



# ECHOD

2 ADAR 5775 • FEBRUARY 20-21, 2015

PARSHAT TERUMAH • CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:19PM

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President

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 5:19pm: Candle Lighting  
5:25pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary  
Followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv led by  
**Zachary Buller**

### 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: *Concluding the Amidah*  
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Shacharit led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin**. Musaf led by  
**Zachary Buller**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.  
9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room  
LL201 (Lower Level)  
9:25am: Latest Shema  
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit  
Midrash

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby.  
New volunteers are urgently needed.  
3:50pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in  
the Belfer Beit Midrash  
4:20pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**:  
*Rebels, Radicals, & Rabblers: 3 Unusual Rabbis.*  
*Week 2 - R. Menachem Chai Shalom Froman*  
4:20pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Shlomo Gewirtz**  
5:05pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit  
6:20pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

*Thank you to our volunteer greeters, security guards,  
and ushers this Shabbat.*

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, Feb 22nd- Friday, Feb 27th

Sun — Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 5:25pm

Mon — Thurs

Late Ma'ariv: 8:15pm

Sunday

Shacharit: 7:10am

Daf Yomi: 7:45am

Shacharit: 8:30am

Mon & Thurs

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:00am

Shacharit: 7:50am

Tues, Wed, & Fri

Daf Yomi: 6:20am

Shacharit: 7:10am

Shacharit: 7:50am

## SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT

### New LSS Security Classes

**Part 1: Sun Feb 22      Part 2: Sun March 1, 7 pm to 10 pm**

The next CSS shul security class for LSS members will be **Sun. Feb 22, 2015** and **Sun March 1, 2015**, from 7 to 10 pm.

To register please contact **Ian Silver** at [security@lss.org](mailto:security@lss.org).

You must attend both 3-hour classes. Graduates of this class will be qualified to assist in shul security matters.

**Now is the time to act.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**Mr. Solan Schwab**

## MAZAL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS

- Mazal Tov to **Esther Goldsmith and Jeff Buller** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Zachary**. Mazal Tov to Zachary's siblings **Gabriel, Rachel and Benjamin**
- Mazal Tov to **Talia and Liron David** on the birth of a baby boy.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Steve Kay Kupietzky** in honor of his parents, **Rabbi Jonah & Fran Kupietzky**, on their 59th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on Feb 16th.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Esther Goldsmith and Jeff Buller** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Zachary**.

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Naomi Ferrando** in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** and **Rabbi Meir Fund** and the LSS community.

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Janine David**, and **Menachem Sherr**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of David's father, **Joseph Sherr, z"l**.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Judie and Michael Goldsmith** and **Libby Buller** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Zachary**; and by **Dr. Ira Friedman** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, **Ruth Friedman, Rivka bas Nachum Yosef a"h**.

## FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual Midwinter Conference of the CCA at WSIS • Sunday, Feb. 22nd • 11:30am

Cantor Sherwood Goffin, Co-President of the Cantorial Council of America (Belz School), announces the Annual Midwinter Conference of the CCA. This event will feature **Cantors Joseph Malovany and Zevi Cohen** speaking, and a Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Dovid Cohen** of the Young Israel of the West Side. Registration is free and open to the public. Refreshments are included

### Film Screening: Above and Beyond & Talk by Rav Benny Lau • Motza'ei Shabbat, February 28th • 7:30pm

Above and Beyond is the story of "Machal," a group of World War II pilots, mostly American, who volunteered to fight for Israel in its 1948 War of Independence and helped found the Israeli Air Force. Following the film, at 9:15 pm we have the privilege of hearing from Rabbi Dr. Benjamin (Benny) Lau, *Senior lecturer at Beit Morasha of Jerusalem's Beit Midrash for Women and Advanced Halacha Program, a founder of the Beit Midrash for Social Justice, and head of the Israel Democracy Institute's Human Rights and Judaism in Action project.* \$10 in advance at [lss.org/film](http://lss.org/film)



### Polemics and Purim: The Visual Imagery of Purim in the Jewish/Christian Debate • Sunday, March 1st • 10:30am

Presented by Dr. Dana Fishkin, Assistant Professor of History, Touro's Lander Center for Women and Graduate School for Jewish Studies. This lecture illuminates the dynamic of Jewish-Christian interactions through analysis of Purim in Medieval Manuscripts.



### Rabbi Moshe Sokolow Book Launch and Lecture • Monday, March 2nd • 7:30pm

Join us in the Beit Midrash for Rabbi Sokolow's annual lecture in memory of his parents, Hannah and Joseph Sokolow.

He will speak about the Place Megillat Esther in TANAKH, and will launch his new book, *Tanakh: An Owner's Manual*, which will be available for sale.



