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# PARSHAT NASO 9 SIVAN 5773 ● MAY 17-18, 2013 Candle Lighting: 7:50 pm

# **Shabbat Schedule**

**Friday** 

6:37 pm: Earliest Candle Lighting

6:45 pm: Early Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel

Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

**7:50 pm:** Candle Lighting

7:55 pm: Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman

Cohen Main Sanctuary

**Shabbat** 

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

Kiddush and shiur with Rabbi Moshe Sokolow

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

Post-Musaf: Drasha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson

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

9:30 am: Youth Breakfast 9:14 am: Latest Shema

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

Midrash

10:00-11:00 am: Tween Corner: with Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain

**4:00 pm:** Bikur Cholim volunteers meet in front of LSS

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED

6:40 pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Talmud Class with Community Scholar

Elana Stein Hain. Sponsored by Dorothea Krieger in honor of the first yahrtzeit of her father Leo Krieger, Eliezer Natan ben Moshe Nachum HaKohen z"l.

6:10 pm: There will be no Mishna Chabura with Lloyd Epstein this week

6:40 pm: Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim

Buchwald in room 211

**7:40 pm:** Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

followed by Seudah Shlishit with guest speaker **Rabbi Menachem Schrader**, founding director of *The Jewish* 

Learning Initiative on Campus

8:50 pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends

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

# Weekday Prayer Schedule

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun - Fri at 8:00 pm

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# Visit lss.org to register

# **Thank You to Our Kiddush Sponsors**

# Hashkama Kiddush

Hashkama Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Fund.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by Shelley, Ruvan & Jackie Cohen in celebration of their son and brother Jonathan Cohen's aufruf and upcoming marriage to Naomi Diamond, daughter of Shalom & Kathy Diamond of Montreal; Bruce & Myriam Lehr in honor of the aufruf of their son Jonathan Lehr

# **Beginners Kiddush**

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

### **Seudah Shlishit**

Sponsored by **Dorothea Krieger** in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of her father, **Leo Krieger**, **Eliezer Natan ben Moshe Nachum HaKohen z"l.** 

# **Mazal Tov to our Members:**

If you've had a Mazal Tov, let us know!

- Mazal Tov to Steve Kay Kupietzky on being honored at the Limmud NY Founders Dinner on June 4, 2013
- Mazal Tov to Shelley, Ruvan & Jackie Cohen in honor of the aufruf of their son and brother Jonathan Cohen to Naomi Diamond, daughter of Shalom & Kathy Diamond of Montreal.
- Mazal Tov to Bruce & Myriam Lehr in honor of the aufruf of their son Jonathan Lehr.
- Mazal Tov to Jay & Francine Cinamon on the recent wedding of their son Lawrence Cinamon to Robin Most.
- Mazal Tov to Grandparent Shlomo Gewirtz on the birth of a son to his children Zvi & Riki Gewirtz of Woodmere.
- Mazal Tov to Barry & Esther Hollander on the recent wedding of their daughter Talia
   Hollander to Elie Erreich

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# ONGOING CLASSES

### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE

# THIS WEEK

### **SUNDAY 5/19**

9:00 am: Chosen Mishpat class with Rabbi

Robinson **MONDAY 5/20** 

10:30 am: Weekly Parsha Class with Rabbi Rob-

inson

6:30-8:00 pm: Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level 1 (One more week remaining) & level 2 (Two

more weeks remaining.)

7:00 pm: (Please Note New Time)- From Hasidism to Modern Orthodoxy: How Judaism Changed in the 18th and 19th Centuries with Community

Scholar Elana Stein Hain. Final Class

Tuesday 5/21

10:30-11:30 am: The Marilyn & Sam Isler Studies in the Weekly Torah Portion with Dov

Lerner

7:00pm: Beit Midrash Night!

Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet offsite. Advanced

Registration required.

See Beginners Announcements

# Wednesday 5/22

7:00 pm: 'The Kaddish Class' A learning and support group for people who have suffered loss, with

Rabbi Shaul Robinson

Thursday 5/23

7:00 pm: The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations on the weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Rob-

inson

### Shabbat 5/25

6:15 pm: (75 minutes before Mincha)- Beginners

Mishna Chavura with Lloyd Epstein

6:45 pm: (45 minutes before Mincha)- Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with LSS Clergy 6:45 pm: (45 minutes before Mincha)- Louis Lazar Memorial "Eighth Daf" Talmud Class with LSS

Clergy

# **Events at LSS**

Sunday, May 19th, 7:30 pm: Book Club meets

This month the Book Club is reading *Maus: A Survivors Tale* and *MetaMaus: A Look Inside* a Modern Classic both by Art Spiegelman. Maus depicts Spiegelman interviewing his father about his experiences as a Polish Jew and Holocaust survivor. It uses postmodern techniques—most strikingly in its depiction of races of humans as different kinds of animals, with Jews as mice, Germans as cats and non-Jewish Poles as pigs. In 1992 it became the first graphic novel to win a Pulitzer Prize. Steven Spira will lead the discussion at his home. Please contact programs@lss.org for address.

