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PARSHAT MISHPATIM • 24 SHEVAT 5774 • JANUARY 24-25 2014
SHABBT MEVARCHIM • CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:46PM

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Sherwood Goffin
Senior Cantor
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Cantor
Elana Stein Hain
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Friday Evening

4:46pm: Candle Lighting

4:50pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Goffin**

Shabbat Day

7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**

9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Goffin**. Post-musaf drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**: *Parshat Mishpatim: Judgment or Judgmentalism—Has Judaism Lost its Ethical Soul?*

During Mini-shiur given by **Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain**:
Kiddush: *The Maze of Parshat Mishpatim*.

9:15am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)

9:30am: Youth Breakfast

9:39am: Latest Shema

9:45am: Rabbi Hershel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

3:00pm: Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.

3:25pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

3:55pm: Pre-mincha shiur with **Ms. Ilana Gadish** "*Lending Insight into the Prohibition of Charging Interest*"

3:55pm: Bible Class in room 210 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**

4:40pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

5:48pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Adar Aleph will be on Friday January 31st at 26 minutes and 7 chalokim after 2 AM. Rosh Chodesh Adar Aleph will be on Friday January 31st and Shabbat February 1st.

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, Jan. 26 - Friday, Jan. 31

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thursday at 4:55 pm

Sun	Mon&Thur	Tue & Wed	Fri (R.Ch Adar 1)
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:40am

Please Note: We are aware that the main sanctuary Hearing Induction Loop is not yet operational, and we are doing our best to expedite its activation. We apologize for the delay.

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Fund.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored anonymously.

Rabbi Hershel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Malka and Robert Friedlander** in celebration of the birth of a grandson and by **Golda and Dana Hudes** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Dana's father, **Abraham Hudes, z"l**.

Beginners Kiddush

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

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Martin and Rachel Balsam** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Martin's father, **Morris Balsam, z"l**.

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- ◆ Mazal Tov to grandmother **Noreen Wachs** on the birth of a baby girl to her children **Rabbi Josh and Tamar Kahn**.
- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Jonathan and Laura Heller** on the birth of a baby boy.
- ◆ Mazal tov to **Alyse Neumark Rozenberg** on being inducted in NCSYs Ben Zakkai Honor Society at its annual dinner Sunday night.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to **Avi Blitzer** on becoming Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to Avi's parents **Jerry Blitzer & Elizabeth Kirk**, to Aunt **Gilda**, and to brothers **Michael and Matthew**.

Welcome to the newest members of our

Lincoln Square Synagogue Community

Aviva Cowen

Larry Fliegelman

Michael Grunfeld and Sarah Dunitz

Linda and Martin Kish

Danny Leopold

Ira and Susan Schwartz

Alan Stern

Edouard Sterngold and Eva Schwarz

If you have any questions regarding Taharat Hamishpacha (Jewish Family Law), please contact Rabbi Robinson at rabbi@lss.org, or contact our new Yoetzet Halacha, Lisa Septimus, at 917-382-9008 or email nycyoetzet@gmail.com.



WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE

SUNDAY



- **Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha**
Dr. Ben Elton • 9:15am

TUESDAY

- **Parsha Class**
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am
- **Introduction to Bible**
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30pm-8:00pm
- **Matters of Faith (Part 2 of 3)**
(Co-Sponsored by the UJA-Federation of NY Tov B'Yachad)
Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain & Dr. Michelle Friedman • 7:15pm
- **Tuesday Beit Midrash Night**
8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members:
 - ◊ Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings.
Led by **Marcy Zwecker** and **Robyn Mitchnick**.
 - ◊ The First Book of Samuel: Politics and Kingship.
Led by **Ron Platzer**.
 - ◊ The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai.
Led by **Sara Brzowsky**.

