



ECHOD

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 6:45pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 6:45pm Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in Room 206
- 6:56pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:12pm: Candle Lighting
- 8:15pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services led by **Cantorial Intern Yisroel Lesches**

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 Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services led by **Cantorial Intern Yisroel Lesches**
- Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:09am: Latest Shema
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed
- 6:30pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 7:00pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *Asher Natan Lanu Code of Hammurabi? - Was the Torah Taken from Outside Sources?*
- 7:00pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 8:00pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 9:13pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Weekly Prayer Schedule For the Week of June 19

Sunday – Thursday Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:20pm

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mon & Thurs</u>	<u>Tues, Wed, & Fri</u>
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50	Shacharit: 7:50am

Next week we will be listing all of our community's graduates. Everyone from Kindergarten to a PhD will be listed but we can't do it without your help! Please email echod@lss.org with the name and grade level of the graduate no later than **9AM on Tuesday, June 21st**.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Aviva & Marvin Sussman** and **Judy & Moshe Sokolow** in commemoration of the recent yahrtzeits of **Roslyn & Sol Sussman a"h**.

Beginner's Kiddush

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

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Eileen Weiss and Preston Leschins** in honor of their son **Sam's** Bar Mitzvah.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsors welcome.

Youth Groups

Happy Birthday to **Joshua Berdugo**, and Thank You to parents **Leslie & Jeremy Berdugo** for being Youth Sponsors this Shabbat.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors welcome.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazel Tov to **Eileen Weiss and Preston Leschins** on their son **Sam's** Bar Mitzvah.
- Mazel Tov to **Eileen Weiss and Preston Leschins** and to their son **Ben** on his graduation from Lynn University.

LSS SECURITY UPDATE

**Could terror shootings be prevented?
Orlando, Tel Aviv, Paris**

LSS needs you—men and women!

We need more security volunteers *now*.

We and CSS will train you at **basic** and **advanced** levels.

Classes will begin over the summer and interviews are in June.

You will always be partnered with an experienced security person.

Step up and protect our families and our Jewish way of life.

Contact **Ian Silver** at security@lss.org.

Women's Talk Time • Thursday, June 23rd • 11:30am

Women are invited to attend an ongoing discussion group facilitated by Ruth Riemer. All ages are welcome. Our last topic was: "How to Help Your Child Attain a Positive Self Image."

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.

Take Part in the Mitzvah of Bikur Cholim

Every Shabbat, a group of volunteers leaves from the shul lobby and heads to Roosevelt Hospital to visit the sick. This chesed opportunity is open to all and there is no commitment necessary. If you have not taken part yet, please consider doing so.

Welcome New Members

Mr. Jeffrey & Mrs. Debora Puterman

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

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II**, will begin **THIS Monday, June 20th at 6:30pm**. The classes meet for **1 1/2 hours**, and are **free and open to all**. Register at www.lss.org/beginners Co-Sponsored by NJOP.
- **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** will teach the 2nd of the 3 session **FREE Crash Course in Basic Judaism at The Long Beach Hotel, 405 East Broadway, Long Beach, NY 11561 in Long Beach**, on Wednesday night, June 22nd at **7:30pm**. To register, please visit www.njop.org/ccbj or call **646-871-4444**. This week's topics: **The Sabbath and Sexuality**.
- **Save the date! "First Call" Beginners Luncheon**, to be held **Shabbat, September 10th**, in honor of **Dr. Leonard Davidman**. The cost is still only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners. Please make your reservations and payment by **Thursday, September 8th**.

MISHNAH STUDY & MISHNAH SIYUM LUNCHEON

A hearty thank you to all Mishnah Study learners, mentors Howard Grossman and Moishe Sheinwexler, and committee members Nathan Vogel, Gabe Gershowitz, and Jake Brzowsky. You all contributed to the success of this year's Mishnah Study program. Thanks also to everyone who attended and sponsored the Mishnah Siyyum Luncheon where we could celebrate our learning together as a community.

