



# ECHOD

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 5:30pm Candle Lighting  
5:35pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary officiated by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.  
5:35pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

### Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur given by **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**  
7:30am: Tefillah Shiur by **Rabbinic Intern Jacob Bernstein**: *Lessons from Noach: Prayer in the Plural*  
8:30am: Parsha Shiur will be given by **Rabbinic Intern Jacob Bernstein**: *The Seven Noahide Laws: Common Sense or Divine Command?*  
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** before Mussaf *Apres Moi le Deluge; Our Duty as Americans on Tuesday - and on Wednesday*  
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. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**  
10:04am: Latest Shema

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 12:30pm: Beginners Luncheon in Room 206/207  
1:00pm: Young Professionals Fall into Autumn Shabbat Lunch in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
3:45pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in the shul lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West (formerly Roosevelt Hospital). Please consider volunteering to help fulfill the tremendous mitzvah of spending time with those who are ill.  
4:15pm: Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Room 211.  
4:30pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur will be given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** *Rabbinic Reports of Relative Righteousness - Noah & Abraham*  
5:15pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit.  
6:30pm: Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

## NEXT SHABBAT

### THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HOSPITALITY SHABBATON

~ BE A GUEST • BE A HOST • BE INVOLVED ~

November 11-12, 2016

Shabbat Morning Services, November 12th, will be led by Jeff Ritholtz, soloist of the Maccabeats.

## THANK YOU & FRIENDLY REMINDER

For those that donated to our Yizkor, Kol Nidre, High Holiday, or Simchat Torah appeals and for those that donated to our Torah Campaign, we thank you for your support! It is due to your generosity that LSS is able to thrive & grow. Please remember to fulfill or make a pledge by contacting the shul office or

[please click here](#).

## Ask about our newest LSS member!

## STORY TIME WITH RABBI ROBINSON

Join us during our Main Kiddush  
for a special story given by  
**Rabbi Shaul Robinson!**



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

**Main Kiddush:** Sponsored by **Jonathan & Laura Heller** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Sophia**.

**Hashkama Kiddush:** Sponsored by The Fund.

**Beginners Kiddush:** Sponsored by the Beginners class, in honor of **Dr. Leonard Davidman**, who embraces all of Yiddishkeit so beautifully.

**Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan:** Sponsored by **Lori Jacobowitz** in memory of **Charlotte Fleitman**, **Sherka bat Shira v'Sheva, a"n**, on her first yahrtzeit and in memory of **Julius Epstein**, **Yehuda Ben Eliyahu, z"l**, on the tenth yahrtzeit.

**Seudah Shlishit:** Sponsored by **Pauline & Evan Sehgal** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of our grandmother, **Etta Zisel bat David Hacohen a"n**, and in honor of a refua sheleima for **Ita bat Chaya Sara**.

## MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Jonathan & Laura Heller** on the bat mitzvah of their daughter, **Sophia**.

Mazal Tov to **Steven & Gale Spira** on the upcoming marriage of their grandson, **Max Ottensofer**, to **Tali Feldman**. Mazal Tov to Max's parents, **David & Jennifer Ottensofer**. Mazal Tov to **Uncle Avi & Aunt Shira** as well as cousins **Mia, Sara, Jack**, and **Liv**.

Mazal Tov to gradnparents **Roy & Karen Simon** on the birth of a son, **Elnatan-Rachamim**, to their children **Sam & Rebecca Packer**.

## REMINDER

Please be sure to turn your clocks back one hour at  
2:00am on Sunday, November 6th.



The Family of Dana Hudes would like to thank the LSS community for the outpouring of love and support we received during this very difficult time.

### Weekly Prayer Schedule

For the Week of November 6th

Mincha/Ma'ariv Sunday-Thursdays: 4:30pm

Sunday	Mon & Thurs	Tues, Wed, Friday
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Shacharit: 7:10am & 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:00am & 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:10am & 7:50am

## SUNDAY

### Coffee & Responsa with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld

- **After Second Minyan • 9:15am**

*The Noda b'Yehuda on Hunting for Sport*

## MONDAY

### Conversational Hebrew • 7:00pm

See Israel Corner for more information.

### Jewish Living Workshop • 7:30pm

See Beginners Announcements for more information.

## TUESDAY

### Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

### Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:15 pm

A program dedicated to the memory of Bruce Ritholtz a"h with the ambitious goal of studying and completing an entire tractate of Talmud, focused on analysis and group discussion. This year we will be studying tractate Megillah.

### Introduction to Bible with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

- **6:30pm** See Beginners Announcements for details.

### Beit Midrash Night:

#### Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer

- **7:05pm** Adultery, incest, rebellion -- the travails of David, the greatest Jewish king -- A great story, complex characters, a subtle, sophisticated text.

