

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 5:26pm: Candle Lighting
- 5:30pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 5:30pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

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 Elie Landau. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**. Post Musaf remarks by LSS Member **David Eisner**: *Our Enemies' Enemies: Israel's Emerging Relationships*
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:20am: Latest Shema
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 4:30pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 4:30pm: Louis Lazar Shiur with Rabbinic Intern Mark Weingarten: *"Suspending Shabbos: medical emergencies and Halacha Part II"*
- 5:15pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit. Seudah Shlishit talk by **Rabbi David Fine** *Rabbinic Communal Leadership in Israel Today: A New Paradigm*.

Rabbi David Fine is the Founder and Dean of the Barkai Center for Practical Rabbinics and Community Development based in Modiin, Israel.

6:27pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Next Shabbat...

Please join us for a Shabbat of learning and thought-provoking discussion as we welcome **Professor Marc B. Shapiro** to LSS as our Scholar in Residence, Shabbat **Parshat Vayakhel, March 4-5**

Marc B. Shapiro holds the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Chair in Judaic Studies at the University of Scranton and is the author of a number of popular and influential academic books and articles on Jewish history, philosophy, and theology. He received his BA at Brandeis University and his PhD at Harvard University, where he was the last PhD student of Professor Isadore Twersky. He received rabbinical ordination from Rabbi Ephraim Greenblatt.



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Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by **Ron Platzer** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, **Robert David Platzer (Dovid ben Elimelech), z"l**.

Beginner's Kiddush

Sponsored by **Helga Weisburger** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her husband, **John Weisburger, z"l**; and by **Samantha Lee** in honor of **Rabbi Buchwald** for his contributions to Jewish outreach.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Sponsored by **Alice Cohen** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother **Doris Cohen, (Devorah Yita Chaya bat Yaakov Yonaton) a"l**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsors Welcome.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors Welcome

YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Breakfast
@ 9:30am in room 208/210

Youth Groups Start at 10am: K-1 Room 211
Pre-K: Room 208/210 2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ardon Wiener & Naomi Cooper Nathan J. & Shari Lindenbaum
Yoni & Bellene Gontownnik Monroe & Judy Milstein

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Gabrielle & Avi Kuzniecky** on the birth of a baby boy.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shir Fun, the popular Hebrew music program for kids ages newborn-4, is back at LSS! This one of a kind program is led by Israeli singer/recording artist and music therapist, Dafna. The Shir Fun experience is a true celebration of music, joy and Am Yisrael. Your kids will not want to miss this! Our classes are held on Wednesdays at 10:30-11:15 and at 11:30-12:15. Special discounted registration for LSS members. Session starts on Feb. 24th. Space is limited, please sign up soon! For more info on Shir Fun, go to: www.shirfun.com and to sign up email: contact@shirfun.com

Save the date: **LSS Purim Carnival** Sunday March 20th 1-4pm. We will have 2 bounce castles, 2 ball pits, face painting, photo booth, football toss, magic show and so much more!

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of Feb 28– March 4
Sun- Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 5:35pm
Late Ma'ariv Monday-Thursday: 8:30pm

Sunday	Mon & Thurs	Tues, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Understanding BDS; Winning Against BDS • Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 PM

Meet Israel's Reut Institute team and founder, **Gidi Grinstein** who designed the most effective strategy to counter the de-legitimization of Israel and the BDS Movement. This team of experts that is based in Israel will be visiting New York and will hold a special town-hall meeting for the members of the Jewish community. Please come and bring your friends, especially those who are not members of LSS and who may not see this notice. Admission is free but please help us plan by registering in advance at <http://www.lss.org/event/fightbds>

Shabbat Across America- Friday, March 4th, 2016 at LSS. Featuring **Rabbi Joseph Telushkin**, famed thinker and author of the acclaimed biography of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, "Rebbe." Let us make Shabbat Across America 2016 the biggest yet! Dinner is only \$40! **Register at <http://tiny.cc/SAALSS> or call (212) 874-6100.**

Book Club Meeting—Saturday night, Motza'ei Shabbat, March 5, 2016 at 8PM, at the LSS on the second floor in the Beit Midrash. The book to be discussed is "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande (Macarthur Fellow, surgeon and *New Yorker* staff writer). Rebbetzin Sarah Robinson, who is a clinical social worker with a special interest in end of life issues, will lead the discussion.

