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2 SIVAN 5774 • PARSHAT NASSO
MAY 30-31, 2014 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:02PM

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, American-born, Member of



Knesset **Rabbi Dov Lipman**. He has been at the forefront of combating religious extremism in Israel and is a leader in efforts to create Jewish unity both in Israel and around the world. He will be delivering the Post-Musaf Drasha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary.

Friday Evening

- 6:45pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Robinson** and **Chazzan Lemmer**.
6:47pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
8:02pm: Candle Lighting
8:10pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main 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 Main Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Robinson** and **Chazzan Lemmer**. Post-Musaf Drasha by **Rabbi Dov Lipman**: *Religious Tolerance in Israel: An Orthodox Rabbi and Member of Knesset Shares His Vision for the Jewish State*
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. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm:** Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
6:20pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
6:50pm: The Book of Ruth with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
6:50pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *Sinning for God: Soft/Hard Antinomianism and the Book of Bamidbar*
7:50pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
9:03pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Joel Tenenholtz** to commemorate the second yahrtzeit of his brother **Perry Tenenholtz**, **Peretz ben Benyamin z"l**, and the yahrtzeit of his grandfather, **Morris Tenenholtz**, **Moshe Yoseph ben Yitzchak, z"l**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **J. J. Lando** and **Laurie Seigel** in celebration of the birth of their son and daughter.

Beginners Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by the Beginners Minyan in honor of **Rabbi David Freedman**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors Welcome

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal tov to **J.J. Lando** and **Laurie Siegel Lando** on the birth of twins, a boy and a girl last Shabbat. The baby naming and the bris will take place in the Main shul this Shabbat morning.
- Mazal Tov to **Richard Kestenbaum**, **Moshe Sukenik**, **Jenna Statfeld Harris** & **Aaron Harris** on being honored at our Annual Dinner on Sunday.

If you have a loved one who recently graduated or is about to graduate and would like to wish a Mazal Tov to them, please email the information to Madeline@lss.org. It will be printed in the June 14th Shabbat Echod.

Attention Dedicated Seat Holders: Please check your email this coming week for instructions on how to reserve your seats for the 2014 High Holidays. If you do not have email, a snail mail letter will be coming to you shortly.

Join our community. Go to lss.org/become-a-member.html

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, June 1 - Friday, June 6

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thurs at 8:10pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday & Friday
Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

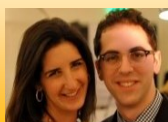
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Shavuot is Tuesday evening until Thursday Evening

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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER - JUNE 1, 2014

THE DINNER IS SOLD OUT! HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL TIME TO PLACE AN AD IN THE JOURNAL.



We look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary with you on Sunday evening, starting at 6pm!

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TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD

8:05pm	Candle Lighting
8:10pm	Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
	Shiur by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: <i>The Surprising History, Halakha, & Haskafa of Torah Translation</i>
9:05pm	Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
11:45pm-5:00am	This year's Tikkun Leil Shavuot theme is " Heart and Mind " - <i>Take a Jewish journey with Lincoln Square Synagogue through passion and reason, the mystical and the rational, the heart and the mind...</i> The evening will kick off with a keynote presentation by our our scholar-in-residence, Professor Chaim Sukenik . (**See his full bio on the back page) Delicious dairy refreshments will be served throughout the night.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH

5:00am	Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
9:00am	Services led by Chazan Yanky Lemmer with Rabbi Ben Elton. Drasha by Prof. Chaim Sukenik: <i>From Shir HaShirim to Ruth: Can this marriage be saved?</i>
10:00am	Youth Groups
7:00pm	Tea and Torah in the Beit Midrash - Rabbi Ben Elton: <i>How Many Words Are There in Kriat Shema?</i>
7:10pm	The Book of Ruth shiur with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in room 211
8:10pm	Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
8:25pm	Shiur by Prof. Chaim Sukenik: <i>The Future of the Kollel Culture: Haredim and General Education in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary</i>
9:05pm	Candle Lighting
9:06pm	Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

8:00am	Hashkama Services (including Yizkor) in the Beit Midrash
9:00am	Services (including Yizkor) led by Chazan Yanky Lemmer. Drasha by Rabbi Shaul Robinson
10:00am	Youth Groups
11:00am	A Dairy Happy Shavuot! Programming for Kids of all ages on the second floor
12:00pm	Mishna Siyum lunch in the Ballroom
7:00pm	Tea and Torah in the Beit Midrash- Rabbi Marc Angel: <i>Two Posekim, Two Approaches: Rabbi Uziel and Rabbi Kook on conversion, autopsies, and role of women in public life.</i>
7:10pm	The Book of Ruth shiur with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in room 211
8:10pm	Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
	Neilat HaChag - Rabbi Marc Wildes: <i>Authenticity and Truth: How Do We Know the Torah Comes from God?</i> in the Ballroom
9:06pm	Ma'ariv/ Yom Tov Ends

SHAVUOT LEARNING

Start the summer on a high with Shavuot at Lincoln Square Synagogue. We are going to launch the yom tov with a Tikkun Leil Shavuot to fill your heart and stretch your mind, arousing religious passion and training the brain. Our amazing clergy team and guest speakers will keep you enthralled through the night. Hear about the interplay of science and halacha with world expert **Professor Chaim Sukenik**, postmodernism, Jewish attitudes towards sexuality and love, mystical numbers, writing and translating the Bible.

