



ECHOD

16 ADAR 5775 • MARCH 6-7 2015

PARSHAT KI TISA • CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:35PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 5:35pm: Candle Lighting
5:40pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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**
9:13am: Latest Shema
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

Shabbat Afternoon

- 12:30pm: Beginners Shabbat Luncheon in room 206/207
3:50pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
4:00pm: Afternoon Groups with Youth Director **Joel Sichel** in room 208
3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
4:20pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosnefeld: Rebels, Radicals, & Rabblerousers: 3 Unusual Rabbis Week 3 - R. Menachem Nachum of Itschan**
4:20pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
5:20pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
6:37pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Thank you to our volunteer greeters, security guards, and ushers this Shabbat.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, March 8th- Friday, March 13th

Sun-Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:45pm

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mon & Thurs</u>	<u>Tues, Wed & Fri</u>
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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Zweig family is sponsoring this week's Echod in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Naomi's father Chanan Fiewel Rosen, z"l. And as a thank you to the over 150 people who donated over \$15,000 to Shalva to sponsor the Zweig Family in the Jerusalem marathon being held this Friday March 13th.

Don't forget to set the clocks forward one hour on Sunday

Rabbi Shaul Robinson will be out of the country from Sunday night—Thursday night. In his absence, you should contact Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld at jarosenf@gmail.com or Rabbi Ben Elton at Belton@lss.org.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS

- Mazal Tov to Grandparents **Dr Maish and Mary Shalit** on the birth of a new grandson in Chicago. Born to **Ilan and Rebekah Shalit** on Feb26th.
- Mazal tov to **Shirley Wald** on the bat mitzvah in Queens of her granddaughter, Hannah, daughter of **Dina and Jason Margolis**.
- Mazal Tov to **Elena and Victor Gutin** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Alexandra**.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Joel Tenenholtz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, **Benjamin ben Moshe Yosef Tenenholtz, z"l**; by **Ron Platzer and Diana Bloom** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Ron's father, **Dovid Ben Elimelech Platzer, z"l**; and by **Agnes and Jules Ehrman**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Elena and Victor Gutin** in celebration of the bat mitzvah of their daughter, **Alexandra**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored in commemoration of the 11th yahrtzeit of **Norman "Tully" Ruttner, z"l**.

Beginners Service Kiddush

Sponsored by **Helga Weisburger** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved husband, **John Weisburger, z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Esther and Moish Sheinwexler** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Moish's father, **Yisroel Meir ben Shmuel Dovid, z"l**.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Groups Schedule

Pre-k: Room 206 at 10:00am

k-1: Room 207 at 10:00am

2-4 grade girls: Room 208- 10 am

2-4 grade boys: Room 210- 10 am

5-8th boys and girls: Room 211—10:15am

Youth Breakfast @ 9:30am in room 206

Math Circle is in session-

Monday nights from 6-8pm

in room 208. Open to children in 4th grade and up.

Contact hjstein@gmail.com

Meet & Greet with Afternoon Groups: 4PM-5PM, in room 208

LSS Youth Department is hosting a meet and greet for parents to get to know **Joel Sichel**, our new Youth Director.

There will be special afternoon groups for the kids so parents will be free to chat with Joel.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Guest **Rabbi Ari Webber** • 9:15am

Topic: Geulah?! to Geulah! - From Purim to Pesach

TUESDAY

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

(No Tuesday AM Parsha Class for this week)

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

Tuesday Beit Midrash Night • 7:30-9:15pm

- Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings (7pm)
Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robin Mitchnick
(meeting in a private home – call office for details)
- Politics and Kingship: The Book of Samuel
Facilitated by Ron Platzer

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Beit Midrash Night • 8:15-9:15pm

- The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai
Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky

Talmudic Logic w/ Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm

(Not Meeting This Week, it will resume on March 18th)

Nach B'lyun: Sefer Shmuel Beginning w/ Chapter 11

With Rabbi Hayyim Angel

The Spring Semester of the popular Series began on Wednesday, January 28th. \$20 per class.

Sign up at lss.org/RabbiAngel

THURSDAY

Parsha Class with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 7:00pm

(NO CLASS THIS WEEK)

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Launch: Judaism and Other Religions: Models of Understanding by Alan Brill • Sunday, March 8th • 7:15pm

Rabbi Dr Alan Brill will be in conversation with Rabbi Dr Ben Elton Chaired by Rabbi Ysoscher Katz of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. Alan Brill is the Cooperman/Ross Endowed Chair for Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, where he teaches Jewish studies in the graduate program. Dr. Brill received his BA, MA, and Ordination from Yeshiva University and his PhD from the Department of Theology at Fordham University. He is currently engaged in long term research on a book on the Varieties of Modern Orthodoxy.



