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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 5:42pm: Candle Lighting
- 5:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 5:45pm: 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**
- 8:30am: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinic Intern **Mark Weingarten** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:07am: Latest Shema
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:30am: Youth Breakfast
- 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.
- 4:15pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 4:30pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: Making Sense of Sacrifice - Introducing Sefer Vayikra**
- 4:45pm: Bible Class and with **Rabbi David Freedman** in room 211
- 5:30pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 6:43pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Don't forget to turn your clock ahead one hour on Saturday night.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, petting zoo and so much more!

TONIGHT! Youth Movie Night in PJ's: Saturday night March 12th (7:30 -9:30) Featuring Disney Pixar's comedy Up. Join us in pajamas and bring flashlights and blankets. We'll have popcorn and pizza! Movie followed by discussion of the importance of helping elders in our community. \$5/child

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of March 13-18 Sun- Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:50pm

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

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by **Nathan Aaron Rosen** in commemoration of the 8th yahrtzeit of his father, **Emanuel Abraham Rosen z"l**.

Beginner's Kiddush

Sponsored by **Helga Weisburger** in honor of the birthday of **Golda Hudes**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Dr. Lu Steinberg and Dr. Michael Schuldner** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Michael's mother **Shirley Kestenbaum Schuldner, a"h**; and by **Shelley & Ruvan Cohen** to welcome their new machatonim, **Debbie and Sam Charnoff** of Potomac, Maryland parents of their daughter Jackie's fiancé, **Oren Charnoff**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Jeremy Cicurel** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, **Raymond Cicurel, z"l**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Rabbi David Freedman and Helene Katz Freedman** in memory David's mother, **Charlotte Freedman a"h**.

YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Groups Start at 10am: K-1 Room 211 @ 9:30am in room 208/210
Pre-K: Room 208/210 2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Brian and Pam Chartock** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Evan**.
- Mazal Tov to **Dr. Robert and Ruth Riemer** upon the engagement of their grandson **Adam Ossip to Abbie Denmark** of Dallas, Texas. And to Adam's parents **Alissa and Avi** and siblings **Tamar and Jonathan**. Mazal Tov to Abbie's parents **Grace and Howard**.
- Mazal Tov to **Dr. Shanna and Adam Herbst** for being honored with the *Keter Shem Tov Award* as "Dedicated Community Activists" at last Sunday's COJO Flatbush 37th Annual Community Legislative Breakfast.
- Mazal Tov to Grandparents **Neil and Robin Goldberg** on the birth of a baby girl, **Eliana Brielle Boschan**, born to parents **Shira and Jared Boschan**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Betty Slama
Ms. Fran Sabshon
Mr. & Mrs. Marc and Jennifer Lessner

—PURIM—

MISHLOACH MANOT

Send Mishloach Manot to other LSS members. The price is \$8/household, there is a maximum price of \$360 regardless of how many members you select after the 45th household selection. There is also an option for reciprocity where you will reciprocate with anyone who selected you.

PURIM CARDS

Purchase LSS Purim Cards for \$3/card

PURIM BREAK FAST MEAL - WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 23rd

Please join us for a dairy Break Fast following the Megillah reading. Early Bird rate: \$20 adults, \$12 children 8-10, \$80 Family max. After March 15th: \$35 adults, \$15 children 8-10, \$100 Family max. Children age 7 and under in costume are free!

See the full Purim Schedule, Purchase Mishloach Manot and Purim Cards, and RSVP for the Break Fast Meal at lss.org/Purim

UPCOMING EVENTS - RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS AT LSS.ORG/EVENTS

Young Professionals Purim Themed Shabbat Lunch • Shabbat, March 19th , at 1pm

Join the LSS Young Professionals for a Purim-themed Shabbat Lunch! Savor delicious Sefardic cuisine as we celebrate the upcoming Purim holiday together as a growing young community! Our lunch will be enhanced by a few words by Rabbi Dr. Richard Hidary, a Sefardic Rabbi who is an outstanding scholar of Talmud and Second Temple Jewish History. He is an Associate Professor of Judaic Studies at Yeshiva University and will be speaking about "Unconventional Power: Rules, Rulers, and Reversals in Megillat Esther." Childcare will be provided so that you can better enjoy the Purim festivities! \$30/members, \$35/non-members, \$15/child 3 and older, \$136 sponsorship (includes 2 seats).

