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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 4:11pm: Chanukah Candle Lighting/Candle Lighting
- 4:15pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin**
- 4:15pm: Sephardic Minyan in room 208/210
- 5:45pm: Chanukah Dinner in the LSS Ballroom

Shabbat Morning

- 7:40am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
- 8:30am: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinic Interns in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (lower level)
- 9:29am: Latest Shema
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

- 2:45pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 3:15pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "Al ha-Nissim": Do You Believe in Miracles?"
- 3:15pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 3:55pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 4:10pm: Seudah Shlishit with **Professor Yoram Kapulnik**. Topic: "Israel's Miracle in the Desert."
- 5:11pm: Light Chanukah Candles/ Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

YOUTH GROUPS

Groups Start at 10am
Pre-K: Room 208/210

K-1 Room 211

2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

Youth Breakfast
@ 9:30am in room 208/210

See page 2 for a lot of Special Announcements

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of December 13–18

Sun—Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 4:15pm

Late Ma'ariv Monday—Thursday: 8:30pm

Sunday (R.C. Tevet)

Shacharit: 7:00am

Daf Yomi: 7:55am

Shacharit: 8:30am

Light Menorah: 5:01pm

Mon

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:00am

Shacharit: 7:40am

Tues, Wed & Fri

Daf Yomi: 6:20am

Shacharit: 7:10am

Shacharit: 7:50am

Thurs

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:00am

Shacharit: 7:50am

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Hashkamah Kiddush

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Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Shirley Stark and Mark Hus** on the occasion of Elisha's Aufruf and upcoming marriage to **Allison Horowitz**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored in loving memory of **Shmuel Shoshani z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Harry Heching** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his parents, **Herman and Herta Heching, z"l**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Gabriel J. Gershowitz** in commemoration of his father's first yahrzeit, **Dr. Michael V. Gershowitz, Michael ben Yehuda Leib, z'l**; by **Robin Gottlieb** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, **Chaya Maryam bat Baruch Ha-Levi, a"h**; and by **Judith Zupnick**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved father, **Eliyahu ben Hayim Yehiel, z"l**.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Elisha Hus** on his Aufruf and upcoming marriage to **Allison Horowitz**. Mazal Tov to Elisha's parents **Shirley Stark and Mark Hus**, siblings **Moshe and Shula Hus**, **Rabbi Michael and Ora Davies**, and all the aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews.
- Mazal Tov to **Tziona Katz**, daughter of **Lois and Leslie Katz** on her forthcoming marriage to **Daniel Josephs**, son of **Sarah and Dr. Barry Josephs** of Baltimore Maryland. Mazal Tov also to Tziona's siblings **Josef, Benjamin, Ari and Shoshana**.
- Mazal Tov to **Anita and Michael Liss** on the birth of their son, **Zachary Elijah**. Mazal tov to big sister, **Leah**.
- Mazal Tov to **Daniela Weiss and Avi Yohananoff** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Gabriela**. Mazal tov to grandmother **Julia Weiss**, and aunt **Eva Weiss** and cousin **Yakir**, who are here from Israel. In honor of the Bat Mitzvah, women and girls are invited to the Women's Tefillah Service on Chanukah Rosh Hodesh, Sunday, December 13th, at 8:30 am in the Beit Midrash.
- Mazal Tov to Grandmother **Renee Nossel** on the birth of a baby boy, born to her children **Ilana Nossel and Jordan Kolar**. Mazal Tov to siblings **Noam and Oren**.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LSS MEMBERS

Lawrence Clingman

Tyler Pertman

Ellen Sehgal

GREET SOMEONE NEW THIS SHABBAT

Let's make our shul an even more welcoming place. If you see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself and say "Shabbat Shalom."

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the last 50 years, **Sherwood Goffin**, our beloved "Chaz", has put his heart and soul into leading services at Lincoln Square Synagogue. He is now making a transition and moving into the next stage of his life. This Shabbat, our beloved Cantor Goffin will be leading services for the last time as the Chazan of Lincoln Square Synagogue. His extended family will be present and his larger extended family, our shul members, who Cantor Goffin has so ably represented before the Al-mighty for 50 years, is asked to join in marking this momentous turning point in Cantor Goffin's highly impactful, meaningful and spiritual career.



Welcome to our Seudah Shlishit guest speaker this Shabbat: **Professor Yoram Kapulnik** of the State of Israel Ministry of Agriculture. He will speak on "Israel's Miracle in the Desert."

Next Shabbat, December 19th, we welcome our Founding Rabbi, **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin** to Lincoln Square Synagogue. Rabbi Riskin will address the community before Musaf.



LSS is delighted to be partnering with WebYeshiva.org to bring a world of Torah learning to our community and help broadcast the Torah of LSS around the world! The new Tuesday Night 7:15pm EST Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson program will now be broadcast live around on the internet. This course, dedicated to the memory of Bruce Ritholtz, a"h, is a tremendous project which will undertake the ambitious goal of studying and completing an entire tractate of Talmud each year, followed by a siyum to mark its completion at the time of Bruce's yahrtzeit between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Visit webyeshivah.org and search for the class.

Calling All Outstanding Balances!

The calendar year is coming to a close, and many of our congregants still have outstanding bills. Please pay your dues and/or any other outstanding pledges now. Mail a check, call the office to pay by credit card, or pay online at lss.org/payment

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Talk Time • Wednesday, December 16th, at 11:30am

Join LSS member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to women in the LSS community.

