



# ECHOD

8 NISSAN 5775 • MARCH 27-28 2015 • SHABBAT HAGADOL  
PARSHAT TZAV • CANDLE LIGHTING: 6:58PM

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 6:58pm: Candle Lighting
- 7:00pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 8:10pm: Beginners Passover Shabbaton Dinner in room 206/207

### 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 with **Rabbi Ben Elton: Ha lachma anya**
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richmond Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 9:15am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level) led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 9:53am: Latest Shema

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 12:30pm: Beginners Passover Shabbaton lunch in room 206/207
- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 6:30pm: Mincha
- 6:55pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shabbat HaGadol Drasha By **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary: *"Please Don't Stop the Music: Hallel, Seder Night, and the Jewish Soul."*
- 7:59pm: Maariv/Shabbat Ends

## MAZAL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS

- Mazal Tov to **Marcie and Ken Cappell** upon the engagement of their son, **Sam** to **Leora Silber**, daughter of **Jonathan and Elana Silber** from Teaneck, New Jersey. Mazal Tov also to siblings **Anna and Jamie Cappell**
- Mazal to **Ann and Martin Hochberg** on their 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Mazal Tov to **Mati and Ilana Bracha** and their entire family on the birth of a baby boy on Wednesday.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi David Freedman, Jim Kaufman, Enid Moskowitz, Ron Platzner, Glenn Richter, Grace Shevel, Shalom Stavsky** and **Judith Weil** on completing all 31 chapters of the 1st Book of Samuel.

## PASSOVER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sell your Chametz** by filling out the form that can be found at [lss.org/chametz](http://lss.org/chametz) or in the literature racks. Completed forms must be received in the shul office by Wednesday, April 1st.
- Your pre-ordered Shmurah Matzah can be picked up on Sunday, March 29th.
- The **OU Guide to Passover** can be picked up in the literature racks.
- The preparation for Pesach must include a demonstration of concern for the needy. You are urged to donate **Maot Chitim** through the Shul's Chesed fund via [lss.org/donate](http://lss.org/donate)
- See our weekly classes on page 2 for details on **Pre-Passover classes**.
- Chametz Drive**—Sunday, March 29th, 10am-2pm. Bring your opened and unopened nonperishable chametz foods to the lobby for distribution to non-Jews at a local food pantry, soup kitchen, and homeless shelter.
- Kelim Kashering**—Sunday, March 29th 9:15am-12pm.
- BUY your **FAIRWAY cards** now for your PESACH shopping.
- Visit [lss.org/Passover](http://lss.org/Passover) for the full Passover schedule, and even more Passover details.

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, March 29nd– Thursday, April 2nd

Sun–Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:05pm

See Page 3 for the full Passover Service Schedule

Sunday	Mon & Thurs	Tues, Wed
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

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Sandy Gross** in commemoration of first yahrtzeit of her father, **Shimon Eliezer ben Sinai, z"l**.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Mati and Ilan Bracha** in celebration of the birth of a baby boy.

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Blima and Joel Abramson** in commemoration of the 10th yahrtzeit of Joel's father, **Dr. David A. Abramson (Aharon Dovid ben Yosef Eliyahu) z"l**.

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Ilene & Lou Vynerib** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Ilene's sister, **Benita, Bina bas Sima, a"h**; with gratitude to Hashem for their granddaughter Miriam's return to good health & to wish her happy birthday; and in thanks to **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** of his ongoing support.

## 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

### Pre-Passover Movies and Fun

**Sunday, March 29, 2015 • 10am-3pm**

LSS will be hosting a movie marathon, allowing parents to have some free time to clean for Pesach. Pizza will be served. \$10

Sign up for youth events at [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth)

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

Lincoln Square Synagogue's

Security Team Will Conduct Drills in the Main Sanctuary During Morning Services.

For the safety of you, your family, your friends and the entire LSS community, it is essential that you participate in this very important drill.

Follow all Directions Given and Make This a Successful Drill.

For this drill we will not be exiting the building

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY

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

Topic: *The prohibition to eat unclean animals.*

### 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 \*\* See description in separate box

**Movies and Midrash w/ Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 7:30pm

NEW 3-part Series. The movies that will be shown come from the **Ma'aleh School of Television, Film & the Arts**

### 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

**\*\*Adultery. Treachery. Murder. Rebellion. Treason. No, not a new HBO series, but one of the most interesting books in *Nach, Il Samuel*. Join our lively verse by verse reading/discussion as we delve into this complex, rich and exciting text.**

Tuesday nights at 7:30 . Facilitated by Ron Platzer

## HOSPITALITY

### PESACH SEDER HOSPITALITY

LSS will again carry out a Pesach Hospitality Program to ensure that all members have an opportunity to participate in a traditional seder in a warm environment. To accomplish this we need both hosts and guests.

