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**PARSHAT NOACH
ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN**

1 CHESHVAN 5774 • OCTOBER 4-5, 2013

Candle Lighting: 6:16pm

ECHOD

**Shaul Robinson
Rabbi**

**Sherwood Goffin
Senior Cantor**

**Yanky Lemmer
Cantor**

**Elana Stein Hain
Community Scholar**

**Ben Keil
Executive Director**

Friday Evening Schedule

- 6:16pm:** Candle Lighting
6:20pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**

Shabbat Day Schedule

- 7:40am:** Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 'Dignity of Difference' What American Jews Fail to Understand About Their own Religion**
Following services, Haftorah Mini-shiur by **Reuben Ibrahimoff**
9:15am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
9:49am: Latest Shema
10:00am: Junior Congregation in room 210 for boys and girls in fifth through seventh grade. The program includes tefillah, snacks, games, and prizes.
12:30pm: Beginners Shabbat Luncheon. Room 206/207
12:45pm: Young Professionals Lunch in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Sold Out!

Shabbat Afternoon Schedule

- 4:00pm** Bikur Cholim. Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed
4:35pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Lloyd Epstein** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
5:05pm: Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
5:05pm: Talmud Class with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 'Après moi, le déluge.' Noah, Strong Drink, & Societal Collapse**
6:05pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
7:15pm: Maariv/Havdalah

Thank you to our volunteer Security Guards, Greeters, and Ushers this Shabbat

Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

- Youth Breakfast at 9:30
Pre-K: 10:00 am — room 208
Kindergarten and 1st grade: 10:00 am — room 207
2nd- 4th Grade: 10:00 am — room 206
Junior Congregation: 10:00am — room 210

Welcome to all those attending the Young Professionals Shabbat Lunch and to those joining us for the Beginners Luncheon, in honor of Dr. Leonard Davidman.

Today at 4:00pm at Cong. Ohab Zedek (119 W. 95th St.), **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** will be participating in a Rabbinic dialogue with **Rabbi Avrohom Marmorstein, Rabbi Dovid Cohen** and **Rabbi Allen Schwartz** on the topic "*Universalism and Particularism in Jewish Thought: How Does a Chosen People View the World?*"

Thank You to Our Shabbat Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Joel Tenenholz** to commemorate the yahrtzeit of his mother, **Hannah, Chana bat Ze'ev a"h.**

Main Kiddush

Co-sponsored by **Paul and Hannah Freilich** to commemorate the yahrtzeit of Hannah's father **Max Holmes z"l**; by **Miriam and Michael Laufer** to commemorate the yahrtzeits of their fathers **Harav Shalom Yehoshua Morgenstern z"l** and **Jacob Laufer z"l**; and by **Rabbi David and Helene Katz Freedman** in honor of the birth of their grandson **Netanel Simcha** to their children **Rabbi Lavey and Aliza Freedman** of Ramat Beit Shemesh and the birth of their grandson **Akiva Simcha** to their children **Rabbi Yonatan Shai and Rachel Freedman** of Alon Shvut, and in celebration of **David and Helene's 40th** wedding anniversary.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored anonymously in loving memory of **Shmuel Shoshani z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.**

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Lois Gottesman** in commemoration of the second yahrtzeit of her beloved mother **Rosalie Gottesman a"h.**

LSS Youth Dept Informational Meet and Greet for Parents During Kiddush in the Ballroom

Join the LSS Youth Programming Committee during today's Kiddush for an informational Meet and Greet with LSS Youth Director **Dana Keil**, Youth Dept Chair **Edina Sultanik Silver** and LSS President **Lloyd Epstein**. Hear all about the great programming the Youth Committee has in store for our kids this year. You will have an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and get more involved in our kids' shul experience

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- ◆ Mazal Tov to LSS members **Pauline Glasser** and **Dr. Evan Sehgal** on their recent engagement.
- ◆ Mazal Tov to new members **Eitan Earnest** and **Tami Jacobs** on their upcoming marriage.
- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Dr. Ben Elton** on the wedding of his brother **Daniel** to **Natalie Angel** in Israel on Monday.
- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Rabbi David and Helene Katz Freedman** on the birth of their grandson **Netanel Simcha** to their children **Rabbi Lavey and Aliza Freedman** of Ramat Beit Shemesh, on the birth of their grandson **Akiva Simcha** to their children **Rabbi Yonatan Shai and Rachel Freedman** of Alon Shvut, and on the celebration of **David and Helene's 40th** wedding anniversary.

