cantor Ari Klein and the Neshamah a cappella group. See box

7:48pm: Candle Lighting

7:50pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Belfer Beit Midrash 7:50pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in Room 206

Shabbat Morning

7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush

8.30am. Parsha Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Jared Anstandig in the Na-

thaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by

Rabbi Shaul Robinson

9:14am: Latest Shema

9:15am: Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in room LL201

(Lower Level)

9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Mid-

rash. Drasha by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volun-

teers are urgently needed.

6:05pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer

Beit Midrash

6:35pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: "Holy

Soccer?!" - A Shiur In Honor Of Yom ha-Atzmaut 5776

6:35pm: Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in room 211

7:35pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit. Seudah Shlishit talk by Rabbi

Akiva Tatz: Triage in Judaism: Whose Life Do You Save?

8:49pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WELCOME TO RABBI DR AKIVA TATZ FOR SEUDAH SHLISHIT



Rabbi Dr Akiva Tatz is one of the most sought after speakers in the Jewish world and an author of note. He was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, studied medicine at the University of Witwatersrand and graduated with distinction in surgery. He spent a year in St. Louis, Missouri, as an American Field Service Scholar and subsequently returned there for elective work in internal medicine at Washington University.

Weekly Prayer Schedule For the Week of May 15 Monday - Thursday Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:55pm

Tues, Wed & Fri Sunday Mon & Thurs Shacharit: 7:10am Daf Yomi: 6:20am Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Daf Yomi: 7:45am Shacharit: 7:10am Shacharit: 7:00am Shacharit: 8:30am Shacharit: 7:50am Shacharit: 7:50am



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Horwitz Family on the occasion of the first yahrzeit of Helene Horwitz A'H

Beginner's Kiddush

Sponsored by Helga Weisburger in commemoration of her mother's yahrtzeit, Kathe bat Chana, a"h, and in honor of Rabbi Buchwald.

Main Kiddush:

Sponsored by Warren Weiss in commemoration of his mother's upcoming yahrtzeit.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by Fred Loweff in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, Milton Loweff (Mordechai ben Yitzchak) a"h.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by Jared and Sarit Anstandig in honor of Lincoln Square Synagogue and in gratitude to the shul and community for hosting us, feeding us, and learning with us this year.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to Anne & Martin Hochberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Malka Aliza, to Rabbi Avi & Shuli Bossewitch in Miami Beach. Mazal Tov to siblings Liora, Tova, Moshe, and Avrumi.
- Mazal Tov to Great-Grandparents Lois and Leslie Katz on the birth of a baby boy, to their grandchildren Zachary and Talia Katz. Mazal Tov also to the grandparents, Benjamin and Michelle Katz, of Cleveland and Sherri and Israel Mendanhall of Cleveland.



It's coming soon, it happens only once a year, and it's looking to be one of our best ever. Join us as we celebrate our deserving honorees, each of whom has done so much for our Shul. Join us for a delightful evening with good friends, delicious food and overall bonhomie. Join us to support our ever-growing LSS community. Whatever your reason, just be sure to Join us for this year's Annual Dinner. Visit <u>lss.org/dinner</u> 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. Also, if you have any photos of Wendy supervising these activities, please contact the Shul office or Gloria Kestenbaum.

UPCOMING EVENTS - RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS AT LSS.ORG/EVENTS

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 and Sarah in a more intimate setting, and get formally welcomed into the LSS family. Please rsvp to Rabbi@lss.org.

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

Yakov Gaon, Executive Vice-President of Tzohar will speak about the 21st century forensic work that the organization performs to help ensure the Jewish future of the State of Israel while scrupulously adhering to Halacha. For more information on Tzohar, see the Israel Corner.

"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. Sip Israeli wines while feeling good that you are helping Israel's economy. Cost: \$40 for adults and teens, lower prices for younger children. To register, visit www.lss.org/yomhaatzmaut or pay at the door.

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 Iss.org/films.

Ruth Calderon • Tuesday, May 17 • 10:30 am-11:30 am • Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary • FREE

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.

Women's Talk Time • Thursday, May 19th • 11:30am

Women are invited to attend an ongoing discussion group facilitated by Ruth Riemer All ages are welcome. Our last topic was: A Time To Speak; A Time to Listen.

YP Post Yom Haatzmaut Lunch • Shabbos, May 21st • 12:30pm

Come hear former members of the Israeli Armed Forces, including Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld. Free childcare will be available. \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. Sponsorship for \$100 Includes 2 seats.

Theodor Hertzl (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 Hertzl's dream and then explores the process of building the Jewish State. Michal will also discuss how Israeli history and culture have evolved since Hertzl's dream. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door (space permitting). After the tour, Michal will lead 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, visit www.lss.org/art

Book Club Meeting: "The Yid" by Paul Goldberg. Sunday, May 22nd at 7:30pm

The LSS Book Club will be meeting at the home of Steven and Gale Spira. Steven will be leading the discussion. "The Yid" is an unusual book of historical fiction which takes place in Soviet Russia just before the death of Stalin. Even if you haven't had a chance to read it yet, we think you will find the discussion of this pivotal period in Russian History and the wild cast of characters who inhabit the book very compelling.