WEDNESDAY

- **Talmudic Methodology**
Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm
- **Nach B'Iyun: Sefer Shmuel 1 (Semester Begins Jan. 29th)**
With **Rabbi Hayyim Angel • 7:15pm**
\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door/\$150 for the series
Sign up at lss.org/rabbiangel
- **Wednesday Beit Midrash Night**
8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members:
 - ◊ Yiddish Writings of the Rav. (7pm)
Led by **Moshe Sheinwexler**.
 - ◊ Your People Shall be My People—Now What?
Led by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
 - ◊ **(NEW!)** The Laws of Prayer through the Mishnah Berurah
Led by **Dr. Ben Elton**

THURSDAY

- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class**
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7pm



Youth Announcements

Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

Youth Breakfast at 9:30

Pre-K: 10:00 am — Room 206 room change

K and 1st grade: 10:00 am — Room 207

2nd - 4th Grade (girls): 10:00 am — Room 217 room change

2nd - 4th Grade (boys): 10:00 am — Room 208 room change

Tween Minyan will not be meeting this Shabbat and will return next week.

Bingo

Shabbat Morning right after davening in the ballroom, ages 4 and up.

It's LSS's newest craze! Kids of all ages play BINGO for fun and prizes!

Parent Child learning

Parent Child Learning will resume next Motza'ei Shabbat from 6:30-7:30. (Feb. 1) Pizza and refreshments will be served, there'll be a raffle, and Children of all ages and their Parents are invited! FREE

Upcoming Youth Events

Hawaiian Shabbat

Shabbat February 1st, 10am, All Ages

Join us for Shabbat morning groups featuring Hawaiian-themed activities, decorations, fruit kabobs and Bingo for kids of all ages, along with davening and Parshat Hashavuah.



Simcha Dancing

Sunday February 2nd, 10am-11:30am, Girls 5th grade and up.

\$18. Learn the steps to your favorite Simcha dances. RSVP please email Avi avi@lss.org.



SAVE THE DATE: LSS YOUTH SHABBAT, FEBRUARY 22

LSS is planning a super fun Shabbat for families. More info to come in the following weeks

With Appreciation

The Wald family extends great appreciation for all the support so many expressed at the time of our loss. The love, the spiritual support and the nourishment we received will always be a lesson for us. Be there for others.

-Shirley, Paris, Dina, Harry, Jason & all the grandchildren.

Last week LSS marked Jonathan's ninth yahrtzeit with the annual lecture on Ethics and Jewish law. We thank Rabbi Robinson, Elana Stein Hain, Ruven Cohen, Ben Belfer and Judy Klitsner for their vital input into the program. Our heartfelt thanks, too, to the entire congregation for its warm friendship and support last Shabbat and through the years.

-Maurice, Marion, Betsy, Carol, Sara, Dina and Ben Spanbock

Beginners Announcements

- **Hebrew Reading Crash Courses Level I and Level II** began on **Monday, January 13th at 6:30 pm**. The classes meet for 1½ hours, for **3 more weeks**, and are free and open to all. Register at www.beginners.lss.org.
- **Starts this week!** Register now for **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald (**Begins THIS Tuesday, January 28th, 2014 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.beginners.lss.org. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **NEXT Shabbat, February 1st, 2014**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **THIS Thursday, January 30th**. You can register online at www.beginners.lss.org or call **212-874-6100**.
- **New Course! The Laws of Prayer through the Mishnah Berurah**, taught by LSS Rabbinic Intern, **Dr. Ben Elton**. Prayer has to be both filled with passion and directed by law and tradition. The Shulchan Aruch and Mishnah Berurah are essential guides to these laws. This course is ideal if you want to become familiar with these important texts, as well as learn more about basic laws of Jewish prayer. **Wednesday nights, started January 22nd, 8:15-9:15pm.**

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. 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.

