



# ECHOD

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 5:09pm: Candle Lighting
- 5:15pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 5:15pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

### 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. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:30am: Latest Shema
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 3:40pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 4:10pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbinic Intern Mark Weingarten**: *Suspending Shabbos: medical emergencies and Halacha*
- 4:10pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 4:55pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 6:11pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Rabbi Robinson will be visiting Florida for a Rabbinic Convention and would like to meet up with Lincoln Square Members who are in Florida for the winter. The likely date for the get-together is Wednesday, February 24th. Please email him at [rabbi@lss.org](mailto:rabbi@lss.org) to find out more details.

*Please note that the office is closed on Monday.*

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by The Fund.

### Beginner's Kiddush

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

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Steven and Tineke Kevelson** in memory of their father **Mr. Samuel (Shabtai) Kevelson z"l**, on his 21st yahrzeit; in memory of Tineke's mother **Mrs. Hillighe Van Den Berg Reijnders a"h** and in memory of Steven's aunt, **Mrs. Rose Schnabolk, a"h** and uncle **Mr. Max Platt z"l**.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsors Welcome

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Shari and Jospheh Sonnenberg** in memory of Shari's mother, **Miriam Stern (Miriam bat Leib Mendel) a"h** and her grandfather **Lewis Tannenbaum (Leib Mendel ben Laizer Lipman) z"l**, whose yahrtzeits were in Shevat. And, in memory of Shari's father, **Siegfried Stern (Shmuel ben Shlomo) z"l** and her uncle, **Sol Stern (Avraham ben Shlomo) z"l**, whose yahrtzeits are in Adar aleph.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Linda Barat

## MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to Yoetzet Halacha **Ilana Gadish and Moshe Peters** on birth of a baby girl.

## ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT

- Motza'ei Shabbat, Feb. 20th, at 8:30pm: **Benefit Concert**
- Featuring the Lemmer Brothers: Chazzan Yanky Lemmer and Shulem Lemmer. Special Guest Star Soulfarm with Chazzan Sherwood Goffin and the Shlomie Dachs Orchestra.
- Featuring Comedian Marc Weiner. Dessert Reception.

## Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of Feb 14-19

Sun- Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 5:20pm

Late Ma'ariv Monday-Thursday: 8:30pm

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mon (President's Day)</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Tues, Wed &amp; Fri</u>
Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Third Annual Benefit Concert • Saturday Night, February 20th at 8:30pm. Featuring the Lemmer Brothers in concert together in New York for the first time.**

**Free concert tickets to first 40 Israel Bond purchasers!**

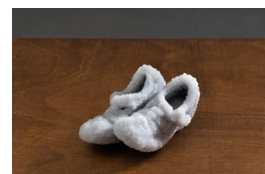
limited free tickets with purchase of Israel bond, go to [lss.org](http://lss.org) for details.

**SAVE THE DATE - Don't forget to register:**

**Shabbat Across America - March 4, 2016 @ LSS. Featuring: Rabbi Joseph Teluskin, famed thinker, and author of the acclaimed biography of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, Rebbe.**

**Israeli Art at the Armory Show • Sunday, March 6 at 12 noon • 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West 55th Street**

The Armory Show is New York's premier international art fair, showcasing over 200 galleries from around the world. This year, the show will include artwork from a good number of Israeli artists. We have organized a guided group tour of the show just for our members and their friends and family. We will be led by docent Ronnit Vasserman. Ronnit holds degrees of Masters in Fine Arts and Art History and has led dozens of museum tours. The cost of entrance and the guided tour is \$35. Please register at [www.lss.org/art](http://www.lss.org/art)



*Sigalit Landau  
Edge, 2014  
Shoes Suspended in the Waters of  
the Dead Sea*

**LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE**  
in association with **OH-EL** [ohelfamily.org](http://ohelfamily.org)  
Presents its Third Annual Benefit Concert

**הנה מה טוב**  
**THE LEMMER BROTHERS**  
in concert together in New York for the first time

**Motzei Shabbos**  
**FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:30 PM**  
@LSS 180 Amsterdam Avenue

**YANKY LEMMER** **SHULEM LEMMER**

Special guest stars **With Chazzan Sherwood Goffin** **And the** **Featuring Comedian Marc Weiner**

**Soulfarm** **SHLOMO DACHS** **ORCHESTRA OF SINGERS**

Sponsored by **ISRAELI BOND** **Dev. Corp. 1988-2014**

Dessert reception to follow, generously donated by Seasons Market all-new catering department.

