



ECHOD

29 ADAR ALEPH 5774 • SHABBAT MEVARCHIM • SHABBAT SHEKALIM
PARSHAT PEKUDEI • FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2014
CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:28PM

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Rabbi
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Yanky Lemmer
Cantor
Elana Stein Hain
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This week's Echod is sponsored by the Halachic Organ Donor Society. See their notice on page 2, or visit HODS.org.

Friday Evening

- 5:28pm:** Candle Lighting
5:30pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Lemmer**

Shabbat Day

- 7:45am:** Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Ben Elton**
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**: "Parshat Shekalim - why Upper West Side Jews Need to Stand with AIPAC."
9:15am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:18am: Latest Shema
9:30am: Youth Breakfast
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.
12:30pm: Beginners Shabbat Luncheon in room 206/207

Shabbat Afternoon

- 3:00pm:** Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
4:00pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
4:30pm: Bible Class & Book of Esther in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
4:30pm: Pre-Mincha Shiur by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "Kedusha v' Tahara: An Inquiry into Hassidic Sexual Ethics."
5:15pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
6:30pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

The Weekday Prayer Schedule can be found on page 2

The Molad for Adar Sheini will be this afternoon at 10 minutes and 8 chalakim after 3 PM. Rosh Chodesh Adar Sheini will be on Sunday and Monday.



Welcome to the Newest Members of our LSS Community

Alan and Judy Eisenman
Elli and Estee Friedman

Wouldn't it be nice if we invited our new members to a Shabbat meal in our homes? If you want to volunteer, drop an email after Shabbat to hospitality@lss.org

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Nathan Rosen and Priva Simon** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Nathan's father **Emanuel Abraham Rosen, z"l**, and grandfather **Haim Solomon Rosen, z"l**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Jackie and Jonathan Kotler** in celebration of the birth of a baby girl; by **Tali and Lance Carr**, in celebration of the birth of a baby girl; and by **Michael Schulder and Lu Steinberg** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Michael's mother, **Shirley K. Schulder, a"h**.
CoSponsored by **Jerry Blitzer** in celebration of Avi's Bar Mitzvah.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Hadassah Paladin** in honor of Rabbi Buchwald's amazing contribution to International Jewry.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Sholom Twersky** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, **Reb Dovid Chaim ben Harav Shalom Yosef, z"l**.

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Dr. Elana Stein Hain** on successfully defending her doctoral dissertation at Columbia University.
- Mazel Tov to **Avi Blitzer** on his Bar Mitzvah and Mazel Tov to **Jerry Blitzer, Elizabeth Kirk**, Avi's brothers **Michael** and **Matthew**, and **Aunt Gilda**.
- Mazal Tov to **Leah and Ephraim Savitt** on the engagement of their son **Abbaiah to Simona Caplan**. Mazel tov to grandmother **Mrs. Sylvia Savitt**.
- Mazal Tov to **Tali and Lance Carr** on the birth of a baby girl.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Heshey and Lanette Dachs** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Moishie and Miriam Dachs**. Mazel tov to big sister **Rachaeli**.

Mishloach Manot Sale



Lincoln Square Synagogue will once again be offering a **Mishloach Manot sale** for members of LSS! This year's packages have been created by "Yachad Gifts."

The cost of Mishloach Manot Packages is **\$8 per household**. You must select a **minimum of 6 people** in order to participate.

Reciprocity is also available. With a donation of **\$360**, you may send Mishloach Manot to the entire LSS membership.

The deadline to place your Mishloach Manot order is Monday, March 10

Purim Cards are also available for purchase at \$3 per card.

Visit Lss.org/purim for more details and to order your Mishloach Manot and Purim Cards!

If you are not able to sign up online, there are hard copy order forms available in the office.



