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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

5:01pm: Candle Lighting

5:05pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman

Cohen Sanctuary

5:05pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in the

Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Morning

7:45am: Hashkamah Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash fol-

lowed by Kiddush and shiur with Rabbi Moshe

Sokolow

8:30am: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Jared Anstandig in

the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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

Musaf led by Chazzan Sherwood Goffin.

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

11:15am: Eleventh Annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Lecture

in Jewish Ethics: Schisms Within Orthodoxy:

Religion, Ethics and Politics delivered by Dr. Elana
Stein Hain

Stelli Hall

12:30pm: Beginners Shabbat Luncheon in rooms 206/207

Shabbat Afternoon

3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby.

New volunteers are urgently needed.

3:35pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in

the Belfer Beit Midrash

4:05pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld:

"Do You Believe in Miracles? Yes!" Part 3

4:05pm: Bible Class in room 211 with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

4:50pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

6:02pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by The Fund.

Beginner's Kiddush

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

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Sponsored by Janine, David, and Menachem Sherr in memory of David's father, Joseph Sherr, Yosef ben Dov Ber, z''l.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by the Spanbock family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Jonathan Spanbock (Yosef Tzvi ben Moshe Shmuel and Miriam), z"l.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Susan Ruttner**, in memory of **Moish Weinman**, **z**"**I**, husband of **Greta Weinman**.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to Hannah and Paul Freilich and to Susan and Jeffrey Moerdler on the birth of a boy to their children Kayla and Jonathan Moerdler.
- Mazal Tov to Mira and Oren Richland on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to siblings Yaakov, Eli and Michal. Mazal Tov to proud grandparents Felice and Hilly Gross and Fay Richland.
- Mazal tov to grandparents Debbie & Elliot Gibber on the birth of twin daughters to their children, Mindy & Brian Pfefferman.

MOLAD

The Molad for Adar Rishon will be on Monday 47 minutes and 14 Chalokim after 8AM. Rosh Chodesh Adar Rishon will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Groups Start at 10am: K-1 Room 211

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

Pre-K: Room 208/210 2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

CANTOR CONCERT

Motza'ei Shabbat, Feb. 20th, at 8:30pm: Cantor Concert Featuring the Lemmer Brothers: Chazzan Yanky Lemmer and Shulem Lemmer. Special Guest Star Soulfarm with Chazzan Sherwood Goffin and the Shlomie Dachs Orchestra. Featuring Comedian Marc Weiner. Dessert Reception.

See full flyer on page 2

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of Feb 7-12 <u>Sun- Thurs</u> Mincha/Ma'ariv: 5:10pm

Sun-Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 5:10pm Late Ma'ariv Monday-Thursday: 8:30pm

SundayMon & ThursTues & Wed (R.C.)FriShacharit: 7:10amDaf Yomi: 6:15amDaf Yomi: 6:20amDaf Yomi: 6:20amDaf Yomi: 7:45amShacharit: 7:00amShacharit: 7:10amShacharit: 8:30amShacharit: 7:50amShacharit: 7:50am

Third Annual Benefit Concert • Saturday Night, February 20th at 8:30pm. Featuring the Lemmer Brothers in concert together in New York for the first time.

Free concert tickets to first 40 Israel Bond purchasers!

limited free tickets with purchase of Israel bond, go to Iss.org for details .



Dessert reception to follow, generously donated by Seasons Market all-new catering department.

\$500 sponsorship includes 4 premium reserved seats, VIP coat check, gift bag \$50 per ticket, \$36 Seniors and \$25 for Students

Reserve online at www. lss.org/concert or by phone at 212-874-6100

וSRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

In Memory of Hadar Cohen

Hadar Cohen, 19 years young, a Border Police officer, was critically wounded and later succumbed to her injuries while hospital-

ized in Hadassah Medical Center. Hadar was one of the three victims of a knife and gun terror attack in Jerusalem on Wednesday. She was a resident of Or Yehuda and leaves behind her parents, brother and sister.

The three terrorists were armed with bombs, submachine guns and knives. The police believe that they were waiting for an opportune moment to detonate their bombs and to kill as many people as possible.

"As far as we can tell from the armaments, the terrorists planned a larger, more sophisticated attack," Jerusalem Deputy Police Chief Avshalom Peled said. The police officers prevented a combined and much larger attack." Hadar was laid to rest at the Yehud military cemetery. Hundreds attended the funeral, including Ravit Mirilashvili, Hadar's comrade who was also injured in the attack. Earlier on Thursday, she attributed her life to Hadar's heroism.

