



# ECHOD

12 IYYAR 5775 • MAY 1-2, 2015 • 28th DAY OF THE OMER  
PARSHAT ACHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM • CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:34PM

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 6:25pm: Earliest Candle Lighting  
6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**  
7:34pm: Candle Lighting  
7:40pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Belfer Beit Midrash

### Shabbat Morning

- 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 Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer** and **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**. Drasha by Scholar in Residence, **Rabbi Yaakov Bleich**.  
9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)  
9:22am: Latest Shema  
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
12:30pm: Beginners Shabbat Luncheon in room 206/207

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.  
5:50pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
6:20pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *Meron, Mysticism, & Madness: To Go or Not To Go*  
6:20pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211  
7:20pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit  
8:36pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, May 3– Friday, May 8

### Sun– Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:40pm

Sunday	Monday & Thurs (Lag B'omer)	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

## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



Welcome to our Scholar in Residence Rabbi Yaakov Bleich, the Chief Rabbi of Ukraine. Rabbi Bleich will be delivering the Drasha in Main Sanctuary as well as speaking during Seudat Shlishit.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Haskama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Fund.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Jane and Warren Weiss** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Warren's mother, **Rose Weiss, a"h**; and by **Alvin Weiss** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his brother, **Herb Weiss, z"l**.

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored in Celebration of the Birthday of **Grace Shevel** from her fan club: **Ali E. Gator, Paol R. Baer, Deena** and **Ira**.

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Kiddush

Sponsored by **Meryl and Benjamin Brown**, in celebration of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsors Welcome.

## MAZAL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS

- Mazal tov to grandparents **Tineke and Steven Kevelson** on the birth of a baby boy, **Raphael Liam**, born to their children **Dr. Danielle Kevelson and Ari Goldman**. Mazal Tov to big brothers **Jonathan, Eli, and Noah**. Mazal Tov to **Aunt Davina** and **Uncle David**.

## SAVE THE DATE—51st ANNUAL DINNER

LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR **51<sup>st</sup>**  
*Annual Dinner*

» honoring «  
  
**HANNAH & PAUL FREILICH**  
Guests of Honor

  
**JACKIE & JONATHAN KOTLER**  
Young Leadership Award

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 | 6:30 PM**  
[LSS.ORG/DINNER](http://LSS.ORG/DINNER)

## FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

### Theory and Practice of Modern Orthodox Judaism Program • Tuesday, May 5th, at 7:00pm

Rabbi Dov Linzer, Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School and Rabbi Aryeh Klapper, the Dean at the Center for Modern Torah Leadership will have a discussion based on the question "Is There Such a Thing As Modern Orthodox Psak?"

### Love Your Body, Love Yourself: Judaism's Whole and Holy Approach to Healthy Intimacy (CLASS FOR WOMEN ONLY) • Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 8:00pm

Join us for a lecture from Abby Weisz, MA, LMSW, Licensed Therapist, Intimacy Educator on a discussion on body image, and how it relates to personal sexuality and shared intimacy, within the framework of Torah teachings.

### Yom Yerushalayim: Lecture & BBQ • Sunday, May 17, at 4:00pm

Gidi Grinstein, founder of the Reut Institute in Tel Aviv and author of "Flexigidity: The Secret of Jewish Adaptability" will speak on issues related to modern Jerusalem. The lecture will be followed by an Israeli-style BBQ (schwarma, falafel, kebabs, salads, baba ganoush, malt beer and much more!). Family friendly pricing: \$25 per person in advance, \$35 at the door (space permitting) Sign up at [lss.org/yomyerushalayim](http://lss.org/yomyerushalayim)

### Senior Women's Talk Time • First Session is Wednesday, May 20th, at 10:30am.

Join LSS Member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to senior women in the LSS community. There is no charge, but prior registration is required, and the group will be limited to ten women. If interested please call 212-706-0327.

