

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 5:18pm: Candle Lighting
- 5:20pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 5:20pm: 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 **Jared Anstandig** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:25am: Latest Shema
- 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.
- 3:50pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 4:20pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "Judaism and...": Technology, Transhumanism, & Postmodernism (Shiur #1)
- 4:20pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 5:05pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary followed by Seudah Shlishit in rooms 206/207
- 6:19pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Rabbi Robinson will be visiting Florida for a Rabbinic Convention and would like to meet up with Lincoln Square Members who are in Florida for the winter. The likely date for the get-together is Wednesday, February 24th. Please email him at rabbi@lss.org to find out more details.

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of Feb 21-26

Sun- Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 5:25pm

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

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Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by **Solomon Max** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of **Harav Moshe Ben Eliyahu (Rabbi Moshe Max)** on Adar I 13; and by **Steve Kay Kupietzky** in honor of his parents, **Rabbi Jonah and Fran Kupietzky**, on their 60th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on February 16th.

Beginner's Kiddush

Sponsored anonymously in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Sponsored by **Martin Koenig** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of his father **Yaakov Yosef ben Nisan, z"l**, and his mother **Chaya bat Shalom Tzvi, z"l**; and by **Sara and Elie Kravitz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Elie's father, **Philip Kravitz, z"l**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Alan and Robyn Samuels**, and **Marc and Emma Samuels**, to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of their parents, **Thea and Jeffrey Samuels**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Hadas and Amir Richulsky** in memory of the recent passing of Amir's grandmother, **Shoshana Vinitzky, a"h**, who was an Etzel activist and instrumental in the founding of the State of Israel.

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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. and Mrs. Paul and Helaine Kurlansky

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to great-grandparents **Judy and Joel Schreiber** on the birth of a baby boy, to their Grandchildren **Blima and Ben Weintraub**.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Jonah & Fran Kupietzky** on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on February 16, 2016. Mazal Tov to children **Steve Kay Kupietzky & Denise & Alan Wildes & Grandchildren Danielle, Duvie, & Zach**.

ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT—TONIGHT!



Motza'ei Shabbat, Feb. 20th, at 8:30pm: **Benefit Concert** Featuring the Lemmer Brothers: Chazzan Yanky Lemmer and Shulem Lemmer. Special Guest Star Soulfarm with Chazzan Sherwood Goffin and the Shlomie Dachs Orchestra. Featuring Comedian Marc Weiner. Dessert Reception. Limited seats are available at lss.org or at the door.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Meet Israel's Reut Institute team and founder, Gidi Grinstein (see accompanying story in the Israel Corner) that 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

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.**

Israeli Art at the Armory Show -Second Tour Added!

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

Last week's Echod carried the notice listed below. The tour scheduled for 12 noon has been SOLD OUT. Due to the high demand, we have added a second tour that will start at 2:30 PM.

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.



*Sigalit Landau
Edge, 2014
Shoes Suspended in the Waters of
the Dead Sea*

UJA Federation of NY Invite 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

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, February 22nd at 6:30pm**, and continue for **1 more week**. The classes meet for 1 ½ hours, and are free and open to all. **Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Co sponsored by NJOP.**
- **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 www.LSS.org or call (212) 874-6100.**
- The next session for the **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will meet on **Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016, 6:30-8:00pm**, and will continue for **6 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 **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

The following article contains important links which you can access from the online version of the Echod.

The Reut Institute Combats BDS

The [Reut Institute](#) in Tel Aviv was established by Gidi Grinstein in 2004 to create a significant and substantive impact on the future of the State of Israel and the Jewish people and to make an indelibly Israeli and Jewish contribution to the future of humanity. Reut's vision is of 21st Century Zionism - that of the Jewish people's right to self-determination in a secure, prosperous, and democratic state of Israel.

A major threat to this vision is the Boycott, Divest, Sanction (BDS) movement against Israel. The roots of BDS go back to the aftermath of the Second Lebanon War (2006) when we saw hundreds of thousands of Europeans marching against Israel, although it was Israel that was provoked and its civilian population that was attacked. The movement picked up steam following the incident with the Mavi Marama boat that was part of the Turkish flotilla seeking to break the blockade of Gaza.

The **de-legitimization of Israel is fundamentally about challenging Israel's very existence**, and not about correcting its policies. Therefore, it is a challenge that merits the mobilization of all of us: left and right, Israel and Diaspora. The Reut Institute was the first to recognize the danger caused by the BDS movement to the de-legitimization of the State of Israel and has been developing techniques to counter it.