If you will be conducting sederim at home this year and can accommodate one or more guests, please let us know. If you would like an invitation, please do not hesitate to ask; your presence will be welcomed.

Please notify us at [Hospitality@LSS.org](mailto:Hospitality@LSS.org) and insert the word "Seder" in the subject. We look forward to matching hosts and guests in a way that will enrich the holiday for all. Thank you.

Harriet Frank & Lisanne Weinberg Lubitz, Hospitality Committee

## Beginners Announcements

- **Welcome to all those joining us at this Shabbat's Beginners Passover Shabbaton.**
- The **LAST** session of Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** will meet on **Tuesday, March 31st, 6:30-8:00pm.**
- The **LAST** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, March 30th at 6:30pm.** The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.
- **Beginners Model Seder**, scheduled for **THIS Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00pm.** Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and Psachya Septimus for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Passover Seder. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$10 before March 30th, \$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 [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- The **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will **NOT** meet on **Mondays, March 30th, April 6th or April 13th.** The workshop will resume on **Monday, April 20th, 7:30pm-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). 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](http://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.**

## ISRAEL CORNER

*Note: This article contains links and is best viewed online. If you are reading this in hard copy, please consider reading the electronic version of the Echod after Shabbat.*

### GOING TO ISRAEL FOR PESACH?

Former LSS members who have made aliya are eager to meet with you, show you the sights (yes, you'll discover new places even if you have been to Israel many times before), and to host you in their homes. If there is sufficient interest, Beit Morasha in Jerusalem, the institution that is the home of Rav Benny Lau and Rabbanit Michal Tikochinsky, will arrange special seminars for you. Tzohar, the institution that is the home of Rav Stav, has made a similar offer. To start, though, you need to let us know ASAP if you will be in Israel over Pesach and would be interested in any of these programs. Please email [nathan.vogel.lss@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.vogel.lss@gmail.com)

## PASSOVER SCHEDULE

### Thursday, April 2nd

**Daf Yomi:** 6:15am

**Shacharit:** 7:00am and 7:50am

**Mincha/Ma'ariv:** 7:05pm

**Bedikat Chametz** after 7:55 pm

### Friday, April 3rd - Erev Pesach (Taanit Bechorot)

**Daf Yomi:** 5:45 am

**Shacharit:** 6:30am and 7:30 am

*The first born are invited to complete a Talmudic tractate either after the first minyan or after the second minyan, so that they may eat on what would be a fast day for them.*