Monday, May 20, 8:30 pm: Showing of Partisan: a film short by Jacob Holm- free, followed

by Q&A with director Jacob Holm. Refreshments will be served

Wednesdays, May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm: Crash Course in Basic Judaism with Rabbi
Ephraim Buchwald

See Beginners Announcements.

Shabbat, June 1

**12:30 pm:** The final **Beginners luncheon** of the season. See Beginners Announcements.

5:00pm: New Member Shabbos Party on Shul Terrace

Are you a new member or thinking of becoming one? Enjoy a beautiful afternoon on the shull terrace with the shul clergy and officers! Register online at iss.org, Free

Tuesday, June 11

7:00pm: Rabbi Mordechai Greenberg, Rosh HaYeshivah of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh will be delivering a shiur in Hebrew. שיעור בעברית מאת הרב מרדכי גרינברג, ראש ישיבת כרם ביבנה

Shabbat, June 15

Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Shlomo Riskin. Founding Rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue

Sunday, June 16

Lincoln Square Synagogue Annual Dinner. Visit Iss.org to register

Shabbat, June 26

July 4th themed Lunch n' learn

For full event descriptions, please see our website at lss.org

# **Beginners Announcements**

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I, meets Mondays at 6:30 pm. The classes meet for 11/2 hours, for 1 more week, and is free and open to all. Register for any of our Hebrew Reading classes at www.beginners.lss.org
- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II, meets Mondays at 6:30 pm. The classes meet for 11/2 hours, for 2 more weeks, and is free and open to all. Register for any of our Hebrew Reading classes at <a href="https://www.beginners.lss.org"><u>www.beginners.lss.org</u></a>
- Save the date! Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will be teaching a free Crash Course in Basic Judaism at Lincoln Square Synagogue for 3 consecutive Wednesdays, starting on May 29th at 7:00pm. To register please visit www.beginners.lss.org or call 212-874-6100
- Save the date: The final Beginners luncheon of the season will be on Shabbat, June 1st. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, May 29th. You can register online at www.beginners.lss.org or call 212-874-6100
- The final session of the Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will be this
  Tuesday, May 21st. The workshop is free; register at <a href="www.lss.org">www.lss.org</a>. This week's topic: The Mikvah
  and family purity." Please note: Class will meet earlier in the day and NOT at LSS. Advance
  registration required via email to JLWorkshop@yahoo.com

An Afternoon with Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary)
Benefit Concert for the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation
Sunday, May 19, 2013 / Showtime: 1:00 PM

Peter Yarrow of Peter Paul and Mary will be having a benefit concert at the Highline Ballroom to bring awareness to the importance of becoming a bone marrow or stem cell donor. Four year old Ezra and thousands of patients like him are searching for their matches. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 and in general good health will also be allowed to join the registry through a simple cheek swab through the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation. All proceeds of the concert help support the continuing efforts of ongoing lab processing fees to achieve Gift of Life's life saving mission.

To purchase tickets visit

www.highlineballroom.com/show/2013/05/19/peter-yarrow-of-peter-paul-and-mary/

# **JOIN US NOW**

Isn't it time you joined the Lincoln Square Synagogue community?

Enjoy our beautiful new building.

Learn from our dynamic clergy.

Treat your children to our new youth programs.

Come to our popular film series, our museum tours, our varied classes, our holiday services and events, our Israel programming, and our provocative lectures and forums covering every facet Jewish life.

And this fall, be inspired by our new chazzan.

True, you can participate from the sidelines. But wouldn't you rather be among the growing number of dedicated Jewish families and individuals who have made a commitment to support Lincoln Square as it continues its 50-year tradition of relevance, inclusion, and service to Hashem and to the Jewish people.

