



# ECHOD

PARSHAT VAYAKHEL • 22 ADAR ALEPH 5774  
FEBRUARY 21-22 2014 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:20PM

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This week's Echod is sponsored by the Halachic Organ Donor Society. See their notice on page 2, or visit HODS.org.

## Friday Evening

- 5:20pm:** Candle Lighting
- 5:25pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Goffin**.
- 6:30pm:** Tween Dinner.

## 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. Post-musaf drasha by **Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain**
- During Kiddush:** Mini-shiur by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: Making Sense of Sacrifice: A Brief, Modern Introduction to Sefer Vayikra.**
- 9:15am:** Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:24am:** Latest Shema
- 9:30am:** Youth Breakfast
- 9:45am:** Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 10:00am:** Tween Minyan for boys and girls in 5-7th grade.

## Shabbat Afternoon

- 3:00pm:** Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
- 3:50pm:** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 4:20pm:** Pre-Mincha Shiur with **Ms. Ilana Gadish: "Psak-Shopping for your Shailot: Highly Regulated or a Free Market?"**
- 4:20pm:** Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 5:05pm:** Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit



Seudah shlishit presentation by **Aviva Klompas**, Speechwriter at Israel's Permanent Mission to the United Nations: *"Israel on the Global Stage: A View from the Speechwriter for Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations."*

- 6:22pm:** Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

**Friday, March 7, Shabbat Across America, featuring Paul Shaffer of the Letterman Show.**

**Bring a friend, be a host.**  
**Email [saa@lss.org](mailto:saa@lss.org) for details.**

## Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, Feb. 23 - Friday, Feb. 28

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thursday at 5:25 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

## Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Steve Kay Kupietzky** in honor of his parents, **Rabbi Jonah & Fran Kupietzky**, on their 58th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on February 16th.

### Main Kiddush

CoSponsored by **Alan Scovell** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, **Louis Scovell, z"l.**

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Mordechai Baruch Rosen and family** in thanks for the warm welcome he has received from Rabbi Buchwald and the Beginners group and in thanks for the opportunity to give the D'var Torah.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Daniela Weiss** and **Avi Yohananoff** in gratitude for the community's support during this year of *aveilut* for Daniela's father, **Yishaya Yissachar ben HaRav Raphael Shmuel v'Chana, z"l.**

## Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Stuart and Janice Shorenstein** on the birth of a baby girl, **Malina**, to their children **Karl and Marissa Anderson**.
- Mazal Tov to **Jackie and Jonathan Kotler** on the birth of a baby girl.
- Mazal Tov to **Henry Rosenberg and Vivian Glueck** on the birth of twin babies, a boy and a girl.
- Mazal Tov to **Blima and Joel Abramson** on the marriage of their daughter **Shayna Sarah** to **Arieh Zvi Kovler** in Jerusalem.

## Mishloach Manot Sale

Lincoln Square Synagogue will once again be offering a **Mishloach Manot sale** for members of LSS! This year's 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](http://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.**



See the full Purim Schedule on page 3

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – [lss.org/classes](http://lss.org/classes)

### SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha

Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

### TUESDAY

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

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

- (NEW-Begins 2/25) Megillat Esther: A three-week intensive Shiur

Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain • 7:15pm

Feb. 25 – Historical Perspective

March 4 – Talmudic Perspective

March 11– Intra-Tanakhic Perspective

- Tuesday Beit Midrash Night

8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members

### 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](http://lss.org/rabbianangel)

- Wednesday Beit Midrash Night

8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members

### THURSDAY

- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class

Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7pm



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# 5K RACE

## CENTRAL PARK

**11 PRIZES** **10 FREE IPHONES & A FREE TRIP TO ISRAEL**

**10:00AM SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2014**

WHAT: 5K RACE (Professional Timing System) & BREAKFAST (BAGELS, CREAM CHEESE & HOT COFFEE)  
 WHERE: BANDSHELL IN CENTRAL PARK (south of Bethesda Terrace, which is 72nd street)  
 WHY: TO SUPPORT ORGAN DONATION  
 COST: STUDENTS RUN FREE - ADULTS \$100 DONATION - FOR DETAILS VISIT: [WWW.HODS.ORG/RACE2014](http://WWW.HODS.ORG/RACE2014)

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## Youth Announcements– [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth)

Welcome to everyone joining us for the Tween Dinner!

