

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 6:57pm: Candle Lighting  
7:00pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary  
7:00pm: 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**  
8:30am: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinic Intern **Jared Anstandig** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary  
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbinic Intern Jared Anstandig**.  
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  
9:54am: Latest Shema

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.  
5:15pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
5:45pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *Who/What is Amalek & Are/Is They/It Still Around?*  
5:45pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211  
6:45pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit. Seudah Shlishit talk by **Dr. Seth Ward**: *"Islamic Extremism in 2016: perspectives from an Orthodox Jewish Islamist"*  
7:58pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## 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 Shorenstein** and **Stuart Shorenstein**. **Debra** and **Adam Verstandig** will be our Young Leadership honorees and **Wendy Baker** will be our Community Service Honoree. Additional details to follow.

### Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of March 27-April 1

**Sun-Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:05pm**

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

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsorship by The Fund

### Beginner's Kiddush

Co-sponsored by **Ilene and Lou Vynereb** in commemoration of the 30th yahrtzeit of Ilene's sister, **Benita, Bina bas Sima a"h**. And, wishing a happy birthday to their dear granddaughter, **Miriam** and by **Ira Weinstein** and **Deena-Kristi Hays**, who would like to celebrate the life of Deena's grandmother, **Helen Bernice Fields**, a great mother, grandmother, elementary school teacher and pillar of the community, who recently passed away at the age of 90.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsors welcome

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Karen and Susan Ruttner** in memory of **Dr. Norman (Tuly) Ruttner, z"l**; and by **Esther and Moshe Sheinwexler** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Moshe's father, **Yisrael Meir ben Shmuel David, z"l**.


### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors welcome.

## MAZAL TOV

- 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 **Sam Schwartzben** on his All-Star Player award at the 25th Yeshiva University Sarachek Basketball Tournament.
- Mazal Tov to **Hertzie and Lolly Bak** on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter **Ayelet** in Modiin Israel
- Mazal Tov to **Noreen Wachs** on the appointment of her son-in-law, **Rabbi Joshua Kahn**, as Head of School at MTA, Yeshiva University's boy's high school. Josh and Tamar were youth directors at LSS from 2001-2003.
- Mazal Tov to **Gale and Steven Spira** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Ben Zion**. Mazal Tov to their children **David and Michelle Spira** and to Uncle **Avi**, Aunt **Shira**, and cousins **Mia, Sara, Jack**, and **Liv**.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**  
2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. • LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE




CELEBRATE

*"the Chaz"*

**CANTOR**  
**SHERWOOD GOFFIN**

**50 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
AS SHALIACH TZIBBUR, TEACHER, FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE



**Celebrate "the Chaz" - Cantor Sherwood Goffin**

We will pay tribute to Cantor Sherwood Goffin, marking his retirement after more than 50 years, and his contribution as Shaliach Tzibbur, teacher, friend and colleague. Cantor Goffin became the Chazzan of LSS in 1965 and created a unique atmosphere, blending contemporary and traditional Jewish melodies, that are now part of the davening in shuls throughout the world. Rabbi Shlomo Riskin (Founding Rabbi of LSS), Rabbi Saul Berman (former rabbi of LSS) and Rabbi Shaul Robinson (Senior Rabbi at LSS) will join with Cantor Goffin's friends and family to share their memories, respect and love for a very special man.

[Lss.org/event/tribute](http://Lss.org/event/tribute) - Sponsorship \$180 - General \$25 - Patron \$500 - CCA Member \$18

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session for the **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will meet on **Tuesday, March 29th, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm**, and will continue for **1 more week**.
- The Jewish Living Workshop will not meet at LSS, but will meet offsite the coming Monday, 3/28 only. It will take place at the home of Hadassa Gerber. For more information, please email Hadassa at [jlworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:jlworkshop@yahoo.com).
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I and II** will meet on **Monday, March 28th at 6:30pm**, and continue for **3 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. **Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://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](http://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](http://www.lss.org/beginners).

