



# ECHOD

17 IYYAR 5774 • PARSHAT BECHUKOTAI  
MAY 16-17 2014 • OMER DAY 32 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:49PM

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## Friday Evening

- 6:37pm:** Earliest Candle Lighting  
**6:45pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Robinson**  
**7:49pm:** Candle Lighting  
**7:55pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen

## 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 Main Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Robinson**. Drasha by **Rabbi Robinson**  
**9:13am:** Latest Shema  
**9:15am:** Beginners Service led by **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room LL201 (Lower Level)  
**9:45am:** Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.

## Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm:** Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.  
**6:05pm:** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
**6:35pm:** Bible Class with **Rabbi David Freedman** in room 211  
**6:35pm:** Louis Lazar Memorial pre-Mincha Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *"Sticks and Stones...": The Power of Curses and Blessings in Jewish Thought and Law.*  
**7:35pm:** Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit  
**8:51pm:** Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Welcome to the newest members of our LSS community

**Neil and Sivan Greenspan**

Join our community. Go to [lss.org/become-a-member.html](http://lss.org/become-a-member.html)

### Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, May 18- Friday, May 23

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thurs at 7:55pm

<u>Sunday (Lag B'Omer)</u>	<u>Monday &amp; Thurs</u>	<u>Tues, Wed &amp; Fri</u>
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

## Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Jules and Agnes Ehrman**

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Warren and Jane Weiss** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Warren's mother, **Rose Weiss, a"h**.

### Beginners Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by the Beginners Minyan in honor of **John Fox**.

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **David Menaged, Jamie Nussbaum**, and the entire Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in wishing Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** and his family on the momentous occasion of his receiving Semicah.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Dr. Ira H. Friedman** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father-in-law, **Joseph Berger, Joseph ben Zecharia Tzvi, z"l**.

## Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Ami and Jennifer Eden** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Ben**.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Ephraim Z. and Mrs. Aidel Buchwald** on the upcoming wedding of their daughter **Orly Dorit** to **Tati Klimovsky**.

## Young Professionals Pot Luck Lunch and Dessert

### This Shabbat

This Shabbat (May 17th) come to Riverside Park (enter at 74th) for a bring your own lunch and potluck dessert featuring a shiur by **Rabbi Robinson**!

Lunch will begin at around 1:45/2:00; please make sure the dessert you bring is store-bought and pareve. When you enter on 74th St. you will see a gate to enter the lawn; Enter through the gate. The meeting spot is straight ahead on the lawn under a tree.

*Rain location is on the second floor of LSS.*

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER - JUNE 1, 2014

[LSS.ORG/DINNER](http://LSS.ORG/DINNER)



honoring  
**RICHARD KESTENBAUM**  
Guest of Honor

**MOSHE SUKENIK**  
Community Service Award

**JENNA STATFELD HARRIS & AARON HARRIS**  
Young Leadership Award



LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE GOLDEN JUBILEE

## Golden Jubilee Annual Dinner– June 1, 2014

For the past 50 years, Lincoln Square Synagogue has developed into a diverse and vibrant Modern Orthodox Congregation that provides religious, social, and educational services and outreach to the unique Jewish community of the Upper West Side of New York. The synagogue strives to be a model in the integration of Halachic Judaism and contemporary life to the broader Jewish community.

Whether you were here since its inception or are a “newbie”, if you are reading this, you have helped shape our community and our shul into what it is today. So join us on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6PM at our jubilee year celebration. Come to the dinner and show your continuing support with a generous ad towards our journal campaign. Importantly, we look forward to sharing a fun evening together!

rsvp at [lss.org/dinner](http://lss.org/dinner)

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### Youth Announcements – [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth)

**Lag B’Omer Pizza in the Park–** Sunday, May 18th, 4-6pm @ Riverside Park in the field between 72nd and 73rd. \$25 per family in advance. Join us for Pizza in the Park. Food, games, & more!

**Singing with Sivan-** Fridays (May 2nd-June 6<sup>th</sup>) Room 206/207, 11am-11:45am, babies/toddlers. \$15 per session.

