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## THIS SHABBAT

### Friday Evening

- 6:31pm: Candle Lighting  
6:35pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

### Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**  
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**  
9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)  
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
9:46am: Latest Shema

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.  
4:45pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
5:15pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211  
5:15pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *A Different Shade of Sukkot*  
6:15pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit  
7:30pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

**Hashkamah Kiddush**  
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**Main Kiddush**  
Sponsored by **Hans Seidemann** in memory of the first yahrtzeit of his wife, **Marion Rettet a"h**.

**Beginner's Kiddush**  
Sponsored in loving memory of **Shmuel Shoshani z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

**Seudah Shlishit**  
Sponsored by **Dana & Golda Hudes** for the refuah shelaima of **Chaim Daniel Baruch ben Rivka Breindl** and in appreciation to LSS Clergy and community.

## MAZAL TOV

- Mazal tov to **Martine and Jack Schenker** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **David**, son of **Debra and Yossi Schenker** this Shabbat in Englewood.
- Mazal Tov to **Lisa and Solan Schwab** on their sons **Michael and Jonah** becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jethro and Talia Solomon  
Tamir Shadian

Join our LSS community. Go to [lss.org/join](http://lss.org/join)

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**Most classes will not meet next week because of Sukkot**

Stay tuned for a new fall semester of classes starting soon!

Only class meeting next week:

THURSDAY

**Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:30pm**

## ANNOUNCING OUR CHATANIM & ATAROT

Chatan Torah - **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

Ateret HaTorah - **Ilana Gadish**

Chatan Bereishit - **Moshe Sheinwexler**

Ateret Hakehilla - **Lisanne Lubitz**

Chatan Maftir - **Lance Carr**

Join us in a festive *Simchat Torah luncheon* in honor of our Chatanim and Atarot. Sign up at [lss.org/simchattorahlunch](http://lss.org/simchattorahlunch)

See the back page for full SUKKOT schedule and details.

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of September 27– October 2  
Sun, Wed & Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:35pm

<u>Sunday (Erev Sukkot)</u>	<u>Mon &amp; Tues (Sukkot)</u>	<u>Wed, Thurs &amp; Fri</u>
Shacharit: 7:10am		Daf Yomi: 6:00am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	See Schedule on back page	Shacharit: 6:45am
Shacharit: 8:30am		Shacharit: 7:30am

Candle Lighting: 6:27pm  
Begin Meal After: 7:17pm

## A NOTE ABOUT THE HIGH HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Thank you for all of the generous donations that were received for the High Holiday Campaign. We have not yet reached our goal and are keeping the campaign open. Visit <http://www.lss.org/hhcampaign2015> to contribute. The High Holiday Campaign is vital in providing Lincoln Square Synagogue with the necessary funds to operate and offer the first-rate programs that are planned for this coming year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Women's Talk Time • Wednesday, September 30th, at 11:30am

Join LSS member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to senior women in the LSS community.

The Women's Tefillah Group has an exciting calendar of events planned for this year and we need your help. We're looking for women to daven, layn, read megillah, organize events and dinners, and design our flyers.

Contact [wtg@lss.org](mailto:wtg@lss.org) and let us know what you can do.

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

The mission of the Israel Committee is to strengthen the relationship between our community and Medinat Israel. Last year's activities included a mission to Southern Israel, Israeli speakers (including a lecture in Ivrit by Rav Benny Lau), Yom HaAtzmaut and Yom Yerushalaim program, and a Beit Café. We also provided the congregation the information it needed to lobby our elected representatives regarding the Iran nuclear deal.

