



# ECHOD

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## PESACH SCHEDULE FOR LAST DAYS

### Thursday Evening, April 28th

7:32pm: Candle Lighting\*\*

7:35pm: Mincha/Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

\*\*An *eruv tavshilin* must be made before candle lighting in order to eat food on Shabbat that was prepared on Yom Tov.

### Friday Morning, April 29th - Omer Day 6

8:00am: Services in the Belfer Beit Midrash

9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Drasha by **Daniel Besdin**

9:24am: Latest Shema

### Friday Afternoon, April 29th

7:33pm: Candle Lighting

7:40pm: Mincha/Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

### Saturday Morning, April 30th - Omer Day 7

8:00am: Services in the Belfer Beit Midrash

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

9:24am: Latest Shema

### Saturday Afternoon, April 30th

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

7:25pm: Mincha followed by neilat hachag

8:35pm: Ma'ariv/Yom Tov Ends

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who hosted guests, visitors and members alike, for the Sedarim. Thanks to our generous, giving, eagle-eyed hosts we are extremely fortunate to be able to say that every applicant, up until Erev Pesach, was placed in a welcoming, inviting setting. There were hosts with expanding tables who made repeated offers, guest after guest, in the generous spirit of Hachnassat Orchim, and further, made these offers with alacrity. We feel immense gratitude to you all for helping to fulfill this important mitzvah. You left no one in the position of having no place to go. Also, thanks to those who inquired of others whether they needed a place to go, and alerted us to that need, sparing those individuals the embarrassment of having to ask for themselves. Time after time, we received gracious thank-yous from these guests.

## Annual Dinner <sup>52nd</sup>

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 Shoreinstein and Stuart Shoreinstein** (Guests of Honor), **Debra & Adam Verstandig** (Young Leadership Honorees) and **Wendy Baker** (Community Service Honoree). Visit [lss.org/dinner](http://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 12-18th, 2016. The trip will cost \$2400 per person plus airfare.

Registration will be available online immediately after Pesach.

## Weekly Prayer Schedule For the Week of May 1-6

Monday – Thursday Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:40pm

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

*Chag Kasher V'Same'ach and Shabbat Shalom*

**Holocaust Memorial Day • Thursday, May 5th • 7:30 PM • at West Side Institutional Synagogue**

Join us for a documentary Film Screening of: *Strength and Dignity: The Holocaust Memoires of Leah Scharf*. Followed by a Q&A with Leah Scharf and her family. Leah Scharf is a longtime resident of the UWS is now revealing shocking stories of survival in the concentration camp Bergen Belson. 7:30pm will be Mincha, followed by the Film Screening. Light refreshments will be served. WSIS address is 120 W 76th St.

**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 Celebration: A Taste of Israel • Sunday, May 15 • 5:00pm-7:00 pm**

Feast on humus, baba ghanoush, falafel, Israeli salads, bourekas, kebabs, schwarma, vegetarian options and much more. Fun activities for the children. To register, please visit [lss.org/yomhaatzmaut](http://lss.org/yomhaatzmaut)

**Film Screenings: *Shores of Light* and *Violins of War* • Sunday, May 15 • 7:00pm**

**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](http://lss.org/films).

**Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration: Theodor Herzl (and Beyond) Art Show • Sunday, May 22 • 10:30am-12:00noon**

Israeli-born artist Michal Nachmany will lead us through her exhibit which begins with Herzl's dream and then proceeds to explore the process of building the Jewish State. Michal will also discuss how Israeli history and culture have evolved since Herzl's dream. The cost is \$15 with pre-registration, \$20 at the door (space permitting). To register, please visit [www.lss.org/art](http://www.lss.org/art)

**LSS Singles presents its Lag B'Omer Reception • Wednesday, May 25 • 7:00-10:00pm.**

"Meron" on the Upper West Side. Join us for an evening of inspirational speakers plus mix and mingle with Jewish singles (all ages welcome.) Early Bird rate: \$36. Email: [lsqsingles@gmail.com](mailto: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**

One of the benefits of living in a free, democratic country is that we can lobby our elected officials. One such opportunity to exercise our right is the upcoming Norpac Mission to Washington on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Register at [www.NORPAC.net](http://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: [dfeder-02@aol.com](mailto:dfeder-02@aol.com)

This year's mission will devote time to educating Members of Congress about BDS, including its effect on college campuses. One egregious example of BDS activity occurred this past week, right here in New York City. NYU's union of graduate students approved by a 2:1 margin a resolution calling on the school to divest from Israeli companies and to shut down its program at Tel Aviv University.

