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29 NISSAN 5775 • APRIL 17-18, 2015 • SHABBAT MEVARCHIM
PARSHAT SHMINI • CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:20PM

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 6:14pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 7:20pm: Candle Lighting
- 7:25pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 7:45pm: MDS and Junior Yachad Shabbaton dinner

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 Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:33am: Latest Shema
- 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.
- 5:35pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:05pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: "I Believe in Miracles?: Reflections on the Foundation of Belief."**
- 6:05pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 7:05pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 8:21pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

MOLAD

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Iyar will be Sunday morning 27 minutes and 4 chalakim after 1am. Rosh Chodesh Iyar will be on Sunday and Monday.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, April 19– Friday, April 24

Sun– Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:30pm

Sunday (RC Iyar)	Monday (RC Iyar)	Thurs	Tues, Wed, & Fri
Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	(Yom Haatzmaut)	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:40am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:50am
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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Elissa and Robert Burnat** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Bob's mother, **Esther Gittel bas Shlomo, a"l**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Rabbi Abe Rabinovich** in celebration of **Menachem's** Bar Mitzvah, and by **Linda and Martin Kish** in celebration of **Isabelle's** Bat Mitzvah.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Linda and Martin Kish** in celebration of **Isabelle's** Bat Mitzvah and by **Beatrice Stoller** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved brother **Arnold Marvin Mazur, z"l**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Pinhas Zekry** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of **Aliza bat Eliaho and Zohara, a"l**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Shelley and Ruvan Cohen** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their son, **Nathaniel Richman Cohen, z"l**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Marcy Zecher

MAZAL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS

- Mazal Tov to **Linda and Martin Kish** on the bat mitzvah of their daughter, **Isabelle**.
- Mazal Tov to **Abe Rabinovich** on the bar mitzvah of his son, **Menachem**.
- Mazal Tov to Grandparents **Marvin and Aviva Sussman** on the birth of a baby boy, born to their children **JJ and Aliza Sussman** in Jerusalem.; And also on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Yoav**, son of their children **Rina and Avi Sussman** in Ra'anana. Mazal Tov to great-grandmother **Els Bendheim**, to uncle and aunt **Josh and Shari Goldberg**, and to great aunt and uncle **Judy and Moshe Sokolov**.
- Mazal Tov to Grandparents **Deborah and Fred Lieber** on the birth of a baby boy, born to their children **Amanda and Menachem Lieber**.

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

Hachnasat Sefer Torah

Monday, April 20th, at 6:30pm

Celebrate with us at the arrival of a new Sefer Torah— our community's first Sephardic Torah Scroll. The Sefer Torah is being donated by Mrs. Chella Safra and her children Jacob, Edmond, Esther, and Olga to honor their beloved husband and father Moise (Moshe) Safra, z"l.

Desire, Faith & Therapy: Psychological Perspectives on Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity in the Orthodox Jewish Community. Sunday, April 19, 2015, 8:30am-5:30pm

A conference for Mental Health Professionals, Rabbinic Authorities, Community Leaders, Educators & Students
The all day workshop including kosher breakfast lunch and coffee will be held at The Kraft Center for Jewish Life, Columbia University. Cost: \$135. Register at universe.com/OrthodoxMentalHealth

April Book Club Meeting

Sunday, April 26, at 7:30pm

We will be meeting at the home of Steven and Gale Spira to discuss a book of short stories - "The UnAmericans" by Molly Antopol. Steve Spira will lead the discussion.

UWS Young Professionals Yom Ha'atzmaut Program

Wednesday, April 22nd, at 6:45pm

Young Professionals event to commemorate Yom Hazikaron and celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, featuring a Yom HaZikaron Tekes Ceremony, a Musical Tefillah Hagigit, special guest Ambassador Ido Aharoni, and a Soulfarm concert. Mincha is a 6:45 and Soulfarm will begin at 8:15. All are welcome. Registration is free. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/UWSIsrael>

Fire Safety for Jewish Observances

Monday, April 27, 2015, at 8:00pm

Join the Upper West Side Jewish community at Lincoln Square Synagogue for a Q&A with the FDNY, addressing safety issues on Shabbat and Yom Tov.

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

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, April 20th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. Jewish Living Workshop, a 10 sessions series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com or www.lss.org. **Topic: Kosher – Like to keep it but what do I do when I go to non-Kosher relatives/friends?**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, May 2nd, 2015**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, April 30th**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call **212-874-6100**.
- **Save the date! Monday, May 4th, 2015, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, May 4th, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will begin **Monday, May 4th, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date! Saturday night, May 23rd, 11:30pm-7:00am – All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon**. 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 #420: "Shema: The Oneness of G-d."** Refreshments will be served, no reservation necessary.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am
(Class resumes April 26th)

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

Talmudic Logic w/ Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm

Spring Semester of Nach B'Iyun 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**
7:15pm

ISRAEL CORNER

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION @ LSS

In a few days, we will celebrate the 67th anniversary of the realization of the 2000 year old Jewish dream of living as a free nation, in our land of Zion and Yerushalaim.