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY

**Minchat Chinuch** with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am  
(Will not meet this week May 3rd)

### TUESDAY

**Parsha Class** with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

**Tuesday Beit Midrash Night** • 7:30-9:15pm

- Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings (7pm)  
Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robin Mitchnick  
(meeting in a private home – call office for details)
- Politics and Kingship: The Book of Samuel  
Facilitated by Ron Platzer

### WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday Beit Midrash Night** • 8:15-9:15pm

- The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai  
Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky

**Talmudic Logic w/ Rabbi Dennis Weiss** • 7:30pm

**Spring Semester of Nach B'Iyun** with Rabbi Hayyim Angel  
Began on April 15h. \$25/class. Sign up at [lss.org/rabbiangel](http://lss.org/rabbiangel)

### THURSDAY

Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson  
7:00pm

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to those who are attending the Beginners Luncheon.**
- **THIS Monday, May 4th, 2015, 8:15-9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, May 4th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. 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: Zemirot workshop in conjunction with Shabbat 5/9 lunch placement in homes.**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **THIS Monday, May 4th, 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).**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will begin **THIS Monday, May 4th, 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! Saturday night, May 23rd, 11:30pm-7:00am – All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon.** The keynote opener, will start at **11:30pm** and Rabbi Buchwald's class starts at **12:45am**. **Topic: "The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments," starting with mitzvah #420: "Shema: The Oneness of G-d."** Refreshments will be served, no reservation necessary.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Youth Groups Schedule

Pre-k: Room 206 at 10:00am

k-1: Room 207 at 10:00am

2-4 grade girls: Room 208- 10 am

2-4 grade boys: Room 210- 10 am

5-8 boys and girls: Room 211—10:15am

**Youth Breakfast**  
@ 9:30am

## MISHNAH STUDY PROGRAM

We are excited to announce our annual Mishnah study program, which will culminate with a communal siyyum luncheon on Shabbat, May 23rd, the beginning of the three day yom tov of Shavuot. Everyone is encouraged to join in the learning effort by emailing [Mishnah@lss.org](mailto:Mishnah@lss.org) or speaking to Gabriel Gershowitz, Rabbi Charlie Savenor or Julie Walpert at Shul.

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

*Note: This article contains links and is best viewed online. If you are reading this in hard copy, please consider reading the electronic version of the Echod after Shabbat.*

### **NORPAC CONFERENCE**

Join Rabbi Robinson, other members of LSS and over 1,000 other citizen advocates who care deeply for the safety and security of our brothers and sisters in Israel. Register for the NORPAC one day mission to Washington on **Wednesday, May 13**. Our bus will leave and return to LSS on the same day.

You will be energized by the support exhibited by Members of Congress as you participate in the efforts to solidify this invaluable relationship. One day of your life can make a huge difference in the lives of our fellow Jews in Me-dinat Israel. Please register at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) To read more about the mission, please visit [www.lss.org/advocacy](http://www.lss.org/advocacy)

### **YOM YERUSHALAYIM: LECTURE & ISRAELI BBQ**

On **Sunday, May 17** we will observe the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem after the Six Day War. At 4:00 pm we will hear Gidi Grinstein, founder of the Reut Institute in Tel Aviv, will discuss: "Jerusalem and the Challenge of Jewish Sovereignty". There is no charge for attending the lecture. At 5:00 pm, the action will move outdoors, to our beautiful terrace. We will feast on an Israeli BBQ that will include schwarma, kebabs, falafel, Israeli salads, and much more. Beteavon! To register, please visit [www.lss.org/yomyerushalayim](http://www.lss.org/yomyerushalayim)

### **ISRAEL DAY PARADE**

On Sunday, May 31, we will be marching along with thousands of other Jews to show our support for our beloved State of Israel. And, in a show of *achdut* (unity), we will be marching under the banner of United Congregations for Israel, a consortium of neighborhood synagogues. To purchase your tee shirt(s) for the parade, please visit [www.lss.org/israelparade](http://www.lss.org/israelparade). The deadline for purchasing the tee shirts is May 18.

## SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT— New Cadet Class

**You can join the Lincoln Square Security (CSS) team.**

If you have leadership qualities, are physically fit, mentally agile and concerned for the security of your fellow congregants then the Cadet Course is for you. The course begins in May and is filling up. Please email [Security@lss.org](mailto:Security@lss.org) to register for the course.

