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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 7:19pm: Candle Lighting
- 7:25pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 7:25pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 8:55pm: Beginners Passover Shabbaton Dinner

Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richmond Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:34am: Latest Shema
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

Shabbat Afternoon

- 12:30pm: Beginners Passover Shabbaton Lunch
- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society Meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are needed.
- 6:50pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 7:15pm: The 17th Annual Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Hagadol Drasha By **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: ***Something Wicked This Way Comes: Countering the Rasha in Our Midst***
- 8:20pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by **Sandy Gross** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, **Sherman Gross, Shimin Eliezar ben Sinai, z"l**.

Beginner's Kiddush

Sponsored by **Beatrice Stoller** in memory of her beloved brother **Arnold Marvin Mazur, z"l**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Joy and Morey Wildes** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Simon**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Blima and Joel Abramson** in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Joel's father, **Dr. David A. Abramson (Aharon Dovid ben Yosef Eliyahu) z"l**.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Joy and Morey Wildes** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Simon**. Mazal tov also to brothers **Alexander** and **Henry**, and to grandparents **Harold and Iris Kaplan** and **Jerome and Bertha Wildes**.
- Kol Ha'Kavod to **Gidi Grinstin** founder of the Reut Institute whose Tikkun Olam Makers (TOM) program was awarded a \$700,000 prize from Google for making the world more accessible for people with disabilities.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Gayle Kesselman
Mr. Rudolph J. Lowy
Mr. Gary and Dr. Lesley Turkel

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

LSS Annual Dinner – Sunday, June 5, 2016

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 Shorestein and Stuart Shorestein (Guests of Honor), Debra & Adam Verstandig (Young Leadership Honorees) and Wendy Baker (Community Service Honoree). Look out for the invitations and website, coming soon.

POLAND TRIP

We are organizing a trip to Poland for members of Lincoln Square Synagogue and anyone else interested. The trip will be accompanied by Holocaust survivors and will be an opportunity to remember the Shoah and encounter the rich Jewish lives of a world destroyed. The trip will be from September 11-18th

Please contact Rabbi Robinson at rabbi@lss.org for more information.

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of April 17 - 22 Sun-Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:25pm

| Sunday | Mon & Thurs | Tues & Wed | Fri (Ta'anit Bachorot) |
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| Shacharit: 7:10am | Daf Yomi: 6:15am | Daf Yomi: 6:20am | Daf Yomi: 5:45am |
| Daf Yomi: 7:45am | Shacharit: 7:00am | Shacharit: 7:10am | Shacharit: 6:30am |
| Shacharit: 8:30am | Shacharit: 7:50am | Shacharit: 7:50am | Shacharit: 7:30am |

Chametz Sale Forms and the full Pesach schedule can be found on a separate flyer.

They can also be found at
lss.org/Passover

Chametz Food Drive • Sunday, April 17th, 10am-1pm.

Bring your OPENED and UNOPENED NONPERISHABLE Chametz foods to the Lobby for distribution to non-Jews at a food pantry, a soup kitchen, and a senior homeless shelter. PLEASE no freezer clean-out foods, or anything that requires refrigeration. We do accept mustard and ketchup as well as pancake syrups and salad dressings, which can remain out of the refrigerator. If you or your children want to help, please call the shul or just arrive. This drive is fun for the young people 8 and over. Dress very casually, as there can be a mess!

"The Return to Egypt: A Rabbi's Encounter with Islam at Al Azhar in Cairo" with Rabbi Dr. Yaakov Nagen • Sunday, April 17th •

11am-12pm Hear about one of the most important and least reported trends happening today in Israel: The growing dialogue between rabbis associated with the settler movement in Israel and Muslim clerics who by-pass politics to create coexistence between two peoples.

Women's Talk Time • Thursday April 21st • 11:30am-12:30pm

Join LSS Member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to women in the LSS community. Last week's topic: Pesach Stress

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.

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

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.

Save The Date! LSS Singles presents its Lag B'Omer Reception, May 25 from 7 -10 PM.

Early Bird rate: \$36. Email: lsqsingles@gmail.com for more details. Sign up at <http://www.lss.org/event/singles-reception>.

ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

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BUYcott Israel

More than \$14,000 in proceeds were racked up over the course of the wine sale and most of it went to the purchase of Israeli wines. Last week's hakarat ha'tov should have included Miriam Morgenstern whose many wise suggestions contributed to the success of the wine sale. Scotch and single malt drinkers, we've heard your lamentations. The Fall sale will include a wide a selection of spirits.

This past Sunday, LSS hosted an Israel Bonds brunch which included members of Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist synagogues in our neighborhood. In his warm welcome to all present, Rabbi Robinson shared his feelings about the importance of cross-denominational *achdut* among those who love and take pride in Israel. He also described his love of Tel Aviv which to him represents Israel's phenomenal growth, development and success. And, oh yes, nearly \$250,000 was invested in Israel's economy by Bonds purchasers. Hakarat Ha'Tov to Dr. Renee Nossel, Pearl Glassberg and Nathan Vogel for making this event a success.

NORPAC Mission to Washington: May 18

This past Wednesday we learned practical skills in countering BDS. Highlighting the importance of this issue, BDS will be a central topic during the Norpac Mission to Washington on Wednesday May 18th.

We will be advocating for the passage of the The "Combating BDS Act of 2016" ([S.2531](#) and [H.R.4514](#)), which was recently introduced in the House and Senate. Here is an excerpt:

This bill authorizes a state or local government to adopt and enforce measures to divest its assets from, or prohibit investment of its assets in an entity that such government determines, using credible information available to the public, engages in a commerce or investment-related boycott, divestment, or sanctions activity targeting Israel.

