

## MUTT MINUS JEFF

Roslyn Dickens

We are gathered around a beautiful table piled high with bagels and other special foods. After a rigorous 25 hours, we are triumphantly breaking our Yom Kippur fast.

Our plates loaded, we settle down, anxious to hear what we might have missed at the other services at our shul. The reviews are in.

"Yanky and Cantor Goffin sang this and that. Rabbi Robinson and Rabbi Josh said this and that."

Our annual chance for renewal has been appropriately made, and made again.

Spotting me at the end of the table, someone calls out, "How was the Beginners Service?" To which I reply, "Oh, we laughed and laughed!"

"What? You laughed your way through Yom Kippur? What do you mean?"

It's hard to explain, but here in the cozy Beginners Service, festooned with elegant floral arrangements and NJOP posters, the neophyte and the seasoned Beginner are equally at home and mirth is a key ingredient.

The kibbitzing between Rabbi Buchwald and Rabbi Reich is almost non-stop, as are the issues that would have no other logical outlet in a religious setting. The unique format invites questions, encourages debates and meets skeptics head-on. Everyone is free to speak their mind, whether in question or challenge, commentary or rebuttal.

There are silly questions, esoteric questions and questions that have no answers, as when our resident octogenarian rails at the outrage of the Holocaust, asking "Where was G-d?" even though she knows that no answer can, or ever will, be forthcoming.

Rabbi Buchwald often lobs the deepest and most personal questions in the direction of Rabbi Dr. Reich, our resident psychologist, whose calm, thoughtful approach often keeps the service from falling into a ditch.

Bearing a curious resemblance to the comic strip icons, *Mutt and Jeff* (one tall and lanky, one short and round) they alternate between the roles of rabbi and cantor, often melding their excellent singing voices into a heavenly harmony.

Somewhere between the rousing duets, Rabbi Buchwald's corny jokes, Rabbi Reich's off-the-wall movie reviews, philosophical discussions and familiar parables, our talented and inspired *Rabbeim* spoon-feed us the real essence and beauty of our heritage. And, it is delicious.

Each of these splendid men has his own depth of knowledge and own style of conveying it. One might think that each of them is half of a wonderful team, but the truth is, each is half of a whole, and a whole



"THE HIGH HOLIDAYS CAN BE BOTH MEANINGFUL AND FUN!"

in his own right.

And, yes, "we laugh and laugh."

This year we are confronted with a new reality as Rabbi Reich faces a long struggle back to health at his home in Efrat, Israel. To say he will be missed is a gross understatement.

In Genesis we learn that man is created in the image of G-D. If, as we maintain, G-D has no physical appearance, what is it in our nature that is G-D-like? Rashi explains that we are like G-D in that we have the ability to understand and discern.

One of these sweet souls is our own Rabbi Reich, a kind, soft-hearted, gentle bear of a man,

dwelling among us quite inconspicuously, recognizing the needs of others, whether personally, emotionally, or financially and making it his mission to help.

I don't know exactly how it started, but Rabbi Reich and I meet at Starbucks once a year. He buys me a hot chocolate and sits there while I kvetch for an hour. If that was the totality of these encounters, his sympathetic listening to my troubles, *Dayenu*, it would be enough. But it rarely ends there if he can help it.

Even the most devout among us does not expect a direct answer to our prayers, and we certainly don't expect a phone call.

9 AM. The phone rings. It is Rabbi Buchwald (EZB).

EZB: I have a check for you. Can you pick it up today?

RD: What check? I'm not expecting any check. Who sent it?

EZB: It has been brought to the attention of some people that you need a piece of equipment in order to keep your business going. So, here it is.

RD: This is so embarrassing. Who put you up to this? Was it Rabbi Reich?

(I am sure it was.)

EZB: Be that as it may, a check has been sent and it awaits you here.

Direct line... maybe not. Curious connection... to be sure. Rabbi Reich will undoubtedly deny his role in this transaction, but I know better. Whether "Next Year in Jerusalem" or at the LSS Beit Midrash, we hope Rabbi Reich will be back at his old familiar stand.

And, once again, we will laugh and laugh.

