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PARSHAT TETZAVEH • 8 ADAR ALEPH 5774
FEBRUARY 7-8, 2014 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:03PM

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Friday Evening

- 5:03pm:** Candle Lighting
5:05pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

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. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.
9:15am: Beginners Service with **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:30am: Youth Breakfast
9:33am: Latest Shema
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Dr. Ben Elton**
10:00am: Tween Minyan For boys and girls in fifth through seventh grade in the ballroom. The program includes tefilah, snacks, games, and prizes.

Shabbat Afternoon

- 3:00pm:** Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
3:40pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
4:05pm: Bible Class in room 210 with **Rabbi David Freedman**
4:05pm: Pre-Mincha Shiur with **Rabbi Dr. Ben Elton: Vayechulu in Friday night Kiddush at home.**
4:50pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
6:05pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends
8:00pm: Screening of the popular Israeli TV Series: *Shtisel* (Episodes 1-3, TV series) in the ballroom. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.



Thank you to our volunteer Security Guards, Greeters, and Ushers this Shabbat

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, Feb. 9 - Friday, Feb. 14

Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Sun-Thursday at 5:10 pm**

Sun **Mon & Thur** **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**

Please help support our congregation by joining Lincoln Square Synagogue: lss.org/become-a-member.html

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Meira and Sol Max**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Sol's father, **HaRav Moshe ben Eliyahu, z"l**.

Main Kiddush

CoSponsored by **Maura and Leonard Shaykin** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Leonard's mother, **Reyzel bat David, a"h**; and by **Martin Koenig** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of his father **Yaakov Yosef ben Nisan (Julius J. Koenig), z"l**, and of his mother, **Chaya bat Shalom Tzvi (Adele C. Koenig), z"l**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored anonymously in loving memory of **Shmuel Shoshani z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Mrs. Rebecca Kevelson and Mr. and Mrs. Steven and Tineke Kevelson** in memory of their husband and father, **Mr. Samuel (Shabtai) Kevelson, z"l**, on his 19th yahrtzeit; in memory of Tineke's mother, **Mrs. Hillighe Van Den Berg Beijnders, a"h**; and in memory of Mrs. Rebecca Kevelson's sister, **Mrs. Rose Schnabolk, a"h**, and brother, **Mr. Max Platt, z"l**.

CoSponsored by **Rachel D. Lindenthal** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, **Rabbi Haskel Lindenthal, Rav Yechezkel ben Yosef, z"l**.

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- ◆ Mazal Tov to grandparents **Estie and Barry Hollander** on the birth of a baby boy, **Ezra Ovadia**, to their children **Daphna and Elie Mishaan**.
- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on receiving *semicha* (rabbinic ordination) last week.
- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Dr. Ben Elton** on receiving *semicha* (rabbinic ordination) this week.
- ◆ Mazal Tov to grandparents **Zelda D. Stern and Stanley I. Rosenzweig** on the birth of a grandson, to their children **Leah and Michael Rosenzweig** in Los Angeles.

Mishloach Manot Sale- lss.org/purim

Lincoln Square Synagogue will once again be offering a Mishloach Manot sale for members of LSS! This years 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.

More Purim Details will be coming soon...



SUNDAY

- **Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha**
Dr. Ben Elton • 9:15am

TUESDAY

- **Parsha Class**
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am
- **Introduction to Bible (NOT MEETING THIS WEEK)**
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30pm-8:00pm
- **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**.

WEDNESDAY

- **Talmudic Methodology**
Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm
- **Nach B'Iyun: 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/rabbiangel
- **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 Dr. Ben Elton**

THURSDAY

- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class**
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7pm

Youth Announcements– lss.org/youth

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

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 avi@lss.org.



BINGO:

Shabbat
Morning right after davening in the ballroom, ages 4 and up. It's LSS's newest craze! Kids of all ages play BINGO for fun and prizes!

Thank you

Hawaiian Shabbat was so much fun We cant wait for our next themed Shabbat -- Mi She Nichnass Adar Marbim Bsim-chah) on March 1st. To sponsor this super fun event, please contact Edina Silver – esultanik@yahoo.com
Magic Night was truly a success! We learned lots of magic tricks, had pizza, and a great time.

Upcoming Youth Events



Lego Movie

Sunday afternoon, **February 9th, 2:30-4:30**, at **AMC Loews Lincoln Square 13**
 We'll be watching the Lego Movie this Sunday! Drop off and pickup will be at Loews Theaters at 1998 Broadway. All children are invited... parents too! For more info or to register your child please email Avi avi@lss.org

Tween Dinner

Friday night, **February 21, 6:30-8:30**, LSS, \$25

Join all tweens for a special Friday night event! We'll be davening in the main shul and will be having an activity afterwards. For more info or to register your child please email Avi avi@lss.org.

