

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 6:49pm: Candle Lighting  
6:55pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**  
6:55pm: 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 led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**  
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  
10:00am: Latest Shema

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 1:00pm: Young Professionals Purim-themed Lunch in the Beit Midrash  
4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.  
5:05pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
5:35pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "(un)Knowing: 5 Insights to Elevate Your Purim"  
5:35pm: Bible Class and The Book of Esther with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211  
6:35pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit  
7:51pm: 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*

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LSS Pre-Purim Carnival Sunday March 20th 1-4pm

We will have 2 bounce castles, 2 ball pits, face painting, photo booth, football toss, magic show, petting zoo and so much more!

Special early start time at 12:30 for children with sensory needs and other disabilities that may prevent full participation in the stimulating carnival atmosphere. A quiet sensory room will be available throughout the carnival for those children who may be overstimulated and need some quiet re-grouping time. Fun sensory tools and toys provided!

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsorship by **Joel Tenenholtz** to commemorate the yahrtzeit of his father **Benjamin (Benyamin ben Moshe Yosef), z"l**.

### Beginner's Kiddush

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

### Main Kiddush

To commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Debby Friedman**, beloved wife of **Moish Friedman**, and mother of **David and Joyce Friedman**.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors welcome.

## MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Aviva and Marvin Sussman** on the engagement of their granddaughter **Yael**, daughter of their children **Avi and Rina Sussman** of Raanana, Israel, to **Mr. Ohad Merlin**. Special Mazal Tov to Yael's Great-Grandmother, **Mrs. Els Bendheim**; to her Grandparents **Rabbi and Mrs. Kenneth Hain**; to all her Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins; and to the entire Merlin family. Mazal Tov to great aunt an uncle **Dr Judy and Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**.
- Mazal Tov to **Rachel Lubitz** for winning a Silver Medal at the BJE Science Olympiad. Mazal Tov to Rachel and the entire S.A.R Team for winning the Olympiad championship for the Second Year in a Row!

**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

## Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of March 20-25

### Sun, Mon, Tues & Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:55pm

Sunday	Mon	Tues & 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

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## Purim Schedule

### Wednesday

#### **Taanit Esther**

Fast Begins: 5:41am  
 Daf Yomi: 6:00am  
 Shacharit: 6:50am  
 Shacharit: 7:30am  
 Mincha: 6:45pm  
 Ma'ariv: 7:35pm  
 Megillah Reading: 7:44pm  
 Fast Ends: 7:44pm  
 YP Megillah Reading: 7:50pm  
 Break Fast Meal: 9pm  
 Late Megillah Reading: 9:30pm

### Thursday

#### **Purim**

Shacharit/Megillah Reading: 6:30am  
 Shacharit/Megillah Reading: 7:40am  
 Women's Megillah Reading: 9:30am  
 Mincha/Megillah Reading: 1:45pm  
 Sephardic Megillah Reading: 3:45pm  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:55pm

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session for the **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will meet on **Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm**, and will continue for **2 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 session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **Monday, March 21st, 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](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com) or [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org). **Topic: Purim – One of the easiest and fun holidays – what do we need to do.**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II**, will begin **THIS Monday, March 21st at 6:30pm**. 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.**
- The annual **Beginners Purim Bash**, **THIS Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Maariv and Megillah reading - 7:30 PM. Purim Bash - 8:40 PM, featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. **Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS - RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS AT [LSS.ORG/EVENTS](http://LSS.ORG/EVENTS)

### **Purim Food and Clothing Drive • Sunday, March 20th at 10am-1pm**

Fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and Matanot L'Evyonim. We are collecting Kosher ready to eat, unopened non-perishable food for Project ORE as well as canned and dry goods for the shelter. We will also be collecting clothing for Jews in the Former Soviet Union. Please bring your clean clothing and shoes (not on hangers).

### **NEW at LSS: Magazine/Book Drive • Sunday, March 20th at 10am-1pm**

In addition to the clothing drive at LSS on Sunday, we're holding a separate collection of books and magazines for the unique, volunteer-run Edyth Geiger Library in Tsfat (Safed), Israel. Please bring English-language fiction paperbacks printed from 2014 onwards, and women's and home magazines dated 2016 to the separate collection boxes at the clothing/linen drive. Questions? Contact [glennrik@aol.com](mailto:glennrik@aol.com)

### **Purim Break the Fast Meal • Wednesday Night, March 23rd – in the ballroom**

Please join us for a delicious dairy Break the Fast, catered by Sova Catering directly following Megillah reading. Advance registration is required. Earlybird prices: Children 7 and under in costume are free! Children ages 8-10: \$12 Adults: \$20 Maximum Family price: \$80 After March 15, prices will be as follows: Children 7 and under in costume are free! Children ages 8-10: \$15 Adults: \$25 Maximum Family price: \$100. Advance registration is required.

**The LSS Womens's Tefillah Group Annual Purim Megillah Reading. Thursday morning, March 24th at 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash.** For questions email [wtg@lss.org](mailto:wtg@lss.org).