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.

Benefits and Resource Program at LSS • Thursday, May 26, 2016 6-8 PM

A jointly sponsored program by JASA and LSS directed towards making people more aware of the resources and services they are entitled to as they, or a family member enter their Senior Years.

Celebrate Israel Parade • Sunday, June 5

Show your pride in Israel's many accomplishments by marching in the annual parade. You will be back in ample time to attend the LSS Annual Dinner. To purchase tee-shirts for the parade visit <u>Celebrate Israel Parade</u> by **May 17**.

וSRAEL CORNER ● פינת ישראל

TZOHAR

Founded upon loyalty to the State of Israel and commitment to Halacha, Tzohar's mission is to guarantee the Jewish future of the State of Israel. Over the past two decades, Tzohar has directly impacted hundreds of thousands of families, nurturing moderate, rabbinic leadership and shaping public policy. Tzohar has emerged as a powerful national movement of 1,000 Zionist rabbis and women volunteers who are leading the revolution for an ethical, inclusive and inspiring Jewish Israel.

More than one million immigrants are defined as Jews on their identity card, but when they come to get married, they will have to prove their Jewish roots. Having left their countries of origin over two decades ago, former Soviet Union immigrants lack the ability, resources and, sometimes, motivation to meet the Rabbinate's high hurdle of proof of Jewish origin. As a result, they often opt for a civil marriage abroad. By conducting rigorous forensic work, Tzohar's Shrashim project helps these immigrants authenticate their Jewish status and thus legally marry as Jews in Israel.



BUYcott Israel

Last week, Rabbi Robinson spoke about the importance of supporting Israel's economy by purchasing its products, thus countering some of the effects of the BDS movement. This could be as simple as buying a bottle of Israeli wine, a bag of Bisli chips or a chunk of Israeli cheese. For an even larger selection of products, please visit **BuyIsraelGoods**.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Coffee & Responsa w/ **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld ●** After Second Minyan (9:15am)

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** • 6:45pm 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 • 6:45pm

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

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session of the Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet on Monday, May 16th, 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: Zmirot workshop in conjunction with Shabbat 5/21 placement in homes.
- 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 Intermarriage." Refreshments will be
 served. No reservation necessary.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Frankie and Mrs. Elana Shulkin Dr. Samuel and Mrs. Eliana Yamshon

BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

Women, join the simchah, as more than 20 women in the Bat Mitzvah Project will have their Bat Mitzvahs at the Women's Tefillah Group! Saturday, May 21st, 8:45 am in the Pre-function Room (next to ballroom) on Floor LL1

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.



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

6 lyyar 5776 • May 13-14 , 2016 Parshat Kedoshim

By: Charlie Savenor

"After Death, The Bridge to a New Beginning"

In 1935 a baby was born. A Jewish child of immigrants, Yossi came into the world shortly after his parents emigrated from Lithuania. Born and raised in America, his childhood was colored by news of the war abroad. With every report of the war, questions emerged as to what happened to our Jewish brethren in the "old country."

Before Yossi reached the age of ten, he learned that all of his relatives from Lithuania had been taken by the Nazis, never to be heard from again. Fairly soon, it became clear to him that that his family – uncles, aunts, cousins – were all gone, dead. Murdered. He could not understand why or how it happened.

Born in 1935, Yossi's Bar Mitzvah was to take place in 1948. Many of us know how challenging it can be to prepare for a Bar Mitzvah, especially with all sorts of adolescent issues that we need to deal with. Yossi's Bar Mitzvah experience, however, was problematic on so many levels.

As more news of the Holocaust surfaced daily, young Yossi decided that he didn't want to be a part of Judaism. In his mind, to be Jewish meant being weak and defenseless, a shameful way to live. It was not just the Holocaust that pushed him over the edge. That was just the icing on the cake. His mind was made up; there would be no Bar Mitzvah.

In the summer of 1948, the newly formed Israeli navy sailed into Boston Harbor as part of a tour of allies. Like the rest of the Boston Jewish community, his curiosity was piqued, at least enough to walk across the bridge from Chelsea, MA, to Boston Harbor.

The sight of these young, healthy, spirited Jewish sailors contradicted the images of Jewish weakness that Yossi weighed down his heart and exhausted his mind. Their strength and confidence made his feelings of shame evaporate. He claims that that day he learned what he wanted to become, not just a Bar Mitzvah but also an active participant in the Jewish future.

This fortuitous, brief trek across the bridge changed the trajectory of Yossi's life. It was as if his steps across that bridge could be called: "Acharei Mot Kedoshim," after death there is holiness. After the Shoah and Israel's War of Independence, Yossi was inspired to embrace the sanctity of what it means to be a Jew.

As we celebrate Israel's independence this year, frankly every year, I am grateful that Yossi gave Israel and Judaism one last chance. If that young boy, Yossi, had not walked across the bridge to greet the Israeli navy, then I would not be who I am today. For you see, Yossi was my father.

It is not every day that a 12-year old makes a decision that changes lives forever, his own and generations yet to come.