



ECHOD

3 TAMMUZ 5775 • JUNE 19-20, 2015

PARSHAT KORACH • CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:13PM

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 6:57pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:13pm: Candle Lighting
- 8:15pm: 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**
- 8:30am: The Siddur In Depth with **Rabbi Ben Elton** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: *Birkat HaGomel*
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:09am: 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

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 5:00pm: **New Members Meet n' Greet on the terrace (Rain location is in lobby)**
- 6:30pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 7:00pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Ben Elton**: *Halakha and personal sensitivities: Nachat Ruach LeNashim.*
- 7:00pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 8:00pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 9:13pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of June, 21– June 26

Sun – Thurs: Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:20pm

Sunday Monday & Thurs Tues, Wed & Fri

Daf Yomi: 7:45am Daf Yomi: 6:15am Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Shacharit: 7:10am Shacharit: 7:00am Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am Shacharit: 7:50am Shacharit: 7:50am

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Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Fred and Suzan Ehrman**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their father, **David Weinman, Dovid ben Yisrael Yaacov z"l.**

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Andy Siegel**, in memory of his loving Ema, Abba, Savtas, and Sabas for all the wonderful things that they have done for so many people. With love and admiration, their loving son and grandson Andy Siegel

R' Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Esther and Dr. William Green** in celebration of the marriage of their daughter **Blima Malka to Zack Freud.**

Beginner's Service Kiddush

Sponsored by **Ira and Deena Weinstock** in celebration of the life of Ira's father, **Leon Weinstock** (June 26, 1921-October 26, 2011--90 wonderful years); and by **Isabelle Kish** in celebration of the 42nd anniversary

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Esther and Dr. William Green** on of the marriage of their daughter **Blima Malka to Zack Freud**, son of **Judy and Chaim Freud**, of Woodmere, New York. Mazal Tov also to brother and sister in law, **Dr. Yonah and Rachel Green.**
- Mazal Tov to **Gidi Grinstein**, founder of the Reut Institute in Tel Aviv and current member of our kehilla, whose submission won the popular vote at the Aspen Ideas Award. For more details, see the Israel Corner section.
- Mazal Tov to **Ethan and Aviva Liebowitz** on the birth of a baby girl.
- Mazal Tov to **Shoshana and Yoni Schwartz** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Aharon.**

Mazal Tov to the Graduating Class of 2015! See page 2 for the full list of graduates

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Neal Ezair
Danny Hakimian
Joseph and Karen Levine
Ethan and Aviva Leibowitz
Len Margulies
Marc and Melissa Schwartz
Hela Weisburger

Join our community.
Go to lss.org/join

New Members Meet n' Greet • This Shabbat, June 20th • 5:00pm

Please join us on the terrace at on Shabbat day at 5pm for light refreshments and a chance to meet and greet some of our newer members. It is a great opportunity for new and long-time members to introduce themselves and put a name to many of the new faces enhancing our LSS community.

MAZAL TOV TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015

Middle School Graduates

Avi Blitzer, son of Jerry Blitzer—Manhattan Day School

Aliza Goldschlag, granddaughter of Rabbi Henry & Shoshana Goldschlag—Melvin J Berman Hebrew Academy in Rockville, MD

Natan Goldschlag, grandson of Rabbi Henry and Shoshana Goldschlag

Colette Vynerib, granddaughter of Ilene & Lou Vynerib—Bedford Middle School in Westport, CT

High School Graduates

Ethan Freilich, son of Anna and Dr. Mark Freilich—SAR High School

Shira Hudes, daughter of Dana and Dr Golda Hudes—Yeshiva University High School for Girls

Matthew Kirschenbaum, son of Barry and Dr. Corrine Kirschenbaum—SAR High School

Jonah Klapholz, son of Dr Marjorie Lehman and Dr Ari Klapholz—Ramaz Upper School

Daniela Krausz, daughter of Emilio and Rebecca Krausz—SAR High School

Jordana Offer, daughter of Shlomo and Suzanne Offer—Ramaz Upper School

Rachel Sheinwexler, daughter of Morris and Esther Sheinwexler—Maayanot Yeshivah High School