Purim Food and Clothing Drive • Sunday, March 20th at 10am-1pm

Fulfill the mitzvot of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and Matanot L'Evyonim. We are collecting Kosher ready to eat, unopened non-perishable food for Project ORE as well as canned and dry goods for the shelter. We will also be collecting clothing for Jews in the Former Soviet Union. Please bring your clean clothing and shoes (not on hangers).

NEW at LSS: Magazine/Book Drive • Sunday, March 20th at 10am-1pm

In addition to the clothing drive at LSS on Sunday, we're holding a separate collection of books and magazines for the unique, volunteer-run Edyth Geiger Library in Tsfat (Safed), Israel. Please bring English-language fiction paperbacks printed from 2014 onwards, and women's and home magazines dated 2016 to the separate collection boxes at the clothing/linen drive. Questions? Contact glennrik@aol.com

Purim Break the Fast Meal • Wednesday Night, March 23rd– in the ballroom

Please join us for a delicious dairy Break the Fast, catered by Sova Catering directly following Megillah reading. Advance registration is required. Earlybird prices: Children 7 and under in costume are free! Children ages 8-10: \$12 Adults: \$20 Maximum Family price: \$80 After March 15, prices will be as follows: Children 7 and under in costume are free! Children ages 8-10: \$15 Adults: \$25 Maximum Family price: \$100 . Advance registration is required.

The LSS Womens' Tefillah Group Annual Purim Megillah Reading. Thursday morning, March 24th at 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash. For questions email wtg@lss.org.

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

SAVE THE DATE! New Members Brunch • Sunday, April 3 • 11:00 AM

Please join Rabbi Shaul and Sarah Robinson at their home for a New Members Brunch. It's a great way for new members to meet the Rabbi, Sarah, and some of our long-time members in a more intimate setting, and get formally welcomed into the LSS family.

Israel Bonds Brunch • Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 AM in the LSS Ballroom

Capital provided by the Israel Bonds organization has helped Israel's rapid economic development despite formidable political and security challenges. Israel Bonds are an important means of diversifying investment holdings while simultaneously building Israel's economy. Israel has never missed a payment on principle or interest to its bondholders.

Look for your invitation in the mail. The letter describes the various investment options in Israel Bonds, including the popular Double Mitzvah program. The cost of the brunch is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Or, you could register online at www.lss.org/event/israelbonds

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session for the **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will meet on **Tuesday, March 15th, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm**, and will continue for **3 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.**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **Monday, March 14th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. 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 or www.lss.org. **Topic: Shabbat – The Day Meal Experience.**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II**, will begin **Monday, March 21st at 6:30pm**. The classes meet for **1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all**. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Co-Sponsored by NJOP.
- **Save the date!** The annual **Beginners Purim Bash, Wednesday March 23rd**, Maariv and Megillah reading -7:30 PM. Purim Bash - 8:40 PM, featuring renowned musical artist and performer Psachya Septimus. Cost includes food, music and the Purim Shpiel: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Register at www.lss.org/beginners

WWW.LSS.ORG/ADVOCACY

The #1 request made by attendees of last week's Counter BDS program was to have ready access to information about Israel, the BDS movement, and especially tools and resources to help combat it. As promised at the meeting, we have set up a tab on the LSS web site dedicated to advocacy for Israel. This web site will be updated frequently as world events unfold. Please book mark it, visit regularly and forward it to your friends, especially those who are not LSS members and may not be aware of it.

Communication should be a two-way street; please forward information about the latest BDS outrage as well as success stories in combatting it, to nvogel212@gmail.com.

The battle against the evil forces of BDS will not be won overnight. In the weeks to come, we will announce additional programs and hands-on workshops to train us how to be more effective in combating this evil and pernicious enemy of Israel and of the Jewish people. This is not a battle that we sought, but it is one in which we all must do our part; to paraphrase Rabbi Robinson, we must all contribute our half shekel.

BUYCOTT ISRAEL. SERIOUSLY.

