



ECHOD

12 SIVAN 5775 • MAY 29-30 2015

PARSHAT NASSO • CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:01PM

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Afternoon

- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 6:47pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:01pm: Candle Lighting
- 8:05pm: 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: *Making Berachot over Megillot*
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**. Post musaf presentation by Israel Consul General **Ido Aharoni**
- 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.
- 6:20pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:50pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *"Pirkei Avot Highlights, #1: A Journey In Jewish Ethics"*
- 6:50pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 7:50pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 9:02pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Tuesday, May 31– Friday, June 5
Sun – Thurs: Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:10pm

Sunday	Monday & Thursday	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

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



Join us as we, together with the Development Corporation for Israel, Israel Bonds, welcome Ido Aharoni as our Scholar-in-Residence on this Shabbat. Ido Aharoni is the Consul General of Israel in New York. He will address the community after musaf.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Joel Tenenoltz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his brother **Perry, Peretz ben Benyamin, z"l**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by the **Development Corporation for Israel, Israel Bonds** in celebration of their national new leadership Shabbaton.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald's** contribution to Jewish outreach.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors Welcome

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Henchy and Jerry Balsam** on the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Malia**.
- Mazal Tov to **Benjamin and Elana Burnat** on the birth of a daughter, **Kayla Nechama**. Mazal Tov to grandparents **Bob and Elissa Burnat**
- Mazal Tov to **Aidel and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** on the birth of a son to their children, **Orly and Tati Klimovsky**.

51st ANNUAL DINNER

LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR 51st
Annual Dinner
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 | 6:30 PM

honoring

HANNAH & PAUL FREILICH
Guests of Honor

JACKIE & JONATHAN KOTLER
Young Leadership Award

LSS.ORG/DINNER

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Book Club Meeting: Ben-Gurion: Father of Modern Israel by Anita Shapira Sunday, May 31st, at 7:30pm

The Spring Book club will meet at the home of Gail Castagnello. We will be discussing the Book Ben-Gurion: Father of Modern Israel by Anita Shapira. Our presenter will be Professor Gilbert Kahn, political science professor at Kean College in NJ.

Senior Women's Talk Time • Next Session is Wednesday, June 3rd, 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.

Remembering Yaakov Birnbaum, z"l • Sunday Evening, June 7th, Mincha at 7:45pm, Program at 8pm

Recognized as the father of Soviet Jewry movement, Yaakov's life was devoted to advocating for freedom, human rights and social action. Natan Sharansky, human rights activist and former political prisoner in the Soviet Union, will be the keynote speaker. Sharansky currently serves as the Chairman of the Jewish Agency.

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**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

In addition to "political" action, Israel would greatly benefit from "economic" action at this time. One of the best ways to show your solidarity with Israel is to buy Israel bonds. The single role of Israel Bonds is to strengthen Israel's economy.

If you have not yet made a purchase of an Israel bond in 2015 please make it NOW! *Rates are as high as 3.70%. Limited time only*

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Due to overwhelming interest in the MDS Toddler Program (2 year olds*), an additional class has been added for the 2015-16 school year, offering two-day, three-day and five-day options. Limited space available!

Please contact Cindy Sherman, Director of Admissions, at [212-376-6800 ext. 534](tel:212-376-6800) or csherman@mdsweb.org to schedule your personal tour.

*child must be 2 years old by December 1, 2015.

Don't miss an evening with Frank Bruni, NYTimes Op-ed Columnist & author, address how to survive the college admissions madness. Frank's most recent book Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be is spot on. Tickets \$10 and books \$25 per copy. RSVP today at sarhighschool.org/frankbruni

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

Topic: Mitzva 373: A Nazirite may not cut their hair.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Spring Semester of Nach B'lyun with **Rabbi Hayyim Angel**

Began on April 15h. \$25/class. Sign up at lss.org/rabbiangel

THURSDAY

Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
7:00pm

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** will teach the 2nd of the 3 session **FREE Crash Course in Basic Judaism at Congregation B'nai Israel, 45 Twombly Avenue in Staten Island**, on Wednesday night, June 3rd, at **7:00pm**. To register, please visit www.njop.org/ccbj or call 646-871-4444. **This week's topics: The Sabbath and Jewish Observance.**
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, June 1st at 6:30pm**, and continue for **1 more week**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all.
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, June 8th at 6:30pm**, and continue for **2 more weeks (the class will not meet this Monday, June 1st)**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all.
- **Save the date!** The **FINAL Beginners Luncheon** of the season will be **NEXT Shabbat, June 6th, 2015**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **THIS Thursday, June 4th**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100.

ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE—Sunday, May 31st



Join Rabbi Robinson, our fellow congregants and thousands of others for a unique experience as we proudly march up Fifth Avenue to show our love, support and solidarity with Israel.