### Beit Midrash Night:

#### Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings

- **7:00 pm** - Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robin Mitchnick (Meets in a private residence, please call office for details).

## WEDNESDAY

### Rabbi Robinson Lunch and Learn (Off Premises) • 12:45pm

Class takes place at 180 Maiden Ln #34.

### Talmudic Logic with Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm

An in-depth study of a particular topic in Talmud. This year's topic is "Lien On Me: A Study of Quasi Kinyan."

Rabbi Weiss is one of the world's unique Magidei Shiur, with a style that is rigorously intellectual and an approach that seeks the underlying conceptualization of the principles in the Talmud. The class is attended by men and women. There is no charge to attend the class.

### Beit Midrash Night • 8:40pm

Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky. The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai: We continue to analyze the Israeli poet's final masterpiece, Patuach Sagur Patuach.

Happy Learning!

## THURSDAY

**Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 6:45pm** Join Rabbi Shaul Robinson for an exciting and timely look at the weekly portion utilizing contemporary and ancient commentators to uncover new depth in Torah study.

**Cholent Chabura with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 8:45pm** Welcome Shabbat early and explore a challenging new topic in Jewish thought each week in this informal and friendly gathering. Chabura meets in a private residence. *Please contact office for location.*

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

### **We Stand Together**

Join the rally in support of the Jewish People's long-term connection to the Kotel and Temple Mount and to reject UNESCO's resolution that denies Jewish connection to Jerusalem. Thursday, November 10th, at 12:30 PM at the Israeli Consulate, 2nd Avenue between 42nd and 43rd streets. The rally is being organized by [AMCHA](#).

### **מי רוצה לדבר עברית?**

This is an opportunity to practice your conversational Ivrit in a friendly, participatory setting. The course will be led by Hai Piasezky, the *shaliach* (representative from the State of Israel) for the UWS. The course will meet on Mondays in the Beit Midrash. The course assumes a basic level of knowledge in speaking and understanding Ivrit — enough, say, to haggle your way through Mahane Yehuda or to negotiate your way in the Tahanat Merkazit. Hai will enliven the discussions with short articles in easy Hebrew, cartoons, Israeli songs (to listen to and sing along) and even commercials. Free Admission.

## UPCOMING EVENTS - RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS AT [LSS.ORG/EVENTS](http://LSS.ORG/EVENTS)

### Annual Fall Clothing Drive • This Sunday, November 6th • 10:00am-1:00pm

Both donations and volunteers are needed. If you can volunteer, please notify the office and be sure to include your name and phone number. Children, ages 8 and older, are welcome to volunteer.



### Beginners Schmooze • Monday, November 7th • 8:15pm-9:30pm

An intimate discussion group for Beginners and former Beginners, devoted to specific topics and/or issues that affect the lives of those who wish to grow in their religious knowledge and/or observance. Refreshments will be served.

### Board of Trustees & Governors Meeting • Wednesday, November 9th • 7:00pm

### Women's Talk Time • Thursday, November 10th • 11:30am

Women are invited to attend an ongoing discussion group facilitated by Ruth Riemer. All ages are welcome.

### Challah Bake • Thursday, November 10th • 6:30pm

Pre-Registration required - no walk ins. Please bring at least one non-perishable food item for the food pantry at Met Council. Click [here](#) to register.

### The LSS Hospitality Shabbaton • November 11th-12th

#### Start the New Year Off Right by Being Part of the Hospitality Shabbaton!

Please take part in our ever-popular LSS Hospitality Shabbaton. Invite or be invited – just pick a meal, share it and make new friends. Sign up now at [www.hospitality.lss.org/shabbaton](http://www.hospitality.lss.org/shabbaton)



### LSS Hachnasat Sefer Torah! • Sunday, November 13th • 11:00AM

We are incredibly proud to announce the dedication of our new Sefer Torah!

Please join us as we welcome our new Torah into its Lincoln Square Synagogue home. Collation to follow.



### Women's Tefillah Group Kabbalat Shabbat • Friday, November 18th

Please join us for Kabbalat Shabbat on November 18th. All women are welcome. More details to follow.

### Teen Oneg • Friday, November 18th • 7:30pm-9:30pm

Game Night with Teen Divrei Torah and Refreshments too! Come prepared for a fun-filled evening!

Ages: 12 and Up; Where: At the Mero Home

Please contact the shul office if you need the exact address.

### LSS Book Club • Motzaei Shabbat, November 19th • 7:30PM

The first meeting of the LSS Book Club will take place at the home of Noreen Wachs. We will be discussing the short story collection by Ayelet Tsbari entitled *The Best Place on Earth*. Please contact the office for more details. The second meeting of the book club will discuss the book, *Rav Kook: Mystic in a Time of Revolution* by Yehudah Mirsky, and our moderator will be Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld. More details will follow.

