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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 7:04pm: Candle Lighting
- 7:10pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Craig Resmovits**
- 7:10pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by Rabbinic Intern **Jared Anstandig**. Followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Craig Resmovits**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 9:47am: Latest Shema
- 10:30am: Teen Discussion with Rabbinic Intern **Jared Anstandig** in the ballroom pre-function room.

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 5:20pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 5:50pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with Rabbinic Intern **Jared Anstandig**: *Playing with Fire: The Sin of Nadav and Avihu*
- 5:50pm: Bible Class with **Bernard Kabak** in room 211
- 6:50pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit. Seudah Shlishit talk by **Dr. Seth Ward**: *"Islamic Extremism in 2016: perspectives from an Orthodox Jewish Islamist"*
- 8:05pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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Hashkamah Kiddush

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Beginner's Kiddush

Sponsored by **Ilene and Lou Vynerib** for the shloshim of Lou's sister, **Raizel bat Moshe, a"h (Roslyn Halpern.)**

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Lee and Paul Holm** in honor of **Eliana's** forthcoming marriage to **Sam Yamshon**, and in celebration of Sam's aufruf; and Sponsored Anonymously in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of **Richard (Elchonon) Daphet, z"l**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Leslie and Jeremy Berdugo**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors welcome.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Lee and Paul Holm** on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **Eliana**, to **Sam Yamshon**. Mazal Tov to Sam's parents, **Ellen and Daniel Yams-hon**, of Sacramento, California. Mazal Tov also to brother **Jacob Holm**, sister **Rachel Yamshon**, and grandparents **Ruth and Morton Levin** and **Rosalie Ingerman**, and to the entire Holm, Levin, Yamshon and Ingerman families.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Shaul and Sarah Robinson** who will receive the Jewish Leadership Award at the MDS Annual dinner on April 10th.
- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Ann & Larry Cohn** on the birth of a baby girl, **Ivy Madelyn**, born to their children **Eric & Neeli** in Los Angeles.
- Mazal Tov to **Beverly and Lee Goldman** on their 48th wedding anniversary.

MOLAD

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Nisan will be on Thursday at 15 minutes and 16 Chalakim after 10 AM. Rosh Chodesh Nisan will be on Shabbat.

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

LSS Annual Dinner – SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Spring is here, which means that the LSS Annual Dinner is around the corner. This year, our Guests of Honor will be **Janice Weinman Shoreinstein and Stuart Shoreinstein**. Our Young Leadership Honorees will be **Debra and Adam Verstandig** and our Community Service Honoree will be **Wendy Baker**. Additional details to follow.

LSS POLAND TRIP

We are hoping to run a trip to Poland for members of LSS 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 hopefully take place this Fall and will be run in conjunction with J-Roots. There will be an information session at Lincoln Square Synagogue on Sunday April 3rd at 12pm Please contact Rabbi Robinson (rabbi@lss.org) for more information.

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of April 3 - 8 Sun-Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:10pm

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

SHMURAH MATZAH SALE

As in previous years, LSS is excited to provide hand made quality Shmurah Matzah from the Shatzer Matzah factory to its members. Matzah is sold by the pound, and is available in regular and whole wheat. The cost is **\$23.50** per pound.

The deadline for purchasing Shmurah Matzah is Tuesday, April 5th.

Purchase at Lss.org/matzah



BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EXTENDED!** The **LAST** session for the **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will meet on **Tuesday, April 5th, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm.**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **Monday, April 4th, 7:30pm-8:30pm.** 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: Kosher – Like to keep it but what do I do when I go to non-Kosher relatives/friends?**
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II** will meet on **Monday, April 4th at 6:30pm,** and continue for **2 more weeks.** 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.**
- **Save the date! Beginners Model Seder,** scheduled for **Monday, April 11th, 7:00pm.** Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and Cantor Sherwood Goffin for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Passover Seder. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$15 before April 8th, \$20 at the door, payable to LSS (earmark Model Seder). For information or to make your reservation, contact LSS at **212-874-6100** or at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date: Beginners Passover Shabbaton,** scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, April 15th-16th,** devoted to the theme of Passover. Reservations must be made by **Wednesday, April 13th.** Cost is \$50 (includes two meals). Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.

UPCOMING EVENTS - RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS AT LSS.ORG/EVENTS

Pre-Pesach Wine & Spirits Sale • Monday, April 4 Sale • 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the lobby

Wine Tasting starts at 6:00 PM

Support Israel by purchasing its fine wines and spirits to enhance your Seders. Products of other nationalities will also be available, but be sure to stock up on those from Israel. 10% of the sale proceeds will be donated by Skyview to the shul. Free delivery with no minimum purchase requirement to the West Side! Can't make it on April 4? Order forms are available in the office; they must be completed and returned with a check made out to LSS absolutely no later than April 8 for pre-Pesach delivery.

Tsedek Youth Choir UWS event • Tuesday, April 5th, at 7:00pm • At Congregation Ramat Orah

Join us for dinner, drinks and a Show to support a great cause. Tsedek is a truly world changing Israeli organization that currently supports over 3,000 Jewish children who have come from unfortunate family backgrounds such as abuse, poverty, or are orphans. Tsedek has 17 centers throughout Israeli that are committed to providing after-school developmental programming to these Jewish children who desperately need this support and direction. Tsedek's most renowned developmental program is their Youth Choir. Sign up at <http://tsedekatramathorah.eventbrite.com> \$35 online, \$45 at the door.

Women's Talk Time • Thursday April 7th • 11:30am-12:30pm

Those who have participated in our talk sessions have expressed a desire to begin again. And so begin again, we shall. Change of day was done to accommodate work schedules of some participants. Kindly join us and help those who can gain from your experience. Join LSS Member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to women in the LSS community.