For those who can't stay up (and those who can), we will have learning both before and after Mincha on both days, with outstanding speakers **Rabbi Marc Angel**, **Rabbi Mark Wildes** and others.

See the full schedule and all Shavuot details at lss.org/Shavuot

A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS!

A hearty *yasher koach* to the nearly 200 LSS community members who have participated in the Mishnah learning program in the days and weeks leading up to Shavuot. Collectively, we have learned the entire *shisha sidrei* Mishnah, all 66 tractates, all the way from *Masekhet Berakhot* to *Masekhet Uktzin*. Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi would be proud of our accomplishment. And, as the Mishnah says:

רבי מאיר אומר: כל העוסק בתורה לשמה, זוכה לדברים הרבה, ולא עוד אלא שכל העולם כולו כדאי הוא לו

Rabbi Meir said, "Whoever studies Torah for its own sake merits many things, indeed, they are worthy of the whole world."

Pirkei Avot 6:1

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Shavuot Siyum lunch on Thursday, June 5th.

Tuesday, June 3rd

11:45 PM – 12:45 AM

For Tweens: Shiur Fun! Shavuot themed discussion group just for kids. Grades 5 and below w/ **Ariela Greenbaum** in room 217; Grades 6-8 with **Rabbi Robinson** in the Beit Midrash.

For Teens: *Brainwashed?* The Truth About the Year in Israel with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

1:00AM – 1:45

For Tweens Only: *High School Prep - Top 10 Challenges You Will Face as a Freshman... and How to Beat Them*

Wednesday June 4, 10am

Join us for a special edition of youth groups with a Shavuot theme. Don't miss all the special events, giveaways, prizes, dairy snacks, stories, songs, and games!

Youth Shavuot Programs

Thursday June 5

10 am- Youth Groups

11am A Dairy Happy Shavuot! For Kids of all ages!

Celebrate with LSS with dairy themed treats, Shavuot stories and games and all kinds of fun

Toddlers: Make your own yogurt parfait!

Our youngest friends will have the opportunity to make and eat their own healthy snack, sing songs, and have Shavuot story time.

K-1: Har Sinai Cupcake Decorating Party

Make your own rendering of Matan Torah on a cupcake... and then eat it!

Grades 2-8 Make your own Sundae and Shavuot Trivia

It's an ice cream treat-fest as we make our own sundaes, and compete for top scholar with Shavuot Jeopardy and other trivia games

Featured Upcoming Events– Iss.org/events



Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday, June 1, 2014 • 11am-4pm

The parade will be running from 5th Avenue from 57th to 74th street.



LSS Golden Jubilee Annual Dinner

Sunday, June 1, 2014 • 6pm

We look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday evening and celebrating the shul's 50th anniversary. Reservations are now closed, however you can still place an ad in the virtual journal by emailing dinner@Iss.org.

Aging Symposium



Sunday, June 8th • 10am

A community-wide Aging Symposium presented by Synergy HomeCare on important aging related issues including finances and health.



Rabbi Hayyim Angel's Book Launch Party

Monday, June 16th • 7:30pm

Join us for a party celebrating the launch of Rabbi Hayyim Angel's new book: Peshat Isn't So Simple: Essays on Developing a Religious Methodology to Bible Study.



Ma'aleh Film

Thursday, June 19th • 6:45pm

Join us for an evening of short films made by Ma'aleh graduates offering three very different views of the Israeli experience. \$10



Reb Shlomo Carlebach's Visit to LSS

Shabbat, June 21st • 8:15pm

Join us at Seudah Sh'lishit where Rabbi Dr. Natan Ophir (Offenbacher) will discuss "**Reb Shlomo Carlebach's Visit To LSS 20 years ago**".

Weekly Learning Opportunities – Iss.org/classes

SUNDAY

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

Monday

- **Faith Discussion Group w/ Rabbi Ben Elton** • 7:00pm
At the home of Suzanne Bernstein (Last class for the series).

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday classes will not be meeting this coming week due to Shavuot.

Youth Announcements – Iss.org/youth

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Singing with Sivan- *Fridays (May 2nd-June 6th) Room 206/207, 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.

