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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 4:22pm: Candle Lighting
- 4:25pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 4:25pm: Sephardic Minyan in Rooms 208/210

### 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 **Jared Anstandig** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:39am: Latest Shema
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 2:55pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 3:25pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *The Seven Shepherds of Israel*: Shiur #1 - Introducing Moshe Rabbeinu .  
*The pre-mincha shiur is sponsored by Dorothea Krieger in memory of her uncle Yitzchak HaKohen (Dr. Phillip Bloch) z"l.*
- 3:25pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Yoel Epstein**
- 4:10pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 5:23pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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

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

### BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

If you missed Cantor Goffin's session on learning the trope-cantillation, he will be repeating it Tuesday January 5th 2016 at 7:30pm.

Please email [LSSBATMITZVAH@gmail.com](mailto:LSSBATMITZVAH@gmail.com) to let us now you're coming so we can prepare enough materials

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Agnes and Jules Ehrman** in commemoration of the Yahrtzeit of **Eva Beranek, Chana bat Meir Zeev, a"h.**

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Rachel Neumark Herlands and Jonathan Herlands** in honor of **William's** aufruf.

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored in loving memory of **Shmuel Shoshani z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.**

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Rachel Neumark Herlands and Jonathan Herlands** in honor of **William's** aufruf.

## MAZAL TOV

- Mazal tov to **Rachel Neumark Herlands and Jonathan Herlands** and their entire family on the upcoming wedding of their son **William to Natalia Emanuel.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**Bruce Teleky**

## GREET SOMEONE NEW THIS SHABBAT

Let's make our shul an even more welcoming place. If you see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself and say "Shabbat Shalom."

## CALLING ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES

The calendar year is coming to a close, and many of our congregants still have outstanding bills. Please pay your dues and/or any other outstanding pledges now. Mail a check, call the office to pay by credit card, or pay online at [lss.org/payment](http://lss.org/payment)

## Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of Jan 3-8

**Sun- Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 4:30pm**

**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

### Women's Talk Time • Wednesday, January 6th, at 11:30am

Join LSS member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to women in the LSS community.

**Truth or Consequences: Media Bias in the War Against Israel • An Evening with Ido Aharoni and Bret Stephens • Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:30pm • At LSS UJA-Federation of New York and Lincoln Square Synagogue** invite you to **Truth or Consequences: Media Bias in the War Against Israel**. Wars today are fought by air and on the ground, as well as on the battlefields of media coverage and public opinion. First hear from Israeli Consul General **Ido Aharoni** on defining Israel's brand image, which he believes is vital to national security. Then hear from Pulitzer Prize-winning Wall Street Journal columnist **Bret Stephens**, a bold critic of what he calls the media's double standing in reporting on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Tickets are available through UJA-Federation for a tax-deductible cost of \$18. More information and tickets are available here: <http://tinyurl.com/tovbyachad>.

### Film Screening: The Prime Ministers: Soldiers and Peacemakers • Saturday Night, January 16th at 8pm

The LSS Film Club is excited to present *The Prime Ministers: Soldiers and Peacemakers*. *The Prime Ministers* is an epic film that follows the experiences of the late Ambassador Yehuda Avner during the years he worked for Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Menachem Begin. Sign up at [lss.org/film](http://lss.org/film)

### Third Annual Benefit Concert • Saturday Night, February 20th at 8:30pm

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in association with **OHHEL** [ohelfamily.org](http://ohelfamily.org)  
Presents its Third Annual Benefit Concert

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**THE LEMMER BROTHERS**  
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**Motzei Shabbos**  
**FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:30 PM**  
@LSS J 180 Amsterdam Avenue

**YANKY LEMMER**      **SHULEM LEMMER**

Special guest stars      With Chazzan Sherwood Goffin      And the      Featuring Comedian Marc Weiner

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Dessert reception following the concert  
\$500 sponsorship includes 4 premium reserved seats, VIP coat check, gift bag  
\$50 per ticket, \$36 Seniors and \$25 for Students

Reserve online at [www.lss.org/concert](http://www.lss.org/concert) or by phone at 212-874-6100

### Free concert tickets to first 40 Israel Bond purchasers!

LSS will offer one complimentary concert ticket to the first 40 online purchasers of an Israel Bond at a minimum purchase price of \$54. This applies to new purchases beginning Jan 2016.