May we all merit to share and celebrate more mitzvot together.

-Bill Greenbaum, Julie Walpert and Rabbi Charlie Savenor

Meet the West Side Yoetzet Halacha, Ilana Gadish



Ilana Gadish serves as the Yoetzet Halacha for a number of synagogues in Manhattan, and is a graduate of Nishmat's U.S. Yoatzot Halacha Fellows program. Ilana also teaches Talmud and Tanakh at the Ramaz Upper School. She previously served as an intern on the clergy of Lincoln Square Synagogue, and before that as a congregational intern at United Orthodox Synagogues in Houston, Texas. Ilana received her M.A. in Biblical and Talmudic Interpretation at the Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies (GPATS) at Stern College for Women, where she also received her B.A. with a major in Judaic Studies and a minor in Biology. She spent a year studying at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Jerusalem, as well as two summers at the Drisha Institute. Ilana currently lives on the Upper West Side with her husband Moshe Peters.

Ilana can be reached by email at nycyoetzet@gmail.com or by phone at (646) 598-1080.

The following article has links to important information; please consider reading the online version of the Echod after Shabbat.

Help Support Israeli Victims of Terror and Their Families

There have been more than 1,000 Israeli victims of terror – men, women, children, soldiers, civilians, *da'ti, lo da'ti* – starting with the days of the First Intifada and including the recent killings in Tel Aviv. The Yizkor service on the second day of Shavuot included a pledge to make a donation to tzedakah in the memory of the deceased. Please consider fulfilling this promise by making a contribution to help Israeli victims of terror and their families. When you write your check for the LSS Chessed Fund, please indicate in the Memo line "Victims of Terror." Rabbi Robinson will make sure that the money is distributed properly. Of course if you are fortunate enough not to have to say Yizkor, please keep in mind the Israeli families that are not as fortunate and also donate to the Victims of Terror fund.

Activities To Do In Israel (Part III)

We recognize that many of our members have been to Israel many times and may be interested in some new, off-the-beaten tourist path activities the next time that you are there. We thank Chavie Kahn for this week's suggestion. Did you know that about 40% of the food produced in Israel goes to waste? And, did you know that about a quarter of Israel's population lives below the poverty line?

This is where Leket (literally, Gleanings) Israel comes in. Serving as the country's largest food rescue organization, [Leket Israel](http://www.leket.org) makes sure that food that would otherwise have gone to waste is redistributed to people who are in need. Leket relies on volunteers to glean fields and orchards (just as we just read in Megilat Ruth!) and to sort & package food for distribution to the poor. This is a great chesed project for families travelling to Israel to celebrate a bat/bar mitzvah or for anyone who would like to help feed the poor in Israel.

For additional information please visit <http://www.lss.org/activities-in-israel.html> or contact lauren@leket.us Brochures describing Leket's volunteer activities are available in the lobby. Do you know of any off-the-beaten activities in Israel that our members might enjoy? Please pass them along so that others may follow in your footsteps; email supportisrael@lss.org

"If You Boycott Israel, New York State Will Boycott You"

A couple of weeks ago, Governor Cuomo signed an executive order ordering NY State agencies not to do business with companies that boycott Israel. While this move was welcomed by the anti-BDS friends of Israel, it was far from universally acclaimed. The governor's office has received many complaints from the pro-BDS movement and its Manhattan office has been picketed. At a time like this, it is important to thank Governor Cuomo for his actions.

We've made this very easy for you. Visit www.lss.org/advocacy-what-you-can-do. There, you will find a sample email that was written by Norpac. Copy & paste that letter and email it to www.governor.ny.gov/contact Or, if you prefer, call (518) 474-8390.