Shabbat in the Square • Friday, April 8th • 8:30pm

Join LSS Young Professionals in their 20s & 30s as we celebrate Shabbat in the Square. Free. Be a host or guest at an LSS YP's home. Share Shabbat dinner with peers, meet new friends, and join together at the end for a communal dessert. Sign up as a guest or a host at <http://www.lss.org/event/shabbat-in-the-square>.

Israel Bonds Brunch • Sunday, April 10th at 10:30 AM in the LSS Ballroom

Capital provided by the Israel Bonds organization has helped fuel Israel's rapid economic development despite formidable political and security challenges. Israel Bonds are an important means of diversifying your investment holdings while building Israel's economy. Israel has never missed a payment on principle or interest to its bondholders. Learn about the popular Double Mitzvah program. The cost of the brunch is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Register at www.lss.org/event/israelbonds

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Shaul and Sarah Robinson who will receive the Jewish Leadership Award at the MDS Annual dinner on April 10th. For more information please contact Josh Caplan at jcaplan@mdsweb.org

REVISED DATE: 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.

This article contains important links; you are encouraged to read it in the online version of the Echod after Shabbat.

REGISTER NOW for AIPAC 2017

Lock in the savings! Now is best time to register for next year's AIPAC conference on March 26-28, 2017. Save \$200 if you register by **April 5, 2016**. Can't plan that far ahead? No problem. Your registration fee is fully refundable until January 6, 2017. See www.PolicyConference.org for details and to register.

RAV STAV ON: NEUTRALIZED TERRORISTS

Last week, a controversy erupted in Israel over the killing of an Arab terrorist who had just minutes earlier stabbed two Israeli soldiers in Hebron. Another Israeli soldier who arrived on the scene *after* the terrorist was lying on the ground apparently already neutralized, shot him dead. While the matter is now under investigation, the words of Rav David Stav back in October 2015 when the terror campaign was just beginning seem especially relevant.

Rav Stav, the chairman of the [Tzohar](http://www.tzohar.org) association of national-religious rabbis, clarified that despite the justified anger at Israeli Arabs targeting Jews, "people who are not involved in murderous activities and those who no longer pose a danger must not be harmed."

"The blood boils when you see Israeli Arabs, young and old, who have been making their livelihood from Jews, murdering children, soldiers, women and men indiscriminately, without any gratitude," Stav said, adding that "it is precisely on these days that the strength and uniqueness of the Israeli society is put to the test."

"These days, when the boiling blood is mixed with civilian willingness and resourcefulness, it's important to maintain our moral superiority: To avoid harming a person who is uninvolved in murderous activity, and to avoid harming those who have already been neutralized and no longer pose a danger."

Rabbi Stav went on to explain: "They deserve to die, but that is not our way. Harming a terrorist who has been neutralized causes double damage: The collateral damage is when these images are distributed, and the main damage is harming our moral norms. We will not stoop down to our enemies' despicableness, and we will not contaminate ourselves with a moral breakdown. The rabbi concluded by saying that "it's encouraging to see how the people continue to live their lives courageously, and civilians showing amazing resourcefulness during terror attacks." To read the **IDF Code of Ethics**, click [here](#) in the online version of the Echod.



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.

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

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

Intro to Bible w/ Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30-8pm

Beit Midrash Night:

- Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 7:40pm
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

The Hidden Haggadah: Ideas, Investigations & Insights into Pesach and Beyond. Three part Pre-Pesach shiur.
Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 7:30-8:30pm • April 6, 13 and 20th

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



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

23 Adar II 5776 • April 1-2, 2016 Parshat Shmini/Parah

By: Rabbi Jay Stein

Then Moses inquired (*darash*) about the goat of purification offering, and it had already been burned! (Leviticus 10:16)

The word translated as “inquired” (*darash*) is said to be the middle word of the Torah. The essence of the Torah is continued inquiry and study. “The ideal Jew is not so much a learned Jew as a learning Jew.” (Emet V’Emunah)

When I was in college sometimes I would attend class and either not be completely prepared or completely engaged. Both produced the same result, diminished learning. By not fully readying myself for the experience of learning I did myself a disservice for which I would later have to make up work. I would either have to go back and get notes from someone who was prepared or worse I would have to meet with the professor to figure out what he was talking about because I wasn’t prepared in the first place. When we participate in a learning activity only in a half-hearted way we find the experience is somewhat unfulfilling.

There is work and there is home. It is recommended that we not bring the pressures and the stress of work home with us, even though we know that is impossible. In our ever compartmentalized lives we often separate parts of self that ought never be separated. What strikes me most about this approach is how we do this with our religious lives.

In many arenas of our lives we ask the difficult questions. We probe into the rationales and we question the motivations. Yet, when we enter the synagogue or other places of religious activity we check our inquisitive self at the door. We suggest there are questions that ought not be asked. Our text reminds us of the need for exploration. The text requires of us to remain engaged in our spiritual life with all of our capacities. Though we have a strong voice within our tradition that suggests there are behaviors, required activities in which we engage that are beyond our understanding (*chukkim*) I would suggest that we merely add two words to that statement. There are behaviors, required activities in which we engage that are as yet beyond our understanding. As it states in the paragraph leading up to the Shema. We must, *I’mod u’l’lamed*, continue to learn and to teach. While we are on this journey towards full understanding of what our beliefs demand of us we must continue to learn. Like a body of water that has nothing flowing into it will soon dry up, so too if we do not encourage the flow of ideas through learning we too will dry up.

Continued access too our sacred tradition only comes through learning and our sacred legacy demands nothing short of full engagement.

Shabbat Shalom

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.

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