## UPCOMING EVENTS - RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS AT [LSS.ORG/EVENTS](http://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 to the West Side!

### Stay Tuned for New Members Brunch: There's so much going on at LSS that we've revised the date for the New Members Brunch till after Pesach. *Details to follow*

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

Capital provided by the Israel Bonds organization has helped Israel's rapid economic development despite formidable political and security challenges. Israel Bonds are an important means of diversifying investment holdings while simultaneously building Israel's economy. Israel has never missed a payment on principle or interest to its bondholders.

Look for your invitation in the mail. The letter describes the various investment options in Israel Bonds, including the popular Double Mitzvah program. The cost of the brunch is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Or, you could register online at [www.lss.org/event/israelbonds](http://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](mailto:jcaplan@mdsweb.org)

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

### HAVE YOU VISITED THE LSS BDS WEBSITE LATELY?

[www.lss.org/advocacy](http://www.lss.org/advocacy)

This web site has become one of the most frequently visited pages on the LSS web site. And it's no wonder. The site contains the latest news about the BDS movement as well as the counteractions of those who oppose BDS. It includes success, like the recent denunciation of BDS by British and German senior officials, as well as recent setbacks, most recently at Brooklyn College. New material is added to the web site regularly so visit it regularly and share the link with your friends.

### THAT WAS INTERESTING, BUT WHAT NOW?

While the response from the attendees of the "Understand BDS; Counter BDS" program in early March was extremely positive, there was also frustration that the program did not go into specifics on what we, as a community, can and should do next. Fear not. We are hard at work on developing workshops which will teach specific "how to" tactics. We are going to partner with organizations like the ADL, Stand with Us and Hasbarah Fellowship to develop programs that meet the needs of our members.

**Save the Date:** The first such program will be on **April 13 at 7:30 PM**.

Even before the workshops, you can familiarize yourself with some of the counter BDS tactics by visiting the [lss.org/advocacy](http://lss.org/advocacy) web site. The ADL section includes two excellent publications: "Israel: A Guide to Activists" and "On Countering BDS". Sample suggestion:

*Get involved in your community, on your campus, in your workplace. Develop relationships with peers who are active in their church, student group, community or business organization or union. Share your views on why these campaigns are wrong and counterproductive.*



**COMING TOGETHER**

This was the slogan of the 2016 AIPAC Policy Conference. And so we did. Over 18,000 attendees strong, 4,000 of whom were young people including our very own Jake Brzowsky, Chaya Robinson, and Sarina & Julian Kofman. The speeches aside, what was most heartwarming about the conference was seeing the achdut—Jews, non-Jews, kippas on men, kippas on women, no kippas, all 50 states— all united by a common bond: Support for the State of Israel. Yasher koach to Ann Crane for recruiting a record number of LSS attendees!

**REGISTER NOW for AIPAC 2017**

In case you couldn't make it to the AIPAC policy conference this week, now is the best time to register for next year's conference on March 26-28, 2017. Get a \$200 discount 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](http://www.PolicyConference.org) for details and to register.

**LSS POLAND TRIP**

We are hoping to run 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 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](mailto:rabbi@lss.org)) for more information

**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.
- Sunday Morning Responsa #17: Yoga & Idolatry*

**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 • 7:30pm  
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

16 Adar II 5776 • March 25-26, 2016

By: Jeffrey Schwartz

### Parshat Tzav - "What You Say vs. What You Mean"

What I would like to focus on in this *d'var torah* is how *chazal* (as brought down by *Rashi*) comment on the use of the word *Tzav* and on the use of two other similar strong verbs: *Kach* (Take) and *Krav* (Come near). The commentary on these words, as applied to *Aharon* and his children (who are in the process of becoming priests), go beyond how *chazal* understood the verbs themselves to how they viewed the priestly role.