Cohen's father Ofer recited Kaddish for his daughter, before eulogizing her: "My beloved Hadar, my dear daughter...who was more beloved to me than anything. How am I supposed to separate from you now, how?"

With grief in his voice, he continued, "everyone says you were a hero, a true hero, that you saved lots of people with your body and soul. But no one truly knows you my Hadar, your warmth. I'm proud of you. I'm proud of you and salute you. Rest in peace, may your soul be entwined in life."

"We threw her a party for her enlistment two months ago," recounted Hadar's cousin, Ofri Cohen. "She said if she wouldn't do it, who would?" May her memory be a blessing.

ISRAEL'S AGRICULTURAL MIRACLE

A few weeks ago, Professor Yoram Kapulnik from Israel's Volcani Center for Agriculture spoke at LSS. Prof. Kapulnik discussed how Israel developed knowledge and expertise to cope with the dramatic shortage of available water. He described several steps Israel has undertaken to tackle this challenge, from water capture, cloud seeding, rain harvesting and drip irrigation to desalinization of sea water.

Following the talk, a number of people came up to Prof. Kapulnik and asked how they could learn more about the work that is conducted by the Volcani Center. One way is to get on the distribution list of the electronic newsletter produced by Volcani. To do so, please email Danielle@friendsofvolcani.org.il

Please indicate that you are from Lincoln Square when you email Danielle. Another good way to stay in touch with the latest innovations from the Volcani Center is to like them on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/volcanicenteren/

AIPAC Conference: Early Bird Discount Extended

A \$100 discount will be offered to LSS members who register between this Motzei Shabbat and February 15. To register, please visit www.aipac.org and enter code PC16LSS. For any questions about the conference please contact anncrane2750@gmail.com

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.

Sunday Morning Responsa #12 - Blessings or Blasphemy? R. Ovadiah Yosef on *Bracha le-Vatala*

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.

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*)

Tuesday (Cont.)

LSS Winter Visiting Scholar Series 5776 - Rabbi Dr. Daniel Sinclair. Began 1/19. \$20/session, \$75/four sessions 7:30pm-8:30pm

2/9 - Does Jewish Tradition Recognize an Ethic Independent of Halakha?
Sign up at lss.org/Classes

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 • 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*.

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

27 Shevat 5776 • February 5-6, 2016 Parshat Mishpatim

By: Rabbi Jay M. Stein

When you acquire a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years; in the seventh year he shall go free without payment. (Exodus 21:2)

But if the slaves declares, "I love my master...I do not wish to go free," his master shall take him before God. He shall be brought to the door or the doorpost and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and then he shall remain a slave for life. (Exodus 21:5-6)

This text teaches us so much about the way we interact with each other and how we understand ourselves. Slavery is unspeakable, a reprehensibly a stage in the history of society. It began long before our slavery in Egypt and unfortunately continues today. But for Judaism, ever struggling with the norms of society, never imagined indentured servitude as a permanent position in life. For Judaism, indentured servitude was not the same thing as slavery, but it was still frowned upon.

As the text indicates there are those who grow comfortable with their position and station in life and would prefer the status quo over change no matter how untenable that plight may seem to an outsider. To which the Torah suggests that maybe they need a shocking reminder to gain some perspective. The earring reminds us that sometimes we would like to stay the way we are, but we must not because if we do we are only injuring ourselves. If this true of physical slavery it is also true of emotional slavery.

We often get ourselves into a rut and that rut becomes comfortable. We find ourselves angry and that becomes who we are. We find ourselves depressed and we make no effort to change. We find ourselves discouraged and rather than finding a path towards hopeful living we choose to just stay the way we are. And the same is true of the wrongs we commit.

We must not remain enslaved to ourselves either. Just as we must forgive others we must also learn to forgive ourselves – we must get over feeling beholding because we did something wrong. Often others are able to forgive us more readily than we are able to forgive ourselves.

There are moments when freedom becomes possible and if we choose not to seize those moments we may remain enslaved indefinitely.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session of the Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I will meet on Monday, February 7th at 6:30pm, and continue for 1 more week. The classes meet for 1 ½ hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Co sponsored by NJOP
- The next session of the Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II will meet on Monday, February 7th at 6:30pm, and continue for 2 more weeks. The classes meet for 1 ½ hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Co sponsored by NJOP
- The Beginners Luncheon will be this Shabbat, February 6th. The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners. Please make your reservations and payment by Wednesday, February 3rd.
- 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.
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- The Jewish Living Workshop starts Monday March 7 at 7:30pm. In this "hands on" experience, we learn by doing. Want to join? Email JLworkshop@yahoo.com