

SHABBAT SCHEDULE





Friday night:

6:57pm Earliest Candle Lighting
7:10pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat
 Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
8:14pm Latest Candle Lighting
8:31pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha
9:02pm Repeat Shema

Shabbat:

7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Dr. Moshe Sokolow on the third floor.
9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan; Drasha after Musaf by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Farewell to the Zoltys Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.
9:10am Latest Shema
9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow.
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
10:00am Youth Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms.
5:00pm American Jews and Israelis: Can We Talk?
6:15pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
6:30pm Young Professional Women's Seudah Shlishit
7:00pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Topic: Decoding Story Closure: When Does it Really End?
8:00pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.
 Hebrew only shiur with Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellows. Led by Yechiel Rozenberg in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Topic: What is the story of the Levites?
8:31pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.
9:14pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

MAZAL TOV

Shari and Joseph Sonnenberg on their 40th wedding anniversary, this week. 
Joyce and David Friedman on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Elinor. 
Ann and Rudy Lowy on the engagement of their daughter Shuli to Josh Redlich. Mazal tov also to her siblings Ellie, Ephraim, Mindi, Tova, Devorah, Naphatali, Chaim and their respective spouses. 
Grandparents Joan Papier and Dr. Henry Lieberman on the marriage of their grandson Moshe Doron Papier to Devorah Sramenko in Jerusalem. Mazal tov also to parents Gytha & Alan Papier and Liz & Schmuel Sramenko. 

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit:

Sunday, June 25th @ 7:10am & 8:30am
Monday, June 26th @ 7:00am & 7:50am
Tuesday & Wednesday, June 27th-28th @ 7:10am & 7:50am
Thursday, June 29th @ 7:00am & 7:50am
Friday June 30th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday-Thursday, June 25th-29th @ 8:20pm

THIS SHABBAT

Main Kiddush: Farewell to Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz-Zolty

and Rabbi Yoni Zolty: Join us on Rabbanit and Rabbi Zolty's final Shabbat at LSS, as we honor the contributions they have made to LSS and bid them farewell.

Shabbat, June 24th: American Jews and Israelis: Can we talk? 5:00pm:

Gali Rabin is the current UWS Schlichah (Israel emissary from the Jewish Agency for Israel). For the past year, she has worked with UWS synagogues across all denominations and with various Jewish schools and organizations. Also participating will be Yechiel Rozenberg, Torah Mitzion Kollel fellow. Drawing upon their experiences and unique vantage points, Gali and Yechiel will address two important questions: What do American Jews need to understand about Israelis? What do Israelis need to understand about American Jews? Refreshments will be served. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.



Young Professional Women's Seudah Shlishit: 6:30pm: Hosted at the home of Young Professional member Hadassah. Dvar Torah by Rabbanit Mindy. Email Rabbanit Mindy at rabbanit@lss.org for address.

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Main Kiddush in Honor of Rabbanit & Rabbi Zolty:

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Beginners:

Albert Reiss in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.



Shabbat Shalom

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Offsite* Thursday, June 29th: Young Leadership Summer event by The Blue Card: 6:00 - 8:00pm:** The mission of The Blue Card is to provide financial assistance to Holocaust survivors in need. Attend the Young Leadership Summer event to learn about the struggles of Holocaust survivors in the U.S. and about raising awareness. Refreshments will be served by Lox Cafe (fleishig). The event is free of charge but space is limited so please register in advance. Register at www.tinyurl.com/YLBlueCard Learn more about The Blue Card at www.bluecardfund.org/ Location: Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust 36 Battery Place New York, NY 10280

***Offsite* Sunday, August 20th: 5K Cancer Schlep: 9:00am:** Join the run with American Friends of Rabin Medical Center to honor and remember loved ones with breast, ovarian, and prostate cancer. Location: 636 Broadway, Suite 618, New York, NY 10012. Visit events.elitefeats.com/23schlep to register, volunteer, or donate.

Sunday, October 8th: Bar Mitzvah Project: Men, if you've never had a Bar Mitzvah, didn't read from the Torah for your Bar Mitzvah or haven't read from the Torah in a while, here is your chance to do so on Simchat Torah morning and get the help you need to prepare via recordings from Cantor Goffin z"l and supportive mentors. To register email lssbarmitzvah@gmail.com.

CHESED OPPORTUNITY

NEW VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR LSS FOOD FUNNEL

For decades, the LSS Food Funnel project has been partnering with Orwasher's Bakery to collect their unsold bread and deliver it to local food programs and soup kitchens. Each week, Food Funnel volunteers are able to collect hundreds of pounds of fresh artisanal bread that goes to help feed individuals and families in need.

How it Works: At 7:00pm each evening, Monday-Thursday, LSS volunteers pick up the bread from Orwasher's East and West side locations (East 78th St and Amsterdam 81 st) and deliver it by car to a food pantry or soup kitchen on the Upper West Side.

Need for New Volunteers: A number of volunteers have recently stepped down, leaving the LSS Food Funnel with a sizable shortfall in the number of volunteers necessary to maintain our commitment to the individuals and families who depend on us.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please contact Phil Gassel [917-597-6759; philip.gassel@gmail.com] or Judy Goldberger.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Daily

Daf Yomi: Sunday at 7:30am Monday & Thursday at 6:10am and Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and virtual. Schedule: Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday– virtual. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday– in person and virtual.

Dial instructions:

Step 1: dial in #: 646-558-8656. Step 2: dial in code 83765052291. Step 3: password # 1948 Wednesday's: conference call only. dial in instructions:

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Sunday, June 25th

9:15am-10:15am: Sh'eilot and Teshuvot by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday, June 26th

7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin: The class is taught almost exclusively in Ivrit. This week's class will be held in person. Location: Second floor, classrooms 206/207. This will be the last class before summer vacation. Chug Ivrit will resume on Monday, September 11.