**SEASONS**

\$500 sponsorship includes 4 premium reserved seats, VIP coat check, gift bag  
\$50 per ticket, \$36 Seniors and \$25 for Students

**Reserve online at [www.lss.org/concert](http://www.lss.org/concert) or by phone at 212-874-6100**

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

Shir Fun, the popular Hebrew music program for kids ages 0-4, is back at LSS! This one of a kind program is led by Israeli singer/recording artist and music therapist, Dafna. Shir Fun uses traditional and original Hebrew music along with instruments and learning aides in an interactive and uniquely personal way to develop your child's language and motor skills, and foster a love of Israel, the Hebrew language, tradition and community. The Shir Fun experience is a true celebration of music, joy and Am Yisrael. Your kids will not want to miss this!

Our classes are held on Wednesdays at 10:30-11:15 and at 11:30-12:15. Special discounted registration for LSS members. Session starts on Feb. 24th. Space is limited, please sign up soon!

For more info on Shir Fun, go to: [www.shirfun.com](http://www.shirfun.com) and to sign up email: [contact@shirfun.com](mailto:contact@shirfun.com)

**In case of a bereavement,  
please call our Clergy at 646-  
543-7485 (day or night)**

**If you would like to receive the  
Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up  
at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org).**

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**TWO WAYS TO FIGHT THE ANTI-ISRAEL BDS MOVEMENT**

The following article contains important links which you can access from the online version of the Echod.

**Lobby Albany to Pass Anti-BDS Bill**

The New York State Senate just passed an important, bipartisan anti-boycott bill. The bill prohibits New York State government agencies from contracting with and investing in entities that boycott American allies, including Israel. The bill also prohibits NY State from entering into contracts or investments with companies that boycott products from 'territories controlled by' our allies. This provision will prevent BDS groups from engaging in the 'divide and conquer' boycott tactic of targeting Jewish/Israeli companies in the Old City of Jerusalem, Hebron, and other historic Jewish areas in Judea/Samaria.

In order to pass, the bill now has to be approved by the New York State Assembly. This is where we come in. First, learn more about this issue by clicking [here](#) in the online version of this article. The article includes sample messages that you can use to write your Assembly Person. The Assembly Person in our district is Linda Rosenthal. To contact her, click [here](#)

**They Say Divest, We Say, Invest**

Save the date: April 10 at 10:30 AM. This is when we will host a brunch for Israel Bonds. Capital raised by the sale of Israel Bonds helps Israel's economic development despite formidable political and security challenges. More information to follow.

**AIPAC Conference: Early Bird Discount Extended**

A \$100 discount will be offered to LSS members who register between this Motzei Shabbat and February 15. To register, please visit [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org) and enter code PC16LSS. For any questions about the conference please contact [anncrane2750@gmail.com](mailto:anncrane2750@gmail.com)

**WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES****SUNDAY****Coffee & Responsa w/ Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • After Second Minyan (9:15am) (NOT MEETING SUNDAY, 2/14)**

- 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**

- 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.

**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 Platzner • 7:30pm  
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

**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

**4 Adar 1 5776 • February 12-13, 2016**  
**Parshat Terumah**

By: Shlomo Offer

Starting in Parashat Teruma and continuing to the end of Sefer Shmot, the Torah places great emphasis on detailing external beauty. Aesthetics, craftsmanship, and art detailed in *tavnit hamishkan vekol keilov*, the design of the sanctuary and all its vessels. Most enigmatic of the vessels of the Temple was the Menorah. Rashi says that even Moshe didn't understand G-d's description of the menorah, so G-d showed him a model in fire, and eventually told Moshe to just start, put in the gold and the menorah will build itself.

