

COMPUTER SCIENCE FACES THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

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I grew up in a household where logic prevailed--my sister and I are the beloved offspring of two computer scientists and we both wound up having careers in coding.

Boolean logic, the underpinnings of any computer program, is something that makes sense to us. Computer science is a comforting bubble comprised of 0s and 1s, in stark contrast to the complex and nuanced world we live in--a nuanced world full of what a finite human brain recognizes as gross injustice, countless atrocities, and vulnerable people suffering. These things can be pondered endlessly and when considered in an agnostic vacuum, it is rather morbid and demoralizing.

That is why, particularly when we are told the "King [G-d] is in the field" [during the month of Elul, prior to the High Holidays] to meet us and listen--when we hear the blow of the shofar calling us home, we must push ourselves beyond reason and beyond our otherwise finite capacity.

While this distracting material world is seemingly unfair it is not without purpose--it is in fact for the design of a world of the spirit, that is the "ultimate" in fairness. We do, after all, get a choice--true free choice, where it isn't always easy to discern good and bad, our purpose, or where G-d is.

I find it so comforting that we aren't expected to always choose correctly! On Rosh Hashana, we recognize *Hashem*

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Haley Halleli Chapman and Rabbi Aaron Ishida on the birth of a daughter, Eliana Rivkah

Rivkah and Baruch Goldberg on the birth of a son

Mazal Tov to grandparents, Menachem (Morty) Goldberg and the late, Shelley Cohen, z"l

Meira and Uri Himmelstein on the birth of a son, Yaakov Yitzchak

Mazal Tov to grandparents, Menachem (Morty) Goldberg and the late, Shelley Cohen, z"l



as King of the Universe, the one fair Judge that has the infinite capacity to see what we cannot. On this same day we also commemorate the birth of humankind, a birth where on the same day Adam and Eve were created by G-d, they also betrayed His wishes. And while there were consequences, we all still have gotten to exist through this and countless other sins, confirming that we have a chance.

Furthermore, we are given Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, to atone and repent fully for our shortcomings.

I take deep comfort in the fact that while my own reason does not suffice to shepherd me through this precious, but sharp, poignant existence, I understand that *Hashem* is King and is the Ultimate Judge. He is One infallible that is presiding over all, and I am relieved to acknowledge His Kingship on Rosh Hashana, and be

grateful that despite everything, we exist, and that we are given an opportunity to repent.

I used to find it crushingly intimidating outside that bubble of 0s and 1s but thankfully *Hashem* runs the universe, something none of us are qualified to do. We are simply asked to serve *Hashem*, and if we do so, *Hashem* will take care of us all.

Yael Atallah is a software engineer from Indiana and is a proud graduate of Lincoln Square Synagogue's Beginners Program.

AHARON (DOMINICK) MOCCIOLA, Z"L

Aharon (Dominick) Mocciaola was the "Italian Stallion" of the Beginners Service for many years. An extremely intelligent person, he was knowledgeable about almost all aspects of Judaism, and passionately shared his keen insights into Torah and *Halacha* (Jewish law). His untimely passing leaves us all bereft of our very dear and exciting friend.

EMILY BLUM METZGER, Z"L

Emily Blum Metzger was one of the most outstanding "graduates" of the LSS Beginners Service. She loved learning and loved sharing what she learned with other Beginners in her memorable *Divre Torah*. She and her husband, Leon, even participated in the infamous Beginners Purim *Shpids*. Taken from us too soon, she will be missed by all who knew her, especially by her wonderful family and parents.

Eydl Reznik on the loss of her husband, Chaim Reznik, z"l (SEE BOX)

Debbie Schiller Rosalinsky on the loss of her father, Dr. Newton M. Schiller, z"l

CONGRATULATIONS

Phyllis Perel Blackman on the publication of her cookbook, "Bonnie's Kitchen: A Different Kind of Cookbook," and the publication of her children's book, "A Bike for Mike: A Story of Kindness" Congratulations to Rabbi Aaron Ishida, husband of Haley Halleli Chapman, on finishing his semicha at RIETS

Mazal Tov to Rabia and Oliver Mitchell on their daughter, Ellin Mitchell Cooper serving this year as the Yoetzet for the Manhattan Yoetzet Initiative. Ellin will be available to answer questions from Manhattan residents. She may be reached at nycyoetzet@gmail.com and via phone at 646-598-1080

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Ariella and Rabbi Raffi Leicht on the birth of a son,

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CONDOLENCES

Leon Metzger on the loss of his wife, Emily Blum Metzger, z"l (SEE BOX)

Family of Aharon (Dominick) Mocciaola, z"l (SEE BOX)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun Sept. 25, 2022 - 29th of Elul
EREV ROSH HASHANA
 Selichot/Morning Service..... 7:30 AM
 Light Candles..... 6:31 PM
 Mincha/Maariv..... 6:35 PM