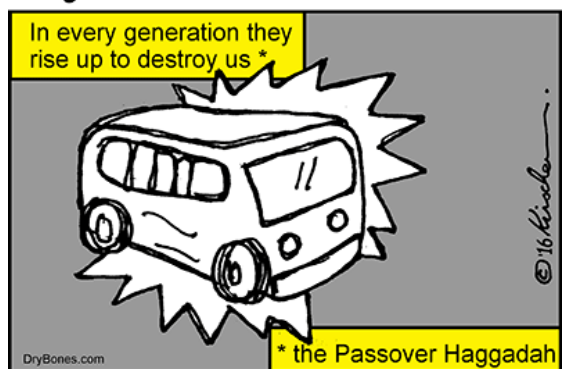
In response, an NYU spokesman said, "NYU has a long-standing position opposing boycotts of Israeli academics and institutions. This vote is at odds with NYU's policy on this matter; it is at odds with the principles of academic freedom and the free exchange of ideas."

**[WWW.LSS.ORG/ADVOCACY](http://WWW.LSS.ORG/ADVOCACY)**

The very popular and frequently visited LSS [Israel Advocacy](http://WWW.LSS.ORG/ADVOCACY) web page has been updated to make it even better. We have added links to email President Obama, Senators Gillibrand and Schumer and Congressman Nadler. We have also added links to like-minded organizations such as CAMERA, JCRC and Stand with Us. And, for good measure, we've added a link to email PM Netanyahu.

Content of the site is updated regularly so bookmark it and visit at least once a week. Todah rabbah to Alan Samuels for his technical support and to Dr. Stanley Slater and Glenn Richter for submitting material to include.

**Dry Bones BUS BOMBING IN JERUSALEM**



## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Beginners Service will resume on Shabbat, May 7th.**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet 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](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com) or [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org). **Topic: Weekday prayers, starting out. What are the bare minimum requirements?**
- **Save the date! The Beginners Luncheon will be NEXT Shabbat, May 7th, 2016. The cost is still only \$25.** Please make your reservations by **THIS Monday, May 2nd**. You can register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://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) Shiur #20*

### 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. ***Class will not be meeting this week***

### 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.
- **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

**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. ***Class will not be meeting this week.***

**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*

**In case of a bereavement,  
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543-7485 (day or night)**

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## D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

21-22 Nissan 5776 • April 28-30, 2016  
LAST DAYS OF PESACH

By: Mark Hus

On each of the *Shalosh Regalim* (three Festivals), we read a megillah. Tradition tells us that two of those works were authored by King Solomon. Yet, despite the fact that they were written by the same person, they could not be more different in tone and outlook. One is full of love and passion. The other is pessimistic and depressed. But, of course, human beings usually experience the full gamut of emotions during a lifetime, so there is no reason to doubt that the same man penned both works. The question is, why are they read on Pesach and Sukkot?

This year, because there is no Shabbat Chol Hamo'ed, we will read *Shir Hashirim* (The Song of Songs) on the eighth day of Passover. In *Shir Hashirim*, King Solomon proclaims his fiery affection for a woman. While the Art Scroll commentary insists that the words cannot be taken literally, I think that there is ample reason to believe that it was, in fact, his intention to declare his feelings for his beloved. After all, Passover is the "Festival of Spring" and as Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote in *Locksley Hall*:

In the Spring a livelier iris changes on the burnish'd dove;  
In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.

Spring is a time of rebirth. The dreary winter comes to an end. The days grow longer. Buds are on the trees. Accordingly, it is a time of hope for the future. Not too many things better exemplifies those feelings than a freshly blooming love.

Spring is also the time of the birth of the people of Israel, which we commemorate with the holidays of Passover and Shavuot. It is also the inception of the ideas of freedom and independence. It is the time of *Yom Hatzma'ut* and *Yom Yerushalayim*. What better time to read *Shir Hashirim*?

On the other hand, *Kohelet*, (Ecclesiastes) depicts the depression and cynicism of someone who has been hurt too many times during his lifetime. Its darkness is appropriate for the holiday which heralds the advent of the dark winter. Is it possible that we are directed twice to be happy on Sukkot, the harvest Festival, because happiness does not come naturally at that time and we are required to try extra-hard to force ourselves to feel joyous? Certainly in those years when the harvest has not yielded as much as one had hoped for, this must have been the case (and Lord knows that this happened far more often than people desired). But *Kohelet* concludes that a spiritual life is the only way to be truly happy and that material gains are not the measure of one's life. That is a message that can help to keep one's hopes alive in difficult times.

Hence, the megillot that we read, reflect the tenor of the times at which they are read, and serve to inspire our observance of the Festivals and to carry us through the months that follow.

One final thought about the last day of Passover. The Haftorah which we will read is positive in nature and alludes to the final redemption – when we will welcome the Messiah in our midst. This is another expression of the hope and optimism which we feel during this time of year. May it be G-d's will that all of the good things for which we hope and dream, will all be realized soon – especially the coming of the Messiah.

Chag sameach and Shabbat shalom.