See the full Purim Schedule on page 3

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – lss.org/classes

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Parsha Class w/ Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am
- Introduction to Bible
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30pm-8:00pm

- (NEW) Megillat Esther: A three-week intensive Shiur

Dr. Elana Stein Hain • 7:15pm

March 4 – Talmudic Perspective

March 11– Intra-Tanakhic Perspective

- 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**.
- ◇ (New) 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
- Nach B'lyun: Sefer Shmuel 1 (Semester Began on Jan. 29th)
With Rabbi Hayyim Angel • 7:15pm
\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door. Sign up at lss.org/rabbianangel

- 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**
- ◇ The Laws of Prayer through the Mishnah Berurah
Led by **Rabbi Rabbi Ben Elton**

THURSDAY

- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class

Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7pm

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Sunday, March . 2 - Friday, March. 7

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thursday at 5:35 pm

| Sun (RC Adar Bet) | Mon (RC Adar Bet) | Thur | Tue, Wed & Fri |
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| Shacharit: 7:00am | Daf Yomi: 6:15am | Daf Yomi: 6:15am | Daf Yomi: 6:20am |
| Daf Yomi: 7:45am | Shacharit: 7:00am | Shacharit: 7:00am | Shacharit: 7:10am |
| Shacharit: 8:30am | Shacharit: 7:40am | Shacharit: 7:50am | Shacharit: 7:50am |

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

Youth Announcements– lss.org/youth

CELEBRATE ROSH CHODESH AT LSS !

This Shabbat the LSS Youth Dept will be having special themed youth groups. Kids will receive special toys, masks and prizes in honor of Adar and the upcoming Purim holiday. All are invited!

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Shabbat:

Shabbat March 8th, 12-1:30pm in the ballroom

Adult, \$25; Youth, \$22; Family Max (for Families of 5+) \$110, Sponsorship \$180 (includes 2 child and 2 adult seats)

The LSS Youth Department would like to invite all families to our first Youth Shabbat. There'll be great food, friends and entertainment.

Singing With Sivan:

Wednesdays, beginning March 5th and continuing for the next 5 weeks, 11am- 12pm, \$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.

Chesed Opportunity

Calling all Teens and Tweens! We're looking for Teens and Tweens to help deliver Mishloach Manot on **Purim day from 9am-2pm**. Chesed hours will be granted. If you're able to help please email Avi at avi@lss.org.

LSS Security Update - March 1, 2014

Enter & leave only through the main entrance. Please do not use emergency exits as shortcuts. By doing so you create a security breach. Minor inconveniences may translate into major security benefits.

Take the CSS advanced course to become a Team Leader. Contact Harvey Stein at security@lss.org. If you see something, say something.

Youth Purim Celebration Details

Saturday Night, March 15

Join Rabbi Robinson for a very special Purim Costume Parade in front of the Main sanctuary @ 8:00pm.

After the Megillah Reading, the entire youth department is invited to make Ice Cream Sundaes! In room 208/210

Sunday, March 16

Purim Carnival! The LSS Youth Department for a Purim Carnival in the ballroom featuring carnival games, an inflatable jungle-gym, face-painting, ballom sculptures, hamentashen making, and more! Featuring music from the Ta Shma Orchestra! 9:30-12:30pm. \$20 per ticket.

Teen Megillah Reading followed by Kiddush Breakfast. 10:00am in room 211



Beginners Announcements – beginners.lss.org

- **Welcome to those who are attending the Beginners Luncheon!**
- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** (Began Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30-8:00pm). This course, which meets for another **4 weeks** provides an in-depth study and analysis 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. To register, please call **212-874-6100** or register online at www.beginners.lss.org. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- **This Monday, March 3rd, 2014, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II**, will begin **This Monday, March 3rd, 2014 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. **Register at www.beginners.lss.org.**
- The **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum returns to LSS **THIS Tuesday, March 4th, 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. **The first topic: Shabbat-The Friday Night Experience.**
- **Shabbat Across America- with Paul Shaffer – Musical Director, Late Show with David Letterman! THIS Friday, March 7th, 2014** at LSS. Dinner is only \$36! Sing along with our own Rabbi Buchwald, and Paul Shaffer, as we make Shabbat Across America 2014 the biggest yet! **Register at www.LSS.org or call (212) 874-6100.**
- **The Laws of Prayer through the Mishnah Berurah**, taught by LSS Rabbinic Intern, **Rabbi Ben Elton**. Prayer has to be both filled with passion and directed by law and tradition. The Shulchan Aruch and Mishnah Berurah are essential guides to these laws. This course is ideal if you want to become familiar with these important texts, as well as learn more about basic laws of Jewish prayer. **Wednesday nights, 8:15-9:15pm.**
- **Save the date!** The annual **Beginners Purim Bash**, Saturday March 15th, 7:45 - Maariv and Megillah reading, 9:05 PM - Purim Bash, featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. **Register at www.beginners.lss.org.**
- **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**.