A Note About the High Holiday Campaign:

Thank you to all of the generous donations for the High Holiday Campaign. We have not yet reached our goal and are keeping the campaign open. Visit lss.org to contribute

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Sun-Thu** at 6:10 pm

Sun	Mon & Thur	Tues, Wed, & Fri
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE

SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha
Dr. Ben Elton • 9:30am • Begins Oct. 13

MONDAY

- Yiddish Song Workshop
Janet Leuchter • 7:15pm • Cost: \$50 • Will only be offered if 10 people register. No knowledge of Yiddish necessary.

TUESDAY

- Parsha class
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am
- War and Peace: Jewish Morality in the IDF
Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain, • 7:15pm
This 4-week series focuses on the underpinnings of the Israel Defense Forces' moral code of combat. We will study the relationship between this code (known as tohar ha-nesheq, purity of arms) and Jewish law. Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29, and Nov. 5.
⇒ **Nov. 12 • Series Finale Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shalom Hammer**
7pm • \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door • Rabbi Hammer tells the inspirational story of how his having served under the Rabbinate of the IDF changed his life. He shares the most vital criterion for serving in the Israeli army and how ignoring these fundamentals could compromise the physical and spiritual strength of the Jewish nation.

- Intermediate Talmud Shiur
Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 7:45 pm • At the home of Maurice and Marion Spanbock

- Introduction to Bible
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30pm-8:00pm
See Beginners Announcements for more information

- Beit Midrash Night
8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by shul members:

- ◇ Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings. Facilitated by **Marcy Zwecker and Robyn Mitchnick**. *The growth and travails of the first Israeli kingdom. This group hopes to learn all of Prophets, 2 chapters per session.*

- ◇ The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai Facilitated by **Sara Brzowsky**. *The great Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai frequently uses language and metaphors derived from Tanach and Jewish prayer, often in an ambiguous or ironic way. We will read together and explore the meaning of poems in the collection Open Closed Open.*

- Jewish Living Workshop
Led by **Hadassah and Bill Greenbaum • 8 pm**, *For people who are interested in learning about practical Judaism. Email jlworkshop@yahoo.com to join.*

WEDNESDAY

- Nach b'Iyun
Rabbi Hayyim Angel • 7:15-8:15pm • Oct. 16 - Dec. 18: Sefer Shofetim.
The shiur is free. Suggested sponsorship \$360.

- Talmudic Methodology
Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm. *An in-depth look at a single complex Talmudic subject matter, starting from the relevant biblical texts and delving into the logic system of the Gemara. This year's topic will be "Retribution-in-Kind: A Study of Eidim Zomimim." The shiur is geared to conceptualizing Talmudic disputes and enabling the attendee to generate the questions asked by Rishonim and Achronim.*

- Beit Midrash Night
8:15-9:15 pm • Chavurot led by shul members

- ◇ Yiddish Writings of the Rav

Led by **Moshe Sheinwexler**. *Study the rare Yiddish works of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, the great halachist and Orthodox Jewish thinker.*

- ◇ The First Book of Samuel: Politics and Kingship

Led by **Ron Platzer**. *Anointer of kings. A king who was not always a king. A boy who became a king. Samuel, Saul, David. A great story. Complex characters. A subtle, sophisticated text. The Book of Samuel.*

- *New for Young Professionals!*
Jewish Literacy 101: A Journey Through Jewish Intellectual History with **Rabbi Eitan Bendavid**

Topic #1 - "De/Reconstructing Our Religious View of the Torah"

8:45pm, At the home of Adir and Esther Greenfield - 100 Riverside Blvd.

We will explore some of the great theological and philosophical ideas in Jewish Thought starting all the way from the beginning, with the Book of Genesis. This class will include intensive textual study of both Jewish and Western texts and take you on an intellectual journey that will challenge you to reevaluate everything you thought you ever knew about Judaism.

Contact Eitanbendavid@gmail.com for more information.

THURSDAY

- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7pm.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL CLASSES WILL MEET IN THE COMING WEEK

Special Announcement: EZRA FINEMAN Needs Blood & Platelets

4 year old Ezra is currently a patient at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. His treatment requires regular blood and platelet transfusions. Ezra's blood type is O+. For platelets, you can be ANY blood type.

Please visit www.mskcc.org/blooddonations for complete information about FDA donor eligibility and the donation process for blood or platelets.