Visit [israelbonds.com](http://israelbonds.com) for current rates and prospectuses or contact our synagogue representative Robert Lunzer at 212-446-5835, [robert.lunzer@israelbonds.com](mailto:robert.lunzer@israelbonds.com) for additional information. If making a purchase on line, please advise Mr. Lunzer in advance. Once you get your confirmation, please send a copy to [Leah@lss.org](mailto:Leah@lss.org), and a complimentary ticket will be reserved for you. Please note that bonds can be purchased for many of your favorite charities. For help with any online questions call Nick at 212-339-8285.

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**WE LOVE ISRAEL!! ISRAEL NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT!** AIPAC, Israel's bipartisan lobby is continually working behind the scenes to strengthen the American- Israel relationship. Please consider supporting Israel's most important lobby in the world by attending the exciting annual AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington March 20- 22 2016. It is so much more than a political conference; it is a celebration of Israel and the humanity of the Jewish people!

If you're considering registering or have registered for the first time please go to the website [aipac.org](http://aipac.org). Register under the synagogue category of "Lincoln Square Synagogue". Please also send an email to Ann Crane @ [anncrane2750@gmail.com](mailto:anncrane2750@gmail.com). as we are trying to coordinate a few special activities for our members and need to know of your attendance. Registration is ahead of last year and we anticipate the conference will sell out so register early. Of course, please feel free to contact Ann with any questions including how to make the trip possibly a little more affordable.

- The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **NEXT Shabbat, January 9th, 2016**. The cost is only **\$25 per person**. Please note **new date and price**. Register and pay online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Please make your reservations and payment by **THIS Wednesday, January 6th**.
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II** will begin **Monday, January 11th, 2016 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Save the date!** Register now for **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald (Begins **Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 6:30-8:00pm**). 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](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**

## 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.

### 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.

### TUESDAY

**Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am**

**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*)

**Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:15pm**

- A new 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.

### 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**" (Not meeting this week)

**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**

**WILL NOT MEET JAN 7**

- 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 Shemot

By: Margy-Ruth Davis

### The Women who Give Moshe Life

Bereishit is filled with women. But after Moshe's birth – with few exceptions – they largely disappear from the Biblical narrative. That may be because Bereishit is a family saga, while the remaining four books of the Torah are a national story, played out in the public arena.

Still, it is worth noting that it takes an entire nation of women so that Moshe can be born. The Israelite women are defiant, even in the face of bitter servitude. "But as they afflicted [the people], so did it become many, so did it burst forth" (1:12). Although Pharaoh ordered the killing of all the male infants, the midwives Shifra and Puah "feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt spoke to them" (1:17).

In Moshe's own birth, it is his mother who takes the lead: "The woman conceived and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was good and she hid him for three months. She could not hide him any longer... (2:2-3)."

Then, it is Moshe's sister who waits at the river bank to see what will happen to him; it is her quick thinking that brings Moshe back to his mother for a few more months of nursing. When Pharaoh's daughter sees the little basket, she takes pity and says, "This is one of the Hebrew boys" (2:6). She, too, takes a risk in sheltering an infant whom her father has ordered to be killed.

While we know Shifra and Puah's names, these three women – the mother, the sister and the surrogate – are not named here. "A man went from the House of Levi and took a daughter of Levi" (2:1). Moshe's mother is not named until there is an abbreviated genealogy, five chapters later: "Amram took his aunt Yocheved as a wife and she bore him Aharon and Moshe..." (6:20).

Sister Miriam is only known as the "sister who stationed herself at a distance." In summoning her mother to nurse Moshe, she is simply called the "almah," the young girl, again without a name. Neither is she listed in the genealogy with her brothers in chapter 6. We first learn Miriam's name when she leads the women in the Song of the Sea – here she is acting as a leader in her own right.

As for Pharaoh's daughter who raises Moshe to adulthood, she remains anonymous. After Moshe flees Egypt – he is afraid for his life after killing the Egyptian -- does she ever see him again, I wonder? Did she come to love him and then lose this son? Did she pine for him as Jacob pined for Joseph?

Why does the Chumash take such pains to hide their names as Moshe is born? Perhaps it is because these three women are private individuals, part of a domestic story – and a story that played out in countless homes during those slave years. Since Shifra and Puah did not do as Pharaoh demanded, were other mothers also trying to keep their sons alive?

If this supposition is correct, then perhaps Yocheved, Miriam and Pharaoh's daughter are meant to represent Everywoman and every woman might see herself in their stories. Like the many women who defiantly became pregnant and gave birth, they are the backstory. They are the women who quietly subverted Pharaoh's evil decree – ensuring that there would be life, not death. They are the mothers and the guarantors of the Jewish People.