Israeli Art at the Armory Show -Second Tour Added!

Sunday, March 6 at 2:30 PM, 12th Avenue and West 55th Street

The Armory Show is New York's premier international art fair, showcasing over 200 galleries from around the world. This year, the show will include artwork from a good number of Israeli artists. We have organized a guided group tour of the show just for our members and their friends and family. We will be led by docent Ronnit Vasserman. Ronnit holds degrees of Masters in Fine Arts and Art History and has led dozens of tours of various museums. The cost of entrance and the guided tour is \$35.

Please register at www.lss.org/art.

UJA Federation of NY Invites you to Community of Character: A Conversation with David Brooks

Monday, March 7th at 7pm. At the Temple Emanu-el Skirbell Center. 10 East 66th Street. \$18/person

Can we build rich inner lives by looking beyond ourselves? *New York Times* op-ed columnist David Brooks believes that "most of the time, character is not an individual accomplishment. It emerges through joined hearts and souls, and in groups."

Join us for a communitywide conversation about the bonds that unite us in an increasingly divisive time. David Brooks will share reflections on character, gratitude, and how we can magnify the best in ourselves and in each other. Mr. Brooks will also engage in dialogue with UJA-Federation CEO Eric S. Goldstein about finding common ground and fostering collective purpose.

Save the Date: Purim: March 23rd.

A Break Fast Dinner after Megillah Reading, Wednesday March 23rd in the Ballroom. Details to follow

Celebrate "The Chaz" - Please join us in celebrating Cantor Sherwood Goffin.

Sunday, March 27th. 2-4pm. \$25 for general registration, \$180 for Sponsorship

Fifty Years of Service as Shaliach Tzibbur, teacher, friend and colleague. With special guests Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Rabbi Shaul Berman, Cantor Bernard Beer, and Paul Shafer. Reception following program. RSVP at lss.org/event/tribute

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session for the **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will meet on **Tuesday, March 1st, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm**, and will continue for **5 more weeks**. 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. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
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- The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, March 5th. The cost is only \$25 per person.** Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners. Please make your reservations and payment by **Wednesday March 2nd**.
- **New class! Invitation to Tefillah** with Rabbinic Interns Rabbi Jared Anstandig and Rabbi Mark Weingarten, **Mondays, 7:30-8:15pm**. Each week, we explore, uncover, and understand a new aspect of the daily prayers, with the ultimate goal of making Tefillah a more intimate and meaningful experience
- **The Jewish Living Workshop** starts Monday March 7 at 7:30pm. In this "hands on" experience, we learn by doing. Want to join? Email JLworkshop@yahoo.com
- **Save the date! Monday, March 7th, 2015, 8:15-9:30PM, there will be a Beginners Schmooze. No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**

IN MEMORY OF TUVIA YANAI WEISSMAN



IDF Sgt. Tuvia Yanai Weissman, a 21-year-old Nahal Brigade member and married father of a baby girl, succumbed to wounds inflicted in a stabbing attack in the Rami Levy supermarket in Sha'ar Binyamin last Thursday. He leaves behind his parents and three brothers.

Weissman, a resident of Ma'aleh Michmash, was off-duty and unarmed at the time of the attack and was shopping along with his wife, Yael, and four-month old baby daughter, Neta.

During his funeral, Weissman's father eulogized his son saying, "You loved your daughter, Neta, so much. You took her to see the flowers in the Negev the day before you were murdered. No hate and no enemy will ever stop that."

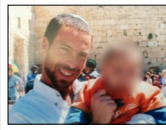
Weissman was educated in Jerusalem and took a preparatory military course in Kfar Eldad before enlisting to Nahal. He was married during his military service. Rabbi Nathanson, the head of the preparatory program eulogized:

"Your wife informed me yesterday that you all had been in a different aisle in the supermarket, you heard screams, and she bent over to cover Neta and you disappeared. You couldn't listen to screaming and stand back, you were like that - you did not have a weapon because you were off-duty. You fought with your fists, your body, your whole heart."