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## CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

## ENGAGEMENTS

Lizzy Brenner and Sam Zakay

Mazal Tov to mother, Ann Crane  
Aliza Mensch and Aharon Reisman

Mazal Tov to parents, Donna and Dr. Jack Mensch  
Jenna Nelson and Lev Beltser  
Masako Otani and Stephen Baker  
Rachell Thau and Akiva Bedziner  
Mazal Tov to mother, Devorah Altman

## Marriages

Leah Weinstein and Dr. Steven (Shmuel) Brodsky  
Yehudis Adler and Tani Einzig

Mazal Tov to parents, Esther and Reuven Adler  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Ilene (Sarah Leah) and Louis Vynerb  
Sari Gindoff and Yaakov Linder  
Mazal Tov to parents, Dr. Helene and Avraham Linder  
Emily Belfer and Dr. Raphy Rosen  
Mazal Tov to parents, Dr. Michelle Friedman and Benjamin Belfer  
Samantha Lee and Dr. Mark Tratenberg  
Elior Garfinkel and Elie Weiss  
Mazal Tov to parents, Georganne and James Garfinkel



Daniella Gasner and Mark Wigler  
Mazal Tov to parents, Freya and Richard Wigler  
Esther Malka Issever and Niso "Nissim" Zakuto  
Mazal Tov to parents, Masami and Marko Issever

## BIRTHS

Shira and Hayyim Danzig, on the birth of a baby boy,  
Gilad Elimelech Danzig  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Gale and James Kaufman  
Joanna and Samuel Kaufman on the birth of a daughter,  
Gisele Noa Kaufman  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Gale and James Kaufman  
Megan Quattlebaum and Benjamin Klein, on the birth of a son,  
Zev Gavriel Klein  
Orly and Daniel "Tati" Klimovsky, on the birth of a son,  
Natan Moshe Klimovsky  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Aidel and Ephraim Buchwald  
Karín and Daniel Silverstein, on the birth of a son,  
Eliyahu Shalom Silverstein  
Mazal Tov to grandfather, Andrew (Aviel) Fleisch  
Chava Ahouva and Sam Sokol, on the birth of a son,  
Mordechai Hillel Sokol

Ilana and Adiv Spivack, on the birth of a daughter, Hallel Spivack  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Steven and Sharona Spivack

## CONDOLENCES

Devorah Altman, on the loss of her brother, Louis Altman  
Binyomin Gutman, on the loss of his brother, Dovid Gutman  
Susanna Morgenthau, on the loss of her husband, Dr. Alan Mintz

## SPEEDY RECOVERY/REFUAH SH'LAIMA

Roslyn Dickens, Raizl bat Basha  
Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Reich,  
Mordechai Menashe ben Henya Ruchama

## CONGRATULATIONS

Adair Goodman, Happy 90th Birthday  
Dr. Golda Hudes for receiving the Humanism Award at the 2017  
Department of Medicine Physician Awards Ceremony  
Monica (Malkah) Mayoral and Beatrice Stoller on their completion of  
the Lincoln Square Synagogue Bat Mitzvah Project

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sun September 17, 2017 - 26th of Elul**  
 Selichot ..... 12:55 AM  
 Morning Services. . . .7:10 & 8:30 AM

**Mon September 18, 2017 - 27th of Elul**  
 Selichot & Morning Services  
 ..... 6:40 & 7:30 AM

**Tue September 19, 2017 - 28th of Elul**  
 Selichot & Morning Services  
 ..... 6:40 & 7:30 AM

**Wed September 20, 2017 - 29th of Elul**  
**EREV ROSH HASHANA**  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:00 & 6:45 AM  
 Light Candles ..... 6:39 PM  
 Mincha/Maariv ..... 6:45 PM

**Thu September 21, 2017 - 1st of Tishrei**  
**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Main Sanctuary & Ballroom . . . 7:45 AM  
 Beginners ..... 9:00 AM  
 Tashlich ..... 5:45 PM  
 Mincha ..... 6:35 PM  
 Beginners Mincha ..... 6:35 PM  
 Yom Tov Candlelighting . . .after 7:37 PM  
 Maariv ..... 7:38 PM

**Fri September 22, 2017 - 2nd of Tishrei**  
**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Main Sanctuary & Ballroom . . . 7:45 AM  
 Beginners ..... 9:00 AM  
 Candlelighting ..... 6:36 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 6:40 PM

