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PARSHAT KI TISA • 15 ADAR ALEPH 5774
FEBRUARY 14-15 2014 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:12PM

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Friday Evening

- 5:12pm:** Candle Lighting
5:15pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Lemmer**

Shabbat Day

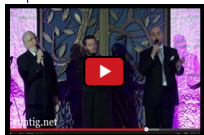
- 7:45am:** Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Lemmer**. Post-musaf Drasha by **Rabbi Elazar Muskin**.
9:15am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:29am: Latest Shema
9:30am: Youth Breakfast
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash.
10:00am: Tween Minyan in the ballroom for boys & girls in 5-7th grade.

Shabbat Afternoon

- 3:00pm:** Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
3:50pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
4:15pm: Pre-Mincha Shiur with **Rabbi Elazar Muskin**: "**Religious Heroism in the Holocaust: Fact and Fiction.**"
This lecture addresses two very famous cases from Holocaust literature. We demonstrate that both were not factual. This is all about the ethics of projecting history incorrectly and the price we pay when this happens.
4:15pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
5:00pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
6:13pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Thank you to our volunteer Security Guards, Greeters, and Ushers this Shabbat

Help to make Shabbat Across America a success.
Be a host! Email SAA@LSS.org for details.



Check it out:

Video highlights from the Dec. 7th Sold-Out Inaugural Cantor Concert can now be viewed on our website.

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, Feb. 16 - Friday, Feb. 21

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thursday at 5:20 pm

Sun	Mon (Presidents Day)	Thur	Tue, Wed & Fri
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am



A warm welcome to **Rabbi Elazar Muskin**, Senior Rabbi at Young Israel of Century City, Los Angeles, CA

Rabbi Muskin will be delivering the drasha in the main sanctuary as well as the Pre-Mincha Shiur at 4:15pm.

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Fund.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Linda and Howard Sterling** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit's of Linda's beloved mother, **Dorothy Rosen, a"h**, and her dear sister, **Sandy Rosen, a"h**; and by **Miriam Gedwiser, Oren Bassik, Aderet and Shmuel** on welcoming a baby girl to the world.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by the Beginners Minyan in honor of **Naomi Ferrando** becoming a member of the tribe.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Alice Cohen**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, **Devorah Yitta Chaya bas Yaakov Yonatan, a"h**.

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi and Sarah Robinson** on being honored as guests of honor at **Yeshivah Yesodei Ha Torah of Lakewood's** annual dinner.
- Mazal Tov to **Miriam Gedwiser, Oren Bassik, Aderet and Shmuel** on the birth of a baby girl.

Mishloach Manot Sale

Lincoln Square Synagogue will once again be offering a **Mishloach Manot sale** for members of LSS! This years packages have been created by "Yachad Gifts."



The cost of Mishloach Manot Packages is **\$8 per household**. You must select a **minimum of 6 people** in order to participate. Reciprocity is also available. With a donation of **\$360**, you may send Mishloach Manot to the entire LSS membership.

The deadline to place your Mishloach Manot order is Monday, March 10

Purim Cards are also available for purchase at \$3 per card.



Visit lss.org/purim for more details and to order your Mishloach Manot and Purim Cards!

If you are not able to sign up online, there are hard copy order forms available in the office.

See the full Purim Schedule on page 3

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE– lss.org/classes

SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha
Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

TUESDAY

- Parsha Class
Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain • 10:30 am
- Introduction to Bible
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30pm-8:00pm
- (NEW– Begins 2/24) Megillat Esther: A three-week intensive
Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain • 7:15pm
Feb. 25 – Historical Perspective
March 4 – Talmudic Perspective
March 11– Intra-Tanakhic Perspective
- Tuesday Beit Midrash Night
8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members

WEDNESDAY

- Talmudic Methodology
Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm
- Nach B'Iyun: Sefer Shmuel 1 (Semester Began on Jan. 29th)
With Rabbi Hayyim Angel • 7:15pm
\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door. Sign up at lss.org/rabbianangel
- Wednesday Beit Midrash Night
8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members

THURSDAY

- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class
Rabbi Ben Elton • 7pm

Youth Announcements– lss.org/youth

Upcoming Youth Events

Tween Dinner

Friday night, **February 21, 6:30-8:30, LSS, \$25 5th-pre Bar/Bat Mitzvah 8th grade. \$25**
Join all tweens for a special Friday night event! We'll be davening in the main shul and will be having an activity afterwards. For more info or to register your child please email Avi at avi@lss.org.