Meeting Time: 1:10 pm

Meeting Site: Section 7W-52nd Street between 5th and 6th Avenue

- Like other groups, we will be wearing matching tee shirts. If you did not purchase one in advance and would like to, we have ordered a few extras. Meet us at the parade site and purchase one there (\$5).
- If you did not purchase a parade tee shirt in advance, please wear a blue shirt. This is the fall back color in case we run out of the matching tee shirts. The important thing is to march in the parade.

Be part of this special day! Numbers matter! The world will be watching, won't you stand up and be counted? Ki'Mitzion Tetze Torah

We would like to share with you a possible new initiative to promote a stronger connection between our members and Eretz Israel, through the study of Torah. Over the course of the year, many of our members visit Israel. Some travel to visit family members, some to see children or grandchildren who are studying or serving in the IDF and some are simply touring the country.

To those fortunate people, we say: Why not study Torah in the place where much of the action described in the Tanach took place? We are exploring the possibility of partnering with an Israeli institution of learning to provide short-term classes for our members while they are in Israel. This could range from attending a single lecture to learning with a chavrusa. We will conduct a survey in the next few weeks to gauge the level of interest within the community for such a program.



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 NASSO

By: Fred Ehrman

Elazar ben Aharon HaKohen-A Lesson in Leadership

The tribe of Levi was divided into three major families, the descendants of Gershon, Kohath and Merari, Levi's three sons. At the end of last week's Torah reading of Bamidbar we see that Moses and Aaron were told to take a census of the families and were then instructed on the various duties assigned to each family in regards to the transportation of the Tabernacle in the desert. Although Kohath was not the oldest of the families, it was the first to be counted and assigned the most prestigious of the duties. The continuation of the count of the families of Gershon and Merari and their duties is recounted in this week's sedra, Nasso.

The Gershonites, the descendants of eldest of Levi's sons, were given the task of preparing the parts of the Tabernacle and the Tent of the Meeting that they were to carry. These included the accessories that were needed for erecting the Tabernacle. In addition there were the items needed for the service the Levites performed which included the musical instruments. This directive concludes by saying simply that the Gershonites were to be under the authority of Itamar, one of the remaining two sons of Aaron (4:28). (Remember that Aaron's two eldest sons, Nadav and Avihu, died when they brought an unauthorized strange fire into the Tabernacle soon after it was inaugurated.)

The Merarites were assigned the task to prepare and carry the heaviest parts of the Tabernacle. Again this section ends with the almost verbatim conclusion of the supervision of this group. "This is the work of the families of sons of Merari according to their work in the Tent of Meeting, under the authority of Itamar, the son of Aaron the Kohen. (4:33)

Let us return to the end of last week's reading regarding the family of Kohath, and contrast the description of their assignments with those of the Gershonites and Merarites. Kohath was to carry the Holy Ark of the Covenant. They were also to carry the holy utensils, including the Table of the show-bread, the Menorah, the Golden Altar, the Copper Altar and their utensils. But when it came to the supervision of the Kohathites, this was assigned to Elazar, Aaron's son and Itamar's older brother. A careful reading of the text shows a departure from the description of how the Itamar executed his duties, which simply stated "... under the authority of Itamar..."

"And Elazar the son of Aaron the priest shall have responsibility of the oil for the light, the fragrant incense, the daily grain offering, and the anointing oil, with the oversight of the whole Tabernacle and all that is in it, of the Sanctuary and its vessels." (4:16)

We read in the Talmud how the priests fought over the right to perform the most prestigious of the Temple services. They drew lots to get their assignments. One can only envision how the Kohathites battled to be the ones to carry the Holy Ark, or the Altars or the Menorah and the other vessels. Compared to these, who would want to be responsible for just the lighting or anointing oils or the flour or the incense?

This is where real leadership comes to the fore. Itamar assumed authority in supervising the carrying of the structural items of the Tabernacle by the Gershonites and Merarites. But Elazar personally took on the assignment not only of the items that were towards the bottom of the list that were available to the Kohathites, but he made sure that each of the top choices were individually assigned to particular individuals (Rashi on 4:16) and probably had to be prepared to receive their complaints. And Rashi explains that not only did Elazar supervise those under his jurisdiction, *but he personally carried the items that were less in demand by the Kohath family.*

Leadership requires assuming responsibility, often requiring unpopular decisions and taking on less desirable assignments. Originally the Israelite firstborn were to serve as the priests in the Tabernacle. But after the sin of the Golden Calf Moses asked for volunteers to go into battle with him to destroy the idolaters. His famous words were, "Mi La'shem Ailai!" "Who is for Hashem, join me." Only the tribe of Levi responded and for that they took the place of the firstborn. The family of Aaron came from the Levite family of Kohath. And the future Kohen Gadol, the high priest following Aaron was Elazar, who was not reluctant to take on the sometimes less popular responsibilities, beyond the call of duty.

In the present era, commanders in the Israel Defense Forces say "Acharai", follow me, as they lead their charges into battle. Their models were the likes of Moses, the Levites and Elazar the Kohen. May the Jewish people always have this kind of leadership in the difficult road that lies ahead for our people.

Shabbat Shalom.