LSS Women's Tefillah - Friday evening, March 13th - Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Etta Ben David.

Please join us for our first women's only Friday night service.

Shabbat Across America • Friday, March 13th • 6:45pm

This acclaimed introduction to the Friday night Shabbat experience has provided tens of thousands with their first taste of Shabbat. It includes a full Shabbat meal together with song and dance and good discussion. The cost is \$36.

Sign up at lss.org/beginners

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Shabbat Lunch • Shabbat, March 14th

Join the Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan for their second Shabbat Lunch featuring a presentation from LSS Assistant Rabbi, Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld. \$25

Museum Tour: Letters to Afar: By Péter Forgács, Films of Polish Jewish Life on the Brink Sunday, March 15 2015 • 10:30 AM • Museum of the City of NY, 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street

Last week of this highly acclaimed exhibit, based on home movies made by New York City's Jewish immigrants who traveled back to visit Poland during the 1920s and 30s. The films document poignant family reunions and everyday life in small towns in the years before the Second World War. These "letters" bring to life a lost world in startling and moving detail. \$20. Register at lss.org

Beit Cafe • Motza'ei Shabbat, March 21st • 8:30pm

Hot Coffee, Cool Music. Featuring legendary Israeli Performer, Shlomo Haviv. Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$36 at the door. Sponsorship for \$100 (includes two reserved prime seats and an opportunity to request a song from your favorite Israeli composer. Sign up at lss.org/israelcafe

In the event of a bereavement, please call our clergy at 646-543-7485 (day or night)



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: Ari Klapholz

Timing is Everything

Inserted between the concluding topics of the *Mishkan* and the chapter of the *chait ha'egel* is the commandment of *shmirat Shabbat*, observing *Shabbat*. *Rashi* explains this oddity by stating that the insertion of this commandment here is to teach us that one may not violate the *Shabbat* for the sake of building the *Mishkan*. This begs the question however: why would one mistakenly assume that construction of the *Mishkan* supercede the violation of not performing work on *Shabbat*? One possibility is that if the building of the *Mishkan* came after the sin of the golden calf and was its atonement (*Rashi's* opinion), there was the fear in this instance only, that the zeal and pressure to reconnect with God at all costs through the construction of the *Mishkan* might cause the *Shabbat* to be desecrated. There was no legal or *halachic* concern, just a practical one. The *Abarbanel* posits a more legal concern. One could conclude that that if cleaving to God meant constructing a home with all its details and specifications, being proactive and taking the initiative, one could logically conclude that this would outweigh the positive commandment to rest on *Shabbat*. Creating objects of beauty in the face of a vacuum would certainly seem to be more valuable and appreciative as expressions of religious devotion than cessation from work. If the daily sacrifices (the *korban tamid*) were brought on the *Shabbat*, why can't other forms of work be performed as well? The innovative message introduced here is clear. There is something much more existential and meaningful in *shvita*, rest, than was previously revealed in the earlier *pesukim* about *Shabbat*.

The above explains why *Shabbat* is in proximity to the *Mishkan* section. However what is the conceptual link of *Shabbat* to *chait ha'egel*, the next chapter? *Rashi* quotes the *Gemara Shabbat* 89a on the *pasuk* 32:1 "*Vaya'arh ha'am ki boshesh Moshe...*"the people saw that Moses was delayed... The word, *boshesh*, is a compounded word for the phrase *ba'u shesh*, meaning six hours have come and *Moshe* did not return. The nation made an error in the calendar thinking *Moshe* would arrive on the 16th of *Tammuz*, erroneously including the actual day of his ascending *Har Sinai* (the 7th day of *Sivan*) as part of the 40 day count. *Moshe* returned on the 17th of *Tammuz* because his count included a **full** 40 days and therefore the first day of his ascending the mountain did not count. This resulted in panic and a collective sense of abandonment. It is possible that prior to *matan Torah* it was not understood that a biblical day was defined as a 24 hour period starting at night and ending the following day. That was a totally novel idea of the *Torah* in *Parshat Breshit* found in the words of "...vayehi erev vayehi boker...". Even before the birth of the sun and moon on the fourth day of creation upon which we base the calendar, the *Torah* defined day in the sequence of darkness followed by light. The nation lacked the interpretative creativity to consider another way of marking time creating confusion and ultimately, a catastrophe. *Shabbat* is the quintessential day of how we have become empowered to mark time. **We** add a piece of Friday evening to its beginning (*tosefet Shabbat*) superceding routine astronomical timing of absolute light and dark. We say this verse every *Shabbat* found in our parsha, chapter 31 verse 16: "- Israel shall observe the *Shabbat*, to **make** the *Shabbat* etc..." He or she who keeps the *Shabbat* takes part in creating it, says the *Mechilta*. *Shabbat* is the symbol for us that time is not just a passive process, but something we can partake in creating and demarcating from week to week.