Help Israel's economy overcome the effects of the BDS boycotts. Purim is a couple of weeks away and (spoiler alert) Pesach is around the corner. Include Israeli products in your Mishloach Manot, even if it is just a bag of Bisli. And of course purchase Israeli wines and spirits throughout the year to enhance the celebration of your Shabbatot and chaggim.

IN MEMORY OF TAYLOR FORCE

Mr. Force (29 years old), an American tourist, was killed in Tuesday's terror attack in Jaffa. He was a graduate student at the Vanderbilt University Owen School of Management. He was also a US Army veteran who had graduated from West Point in 2009. His wife was severely injured in the attack.



"Taylor embarked on this trip to expand his understanding of global entrepreneurship and also to share his insights and knowledge with start-ups in Israel. He exemplified the spirit of discovery, learning and service that is the hallmark of our wonderful Owen community. This horrific act of violence has robbed our Vanderbilt family of a young hopeful life and all of the bright promise that he held for bettering our greater world." (Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos)

May his memory be for a blessing and a refuah shlema to his wife and to all victims of terror.

AIPAC CONFERENCE: March 20-22

It takes a network to fight a network. One of the biggest and most effective pro-Israel networks in the world is AIPAC. Join Rabbi Robinson and a record number of LSS members in Washington. To register, please visit <http://www.aipac.org/> for questions contact anncrane2750@gmail.com

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 Halakhic process through study of a seminal responsum each week - all accompanied by a strong cup of delicious coffee or tea.

Sunday Morning Responsa #15 - *Inebriation on Purim in the Responsa Literature*

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 • 7:15pm

TUESDAY

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 Platzner • 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.

Last class will be held on 3/15

\$20/class 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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By: Rabbi Michael Levy

Parshat Pekudei — “Striving for Truth in a Corrupt World”

(With thanks to Miri Gold for assistance in preparation)

Bruce Roter, a music professor at the College of St. Rose in Albany, is spearheading the construction of the Museum of Political Corruption in Albany, exposing our government's shortcomings for all to view. It will feature a Lobby of Lobbyists, a Tammany Lecture Hall, the Cozy Crony Café, and a 'How to Cook Your Books' cookbook. Perhaps there should be an exhibit displaying the unholy alliance that sometimes develops between politicians and construction contractors?

An Epidemic of Falsehood

Perhaps the museum should also include this year's presidential campaign. If a logician reviewed all the candidates' allegations and assertions, he would necessarily conclude that they could not all be true.

A Dwelling-Place for Truth

This week's Torah portion, Pikudei, goes out of its way to show that there were no Cost Overruns in the construction of the Mishkan, the portable sanctuary which traveled with the Israelites in the wilderness. The text quantifies the collection of "building materials" and specifies exactly how gold, silver and copper were used. Over 3,000 years ago, financial integrity with community funds became part of our spiritual tradition.

Keep Your Hands Out of the Till

During the period of the Second Temple, anyone entering areas where Sanctuary Funds were kept was not permitted to wear any article of clothing that might conceal money. He could therefore go about his business without being suspected of theft (Mishna Shekalim, 3, 2.) . A system was established insuring that no one person was in charge of handling Sanctuary funds (Shekalim, 5, 2.)

Your Personal "Bottom Line"

It would be easy to conclude that none of us can make a difference in a world of corruption. R. Eliyahu Dessler guides us to think otherwise.

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Each of us has enough education and integrity not to engage in corrupt practices. On the other hand (speaking for myself,) we may not realize that some of our "financial behavior" needs correcting.

We are left, then, to struggle to make the right choice somewhere on the spectrum between right and wrong. My particular "point of choice involves questions like

"On those days when I feel just a little under the weather, may I call in sick?"

"What level of productivity am I expected to maintain?"

"Shall I just follow orders from the boss, or discuss ways in which I think funds could be better spent?"

Each person's "moral bottom line" involves making the right decision at his or her point of choice. Each time any one of us makes the right choice, we reclaim a little more territory for integrity and truth in this world.

May the One whose Name is Truth strengthen us, and re-establish his Pure Presence on earth for all to view.

*₁ Michtav Me'Eliyahu, Volume 1, page 113