We are now starting to plan activities for the coming year and would love to hear from you. What activities would you like to see offered? Of course, it takes people to turn ideas into activities. We especially need people with skills in marketing, advertising, social media and basic project management. Please contact Nathan Vogel with your ideas for programs and to volunteer your time, [nvogel212@gmail.com](mailto:nvogel212@gmail.com)

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Beginners Services not meet over Sukkot.** The Beginners Service will resume on the Shabbat after Sukkot, Saturday, October 10th, 2015.
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **Monday, October 12th, 7:30pm-8:30pm** (please note, there will be no JLW September 28th through October 8th). Jewish Living Workshop, a 10 sessions series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials; register at [JLworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com) or [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org). Topic: **Jewish Life Cycles-What to expect at a Wedding, Sheva Brachot.**
- **Beginners Sukkah Party at Ramaz Middle School, 114 East 85th Street: THIS Thursday, October 1st, 7pm.** Featuring words of inspiration from Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, Rabbi Elie Weinstock, and Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Kraus. \$40 per person, \$75 per couple. For more information: 212-774-5678 or [beginners@ckj.org](mailto:beginners@ckj.org).
- We are happy to announce that, once again, the Louis Lazar Memorial Fund is sponsoring the 50% off campaign for Beginners. Mezuzot: \$18, Tefillin: \$280, Jewish books: 50% off, \$200 worth of books for \$100. Expires 10/8/2015. To place an order, please email Jessica at [jessi-ca@njop.org](mailto:jessi-ca@njop.org).
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** of the season will be **Shabbat, October 10th, 2015.** The cost is only \$25 per person. Please note new price. Register and pay online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Please make your reservations and payment by Wednesday, October 7th.
- **Save the date!** Hebrew Reading Crash Course One Day Review (1 session only) will be on **Monday, October 12th, 2015 at 6:30pm.** The 1 class lasts 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, October 19th, 2015 at 6:30pm.** The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will begin **Monday, October 19th, 2015 at 6:30pm.** The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Save the date!** Register now for **Introduction to Bible**, with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald (Begins **Tuesday, October 13th, 6:30-8:00pm**). This 8 session course provides a general overview of the content and style of the Bible. We will review basic literary and theological approaches to Bible study, traditional and modern, through the analysis of the Biblical text. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Cost: \$90, free for LSS members.

The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund discreetly distributes thousands of dollars to our own community members to defray the costs of Shabbat and Yom Tov meals and clothing. Help yourself and your neighbors by sending your contributions, earmarked for LSTS to the LSS office. If you are aware of any LSS community member (including yourself) who could benefit from a Shabbat meal, please let us know by contacting the LSS office or by confidential email to [rabbi@lss.org](mailto:rabbi@lss.org).

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Groups Start at 10am  
Tweens 5-8th—Room 211  
2nd-4th— Girls Room208/Boys Room 210

K-1 Room 207  
Pre-K: Room 206

**Youth Breakfast  
@ 9:30am**

*See back page for full SUKKOT group details and Programs*

**In case of a bereavement,  
please call our Clergy at 646-  
543-7485 (day or night)**

*If you would like to receive the  
Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up  
at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org).*

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## D'var Echod B'lev Echod

Insights into the weekly Parsha and other matters at the heart of the LSS community

13 Tishrei 5776 • September 25-26, 2015

Parashat Ha'Azinu

By: Bernard Kabak

In this week's *parashah*, Moses looks from the mountaintop to see the Promised Land, which G-d said he would not enter (*Devarim* 32:48-52). This scene is the *denouement* of an enigmatic episode in *Bemidbar* 20:2-12. There, the Israelites pant for water. Moses produces water by striking a rock, not by speaking to it as G-d directed. For his disobedience, Moses incurs the punishment we witness in *Ha'azinu*.

The episode contrasts with *Shemot* 17:5-6. There, Moses also extracts water by striking a rock. But for that Moses is lionized--he's the original rock star!--in Hallel (Psalm 114:8) and in the *Shemini Atzeret* Prayer for Rain:

*When thy chosen people thirsted for water,*

*He struck the rock and there gushed out water.*

*For his righteousness' sake, grant abundant water.*

(Translation from Birnbaum *siddur*.)

