

## WHAT'S NEW?

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## What's New?

Isn't that what we always want to know? When we see a friend, when we open the newspaper, even when we are shopping--we want to know what's new. We are drawn to fresh and innovative ideas. We are excited to hear about someone who is starting a new career or reaching a milestone in their life. We are tuned into minute by minute political developments world wide, and obsessed with the latest technological gadgets. These special moments are the culmination of all that is past with all that is possible, and then suddenly something "new" happens.

The biggest something "new" for me was my recent marriage and relocation to Israel. A born and raised New Yorker, Bat Mitzvahed at Lincoln Square Synagogue and an attendee of Rabbi Buchwald's High Holidays Beginners Services for as long as I can remember, I started attending the Beginners Shabbat Service about a year ago. You have to be very careful when you venture up that steep staircase and enter the Beginner's room. In just one short year everything can change. Those who have attended the Beginners Service know what it is like to pray with such enthusiasm that the atmosphere in the room actually shifts, and you feel as if you have entered into a new realm. Afterwards, when you stroll down the streets of the Upper West Side, you feel like a new person. Is it magic? Is it Rabbi Buchwald? Or is that what happens when you bring all of yourself to a meeting with G-d's limitless potential?

They say that when you marry you get a fresh start, much like on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. But it is not as if the day arrives and a huge eraser wipes out your past. Rather, it is a moment when you are prepared for G-d's presence, when you can harness all that is in you, all you have worked on throughout your life, to participate in the creation of something spectacularly new. Similarly with Rosh Hashana, it is not about becoming a blank slate. After all, who would want to disappear every year? Instead, Rosh Hashana is like the Olympic starting line. It is where one brings a year's or life's worth of training and devotion to a special time and place with G-d, wherein something transformative can happen.



I felt it on the wedding day. I wanted to bring the best of myself to the sacred ceremony, to be as present as possible standing with my husband under the *chuppah* in the presence of G-d. We prepared rigorously, following all the laws, to allow this marriage and our life together to be nourished by *mitzvot* and to enter fully into this new union as one. It truly was a sacred day filled with jubilation and intense gratitude for this extraordinary blessing. A few days later we moved to Israel - the land of old and new, ancient and modern, a homeland, and now my home.

I live in Tel Aviv, an intense and lively city, with everything from skyscrapers to cafes on the beach, from an incredible opera and philharmonic to modern dance troupes and street performers, from high tech companies to falafel stands. Even for a New Yorker, it's all there. But the most magical moment comes on Friday afternoon. Like clockwork, around 4 PM the streets go quiet, most stores are closed, a few buckets of flowers linger outside for a last minute purchase, and the coming of Shabbat envelops the city. The aroma of slowly cooked Shabbat dinners wafts from kitchen windows, a peacefulness is in the air, people take time for a coffee or lemonade with a friend before heading home and everyone, in one way or another, is preparing themselves for the beautiful Queen's arrival. It is a unique experience and totally rejuvenating.

Be it a wedding or Rosh Hashana or Shabbat, these special moments afford us the opportunity to be renewed if we consciously and purposefully bring our full selves into G-d's presence. It takes preparation, it takes being ready for the window of opportunity and it takes the grace of G-d to meet there. But that is where we will find the newness we are continually seeking. The High Holidays await us and the doors will be wide open, but every new day is an opportunity not to be missed.

So next time you see a friend and they ask you, "What's new?" I hope you have a good answer!

Many blessings from Israel for a happy and sweet and very *NEW* Year!

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## CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

## ENGAGEMENTS

Aviva Cambara and Ilan Itzhak  
Nomi Jacobs and Dov Ariel  
Mazal Tov to parents Batya and Eddie Jacobs  
Mazal Tov to grandparents Vicky and Rabbi Shlomo Riskin  
Felicia Korman and Moshe Yair Simon  
Mazal Tov to parents Toby and Bruce Simon  
Nancy Miller and Tzvi Fishman  
Leah Morse and Oz Ben Ami  
Mazal Tov to parents Michele and David Morse  
Devra Nusbaum and Shimon Gedalia Radovsky  
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Mazal Tov Sharona and Steven Spivack  
Rebecca Shanker and Shai Sinbeti  
Mazal Tov to parents Pam and Dr. Alan Shanker