The Security Chair & Vice President LSS  
Ian Silver

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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

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PARSHAT ACHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

By: Jesse Cogan

To explain Torah while a naive convert stood on one foot, Hillel turned the very positive imperative in this week's *parsha* to a negative. "Don't do to others what you wouldn't want done to yourself" he said. The young man put his foot down. It seems much easier, at least to me, to know what not to do than learning the hardest thing to do, knowing how to love.

Rabbi Akiva singles out this holy imperative as one of the great principles of Torah, says Rashi. We'd better make sure we're getting it right.

And so the early commentators put these three eternal words (five in English) under the microscope of halacha.

Chezekia ben Maona, known to us as Chizkuni, says that this defining principle is a direct response to the beginning of the verse. It first warns against harboring revenge or bearing grudges. Why? After all, you're not doing anything to hurt anybody. But You can't love others, says Chizkiyanu while having bad feeling. Just thinking bad thoughts is enough to prevent you from love.

Ibn Ezra says that loving, in this context, means to respect the values your neighbor holds dear — his family value, his possessions and his *kovod*. Dare not put your neighbor down to get yourself *maftir*. Or wreck his car to make your jalopy look good. Don't use him for your respect. Give him the respect he deserves.

The Rambam sees it differently, stressing the Biblical nature of the commandment. So many rabbinical laws deal with caring, he says, visiting the sick, supporting the poor, comforting the mourner and this biblical imperative puts them all under the rubric of Torah. Their observance in fact, helps perform this mighty mitzva.

You can't take it so literally, says the Ramban. It's impossible to love your neighbor as yourself. Your life has precedence over your neighbor's according to Rabbi Akiva himself. It's about souls, says the Ramban. Your neighbor's soul deserves the same rewards as yours.

Who are these lucky neighbors? ask the rabbis. Should proximity make a difference in your behavior. Could a friend from the other side of the ocean be your neighbor? What about your tennis partner who lives in Scarsdale. The snazzy guy with a handkerchief who tips his hat as he walks his poodle. Your bus driver? The delivery man from Bagels & Co. Could someone you don't even know be your neighbor?

Of all the Torah world's accepted translations, only Art Scroll considers an alternative. "Fellow," it says. "Love your fellow." A chap. A gentleman. A neighbor who wears a bowtie.

"Why all this fuss?" ask today's rabbis as they perform under the chuppah on a busy *Lag Ba'omer*. "Why so difficult to explain who your neighbor is? Look no further than the fifth *bracha* we are about to say (or 'said' depending upon who's doing the wedding) *You* are the very neighbors the Torah says to love. You are the *re'im*, the poorly translated neighbor we talk about. And the *passuk* closes with God's statement of love. 'I am the Lord thy God,' He says. 'I chose to love a nation of ungrateful complainers. A hungry, thirsty, rebellious bunch. The rabbi switches to a more personal tone. "As your relationship grows," he explains, "it will meet new challenges and unpredictable change. But love the way God loves His people and your love will last forever."

The rabbi looks at his watch. He has two more to go.

But rabbi? With a suicide rate of 18%, drug addiction at a dangerous high, obesity, alcohol, narcissism and resentment raging through our people, why would anybody want to be loved by anybody?

Simcha Bunim, the great eighteenth century Chassidic leader, left no *sefer*; he wrote nothing down. But his wisdom, heartfelt stories and his love for his people, live on. He understood.

"I thought my love would change the world," he said. "But the world didn't change. I thought it could change my Poland, but Poland never changed. I then brought it to Peshischa, the city I love. But it too failed to change. I tried my family, my friends, my chassidim. But no one wanted my love." He sighed. "The only one left to change, I realized, is me.

Love yourself. It's the beginning of your neighbor loving you and the beginning of you loving them. It will bring out your uniqueness, standing you out in a crowd. And it's the road to performing the mitzvah pulled out from all the rest, the holiest mitzva in the world.