Singing With Sivan:

Wednesdays, beginning **March 5th and continuing for the next 5 weeks, 11am- 12pm, \$15 per session**

Singing with Sivan is an interactive music and movement class for children ages four months to four years and their caregivers. Each class includes instrument playing, balls, scarves, story time, puppets, parachute, bubbles, Shabbat & holiday songs. Register online.

Youth Shabbat:

Shabbat March 8th, 12-130pm, \$17

Save the date! The LSS Youth Department is excited to announce our first Youth Shabbat. There'll be great food, friends and entertainment. To RSVP please email Avi at avi@lss.org. Can't wait to see you!

Purim Carnival!

Sunday March 16th, 9:30am-12pm in the ballroom

LSS Youth Department will be hosting a carnival Sunday morning from 9:30am-12pm.
Stay tuned for more info!

Chesed Opportunity

Calling all Teens and Tweens! We're looking for Teens and Tweens to help deliver Mishloach Manot on **Purim day from 9am-2pm**. Chesed hours will be granted. If you're able to help please email Avi at avi@lss.org.

BINGO:
Shabbat Morning right after davening in the ballroom, ages 4 and up. It's LSS's newest craze! Kids of all ages play BINGO for fun & prizes!



Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

Youth Breakfast at 9:30

Pre-K: 10:00 am — Room 206

K and 1st grade: 10:00 am — Room 207

2nd- 4th Grade (girls): 10:00 am — Room 217

2nd- 4th Grade (boys): 10:00 am — Room 208

Tween Minyan: 10:00am– Ballroom

LSS Security Update– 2/15/14

Reminder: Exit the shul only through the main entrance. Emergency exits are not short cuts. When you use the emergency exit as a short cut you are creating a security breach. Don't do it.

Emergency Exits: Whether you daven in the main sanctuary, the Beit Midrash or in the Beginners (LL201) have you looked for and memorized the location of the shul's emergency exits? No? Look now and make note of it.

Searches: All bags are subject to search. **If You See Something, Say Something. Be alert.**

We need you. To enroll in a shul security training course speak to **Harvey Stein**, head of LSS security or contact him at security@lss.org.

A Special Conversation with Senator Joseph Lieberman

UJA-Federation of New York Tov B'Yachad* in collaboration with The May and Samuel Rudin Lecture Series and The Jewish Center invite you to a special conversation with **Senator Joseph Lieberman on Wednesday, February 19th** at 8:00 p.m. at The Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street, New York City. Senator Lieberman's topic will be "For G-d and Country: Reflections on the Role of Orthodox Jews in Service of Society." Manhattan Tov B'Yachad Chairs – Saul Burian and Pamela Emmerich. Tov B'Yachad Advisory Chair and UJA-Federation Vice Chair – Eric Goldstein. There is no cost to attend this event, but space is limited. Advance registration is required.

To register, please visit: www.ujafedny.org/tov-byachad-manhattan-event/. For further information, contact Nessa Liben at libenn@ujafedny.org or 212.836.1173 or Eliane Glassman at eliane@jewishcenter.org or 212-724-2700.

*Tov B'Yachad communicates the shared values of UJA-Federation and the Orthodox community.



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.

Featured Upcoming Events—lss.org/events

Seudah Shlishit Talk by Aviva Klompus, Speechwriter & Advisor to the Ambassador at Permanent Mission of Israel to the UN

Shabbat, February 22

Advisor to the Ambassador Aviva Klompus will be speaking during Seudah Shlishit on "Israel on the Global Stage: A View from the Speechwriter for Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations."

'An Upside-Down World': the Western Loss of Reason over Israel, with UK Media Personality, Melanie Phillips

Monday, February 24 • 7:30pm • Free

Copies of Ms. Phillips' book, *The World Turned Upside Down*, will be available for purchase at the event.



Book Talk—An Introduction to Agnon's Novel



Thursday, February 27th • 7:15pm

Please join Visiting Scholar Rabbi Jeffrey Saks for **An Introduction to Agnon's Novels**. It will provide insight to the "modern midrash" that is Agnon's Hebrew writing—whether it's your first read or second. Rabbi Jeffrey Saks is the founding Director of ATID in Jerusalem and its WebYeshiva.org program. He lectures regularly at the Agnon House and is Series Editor of The Toby Press S. Y. Agnon Library.

Pre-Purim Food & Clothing Drive



Sunday, March 9 • 10am-1pm

Help the Jewish homeless at Project ORE with your donations of Kosher, ready to eat and unopened, non-perishable food. We will also be collecting clean, whole clothing and shoes for Jews of the Former Soviet Union.