### Book Launch: Judaism and Other Religions: Models of Understanding by Alan Brill • Sunday, March 8th • 7pm

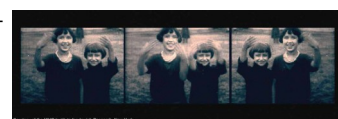
Rabbi Dr Alan Brill will be in conversation with Rabbi Dr Ben Elton Chaired by Rabbi Ysoscher Katz of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. Alan Brill is the Cooperman/Ross Endowed Chair for Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, where he teaches Jewish studies in the graduate program. Dr. Brill received his BA, MA, and Ordination from Yeshiva University and his PhD from the Department of Theology at Fordham University. Currently, is engaged in long term research on a book on the Varieties of Modern Orthodoxy.



### Museum Tour: Letters to Afar: By Péter Forgács, Films of Polish Jewish Life on the Brink Sunday, March 15 2015 • 10:30 AM • Museum of the City of NY, 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street

Last week of this highly acclaimed exhibit, based on home movies made by New York City's Jewish immigrants who traveled back to visit Poland during the 1920s and 30s. The films document poignant family reunions and everyday life in small towns in the years before the Second World War. These "letters" bring to life a lost world in startling and moving detail.

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## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

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### SAVE THE DATES

The Israel Committee has been busy planning activities over the next few months; more details to follow, but, for now, save the dates for these exciting upcoming events:

Sunday March 1: Rav Benny Lau from Beit Morasha in Jerusalem will give a brief *shiur* in Ivrit right after the first schaharit minyan.

Motza'ei Shabbat March 21: Israeli-style beit café. Come enjoy hot coffee and cool, live Israeli music.

Sunday, April 19: Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration!

Sunday, May 31: Israel Day Parade. Come, march with LSS and with neighborhood synagogues.

Volunteers needed to help us run these events; please let either Ann Crane [anncrane2750@gmail.com](mailto:anncrane2750@gmail.com) or

Nathan Vogel [nathan.vogel.lss@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.vogel.lss@gmail.com) know if you can help.

### ADVOCATE FOR ISRAEL

In the early 1940's, even as the news of the horror of the concentration camps was coming out of Europe, many Jews were reluctant to speak out lest they be accused of a dual loyalty. Let's not be like those Jews, let our voices be heard in the corridors of Congress while there is still time to act. Here are two ways that we can help:

#### Annual AIPAC Conference: March 1 - 3

To register, please visit [www.policyconference.org](http://www.policyconference.org). When you register, please do so under LSS in order to be invited to the LSS luncheon during the conference. Should you have questions, please see Ann Crane.

#### Annual NORPAC Conference: May 13

During this one day event attendees will meet virtually the entire U.S. Congress and will make sure that the issues of importance to our community -- such as the commitment to a strong and secure Israel -- get the attention and support they deserve. To register, please visit [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net). While the date of the conference may seem far away, note that there is a discount for those who register before the end of February. Buses will be leaving from in front of LSS in the morning and returning in the evening.

## 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

5-8th boys and girls: Room 211—10:15am

Youth Breakfast @ 9:30am in room 206

Math Circle is in session-

Monday nights from 6-8pm

in room 208. Open to children in 4th grade and up.

Contact [hjstein@gmail.com](mailto:hjstein@gmail.com)

### **Purim Carnival • Sunday, March 1 • 1-4 pm • LSS Ballroom**

Join us for Purim fun and games for all ages from toddlers through tweens.

Wear your costume, bring a friend and get excited!

There will be carnival games, prizes, and even a dog show!

*Special Performances:*

Bubble Show @ 1:30 pm • Acrobatic Dog Show @ 3 pm

Tickets:

Early Bird: \$20/person

At The Door: \$25/person

Age 1 And Under: \$10/person

Sponsorship: \$100

Sign up at [lss.org/PurimCarnival](http://lss.org/PurimCarnival)

## Weekly Learning Opportunities

### SUNDAY

**Minchat Chinuch** with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

Topic: *Mitzva 98 - Lighting the Temple Menorah*

### MONDAY

**Kadish Class** with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 8:30pm

### TUESDAY

**Parsha Class** with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

**Intro to Bible w/ Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** • 6:30-8pm

**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

An in-depth look at a single Talmudic subject matter, starting from the relevant Biblical texts and delving into the logic system of the Gemara. This year's topic will be **"Misappropriation & Trespass"**

**Nach B'lyun: Sefer Shmuel Beginning w/ Chapter 11**

**With Rabbi Hayyim Angel**

The Spring Semester of the popular Series began on Wednesday, January 28th. \$20 per class.

Sign up at [lss.org/RabbiAngel](http://lss.org/RabbiAngel)

### THURSDAY

**Parsha Class** with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:00pm

## Special Announcements

### **Board Meeting • Sunday, February 22nd • 7:30pm**

LSS is delighted to be involved in a **Sefer Torah dedication project**, with giving opportunities at the Parsha and Aliyah level. Dedications will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Full Parshas can be dedicated for \$2400 and Aliyas can be dedicated for \$360.

