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5 NISSAN 5774 • PARSHAT METZORA
APRIL 4-5, 2014 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:06PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi
Sherwood Goffin
Senior Cantor
Yanky Lemmer
Cantor
Lloyd Epstein
President
Ben Keil
Executive Director



A warm welcome to our Scholar-in-Residence, **Dr. Alan Kadish**, President and CEO of Touro College. Dr. Kadish will be delivering the drasha in the main sanctuary following Musaf. He will also be giving a Pre-Mincha shiur at 5:55 pm, as well as speaking during Seudah Shlishit. *The full Shabbat schedule is listed below.*

Friday Evening

7:06pm: Candle Lighting

7:10pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Robinson** and **Chazzan Lemmer**

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 Main Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Robinson** and **Chazzan Lemmer**. Post-Musaf Drasha by **Dr. Kadish**: "Elitism and Condescension: The Role of Bnei Yisroel."

9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)

9:45am: Latest Shema

9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm: Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.

5:25pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

5:55pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211

5:55pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha Shiur by **Dr. Kadish**: "Free Will and Divine Providence: Understanding the Reality."

6:55pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
Seudah Shlishit presentation by **Dr. Kadish**: "Questions and Answers on Jewish Education and Continuity."

8:08pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, April 6- Friday, April 11

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thurs at 7:15pm

Sunday	Mon& Thurs	Tue, 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 Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Dr. Avram Cooperman** in honor of his 75th birthday.

Main Kiddush

CoSponsored by **Maralyn Friedman** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, **Blanche Hendler, a"h**; and by **Rocky and Freddy Kohn** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Freddy's mother, **Anna Kohn, a"h**, and Rocky's sister, **Lea Sharfman Hain, a"h**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by the Beginners Minyan in honor of **Deena-Kristi Hays** in celebration of her birthday.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Blima and Joel Abramson** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their father, **Dr. David A. Abramson, z"l**, and by the **Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan** in celebration of **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld's** birthday.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors Welcome

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Beverly and Lee Goldman** on their 45th wedding anniversary.
- Mazal Tov to **Lois and Leslie Katz** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Bella Katz**, daughter of **Benjamin and Michelle Katz** in Beachwood, Ohio this Shabbat.

Join our community! Visit <http://www.lss.org/become-a-member.html>

Shmurah Matzah Sales

As in previous years LSS will be selling Shmurah Matzah. The price will be **\$23.50** per box for both regular and whole wheat. Purchase online at lss.org/matzah. The deadline to place your order for Shmurah Matzah has been extended to **Tuesday, April 8th**.



Any member for whom we do not have an email address should have received our full **2014 Passover packet** by mail. See lss.org/passover for All Pre-Passover and Passover information and programming, including the chametz sale form.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

BOKER IYUN & KELIM

KASHERING • 9:15am– 1:00pm

See the full schedule on page 3. Facilities to kasher your kelim will be available. Youth Programming will be running throughout the morning (see page 2).

CHAMETZ DRIVE • 10am-2pm

Collecting non-perishable opened & unopened food. See page 3 for more details.



WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – lss.org/classes

SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha (not meeting this week)

Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

TUESDAY

- Parsha Class w/ Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am
- More Matters of Faith

Rabbi Ben Elton • 7:40pm

April 8th— Suffering- why do bad things happen?

Email Belton@lss.org if you would like to join. (Space is limited)

- Tuesday Beit Midrash Night

8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members

- ◇ Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings.
Led by Marcy Zwecker and Robyn Mitchnick.
- ◇ The First Book of Samuel: Politics and Kingship.
Led by Ron Platzer.
- ◇ The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai.
Led by Sara Brzowsky.
- ◇ Jewish Living Workshop (8-9pm) See beginners announcements
Led by Dassa & Bill Greenbaum. Email jlworkshop@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAY

- Talmudic Methodology w/ Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm
- Wednesday Beit Midrash Night

8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members

- ◇ Yiddish Writings of the Rav. (7pm)
Led by Moshe Sheinwexler.
- ◇ Your People Shall be My People—Now What?
Led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson

THURSDAY

- Pre-Pesach Series: “Seder Night Throughout History”

Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:30pm

April 10th - The Seder of Rabbi Akiva ‘To include the days of the Messiah’ -The Seder of the Future

Youth Announcements– lss.org/youth

Sunday, April 6th (During the Boker Iyun)

Matzah Factory at LSS

Sunday April 6, 9:45 - 11 AM, All Ages, room 206/207, \$5.

Get into the Passover spirit and experience the fun of the mitzvah of baking matzah. All participants get to roll, prick and bake their own matzah under the direction of Rabbi Fried of Chabad.