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Mazal Tov to parents Rochelle and Harry Tropp  
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Dr. Zina Semenovskaya and Dr. Bezalel Reich  
Mazal Tov to parents Sema and Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Reich  
Kerry (Sarah) Stevens and Leon Zelazny

## BIRTHS

Deborah and Randy Baruh, on the birth of a son, Max (Avram)  
Shira and Hayyim Danzig, on the birth of a daughter  
Mazal tov to grandparents Dr. Gale and James Kaufman  
Shanah and Jesse Giles, on the birth of a daughter, Maya Devora  
Monique and Ethan Levy, on the birth of a son, Emet Zion Israel  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Sharona and Steven Spivack  
Sheryl and Benjaim Shaykin, on the birth of a son, Elliot Daniel  
Mazal Tov to grandparents Maura and Leonard Shaykin  
Miriam and Dr. Rick (Shmuel) Shields, on the birth of a son  
Elena Shmidt, on the birth of a daughter, Leah Fruma

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Lucy Dorothy Cheskin  
Mazal Tov to parents Judith Goldkrand and Barry Cheskin  
Max Janovic  
Mazal Tov to mother Sharon Janovic  
Ezra Max Wildes  
Mazal Tov to parents Jill and Rabbi Mark Wildes  
Aliza Wolff  
Mazal Tov to parents Laurie and Richard Wolff

## CONDOLENCES

The family of Gerald August  
Rebbetzin Gittel Bausk on the loss of her father, Melvin Warrenbrand  
Shlomo Dov Gewirtz, on the loss of his mother, Sarah Gewirtz  
Shlomo Dov Gewirtz, on the loss of his father, Naftali Gewirtz  
Rabbi Tod (Avraham Yitzchok) Jacobs, on the loss of his father, Ronald Jacobs  
Sheryl Presser, on the loss of her mother, Harriet Presser  
Amy (Lewis) Schachter, on loss of her mother, Myrna Lewis

## SPEEDY RECOVERY/REFUAH SH'LAIMA

Elisheva Lambert, Elisheva Chana bat Miriam Yocheved  
Regina Ullendorff, Rachel bat Feige

## TZEITCHEM L'SHALOM (TO LIVE OR STUDY IN ISRAEL)

Devorah Altman  
Andrew Fleisch

## CONGRATULATIONS

Andrew Lebwahl, upon graduating from Yale Business School and good luck on his new business, Karaoke Heroes  
Avraham Mora, upon graduating from the Citizen Police Academy  
Megan Quattlebaum, upon passing the bar in NJ, NY and CT  
Frances Zelazny and Allen Ganz, upon receiving the Leadership Award at the annual dinner of Jewish International Connection, New York

## TODAH RABBAH

Dr. Leonard Davidman, for conducting the LSS Beginners Service over the summer

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sun September 16, 2012 - 29th of Elul**  
**EREV ROSH HASHANA**  
*Eruv Tavshilin*  
 Selichot/Morning Services .6:00 & 7:30 AM  
 Light Candles . . . . . 6:44 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:50 PM

**Mon September 17, 2012 - 1st of Tishrei**  
**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Beit Midrash . . . . . 7:30 AM  
 Main Sanctuary . . . . . 7:45 AM  
 Ballroom . . . . . 7:45 AM  
 Beginners . . . . . 9:00 AM  
 Tashlich . . . . . 5:50 PM  
 Beginners Mincha . . . . . 6:30 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:50 PM  
 Yom Tov Candles . . . . . after 7:44 PM  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . after Maariv

**Tue September 18, 2012 - 2nd of Tishrei**  
**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Beit Midrash . . . . . 7:30 AM  
 Main Sanctuary . . . . . 7:45 AM  
 Ballroom . . . . . 7:45 AM  
 Beginners . . . . . 9:00 AM  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 5:45 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:50 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends . . . . . 7:43 PM

**Wed September 19, 2012 - 3rd of Tishrei**  
**TZOM GEDALIAH**  
 Fast begins . . . . . 5:29 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services . . 6:15 & 7:20 AM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:35 PM  
 Fast ends . . . . . 7:28 PM