Singing With Sivan:

Wednesdays, beginning **March 5th 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.

Youth Shabbat:

Shabbat March 8th, 12-130pm, \$17

Save the date! The LSS Youth Department is excited to announce our first Youth Shabbat. There'll be great food, friends and entertainment. To RSVP please email Avi at avi@lss.org. Can't wait to see you!

LSS Security Update– 2/8/14

Do not use emergency exits as shortcuts - they create a security breach.
Exit the shul through the main entrance - only!

Think Security!

Can Lincoln Square Synagogue be secure and welcoming at the same time? The ADL has asked the same question. They remind us that Jewish institutions have a special need for security. The ADL recorded over 15,000 anti-Semitic incidents in the last decade alone. Creating a secure environment is a process that involves every member of the community. All of us, from leaders to congregants, must learn to **think security**.

To learn more about courses and trainings being offered please to speak to **Harvey Stein**, security@lss.org, the LSS head of security. **All bags are subject to search. If you see something, say something.**

A Special Conversation with Senator Joseph Lieberman

UJA-Federation of New York Tov B'Yachad* in collaboration with The May and Samuel Rudin Lecture Series and The Jewish Center invite you to a special conversation with **Senator Joseph Lieberman on Wednesday, February 19th** at 8:00 p.m. at The Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street, New York City. Senator Lieberman's topic will be "For G-d and Country: Reflections on the Role of Orthodox Jews in Service of Society." Manhattan Tov B'Yachad Chairs – Saul Burian and Pamela Emmerich. Tov B'Yachad Advisory Chair and UJA-Federation Vice Chair – Eric Goldstein. There is no cost to attend this event, but space is limited. Advance registration is required.

To register, please visit: www.ujafedny.org/tov-byachad-manhattan-event/. For further information, contact Nessa Liben at libenn@ujafedny.org or [212.836.1173](tel:212.836.1173) or Eliane Glassman at eliane@jewishcenter.org or [212-724-2700](tel:212.724.2700).

*Tov B'Yachad communicates the shared values of UJA-Federation and the Orthodox community.



Featured Upcoming Events—lss.org/events

Book Club Meeting- “Memories After My Death: The Story of Joseph ‘Tommy’ Lapid” by Yair Lapid.

Sunday, February 9 • 7:30pm

We'll discuss “Memories After My Death: The Story of Joseph ‘Tommy’ Lapid,” by Yair Lapid, his son, and the current Israeli Minister of Finance and the Chairman of the Yesh Atid Party. Professor Jerome Chanes will lead the discussion at the home of Joyce and David Friedman.

Clergy Swap— Welcome Rabbi Elazar Muskin from Young Israel of Century City, Los Angeles, CA

Shabbat, February 14-15, Parshat Ki Tisa

Rabbi Muskin will deliver the Post-Musaf Drasha in the Main Sanctuary as well as the Pre-Mincha Shiur titled “*Religious Heroism in the Holocaust: Fact and Fiction*”. This lecture addresses two very famous cases from Holocaust literature. We demonstrate that both were not factual. This is all about the ethics of projecting history incorrectly and the price we pay when this happens.

Kiddush Talk by Aviva Klompus, Speechwriter & Advisor to the Ambassador at Permanent Mission of Israel to the UN

Shabbat, February 22

Advisor to the Ambassador Aviva Klompus will be speaking during Kiddush on “Israel on the Global Stage: A View from the Speechwriter for Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.”

'An Upside-Down World': the Western Loss of Reason over Israel, with UK Media Personality, Melanie Phillips

Monday, February 24 • 7:30pm • Free

Copies of Ms. Phillips' book, *The World Turned Upside Down*, will be available for purchase at the event.

Book Talk— An Introduction to Agnon's Novel

Thursday, February 27th • 7:15pm

Please join Visiting Scholar Rabbi Jeffrey Saks for **An Introduction to Agnon's Novels**. It will provide insight to the “modern midrash” that is Agnon's Hebrew writing—whether it's your first read or second. Rabbi Jeffrey Saks is the founding Director of ATID in Jerusalem and its WebYeshiva.org program. He lectures regularly at the Agnon House and is Series Editor of The Toby Press S. Y. Agnon Library.

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.

