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20 ADAR BET 5774 • PARSHAT SHMINI • PARSHAT PARA
MARCH 21-22, 2014 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 6:51PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi
Sherwood Goffin
Senior Cantor
Yanky Lemmer
Cantor
Dr. Elana Stein Hain
Community Scholar
Lloyd Epstein
President
Ben Keil
Executive Director

Friday Evening

- 6:51pm:** Candle Lighting
6:55pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Goffin**

Shabbat Day

- 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 **Chazzan Goffin**. Drasha by **Rabbi Robinson**
9:15am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.
9:58am: Latest Shema

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm:** Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed. *Please note new time.*
5:10pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
5:40pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
5:40pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary by **Rabbi Baruch Simon**:
"Minhagim: the Old vs. the New"
6:40pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
Seudah Shlishit Presentation by **Rabbi Baruch Simon**:
"Hakamat HaMishkan: Lessons for Life."
7:53pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends



A warm welcome to **Rabbi Baruch Simon**, the Colonel Jehiel R. Elyachar Professor of Talmud at the Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies. Rabbi Simon will be delivering the Pre-Mincha Shiur as well as speaking during Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat in honor of the YU Chag HaSemikhah.

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsorship Welcome

Main Kiddush

Sponsored in memory of **Doris and Herman Schwarz, z"l**, on the occasion of the Shloshim of **Herman Schwarz**, by their Beloved Mohegan Lake Family and LSS Fan Club; by friends of the **Shaykins**, wishing them the best on their move to Riverdale; and by **Wendy Baker** as she shares her memory of the 50th anniversary of her blessed marriage to **Sydney Baker, z"l**.

CoSponsored anonymously in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of **Yehoshua ben Moshe Mordechai, z"l**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by the Beginners Minyan in honor of **Moshe Sheinwexler** for teaching the Beginners Mishna class and in honor of **James Yitro Young** on becoming a member of the tribe.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored in memory of **Doris and Herman Schwarz, z"l**.

Next Shabbat: Farewell Kiddush Luncheon for Dr. Elana Stein Hain

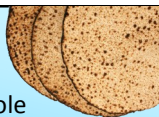
Join us next Shabbat for a farewell Shabbat for our Community Scholar, **Dr. Elana Stein Hain**, who will deliver the drasha in the main sanctuary for the last time as LSS clergy. Please join us in donating towards a special Kiddush Luncheon in honor of Dr. Elana Stein Hain. If you would like to participate, please visit lss.org/desh.

Welcome to the Newest Members of our LSS Community

Dani and Carrie Eckstein
Avital Sterngold and Ben Kaminski

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 is **Thursday, April 3rd**.



Lost and Found Announcement

We have several items that have been returned to the LSS main office since Purim. These include books, glasses, scarves, sweaters, shoes, a full Megillah scroll, and more. If you misplaced anything, please email info@lss.org so that we can return these items to their owners.

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to Rabbis **Josh Rosenfeld**, **Elihu Abbe**, **Eitan Bendavid**, **Dov Lerner**, **Ari Schwab**, and **Shlomo Zuckier** on being awarded Semikhah at Yeshiva University Chag HaSemikhah.
- Mazal Tov to Grandparents **Neil and Robin Goldberg** on the birth of a baby boy, born to their children **Seth and Leah Goldberg**.
- Mazal Tov grandparents **Amos and Miryam Alter** on the birth of a baby girl, born to their children **Rabbi Yoel and Chana Baila Alter**.

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, March 23 - Friday, March 28

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thurs at 7:00 pm

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

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – lss.org/classes

SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha (Not meeting this week)
Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

MONDAY

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels 1 & 2 • 6:30pm

TUESDAY

- Parsha Class w/ **Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am**
- Introduction to Bible

Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30pm-8:00pm

- More Matters of Faith

Rabbi Ben Elton • 7:15pm-8:15pm

March 25th – Revelation– Can the Infinite speak to the finite?

April 1st – Prayer– can we change G-d's mind

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**
- 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

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◇ Yiddish Writings of the Rav. (7pm)

Led by **Moshe Sheinwexler**.