Film Screening: Rock in the Red Zone • Saturday Night, December 19th, at 8pm.

The LSS Film Club is excited to present **Rock in the Red Zone**, a film about music, romance and the Israeli spirit. Laura Bialis' inspiring documentary is about an American living in Sderot—home to a thriving music scene but better known as the target of Hamas rockets—and the resilience, pain and love she encounters there. Join us on Saturday night, Dec. 19 at 8 pm. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. To register, go to lss.org/film

Book Club Meeting: "Ally" by Michael Oren • Sunday, December 20th, at 7:30pm • At the home of Karen and Roy Simon.

We are fortunate to once again have Jerome Chanes, who is a Senior Fellow at the CUNY Center for Jewish Studies and a prolific author, journalist, and speaker, lead the discussion.

Reserve the date: Saturday Evening, February 20th: Third Annual LSS Benefit Concert. See flyer in shul lobby.

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Israel Under Attack: What We Can Do to Help

Buy Israeli Goods (B.I.G.)

The European Union has voted to remove the "Made in Israel" label for products from the West Bank or the Golan Heights. Instead, the origin of these products is to be labeled as "Israeli settlement". This is the latest chapter in the Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS) movement that has already seen the cancelation of speaking engagements of Israeli academics and performances of Israeli artists.

What can you do? Buy blue. Soda Stream, Israeli cheeses, wines, Ahava products, books, music, art, jewelry, Bisli snacks, the list is endless. To help you learn about Israeli products sold in the States and where to find them, the Stand With Us organization has put together a very useful web site: www.buyisraeligoods.com

SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Join the LSS Security team. Registration and interviews are closing for classes beginning December so don't delay. Apply this weekend, we need you!

The training is open to men and women above the age of 18.

Email the LSS Security Committee chair Ian Silver at security@lss.org to start the application process.

Remember: "If you see something, say something. Your safety depends on it."

Ian Silver, Chair, LSS security Committee



COMMUNITY SECURITY SERVICE

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** of the season will be **Shabbat, January 9th, 2016**. The cost is only \$25 per person. Please note new price. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners. Please make your reservations and payment by **Wednesday, January 6th**.
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II** will begin **Monday, January 11th, 2016 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date!** Register now for **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald (Begins **Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 6:30-8:00pm**). An in-depth study and analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and analyzed. To register, please call **212-874-6100** or register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

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

- Journey through the fascinating and compelling world of rabbinic responsa literature, navigating the historical, sociological, and psychological nuances of the Halakhic process through study of a seminal responsum each week - all accompanied by a strong cup of delicious coffee or tea.

Topic: Sunday Morning Responsa #6: R. Yechezkel Landau (Noda b'Yehuda) on Autopsies and Medical Investigation

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.

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

Beit Midrash Night:

- Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 7:30pm
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*)

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

Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:15pm

- A new 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.

WEDNESDAY

Melachim & Modern Tanakh Methodology & Controversies Lecture Series • R. Nathaniel Helfgot • 7:30pm

Join leading scholars and educators for mini-semester, 8-week courses on a variety of subjects from modern Tanakh methodology to medical ethics.

Full series \$150, One Class \$20. Sign up at lss.org/classes

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 • 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

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.*



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

30 Kislev 5776 • December 11-12, 2015

Parshat Miketz

By: Ken Cappell

HEART & SOUL

When Jacob finally gave into Judah's plea to release Binyomin into his custody, the first instruction Yaakov gave him was "Kechu Mizimrat Haaretz Bicolaichem, ". The use of the phrase Mizimrat is peculiar because the root of this word is zemer which means song. Accordingly, Rashi explains it as follows:

'Take from that which is most praiseworthy of the land, for everybody sings about it when it arrives in the world.'

The verse then begins to enumerate some specific items that Judah should take along such as a bit of balsam, a bit of honey etc..

Rabbi Shaul Taub, the Modzhitzer Rebbe, wondered, does everybody really sing about a bit of balsam and a bit of honey? What's so special about that? He quotes the Ran who interprets this as meaning that Jacob wanted to send Joseph a song of Eretz Yisroel. According to Rav Shaul and his chasidic movement, music is viewed as the true essence of spirituality and the primary method to achieve avodah shebelev, 'worship of the heart'. He and his father, Rav Yisroel, emphasized the centrality of music to prayer, worship and devotion. Rav Shaul observed that G-d is referred to as Bocher shira vezimrah "He who chooses music and song" just as G-d is described as a Bocher B'Torah "He who chooses Torah" – indicating that both music and Torah are chosen by G-d. Accordingly Jacob wished to send Yosef something uniquely spiritual which can be achieved through music.

Interestingly, based on this aforementioned verse, Rav Yisroel wrote a Chanukah essay which relates the notes of the musical scale to the eight nights of Chanukah. As we sing in the Maoz Tzur poem after lighting the menorah "Benai binah, yimai shmonah, kovu shir urenanim, men of insight, - eight days, established for song and jubilation," we are reminded Chanukah is a time for singing.

How fitting then, on this Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Chanukah when we have many reasons to sing, that we have the merit to hear our own beloved Chaz daven for us for the last time as the "official" Chazzan of Lincoln Square Synagogue. Although not a Modzhitzer Chasid, he might as well be one. It wasn't just his mellifluous voice, immense musical knowledge and outstanding nusach that inspired us over the years but it was knowing that whenever he davened for us it came from his heart and there was no doubt in our minds that his prayers were being heard up above. Chaz, we wish you and your family well and thanks for the melodies.

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