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PESACH SCHEDULE FOR FIRST DAYS

Friday, April 22nd (Ta'anit Bechorot)

5:45am: Daf Yomi

6:30am: Shacharit

7:30am: Shacharit

There will be a Ta'anit Bechorot siyum following both Shacharit

7:30am: Biyur Chametz on the LSS Terrace

10:00am Latest time to eat chametz

11:17am: Latest time to burn chametz

Friday Evening, April 22nd - First Night of Pesach

7:26pm: Candle Lighting

7:30pm: Mincha/Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

8:15pm: Earliest time to begin the Seder

Saturday, April 23rd - First Day of Pesach/Shabbat

8:00am: Services in the Belfer Beit Midrash

9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

Saturday Afternoon, April 23rd - First Day of Pesach/Shabbat

4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.

7:20pm: Mincha followed by a shiur by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

8:27pm: Ma'ariv/Candle Lighting/Begin Seder

Sunday, April 24th - Second Day of Pesach (Omer day 1)

8:00am: Services in the Belfer Beit Midrash

9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

Sunday, Afternoon, April 24th - Second Day of Pesach

4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby.
New volunteers are urgently needed.

7:35pm: Mincha followed by a shiur by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

8:27pm: Ma'ariv/Yom Tov Ends

There will not be youth groups for the first days of Pesach

Weekly Prayer Schedule
For the Week of April 25-28 (CHOL HAMOED)
Monday – Wednesday Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:35pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:00am

Shacharit: 7:40am

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan and Kayla Moerdler

Annual Dinner^{52nd}

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 • 6:00PM
180 AMSTERDAM AVE, NEW YORK

This year's annual dinner is shaping up to be one of our best ever -- an event that you won't want to miss. Be sure to save the date for a fun evening with good friends, great food, and a general spirit of bonhomie. Our honorees are: **Janice Weinman Shorenstein and Stuart Shorenstein** (Guests of Honor), **Debra & Adam Verstandig** (Young Leadership Honorees) and **Wendy Baker** (Community Service Honoree). Visit lss.org/dinner to RSVP and for more details

כ' אם עשות משפט ואהבת חסד והצנע לבית עם אלקיך

POLAND TRIP

We are organizing a Mission trip to Poland for members of Lincoln Square Synagogue with Rabbi Robinson and JRoots. 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, 2016. The trip will cost \$2400 per person plus airfare.

Registration will be available online immediately after Pesach.

A NOTE FROM GALE SPIRA

I would like to thank the members of the LSS Community that took the time to call me, text, and visit with me and my family during the very trying week of Shiva for my brother Philip (Feivy) Fuchs. Your concern and caring truly brought nechama (comfort) to our bereaved family and helped us get through a most difficult time.

Our warmest appreciation,
Gale Spira and family

Chag Kasher V'Same'ach and Shabbat Shalom

New Members Brunch • Sunday, May 15th • 11:00 AM

Please join Rabbi Shaul and Sarah Robinson at their home for a New Members Brunch. It's a great way for new members to meet the Rabbi, Sarah, and some of our long-time members in a more intimate setting, and get formally welcomed into the LSS family.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israeli-Style BBQ on the Terrace • Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 PM

Participate in the week-long The UWS Celebrates Israel programs offered by the JCC and then, on Sunday, come to the Israeli-style BBQ on the terrace. Details to follow after Pesach.

Film Screenings: *Shores of Light* and *Violins of War* • Sunday, May 15, at 7 pm

Shores of Light: At the end of World War II, thousands of Holocaust survivors arrived in Southern Italy on their way to the Land of Israel. Seventy years later, a group of Israeli women trace their parents' recovery in a DP camp in Salento. In **Violins of War**, an international master violin workshop in Israel plays on even as the second Lebanon War grips the country. The director of both films, Yael Katzir, will answer questions following the screening. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Please register at lss.org/films.

Save The Date! LSS Singles presents its Lag B'Omer Reception, May 25 from 7 -10 PM.

Early Bird rate: \$36. Email: lsqsingles@gmail.com for more details. Sign up at <http://www.lss.org/event/singles-reception>.

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NORPAC Mission to Washington: May 18

What does the wise child ask?

What are **we**, the Jews of America, doing to help stem the tide of BDS which seeks to delegitimize the State of Israel and damage its economy? Note that by asking what "we" are doing, the wise child includes her/himself in the greater community of Jews and understands our collective responsibility towards each other.

And thus you shall answer her/him: Baruch Hashem, we live in a country where we are free to meet with our elected representatives and lobby them to sponsor and support favorable legislation.

One such opportunity to exercise our civic rights is the upcoming Norpac Mission to Washington on Wednesday May 18th.

The mission will also devote time and resources to educating Members of Congress in the meetings about BDS: Explaining the connection with anti-Semitism, including the intimidation of pro-Israeli students on college campuses.