### Upcoming Youth Events

#### Singing With Sivan:

Wednesdays, beginning March 5th and continuing for the next 5 weeks, 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, 12-1:30pm,

Save the date! The LSS Youth Department is excited to announce our first Youth Shabbat. There'll be great food, friends and entertainment. Sign up online at [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth). Can't wait to see you!

#### Purim Carnival!

Sunday March 16th, 9:30am-12pm in the ballroom

LSS Youth Department will be hosting a carnival Sunday morning from 9:30am-12pm.

Stay tuned for more info!

#### 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 at [avi@lss.org](mailto: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 & prizes!



### LSS Security Update - February 22, 2014

**Quiz: Can you answer these questions?**  
 What is a "lockdown?" If you had to be evacuated from the shul, where would you go? What is an "Active Shooter" and what do you do if there is one in the shul? What does "shelter-in-place mean?"

To find out enroll in a shul security training course. Contact **Harvey Stein**, head of LSS security or contact him at [security@lss.org](mailto:security@lss.org).

**Reminder:** Exit the shul only through the main entrance. Emergency exits are not short cuts. When you use the emergency exit as a short cut you are creating a security breach. Don't do it.

**Searches:** All bags are subject to search. If You See Something, Say Something. Be alert

### Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

**Youth Breakfast** at 9:30

**Pre-K:** 10:00 am — Room 206

**K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade:** 10:00 am — Room 207

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (girls):** 10:00 am — Room 217

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (boys):** 10:00 am — Room 208

**Tween Minyan:** 10:00am– Ballroom

In case of a bereavement,  
 please call our Clergy at 646-  
 543-7485 (day or night)

If you would like to receive the  
 Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up  
 at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org).

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## Featured Upcoming Events—[lss.org/events](http://lss.org/events)

### '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.

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

Shabbat, March 1 • 5:40pm



### 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.



### Italian-Themed Purim Celebration

Saturday Night, March 15 • After Megillah Reading (approx. 9pm)

Community-wide Italian Themed Purim Celebration in the ballroom. Includes a catered dairy dinner, wine and beer, silent auction with great prizes, music and other exciting entertainment. The cost is \$50/adult (includes 2 auction tickets), \$25/child under 18, & \$200 as a Sponsor/Family Max (includes 10 auction tickets). Co-sponsored by *Gotham Wines & Liquors*.

### Rabbi Baruch Simon, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University



Shabbat afternoon, March 22

In honor of the upcoming Chag HaSemikah, **Rabbi Baruch Simon**, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University will be delivering the pre-mincha shiur titled "*Minhagim: the Old vs. the New.*" **Rabbi Baruch Simon** will also be delivering the Seudat Shlishit talk titled "*Hakamat HaMishkan: Lessons for Life.*"

## Celebrate Purim at LSS ([lss.org/purim](http://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*
- Young Professionals Megillah Reading • 8:30pm • *In the Belfer Beit Midrash*
- Italian-Themed Purim Celebration • 9pm • *In the ballroom (See more details in the featured upcoming events above)*
- 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, 8:30am, & 1:40pm (late reading) • *In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary*
- Womens Megillah Reading • 10:00am • *In the Belfer Beit Midrash*
- Youth Purim Carnival • 9:30-12pm • *In the Ballroom*



## Beginners Announcements – [beginners.lss.org](http://beginners.lss.org)

- 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 **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.beginners.lss.org](http://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 **NEXT Shabbat, March 1st, 2014**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by next **Thursday, February 27th**. You can register online at [www.beginners.lss.org](http://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.**
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II**, will begin **Monday, March 3rd, 2014, at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at [www.beginners.lss.org](http://www.beginners.lss.org).
- 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](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com) or [www.lss.org](http://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! 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](http://www.LSS.org) or call **(212) 874-6100**.
- **New Course! The Laws of Prayer through the Mishnah Berurah**, taught by LSS Rabbinic Intern, **Rabbi 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.**





# 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: RABBI CHARLIE SAVENOR

Vayakhel introduces us for the second time to Bezalel, the chief architect and builder of the Mishkan. "And Moses said to the Israelites, 'See, the Lord has singled out by name, Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. He had endowed him with a divine spirit of skill, ability and knowledge in every kind of craft, and has inspired him to make designs for works in gold, silver, and copper, to cut stones for settings and to carve wood – to work in every kind of designer's craft – and to give directions.'" (Exodus 35:30-34)

Of particular interest to us is the manner in which God announces Bezalel's appointment. In our first encounter with this creative genius, the Torah employs the same awkward and puzzling wording. "*Re'eh karati veshaym Betzalel*, which translates literally as "See, I have singled out by name, Bezalel." (Exodus 31:2)

Moses could have made a straightforward announcement, but the Torah utilizes a peculiar phrasing for an introduction in both places. The awkwardness of this wording is a red flag to our traditional commentators who pick up on the same point.