Build Your Own Seder Plate

Sunday April 6th 11:15am-1pm, FREE.

Following Matzah baking, come build your own Seder Plate! All participants get to build and craft their own Seder Plates.

Upcoming Youth Events

Singing With Sivan

April 9th is the final week, 11am-11:45am, babies/toddlers. \$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.

Pre-Pesach Movie Marathon

Sunday April 13, 10am-6pm, ages 6 and up, room 206/207, \$10.

LSS will be hosting an all day movie marathon, allowing you to have some free time to clean for Pesach. We'll be seeing The Prince of Egypt and other great films. There will also be pizza, snacks and games.

LSS Math Circle

The LSS Math Circle is dedicated to expanding, deepening, and disseminating mathematical knowledge. It is a place for kids to learn interesting mathematics and meet others with like interests. Open to children 4th grade and up, it meets from 6pm-8pm on Mondays. For more information, or to register, please contact Harvey Stein (hjstein@gmail.com).

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—April 5, 2014

For security reasons please co-operate with all bag searches. If you bring guests please do not be offended - but our team are instructed to question all strangers, visitors and guests. Please DO NOT provide information about the shul to unknown people – refer them to the shul office for assistance.

Isn't it time you signed up for security training by CSS? Irina Stein is our most recent graduate. A new CSS Cadet course will begin after Pesach. Contact Harvey Stein at

security@lss.org

If you see something, say something. Remain alert at all times.

Pesach Hospitality

Consistent with the LSS Congregation's warm hospitality, we are in the special situation of having more hosts than guests. There are still some LSS members who would love to have other members join them for their Sederim. If you have any open slot on your calendar, please contact hospitality@lss.org so that we can connect you. Remember that guests make the event more special and that you will be welcomed.



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.

The Chesed Corner

If any LSS member is interested in being a friendly visitor to someone in our community or would like to receive a visitor, please contact chesed@lss.org.

Beginners Announcements – beginners.lss.org

- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will be this **Tuesday, April 8, 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. **Topic: Passover – Kosher try out. I can try keeping Kosher for 8 days – Where do I start? Also, how to make Charoses (part of the Seder Plate).**
- The annual **Beginners Model Seder**, will take place **THIS Thursday, April 10th, 7:00pm**. Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and legendary musician, Psachya Septimus for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Pass-over Seder. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$10 before April 8th, \$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 beginners.lss.org.
- The annual **Beginners Passover Shabbaton** will take place **NEXT Friday and Saturday, April 11th-12th**, devoted to the theme of Passover. Reservations must be made by **Friday, April 11th**. Cost is \$40 (includes two meals). Register online at beginners.lss.org.
- **Passover Hospitality:** LSS Beginners, interested in hospitality for Passover sedarim and/or Shabbat or Yom Tov meals, may contact Rabbi Buchwald at **646-871-0012** or e-mail jessica@njop.org. Please leave an accurate message with dates of meals & specify lunch or dinner. Deadline for requests is **THIS Wednesday, April 9th, 12 noon**.
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, May 3rd, 2014**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, May 1st**. You can register online at www.beginners.lss.org or call **212-874-6100**.
- **Save the date! Monday, May 5th, 8:15-9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.

Featured Upcoming Events—lss.org/events



Pre-Pesach Boker Iyun

Sunday, April 6 • 9:15am-1:00pm

Ideas and songs for the Seder from the LSS clergy, deep insights into the Exodus from Rivke Pianko and kashrut advice from leading expert Rabbi Avraham Marmorstein. Full program of fun kids' activities! Kelim Kashering on premises.

9:15am: Welcome from Rabbi Robinson

9:45am: Rivke Pianko: "Egypt: How did we get into this mess in the first place?"

11:00am: R. Avrohom Marmorstein: All your kashrut questions answered!

12:00noon: Songs and ideas for an uplifting Seder with the LSS Clergy.



Chametz Drive

Sunday, April 6 • 10am-2pm

Bring your opened and unopened Non-perishable Chametz or any food that you are looking to discard. We will be distributing to non-Jews at a food pantry, soup kitchen, and senior center.



Screening of *Shtisel*

It's a hit! The remaining episode of the hit Israeli TV series, *Shtisel*, will be shown on Sunday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 at the door.