◇ Your People Shall be My People—Now What?

Led by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

THURSDAY

- (NEW) Three-part pre-Pesach Series

Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:15pm



March 27th- The Seder of Rabban Gamliel and the Roasted Lamb - The Seder as it once was

April 3rd- The Seder of Rav Huna – 'Let all who are hungry come and eat' – How Seder night changed

April 10th - The Seder of Rabbi Akiva 'To include the days of the Messiah' -How Seder night helps us plan for the future.

Youth Announcements– lss.org/youth

Purim was super fun at LSS!

Kudos to everyone who came in with amazingly creative costumes and showed them off at our costume parade.

The post-Megillah ice cream was amazing, and the carnival was awesome! Thanks to all of you who came out to support, ran a booth, and gave your time to making Purim at LSS a huge success.

Upcoming Events

"Self Portrait"- a program for 5th and 6th grade girls

Sunday March 23rd, 11:30am-1:00pm, 5th-6th grade girls, room 211, \$5.

Dee Lebovits, licensed social worker (LMSW) and accomplished photographer, brings her program, "Self Portrait" to LSS for a one-time seminar. "Self Portrait" teaches students how to take photographs and closely look at the world around them - all while learning skills to help develop positive self-image and become empowered as they discover their own creativity. **Pizza will be served.**

Singing With Sivan

Wednesday March 19th and continuing weekly for the next 3 weeks, 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.

Matzah Factory at LSS

Sunday April 6, 10 - 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.

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.

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 - March 22, 2014

We all read Parshat Zachor prior to Purim. Some of us live it. We see the threats to the Jewish community and we take action. Be one of the protectors of the Jewish community. Join the LSS Security Team. Contact Harvey Stein head of LSS security at security@lss.org. If you see something, say something.

Pesach Hospitality

Honoring the ancient tradition of *kol dichfin yetei v'yechol*, LSS would like to ensure that all members have an opportunity to participate in a traditional seder in a warm home environment. We are reaching out to identify members who are conducting seders at home and may be able to invite one or more guests, as well as members who would like to receive invitations. We hope to be able to match hosts and guests in a way that will enrich the holiday for all. Email hospitality@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

- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm**). This course, which meets for another **2 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.
- **Hebrew Reading Crash Courses Level I and Level II** began on **Monday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm**. The classes meet for 1½ hours, for **2 more weeks**, and are free and open to all. Register at www.beginners.lss.org.
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will be this **Tuesday, March 25th, 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: Zemirot workshop in conjunction with Shabbat 3/29 lunch placement in homes.**
- **Save the date: Beginners Model Seder**, scheduled for **Thursday, April 10th, 7:00pm**. Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and Cantor Sherwood Goffin for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Passover 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.
- **Save the date: Beginners Passover Shabbaton** scheduled for **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.
- **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**.

Featured Upcoming Events—lss.org/events



***Jews and the Military* shiur by Dr. Elana Stein Hain in Memory of Mark Wald, z"l**

Sunday, March 23 • 9:30am

Sponsored by **Shirley Wald and family**. **Breakfast** will be served.



Pre-Passover Wine Tasting and Sale

Sunday, March 23 • 3-6pm

LSS is proud to partner with *Gotham Wines & Liquors* to bring the largest pre-Passover kosher wine tasting in NYC to our shul. There is a special rate of \$10 off for LSS Members! The price is originally \$30. (\$20 with LSS membership discount). Members can pay online to get the discounted rate up **until 10am on Sunday morning**.



Screenings of *Shtisel*

It's a hit! The remaining episodes of the hit Israeli TV series, *Shtisel*, will be shown over the next few weeks: Sunday, March 23 @ 7:00 PM, Sunday, March 30 @ 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM. Tickets for the 4-night series are \$60. Tickets are \$15 at the door.