Such detailed artistry was demanded, yet for millennia the average visitor to the *Beit Hamikdash* never saw the menorah. It was inside the *Kodesh*, only seen by a few *kohanim* in a daily ritual. If the menorah was to symbolize the purity of light and wisdom, requiring the purest oil and smoothest wicks, it was paradoxically always lit together with the *Ketoret haSamim*, the burning of the incense which filled the *Kodesh* interior with a fog-like smoke, always tempering the clarity of reason with the inscrutable *ruach hakodesh*.

It is no surprise that there are conflicting reports of what the menorah actually looked like, particularly in its base which is not described in the *pasuk*. Rashi describes a 3 legged base and archeological evidence confirms this. *Bar Kochba* coins and early synagogue mosaic excavations show a three legged base. Typically, flanking the image of the *menorah* are ritual objects like the *shofar* and the *lulav* and often the words *shalom al yisrael* or *lecherut yisrael*.

The most powerful depiction of the form of the menorah known to Western Civilization is the relief sculpture of the procession celebrating the *churban habayit* and desecration of the *menorah* by the Roman army in the Arch of Titus in Rome. For a long time, Jews living in Rome refused to walk under the Arch because it was considered humiliating. After Israeli Independence in 1948, the Jews of Rome walked under the Arch for the first time, someone even climbed to the top and wrote, "Am Yisrael Chai!"

After the modern state of Israel was established in 1948, a panel of artists and architects was charged with creating an emblem that would demonstrate Israel's sovereignty among the nations of the world. Many references were considered and debated, from lions representing strength to ritual objects representing the spiritual history. The firm Shamir Architects won the design competition. Using the Arch of Titus version of the menorah, conveyed the end of this diaspora; the menorah icon that was used for 2000 years to symbolize defeat of humiliate the Jewish people was returned to Jerusalem to represent the eternal continuity of the Jewish people. Not a particularly religious man, the architect flanked the menorah with two olive branches. Although recognized as a modern gesture of peace, he chose them to reflect a prophecy in Zecharia's vision of the menorah between two olive trees, which Zecharia interpreted as saying "not by might, not by power, but by my spirit says the Lord".

The *bracha* in *shemoneh esre*: *Vetechezena eineinu beshuvecha leZion* for centuries meant: "May I merit to witness the return of the *Shechina* to Zion. The designers of the Seal of Israel --during the years we could not go to *Har Habayit*, or even to see the *Kotel* --meant to place that ubiquitous icon where people dealing with the State of Israel would viscerally feel: The *Shechina* is returning with *hatchalta deGeula*. May my eyes merit to see the establishment of Israel and the return of the Jews to their land, not just as a political reality, but on the spiritual plane that the *menorah* symbolizes.

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The final session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, February 15th** at **6:30pm**, and continue for **1 more week**. **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will not meet this week (President's Day) and will resume on **Monday, February 22nd** at **6:30pm**, and continue for **1 more week**. The classes meet for **1 ½ hours**, and are free and open to all. **Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).**
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will not meet this week (President's Day) and will resume on **Monday, February 22nd** at **6:30pm**, and continue for **1 more week**. The classes meet for **1 ½ hours**, and are free and open to all. **Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Co sponsored by NJOP**
- The next session for the **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will meet on **Tuesday, February 16th, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm**, and will continue for **7 more weeks**. An in-depth study and analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and analyzed. To register, please call **212-874-6100** or register online at **[www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners)**. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, March 5th**. The cost is only **\$25 per person**. Register and pay online at **[www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners)**. Please make your reservations and payment by **Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- **New class! Invitation to Tefillah** with Rabbinic Interns Rabbi Jared Anstandig and Rabbi Mark Weingarten, **Mondays, 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
- The Jewish Living Workshop starts Monday March 7 at 7:30pm. In this "hands on" experience, we learn by doing. Want to join? Email **[JLworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com)**
- **Shabbat Across America- Friday, March 4th, 2016** at LSS. Featuring **Rabbi Joseph Telushkin**, famed thinker and author of the acclaimed biography of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, "Rebbe." Let us make Shabbat Across America 2016 the biggest yet! Dinner is only \$40! **Register at <http://goo.gl/kPg32k> or call (212) 874-6100.**