Mon Sept. 26, 2022 - 1st of Tishrei
ROSH HASHANA
 Main Sanctuary & Ballroom..... 8:15 AM
 Beginners Service..... 9:00 AM
 Tashlich..... 5:35 PM
 Mincha..... 6:25 PM
 Yom Tov Candlelighting... after 7:29 PM
 Maariv..... 7:30 PM

Tues Sept. 27, 2022 - 2nd of Tishrei
ROSH HASHANA
 Main Sanctuary & Ballroom..... 8:15 AM
 Beginners Service..... 9:00 AM
 Mincha..... 6:25 PM
 Maariv..... 7:28 PM

Wed Sept. 28, 2022 - 3rd of Tishrei
TZOM GEDALIAH
 Fast Begins..... 5:37 AM
 Selichot/Morning Services..... 6:20 & 7:10 AM
 Mincha & Maariv..... 6:15 PM
 Fast ends..... 7:15 PM

Fri Sept. 30, 2022 - 5th of Tishrei
 Selichot/Morning Services..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM
 Candlelighting..... 6:22 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:25 PM

Sat Oct. 1, 2022 - 6th of Tishrei
SHABBAT SHUVA
Va'yeilech
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 4:20 PM
 Mincha..... 5:50 PM
 Shabbat Shuva Drasha..... 6:15 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 7:21 PM

Tues Oct. 4 2022 - 9th of Tishrei
EREV YOM KIPPUR
 Selichot/Morning Services..... 6:55 & 7:35 AM
 Mincha..... 1:30, 3:00 & 4:00 PM
 Candlelighting..... 6:16 PM
 Fast begins..... 6:16 PM
 Kol Nidre..... 6:20 PM

Wed Oct. 5, 2022 - 10th of Tishrei
YOM KIPPUR
 Main Sanctuary & Ballroom..... 8:30 AM
 Beginners Service..... 9:00 AM
 Mincha Main Sanctuary..... 4:20 PM
 Neilah..... 5:50 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends..... 7:15 PM

Fri Oct. 7, 2022 - 12th of Tishrei
 Candlelighting..... 6:11 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:15 PM

Sat Oct. 8, 2022 - 13th of Tishrei
Ha'Azinu
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 4:10 PM
 Talmud Class..... 4:55 PM
 Mincha..... 5:55 PM

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TZETCHEM L'SHALOM/FAREWELL
 Carol and Ron Gonsheer on making Aliyah

TODAH RABBAH

Elaine Witty-Komito for sponsoring the All-night Shavuot Learning with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, in commemoration of the 4th yahrtzeit of her husband, Larry Komito, Yehudah Leib ben Yaakov z"l and v'Stisha, *shetichye*
 Huge thanks to Bill Greenbaum for brilliantly leading the Beginners Service during July and August. Special shoutout to Hadassa Gerber Greenbaum for her invaluable assistance and to Dr. Leonard Davidman for stepping in for a Shabbat

Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 7:10 PM

Sun Oct. 9, 2022 - 14th of Tishrei
EREV SUKKOT
 Morning Services..... 8:30 AM
 Candlelighting..... 6:08 PM
 Mincha/Maariv..... 6:15 PM
 Begin meal in Sukkah... after 6:57 PM

Mon Oct. 10, 2022 - 15th of Tishrei
SUKKOT
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha..... 6:00 PM
 Yom Tov Candlelighting... after 7:06 PM
 Ma'ariv and begin meal... after 7:07 PM

Tues Oct. 11, 2022 - 16th of Tishrei
SUKKOT
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha..... 6:00 PM
 Maariv..... 7:05 PM

Wed Oct. 12, 2022 - 17th of Tishrei
CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT
 Morning Services..... 6:45 & 7:30 AM
 Mincha & Maariv..... 6:10 PM

Fri Oct. 14, 2022 - 19th of Tishrei
CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT
 Morning Services..... 6:45 & 7:30 AM
 Candlelighting..... 6:00 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:05 PM

Sat Oct. 15, 2022 - 20th of Tishrei
CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Talmud Class..... 4:40 PM
 Mincha..... 5:40 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 6:59 PM

Sun Oct. 16, 2022 - 21st of Tishrei
HOSHANA RABA
 Morning Services..... 8:00 AM
 Candlelighting..... 5:57 PM
 Mincha & Maariv..... 6:00 PM

Mon Oct. 17, 2022 - 22nd of Tishrei
SHEMINI ATZERET
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha..... 5:50 PM
 Yom Tov Candlelighting..... 6:55 PM
 Ma'ariv/Hakafot..... 6:56 PM

Tues Oct. 18, 2022 - 23rd of Tishrei
SIMCHAT TORAH
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM
 Mincha..... 5:50 PM
 Maariv..... 6:54 PM