This week's *parsha* begins by telling us how *Moshe* instructed *Aharon* and his sons about the rules for several sacrifices. Unlike prior sections in which God told *Moshe* to 'say' or 'speak' about the sacrifices to Bnei Yisrael (*Vayikra* 1:2, 4:2), here he is told "*Tzav et Aharon v'et bannav*", Command *Aharon* and his sons. *Rashi* tells us that this kind of language, in which *Aharon* is ordered to do something, was necessary to emphasize to him the requirement to be punctilious in performing the rituals; it is needed since there was a potential for financial loss in doing so (*Rashi: Cheesarone Kees*). It is as if merely being 'told' by God (through *Moshe*) would not be enough to overcome the human tendency to short-change people since this particular sacrifice (the *Olah*) did not financially benefit *Aharon*. *Chazal* understood that a *Tzav* (a command) was needed to make the point that fidelity to religious teaching (and God's law) is important particularly when personal financial benefit is low. The priestly family is seen as no different than any of us, potentially corruptable and in need of extra guidance to overcome human self-interest.

Here is another example (*Vayikra* 8:2). The verse says (to *Moshe*) "Take Aaron and his sons with him and the clothes, and the oil of anointment, and the bull of the sin-offering and the two rams and the basket of matzot." Looking carefully, it appears that *Aharon* is treated as a thing, because he is on the list of items that can be physically picked up and used as needed. To address this, the meaning of the word *Kach* (Take) is changed by *Rashi* to mean 'take (or win him over) with words.' That is to say, "create a human and relational moment *Moshe* and convince your brother to do it, to become the priest." This understanding of the word is almost the exact opposite of how *Kach* appears to be used in the verse where, to paraphrase Freud, Take means Take. At face value, in the text, priests are seen as things, instruments used in the sacrificial process, though *chazal* prefers to see them as persons and implies that we should interact and relate to them when bringing sacrifices.

A third example is to be found next week in *Shemini* (*Vayikra* 9:7): *Moshe* says to *Aharon*, after having told him previously to take a young bull for a sin-offering, "*Krav el hameezbeich v'aseh chatatcha v'et olatecha*" (Draw close to the altar and do your sacrifices). *Krav* (Draw Close) connotes slight harshness ('move it already'), perhaps more appropriately applied to someone hierarchically lower, or to a herd of sheep. Uncomfortable with this connotation when applied to *Aharon*, *chazal* flip the meaning: As before with *Kach*, *Krav* here means that *Moshe* should have a conversation with *Aharon* and persuade him to overcome his hesitancy about becoming the priest. Instead of 'just do it' *chazal* suggest *Krav* means 'lets talk.' The *chazal* view of the priest here is a very human one, someone full of self-doubt and ambivalence about assuming the role and authority.

In these three examples the rabbis imply that more is apparent in the verbs used. *Chazal* saw Hard Commands in the text (like those used in the military, these are orders that are direct and clear and without explanation: Take. Command. Move it.). Biblical writing is full of them, but for *chazal* they were troublesome as applied to *Aharon*. Instead, they felt *Aharon* should receive Soft Commands (orders that are explained, reasons sprinkled with logic are given, and included is a metamessage that the recipients deserve to be told why: Wear your winter coat-its supposed to snow later.). Re-interpreting the strong verbs, *chazal* transformed the second and third of them into soft commands, and justified the need for a hard command in the first. The three examples may also show how, years later, *chazal* viewed priests in general: vulnerable to the human temptation to cut corners, ambivalent about their privileges, and perhaps, struggling with the impersonal aspects of ritual duties.

One implication of this is that *chazal* honored their own reading of the text. Feeling uncomfortable with how things were expressed, they did not ignore these reactions but used them to suggest a richer and more nuanced understanding of the way *Aharon* was instructed in the sacrificial service and installed into the priesthood. Plainly, we are not *chazal*. However, we too may react to word choices that seem off in light of how we communicate today. Rather than dismiss them, we should use these reactions to explore other meanings that may be embedded in the torah.