Featured Upcoming Events

CLE Class with Rabbi Professor Daniel Sinclair

Tuesday, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 • 6:30-8:00pm

CLE class that will examine Jewish Law and its application to a variety of contemporary issues. The presenter will be Rabbi Professor Daniel Sinclair, a master teacher who is a highly respected authority on biomedical, Jewish law, the jurisprudence of Jewish law, and more. The cost is **\$72 for 1 lecture** or **\$118 for 2 lectures**. To see the topics of each lecture and to register visit lss.org/cle. **Next Week's Topic: Conversion to Judaism and Abortion**



BLISS Relationship Seminar

The seven-week series begins on Monday January 27th • 6:30-8:00pm

An incredible entertaining way to a winning relationship taught by Rabbi Steven Baars. *Only \$49 per person for all seven weeks.* lss.org/bliss

Nach B'lyun: Sefer Shmuel 1 with Rabbi Hayyim Angel

Wednesdays, January 29-April 2 • 7:15pm

Co-sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals. *The cost is \$20 per class in advance \$25 at the door, or \$150 for the complete 10-week series.* Pre-register at lss.org/rabbianangel



"The Challenge of Dinosaurs," a unique presentation by Rabbi Natan Slifkin, "Zoo Rabbi"

Sunday, January 26, 2014 • 10:00am

A unique presentation of Judaism, Dinosaurs, and the Age of the Universe. For adults, teens, and preteens. Made possible by the generous sponsorship of our members **Hertzie and Lolly Bak**.



Young Professionals "First Friday" Dinner and Oneg

Friday, January 31 • 6:15pm. Followed by Oneg

Inaugural "First Fridays" event will feature a dinner with a Q and A with LSS Clergy. The dinner will be followed by an Oneg featuring Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. *The cost is \$40 per person, \$136 to sponsor the Oneg.* Sign up at lss.org/yp



Screening of the popular Israeli TV Series "Shtisel" Episodes 1-3

Motza'ei Shabbat, February 8, 2014 • 8:00pm

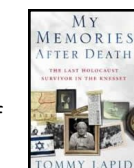
A new hit tv series by the creators of "Srugim." *The cost is \$10 per person in advance, \$15 at the door, or \$50 Sponsorship (2tix).* Sign up at lss.org/film



Book Club Meeting- "Memories After My Death: The Story of Joseph 'Tommy' Lapid" by Yair Lapid.

Sunday, February 9 • 7:30pm

We'll discuss "Memories After My Death: The Story of Joseph 'Tommy' Lapid", by Yair Lapid, his son, and the current Israeli Minister of Finance and the Chairman of the Yesh Atid Party. Professor Jerome Chanes will lead the discussion at the home of Joyce and David Friedman. Please purchase the book through our website at lss.org/book



Visit our website at lss.org for more information or to register for the featured events above, and to find out about all of the other exciting upcoming events

STAND WITH ISRAEL

LSS is offering 2 exciting opportunities to stand with Israel and advocate on her behalf to the people that make a difference- The U.S. Congress. Help to solidify America's commitment to its greatest ally in the Middle East. At a time when Israel is under attack from the BDS movement, academic groups and anti-Israel lobbying groups your voice needs to be heard!!

AIPAC: Join with us for the AIPAC Policy Conference on March 2-4.

NORPAC: Join with over 1000 participants on the NORPAC one day mission to Washington on April 30th. The bus will leave from in front of LSS. Three Kosher meals will be provided. Early Bird Discount expires 2/17/14. Register at www.NORPAC.net.

Contact Dan Feder dfeder02@aol.com for more info.

Going to the AIPAC Policy Conference this year? Please let Ann Crane, our AIPAC Committee Chair, know at Ac Crane@natfin.net. She will keep you updated on LSS meet-ups at the conference.

A Special Conversation with Senator Joseph Lieberman

UJA-Federation of New York Tov B'Yachad* in collaboration with The May and Samuel Rudin Lecture Series and The Jewish Center invite you to a special conversation with **Senator Joseph Lieberman on Wednesday, February 19th** at 8:00 p.m. at The Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street, New York City. Senator Lieberman's topic will be "For G-d and Country: Reflections on the Role of Orthodox Jews in Service of Society." Manhattan Tov B'Yachad Chairs – Saul Burian and Pamela Emmerich. Tov B'Yachad Advisory Chair and UJA-Federation Vice Chair – Eric Goldstein. There is no cost to attend this event, but space is limited. Advance registration is required.