Math Circle will continue to meet on Monday nights from 6-8pm in room 208. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Contact 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

Beginners Announcements

- **RESCHEDULED: "Save the dates! Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will be teaching a *FREE* Crash Course in Basic Judaism at East Hill Synagogue in Englewood, NJ at 255 Walnut Street, for 3 consecutive Tuesday nights, starting on June 10th at 7:00pm.** To register, please visit www.njop.org/get-involved/events/crashcourse or call 646-871-4444.
- **Save the date! THIS Tuesday night, June 3rd, 11:30pm-7:00am – All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon.** Chaim Sukenik, of the Jerusalem Institute of Technology, the keynote opener, will start at **11:30PM** and Rabbi Buchwald's class starts at **12:45AM**. **Topic: "The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments," starting with mitzvah #405: "Sounding the Shofar on Rosh Hashana."** Refreshments will be served, no reservation necessary.
- **Save the date! The FINAL Beginners Luncheon of the season will be NEXT Shabbat, June 7th, 2014.** The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **THIS Friday, June 6th, 12 noon.** You can register online at www.beginners.Iss.org or call **212-874-6100.**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, June 23rd, 2014 at 6:30pm.** The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. **Register at www.beginners.Iss.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: SHLOMO OFFER

The Gifts of the Nesiim;

Leadership in a Community whose Institutions are in Transition

Naso is often translated to 'count'. However it is more accurately rendered 'to uplift'. The same idea is suggested in the context of marriage, where *nissuin* leads to the uplifting of two people, by their uniting in spirit with each other, with their people, and with their G-d.

On the surface, Bamidbar simply enumerates the people of Israel and *Naso* enumerates the leaders: the Leviim and the Nesiim, the princes of the tribes. Looking deeper into its structure, *Naso* teaches the leadership about how to engage in the uplifting, ennobling, and sacred tasks they must perform – about how to dedicate a community's institutions in preparation for its travels through its soon-to-be-experienced history. Whether in the desert, toward *Eretz Yisrael* or towards *yemot hamashiach* today, the Torah is sending a message to those who would be leaders.

The borders of *parashat Naso* were set in a puzzling way. It may first seem to be about counting the families of Levi. The Merari and Gershon families are numbered here. But oddly, the Kehat family's numbering was left behind at the end of last week's *parasha*, Bamidbar. Furthermore, *Naso* ends with the longest chapter in the Chumash, the meticulous and repetitive depiction of the twelve days of sacrifices given by the Nesiim. Each of the twelve princely sacrifices is identical to the other; yet the Torah described each in apparently redundant detail. As a result, no one Nasi could set himself apart from or superior to the others. The Torah's subtext in *Naso* is concerned with unity and an attitude of service in the leadership of Bnei Yisrael.

Another clue that *Naso* is addressed to the leadership is that it begins after the discussion of Kehat's functions, which are focused on the *klei kodesh* – the sacred vessels which were the gifts of all the people. By contrast, Merari's and Gershon's functions deal with the infrastructure of the Mishkan, dismantling the walls and planning its efficient rebuilding so that the community can move on to its destiny. These responsibilities require the expensive enabling resources, the oxen and the wagons, that can be provided only by the efforts of those wealthy and influential enough to be the Nesiim of the nation.

In between these intensive tasks and the *korbanot* of the Nesiim are inserted sections on the removal of lepers and *t'maim* from the camp, the estrangement of the 'sota' couple that results from either infidelity or jealousy, and the *nazir* who sets himself apart by adopting self-selected restrictions. There is a common thread of estrangement, self-righteousness, and their consequences. Conversely, *Birchat Kohanim* is the section that is inserted just prior to the return to the princes' role in dedicating the Mishkan. The *Kohanim* demonstrate unity in reciting the prescribed words of the blessing. They demonstrate the humility that it is not they who bless the people; G-d tells them 'V'samu et shmi al bnei yisrael va'ani avarchem'; the *Kohanim* say the words and G-d blesses the people. These interrupting sections are the Torah's missive to the leaders. They are lessons framing the attitude required of leadership: avoid self-righteousness; embrace humility.

If it were just about the dedication of the *Mishkan*, *Naso* should have ended with the penultimate *pasuk*, counting and summarizing the total of *korbanot*, and declaring the altar dedicated. But the Torah is also communicating at a different level here, and lets us know that the leaders got the message. *Naso* ends with the declaration, 'Vayishma et hakol medaber eilav me'al hakaporet...' G-d's voice was heard from above the ark cover. Not since the leadership's hubris led the people to the sin of the Golden Calf had Moshe heard the voice of G-d from the midst of the people.

'Ve'asu li mikdash ve'shachanti betocham' is fulfilled and the *Shechina* returns from its estrangement, not just because a physical home was dedicated, but because the leaders struck the right attitude of deference, humility, and unity.

Shabbat Shalom.

This *dvar Torah* is dedicated to the memory of our father Aaron Jacoby, *Moshe Aharon ben Chaim Zeev z"l*, on the first yahrtzeit of his passing. To those of us in his family and his community who knew him well, he exemplified the best qualities of the Nesiim.

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.