**Thur September 20, 2012 - 4th of Tishrei**  
 Selichot/Morning Services . . . . . 6:30 & 7:20 AM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:45 PM

**Fri September 21, 2012 - 5th of Tishrei**  
 Selichot/Morning Services . . . . . 6:30 & 7:20 AM  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 6:36 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:40 PM

**Sat September 22, 2012 - 6th of Tishrei**  
**Vayelech SHABBAT SHUVA**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Mincha & Shabbat Shuva Drasha . 6:10 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends . . . . . 7:36 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 6:40 PM

**Sun September 23, 2012 - 7th of Tishrei**  
 Selichot/Morning Services . . . . . 6:30 & 8:00 AM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 6:30 PM

**Mon September 24, 2012 - 8th of Tishrei**  
 Selichot/Morning Services . . . . . 6:30 & 7:20 AM

**Tue September 25, 2012 - 9th of Tishrei**  
**EREV YOM KIPPUR**  
 Selichot/Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Mincha . . . . . 1:45, 3:00 & 4:15 PM  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 6:29 PM  
 Kol Nidre . . . . . 6:35 PM  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . after Ma'ariv

**Wed September 26, 2012 - 10th of Tishrei**  
**YOM KIPPUR**  
 Beit Midrash . . . . . 7:30 AM  
 Main Sanctuary . . . . . 8:00 AM  
 Ballroom . . . . . 9:00 AM  
 Beginners . . . . . 9:00 AM  
 Mincha Main Sanctuary . . . . . 4:45 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends . . . . . 7:29 PM

**Fri September 28, 2012 - 12th of Tishrei**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 6:24 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:30 PM

**Sat September 29, 2012 - 13th of Tishrei**  
**Ha'azinu**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 5:00 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 5:30 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:15 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 7:24 PM

**Sun September 30, 2012 - 14th of Tishrei**  
**EREV SUKKOT**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 6:21 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:25 PM  
 Begin meal in Sukkah . . . . . after 7:10 PM

**Mon October 1, 2012 - 15th of Tishrei**  
**SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Talmud Class . . . . . 5:40 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:25 PM  
 Yom Tov Candles and begin meal  
 Light in Sukkah . . . . . after 7:21 PM

**Tue October 2, 2012 - 16th of Tishrei**  
**SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Talmud Class . . . . . 5:40 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:25 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends . . . . . 7:19 PM

**Wed October 3, 2012 - 17th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 6:45 & 7:30 AM  
 Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 6:20 PM

**Thu October 4, 2012 - 18th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 6:45 & 7:30 AM  
 Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 6:20 PM

**Fri October 5, 2012 - 19th of Tishrei**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 6:45 & 7:30 AM  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 6:13 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:20 PM

**Sat October 6, 2012 - 20th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . . . . 8:00 & 8:45 AM  
 Talmud Class . . . . . 5:20 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:05 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 7:13 PM

**Sun October 7, 2012 - 21st of Tishrei**  
**HOSHANA RABA**  
*Eruv Tavshilin*  
 Morning Services . . . . . 6:35 & 8:00 AM  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 6:09 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:15 PM

**Mon October 8, 2012 - 22nd of Tishrei**  
**SHMINI ATZERET (COLUMBUS DAY)**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Talmud Class . . . . . 5:30 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:15 PM  
 Yom Tov Candles . . . . . after 7:09 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Hakafot . . . . . 6:53 PM

**Tue October 9, 2012 - 23rd of Tishrei**  
**SIMCHAT TORAH**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 8:30 AM  
 Women's Service . . . . . 9:00 AM  
 Talmud Class . . . . . 5:30 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:15 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends . . . . . 7:08 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 6:10 PM

**Fri October 12, 2012 - 26th of Tishrei**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 6:01 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 6:05 PM

**Sat October 13, 2012 - 27th of Tishrei**  
**Bereshit**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 4:35 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 5:05 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 5:50 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 7:01 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 6:00 PM

**Tue October 16, 2012 - 30th of Tishrei**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 7:40 AM

**Wed October 17, 2012 - 1st of Cheshvan**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 7:40 AM

**Fri October 19, 2012 - 3rd of Cheshvan**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 5:51 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 5:55 PM