Gidi Grinstein, his wife Betty and their two lovely young daughters, Noa and Yael, are currently living on the UWS and *daven* with us on Shabbat. Gidi will speak at the upcoming AIPAC Conference on the topic of Tikkun Olam Makers (TOM), yet another initiative of the Reut Institute.



Dry Bones



AIPAC CONFERENCE: MARCH 20-22

Join more than 16,000 activists from all 50 states, more than half of the Senate, a third of the House of Representatives and countless Israeli and American policymakers. Also, join other LSS members for a Shabbaton prior to the conference. To register, visit www.aipac.org or 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 Halakic process through study of a seminal responsum each week - all accompanied by a strong cup of delicious coffee or tea.

Sunday Morning Responsa #13: *The Debrecziner - An Intellectual Portrait of a Hassidic Posek*

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 (Not Meeting This Week)

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am (NOT MEETING THIS WEEK)

Intro to Bible w/ Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30-8pm

Beit Midrash Night:

- Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzler • 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. Begins Feb 23rd • 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

11 Adar 1 5776 • February 19-20, 2016
Parshat Tetzaveh—"Postpone Joy"

By: Jesse Cogan

We are supposed to be drunk this Tuesday. Instead, the rabbis declared Adar II as the month for Purim. But why delay a holiday of joy, silliness, and three-sided cookies. Isn't Adar II the intruder?

The Gemara insists that the redemption of the Jews of Shushan closely connect to the Great Exodus from Egypt. God split the Red Sea, made water flow from rock and manna flow from heaven. Awesome miracles are how God revealed Himself.

Purim, with its villains and heroes, brought meaning to a less ominous, more loving side of the relationship. Finding God in coincidence could only happen through ahava. The year's cycle starts in awe and ends in love. You need yir'ah to achieve ahava.

But, the supernatural revelation to the wandering Jews is a chronological progression rather than a progression of relationships. It is not typical. God had no choice but to start with Awe. Could a slave population realize God without a display of His might?

A complaining, distrustful people grew from awe without love. A golden calf, lying spies and a revolt from within was the outcome. Nissan creates a People who had not yet accepted the joy of Torah, only its burden. It took generations to bring Purim. Yir'ah alone doesn't work. Fear needs love to make it thrive.

But who said Nissan starts the cycle? Is the month God created the Jewish People more important than the month He created the world?

No. Everyone agrees that springtime is the season of the Exodus. But not everybody agrees on which month God created the world. Perhaps Tishrei starts the count. says Rabbi Yehoshua. Teshuva begins the cycle. Fear of rejection is at its end. The formula spans from a forgiving God of love to fixing the ills between men. Ahava to yir'ah is the cycle.

Like the egg of Passover and the Matzah Ball of the High Holy Days, wherever you begin the year, you start over again in 12 - 13 months. Which month was first isn't the issue. The rabbis had bigger things on their minds.

The debate is about the ultimate revelation, the one that seems not to care in which century, no less month, it begins. And it's about the circumstances, not the month, of the redemption

Will the Messiah's arrive through miracles from Above or from our battle with the yetzer harah below? asks the debate. What is our role in the redemption? What is God's?

He will come in Nissan, says Rabbi Eliezer, through the miracles and supernatural ways of God. Rabbi Yehoshua disagrees. Man must do teshuva before the Messiah reveals himself.

Awe builds a People, says Nissan. The joy of Adar will precede the revelation. Tishrei disagrees. Teshuva will bring the Messiah. The introspection of Elul will precede the redemption.

Although the debate has no resolution, Rabbeinu Tam reassures us. Eilu v'eilu divrei elokim chayim. he says. Both Tanaim speak the word of G-d.

How so?

Nissan says, reinforce national identity, develop leadership and respond to our adversaries in a unified voice. Defeat the enemy first.

Tishrei, says that you alone have the power to bring on the geulah. Start with love for a God who forgives. End with a fear of God's rejection and a searching of your soul. Do teshuva!

What will bring the Messiah is a mix of the two. The rise of a nationalistic, singular voice of the Jewish people and the demand to end the often vicious voices of Jew vs. Jew.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shir Fun, the popular Hebrew music program for kids ages 0-4, is back at LSS! This one of a kind program is led by Israeli singer/recording artist and music therapist, Dafna. Shir Fun uses traditional and original Hebrew music along with instruments and learning aides in an interactive and uniquely personal way to develop your child's language and motor skills, and foster a love of Israel, the Hebrew language, tradition and community. 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