To register, please visit: www.ujafedny.org/tov-byachad-manhattan-event/. For further information, contact Nessa Liben at libenn@ujafedny.org or 212.836.1173 or Eliane Glassman at eliane@jewishcenter.org or 212-724-2700.

*Tov B'Yachad communicates the shared values of UJA-Federation and the Orthodox community.



They Ate and Drank

Israel's acceptance of the Torah at Sinai was a process that took place over time and not in a miraculous moment. After Moses begins teaching the people they are moved by awe and enthusiasm to declare: "All the things that the Lord has commanded we will do" [Shemot, 24:3, JPS], but we know that they soon found this blanket promise very difficult to fulfill. With the golden calf the people of Israel would soon violate even the simple commandments God had already conveyed, let alone the elaborate laws Moses would convey when he returned to the mountain some forty days later.

It took a generation of wandering in the wilderness for the people to acquire enough trust in Hashem, knowledge of Torah, and self-discipline to be worthy of entering the Land of Israel. The remainder of the Torah details this process.

The first practical steps toward accepting the yoke of Torah appear in this week's parsha. After the people proclaimed their acceptance Moses "wrote down all the commands of the Lord." He then built an altar at the foot of the mountain and at his order bulls were sacrificed. Moses read to the people the commandments he had written down. When they reaffirmed their verbal commitment he sprinkled the sacrificial blood on them, saying, "this is the blood of the covenant that the Lord now makes with you."

At this juncture the Torah does not mention what became of the meat of the sacrifice. Instead, it describes a strange event: "Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel ascended; and they saw the God of Israel: under His feet there was the likeness of a pavement of sapphire, like the very sky for purity. Yet He did not raise His hand against the leaders of the Israelites; they beheld God, and they ate and drank." [Shemot 24:9-11]

The last phrase seemed incongruous to many of the commentators. God granted an extraordinary, rich, evocative, and puzzling vision, not just to an individual, but to Aharon, his sons, and the seventy elders. Such a direct contact with God can be terrifying and dangerous to mind and body, but in this case God explicitly refrained from "raising his hand" against those who had the vision. How did the leaders respond to this unprecedented privilege? They ate and drank.

Some of the commentators criticize the elders for this behavior, which they find embarrassing. Others interpret the food allegorically-- the vision gave them sustenance and refreshed their souls. By contrast the Ramban writes that the leaders were eating the sacrifices that had been made at the altar at the bottom on the mountain, to celebrate receiving the Torah. Others view the meal as a final step in making the covenant with God.

Eating and drinking are physical acts that give us pleasure and satisfaction. Like other earthly pleasures they are given holiness in our tradition. Food must be prepared and consumed mindfully, and when it is, it can add to our appreciation of our covenant with God.

The "kiddushes" that our shul offers after shabbat morning services should be seen in this context as well. Even if we do not wash and make it our second Shabbat "seudat mitzvah", it is a communal act that can bring us together before leaving the shul for our homes.

We have just heard the written torah read from the bimah, and heard words of Torah from the Rabbi, and we have just connected with Hashem through prayer and song-- or did our best to try. Like the seventy elders, we are now ready to seal the covenant. We sanctify the wine, and then-- we eat and drink.

*It is easy enough to joke about our behavior at kiddush, and so we do. Far be it from me to detract from the humor, or to give *musar* about proper etiquette. We need not apologize for enjoying a nice oily piece of herring, or even for denigrating the cholent with a wave of the hand. But it is good to remember that we are also sharing in the holiness of kiddush and in a communal meal, or at least a communal *nasch* that can put a pleasant seal on our ever-renewing covenant with Hashem.*

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