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

*If you would like to receive the
Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at
www.lss.org.*

SAVE THE DATE:

Shabbat October 25-26
Lincoln Square Synagogue Welcomes

British Chief Rabbi Emeritus Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks



See page 3 for more details

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 6

Screening of *Srugim*, Season 3. Episodes 1,2, and 3. 7:00pm. \$10 per showing, \$40 for advance package of all 5 nights. The other screening dates for *Srugim*, Season 3 are Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, and Nov. 24



Tuesday, October 8

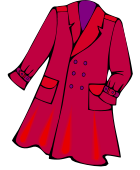
Book Talk with **Matt Levitt**: *Hezbollah– The Global Footprint of Lebanon’s Party of God*. 7:00pm

Beit Midrash Night Kicks Off for the year. See page 2 for details on the Beit Midrash night and all the ongoing Weekly Classes

Sunday, October 13

Fall Clothing Drive • In the LSS Lobby • 10:00am to 1:00pm

Donations of gently-used, clean, whole condition clothing. (No baby clothes please). We are in need of volunteers for sorting, packing and loading, and are especially looking for a volunteer who has a mini-van or SUV who can drive the clothing to our recipients. Email info@lss.org or call the office at 212-874-6100 if you are able to volunteer.



Monday, October 14

Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level I, II, and One-Day Review. See *Beginners Announcements* below for Details

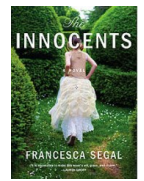
Shabbat, October 18-19

NCSY Teen Shabbaton • Join all yours friends for an Epic Friday night Shabbat dinner at LSS with great food and entertainment. Davening will be at 6 pm followed by dinner/entertainment. Followed the next day with an equally epic LSS Teen Minyan and Kiddush. Cost is \$30 • Sign up online at newyork.ncsy.org by Wed, Oct.16

Saturday, October 19

Book Club Meeting • 7:30pm • In the home of **Martine and Jack Schenker**

The LSS Book Club looks forward to another season of intense book discussion starting with the award winning book "The Innocents" by Francesca Segal. As it takes place in a Jewish community in London, we have asked **Rabbi Robinson** and/or **Sarah Robinson** to lead the discussion.



Shabbat October 25-26

Join us for a wonderful Shabbat with **British Chief Rabbi Emeritus Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks**.

- Catered Intimate Friday Night Dinner with Rabbi and Lady Sacks \$250 pp/ \$500 per couple - with discussion and Q & A. Space is limited.
- Shabbat morning: Drasha following Musaf
- Shabbat afternoon: 4:45pm - **Rabbi Robinson** interviews **Rabbi Sacks**, including Q and A

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks is a global religious leader, philosopher, the author of more than 25 books, and moral voice for our time. Until 1st September 2013 he served as Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, having held the position for 22 years.



Shabbat, November 1-2

LSS Hospitality Shabbaton for Members. Be a Guest • Be a Host • Be a part of it. Just pick a meal, share it, and make new friends. Sign up now at lss.org/hospitality or call the shul office at 212-874-6100 for details.



Beginners Announcements

- **Welcome to all those joining us at this Shabbat’s first Beginners Luncheon, in honor of Dr. Leonard Davidman.**
- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald’s **Introduction to Bible** (Began **Tuesday, October 1st, 6:30-8:00pm**). This course, which meets for another **7 weeks**, 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.beginners.lss.org. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by **Dassa and Bill Greenbaum** will be this **Tuesday, October 8th, 8pm**. The workshop is free; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com. **Topic: Jewish Life Cycles-What to expect at a wedding, Sheva Brachot.**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II, and the One Day Review** (only 1 session) will begin **Monday, October 14th at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. **Register at www.beginners.lss.org.**



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

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BY BERNARD KABAK

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Take heart, all you men who don't follow driving directions: G-d Himself sometimes ignores His G.P.S.! Here's *Exodus* 13:17:

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It happened when Pharaoh sent out the people that G-d did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, because it was near...

The land of the Philistines, or Philistia, bordered Egypt, "near" in the Torah's words. The verse's plain meaning is that G-d avoided the direct route. But we can tease out a radically different meaning by turning to Chapter 10 in this week's *parashah* (Torah portion).

Genesis Ch. 10 sets out the genealogy of the Earth's 70 nations. (The genealogy opens with the phrase, "these are the lineages [*toldot*] ..." The significance of "*toldot*" is explored in "The Revolution of Terah and Avraham," R' Zvi Grumet, *Conversations*, Winter 2013/5773, R' Hayyim J. Angel, ed., Inst. for Jewish Ideas & Ideals.) Modern scholarship would arrange the Table of Nations, as this genealogy is called, differently from the Torah's arrangement. Modern classification, E. A. Speiser explains, "... is strictly linguistic, whereas the Bible employs several criteria ...," *Anchor Bible, Genesis*, p. 71, including geography and ethnography.

Speiser was an Orientalist at U. of P. He lectured from the podium not the *shtender*. Yet, as we'll see, Speiser's insight that ethnography determines kinships in the Table of Nations dovetails with how *Exodus* 13:17 is interpreted by two lions of the Tradition.