Benjamin Vogel, son of Nathan and Paula Vogel—SAR High School

College and Graduate School Graduates

Jackie Cohen, daughter of Ruvan and Rochelle Cohen—B.A., Barnard College

Ariel Goldschlag, grandson of Rabbi Henry and Shoshana Goldschlag—B.A. in Economics, Johns Hopkins University

Debra Goldschlag, granddaughter of Rabbi Henry and Shoshana Goldschlag—B.A. in Business, University of Maryland

Ariella Greenbaum, daughter of Dassa and Bill Greenbaum—B.B.A. in Marketing, Baruch College

Sophie Lee Landau, daughter of Bobbie Sue Daitch and David Landau—B.S. in Chemical Engineering, The Cooper Union

Hillel Neumark, son of Avery and Susan Neumark—B.A. in Science, Technology and Society, University of Pennsylvania

Adam Ossip, grandson of Dr. Robert and Ruth Reimer—B.A., Brandeis University

Rebecca Packer, daughter of Karen and Roy Simon, M.A. in Psychology, Bar Ilan University

Raeli Savitt, son of Leah and Ephraim Savitt, grandson of Mrs. Sylvia Savitt—B.S. in Electrical Engineering—Drexel University

Ilana Schulder, daughter of Lu Steinberg and Michael Schulder—B.A., Barnard College

Rebecca Shapiro, granddaughter of Ruth Bernstein—B.A. in Communication, Pennsylvania State University

Nicole Simon, daughter of Karen and Roy Simon, Ph.D, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Naomi Stein, wife of Gary Stein and daughter of Rocky and Freddy Kohn—M.A. in Organizational Psychology, Columbia University

Jason Strauss, grandson of Sylvia Savitt—Semicha from Rabbi Issac Elchanan Theological Seminary, Yeshiva University

Julia Tepper, daughter of Priscilla and Mark Tepper—B.A., Barnard College

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

General Membership Meeting • Monday, June 22nd • 8pm • In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

Followed by minyan

Senior Women's Talk Time • Next Session is Wednesday, June 24th, at 10:30am

Join LSS member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to senior women in the LSS community. There is no charge, but prior registration is required, and the group will be limited to ten women. If interested please call 212-706-0327.

Lunch And Learn • Shabbat, June 27th • 12:30pm

Join us for a delicious buffet lunch and learn with speaker LSS Assistant Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld. He will discuss, *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness: Does the Torah Want Us to be Independent?* \$36 for members, \$45 for non-members, \$180 to sponsor (includes 2 seats.)

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

Topic: *Mitzva 399: The Properties of the Waters of the Red Heiffer*

TUESDAY

Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

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

THURSDAY

Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

7:00pm

The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai

Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky will have a sporadic summer schedule. Email sarabrzowsky@gmail.com to find out the time of the next meeting.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New sessions** of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, August 3rd, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. **Register at www.lss.org/beginners.**
- **Save the date! "First Call" Beginners Luncheon**, to be held **Shabbat, September 5th**, in honor of **Dr. Leonard Davidman**. The cost is still only \$20 per person. **Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners**. Please make your reservations and payment by **Thursday, September 3rd**.

ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

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KOL HAKAVOD

Congratulations to Gidi Grinstein, founder of the Reut Institute and recent scholar-in-residence at LSS, whose submission to the [Aspen Ideas Award](#) won 1st place of the popular vote.

Reut's entry is a short but powerful video called TOM (short for Tikkun Olam Makers). The video shows how Reut engineers and software developers *in collaboration with people with physical challenges* design devices that make a huge difference in the lives of people who face adversity. One such innovation is a device that can turn the pages of a book for someone who cannot do it himself. To catch a glimpse of the jaw-dropping TOM innovations work, please [click here](#).

Conference on the Anti-Israel Movement on College Campuses

What You Need to Know and How to Respond. Sponsored by [CAMERA](#) at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue on Wednesday June 24, 7-9pm. Admission \$18, free for clergy and students with ID. To register, please [click here](#) or call [516-484-4848](tel:516-484-4848).