Italian-Themed Purim Celebration



Saturday Night, March 15 • After Megillah Reading (approx. 9pm)

Community-wide Italian Themed Purim Celebration in the ballroom. Includes a catered dairy dinner, wine and beer, silent auction with great prizes, music and other exciting entertainment. The cost is \$50/adult (includes 2 auction tickets), \$25/child under 18, & \$200 as a Sponsor/Family Max (includes 10 auction tickets). Register online. *Co-sponsored by Gotham Wines & Liquors.*



Rabbi Baruch Simon, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University

Shabbat afternoon, March 22 (*more details coming soon...*)

Celebrate Purim at LSS (lss.org/purim)

Saturday Night, March 15 (Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends at 7:45pm)

- Main Megillah Readings • 8:15pm & 9:30pm • *In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary*
- Young Professionals Megillah Reading • 8:30pm • *In the Belfer Beit Midrash*
- Italian-Themed Purim Celebration • 9pm • *In the ballroom (See more details in the featured upcoming events above)*
- Beginners Megillah Reading Followed by Beginners Purim Party • 7:45pm/ Party at 9:00pm • *In room 206/207*

Costumes are encouraged



Sunday, March 16

- Main Megillah Readings • 6:45am, 8:30am, & 1:40pm (late reading) • *In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary*
- Womens Megillah Reading • 10:00am • *In the Belfer Beit Midrash*



Beginners Announcements – beginners.lss.org

- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments (Began Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30-8:00pm)**. This course, which meets for another **6 weeks** provides 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.beginners.lss.org. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, March 1st, 2014**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, February 27th**. You can register online at www.beginners.lss.org or call **212-874-6100**.
- **Save the date! Monday, March 3rd, 2014, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call **212-874-6100** to confirm.
- **New Course! The Laws of Prayer through the Mishnah Berurah**, taught by LSS Rabbinic Intern, **Rabbi Dr. Ben Elton**. Prayer has to be both filled with passion and directed by law and tradition. The Shulchan Aruch and Mishnah Berurah are essential guides to these laws. This course is ideal if you want to become familiar with these important texts, as well as learn more about basic laws of Jewish prayer. **Wednesday nights, 8:15-9:15pm.**
- The **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum returns to LSS **Tuesday, March 4th, 8pm-9pm**. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 10 session series, is a "hands-on" experience, we learn by doing. The workshop is free; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com or www.lss.org. **The first topic: Shabbat-The Friday Night Experience.**
- **Shabbat Across America- with Paul Shaffer – Musical Director, Late Show with David Letterman! Friday, March 7th, 2014** at LSS. Dinner is only \$36! Early bird special, register by 2/17 and dinner is \$30! Sing along with our own Rabbi Buchwald, and Paul Shaffer, as we make Shabbat Across America 2014 the biggest yet! Register at www.LSS.org or call **(212) 874-6100**.

To Sponsor the Shabbat Echod, please email info@lss.org



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

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BY: RABBI JOSH ROSENFELD

The Torah's Magic 8 Ball? : Some Thoughts on Cleromancy, Oracles, & the Mishkan

As the Torah reading shifts focus from the architecture of to attire in the Tabernacle, there is one element of the Priestly vestments that especially arouses our curiosity - the *Urim ve-Thummim* that are a key part of the High Priest's breastplate, the *Hoshen Mishpat* (Ex. 28:15). Although their original mention is in last week's *sedrah*, our lesson from them is relevant to *Ki Tisa* and the upcoming readings as well.

Pinning down the exact nature of the *urim ve-thummim* is difficult, and even the words themselves vexed the early translators of the Torah. The Vulgate (a 4th Century Latin edition of the Bible) translates *doctrina et veritas*, "teaching and truth," which fits in nicely with the Rabbinic interpretation of the *Urim* as 'shining forth the will of God' while the *Thummin* serve to transmit that message with completeness [= *tamim*] and clarity (*bYoma* 73b). That same Talmudic discussion is also the *locus classicus* for the notion that the stones of the breastplate would communicate the divine message through the patterned illumination of the respective tribal stones (Interestingly, Maimonides codified this aspect of the Priestly attire in the *Yad*, *Hilkhot Kelei ha-Mikdash* 10:11).