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

Would you donate blood or platelets for a LSS member if NEEDED?

Email: Shirley Wald with your name and blood type.

Dlawms@aol.com

Request for Shabbat Greeters

Friendly people needed to expand our Shabbat greeter corps. One hour duty in the lobby welcoming all and helping out newcomers.

Email Marcy: marcyzwecker@gmail.com.

STAND WITH ISRAEL

LSS is offering 2 exciting opportunities 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!!

AIPAC: Join with us for the AIPAC Policy Conference on March 2-4. Contact Ann Crane if you are planning to join. acrane@natfin.net

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.

In case of a bereavement,
please call our Clergy at 646-
543-7485 (day or night)

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Featured Upcoming Events—lss.org/events

Special Pre-Mincha Shiur by Rabbi Shaya Karlinsky, Dean of the Darche Noam Institutions

Shabbat Afternoon, March 8th

The shiur is titled **"Unity, Diversity, Individuality: Are they Jewish Values?"** Rabbi Karlinsky is the co-founder and Dean of the Darche Noam Institutions, Yeshivat Darche Noam/David Shapell College and the Midreshet Rachel v'Chaya College of Jewish Studies for Women.

Pre-Purim Food & Clothing Drive

Sunday, March 9 • 10am-1pm



Help the Jewish homeless at Project ORE with your donations of Kosher, ready to eat and unopened, non-perishable food. We will also be collecting clean, whole clothing and shoes for Jews of the Former Soviet Union.

Italian -Themed Purim Celebration

Saturday Night, March 15 • After Megillah Reading (approx. 9pm)



Community-wide Italian Themed Purim Celebration in the ballroom. Includes a catered dairy dinner, wine and beer, silent auction with great prizes, music and other exciting entertainment. The cost is \$50/adult (includes 2 auction tickets), \$25/child under 18, & \$200 as a Sponsor/Family Max (includes 10 auction tickets). *Co-sponsored by Gotham Wines & Liquors.*



Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi David Baruch Lau, following Musaf



Shabbat, March 22nd

Son of former Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, Rabbi David Lau studied at Yeshivat Yishuv HaHadash, and later at Yeshivat Beit Matityahu. He is a reserve major in the IDF Intelligence Corps. He was the first rabbi of the town of Shoham and the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Modi'in. Rabbi Lau was the first rabbi in Israel to teach responsa over the internet. He appears regularly on radio programs, publishes journal articles, and has edited a book of his father's responsa. He published a book in memory of his grandfather, Rabbi Yitzchak Yedidya Frankel and his own book, *Maskil LeDavid* on issues of genealogy, conversion, military law, and other matters in 2008. **He was elected Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel in July 2013, for a ten-year term.**

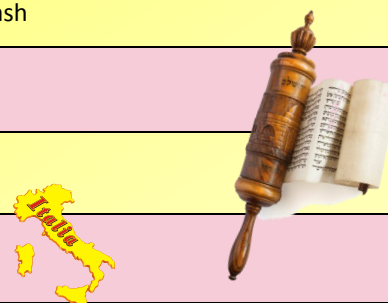
In honor of the YU Chag HaSemikhah: Rabbi Baruch Simon, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University

Shabbat Afternoon, March 22 **Pre-mincha:** *"Minhagim: the Old vs. the New."* **Seudah Shlishit:** *"Hakamat HaMishkan: Lessons for Life."*

Celebrate Purim at LSS (lss.org/purim)

Saturday Night, March 15 (Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends at 7:45pm)

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| 7:45pm | Beginners Megillah Reading | Room 206/207 |
| 8:00pm | Join Rabbi Robinson for a special Costume Parade! | In front of the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary |
| 8:15pm | Megillah Reading | Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary |
| 8:30pm | Young Professionals Megillah Reading | Belfer Beit Midrash |
| 9:00pm | Beginners Purim Bash (See the Beginners Announcements for more details) | Room 206/207 |
| After the main Megillah Reading | The entire Youth department is invited to make your own sundaes | Room 208/210 |
| (Approx 9pm) | Italian-themed Purim Celebration! (See more details in the featured upcoming events) | Ballroom |
| 9:30pm | Late Megillah Reading | Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary |



Sunday, March 16th

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| 6:45am | Shacharit Followed by Megillah Reading | Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary |
| 8:30am | Shacharit Followed by Megillah Reading | Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary |
| 10:00am | Womens Megillah Reading | Belfer Beit Midrash |
| 10:00am | Teen Megillah Reading & Breakfast | Room 211 |
| 9:30am-12pm | Youth Purim Carnival (See the Youth Announcements for more details) | Ballroom |
| 1:40pm | Mincha followed by Megillah Reading | Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary |



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: RABBI JAY M. STEIN

The golden calf is the sin against which all other sins in the Torah are measured. It is the greatest fracture between God and the Jewish people ever and became immediately the moment of greatest distance between us and God. Nearly every *Midrash* and commentary reminds us that the building of the Tabernacle was done as a measure to show the reconciliation of the people with God. The construction and execution of the Tabernacle, the *mishkan ha'edut*, becomes a testimony to the reestablishment of a line of communication between us and the Almighty. The Jewish people recognize they have sinned.

Moshe descends the mountain and smashes the tablets, the gift from God, and the people recoil. They know they have done wrong and they refocus and complete the building of the *Mishkan*. But all the while they wonder: have they made it up to God yet?

We all know the feeling. We are all in relationships and have done something wrong. We have apologized and the apology has been accepted, but we still wonder. There is a moment between when the time confidence-building measures are put in place and the time when real connection is reestablished. At every look, every gesture, every movement, we question the other's motives. What did he mean by that, what did she mean by that? The same is true of our bond with God.

At the end of this week's reading, God appears again in the same manifestation as He did when the book of Exodus began – in the manner of a cloud. God as seen through a cloud is our God of protection, our God of shade, our God of care. However, this time there is no room in the cloud for us, and the Jewish people are left to wonder, what does this mean?

V'lo yakhol moshe lavo el ohel moed, ki shakhan alav he'anan; ukh'vod Adonai maleh ha-mishkan. – And Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud rested upon it, and the Presence of God filled the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:35).

God has completely filled the space. The people become paralyzed and confused by the mixed signals. The Torah continues,

v'im lo ye'aleh he'anan v'lo yis'u ad yom he'aloto – And when the cloud did not ascend; they would not travel until it ascended (Exodus 40:37).

The people would not move until the cloud lifted. Is God's fully and completely filling the holy space of the Tabernacle a sign that God has accepted the apology, the *teshuvah*, of His *am segulah*, His chosen people, and has He returned to them, or is it a sign that there is no longer any room for us under the tent?

Hizkuni [France, 13th century] and Rashbam [France, 12th century] offer insight. Both explain the action in the most positive of terms. Both add the word "immediately" to the text suggesting that God inhabited the tabernacle immediately. *Ki shakhen elav ha-anan miyad, l'harot et hibato shel ha-Kodesh Barukh Hu al yisrael*: Because of God's love for the people of Israel, He immediately inhabited the sacred space they had created. No pause, no reluctance, no waiting – immediately God uses that which the people had created *Ki shakhen elav ha-anan miyad, l'harot et hibato shel ha-Kodesh Barukh Hu al yisrael*. God's response is fast – no pause, no moment of uncertainty, no reservation. God does not withhold His love for His people for a second.

Oh, that we could be a little more Godlike!

We linger and time passes and then there is a little smile and the true return occurs and we are grateful. God does not wait. God does not withhold affection and connection and we must learn from that. God accepts the return immediately. The moment we turn to God, God rushes to embrace us, longing always for our return.

You have the choice of deciding another's sincerity and whether or not their actions support or destroy your perception of their genuineness. But I urge you to give those you love the benefit of the doubt and seize every opportunity to embrace them. Rush in and take hold of your son, your daughter, your husband or your wife. Fill their lives with a love that is divine in its origin and delightful in its expression. Be like God and fill that void.