CHESED CORNER

The next meeting of the Chesed Committee is on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at the Shul. If you would like to attend please let us know at chesed@lss.org. The agenda will include the Telephone Friends Project as well as other possible events dealing with life issues such as divorce, widowhood, government entitlements especially in times of a health crisis. In the meantime, keep doing Chesed!

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

5-8 boys and girls: Room 211—10:15am

Youth Breakfast
@ 9:30am



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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PARSHAT KORACH

By: Faith Fogelman

Dearth of a Salesman

During his powerful Yom Kippur drasha, the rabbi encouraged us to strive for our best self in the new year. He told us to develop our talents, but to understand that we would never be a better writer than Shakespeare or a better composer than Beethoven or Mozart. Unfortunately, Korach was not in attendance to hear the rabbi say that nobody could have been a better leader for the Jewish people after the exodus than Moses along with his brother, Aaron.

Korach had his talents - as a salesman of rhetoric. He persuaded 250 people to join him in challenging the leadership of his cousins, Moses and Aaron. He seethed and wanted to replace them, but based on what? He had a dearth of experience with a strong ego. His confrontation was planned and publically executed. What outcome did he expect? If he wanted to show leadership, he might have made himself available to Moses in some endeavor or perhaps he could have joined Caleb and Joshua in their support for conquering the Land of Canaan.

By confronting Moses and Aaron, he forgot that they were chosen by HaShem. He was so zealous in his pursuit that he did not think through all the aspects of this particular leadership. Moses and Aaron were not free agents. They directed the Jewish people as per their will of HaShem. Could Korach have followed His instructions? Moshe did not immediately respond to Korach, but *fell on his face*, (conferred with HaShem), gathered his strength, and then challenged Korach which resulted in the demise of the latter and his followers in a flash - pan.

There are many psychodynamics inherent in *Parsha Korach*. This is not surprising since the ultimate text for the study of psychology is Tanach. While Judaic scholars, historians, archeologists, etc., approach it from the vantage point of their respective disciplines, students of psychology - all of us - analyze its depth from the point of view of intra-personal and inter-personal conflict, desire, and relationships. Additionally, everything starts with the self. Tanach not only contributes to insights of others, it is the best facilitator for understanding multi-dimensional self-awarenesses.

Within Torah, all parshas reference emotions, albeit some parshas, like *Korach*, more than others. Korach provided one type of confrontational model. He was brazen and driven by not only blind ambition, but open hostility and jealousy. Korach thought that his aggression and jealousy, seemingly disguised as a verbal rationale or foundation for his leadership, was justified. He looked small and foolish, but his self-image was the mirror opposite. However, Moshe saw right through the dearth of this fifth column or enemy within and the results were fatal.

Confrontational outcomes are usually not that traumatic. In life, we play the role of the aggrieved party, justified or not, and the role of the receiver of confrontational challenges as we climb the professional ladder. Our self-advocacy approaches may not be directly expressed in public to the successful party, but our patterns may have their roots in Tanach. As receivers, how do we address threats to our positions which we thought were so secure? Do we work with challengers or act defiantly, aggressively, or even condescendingly? How much sensitivity do we apply to those who wish to move us aside?

Sometimes the position or opportunity we so desire is ultimately not ours, (sorry), despite the feeling that rests heavily on our chest that we are the best one for it. Since it was not offered, we were not destined to have it. The search committee may have rejected us, but it was with HaShem's invisible hand. Although He directly selected Moses, he will indirectly select us for the next appropriate position. Instead of concentrating on what we cannot have, our mission is to develop our talents to increase the chances of a good fit with the next opportunity. It takes more than rhetoric and will to get the job, it takes competency and HaShem's support. It also takes not having a one-dimensional view of self.

Robert Browning wrote that *man's reach should exceed his grasp*, but both have to be within the realistic realm of possibility. Rhetoric for positions outside of experience or talent will not compensate for desire and dearth.

Shabbat Shalom