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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM

Friday Evening

- 6:45pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 6:45pm Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:58pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:14pm: Candle Lighting
- 8:20pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services will be led by **Cantorial Intern Yisroel Lesches**.

Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services will be led by **Cantorial Intern Yisroel Lesches**. Drasha will be given by **Mrs. Debby Rosenfeld** (Mom of Rabbi Josh), who will speak on behalf of the Renewal Organization on her recent experience as a kidney donor.
- 9:13am: Latest Shema
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash.

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed
- 6:30pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in Room 207
- 6:45pm: Women's Tefillah Group Mincha in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 7:00pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "Issues of Faith #2" : *What Happens If/When Humanity Becomes Obsolete, Part 2*
- 8:00pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 9:14pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Suzan & Fred Ehrman** in memory of our father **David Weinman, Dovid Ben Yisrael Yaacov, z"l**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Dr. Richard Seaman**, in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim & Aidel Buchwald** and Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Ephraim & Aidel Buchwald** on the recent Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, **Talia Eliana Buchwald**. Co-sponsored by **Anna Kobtseva**, in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**, in thanks for his help with her new Hebrew name.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Sydell Roth** in loving memory of her loving husband **Joseph, z"l**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Proudly sponsored by **Esther Betesh** in celebration of the marriage of her son **Shlomo** to **Gal**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Paul & Helaine Kurlansky** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Paul's father, **Mendel Fievel ben Hirshel z"l**, and Helaine's brother, **Yakov ben Avraham z"l**.

LSS SECURITY MESSAGE

Your friends and family are in shul davening.
 Who makes sure intruders do not enter?
 You do.
 Contact Ian Silver at security@lss.org.
 Join the shul security course.
 Join our committee. Training over the summer.
 If you see something, say something.

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Tammuz is on Tuesday, July 5th at 28 minutes and one chelek after midnight. Rosh Chodesh will be on Wednesday & Thursday, July 6th & 7th.

The office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Weekly Prayer Schedule
 For the Week of July 3
 Sunday – Thursday Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:20pm

Sunday	Monday	Wed & Thurs (Rosh Chodesh Tammuz)	Tues & Fri
Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Chodesh Tammuz	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:50am
		Shacharit: 7:40am	

Women's Talk Time • Thursday, July 7th • 11:30am

Women are invited to attend an ongoing discussion group facilitated by Ruth Riemer. All ages are welcome. Our last topic was: "Making Financial Decisions."

Meet World-Famous Israeli Artist Nir Hod • Thursday, July 21 • 5:00 pm-7:00 pm in his West Village Studio

Nir Hod's stellar career path has been instrumental in placing Israel on the contemporary art map. Nir's work hovers between hyperrealism & abstraction and includes sculpture & painting. His art often features opposing concepts like beauty & destruction. He draws inspiration from iconic images from the Holocaust, songs (like, Loo Yehi) and even from the Kabbalah. The evening will start with a meet & greet the artist while enjoying light refreshments and Israeli wine. This will be followed by Nir's discussion of his work and Q&A. Cost \$25. Tickets must be purchased in advance (limited number of seats). To register, visit www.lss.org/art

High Holidays 2016/5777

Dedicated Seat Holders

At this time we are opening High Holiday seat reservations to dedicated seat holders only. Notices were sent out this week reminding dedicated seat holders of their seat number(s).

The rate for High Holiday seats is \$250 for members. Please tell us by Monday, August 1st if you intend to use your dedicated seat(s). **If we do not hear back from you by Monday, August 1st, we will give other LSS members the opportunity to purchase them after that date.**

Please log in to our website and use the form found at lss.org/high-holiday-seats-2016 to reserve your seats.

You must be logged in to your account in order to view the full registration page.



A Comprehensive Resource for Kidney Donors and Recipients

Renewal is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting people suffering from various forms of kidney disease. We are a multi-faceted proactive team that is dedicated to saving lives through kidney donation.

Renewal is there for every patient and their family at every stage of the challenging journey towards health, providing many services to both donor and recipient.

Special attention and detail is given to the kidney donors' needs. We strive to make the kidney donors' experience as smooth as possible and provide continuous support and guidance from the initial phone call throughout the kidney donation process.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II** will meet on **Monday, July 11th at 6:30pm**, and continue for **2 more weeks (Please note there will be no class on Monday, July 4th)**. 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! "First Call" Beginners Luncheon**, to be held **Shabbat, September 10th, in honor of Dr. Leonard Davidman**. The cost is still only \$25 per person. **Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners.** Please make your reservations and payment by **Thursday, September 8th.**

Take Part in the Mitzvah of Bikur Cholim

Every Shabbat, a group of volunteers leaves from the shul lobby and heads to nearby Mt. Sinai West Hospital (formerly known as Roosevelt Hospital) to visit the sick. This chesed opportunity is open to all. If you have not taken part yet, please consider doing so.

West Side Yoetzet Halacha, Ilana Gadish

Ilana Gadish serves as the Yoetzet Halacha for a number of synagogues in Manhattan, and is a graduate of Nishmat's U.S. Yoetzot Halacha Fellows program. Ilana also teaches Talmud and Tanakh at the Ramaz Upper School. Ilana currently lives on the Upper West Side with her husband Moshe Peters.

Ilana can be reached by email at nycyoetzet@gmail.com or by phone at (646) 598-1080.

The following article has links to important information; please consider reading the online version of the Echod after Shabbat.