**Last time to Eat Chametz:** 10:13 am

**Biur Chametz on the LSS terrace:** 7:30am-11:24am

**Latest time to Burn Chametz:** 11:24am

**Candle Lighting:** 7:05pm

**Mincha/Ma'ariv:** 7:10 pm

**Begin Seder** after 7:54pm

### Shabbat, April 4th - Pesach Day I

**Shacharit:** 8:00am and 9:00am

**Youth Groups (K-4th):** 10:00am

**Mincha:** 6:55pm

**Light Candles:** 8:06pm

**Ma'ariv/ Begin Seder** after 8:06pm

### Sunday, April 5th - Pesach Day II

**Omer Day 1\*\***

**Shacharit:** 8:00 and 9:00am

**Youth Groups (K-4th):** 10:00am

**Mincha:** 7:15pm

Followed by Shiur by **Rabbi Robinson**

**Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends:** 8:08pm

### Monday, April 6th - Pesach Day III - Chol Hamoed

**Omer Day 2**

**Daf Yomi:** 6:15am

**Shacharit:** 7:00am and 7:40am

**Mincha/Ma'ariv:** 7:15pm

### Tuesday, April 7th - Pesach Day IV - Chol Hamoed

**Omer Day 3**

**Daf Yomi:** 6:15am

**Shacharit:** 7:00am and 7:40am

**Mincha/Ma'ariv:** 7:15 pm

### Wednesday, April 8th - Pesach Day V - Chol Hamoed

**Omer Day 4**

**Daf Yomi:** 6:15am

**Shacharit:** 7:00am and 7:40am

**Mincha/Ma'ariv:** 7:15pm

### Thursday, April 9th - Pesach Day VI - Chol Hamoed

**Omer Day 5**

**Daf Yomi:** 6:15am

**Shacharit:** 7:00am and 7:40am

**Candle Lighting:** 7:11pm

**Mincha/Ma'ariv:** 7:15pm

### Friday, April 10th - Pesach Day VII - Yizkor

**Omer Day 6**

**Shacharit:** 8:00am and 9:00am

**Youth Groups (K-4th):** 10:00am

**Candle Lighting** at 7:12pm

**Mincha/Ma'ariv:** 7:20pm

### Shabbat, April 11th - Pesach Day VIII

**Omer Day 7**

**Shacharit:** 8:00am and 9:00am

**Youth Groups (K-4th):** 10:00am

**Mincha** at 7:05 pm followed by *Neilat HaChag*

**Ma'ariv & Yom Tov ends:** 8:15pm

# CHAG KASHER

# VE'SAME'ACH!

**\*\*Don't forget to count the Omer after Ma'ariv starting on the second day of Pesach, April 4th**



## 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 TZAV

By: Rabbi Jay M. Stein

We read the newspaper and are exposed to the images of caravans being blown up on the roadways of Iraq while the death toll rises. We recognize war is terrible. No one can deny the senseless nature of mass killings. No one can deny the pain that is wrought on this world through weapons of mass destruction, be they actual or imagined, real or not yet realized. The entire world has invested millions of dollars perhaps billions of dollars developing weapons over the course of the past century. Maybe we have become numb, and maybe pictures don't affect us anymore because gratuitous violence is ever-present in our society. These pictures should not make us numb and we should not forget that war is ugly. No matter the reason or the outcome, whether we are the winners or the defeated, wars leave both parties with many losses.

This week in the Torah once again we read of the ritual whereby Aaron and his sons were anointed as priests. Again we read of the exact same ritual to which we were introduced a few weeks ago. Moses is to kill an animal and take its blood and place it on their ears, hands and feet. At that time I suggested the reason for this ritual was to show that, through all the killing in which they would participate, blood would stain them. The stench would not escape them and the blood would not come off easily. I am reminded of the scene in Macbeth, when Lady Macbeth has done her killing and looks down at her hands and tries to wash away the blood but it just won't come out. She cries "out damned spot" (Macbeth V:I) but she can't seem to remove the blemish that has remained behind. So, too, Moses realizes that it is true of the killings Aaron and his sons must carry out on behalf of the Jewish people. Blood will stain their hands. Just like the mechanic who can't wash away the grease from underneath his fingernails after a long day at the shop, both Aaron and his sons will not be able to wash away the blood on their hands.

It is a gruesome business and although we some reject the idea of animal sacrifice today, in the days of the Torah it was common practice. I pray we are moving away from conventional warfare, though we have so many examples of primitive and barbaric warfare still being promulgated. We have seen the cloud of the nuclear holocaust begin to dissipate only to once again become a real viable alternative for rogue nations. We must make sure Iran isn't able to re-ignite that escalation in their play for power. We must be vigilant in setting the record straight. When we engage in conversations around the water cooler or in supermarkets we must make sure the facts are known and the enemy is clearly identified. I believe this at the very core of my being.

Someday we will learn to live with one another in peace and then healing will become our goal. I know this is hard to imagine when there are some 20 different wars raging throughout the world even as we speak; however, this morning's lesson still applies. The blood of this war will stain us and I believe the President loses a lot of sleep over our soldiers who are in harm's way. We must ask our leaders and our potential leaders what their plan is for extraction. How are we going to get out? I would certainly prefer to lose face rather than to lose lives. The Torah instructs us, "Do not stand by idle while the blood of your neighbor flows." (Lev.19:16) We must not just watch as ethnic cleansing and mass murder are perpetuated. We must support our government in its convictions and see this through and we must pray for our young men and women who now risk their lives. Edmund Fleg, the poet and playwright, wrote in the late 19th century: "I am a Jew because my faith demands no abdication of the mind. I am a Jew because my faith demands all the devotion of my heart. I am a Jew because wherever there is suffering, the Jew weeps. I am a Jew because whenever there is despair, the Jew hopes. I am a Jew because the promise of our faith is a universal promise. I am a Jew because for the Jew the world is not completed; people must complete it. I am a Jew because for the Jew humanity is not fully created; people must complete it. I am a Jew because the faith of the people of Israel places humanity above nations, above Judaism itself. I am a Jew because the faith of the people of Israel places above humanity, image of the divine, the Oneness of God."