Tuesday, June 27th

11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty this week: Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

7:10pm: Jewish Sages Throughout the Ages with Kollel Fellow, Yechiel Rozenberg.

8:00pm: The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer: If you are interested in joining, please contact Ronald Platzer at RPlatzer@citytech.cuny.edu

Thursday, June 29th

11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer. Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533

MENTAL HEALTH CORNER

We learn an important lesson in this week's parsha. The ability to enjoy the achievements of others is something we should all strive to do. We see that Korach, a revered man, was unable to do this. He rebelled against Moshe simply because he was jealous. The feeling of envy made Korach stoop so low, that he didn't even realize it was happening, and he ultimately ended up paying for it with his life.

Unfortunately, many of us deny ourselves of the same enjoyment of being happy for others. We fall into a cycle of jealousy, comparison, and negative thoughts that we feel is out of our control. We even do this to the people we love the most. The worst part about this is that we're oblivious to the reason why we do this. We call this the "comparison trap".

Comparison is a sure way to make whatever accomplishments we have seem meaningless. Acknowledging your triggers, practicing gratitude, and focusing on your own strengths are some ways that we can stop this cycle.

I would love to speak with you more about these painful emotions we all experience as humans. Please feel free to reach out to me at dveres@jbfc.org

Have a good Shabbos! A portion of this dvar Torah was adapted from The Times of Israel.

Daniella Veres, LMSWF/ LSS Social Worker
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DVAR TORAH PARSHAT KORACH

June 23-24, 2023

By Daniel Shibley

Parashat Korach is marked by two tumultuous and related events that are punctuated by a miracle. Datan and Aviram joined Korach in rebelling against the authority of Moshe Rabbeinu and the appointment of Aaron to the Priesthood. Datan and Aviram's participation in the rebellion should not take us by surprise given their previous behavior, both before and after *Yetziat Mitzrayim*. Why should any sequence of events involving Datan and Aviram end with a miracle?

Datan and Aviram did not initially even believe that the Exodus would be a permanent new reality for B'nei Yisrael. According to *Targum Yonatan*, they stayed behind when the rest of B'nei Yisrael crossed the sea. The Midrash explains that only when they saw the sea split did they realize that the redemption was real and permanent. Rabbi Asher b. Yechiel, the Rosh, notes that Datan and Aviram believed in the potential to be redeemed, even though they may not have desired it for themselves.

Given their slander of Moshe in Egypt and early challenge to Moshe's authority, it should be particularly surprising that the *Be'er Mayim Chayim* claims that the sea split a second time to allow these two men to escape Egypt and join the rest of B'nai Yisrael. We might have expected them to have perished as slaves in Egypt during the Exodus itself, or after, perhaps as punishment for amplifying the negative report delivered by the spies.

Why did Datan and Aviram survive as long as they did? One answer to this line of inquiry is offered by the Maharal of Prague: their continued survival acted as a foil to Moshe. G-d wanted the people to be able to clearly see good and evil—to clearly see legitimately conferred authority versus repeated attempted usurpations. While there may be some value to allowing B'nei Yisrael to draw those distinctions themselves, Datan and Aviram were becoming increasingly dangerous. It is one thing to slander Moshe in Egypt, to not want to leave Egypt, to gather manna outside of the appointed times, but joining with and causing others to join or sympathize with a full-bore rebellion against authority was dangerous to B'nei Yisrael's cohesion and overstepped their role as an evil foil for Moshe and, by extension, Aaron's appointment to the priesthood.

The resulting opening of the ground to swallow the participants of the rebellion immediately grabs our attention. As Datan and Aviram attempted to undermine the foundation of the burgeoning nation, the foundation under them was dissolved. Datan and Aviram's negative influence garnered the sympathy of a portion of B'nei Yisrael. Perhaps they were not so foundationally shaken as the perpetrators themselves, but the plague that afflicted them is indicative of the spiritual degradation caused by Datan and Aviram. We already know

from the case of *tzara'at* that spiritual afflictions can have physical manifestations.

Given the upheaval fomented by Korach and fueled by Datan and Aviram, we might expect the parasha to be devoid of miracles. However, Aaron reigns in the tumult, offers a sanctioned *ketoret*, incense offering, which is accepted despite the foundational shaking preceding it. Then, the miracle: Aaron's staff brings forth blossoms and then fully ripe almonds.

The reason for a miraculous occurrence at the conclusion of this troubling sequence of events can be found by looking closely at the nature of the almond and its prophetic significance. Almond, *shaked*, literally means the speedy and diligent performance of an action. Recall that the blooming of the almond tree in Israel is one of the first signs of spring. After most of the rainy season has past, the almond tree shows us the rebirth of spring. According to Jeremiah (1:11), the almond tree is also a symbol of both G-d's watchfulness and the speed with which G-d, ever a diligent partner, responds.

There was a national need for affirmation following the foundational shaking. In linking Aaron's properly ordained priesthood with the cycle of the natural world and the prophetic vision of Jeremiah, it is clear that a miracle almost *had* to happen here. The miracle of the almonds demonstrates G-d's willingness to continue an intimate relationship with B'nei Yisrael, at a time when faith in each other could have eroded, and despite B'nei Yisrael's inherent flaws.

Shabbat Shalom!

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members. Guidelines will be provided on request. For more info, call Ricky in the LSS office, or see Bill Greenbaum in shul, or email him at dvar@lss.org.

Inquire this week about reserving a parsha for September, when we will resume after a break for the summer.

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enjoy reading the weekly Dvar Torah
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-on lss.org under the Echod tab, or
- in the Electronic Echod from info@lss.org
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