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26 SIVAN 5775 • JUNE 12-13, 2015 • SHABBAT MEVARCHIM
PARSHAT SH'LACH • CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:10PM

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Shabbat Evening

- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 6:54pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:10pm: 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: *Kedusha Desidra*
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer** and **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**. Pre-musaf Drasha by **Rav Ronen Neuwirth**
- 9:08am: 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
- 20 mins in Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary with **Rabbi Ronen Neuwirth**: *"The Transformation of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai: Insights into the Role of Contemporary Rabbinic Leadership"*

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 6:25pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:30pm: Women's Tefillah Group Mincha in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:55pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rav Ronen Neuwirth**: *Challenge of Orthodoxy in a rapidly changing world: Where do we draw the lines?*
- 6:55pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 7:55pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 9:11pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of June, 14– June 19
Sun – Thurs: Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:15pm

Sunday	Monday	Tues & Fri	Wed & Thurs (R.C. Tammuz)
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am
Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:40am

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



Welcome to our scholar in residence **Rabbi Ronen Neuwirth**. **Rabbi Ronen Neuwirth** serves as the Rabbi of Ohel Ari (Minyan Chadash) Congregation in Ra'annana. Rav Ronen is the founder and was the first executive director of "Beit Hillel – Attentive Spiritual Leadership", a spiritual leadership organization comprised of over 200 rabbanim and rabbaniyot, that strives to magnify the voice of the centrist mainstream Judaism and stop the religious extremism in Israel.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Golda Hudes** and **Sandy Gross** in appreciation for **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**, and his weekly shiur.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Shira** and **Avi Spira** in celebration of their daughter **Mia's** bat mitzvah; and by **Nyla** and **David Kamlet** in celebration of their daughter **Esme's** Bat mitzvah.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Judy** and **Cyrus Abbe** in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary. **Seudah Shlishit**

Sponsored by the families of **Ethan Freilich**, **Shira Hudes**, **Matthew Kirschenbaum**, **Jonah Klapholz**, **Daniella Krausz**, **Jordana Offer**, **Rachel Sheinwexler**, and **Benjamin Vogel** in celebration of their graduation from high school; and by LSS in celebration of the graduation of **Rabbi Ben Elton** with Semicha at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah.

MOLAD

The Molad for Rosh Chodesh Tamuz will be on Wednesday Morning at 55 minutes and 6 Chalakim after 2 AM. Rosh Chodesh Tamuz will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Mia Spira**, her parents **Shira** and **Avi Spira**, her grandparents, **Gale** and **Steve Spira**, and her siblings **Sara**, **Jack**, and **Liv**, on her Bat mitzvah.
- Mazal Tov to **Esme Kamlet**, her parents **Nyla** and **David Kamlet**, and her siblings **Isa** and **Ari**, on her Bat mitzvah.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Ben Elton** on his graduation with Semicha at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah.
- Mazal Tov to Grandparents **Miriam** and **Jeff Zuckerman** on the birth of a baby girl, **Esther Chana**, born to their children **Léa** and **Rabbi Yakir Schechter** in Merion Station, PA. Mazal Tov to big sisters **Penina**, **Batya**, and **Malky**.
- Mazal Tov to Grandfather **Joseph Verschleiser** on the birth of a baby girl, born to his children **Elisha** and **Alan Richter** a baby girl.
- Mazal Tov to **Michael** and **Marina Roxland** on birth of a baby boy.
- Mazal Tov to **Tova** and **Howard Weiser**, receiving 'Partners for life award, at annual Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation dinner.