Shabbat HaGadol Community-Wide Dinner

Friday, April 11 • 8:00pm

Does the thought of eating Challah in your home that has just been freshly cleaned-for-Pesach give you anxiety? Join our community for our annual Shabbat HaGadol dinner. **Members: \$45/adult, \$30/child, \$180/family max; Non-members: \$55/adult, \$35/child, \$225/family max; Sponsorship available for \$360.** **Pickup the full Pesach schedule outside the main sanctuary.**



Remembering and Not Remembering the Shoah; A Conversation for Yom HaShoah

Sunday, April 27th • 8:15pm

How do we deal with memory, especially painful memory? As Jews we have constant conversation with the past, which commemorates tragedy, and builds community. **Emily Kuriloff Psy.D.**, author of a recent book on the impact of the Shoah on psychoanalysis, and LSS congregant **Michelle Friedman M.D.**, director of Pastoral Counseling at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School, will lead a conversation to find a space between tragedy and memory.





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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The Power of Speech or "See(k)ing & Hiding"

The week's Torah portion and Haftorah show the power of speech – for good or ill – to shape our individual lives and, through individuals, to shape the future of our people. The Torah portion describes rituals the priests will lead to cure people of the harmful effects of evil speech, and the Haftorah tells a true story of transformation involving the use of speech.

A central element to both is an unusual malady called *tzaraat*, a terrible skin affliction. According to many opinions, *tzaraat* is entirely non-medical. It is a divinely provided consequence of the sufferer's use of derogatory speech (*lashon hara*) or greed against another person. (A person afflicted with *tzaraat* is a "*metzora*," which the rabbis understand is a reference to "*motzi shem ra*" = defamatory speech.)

However, we needn't consider *tzaraat* all bad. Rather, the rabbis teach us that *tzaraat* was both an educational warning sign from the Almighty, for the afflicted person to re-examine his/her ways, and a first step toward a cure. Once the priest declares a person a "*metzora*," that person must live in isolation "outside the camp" until he is fully cured. Just as the *metzora* used anti-social behavior to diminish and ostracize someone else, so the *metzora* must experience the pain of isolation until he repents, the first step in his rehabilitation.

The *metzora* may rejoin the Jewish community only after completing a three-stage rehabilitation process by declaration of a priest, and after the priest declares the sufferer morally fit to resume his role as a member of human society. The process teaches us two lessons: you cannot extricate yourself from the spiritual/ethical entanglement of *lashon hara* alone; and it takes good speech (*lashon hatov*) from the priest, with his integrity and boundless love for the Jewish people, to undo the harmful effects of the *metzora's* evil speech. To this day, even without a Holy Temple, Jewish priests have a mission to educate and lead the people, to nurture harmonious and loving relationships among them.

The Haftorah tells a story of "four men, *metzoraim*" during the Aramean siege of Samaria. The *metzoraim* were starving. By virtue of being condemned as *metzoraim* to live outside the city, they could observe the massive Aramean camp. To avoid starvation, they decided to surrender to the Arameans. When they arrived at the edge of the Aramean camp, they were surprised to see that "no one is there" (*ein ish*), yet the Arameans's food and other belongings are all there for the taking.* So, the *metzoraim* eat heartily, steal some precious booty, and hide it (*vayatminu*). Finally, one of them asserts to the others that their actions are not right. Instead of *keeping silent* about the Arameans' empty camp, he proposes they go to Samaria and bring the King of Israel the good news that the dangerous siege is over, and the Arameans' food can end the famine.

They adopt his suggestion, and the famine ends. After their act of salvation, it is remarkable that the rest of the Haftorah doesn't even mention the *metzoraim*. They receive no medals, parades, or honorary degrees. Nope, they apparently have just become indistinguishable from the rest of the people. To drive the point home, the Haftorah ends with a short story about what happened to a Jewish captain who merited an early demise for using *lashon hara* against God and the prophet Elisha.

One inference we could draw by comparing the *metzoraim* and the captain is that the *metzoraim* got off easy; their *tzaraat* would lead to their redemption. The captain wasn't given a second chance. Another inference is that doing the right thing, helping others in any way we can, and speaking well of others, are always their own reward. An inference we can draw from the *metzoraim's* sudden loss of prominence after they've relieved Samaria of its famine, is that the privilege of being a fully integrated member of society, with family, friends, colleagues and neighbors who care about you, and the many others we depend on for our health and safety day to day (police, firefighters, Hatzolah, etc.) in a society that allows us to freely practice our Judaism, is one of the greatest privileges of all.

* Why did the Arameans flee? All because the Arameans *spread a rumor* among themselves that the Egyptians and Hittites were coming to rescue Israel. Again, the power of speech!

STAND WITH ISRAEL

LSS is offering an exciting opportunity 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!!

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. Register at www.NORPAC.net. Contact Dan Feder dfeder02@aol.com for more info.