The mission will also devote time and resources to educating Members of Congress in the meetings about BDS: Explaining the connection with anti-Semitism, including intimidation of pro-Israeli students on college campuses.

Should you think that your participation doesn't matter - think again. The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation issued an [action alert](#) opposing the Combating BDS Act of 2016, generated more than 9,000 constituent letters to Congress in its first 24 hours! Israel's enemies are taking this bill seriously, can we do less?

This is an ongoing and concentrated struggle. Register at www.NORPAC.net and make a difference. Any questions? Speak with Dan Feder in shul or email him at: dfeder02@aol.com



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The rules are pretty simple.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to all those joining us at this Shabbat's Beginners Passover Shabbaton.**
- The Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will **NOT meet on Mondays, April 18th or April 25th.** The workshop will resume on **Monday, May 2nd, 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: Weekday prayers, starting out. What are the bare minimum requirements?**
- The **LAST** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II** will meet on **Monday, April 18th at 6:30pm.** The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. **Co-Sponsored by NJOP.**
- **Passover Hospitality:** LSS Beginners, interested in hospitality for Passover sederim and/or Shabbat or Yom Tov meals, may contact Rabbi Buchwald at **646-871-0012** or e-mail jessica@njop.org. Please leave an accurate message with dates of meals & specify lunch or dinner. Deadline for requests is **THIS Monday, April 18th, 12 noon.**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, May 7th, 2016. The cost is still only \$25.** Please make your reservations by **Monday, May 2nd.** You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call **212-874-6100.**
- **Save the date! 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.**

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Coffee & Responsa w/ Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • After Second Minyan (9:15am) No Class on Sunday 4/17

"The Return to Egypt: A Rabbi's Encounter with Islam at Al Azhar in Cairo" with Rabbi Dr. Yaakov Nagen • Sunday, April 17th • 11am-12pm Hear about one of the most important and least reported trends happening today in Israel: The growing dialogue between rabbis associated with the settler movement in Israel and Muslim clerics who by-pass politics to create coexistence between two peoples.

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. **Class Resumes after Pesach**

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am
Class resumes after Pesach

Beit Midrash Night:

- Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 7:40pm
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

The Hidden Haggadah: Ideas, Investigations & Insights into Pesach and Beyond. Three part Pre-Pesach shiur.
Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 7:30-8:30pm • April 20th

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"** *Class will resume on May 4th*

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. **Class resumes after Pesach**

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



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

8 Nissan 5776 • April 15-16, 2016
Parshat Metzora • Shabbat HaGadol

By: Ari Klapholz

In parshat *Metzora* we come to the last of the three categories that can be afflicted with a blemish—one's house. Similar to clothing and skin, the Kohen must evaluate, reevaluate, and declare pure or impure the status of the house depending on the initial and subsequent color, depth and breadth of the blemish. If replacing the afflicted wall with new stones and plaster did not retard this "*tzaraat mam'eret*", this malignant eruption, the house would be torn down and the rubble transferred to an unclean site outside the city. According to most commentators, *tzaraat* or *negaim* (eruptions or blemishes), in general, are external manifestations of an inner moral and spiritual rot. The *gemara* in *Erchin* 16a lists seven reasons that bring about these eruptions, one of which of course, is *lashon harah*. Others are murder, theft, miserliness, illicit relations, swearing falsely, and hubris— a true Who's Who list of sinful behavior. Interestingly, as common as these acts probably were, witnessed by generations of *nevi'im* (and for which we are presumably in exile today without the *Mikdash*), the *gemara* in *Sanhedrin* 71a lists *negaim* on a house amongst the entities that will never materialize, the others being the *ben sores* *umoreh* (the rebellious son) who would deserve capital punishment and the idol worshipping community of an *ir hanidachat* (condemned city) who would deserve annihilation. Of course, the *gemara* there asks: If apriori, these are imaginative scenarios, then why mention it in the Torah at all? And the answer in a refrain format is always *derush vekabel sechar*— that you may study the topic and receive reward. The answer is even more perplexing. Would I not receive as much of a reward for studying a topic that was applicable to one's life? What dimension of dedication am I losing by studying something that will be relevant to me and gaining by studying a topic that has no relevancy? Why would a punishment of *tzaraat* be suppressed for sins that need the most punishment?

The *Rambam* in his *Mishna* commentary on the 5th *Mishna*, chapter 12 of *Negaim* and similarly the *Ramban* in our parsha are of the opinion that there is an intrinsic theological value in knowing that supernatural phenomena, even if never coming to fruition, are part of, and necessary for, our belief system. Just as we are comfortable in the realization that God works through nature, so too, and symmetrically, we must be willing to entrain ideas that are in the words of the *Rambam*, "*bilti tivim, ve'anom chala'im beshum panim*" — matters not rooted in nature and cannot be applied in any fashion whatsoever. Realizing that the potential of *tumah* of *tzaraat* on one's home possesses the same divine essence of *tumah* such as that of more natural source of *tumah* such as a corpse in war or a *sheretz* (crawling creature) solidifies the idea that *emunah* can only be complete if we become proficient in *halacha* that we will never use. The *Ramban*, therefore, seamlessly ties the idea of *tzaraat* to the concept of the land of Israel. Just as the holiness to the land is not rooted in any natural source but only divinely mandated, *tzaraat* therefore cannot be found, as the Torah states with the word *achuzaschem*, your inherited land, in any other place but the land of Israel.

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah boy, Simon Wildes, who we have seen grown up into the finest of young men. Mazel Tov.

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 LSTS to the LSS office. 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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