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

LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR **51st**
Annual Dinner

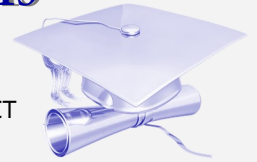
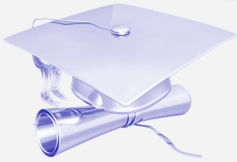
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 | 6:30 PM | LSS.ORG/DINNER

honoring

HANNAH & PAUL FREILICH
Guests of Honor

JACKIE & JONATHAN KOTLER
Young Leadership Award

MAZAL TOV TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015



Middle School Graduates

Avi Blitzer, son of Jerry Blitzer—Manhattan Day School
Colette Vynerib, granddaughter of Ilene & Lou Vynerib—Bedford Middle School in Westport, CT

High School Graduates

Ethan Freilich, son of Anna and Dr. Mark Freilach—SAR Academy
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 Academy
Jonah Klapholz, son of Dr Marjorie Lehman and Dr Ari Klapholz—Ramaz Upper School
Daniela Krausz, daughter of Emilio and Rebecca Krausz— SAR Academy
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 Academy

College and Graduate School Graduates

Jackie Cohen, daughter of Ruvan and Rochelle Cohen—B.A., Barnard College
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
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
Julia Tepper, daughter of Priscilla and Mark Tepper— B.A., Barnard College

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Women's Talk Time • Next Session is Wednesday, June 17th, 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.

West End Synagogue Clothing and Textile Drive • Monday, June 15th– Friday, June 19th

Our next door neighbors, West End Synagogue will be collecting the following items for their clothing and textile drive: clean and dry clothing, paired shoes, linens, handbags, belts and other reusable textiles. Your donations will be reused, redistributed or recycled through grownyc.org. Look for the Collection Box in the WES Lobby. Sponsored by YMSAC, Barbara Gish Scult, Chair

New Members Social • Next Shabbat, June 20th • 5:00pm

Please join us on the terrace (weather-permitting) on June 20th at 5pm for light refreshments and a chance to meet and greet some of our newest members. For new members, it's a great way to become part of the LSS family, and for long-timers, an opportunity to get to know some of the many new faces at shul.

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, \$40 for non-members, \$180 to sponsor (includes 2 seats.)

Last Sunday evening there was an incredible program at Lincoln Square Synagogue celebrating the life of Yaakov Birnbaum z"l. Natan Sharransky, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Rabbi Shaul Robinson, Malcolm Hoenlein and Congressman Jerrold Nadler spoke of Yaakov's devotion to Soviet Jewry and human rights, likening him to biblical heroes and Cantor Sherwood Goffin sang songs from the Soviet Jewry movement - the packed house joined him for Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach's "Am Yisroel Chai." A memorable evening for those who had marched, protested and supported Yaakov's vision. A teaching lesson for all generations on how each individual can make a difference. Watch for the video of the evening.

Thanks to the donors, security, ushers and greeters: The Genesis Prize Foundation, Judy & Cyrus Abbe, Shirley Wald, Susan Ruttner, Freda Birnbaum, Shirley Stark, Jack Brown, Jesse Cogan, Lenny Davidman, Izzy Fridman, Cantor Goffin, Ian Silver, Mark Hus, Rachel Lindenthal, Ari Dubinsky, Bernie Zweig, Marcy Zwecker, Ari Klapholz, Nathan Rosen, Chaviva Warner, Helene Katz Freedman, Pearl Glassberg, Jake Brzowsky, Howard Zeisel, Zvi Bassan - and special thanks to Ben Keil and Brian Chartock. It was a pleasure to work with you - Ronny Bassan

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

Topic: *Mitzvah 388: Guarding the Temple*

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

- The **LAST** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, June 15th at 6:30pm**. The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.
- The **LAST** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, June 15th at 6:30pm**. The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.

ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

Visiting Israel?

We'd love to hear from you!

We are exploring the feasibility of offering a new program designed to promote a stronger connection between our members and Eretz Israel. We have started discussions with an Israeli institution of Torah study to provide short-term classes for our members while they are visiting Israel. The learning would be tailored to accommodate the visitors' schedule. It could range from attending a single lecture to learning over several days or weeks with a chavrusa. We could also leverage the shul's institutional relationships to arrange for volunteer opportunities while in Israel. Last, but not least, we could arrange for family-to-family meetings between our visiting members and Israelis.