Weissman's young widow, Yael, cried, "You were always full of endless giving. If you hadn't run there (to stop the terrorists) you wouldn't be the Yanai that I know and fell in love with. If only you could have been with Neta more, how many dreams we had," "Yanai, you are a true hero of all the nation of Israel," she stated. "You knew that you had no weapon and nevertheless you ran. I want to thank you, I merited to learn from a talented and special man. Thank you for our Neta."

May his memory be a blessing.

IN MEMORY OF ELIAV GELMAN



IDF Reserves Captain Eliav Gelman, 30 years old, was killed by gunfire targeting a terrorist who attempted a stabbing attack at the Gush Etzion Junction. He was a resident of Karmeit Tzur, grew up in Kiryat Arba and had studied at the Mekor Haim yeshiva. He was the father of two boys, Yoav (aged 2) and Yair (5). His wife Rinat is seven months pregnant.

His brother, Eyal eulogized him. "He was loved, loving, connected to the Jewish People, the land of Israel, and the Torah of Israel. He was dedicated to the Torah. Every day when he woke up, regardless of what happened at night, wherever and whenever, even in the army, he would study daily Talmud portion and the Torah."

"My brother fell in a battle that we have known for a long time. The people of Israel have experienced many battles and pogroms. My brother, too – my dear brother – you entered this circle, the same silver tray that for 150 years this people, this revival generation continues to redeem the land of Israel and build the State of Israel. God have given and God has taken away, may the name of the Hashem be blessed".

May his memory be a blessing.

NORPAC EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT EXPIRATION:

The early bird discount for the NORPAC mission to Washington will expire this Sunday February 28th.

The Mission will take place on Wednesday May 18th. Join with over 1000 participants for a meaningful and exciting day of advocacy for the State of Israel. Register at: www.NORPAC.Net

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY**Coffee & Responsa w/ Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • After Second Minyan (9:15am)**

- Journey through the fascinating and compelling world of rabbinic responsa literature, navigating the historical, sociological, and psychological nuances of the Halakic process through study of a seminal responsum each week - all accompanied by a strong cup of delicious coffee or tea.

MONDAY**Invitation to Tefillah w/ Rabbinic Interns Rabbi Jared Anstandig & Rabbi Mark Weingarten • 7:30-8:15pm**

- Each week, we explore, uncover, and understand a new aspect of the daily prayers, with the ultimate goal of making Tefillah a more intimate and meaningful experience.

Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:15pmTUESDAY**Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am****Intro to Bible w/ Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30-8pm****Beit Midrash Night:**

- Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 7:30pm
Adultery, incest, rebellion -- the travails of David, the greatest Jewish king -- A great story, complex characters, a subtle, sophisticated text.
- Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings • 7.00 pm -
Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robin Mitchnick (*Meets in a private residence, please call office for details*)

Tuesday (Cont.)**Women & Judaism: Changing Times, Shifting Paradigms**

With **Rav Ronen Neuwirth**. • 7:30-8:30pm.

Subsequent classes will be held on 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15

\$20/class, \$75 for the full series. Sign up at Lss.org/classes

WEDNESDAY**Talmudic Logic with 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: "Double Jeopardy: A Study of Kim Lei B'd'raba Minei"

Beit Midrash Night • 8:40pm

- Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky. The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai: We continue to analyze the Israeli poet's final masterpiece, Patuach Sagur Patuach.