### LSS Museum Tour: Seeking Justice: The Leo Frank Case Revisited • Sunday, November 27th • 10:15 am.

Guided docent tour by Janice Katz at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Admission: \$30

Reserve by November 17 by clicking [here](#)

Space is limited. Flyers are available in the lobby for more information.

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to those who are attending this week's Beginners Luncheon.**
- **THIS Monday, November 7th, 2016, 8:15–9:30PM, there will be a Beginners Schmooze. No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**
- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible (Began Tuesday, November 1st)**. This course, which meets for another **7 weeks, from 6:30-8:00pm**, 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. No one is turned away for lack of funds.**
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, November 7th at 6:30pm**, and continue for **3 more weeks**. The classes meet for 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 **THIS Monday, November 7th, 2016 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).**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet this **Monday, November 7th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. The 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 (continued): Bris, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Jewish funeral and paying a Shiva call.**



## D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

4 Cheshvan 5777 • November 4-5, 2016

Parshat Noach

By: Bernard J. Kabak

Two similar Rashi commentaries, one at the beginning, the other near the close, bookend this week's *parashah* (Torah reading). The Rashis are similar in that they both compare the moral tenor of society in different historical eras. While the earlier Rashi is famous, the later Rashi doesn't get much attention. And yet this wallflower Rashi bears a lesson that is central to Jewish communal life to this day.

The famous Rashi, which opens the *parashah* (*Genesis* 6:9), takes up the question whether Noah, termed "righteous" in his generation, would have been so regarded had he lived in the generation of Abraham.

The later Rashi, on *Genesis* 11:9, that is not as well-known (at least to me, perhaps because it is found toward the *parashah's* end, where I seldom reach in my reading), comes at the morality question from the opposite direction. It is concerned not with comparative *righteousness* but with comparative *wickedness*. Which generation, Rashi asks, was the more wicked, the Generation of the Flood in Noah's time or the Generation of the Dispersion at the time of the Tower of Babel?

At first blush, it would seem that the Generation of the Dispersion committed the graver sin: by constructing a tower that would reach into the heavens (*Genesis* 11:4), they sought to challenge G-d Himself! Don't they win the wickedness contest hands down? Amazingly, no! Rashi points out that the Generation of the Dispersion did not suffer the greater punishment. The Generation of the Flood was wiped off the face of the Earth, whereas the Generation of the Dispersion, while they were scattered across the Earth (*Genesis* 11:8), were allowed to survive. The question is why.

Rashi identifies the merit of the Generation of the Dispersion that justified their survival. Whereas the Generation of the Flood were robbers, among whom mutual hostility prevailed, the Generation of the Dispersion was marked by love and friendship. G-d, it is plain, treasures concord and peace among humans even to the point of downplaying His own dishonor.

Such concord and peace must be genuine. The forgiveness of sins between persons cannot, as we are reminded so often during the Days of Awe, be outsourced to G-d. It's our responsibility alone.

Our sacred texts abound with examples of the primacy given to caring human relationships. Thus, Moses infuriates G-d by blaming Him for Pharaoh's requiring the Israelite slaves to make bricks without being given straw. Nevertheless, G-d overlooks this challenge to His honor, recognizing that Moses' cry was for the sake of the people (*Exodus* 5:6 -- 6:1, from a *d'var Torah* of Rabbi Robinson). Another example appears in Talmud *Berachot* 12b. There, Rabbah bar Hinnana the Elder says in the name of Rab that whoever has it in his power to pray on behalf of his neighbor and fails to do so is called a sinner! (From Rabbi Robinson's 5777 *Shabbat Shuva drasha* and his remarks before *Ne'ilah*.)

It is not incidental that these two examples come from the teachings of Rabbi Robinson. The Torah imperative to strengthen the cords of caring in our community has been a consistent theme of his messages. To be sure, caring for one another is an emphasis that goes back to the very origins of our congregation. Lincoln Square Synagogue could not have flourished as *the* pioneering outreach shul without congregants who care about everyone who walks through our doors. Even our shul's trademark seating-in-the-round works toward that end; seeing people's faces rather than the backs of their heads is an antidote to indifference.

And so, may love and friendship prevail among us. May we forgive, may we be forgiven for, sins against one another. May we always include each other in our prayers.

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This *d'var Torah* is dedicated to the memory of Barry Youngerman, whose first *yahrtzeit* fell this past week. The upcoming election, *bimheirah b'yameinu*, reminds me that Barry and I disagreed on politics. Yet we still included each other in our prayers (well, for the most part).

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

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