Seudah Shlishit Speaker, Sasha Friedman, Director of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation/JDC Camp

Shabbat, March 29th



Scholar-in-residence, Dr. Alan Kadish, President and CEO of Touro College

Shabbat, April 4-5

Shabbat Morning Drasha: "*Elitism and Condescension: The Role of Bnei Yisroel.*"

Pre-Mincha Shiur: "*Free Will and Divine Providence: Understanding the Reality.*"

Seudah Shelishit: "*Questions and Answers of Jewish Education and Continuity.*"



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 R. Avraham Marmorstein. Full program of fun kids' activities!



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.

WHAT TO DO

I WAS LOST in a technology I was not familiar with—nervous and worried that if I didn't get it now I would never get it, ever. It was my job in Customer Service to answer other peoples' questions only nobody was answering mine, especially my boss whose cubicle was on the other side of our partition. From the way he was ignoring me whenever I stood up and showed my face over the top, he could well have been on Mars.

When I asked him on the way to the lavatory, *"What's your biggest fear about working with me?"*— an already reasonable question to ask when a new relationship is fraying at the edges—he said he worried about getting his own job done and that he might have bitten off more than he could chew by taking me on even with all the intelligence and enthusiasm he said I showed. He felt I was resistant to proceed with something until I understood it totally.

I was glad I asked.

"Why don't we chat?" he suggested. Honestly, I didn't see how a program that seemed primarily for teenage socializing could apply to an office but I quickly found out how easy it was to access my boss and everyone else in his world. When he saw my questions on his monitor in 12-point type with emoticons, he seemed so much more likely to respond. Just as I had felt trapped by his technology, he felt trapped by my over-the-top enthusiasm. I had impinged on his space next to mine. Over a time, he would ask me to expand some questions into longer and better thought-out emails. In moments of sheer bliss, he would honor me with that much longed-for communiqué, *'we need face time.'*

And so in looking back at my life, I have come to realize that getting the right question down has saved me.

Would a scene out of this week's *Parasha* turn out differently had the two central characters have thought to ask someone else what to do?

NADAV: I'm having second thoughts, Avihu, about this incense offering of ours. It's too revolutionary an app for an altar program that's supposed to ignite the results of obedient behavior and not the inner drives of self-expression. I'm afraid of a massive systemic failure whose consequences I won't predict. Maybe we need more research and development.

AVIHU: We're out of time, holy brother. Dad's on first.

NADAV: Why don't we ask him?

AVIHU: So he'll tell us to call Uncle Moshe? You know the tension there. Dad always playing second fiddle, the Golden Calf, etc. This'll be to his credit. Love on top of love. The first premium offering. He'll be proud of the initiative his sonny-boys took. That nobody does it this way is always the innovator's dilemma.

NADAV: But it's disruptive. We're playing with fire, pun intended.

AVIHU: Because we didn't ask a question? We're supposed to be leaders!

NADAV: And trap God with our enthusiasm? Impinge on His space? If we go Live with this...

AVIHU: ...what. Say it.

NADAV: I'm afraid.

SO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. Their app was a killer—zapping *them*. They should have first asked. The Sages tell us not to decide the law in the face of Rabbis who are in the direct line of Torah transmission and more likely to be well-versed in the issues. (If you want me to pitch you a source, here's *moreh Halacha lifnei rabo.*) But is there a wider perspective we can also take in? Consider:

Could we avoid or reduce the number of life's bad mistakes by holding off, asking the right person the right question and getting the best information we need to make the next move? If you ask any employer – or rabbi or teacher, for that matter -- about the questions they don't get but wish they did, about what would they be? Do we ask less and surf more because one-way screen answers are easier to deal with than heart-to-heart talks about questions that truly matter? How's about a four-to-five hour workout one night soon, asking each other one good question after another after another until we're ready to drop? Pesach, anyone?

Shlomo Gewirtz can be reached at DavidMoment.com.

Mishloach Manot

Thank you to all the members who took part in the very successful Mishloach Manot campaign this year! If you are an LSS member and did not pick up the Mishloach Manot and scroll, please make an arrangement to pick it up with the mail office. We will have Mishloach Manot available during office hours: M-Thur 9-5 and Friday 9-1.