Wed Oct. 19, 2022 - 24th of Tishrei
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Mincha/Ma'ariv..... 6:00 PM

Fri Oct. 21, 2022 - 26th of Tishrei
 Candlelighting..... 5:49 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 5:55 PM

Sat Oct. 22, 2022 - 27th of Tishrei
SHABBAT MEVORCHIM
Bereshith
 Morning Services..... 7:45 & 9:00 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 3:50 PM
 Talmud Class..... 4:35 PM
 Mincha..... 5:35 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 6:48 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 5:50 PM

Tues Oct. 25, 2022 - 30th of Tishrei
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM
 Mincha/Maariv..... 5:50 PM

Wed Oct. 26, 2022 - 1st of Cheshvan
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM
 Mincha/Maariv..... 5:50 PM

Fri Oct. 28, 2022 - 3rd of Cheshvan
 Candlelighting..... 5:40 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 5:45 PM

Sat Oct. 29, 2022 - 4th of Cheshvan
Noach
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 3:40 PM
 Talmud Class..... 4:25 PM
 Mincha..... 5:25 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 6:39 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 6:10 PM

Fri Nov. 4, 2022 - 10th of Cheshvan
 Candlelighting..... 5:31 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 5:35 PM

Sat Nov. 5, 2022 - 11th of Cheshvan
Lech Lecha
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 3:30 PM
 Talmud Class..... 4:15 PM
 Mincha..... 5:15 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 6:31 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:35 PM

Standard time: move clocks back

Fri Nov. 11, 2022 - 17th of Cheshvan
 Candlelighting..... 4:24 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:30 PM

Sat Nov. 12, 2022 - 18th of Cheshvan
Vayera
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:25 PM
 Talmud Class..... 3:10 PM
 Mincha..... 4:10 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:23 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:30 PM

Fri Nov. 18, 2022 - 24th of Cheshvan
 Candlelighting..... 4:18 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:20 PM

Sat Nov. 19, 2022 - 25th of Cheshvan
SHABBAT MEVORCHIM
Chayei Sara
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:20 PM
 Talmud Class..... 3:05 PM
 Mincha..... 4:05 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:18 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:25 PM

Thur Nov. 24, 2022 - 30th of Cheshvan
THANKSGIVING DAY
 Morning Services..... 8:30 AM

Mincha & Maariv..... 4:20 PM

Fri Nov. 25, 2021 - 1st of Kislev
ROSH CHODESH
 Candlelighting..... 4:14 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:20 PM

Sat Nov. 26, 2022 - 2nd of Kislev
Toldot
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:15 PM
 Talmud Class..... 3:00 PM
 Mincha..... 4:00 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:14 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:20 PM

Fri Dec. 2, 2022 - 8th of Kislev
 Candlelighting..... 4:11 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:15 PM

Sat Dec. 3, 2022 - 9th of Kislev
Vayetzei
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:10 PM
 Talmud Class..... 2:55 PM
 Mincha..... 3:55 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:12 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:25 PM

Fri Dec. 9, 2022 - 15th of Kislev
 Candlelighting..... 4:11 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:15 PM

Sat Dec. 10, 2022 - 16th of Kislev
Vayishlach
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:20 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:10 PM
 Talmud Class..... 2:55 PM
 Mincha..... 3:55 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:11 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:20 PM

Fri Dec. 16, 2022 - 22nd of Kislev
 Candlelighting..... 4:12 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:15 PM

Sat Dec. 17, 2022 - 23rd of Kislev
SHABBAT MEVORCHIM
Vayeshev
 Morning Services..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services..... 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:15 PM
 Talmud Class..... 3:00 PM
 Mincha..... 4:00 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:13 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:20 PM

BEGINNERS HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

at the Lincoln Square Synagogue
 180 Amsterdam Avenue (68th St.)
 Beit Midrash (2nd Floor)

ROSH HASHANA

Sun. night, Sept. 25
 Mon. & Tues., Sept. 26 & 27

YOM KIPPUR

Tues. night, Oct. 4
 Wed., Oct. 5
 Please visit lss.org/beginners

SAVE THE DATES Special Events

Intro To Bible Class on Zoom
Begins
 Tues., Oct. 25, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
 8 Sessions

CHAIM REZNIK, Z"l

Chaim Reznik was a genuine Baal Teshuva having grown up in a "Yeshivish" family. He and his wife Eydl lived in the holy city of Zefat, Israel where they built a home that was open to all and blessed with many children. Seven years ago, Chaim was stricken with the dreaded ALS disease, eventually leaving only movement in his eyes. Communicating through computer and eye movements, Chaim lived heroically, studying the daily page of the Talmud with the scholars who came to be with him. He was an exemplary husband and parent to the very end. See [Eydl's recent article](#) in the November 2018 Bereshith Newsletter (Chanukah edition).