We offer reduced rates for new members:

New Members Under 30				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Single	400	600	900	
Couple, family	700	1000	1400	1900
New Members Over 30				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
Single	450	900		
Couple, family	950	1400	1900	

To join, call the shul office (212-874-6100) or visit us online at www.lss.org

# LSS Security Message - Keeping LSS Safe.

LSS congregant **Mark Filer** gets a big Yasher Koach (congratulations) for swift action after noticing a security breach. He immediately informed our shul security team who was standing guard in front of the shul. The situation was corrected on the spot. Thank you, Mark!

**Lesson:** If you see something, say something. Each shul member has the responsibility for shul safety. *Act as if your life depends on it...because it does.* 

For more information or if you want to join the LSS security committee contact **Harvey Stein**, LSS head of security at <a href="mailto:security@lss.org">security@lss.org</a> or speak to one of our team leaders, **Martha, Ari, Ian or Lenny**.

### Security Reminder

Exit the shul only through the main entrance doors.

All other exits are for emergencies only.

# In Shul by Alan Zwiebel

...so the Prime Catering Ballroom is on its way to completion... I hope there's no problem with getting a table... maybe it will be quieter than the restaurant... how will they control cell phone abuse? they'd better have a la carte as well as prix fixe... there should be enough room between tables so we can avoid hearing any loshon harah... that could be a real problem... I hope they have a "Sameach Hour" with half-price drinks... they'd better accept American Express or I'm outta there... our anniversary is in just ten months— better make a reservation just in case... I'll have the salad...



# **Youth Announcements**

### **Shabbat Schedule**

**Toddlers:** 10:00 am - room 210

Pre-K: 10:00 am Supervised Playtime, 10:30 am Circle Time Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:05 am Snack — room 208

Kindergarten and 1st grade: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:30 am Parsha, 10:55 am Snack — room 207

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:00 am Snack — room 206 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade boys: 10:15 am Shacharit, 10:45 am Snack, 11:00 am Musaf — room 204

2nd through 5th Grade girls: 10:15 am Tefillah, 10:45 am Parsha, 11:00 am Snack — room 217

Tween: 10:00 am: Weekly Tween (6th—8th grade) Shabbat Morning Program, with LSS Clergy — room 111

### LSS Math Circle

The LSS Math Circle is dedicated to expanding, deepening, and disseminating mathematical knowledge. It is a place for kids to learn interesting mathematics and meet others with like interests. Open to children 4th grade and up, it meets from 6pm -8pm on Tuesdays. Contact Harvey Stein

(histein@gmail.com) for details.

# **Building Update**

# 5/17/13

### What You Can See . . .

The ner tamid from 200 Amsterdam, which was donated by Martha Cohn together with the aron, has been installed in the main sanctuary.

### Behind the Curtains . . .

Our next DOB review of the ballroom is scheduled for this week. The electricians continue to work on the lighting controls.

Shabbat Shalom Ed Stark



Anyone who is post-Bar Mitzvah and would like to leyn his Parsha on Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary is urged to contact Mark Hus at MHusOffice@aol.com. Thanks!

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod in your e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org. Subscribers to the LSS email list receive the Shabbat Echod and D'var Torah every week, along with other shul-related announcements.



# d'var echod b'lev echod

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

# SHABBAT PARSHAT NASO 9 sivan 5773 • May 17-18, 2013

# **BY: MORTON LANDOWNE**

One of the key aspects of this week's Parsha is the outline of the Priest's duties, including the recitation of one of the best-known passages in the Bible, the Priestly benediction: "May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; May the Lord lift His face upon you and grant you peace."

(Let's step back for a moment and reflect on the subtle miracle that those exact words are still recited daily, in every shacharit minyan throughout the world).

When the Kohanim recite this bracha, each day in Israel, and on chagim here, they include the following introductory blessing: "Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with the sanctity of Aaron, and has commanded us to bestow a benediction upon His Nation Israel, with love." Rabbi Riskin has questioned why "with love" is tacked on. "Does that mean," our founding Rabbi asks, "that if a Kohen (priest) woke up on the wrong side of the bed that morning and does not feel in a particularly loving frame of mind, then his blessing is rendered ineffectual?"

Obviously that's not the case, so let's try to parse what it is that the Torah is trying to tell the Kohen—and us—with the commandment to "love." Rabbi Riskin noted that this parsha, Naso, is always read in close proximity to Shavuot, the feast of redemption. Shavuot is the only Festival which is completely devoid of any exilic symbol (which matza and sukka provide on the other major Festivals). Shavuot is also the time when we have been told to read the Book of Ruth, which speaks, from beginning to end, of love as the most necessary condition for the birth of David HaMelech and the start of redemption. He continues: "Ruth teaches...that the world will be repaired and redeemed only though loving kindness. Is it any wonder, then, that the Kohen-Priest-Teacher must bless the nation of Israel with love? The representatives of God and Torah must feel love in their hearts for every Jew—as did Boaz and Ruth—so that they can communicate to Israel the greatest blessing of all: the love of every sibling for his/her fellow Israelite, the profound...love which will ultimately bring redemption and peace."