Register at www.NORPAC.net and make a difference. Bus transportation from LSS and back will be provided. Any questions? Speak with Dan Feder in shul or email him at: dfeder02@aol.com



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543-7485 (day or night)

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BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Beginners Service will resume on Shabbat, May 7th.**
- The Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will **NOT meet on Monday, April 25th**. The workshop will resume on **Monday, May 2nd, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 10 sessions series, is a “hands-on” experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com or www.lss.org. **Topic: Weekday prayers, starting out. What are the bare minimum requirements?**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, May 7th, 2016**. The cost is still only \$25. Please make your reservations by **Monday, May 2nd**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call **212-874-6100**.
- **Save the date! Monday, May 9th, 2015, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

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

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. **Class Resumes after Pesach**

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. **Class Resumes after Pesach**

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

Class resumes after Pesach

Beit Midrash Night:

- **Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 8:05pm**
Adultery, incest, rebellion -- the travails of David, the greatest Jewish king -- A great story, complex characters, a subtle, sophisticated text. **CLASS WILL BE MEETING DURING CHOL HAMOED**
- **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*) **Class resumes after Pesach**

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”** **Class will resume on May 4th**

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. **Class resumes after Pesach**

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. **Class resumes after Pesach**

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.* **Class resumes after Pesach**

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

Class resumes after Pesach

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.



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

15-16 Nissan 5776 • April 22-24, 2016
FIRST DAYS OF PESACH

By: Mordechai Beilis

Matzah, matzah, matzah, would you like more matzah with your brisket?

Now since you've asked so many good questions, we have a special dessert for you...

We are required to eat matzah four (4) times at the Seder: Motzi Matzah, Marror and Korech before the meal and Tzafun, (the Afikomen) after the meal.

Matzah, WHY?

Before the actual night of redemption occurs, Hashem lays out the mitzvah for deliverance of the nation to Moshe and Aharon, on how to eat the korban Pesach. "They shall eat the flesh on that night – roasted over the fire – and matzot with bitter herbs shall they eat it" (Exodus 12:8). "So shall you eat it: your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; you shall eat it in haste – it is a pesach-offering to Hashem." (Exodus 12:11).

But Hashem repeats the mitzvah with a caveat. "For a seven-day period shall you eat matzot, but on the previous day you shall nullify the leaven from your homes; for anyone who eats leavened food – that soul shall be cut off from Israel, from the first day till the seventh day." (Exodus 12:17).

After The All Mighty goes through the homes of the Egyptians and kills every first born, the Torah says, "The people picked up its dough before it could become leavened, their leftovers bound up in their garments upon their shoulders" (Exodus 12:34). This makes it sound as if we did not prepare for our redemption properly.

Recently, Rabbi Robinson in his Shabbat drasha gave an insight; that we Jewish people, even dressed and ready to go, did not believe we deserve to be redeemed.

This reminded me of an allegory. It was during the Dust Bowl, a minister of a church decided to have a prayer vigil for rain in the center of town. He told all the congregants to go home and bring whatever they needed for the vigil. The minister got up to speak and asked the people "Did anyone bring an umbrella?"

This actually lies in my confusion. I laid out how Hashem instructed in great detail how the integral part of redemption is matzah and nullifying leaven yet the Torah goes out of its way to say we weren't prepared.

Early on in the Haggadah it answers this question by saying this is the bread of affliction. Later it asks: "This matzah which we eat – for what reason?" And it answers, "Because the dough of our fathers did not have time to become leavened before the King of kings, the Holy One, Blessed be He, revealed Himself to them and redeemed them. As it says: 'They baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt; it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.'" (Exodus 12:39). What do you mean we weren't ready? We were sitting at our tables eating the Korban Pesach dressed and ready to leave.

Rabbi Mordechai Levin of Congregation Beth Israel in Munster, Indiana, gave this insight, "Matzah symbolizes the velocity with which we became free men. This liberation occurred in such a speed that our ancestors did not have time to wait for their dough to rise into bread.

Some of us don't believe we will be redeemed; some of us don't deserve to be redeemed. Some of us think that even though we were enslaved, this may not justify the killing of the first-born; some of us believe that the killing of the first-born accelerated our departure, while others are obstinate and want to make bread no matter what the mitzvah. At the end of the Haggadah it says this is the bread of freedom. It is important to understand that many people look at the same situation and interpret it differently. The Torah seems to be telling us that even though we come to the Seder with our beliefs in what this freedom means, we still eat matzah and refrain from chomets.

This D'var Torah is dedicated to Iris and Owen Cahn's mother Irmgard Cahn (Senta Sarah bat Yitzchak Ha Cohen) whose Yahrzeit was this past Monday, and to our Executive Director Brian Chartock. Thank you for everything you've done for me personally and for the LSS Community. You will be missed.

Shabbat Shalom and a Chag Kasher v'Sameach.