

RABBI DR. MORDECHAI REICH, ז"ל – HIS PASSION LIVES ON

Chaviva Warner

I am from China. I always tell people that I am made in China, but very high quality. I can actually trace my family back to the Song Dynasty. But, I have an even greater *yichus* (pedigree). I am an Orthodox Jew, converted by the RCA in New York, sponsored by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald. And not only that, but I am also a proud citizen of the State of Israel.

How did I get here?

More than 10 years ago, I was searching for the definition of love. I went to many different Buddhist temples and many different types of churches, until one day, a friend, who was undergoing conversion to Judaism, Liora Harvin, took me with her to Rabbi Buchwald's Beginners Shabbat service. After the service, the sound of the rabbi's singing accompanied me for the next week, and I could not wait to go back the following Shabbat.

Rabbi Buchwald taught that to love is to give! That teaching went straight to my heart!

The most special time of the entire year at the Beginners Service was always the High Holiday Service that Rabbi Buchwald would conduct with Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Reich, ז"ל.

Before the High Holidays, Rabbi Reich, ז"ל, his *rebbeztzin* Sema, and their children would arrive from Israel. Each year, I felt a special thrill when Rabbi Buchwald would announce that the Reich family had arrived from Israel, from the Holy Land! The entire Reich family radiated a special aura, they were all so tall, graceful, so gentle and kind!

When Rabbi Reich walked to the *bimah*, holding the *Machzor*, his image was that of an ancient rabbi of Israel. His singing, very much like Rabbi Buchwald's, was from the heart and elevated me to a higher spiritual level.

My dear fellow Beginners, when you come to the beautiful service, it is important to realize that there is a great deal of detailed work to prepare such a beautiful service! After their long journey from Israel, the entire Reich family helped Rabbi

Buchwald to set up the service and after the High Holiday service ended, they would be there again to help to put all the things away! Everything you see, helps create the atmosphere, the decorations, the prayer outlines, the big posters with the stands, small picture posters on all the walls, the prayer books, the flyers and all other reading materials.

Perhaps inspired by Rabbi Reich and his family, and Israelis that I had met, I decided to become an Israeli citizen. I made Aliya in March 2021 before Pesach, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and was received there with so much warmth and love, that when I received my citizenship, I felt as if I was welcomed by my new family.

Unfortunately, a few years ago, our beloved Rabbi Reich, ז"ל passed away. I remembered that the next High Holiday without Rabbi Reich, whenever Rabbi Buchwald mentioned Rabbi Reich, he had tears rolling down his cheeks. Rabbi Buchwald always says that when a holy person departs, there is a vacuum so hard to fill. As we all know, Rabbi Buchwald leads a magnificent High Holiday service, but it is never the same without our beloved Rabbi Reich!

I have always wondered what is the source of all the energy in the Reich family. I finally realized that the source is love, the same love that I have learned from Rabbi Buchwald. The Reichs passionately love *Yiddishkeit*, and love each and every one of their fellow Jews. They love all of us!

Rabbi Buchwald always says that we teach by setting an example. Rabbi Reich and his family have set such a wonderful example that I will carry in my heart forever!

My dear fellow Beginners, let's all follow the examples of Rabbi Reich and his family, love everything Jewish, love your fellow Jew. Passionately!!! Be a good example for others! Try to be the brightest beam of light that shines upon all the nations!

I wish everyone the sweetest New Year!

Shana Tova!

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BEGINNERS' SERVICE

"Shalom. Shana Tova!"



CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

ENGAGEMENTS

Brina Klein and Ross Weinstein
Mazal Tov to mother, Barbara Klein
Shuli Lowy and Josh Redlich
Mazal Tov to parents, Ann Crane Lowy and Rudy Lowy
Cheryl Shalom and Joshua Goot
Mazal Tov to parents, Jacqueline and Nathan Shalom
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Freya and Richard Wigler
Brynn Showalter and Gavi Spivack
Mazal Tov to parents, Sharona and Steve Spivack

MARRIAGES

Prina Aronov and Chananya Kaplan
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Mazal Tov to parents, Drs. Judith Deutsch and Marc Kornblatt
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BIRTHS

Amira and Adam Goldberg on the birth of a daughter, Ayala
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Robin and Neil (Nachum) Goldberg

Jamie and Justin (Avraham Chaim) Koatz on the birth of a daughter,
Chaya Miriam (Clara Michelle)
Lea and Ephraim Lowy on the birth of a daughter, Esther Chana
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Ann Crane Lowy and Rudy Lowy
Tamara Miriam and Dvir Weil on the birth of a son, Inbar
Mazal Tov to grandparents,
Sema and the late Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Reich, ז"ל

BAR/BAT MITZVAHS

Aaron Buchwald
Mazal Tov to parents, Blanche and Yedidiah Buchwald
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Aidel and Ephraim Buchwald
Ayden Louzoun
Mazal Tov to parents, Meryl Degen and Albert Louzoun

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Dr. Marvin Belsky, Shimon Michael haLevi ben Sorah Risa

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Fri Sept. 15, 2023 - 29th of Elul**EREV ROSH HASHANA**