And so too, our Choson. (Sorry, I couldn't resist).

On this Shabbat when we celebrate the aufruf of one of the beloved Kohanim of Lincoln Square Synagogue, Jonathan Cohen, the parallels are too obvious to ignore. Naso means to lift up, to ennoble, and to elevate. Our word for marriage is Nisuin, of the same root: not merely the actual uplifting of the bride into her new home, but rather a spiritual ennobling and uplifting of two individuals united in body and spirit with each other, with their people, and with their God.

Jonathan, and his bride, Naomi Diamond, met while serving as counselors for NCSY's Yachad program. Thanks to people like Jonathan and his parents, and the Liebmans and the Spiras and the Freilichs, we at LSS are quite familiar with the holy and selfless work of Yachad, an organization dedicated to enhancing the life opportunities of individuals with disabilities, to help ensure their participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life. For more than ten years, Yachad has been a primary focus of Jonathan's waking hours; through this he has directly, lovingly, improved the lives of literally hundreds of Yachad members, and, providentially, bestowed upon himself the blessing of meeting his life mate, Naomi, and bonded with her over their shared—and sacred—passion for improving the lives of fellow Jews.

If we needed any proof of Jonathan's love for Am Yisrael, (and, as someone who has known him for his entire life, I did not), his work with the disabled, and in Jewish camping, tells our community that when he raises his Priestly hands to channel God's blessings upon us, it is with a purity and sincerity that transmits the profound love Rabbi Riskin described, which will ultimately, please God, bring peace and redemption.

I join with the entire community in wishing Jonathan, Naomi, and their families, a heartfelt and joyous mazal tov upon the occasion of their wedding. I thank them for sharing their simcha with us today, and express the wish that the hundreds of times Jonathan has blessed us, will reflect blessings of health, happiness, peace and prosperity, back upon him and Naomi and their families, and on the Bayit Ne'eman they will soon have the privilege to create.

Shabbat Shalom.

# **VOLUNTEER AND CHESSED OPPORTUNITIES - LSS NEEDS YOU!**

### Volunteer for LSS!

Volunteer needed to assist with computer work in the shul office. Help needed inputting into our database and preparing letters. Please call the office at 212-874-6100 or email <a href="mailto:info@lss.org">info@lss.org</a>.

**Hospitality** - Be a host! Be a guest! Be a part of a warm enriching enhancement to your Shabbat experience. Visit hospitality.lss.org to explore how easily you can make a difference to others.

**Tzedaka -** 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.

**Tehillim Circle** – Meets every Monday at 8:00 pm at the home of Karin Feldhamer. Tehillim are recited for the sick, for *shiduchim* and for the soldiers in Israel.

**Security volunteers are needed** to help protect our LSS family on Shabbat and holidays. To sign up or request information, email <a href="mailto:security@lss.org">security@lss.org</a> or speak to any volunteer. Security and safety are the responsibility of all shulgoers. Be aware of suspicious objects as you approach the shul and as you enter any room. Make it a habit to check under and near your seats when you sit down. And consider joining our security volunteers. Contact Harvey Stein (<a href="mailto:hjstein@gmail.com">hjstein@gmail.com</a>) for details.

Sign Language Interpreters available upon request. Please email <a href="mailto:inclusion@lss.org">inclusion@lss.org</a> if you are in need of such services at LSS. We thank UJA-Federation of NY for their support through their NY Jewish Community Deaf Interpreter Fund administered by The Jewish Deaf Resource Center.

**WEST SIDE MIKVAH** – 236 West 74th Street, 212-579-2011, www.westsidemikvah.com. If you have questions regarding *taharat hamishpacha* (Jewish family law), please contact Rabbi Robinson or Mrs. Atara Eis, Yoetzet Halacha, at 610-639-7474 or <a href="mailto:ataraeis@gmail.com">ataraeis@gmail.com</a>. Please consider making a donation to the Mikvah by making a check payable to LSS Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, with "UWS Mikvah" in the memo.

**Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbat Fund** - 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 <a href="mailto:rabbi@lss.org">rabbi@lss.org</a>.

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