Genesis 10:13-14 records the kinship between the Egyptians and the Philistines, the two peoples linked in *Exodus* 13:17. That latter verse spotlights the geographic linkage evoked by Speiser. But where are these peoples linked by Speiser's ethnographic criterion? Actually, the ethnographic link is hiding in plain sight in the very same verse that shows the geographic connection. But the link is visible only in the Hebrew. "By way of the land of the Philistines" is the translation of "*derech erez Plishitim*." Beyond its literal meaning of a land route, *derech erez* also has multiple idiomatic meanings. It's a euphemism for copulation (Passover Haggadah: "He saw our torment" refers to the cutting off [of husbands and wives] from *derech erez*;" likewise, *Eruvin* 100b: "But for the Torah we would learn *derech erez* from the rooster.") It can mean a worldly occupation (Mishnah *Avot*, 2(2): "It is good to combine Torah study with *derech erez*"). Last, *derech erez* can mean adherence to social norms (Kabak household circa 1950s: "Bernard! Show some *derech erez!*").

Derech erez as meaning social norms opens *Exodus* 13:17 to a new reading. The Israelites had never set foot in Philistia. Yet, because the land's social mores and practices--in Speiser's vocabulary, the Philistine ethnography--was congruent with Egypt's, the Israelites would have perceived Philistia not as foreign but as familiar. Or, in the Hebrew of *Exodus* 13:17, *karov*. Having removed the Israelites from the idolatrous culture of Egypt, G-d would not lead them through a land similar in its social norms--*karov* in its *derech erez*--on the path to Sinai.

Karov has yet another meaning that not only squares with this reading but also leads back to the Table of Nations. *Karov* can signify family. Now *Exodus* 13:17 reads:

It happened when Pharaoh sent out the people that G-d did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, because it was kin [= *karov*].

Which kinship? The Da'at Zekeinim mi-Ba'alei ha-Tosafot, citing "*om kerovo*" in *Psalms* 148:14, posits G-d's kinship with Israel. But the Da'at Zekeinim offers an alternative possibility: the Philistines' kinship with the Egyptians, a reading derived from the Philistines' descent from the Egyptians in the Table of Nations.

So the sense of *Exodus* 13:17 may be this:

It happened when Pharaoh sent out the people that G-d shielded them from the culture of the Philistines for the people were all-too familiar with the kindred Egyptian culture.

In English the two readings of *karov*--as meaning "familiar" or as signifying family--converge, because "familiar" and "family" both derive from the same Latin root: *familia* = household.

Rabbi Elchanan Adler notes that *Exodus* 13:17 is the sole instance in the Torah where the words *derech* and *erez* are conjoined to form the phrase *derech erez*. Catnip for commentators! Sure enough, two commentators pick up on the phrase and its ethnographic meaning.

To the Chasam Sofer (R' Moses Sofer, 1762--1839) the Philistines represented the secular culture of Central Europe. He read G-d's abhorrence of the Philistines as a warning against allowing secular European culture to make inroads into the traditional Jewish community.

The Chafetz Chaim (R' Yisrael Meir Kagan, 1838--1933) interprets *Exodus* 13:17 by framing an argument G-d has with Himself. Philistia, G-d reasons, is a settled land where the Israelites will find ample food. But the Israelites will also find there the same polluting impurities of Egypt. In contrast, the desert is free of impurity, unsullied by idolatry. But it is unsown, barren. How will the Israelites find food? In the end, G-d takes the desert route. Like the Chasam Sofer, the Chafetz Chaim saw a lesson for his own time. To those who said Sabbath work was necessary for their livelihood, the Chafetz Chaim pointed to the desert generation: if G-d could sustain the 600,000 who left Egypt, surely He can sustain every individual who keeps His commandments.

To find Rabbis Sofer and Kagan aligned with Speiser may surprise. Speiser was immersed in modern academia; Sofer opposed secular culture and modernity. Speiser looked to archaeology and philology to illuminate the past; Kagan looked, rather, to the future Messianic Age (believing it so imminent that he carried special garments to change into once the Redemption began). But Speiser was not just a dispassionate academic. He shared, in his fashion, the Chasam Sofer's and the Chafetz Chaim's conviction that Judaism has a unique role on the world stage. Speiser sees Abram's journey from Mesopotamia (spoiler alert!--it's told in next week's *parashah*) as more than the story of one person or even of one people. That distant event, Speiser declares, altered history irrevocably, becoming the very mapping out of history's main road, *Anchor Bible, Genesis*, p. LII.