In the *TaNakh*, we see the *Urim ve-Thummim* used as a conduit for the divine word, especially when King Saul beseeches God to reveal his guilt via their 'casting' (I Samuel 14:41), and elsewhere, where we see that pressing issues and questions were saved "until a priest would appear with *Urim and Thummim*" (Ezra 2:63). Whatever their exact nature, it is clear that they were a type of Oracle, physical objects endowed with the spiritual capacity of communicating the direct word of God upon demand. Specifically from their usage by King Saul, they could even be characterized as a type of sacred lottery, providing 'yes' or 'no' responses to the qualified questioner (see I Samuel 23:10-12). All of this begs the following question: given that the *Urim ve-Thummim* were a counterpart to Prophecy, what accounts for the seemingly random nature of their function? Is not the whole point to communicate the divine will - why should it take the outside form of randomized cleromancy?

I have often mentioned in Shul the tradition of the SheLaH ha-Kadosh (R. Isaiah Horowitz, 16th Century Prague) that the weekly Torah portions mystically correspond to the events of the week and the Jewish calendar at large [I assume this was also true of the Biennial and Triennial cycle traditions as well; students of the *Daf Yomi* may be particularly aware of this phenomenon]. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the reading of *Tetsaveh* and *Ki Tisa* coincide with *Rosh Hodesh Adar* (I, this year). The central holiday of *Adar* is *Purim*, which also roughly translates to "lots". Many of us are by now familiar with the story, in which the wicked Haman cast lots to determine the most auspicious day on which to purge the Kingdom of its Jewish population.

I think that the model of Haman's diabolical lots is instructive in understanding the answer to our question. We might suggest that Haman enjoyed unfettered access to the *keilim shonim* (= the vessels that had been taken from the first Temple by earlier Babylonian plunderers) of Esther 1:7. It is not inconceivable that Haman cast his lots mimicking the High Priest's consultation of the *Urim ve-Thummim*. After all, he was asking the question of whether or not to go to war against the Jews, one of the queries specifically designated for their use. According to R. Yose b. Hanina, Ahasuerus himself donned the very garments of the High Priest during the sacrilegious 180-day feast that opens the Megillah of Purim (*bMegillah* 12a)[1], so it is furthermore possible that Haman made an attempt to use of the very *Urim ve-Thummim* themselves!

The Torah's description of the holiest type of divination - the *Urim ve-Thummim*, contrasts deeply with that of Haman. Our confrontation with the unknowns of life, whether endeavoring to discern the divine will, or figuring out the most auspicious day for genocide, may look quite similar on the surface. However, it is not simply the object, or the physical trappings of the process that are important, but on a more profound level it is the person asking the question, be it the High Priest versus the wicked Haman, that determines the nature of the answer the Oracle provides. Finally, I submit that this is the overarching theme of the readings for this past and the upcoming weeks: despite the intricate enumeration of all the physical details and minutiae of the Tabernacle, all this physicality is only divine when done in complete consonance with the constant refrain (30x in connection with the Tabernacle and the Priests) "...as God *commanded Moshe*". Shabbat Shalom.

[1] I subsequently saw this connection made, albeit in a different vein, in the excellent collection of essays on the *Parasha*, *Echoes of Eden* (vol. 2), by R. Ari D. Kahn.

The Chesed Corner

Thanks to all the people who volunteered to make home visits to an elderly woman in the community. She was most appreciative. If you missed the initial opportunity to volunteer, more visitors are still needed. Email chesed@lss.org and someone will contact you.

Special Hospitality Request

The family of our ba'al Koreh **Tuvy Miller** will be visiting our community on **Shabbat February 21 & 22** so that they can hear Tuvy Iain. Given Tuvy's fine service to our community, we would like to provide housing for them on Friday night. The party consists of 5 people and they can be split into 2 groups. If you can accommodate them, please notify Hospitality@lss.org.

STAND WITH ISRAEL

LSS is offering 2 exciting opportunities to stand with Israel and advocate on her behalf to the people that make a difference- The U.S. Congress. Help to solidify America's commitment to its greatest ally in the Middle East. At a time when Israel is under attack from the BDS movement, academic groups and anti-Israel lobbying groups your voice needs to be heard!!

AIPAC: Join with us for the AIPAC Policy Conference on March 2-4. Contact Ann Crane if you are planning to join. acrane@natfin.net

NORPAC: Join with over 1000 participants on the NORPAC one day mission to Washington on April 30th. The bus will leave from in front of LSS. Three Kosher meals will be provided. Early Bird Discount expires 2/17/14. Register at www.NORPAC.net.

Contact Dan Feder dfeder02@aol.com for more info.