Selichot/Morning Service 5:45 & 6:45 AM
 Light Candles. 6:48 PM
 Mincha/Maariv 6:50 PM

Sat Sept. 16, 2023 - 1st of Tishrei**ROSH HASHANA**

Main Sanctuary & Ballroom. 8:15 AM
 Beginners Service 9:00 AM
 Mincha. 6:35 PM
 Yom Tov Candlelighting. after 7:46 PM
 Maariv 7:47 PM

Sun Sept. 17, 2023 - 2nd of Tishrei**ROSH HASHANA**

Main Sanctuary & Ballroom. 8:15 AM
 Beginners Service 9:00 AM
 Tashlich 5:50 PM
 Mincha. 6:40 PM
 Maariv 7:45 PM

Mon Sept. 18, 2023 - 3rd of Tishrei**TZOM GEDALIAH**

Fast Begins 5:27 AM
 Selichot/Morning Services 6:15 & 7:10 AM
 Mincha & Maariv 6:35 PM
 Fast ends. 7:32 PM

Fri Sept. 22, 2023 - 7th of Tishrei

Selichot/Morning Services 6:25 & 7:15 AM
 Candlelighting 6:36 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45 PM

Sat Sept. 23, 2023 - 8th of Tishrei**SHABBAT SHUVA****Ha'Azinu**

Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot. 4:55 PM
 Mincha. 6:05 PM
 Shabbat Shuva Drasha 6:30 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 7:35 PM

Sun Sept. 24 2023 - 9th of Tishrei**EREV YOM KIPPUR**

Selichot/Morning Services 6:55 & 8:15 AM
 Mincha. 1:45, 3:00 & 4:15 PM
 Candlelighting 6:32 PM
 Fast begins 6:32 PM
 Kol Nidre 6:35 PM

Mon Sept. 25, 2023 - 10th of Tishrei**YOM KIPPUR**

Main Sanctuary & Ballroom. 8:30 AM
 Beginners Service 9:00 AM
 Mincha Main Sanctuary. 4:35 PM
 Neilah 6:05 PM
 Maariv/Yom Tov ends 7:31 PM

Fri Sept. 29, 2023 - 14th of Tishrei**EREV SUKKOT**

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:30 AM
 Candlelighting 6:24 PM
 Mincha/Maariv 6:30 PM
 Begin meal in Sukkah after 7:14 PM

Sat Sept. 30, 2023 - 15th of Tishrei**SUKKOT**

Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha. 6:15 PM

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Dr. Leonard Davidman, Aryeh Leib haLevi ben Machliah
 Peter Halasz, Yehonatan haCohen ben Ora
 Geraldine Katz, Gershona Yehudit bat Rochel
 Miriam bat Chana Gitl
 Moshe Zvi Michael ben Miriam
 Natan ben Naomi Malka
 Ruth Nelkin, Rochel bat Sarah
 Dr. Nichole Pacheco, Naavah bat Emma
 Louis Vynner, Elazar HaCohen ben Malka
 Yisrael Chaim ben Etta Leah

CONDOLENCES

Gabriel, Yehudah Aryeh and Diana Bousbib on the passing of
 their mother, Lillian Bousbib, z'l
 Celia, Tony and Eve Gittelson on the passing of their mother,
 Natalie Gittelson, z'l
 Vardi Jacober and the Lazarus family on the passing of
 Cynthia Lazarus, z'l

Yom Tov Candlelighting after 7:22 PM
 Maariv and begin meal after 7:23PM

Sun Oct. 1, 2023 - 16th of Tishrei**SUKKOT**

Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha. 6:15 PM
 Maariv 7:21 PM

Mon Oct. 2, 2023 - 17th of Tishrei**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**

Morning Services 6:45 & 7:30 AM
 Mincha & Maariv 6:25 PM

Thurs Oct. 5, 2023 - 20th of Tishrei**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**

Morning Services 6:45 & 7:30 AM
 Mincha & Maariv 6:20 PM

Fri Oct. 6, 2023 - 21st of Tishrei**HOSHANA RABA**

Candlelighting 6:12 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

Sat Oct. 7, 2023 - 22nd of Tishrei**SHEMINI ATZERET**

Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha. 6:00 PM
 Candle lighting/Maariv. 7:11 PM

Sun Oct. 8, 2023 - 23rd of Tishrei**SIMCHAT TORAH**

Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM
 Mincha. 6:05 PM
 Maariv 7:10 PM

Mon Oct. 9, 2023 - 24th of Tishrei

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Mincha/ Maariv 6:15 PM

Fri Oct. 13, 2023 - 28th of Tishrei

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candlelighting 6:01 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:05 PM

Sat Oct. 14, 2023 - 29th of Tishrei**SHABBAT MEVORCHIM****Bereshith**

Morning Services 7:45 & 9:00 AM
 Beginners Services 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot. 4:00 PM
 Talmud Class. 4:45 PM
 Mincha. 5:45 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 7:00 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 6:05 PM