Shabbat Shalom.

Beginners Announcements

- **Welcome to those who are attending the Beginners Luncheon.**
- The **Beginners Schmooze** originally scheduled for this Monday, March 9th, **has been postponed**
- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments**. This course, which meets for another **3 weeks** provides an in-depth study and analyses 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.
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, March 9th at 6:30pm**, and continue for **2 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all.
- The **FINAL** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, March 9th at 6:30pm**. The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, March 9th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. The 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: Shabbat Day Meal Experience.**
- Please join us on **Friday, March 13th at 6:45pm** for **Shabbat Across America** as we Salute Law Enforcement's contribution to our community and our Shul. We will hear from our some our very own NYC Police Officers. **Please make reservations at www.lss.org/beginners. Price: \$36.**
- **Save the date: Beginners Passover Shabbaton**, scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, March 27th-28th**, devoted to the theme of Passover. Reservations must be made by **Wednesday, March 25th**. Cost is \$40 (includes two meals). Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date: Beginners Model Seder**, scheduled for **Thursday, April 1st, 7:00pm**. Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Passover Seder. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$10 before March 30th, \$15 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.

Tribute to Sidney Goldfield a Decade After His Death, by Oded Friedmann, former LSS Kollel Fellow

Sidney (Shmuel) Goldfield - A Decade Of His Death

Ten years have passed since we stood there, Rabbi Nathaniel Brown and I, beside his bed in his small apartment on 72nd St. It was a cold and wintry day, and Sidney lay there, lifeless. That Tuesday, 4 Adar 5765, is strongly kept in my memory - it's one day that significantly affected my life.

Sidney (Shmuel) Goldfield was born in the 1920s, in Oklahoma. His family barely had any Jewish identity; his parents did not keep a Jewish way of life, nor did they belong to a Jewish community, and Sidney did not receive a Jewish education. His sisters assimilated and converted to Christianity, and Sidney's relationship with them was lost. Sidney studied social work and moved to New York City. As the years went by, he began to become interested in his Jewish identity. He joined the Zionist movement and even visited Israel several times. He liked stamps, coins, and archaeology, and showed me pictures of himself at the "City Of David" archaeological excavations in Jerusalem. Sidney never married. He lived alone, in humility and simplicity. He passed most of his life without close family and community.

During his last years, Sidney grew closer to Judaism, and joined the LSS community. He attended prayer services devotedly, attended various classes and set a 'chavruta' with the LSS Kollel. Sidney especially loved to study Mishnayot. He always made sure to bring his notebook, copying in his own words different parts of the ancient text. He would often open a Hebrew-English dictionary and translate word by word. The Mishnayot, the dictionary and the notebook were on the table next to his bed, on that cold and wintry Tuesday, when we found him. Ten years have passed, and my memories of Sidney have mostly become vague images in my mind. Sidney waving "Arba Minim" with a wide smile upon his face. Sidney writing translated Hebrew words in a notebook. Sidney showing me his coin and stamp collection in his apartment. Sidney showing me his photo albums from visits to Israel. Sidney wrapped in a coat and scarf coming in from the cold street to the warm Beit Midrash at LSS. And at the end, Sidney lying lifeless on his bed in the small and modest apartment.

Ten years have passed and that cold and wintry afternoon is etched in my memory. It forces me to forget my daily routine for a while - to sit and write. I write with the feeling that it is important to remember Sidney, and with the fear that no one will remember him. Is it possible that someone could be born here on earth and die without any remembrance nor continuity? Could it be that that Sidney's name will be forgotten?

Sidney was buried with a very small funeral (barely a "Minyan"), in a cemetery in Queens, on the seventh of Adar, the date of Moshe Rabbeinu's passing. While the whole nation mourned Moshe Rabbeinu, very few people mourned Sidney, and no one actually sat "Shiva" for him. Nevertheless, I find a significant common denominator between Sidney and Moshe Rabbeinu - for just as Jewish history is carried from generation to generation by great leaders, so it is carried by those humble and simple people of strong will and a joy of life. Such was Sidney.

May his memory be blessed.