**Sat Sept. 23, 2017 - 3rd of Tishrei**  
**SHABBAT SHUVA Ha'azinu**  
 Morning Services . . .7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 4:50 PM  
 Mincha ..... 6:05 PM  
 Shabbat Shuva Drasha ..... 6:30 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 7:35 PM

**Sun Sept. 24, 2017 - 4th of Tishrei**  
**TZOM GEDALIAH**  
 Fast begins ..... 5:33 AM  
 Daf Yomi ..... 7:45 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:20, 7:15 & 8:00 AM  
 Mincha ..... 1:20 PM  
 Mincha/Maariv ..... 6:25 PM  
 Fast ends ..... 7:22 PM

**Mon Sept. 25, 2017 - 5th of Tishrei**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 5:45 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:30 PM

**Tue Sept. 26, 2017 - 6th of Tishrei**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 5:45 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM

**Wed Sept. 27, 2017 - 7th of Tishrei**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 5:45 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM

**Thu Sept. 28, 2017 - 8th of Tishrei**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 5:45 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:25 PM

**Fri Sept. 29, 2017 - 9th of Tishrei**  
**EREV YOM KIPPUR**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 6:15 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Mincha ..... 1:45, 3:00 & 4:00 PM  
 Candlelighting ..... 6:24 PM  
 Fast begins ..... 6:25 AM  
 Kol Nidre ..... 6:25 PM

**Sat Sept. 30, 2017 - 10th of Tishrei**  
**YOM KIPPUR**  
 Main Sanctuary & Ballroom . . . 8:30 AM  
 Beginners ..... 9:00 AM  
 Mincha Main Sanctuary ..... 4:30 PM  
 Neilah ..... 6:00 PM

Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends ..... 7:23 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:20 PM

**Wed Oct. 4, 2017 - 14th of Tishrei**  
**EREV SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 6:20 AM  
 Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting ..... 6:16 PM  
 Mincha/Maariv ..... 6:20 PM  
 Begin meal in Sukkah . . . after 7:05 PM

**Thu Oct. 5, 2017 - 15th of Tishrei**  
**SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services ..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha ..... 6:20 PM  
 Yom Tov Candlelighting . . . after 7:14 PM  
 Ma'ariv and begin meal . . . after 7:15 PM

**Fri Oct. 6, 2017 - 16th of Tishrei**  
**SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services ..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Candlelighting ..... 6:12 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 6:15 PM

**Sat Oct. 7, 2017 - 17th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services ..... 8:00 & 8:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Mincha ..... 6:00 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 7:11 PM

**Sun Oct. 8, 2017 - 18th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 7:55 AM  
 Morning Services ..... 6:45 & 8:30 AM  
 Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:15 PM

**Mon Oct. 9, 2017 - 19th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 6:00 AM  
 Morning Services ..... 6:45 & 7:30 AM  
 Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:15 PM

**Tue Oct. 10, 2017 - 20th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi ..... 6:00 AM  
 Morning Services ..... 6:45 & 7:30 AM  
 Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:10 PM

**Wed Oct. 11, 2017 - 21st of Tishrei**  
**HOSHANA RABA**  
 Morning Services . . .6:15, 7:00 & 8:00 AM  
 Candlelighting ..... 6:04 PM  
 Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:05 PM

**Thu Oct. 12, 2017 - 22nd of Tishrei**  
**SHEMINI ATZERET**  
 Morning Services ..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha ..... 6:10 PM  
 Yom Tov Candlelighting . . . after 7:03 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Hakafot ..... 7:03 PM

**Fri Oct. 13, 2017 - 23rd of Tishrei**  
**SIMCHAT TORAH**  
 Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM  
 Candlelighting ..... 6:01 PM  
 Mincha/Maariv ..... 6:05 PM

**Sat Oct. 14, 2017 - 24th of Tishrei**  
**Bereshith**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 4:15 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 4:45 PM  
 Mincha ..... 5:45 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 7:00 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 6:00 PM

**Fri Oct. 20, 2017 - 30th of Tishrei**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Candlelighting ..... 5:51 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 5:55 PM

**Sat Oct. 21, 2017 - 1st of Cheshvan**  
**ROSH CHODESH Noach**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 4:05 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 4:35 PM

Mincha ..... 5:35 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 6:50 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:50 PM

**Fri Oct. 27, 2017 - 7th of Cheshvan**  
 Earliest Candlelighting ..... 4:53 PM  
 Candlelighting ..... 5:41 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 5:45 PM