To make a dedication, or to see images from the Sofer's progress in Israel, visit [lss.org/torah](http://lss.org/torah)

### **Purim Mishloach Manot Sale 2015**

Take part in this year's Mishloach Manot program. Send packages to other LSS members at \$8/household. The deadline for registration is Friday, February 27th. Open to LSS members only.

Sign up at [lss.org/mishloachmanot](http://lss.org/mishloachmanot) (must be logged-in to view)

### **YP Megillah Reading Purim Night in the Belfer Beit Midrash Wednesday, March 4th 5:25pm: Mincha/Ma'ariv/Megillah**

## Beginners Announcements

- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments (Began Tuesday, January 27th, 6:30-8:00pm)**. This course, which meets for another **5 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.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, February 23rd at 6:30pm**, and continue for **2 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum returns to LSS **THIS Monday, February 23rd, 2015 7:30-8:30pm**. The 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](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com) or [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org). **The first topic: Shabbat – The Friday Night Experience.**
- **Save the date!** The annual **Beginners Purim Bash, Wednesday March 4th, 6:00 PM** - Maariv and Megillah reading, **7:20 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.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, March 7th, 2015**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, March 5th**. You can register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners) or call **212-874-6100**.
- **Save the date!** **Monday, March 9th, 2015, 8:15-9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**



## 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 TERUMAH**

**By: Shlomo Offer**

### G-D IS IN THE DETAILS; BALANCING THE SPIRITUAL AND ARTISTIC VISIONS OF THE MISHKAN

Teruma (lit. raising up) is about the two kinds of vision that must be brought into balance for us to raise up our gifts of acquired wealth and native skill and contribute them to the service of spiritual goals. The human eye needs light and dark; it cannot see a form without contrast. Artists know this. Architects know this. The shadows are critical. Likewise, to perceive the form (*tavnit hamishkan*) that G-d intended us to see, we needed the combination of Moshe's vision of the highlights of spiritual values, enabled by Betzalel's vision of the shadows of practical implementation. Betzalel's name literally means "in the shadow of G-d". Cooperating in the physical implementation of the *mishkan* is what transformed a group of escaped slaves into a *kehila*, a viable cohesive community.

Moshe, in spite of his heightened spiritual level, could not simply dictate holiness to Bnei Yisrael; after all, they were just recently released slaves. The spiritual discourse is important, but it cannot be realistically perceived without the shadows, the "facts on the ground" in a physical world, created by a society. How do you get from a vision to a fact on the ground and how does the fact on the ground receive its holiness?

The *mishkan* came into being by a process of Moshe's vision and Bnei Yisrael's execution, all through Betzalel's direction. In great detail, G-d described it to Moshe who had the spiritual vision to see it vividly: *asher ata mareh* is in the present tense; Moshe was actually seeing it. When Moshe instructed Betzalel, he reversed G-d's order of construction. As Moshe saw it, the ark that contained the Torah, and the *klei kodesh* were first; these holy objects were the reason for the *mishkan*, and not the other way around. But to implement Moshe's vision, Betzalel also saw it vividly; in fact he saw more sides of it than Moshe saw. He had the G-d given eyes of an architect who could turn Moshe's depiction back into G-d's originally dictated sequence. Betzalel absorbed the light of Moshe's spiritual priorities and expressed it with the clarifying shadows of practical physicality through which G-d intended to engage Bnei Yisrael to actively create a home for the *shechinah*. He manifested Torah values in a world in which G-d also gave us the *torah* of physics, design esthetics, and societal interaction.

In addition to requesting the physical valuables to be donated, Moshe was influenced by Betzalel to also ask the *kahal* for their gifts of native ability. And only from those sincerely motivated to give for the right reasons, *asher nesao libo*, whose hearts deeply inspired them. There were no trained artisans among the recently freed slaves. Of course, Egypt would not allow this highly regarded occupation to be held by a Jew. Yet Betzalel and Moshe made it possible for a person's native gifts of commitment and creativity to be raised up to the high spiritual purpose of the *mishkan*. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks points out that the *shechinah* "lives in the work of our hands – whatever we do in accordance with His will. What made it holy was one thing only: that the Israelites had made it just as the Lord had commanded" (Covenant and Conversation, Vayakhel 2006)

The initiative, cooperation, and creativity required for the *mishkan* are the model for the way we are to create our individual, family, communal, and national lives. In no uncertain terms, G-d let us know that how we physically create and mold ourselves into a coherent *kehila*, and how sincerely we are motivated, are essential to our spiritual attainments. It is not the building and the objects, but the active participation of the people that contains the holiness. *v'asu li mikdash v'shachanti b'tocham*, Let them make a sanctuary for Me, and I will dwell in them – not "in it" but "in them". Holiness does not remain in the building or objects of the *mishkan*. It is in the *nedivut halev*, the heartfelt and mindful actions of those who create and sustain it.

Shabbat Shalom