**Sat October 20, 2012 - 4th of Cheshvan**  
**Noach**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 4:25 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 4:55 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 5:40 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 6:51 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 5:50 PM

**Fri October 26, 2012 - 10th of Cheshvan**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 5:41 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 5:45 PM

**Sat October 27, 2012 - 11th of Cheshvan**  
**Lech Lecha**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 4:15 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 4:45 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 5:30 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 6:41 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 5:40 PM

**Fri November 2, 2012 - 17th of Cheshvan**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 5:32 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 5:35 PM

**Sat November 3, 2012 - 18th of Cheshvan**  
**Vayeira**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 4:05 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 4:35 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 5:20 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 6:32 PM  
 Move clocks back one hour  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 4:30 PM EST

**Tue November 6, 2012 - 21st of Cheshvan**  
**ELECTION DAY**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:10 & 7:50 AM

**Fri November 9, 2012 - 24th of Cheshvan**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 4:25 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:30 PM

**Sat November 10, 2012 - 25th of Cheshvan**  
**Chayei Sara**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 3:00 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 3:30 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:15 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 5:25 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 4:25 PM

**Mon November 12, 2012 - 27th of Cheshvan**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 7:50 AM

**Thu November 15, 2012 - 1st of Kislev**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 7:40 AM

**Fri November 16, 2012 - 2nd of Kislev**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 4:19 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:25 PM

**Sat November 17, 2012 - 3rd of Kislev**  
**Toldot**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 2:55 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 3:25 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:10 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 5:19 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 4:20 PM

**Thur November 22, 2012 - 8th of Kislev**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 8:30 AM

**Fri November 23, 2012 - 9th of Kislev**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 4:14 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:20 PM

**Sat November 24, 2012 - 10th of Kislev**  
**Vayeitzei**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 2:50 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 3:20 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:05 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 5:14 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 4:15 PM

**Fri November 30, 2012 - 16th of Kislev**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 4:11 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:15 PM

**Sat December 1, 2012 - 17th of Kislev**  
**Vayishlach**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 2:45 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 3:15 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:00 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 5:11 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 4:15 PM

**Fri December 7, 2012 - 23rd of Kislev**  
 Candlelighting . . . . . 4:10 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:15 PM

**Sat December 8, 2012 - 24th of Kislev**  
**Vayeishev**  
 Daf Yomi . . . . . 7:00 AM  
 Bible Class . . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Morning Services . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot . . . . . 2:45 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes . . . . . 3:15 PM  
 Mincha . . . . . 4:00 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends . . . . . 5:10 PM  
 Light Chanukah Candles . . . . . after 5:10 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv . . . . . 4:15 PM

**Sun December 9, 2012 - 25th of Kislev**  
 Morning Services . . . . . 7:00 & 8:30 AM  
 Light Chanukah Candles . . . . . after 4:59 PM

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**Special Event**

**Sukkot Shopping:** Sun., Sept. 30

**Sukkot, Simchat Beit Hashoeva:**  
 Thur., Oct. 4 @ KJ, 7:00 PM

**Simchat Torah Celebration**  
 Mon., Oct. 8, 6:50 PM

**Intro To Bible Class Begins**  
 Tue., Oct. 16, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**Beginners Shmooze - Free**  
 Mon., Nov. 5, 8:15 PM

**Beginners Shabbat Luncheon - \$20**  
 Sat., Nov. 3, 12:30 PM

**Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton**  
 Fri.-Sat., Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

**Chanukah Bash:** Mon., Dec. 10

**HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES**  
 at the Manhattan Day School  
 310 West 75th Street  
 (bet. West End Ave. & Riverside Dr.)

**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Sun., Sept. 16, 6:50 pm  
 Mon. & Tue., Sept. 17 & 18, 9:00 am  
 Mon., Sept. 17, 6:30 pm  
 Tue., Sept. 18, 6:50 pm @ LSS

**YOM KIPPUR**  
 Tue., Sept. 25, 6:35 pm  
 Wed., Sept. 26, 9:00 am

**Tickets**  
 LSS Members \$75, Non-Members \$125