Sun Oct. 15, 2023 - 30th of Tishrei**ROSH CHODESH**

Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM
 Mincha/Maariv 6:05 PM

Mon Oct. 16, 2023 - 1st of Cheshvan**ROSH CHODESH**

Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM
 Mincha/Maariv 6:05 PM

Fri Oct. 20, 2023 - 5th of Cheshvan

Candlelighting 5:51 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:55 PM

Sat Oct. 21, 2023 - 4th of Cheshvan**Noach**

Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Services 9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot. 3:50 PM
 Talmud Class. 4:35 PM

Mandel Family on the passing of Irwin "Yitzchak" Mandel, z'l
 Josh Schwartz on the passing of his mother, Paula Schwartz, z'l

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy 95th Birthday to Dr. Shimon Michael (Marvin) Belsky!
 Mazal Tov to Miriam and Dr. Marvin Belsky on their 69th wedding
 anniversary
 Happy 90th Birthday to Ruth Bernstein!
 Congratulations to Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and the "tireless"
 Beginners, who, over approximately the last 40 years at the all-night
 Shavuot Learn-A-Thon, have completed the study and analysis of all
 613 mitzvot, as delineated and explained by Rabbi Abraham Chill in
 his classic volume, "The Mitzvot: The Commandments and Their
 Rationale"

TODAH RABBAH

Huge thanks to Dr. Leonard Davidman for brilliantly leading the
 Beginners Service during July and August

Mincha. 5:35 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 6:50 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 5:55 PM

Fri Oct. 27, 2023 - 12th of Cheshvan

Candlelighting 5:41 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 PM

Sat Oct. 28, 2023 - 13th of Cheshvan**Lech Lecha**

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
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 6:40 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 5:45 PM

Fri Nov. 3, 2023 -19th of Cheshvan

Candlelighting 5:32 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:35 PM

Sat Nov. 4, 2023 - 20th of Cheshvan**Vayera**

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
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 6:32 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 4:30 PM

Standard time: move clocks back

Fri Nov. 10, 2023 - 26th of Cheshvan

Candlelighting 4:25 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30 PM

Sat Nov. 11, 2023 - 27th of Cheshvan**SHABBAT MEVORCHIM****Chayei Sara**

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
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 5:24 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 4:30 PM

Fri Nov. 17, 2023 - 4th of Kislev

Candlelighting 4:19 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:25 PM

Sat Nov. 18, 2023 - 5th of Kislev**Toldot**

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
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 5:19 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 4:25 PM

Thur Nov. 23, 2023 - 10th of Kislev**THANKSGIVING DAY**

Morning Services 8:30 AM
 Mincha & Maariv. 4:20 PM

Fri Nov 24, 2023 - 11th of Kislev

Candlelighting 4:14 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:20 PM

Sat Nov. 25, 2023 - 12th of Kislev**Vayetzei**

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
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 5:14 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 4:20 PM

Fri Dec. 1, 2023 - 18th of Kislev

Candlelighting 4:12 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15 PM

Sat Dec. 2, 2023 - 19th of Kislev**Vayishlach**

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
 Maariv/Shabbat ends 5:12 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

Fri. night, Sept. 15
 Sat. & Sun., Sept. 16 & 17

YOM KIPPUR

Sun. night, Sept. 24
 Mon., Sept. 25
 Please visit lss.org/beginners

**SAVE THE DATES
Special Events****Intro To Bible Class on Zoom
Begins**

Tues., Oct. 10, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 8 Sessions

IRWIN "YITZCHAK" MANDEL, Z"L

Yitzchak Mandel was one of the most loyal and
 longest attending Beginners, who was always
 among the first to show at the Service. His
 pleasant personality gained him many friends and
 admirers. His generosity knew no bounds, and for
 decades personally arranged for the dry cleaning of
 all the LSS *tallitot* (prayer shawls) each year, in time
 for the High Holidays. He will be greatly missed.
 May his memory be blessed. Condolences to the
 Mandel family.

NATALIE GITTELSON, Z"L

Natalie Gittelson, renowned writer and magazine
 editor, passed away at age 100. Although she her-
 self was not a Beginner, two of her children
 attended the Beginners Service. As a result, she
 wrote a very important article in the Sunday Times
 Magazine section in 1984, titled, **"American Jews
 Rediscover Orthodoxy,"** which had a deep impact
 on the Jewish community. May her memory be
 blessed. Condolences to the Gittelson family.

Dr. Golda Hudes for sponsoring the Book of Ruth class with Rabbi
 Ephraim Buchwald over Shavuot, in memory of her husband
 Dana Hudes, z'l, and in gratitude to Rabbi Buchwald for his many
 years of teaching and support
 Hadassah Levinson-Strauss, Adrienne McMillan and Tara Meade for
 sponsoring the Book of Ruth class with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald
 over Shavuot, in honor of Aidel and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald for their
 amazing love for converts
 Elaine Witty-Komito for sponsoring the all-night Shavuot Learning with
 Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, in commemoration of the 5th yahtzeit
 of her husband, Larry Komito, Yehudah Leib ben Yaakov z'l and
 v'Stisha, *shetichye*