No wonder the nub of the sin barring Moses from the Land has puzzled the commentators. Ramban calls it a mystery (Stone *Chumash*, p. 845). ArtScroll (*ibid.*) summarizes five notions of Moses' sin. Jacob Milgrom inventories ten theories, says there are more, then presents his own (*J.P.S. Torah Commentary, Numbers*, p. 448).

Rabbi Marc Angel hits the reset button. Because Moses' wilderness burial was preordained from Creation (*Mishnah Avot* 5:8), Rabbi Angel posits that his exclusion from the Land *had nothing to do with sin and punishment* ("Thoughts for Parashat Hukat," 6.27.15, [jewishideas.org](http://jewishideas.org)).

What, then, was it about? The key may be the *Shemot* episode. The Talmud (*Bava Kama* 82(a)) understands it metaphorically: *ein mayim elah Torah*, "water" means "Torah"; for Torah slakes spiritual thirst just as water slakes bodily thirst. (Water meaning Torah has a correlate in early Islam, where, "... the term 'sharia' conveyed the idea of a direct path to water...", S. Kadri, *Heaven on Earth*, p. 12.) *Shemot* 17:5-6 now reads in a new light: what the Israelites cry for is to be taught Torah and its practical application in *halachah*. Read the *Bemidbar* episode the same way: the Israelites' call to hear Torah and *halachah* taught by Moses.

Moses established *halachah* to stand throughout the ages (Rambam, "The 13 Principles of Faith," 8-9). But Moses taught *halachah* in a narrow context. His wilderness audience had no poor: food fell from the sky (*Shemot* 16:4); their clothes, their shoes never wore out (*Devarim* 29:4). At Sinai they stood as one (Rashi on *Shemot* 19:2). Together they encamped; together they traveled, pillars of cloud and fire--G-d's presence in their midst--being their G.P.S. (*Shemot* 13:21).

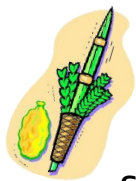
Once in the Land of Israel, however, the Israelites spread out. Their lives became vastly more complicated, their economic, social, and personal conditions more differentiated. They now engaged in agriculture, commerce, seafaring (dentistry, accounting, stand-up would come later). They pressed on without the shepherding pillars of cloud and fire. Before, they followed the Presence of G-d; now they followed the Word of G-d (Rabbi B. Elton, Remarks at Y.C.T. 2015 ordination). Moses' striking the rock demarcates this point of inflection.

Paradoxically, it was Moses' unrivalled stature as the promulgator of *halachah* that ruled out his continuing leadership. While he was alive, no one would adjudicate independently (ArtScroll/Schottenstein *Bava Kama* 82(a), n.19). His entry into the Land would have delayed Joshua's ascendance (Talmud *Sotah* 13(b)). With Moses astride *halachah* like a colossus, his overspreading shadow would have arrested the germination of sages out of the soil of the Land of Israel. The *Shechinah*, the Divine Presence, therefore enwrapped Moses within Her folds, gathering in his soul (*Sotah* 13(b)).

Moses himself had seen to an orderly succession. According to Abrabanel (*Devarim* 1:9), Moses fashioned a subdivided judiciary to serve a dispersed population (a narrative consistent with Abrabanel's political distrust of concentrated authority (*Encyc. Judaica* 2:108)). The way was paved for the line of savants charted in *Avot* 1:1 to take up the challenge of forging a Torah-directed outlook attuned to the nation's unfolding experience. Justice Holmes said of Anglo-American jurisprudence, "the life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience," (*The Common Law*). So, too, does *halachah* necessarily engage with lived experience. *Torat chayim*, the living Torah, knits commonplace affairs within halachic norms, the banal becoming sacral. Thus, Moses died in the wilderness not as punishment for sin but to allow space for the living Torah to unfurl.

In Talmud *Menachot* 29(b), Moses time-travels to audit a discourse by Rabbi Akiva. He finds it unintelligible. Yet Moses is reassured that the living Torah of that era remained moored to its origins when he hears Rabbi Akiva say the *halachah* he is teaching was given to Moses at Sinai.