### **Celebrate "The Chaz" - Please join us in celebrating Cantor Sherwood Goffin.**

**Sunday, March 27th. 2-4pm. \$25 for general registration, \$180 for Sponsorship**

Fifty Years of Service as Shaliach Tzibbur, teacher, friend and colleague. With special guests Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Rabbi Shaul Berman, Cantor Bernard Beer, and Paul Shaffer. Reception following program. RSVP at [lss.org/event/tribute](http://lss.org/event/tribute)

**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)

**YOU ASKED FOR IT, WE BUILD IT**[www.lss.org/advocacy](http://www.lss.org/advocacy)

Last week, we announced the launch of a new tab on LSS web in reaction to the world-wide BDS movement. Its purpose is to provide ready access to information about Israel, the BDS movement, and, especially tools and resources to help combat BDS. The web site will be updated frequently as world events unfold. Please book mark it, visit regularly and forward the link to your friends, especially those who are not LSS members and may not be aware of it.

The site also features a **"Call to Action: Things You Can Do Now"** tab. The first such request for action is very easy. Congressman Jerold Nadler has issued a press release condemning the BDS activity at Columbia University. Politicians appreciate hearing that their constituents approve of their actions and it motivates them to continue advocating for those issues. Please contact Congressman Nadler and thank him for the position that he has taken regarding BDS. Be sure to give your address and emphasize that you live in his district and that you vote. To reach the congressman, please call 212.367.7350 or [email](mailto:email) him.

**BOYCOTT ISRAEL!**

Please include Israeli products in your Mishloach Manot packages, even if it is just a bag of Bisli. And of course purchase Israeli wines and spirits to celebrate Chag Purim. There will be a pre-Pesach wine sale on Monday, April 4 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The sale will include a wide selection of Israeli wines and the shul will receive part of the proceeds.

**WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Please note that Rabbi Robinson will be away for the AIPAC Conference and his classes this week will not be meeting.

**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 #16: R. Ya'akov of Marosh - Responsa From the Heavens*

**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**

No Class this week

**TUESDAY**

**Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am**

No Class this week

**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)

**TUESDAY(cont.)**

**Pre-Purim Class with Sarit Bendavid • 7:30pm**

No Class this week  
because of Purim

**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"** No Class this week

**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**

No Class this week because of Purim

**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

### 9 Adar II 5776 • March 18-19, 2016 Parshat Vayikra • Parshat Zachor— "Moving In"

By: Perry Davis

Any landlord will tell you that real estate becomes real when the tenant moves in and starts paying rent. In *Sefer Vayikra*, the Jews move in.

Put another way, my wife creates beautiful needlepoint Judaica for our grandchildren. When she asked our grandson, Akiva, what design he wanted on his *tefillin* bag, he said he wanted a picture of the *Beit Hamikdash*. He is a Cohen. For him, it is a picture of his future place of work - God willing.

Workplace or domicile, we have read over and over again that the *Mishkan* is the place where God and the Jewish people meet and where the nation pays its rent in the form of *korbanot*.

While much of *Sefer Vayikra* will outline the dedication ceremony of the *Mishkan* and elaborate on the *korbanot* that are to be offered, another more encompassing theme is unfolding. To return one more time to the landlord analogy: God is not interested in his Jewish tenants trashing his *Makom* (designated place.) He has set certain standards for his newly established nation and those are elaborated extensively in *Vayikra*. Throughout the *Sefer*, we learn what it takes to consecrate the *Mishkan* and how to keep it from being defiled. But the user manual goes beyond the activities of the Cohanim. As we have learned, the nation is a *mamlechet Cohanim v'goy kadosh* - a nation of priests and a holy people; holy for the *Mishkan* and later the Temple, and holy in our daily lives, so that we merit the relationship with Hashem that is epitomized by the *Mishkan*/Temple. In a fundamental command God says "You shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" (*Vayikra* 19:2.)

As we recite every morning – "Oh God, the soul that you gave me is pure." Purity and holiness are thus the themes of *Vayikra*. We behave differently as holy people. We thus need laws to govern what we eat (so *Parshat Shmini* spells out the laws of *kashrut*); how we stay physically and spiritually intact; how impurity (like *tzaraat*) can be detected and removed; and how our marital relationships can be sexually pure.

We have a forgiving God, and so we are not expected to remain without the blemish of sin. Thus in *Vayikra*, we will learn how to seek atonement – individually and with the help of the *Cohen Gadol* on *Yom Kippur*. We are taught how to deal with the ultimate impurity – death. To keep our souls pure we are warned about *avoda zara* (idol worship.) The festivals and Shabbat are enumerated so that our days and years are sanctified. We are also instructed how to behave with fellow Jews and with the strangers who will be welcomed in our land. The laws of *shmita* and other agricultural restrictions bring an extra measure of holiness to the most ubiquitous occupation our forefathers engaged in – farming.

This is a benevolent covenant but all encompassing. It acknowledges our debt to Hashem – which is total.

The story of *Breishit* was the formation of a holy Jewish family, and *Shmot* relates the birth of a nation. *Vayikra* describes how, as individuals and as a nation, we try to preserve the pure soul God gave us by being unique and separate. We are certainly part of the world's nations but we are special by being a *goy kadosh*, a nation apart.