Purim Events at LSS (lss.org/purim)

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

- Main Megillah Readings • 8:15pm & 9:30pm • *In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary*
- Yong Professionals Megillah Reading • 8:30pm • *In the Belfer Beit Midrash*
- Italian-Themed Purim Celebration • 9pm • *In the ballroom*
- Beginners Megillah Reading Followed by Beginners Purim Party: • 7:45pm/ Party at 9:00pm • *In room 206/207*

Costumes are encouraged

Sunday, March 16

- Main Megillah Readings • 6:45am, 7:50am, & 1:40pm (late reading) • *In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary*
- Womens Megillah Reading • 10:00am • *In the Belfer Beit Midrash*

Beginners Announcements— beginners.lss.org

- **The final session of the Hebrew Reading Crash Courses Level I and Level II** will be **THIS Monday, February 10th**, at 6:30 pm.
- **Please note!** Rabbi Buchwald's Introduction to Bible will **NOT** meet this **Tuesday, February 11th**. The class will resume on **Tuesday, February 18th**. 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 **6 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.**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, March 1st, 2014**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, February 27th**. You can register online at www.beginners.lss.org or call **212-874-6100**.
- **Save the date! 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 Course! *The Laws of Prayer through the Mishnah Berurah***, taught by LSS Rabbinic Intern, **Dr. 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.**
- The **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum returns to LSS **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!* Friday, March 7th, 2014** at LSS. Dinner is only \$36! Early bird special, register by 2/17 and dinner is \$30! 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.**



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: YOEL EPSTEIN

All in the Details

As we read about the Mishkan and priestly vestments, as well as the sacrifices brought on the Altar, I am struck by the seemingly endless detail that the Torah devotes to these esoteric topics. The Torah devotes two whole parshiyos – Terumah and Tetzaveh – to a comprehensive outline of God's commands regarding the these topics, and then it goes on to fill two more parshiyos - Vayakhel and Pekudei - with a detailed description of Moshe and Bnai Yisrael's execution of these commands. Why does the Torah – the extremely terse message from God to the Jewish people – devote so much time and space to telling us the exact dimensions of every holy vessel, the color of every thread in the High Priest's frock and the particulars of every inaugural sacrifice; would it not have been sufficient to leave these details to the oral tradition as is the case in so much of the Torah? And why would the Torah go even further and repeat these lengthy renditions?

This question reminds of a similar question raised by Rashi to Parshas Chayei Sarah (24:42). Rashi's comments concern the Torah's re-counting of the miraculous story of Eliezer's search for a wife for Yitzchak. Curiously, the Torah not only tells us the story in detail, but goes on to have Eliezer repeat the story in full later in the parsha. Rashi asks why the Torah feels the need to repeat this story in detail, when many important areas of the Torah, such as the intricate and detailed laws of Shabbos, are only obliquely referenced in the Torah. Rashi answers that, "better are the words of the servant of the Patriarchs before God than the Torah of their children." While Rashi's meaning is not self-evident, I think that it can be interpreted in way that also explains why the Torah devotes so much space to the Mishkan.

Perhaps Rashi is saying that people understand the importance of the details of Shabbos and accept that every intricate law has its place, but people find it more difficult to accept that in the area of human relations such detail is so critical. While people would accept that a legal text or topic should be scrutinized and analyzed because every law has been written towards some purpose and has some relevance, they would be less inclined to scrutinize a story for every detail - even though in reality each detail of a great person's actions may be critical because it may indicate the correct way to serve Hashem. The Torah may be correcting this tendency by making a point of repeating every detail of Eliezer's tale.

Similarly, one could suggest that people have a tendency to overlook the importance of detail in the divine service in the Mishkan. Specifically, people often think that such service is chiefly about thoughtful devotion. Furthermore, even if people accept that true devoutness must be concretized into action they often believe that it is not the details of the activity that matter, but rather the overall principles that the actions represent. While there is no question that this "big picture" perspective contains much truth – after all prophets such as Yirmiyahu chastised the Jewish people for focusing on the details rather than the spirit of the divine service (see for example Yirmiyah 7:21 -23) – the parshiyos of the Mishkan focus on detail. Perhaps the Torah spells out such detail, and even repeats the details, in order to stress that God not only wants our sincerity and our dedication to overarching principles, but actually cares about details such as the dimensions of the Mishkan, the specific priestly vestments and each of the inaugural sacrifices.

The Chesed Corner

An elderly member of our Community is homebound and needs someone who can visit and brighten up her day. She lives in the immediate neighborhood. This good deed requires the ability to make conversation and the desire to be helpful. If you are able and willing to make this happen please email chesed@lss.org and a member of the Committee will get in touch with you.

Special Hospitality Request

The family of our ba'al Koreh **Tuvy Miller** will be visiting our community on **Shabbat February 21 & 22** so that they can hear Tuvy Iain. Given Tuvy's fine service to our community, we would like to provide housing for them on Friday night. The party consists of 5 people and they can be split into 2 groups. If you can accommodate them, please notify Hospitality@lss.org.

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. Early Bird Discount expires 2/17/14. Register at www.NORPAC.net.

Contact Dan Feder dfeder02@aol.com for more info.