**Sat Oct. 28, 2017 - 8th of Cheshvan**  
**Lech Lecha**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 3:55 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 4:25 PM  
 Mincha ..... 5:25 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 6:40 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 5:40 PM

**Fri Nov. 3, 2017 - 14th of Cheshvan**  
 Earliest Candlelighting ..... 4:46 PM  
 Candlelighting ..... 5:32 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 5:35 PM

**Sat Nov. 4, 2017 - 15th of Cheshvan**  
**Vayera**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 3:45 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 4:15 PM  
 Mincha ..... 5:15 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 6:32 PM  
 Move clocks back one hour  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:35 PM

**Fri Nov. 10, 2017 - 21st of Cheshvan**  
 Candlelighting ..... 4:25 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 4:30 PM

**Sat Nov. 11, 2017 - 22nd of Cheshvan**  
**Chayei Sara**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 2:55 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 3:25 PM  
 Mincha ..... 4:10 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 5:24 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:25 PM

**Fri Nov. 17, 2017 - 28th of Cheshvan**  
 Candlelighting ..... 4:19 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 4:25 PM

**Sat Nov. 18, 2017 - 29th of Cheshvan**  
**Toldot**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 2:50 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 3:20 PM  
 Mincha ..... 4:05 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 5:19 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

**Sun Nov. 19, 2017 - 1st of Kislev**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM  
 Mincha ..... 4:25 PM

**Thur Nov. 23, 2017 - 5th of Kislev**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
 Morning Services ..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM  
 Mincha ..... 4:20 PM

**Fri Nov. 24, 2017 - 6th of Kislev**  
 Candlelighting ..... 4:14 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 4:20 PM

**Sat Nov. 25, 2017 - 7th of Kislev**  
**Vayeitzei**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 2:45 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 3:15 PM  
 Mincha ..... 4:00 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 5:14 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

**Fri Dec. 1, 2017 - 13th of Kislev**  
 Candlelighting ..... 4:12 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 4:15 PM

**Sat Dec. 2, 2017 - 14th of Kislev**  
**Vayishlach**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 2:40 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 3:10 PM  
 Mincha ..... 3:55 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 5:12 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

**Fri Dec. 8, 2017 - 20th of Kislev**  
**Beginners Shabbaton**  
 Candlelighting ..... 4:11 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat . . . 4:15 PM

**Sat Dec. 9, 2017 - 21st of Kislev**  
**Vayeshev**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services ..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot ..... 2:40 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes ..... 3:10 PM  
 Mincha ..... 3:55 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends ..... 5:11 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv ..... 4:20 PM

**Tue Dec. 12, 2017 - 24th of Kislev**  
**EREV CHANUKAH**  
 Morning Services ..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Mincha ..... 4:15 PM  
 Light Chanukah Candles After . . 5:00 PM

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**Special Events**  
**Sukkot Shopping:** Tue., Oct. 3  
**Sukkah Party, Simchat Beit Hashoeva:**  
 Tue., Oct. 10, 7:00 PM  
 @ KJ Rooftop Sukkah  
**Simchat Torah Celebration**  
 Thu., Oct. 12, 6:45 PM  
**Intro To Bible Class Begins**  
 Tue., Oct. 17, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
**Beginners Shabbat Luncheon - \$25**  
 Nov. 4, 12:30 PM  
**Beginners Shmooze - Free**  
 Mon., Nov. 6, 8:15 PM  
**Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton - \$50**  
 Fri.-Sat., Dec. 8 - 9  
**Chanukah Bash - \$25:** Mon., Dec. 18

**BEGINNERS HIGH**  
**HOLIDAY SERVICES**  
 at the Lincoln Square Synagogue  
 180 Amsterdam Avenue (68<sup>th</sup> St.)  
 Beit Midrash (2nd. Floor)  
**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Wed., Sept. 20, 6:45 pm  
 Thu. & Fri., Sept. 21 & 22, 9:00 am  
 Thu., Sept. 21, 6:35 pm  
 Fri., Sept. 22, 6:40 pm with LSS  
**YOM KIPPUR**  
 Fri., Sept. 29, 6:20 pm  
 Sat., Sept. 30, 9:00 am  
**Tickets**  
 LSS Members \$75, Non-Members \$125