We are happy to arrange these programs but, first, we need to find out whether there is sufficient interest among our members.

To that end, we are conducting a survey which is being distributed through email. If you are likely to be travelling to Israel in the next 12 months, please take 5 minutes to complete the survey.

Today rabbah!

CHESED CORNER

THE TELEPHONE FRIENDS PROJECT at **LSS** welcomes a new friend. If you are interested in being a warm, joyous voice on the telephone wishing a fellow shul member a warm "Shabbat Shalom" please email chesed@lss.org. We look forward to seeing this project grow. The project needs members who would enjoy chatting with another shul member Erev Shabbos and want to partner with a "caller" please email chesed@lss.org. Once we are ready to go, we will partner people with each other.

The Chesed Committee will meet on Tuesday, June, 16th at 6:30 in room 211 at the Shul. If you have any ideas for future projects please forward them to chesed@lss.org. New people are also welcome to attend the meeting. Let us know if you plan to come in person.

A joyous Shabbat to all.

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 SH'LACH

By: Rabbi Charlie Savoror

Challah and The Spies

Challah is such a serious mitzvah that the Talmud says that it's one of the "sins" for which women die in childbirth if they neglect it. The gravity of the commandment teaches us that challah is not a flaky mitzvah.

The mitzvah of taking challah appears in Parshat Shelach Lecha immediately following the episode of the spies. I believe that this juxtaposition teaches us something significant.

The 15th century Spanish commentator, Seforno, believes that God gives us the mitzvah of challah after the spies because it is a mitzvah that needs to be performed while the Israelites are in the Promised Land. In other words, after the Children of Israel are told that they will not enter the Land of Israel, God reassures them that their children, the next generation, will. When their children enter the Promised Land, there will be special mitzvot to be performed there. Challah symbolizes the hope of continuation for our ancestors and for us today, by association.

The blessing over the bread also unlocks its ritual importance within our tradition. Based on Psalm 104:14, this blessing praises God as the one "who brings forth bread from the earth" *hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz*. If you consider the blessing, *Hamotzi Lechem MinHa'Aretz*, for a moment, it does not make sense. God does not bread come from the ground. God gives us wheat, and we make the bread from the wheat! The blessing bespeaks the partnership between God and humanity.

I would like to offer an alternative understanding of this well known *bracha* that further explains the connection between the challah we enjoy on Shabbat and the episode of the spies.

Hebrew is a rich language because words share roots. *Lechem* – bread - can also be read as *lochem* – fighter. If we read the *bracha* using the latter – "*Hamotzi Lochem*," then it would be "God removes the rebel from the land." In other words, bread in general and challah in particular subtly remind us at every sitting of what's at stake. If we rebel like our ancestors did against God, God has the ability to bring us out of the Land.

In rabbinic literature, the Shabbat table is compared to the altar in the *Beit Hamikdash*. In light of this, we might expect that the challah on our Shabbat table would be comparable to the showbreads that were in the Temple. How many loaves of showbreads were there? Twelve. Yet we have two challot on Shabbat.

I submit to you today that the 2 loaves that are on our table every Shabbat subtly remind us of the episode of the 12 spies, and especially the two brave ones who saw what God wanted them to see and spoke up to the rest of the people.

Adelle Davis, the mid-20th century pioneer in nutrition, said "We are indeed much more than what we eat, but what we eat can nevertheless help us to be much more than what we are."

By associating challah with the spies, we are inspired to be more than we are. Even a *kazayit*, a small portion, of bread and challah not only signifies a meal, but also underscores God's aspirations for us, the partnership we can share in repairing the world, and the countless opportunities for creating community by breaking bread together. This is certainly a recipe for a delicious future for us and our children.