Thus comforted, Moses, from the prospect of Mount Nebo, sees the Israelites in his mind's eye entering the Land. He is both wistful and proud, like a parent seeing a child leave the nest to embark on an independent life (*halehvai*). *Moshe Rabbeinu*, Moses Our Teacher, is at peace. Having set his people on the right path, he achieved what G-d had envisioned for him in the beginning.



# SUKKOT 2015/5776

## SUKKOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Erev Sukkot - Sunday, September 27

- 6:27pm: Candle Lighting
- 6:35pm: Mincha/Maariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
- 7:17pm: Begin Meal in Sukkah

### Sukkot Day 1 - Monday, September 28

- 8:00am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by guest **Chazzan Charles Muhlbauer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 6:30pm: Mincha followed by a shiur by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson: Israeli Etrogim after the Shmitah Year**
- 7:25pm: Candle Lighting
- 7:26pm: Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
- 7:26pm: Begin Meal in Sukkah

### Sukkot Day 2 - Tuesday, September 29

- 8:00am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by guest **Chazzan Charles Muhlbauer**.
- 4:30pm: Kids Sukkah Party
- 6:30pm: Mincha followed by a shiur by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson: Hakel—The Torah Assembly**
- 7:25pm: Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
- 7:30pm: Musical family Havdalah in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

### SIMCHAT TORAH KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 6th

Join us in honoring our Chatanim and Atarot in a Simchat Torah luncheon following Hakafot.

In the LSS Ballroom

Advanced Registration only at [lss.org/simchattorahlunch](http://lss.org/simchattorahlunch)

\$20 for children, \$25 for adults, \$120 for Family Max

Registration closes on Wednesday, September 30th.

## SUKKOT DETAILS

### Sukkot Meals

Welcome to Everyone who made a reservation to eat in our Stone Family Sukah during the first days of Sukkot and Shabbat Chol Hamoed.



### The Sukkah @ LSS

During the rest of Chol Hamoed and the last days of Yom Tov, a reservation is not necessary to eat a meal in the Sukkah. Please feel free to use our Sukkah for eating, learning, relaxing, and general dwelling. (The building closes at 10pm and there will not be any entrance allowed after 9:30pm) We do now allow sleeping overnight in the Sukkah.

## YOUTH GROUPS ON SUKKOT

### Monday, September 28th & Tuesday, September 29th

Youth Groups 10:00am–12:30pm

Ages 2-5: Room 206

Ages 6-8: Room 207

Ages 9-12: Room 208

## YOUTH SUKKOT PROGRAMS

### Sukkah Party - for all Ages

**Tuesday, September 29th - 4:30pm**

Enjoy holiday treats and build graham cracker and marshmallow fluff sukkahs in the beautiful LSS Stone Family Sukkah.

### Family Havdalah in the Main Sanctuary - for all ages

**Tuesday, September 29th - 7:30pm**

Join us for a musical family Havdalah ceremony complete with glow sticks!

### Pizza in the Hut - for all ages

**Thursday, October 1 - 5-7 pm**

Join the LSS Youth Department staff for pizza in our beautiful sukkah. Please pre-register at [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth).

LSS Members \$12 per person, non-members \$15

### LOOKING AHEAD....SIMCHAT TORAH

Youth Groups for ages 2-12,

Monday October 5 & Tuesday, October 6 10am-12pm

### Trivia/Raffle/Ice Cream Party - 1st-5th grade

**Monday, October 5th - 5:15–7pm**

Torah quiz (all levels) raffle and Chinese auction, followed by an ice cream party with amazing prizes!

### Dancing with the Torah—7:15pm

Shake a flag, kiss a Torah and celebrate Simchat Torah by dancing with the Torah in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary. *All ages*

### Kids Buffet - 7:40pm

All kids are invited to an amazing hot buffet. *All ages*