And what better way to celebrate than with Israeli scholar-in-residence, [Gidi Grinstein](#) of the [Reut Institute in Tel Aviv](#). Gidi is a graduate of the Tel Aviv University schools of Law and Economics, as well as of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a Wexner Israel Fellow. He is currently on sabbatical in New York, lives in our neighborhood and daavens at LSS. He is also the author of "Flexigidity: The Invisible Hand of Jewish Adaptability."

Want to hear the stories about Israel that you will not read in The New York Times? Come hear Gidi speak next Shabbat, April 25. He will address the kehila three times:

- After Musaf in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary, he will speak on "The Legacy and Destiny of Israel to be a Light Unto the Nations."
- One hour before Mincha, he will speak on "Israel Innovation."
- During seudat shlishit he will speak on "Inclusive Prosperity."

COMEDY SPECIAL

Enjoy standup comedy by Joel Chassnof at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue at 30 West 68th Street on April 23. Doors open at 7:30 pm, show starts at 8:00 pm. To purchase tickets please call 212.877.4050 ext. 254. This event is co-sponsored by the JCC of Manhattan as part of the UWS Celebrates Israel program.

THE UWS CELEBRATES ISRAEL

Please note that LSS is one of the co-sponsors of the week-long festivities that include music, food and cultural activities and will run from April 21-26. The event is co-sponsored with the UJA-Federation, the JCC Manhattan. For program updates and to register, please visit www.uwsISRAEL.org

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Insights into the weekly Parsha and other matters at the heart of the LSS community

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PARSHAT SHMINI

By: Rabbi Dr Ben Elton

This Shabbat falls between Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day and Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day. Now is an ideal moment to consider these two greatest events in the last century of Jewish history, and how we should respond to them as Jews and as religious Zionists.

On Yom haShoah, the first reaction must be profound grief, without blame, and without, God forbid, an attempt at theological explanation. As when anyone in our family is injured or murdered, we don't seek explanations, we just feel the pain, and Am Yisrael is one family, and it is obscene to make drashot on each other's suffering. We say Baruch Dayan Emet and we are silent.

On Yom HaAtzma'ut we can feel enormous gratitude to the Almighty. As Rav Soloveitchik pointed out, the creation of the State was no less than God knocking on the door of history. The remarkable vote in the United Nation to create the State, the military victory, the creation of a safe haven for all Jews, the declaration that Jewish blood is not hefker, is not cheap. All of these were Divine interventions into history which we should acknowledge and celebrate. I do feel it is right to draw theological conclusions, just as we say shehechyanu, hatov vehemetiv, hold a seudat toda, make a personal Purim and all the other traditional markings of an act of Divine kindness and salvation.

I want to suggest that we can go one step further, and not limit our reaction to the Shoah and the creation of the State of Israel to the specific events with which they are concerned.

The end of this morning's parasha restates the purpose of Jewish existence, says God: 'Be holy, for I am holy'. We are given this instruction several times in the Humash, and although here it is connected to the dietary laws, it is a principle which goes beyond any particular mitzvah. As the Ramban teaches us, it is an entire orientation to the good, the right and the just.

The victims of the Holocaust, those who have lost their lives for Israel's independence and security were certainly kedoshim, holy martyrs. The question is how can we, who were not and are not called upon to make that sacrifice, how are we to be kedoshim? Perhaps by how we conduct ourselves in the light of the Shoah and the creation of the State of Israel.

We know what it is like to be a persecuted people, we know what it is like to be vulnerable, stateless and alone, we know what it is like to be attacked by hostile forces determined to exterminate us. When the Torah commands us: 'Love the stranger: for you were strangers in the land of Egypt', it is not just issuing a specific commandment, but creating a paradigm. We are to take our experiences of struggle and difficulty and use them to deepen our empathy and compassion towards others.

When we look at the world, particularly Africa and the Middle East, we see crisis everywhere. In Sudan, 1.5 million people have been displaced and 2.5 million are in danger of starvation. In Syria 12.2 million people need humanitarian assistance. The atrocities which ISIS is perpetrating across the region are too horrific to mention.

Never Again, has to mean Never Again for us, and for all innocents who suffer. Our ordeal in the Holocaust and the vital need for protection which made the creation of the State of Israel essential should make us advocates for those who are enduring their own horrors today. No nation is the target of total genocide, as we were, but the pain they are enduring is real enough in its own terms.

We have plenty to do to promote the safety and security of Jews and of Israel, but in this moment between Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzma'ut, maybe we can consider how we might advocate for others, who are weaker than us and need our help. We are called on by God to be holy in every aspect of our lives, and that includes how we make the world as a whole a holier place.