THURSDAY**Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:30pm**

- Join Rabbi Shaul Robinson for an exciting and timely look at the weekly portion utilizing contemporary and ancient commentators to uncover new depth in Torah study

Cholent Chabura with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 8:45pm

- Welcome Shabbat early and explore a challenging new topic in Jewish thought each week in this informal and friendly gathering. Chabura meets in a private residence. *Please contact office for location.*

Rabbi Robinson now gives two Lunch and Learn Classes - on Monday in Midtown (5th and 52nd St) and on Wednesday near Wall Street - please speak to him for more details



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 Ki Tisa • "The Broken Tablets and Mr. Gottlieb"

By: Fred Ehrman

If you ask almost any Hebrew Day School graduate what is the *first* comment in the Torah by the foremost biblical commentator, Rashi, (Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki 1040-1105) he will give you an almost immediate answer. Rashi says by right the Torah should have started with the first mitzvah addressed to the nation, that of designating the New Moon. So why was it begun with the story of creation? The answer that will be given is that when the nations of the world will accuse the Jewish people of stealing the Land of Israel from the indigenous population (and this timely reasoning was written 1000 years ago), they will be answered that the earth was created by the Almighty and He has the absolute right to apportion the land to whomever He feels should receive it. But then if you ask the same student the question of what was Rashi's *last* comment in the Torah, in Parshat Vezot Haberachah which we read on Simchat Torah, it will take the exceptional student (or Rabbi for that matter) to give you the correct answer. The verse in Deuteronomy reads: "And in all that mighty hand, and in all the awesome power which Moses showed in the sight of all Israel." (34:12) And what act does Rashi choose to show the greatness of Moses that was there for all to see? One of the 10 plagues? The splitting of the Sea of Reeds? Hitting the rock which then brought forth streams of water? No, none of these. Instead Rashi chooses an unlikely incident from today's Torah reading. As Moses descends from the top of Mount Sinai carrying the two Tablets, he is confronted with the Israelites dancing around the Golden Calf. In anger, he throws the Tablets down at the foot of the mountain and shatters them. Rashi quoting from the Talmud (Shabbat 87A), tells us that God congratulates Moses for this act of destruction. Rashi's last words are, "Yeyasher Kochacha Sheshibarta". "Yasher Koach, congratulations that you shattered them" (the Tablets). Would you have expected that Rashi would have completed his exegesis of the Bible with the incident of the breaking of the Tablets of the Covenant? Usually we complete books of Scripture or the Oral Law with an uplifting story or message. This is a real downer. Why did Rashi choose to end his commentary in this way?

I would like to try and answer this question with a personal story. I was a seven year old second grader at the Ramaz Academy (that's what the Ramaz School was called then). We started each day with the Shacharit morning prayers. Our Hebrew teacher was a new addition to the staff. Mr. Gottlieb was a middle aged man, a recent immigrant from Germany. He spoke with a very distinctive heavy German accent. We were not the best behaved students during the service, and talking, passing notes and other such inappropriate behavior was all too common. Mr. Gottlieb on an almost daily basis explained that proper decorum was expected of us. We were talking to the Almighty and were not being respectful. As the weeks went by with little improvement Mr. Gottlieb went from trying to reason with us, to ultimately raising his voice, sending individuals out of the room and other such actions in attempting to have us do the right thing. Then one day something happened that became etched in my memory. How many things do any of us remember from our early elementary school years? Well this one did.

The day began as all others with Shacharit. The buzzing started again and got louder and louder with Mr. Gottlieb's face getting increasingly red. Suddenly Mr. Gottlieb took his siddur, his prayer book, and flung it on the floor across to the other side of the room. A large gasp was heard coming from all of the class. Hands went up to our mouths. We were all shocked and stunned. The teacher deliberately throwing his siddur, a book that we kissed if we accidentally dropped it? There was a deafening silence in the room. Mr. Gottlieb then explained that if we could not respect the prayer service, then the book in which we prayed had also been disrespected. He then said he would give us one more chance. Each of us began to pray and there was not a hint of any further disturbance or distraction. This decorum continued day after day and almost all of us began to concentrate on the prayers. And to this day, that incident has remained with me. As for Mr. Gottlieb? He was fired soon thereafter for the action taken that day that was unbecoming for a teacher, despite our protestations.

At least for me, I understand why Rashi chose to complete his commentary on the Torah with the Almighty congratulating Moses for breaking the Tablets in the heat of anger. Tablets on which God Himself had written the Ten Commandments.

And Mr. Gottlieb, wherever you are, I just want you know that you had a life-long effect at least on one little boy in your class. Yasher Koach!

Shabbat Shalom.