Rashi advocates that this strange statement in the Torah means no more than "I have designated Bezalel for this task." Midrash Rabbah, which predates Rashi, gives an explanation that complements his straightforward interpretation. The Midrash relates that when Moses was on Mount Sinai to receive the Torah, God showed Moses the Book of Life, containing the names of every Jew in every generation from Creation until the ultimate Redemption. At that time God says to Moses "I have predetermined the creation of all people, and this includes Bezalel, who will construct the Mishkan."

Midrash Rabbah avows that God created everyone before the world itself was actually complete and that our leaders occupy a prominent place in this divine blueprint. Thus, Bezalel had been named by God before time started because he possessed a unique role in the wilderness.

By contrast, we find a source in the Zohar which arrives at a completely opposite conclusion! The Zohar asserts that Bezalel, whose name literally translates as "in the shadow of God," is not a surname he received at the beginning of time, but rather it is an honorific title that he achieved by fulfilling his divinely mandated duties. Applying the Zohar's explanation to the introduction of Bezalel, we would read the verse as "Behold, I have designated that the name of the person to work in this holy endeavor should strive to be called *Bezalel*, in the shadow of God."

In describing Bezalel's responsibilities, the Torah includes another role in addition to that of architect and craftsman. In Exodus 35:34 we are told that "*U-lehorot natan be'leebo*," which can be interpreted as "and the ability to teach was bestowed upon him." With everything else on Bezalel's agenda, we wonder what role teaching plays for him?

The majority of our traditional commentators assert that Hashem grants Bezalel with educational skills because the Israelites, who had been slaves for generations, did not possess the necessary skills to construct the Mishkan. Therefore, part of Bezalel's job description included teaching others his trade.

Bezalel's appointment teaches us something fundamental about the management of the construction of the Mishkan at one time, as well about leadership development for all times. In any profession or organization, leadership status requires that one be aware of the details, as well as the greater picture. Leadership begets responsibility and great attention to our words and actions. To be a leader also means living up to one's name and earning the respect of others. Most importantly, to be a leader, one must see himself or herself as a teacher.

Ecclesiastes teaches us that "Whatever comes into being, the name was given long ago" (6:10). Similar to what we learned about the predestined course of Bezalel to become a leader, each human being is given a name and a unique purpose in the world. It is our challenge to tap into the wealth of potential inside each of us and to capitalize on it to achieve, or earn, our names.

While Bezalel merited living up to his name by working in "the shadow of God," his true mission was to teach others how to find the shelter of God's presence in their lives. As we strive to reach our potential and live up to our names as Jews and as human beings, we too enter into the shadow of God.

**The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund discreetly distributes thousands of dollars to our own community members to defray the costs of Shabbat and Yom Tov meals and clothing. Help yourself and your neighbors by sending your contributions, earmarked for LSTSF to the LSS office. If you are aware of any LSS community member (including yourself) who could benefit from a Shabbat**

## Request for Shabbat Greeters

Friendly people needed to expand our Shabbat greeter corps. One hour duty in the lobby welcoming all and helping out newcomers. Email Marcy: [marcyzwecker@gmail.com](mailto:marcyzwecker@gmail.com).

## The Chesed Corner

Coming soon, a special project for Passover food distribution. Keep your eyes open for enws about LSS's new partnership. This project is a true Mitzvah for which we will need many volunteers.

## 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](mailto:acrane@natfin.net)

**NORPAC:** Join with over 1000 participants on the NORPAC one day mission to Washington on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave from in front of LSS. Three Kosher meals will be provided. Register at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net). Contact Dan Feder [dfeder02@aol.com](mailto:dfeder02@aol.com) for more info.