Activities To Do In Israel (Part V)

We recognize that many of our members have been to Israel many times and may be interested in some new, off-the-beaten tourist path activities the next time that they visit. To see a complete listing of activities to do in Israel, visit www.lss.org/activities-in-israel.html

This week's suggestion comes courtesy of Sara Brzowsky: Go to Haifa! The [Atlit Detention Camp](#) is located near the Coastal Road, north of the town of Atlit. It is a national site and serves as an educational center for teaching the heritage of clandestine immigration. It was used for imprisonment of illegal immigrants captured after struggling against the British while trying to enter the Land of Israel via sea and land as well as activists from the Jewish population who had fought against the British rule, including Etzel and Lehi fighters. There are guided tours through the camp's wired fences and barracks, a moving encounter with testimonies at the computer database and an experiential and touching visit to the unique display in the ship "Galina." Guided tours in English available by advance booking. In Israel, call 04-984-1980

The nearby [Clandestine Immigration and Naval Museum](#) in Haifa, makes a great complement to the Detention Camp tour. This museum is dedicated to telling the story of the struggle for the right to immigrate to Israel during the years 1934 – 1948 when the British Mandate was in operation. This is a chapter of our history which deals with Jewish clandestine immigration and the right to settle here. A special wing of the museum is devoted to the history of the Israeli navy, whose roots go back to this very clandestine immigration operation at the time of the British Mandate. Here you can find a number of important exhibits, including a model of the famous immigration ship, the Exodus. In Israel, call 04-853-6249.

Do you have any favorite spots in Israel? Please pass them along so that others may follow in your footsteps; email supportisrael@lss.org

Google Chief: Israeli Tech Second Only to Silicon Valley

Eric Schmidt, formerly Google chief executive and now executive chairman of its parent company Alphabet, said Israel, a country of only around eight million people, was punching far above its weight in technology. "For a relatively small country, Israel has a super role in technological innovation."

"I can't think of a place where you could see this diversity and the collection of initiatives aside from Silicon Valley," he added. Google acquired Waze, an Israeli real-time traffic application, for more than \$1 billion in 2013 and has also bought other smaller Israeli firms. The company develops many of its technologies in research and development centers in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Help Support Israeli Victims of Terror and Their Families

Todah rabbah to the dozens of members who have already responded generously to the Yizkor appeal for contributions to the fund for Israeli victims of terror. You can still help: Please send a check made out to the LSS Chesed Fund. In the Memo line write "Victims of Terror." Rabbi Robinson will make sure that the money is distributed properly.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Coffee & Responsa w/ Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • After Second Minyan (9:15am) Rabbi Rosenfeld will be giving a shiur entitled *Shabbat Observance in Extreme Locations*.

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 10:30am

Gemara B'Shana with Rabbinic Intern Mark Weingarten • 7:00 pm

A program dedicated to the memory of Bruce Ritholtz a"h with the ambitious goal of studying and completing an entire tractate of Talmud, focused on analysis and group discussion. This year we will be studying tractate Ta'anit.

Beit Midrash Night:

- **Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer** • 7:20pm
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*)

WEDNESDAY

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 • 7:15pm **Will not meet this week**

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.*



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 Sh'lach

By: Perry Davis

All of us have had the feeling. Work is overwhelming. Family responsibilities are a burden. The demands on us have just grown to the point that they are too much to bear. "It's just eating me up" we say to ourselves or to our friends or to our spouses or parents or kids. "It's just eating me up."

The spies Moshe sent on a reconnaissance mission use that language when they want to express their sense of futility and helplessness when asked to report on their visit.

"We cannot achieve mastery over the people in Canaan, they are too strong.....The land eats up its inhabitants" (Bamidbar 13:31-32); implying it will eat us up, too.

The spies did not lie. The inhabitants did appear overpowering. Their fear of the giants was not unfounded though it may have come from a lack of faith in God. But when it came to describing the land, the message was mixed. On the one hand the fruit they brought was abundantly large and superior to normal produce. They admitted that the land was indeed "flowing with milk and honey." (Bamidbar 13:27) Yet, still the "land devours its inhabitants." Which is it?

The commentators try to reconcile the contradiction in various ways. Rashi says that the spies saw the funerals of Canaanites who Hashem had killed to protect their mission and they twisted that miracle into an existential threat. Ibn Ezra says they were describing the toxic air (not the fertile ground.) The Sforno puts a Darwinian twist on the report. Yes the fruits were immense, but in fact they were mutants that required extraordinarily powerful farmers to sow and harvest. Only the fittest Canaanites were up to the task and the rest died out. Natural selection had devoured the weaker inhabitants.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz gives a much more logical explanation. To the spies, life during the two year sojourn in the desert was lived in a protective cocoon. Food fell from heaven, water flowed from rocks, shoes and clothing were never worn out. The nation was even shielded from wild animal, snakes and scorpions. Entering the Promised Land held no great promise at all. They may have been scared by the giant inhabitants, but they were equally frightened by the new kind of life they would have to accept; lives defined by heavy farming. They would have to undertake back-breaking labor to prepare the ground, rely on cow manure to fertilize the earth, depend on the fickle rain to stimulate growth. They would alternately freeze or boil with the elements of weather. With the land came the most mundane yet difficult responsibilities. They weren't ready. Egyptian agriculture was regulated by the steady and dependable flow of the Nile. Desert food was heaven sent. Now a new reality set in, and they saw themselves being 'eaten up by the land.'

Caleb and Joshua tried, to no avail, to allay their fears. The land is not just good it is "very very good." All you need do is trust in the Master of the Universe and then not only will the land not devour you but rather 'ki lachmeinu hem' - we will devour the enemy and as though it were bread (Bamidbar 14:9).

The lesson is clear. Trust in God will allow us to overcome the tallest enemy, but with that faith we must do our part and accept our lot in life to make the land a source of sustenance; to undertake daily tasks and responsibilities with a light heart and a prayer of thanks to God who ultimately - with our help - is the 'Motzi lechem min haaretz.'