The governor is getting an earful from the other side. It is very important that the governor hear from his constituents who approve of his executive order.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Coffee & Responsa w/ Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • After

Second Minyan (9:15am) CLASS WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK

Rabbi Rosenfeld will be teaching at the YCT Yom Iyun at SAR High School from 11.30 - 12.30. For more details, see here: <http://www.yctorah.org/content/view/977/17/>

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:00 pm

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.

Beit Midrash Night:

- **Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 7:20pm**
CLASS WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK
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

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 • 7:15pm

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



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

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Parshat Nasso

By: Ruvan Cohen

A BLESSING-CENTERED LIFE

In honor of the upcoming marriage of my children Jackie and Oren

An interesting collection of unrelated items in פרשת נשא. It opens with the counting of the Levite families; then deals with the מצרע; the שוטה; the נזיר. It concludes with the Mishkan dedication offering by the heads of the 12 tribes, each very specific; each identical. In between the המשולשת, the threefold bracha that it now commonly known as ברכת כהנים is placed, seemingly out of context, seemingly unrelated to that which comes before or after.

Perhaps the פרשה is trying to send a message about life and choosing to live a life focused on blessings, even when so much of life conspires to challenge our ability to discern those blessings.

Looked at that way, perhaps we can interpret the topics in the פרשה. The census of the לויים is not mostly a counting of the individuals but rather a focus on the allocations of tasks handed to each of the Levite families. It is about communal responsibility and the requirement to be exacting. Responsibilities of life and its details sometimes overwhelm us. The מצרע may be symbolic of physical afflictions that can befall people, leaving them feeling excluded from a society that is focused on perfection. The שוטה may be a paradigm of psychological challenges that can completely overtake an individual – suspicion, doubt, jealousy – and rupture relationships. The נזיר, who is ambivalent toward, is an individual who can't seem to find a proper spiritual relationship with G-d and feels the need to accept greater restrictions and obligations. This is life. We may be prone to being overwhelmed by our responsibilities, affected by physical and psychological challenges, or feel spiritually inadequate in our everyday lives. The placement of the המשולשת then may be a call to keep a consciousness of the blessing in our lives as a way to assure that we don't succumb to life's challenges.

Each of the threefold blessings ends with distinctive, yet ambiguous words that are open to multiple understandings. The first sentence ends with וישמרך. It is commonly understood as Hashem guarding you. But it also can be looked at as referring to the משמרות, the tasks assigned to the different Levite families. It may be a telling us that you will have responsibilities, but those responsibilities are meaningful. The ability to recognize that one's contributions are meaningful is certainly a blessing. One may also understand the term as referencing שמירה, the status of being a bailee. The status of bailee makes one responsible for negligence. It is indeed a blessing to not be negligent when it comes to our relationships with those we love, members of the community and with our Creator.

The second sentence ends with the word ויהנך. The common meaning is that Hashem should show you חן, grace. But other possible etymological references could be to הנה, prayer – the ability to pray for your needs and feel that there is someone listening. Finally, perhaps there is a reference to הנוך, to teaching. The ability to teach and learn from others and the realization that none of us knows everything is certainly a means of seeing the blessing in one's life.

Finally, the word שלום, commonly understood as you should be granted peace. It is obvious to any student of Hebrew that this can also be referring to a blessing centered on greetings – of the ability to connect with others and of them being able to connect with you. And finally, it is certainly no leap to think of this peace being about שלמות, wholeness.

If we are able to connect these threefold meanings of each of the threefold blessings, then we have truly made a start at living a Blessing-Centered Life. If we are able to see these blessings in our lives, then we are positioned for the dedication of a space to Hashem, not through ostentatious displays of piety and one-upmanship, but through the joy of worshipping just like everyone else, with our prayers as individuals forming the prayer of the communal whole. Then, and only then, as indicated at the beginning of next week's parsha, will the נרות of Hashem be able to be kindled and give light to the world.

May we all be privileged to live blessing-centered lives and be rewarded with Hashem's glowing presence.