Singing with Sivan is an interactive music and movement class for children ages four months to four years and their caregivers. Each class includes instrument playing, balls, scarves, story time, puppets, parachute, bubbles, Shabbat & holiday songs.

### Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

**Youth Breakfast** at 9:30

**Pre-K:** 10:00 am — Room 206

**K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade:** 10:00 am — Room 207

**2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (girls) :** 10:00 am — Room 217

**2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (boys) :** 10:00 am — Room 208

**Tween Minyan:** 10:00am– Ballroom

### Beginners Announcements

- **EXTENDED!** Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II, will meet for **1 more week, THIS Monday, May 19th, 6:30pm-8:00pm.**
- The **FINAL** session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **this Tuesday, May 20th.** Contact Dassa and Bill for time and location, [JLworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com). **Topic: The Mikvah and Family Purity.**
- We regret to inform you that the Crash Course in Basic Judaism, scheduled to be offered by NJOP’s Founder and Director, Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald at the East Hill Synagogue in Englewood on May 15th, 22nd, and 29th, has been postponed. Rabbi Buchwald, who sustained a knee injury, looks forward to rescheduling in the near future.
- **Save the date! Tuesday night, June 3rd, 11:30pm-7:00am – All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon.** Chaim Sukenik, of the Jerusalem Institute of Technology, 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 #405: “Sounding the Shofar on Rosh Hashana.” Refreshments will be served, no reservation necessary.
- **Save the date! The FINAL Beginners Luncheon** of the season will be **Shabbat, June 7th, 2014.** The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Friday, June 6th, 12 noon.** You can register online at [www.beginners.lss.org](http://www.beginners.lss.org) or call **212-874-6100.**



## Weekly Learning Opportunities – [lss.org/classes](http://lss.org/classes)

### SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha (**Not meeting this week**)  
Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

### TUESDAY

- Parsha Class w/ Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am
- Faith Discussion Group w/ Rabbi Ben Elton • 7:00pm  
\*\*See the box below for details
- Tuesday Beit Midrash Night  
8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members
  - ◇ Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings.  
Led by Marcy Zwecker and Robyn Mitchnick.
  - ◇ The First Book of Samuel: Politics and Kingship.  
Led by Ron Platzer.
  - ◇ The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai.  
Led by Sara Brzowsky.
  - ◇ Jewish Living Workshop (7-8pm) See beginners announcements  
Led by Dassa & Bill Greenbaum. Email [jlworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:jlworkshop@yahoo.com)

\*\*The Faith Discussion Group continues on Tuesday nights 6:55pm. We are reading *God, Man and History* by Rabbi Dr. Eliezer Berkovits. Please email Rabbi Elton at [belton@lss.org](mailto:belton@lss.org) to register and receive the weekly readings. As before, this is a chance to have a free and open conversation about matters many of us find challenging and difficult but central to our lives. This week we will meet at the shul, but it will be hosted by Josh and Hattie Danziger.

### WEDNESDAY

- Talmudic Methodology w/ Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm
- Nach B'Iyun, Sefer Shmuel w/ Rabbi Angel • 7:15pm-8:15pm  
(\*\*See the box below for details)
- Wednesday Beit Midrash Night  
8:15-9:15pm • Chavurot led by LSS members
  - ◇ Yiddish Writings of the Rav. (7pm)  
Led by Moshe Sheinwexler.

### THURSDAY

- Jacob Adler Parsha Class  
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:00pm

\*\*The Spring Semester of Nach B'Iyun Sefer Shmuel Aleph, Beginning Chapter 16 (The David Story) • 7:15-8:15pm



The popular Navi class with Rabbi Hayyim Angel returns for its Spring Semester. The class began on Wednesday, May 7th. New participants are welcome! The class is appropriate for all learning backgrounds. The series is co-sponsored by The Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals ([Jewishideas.org](http://Jewishideas.org)). The class will meet beginning Wednesday, May 7th and will meet every Wednesday for 7 sessions, concluding on Wednesday, June 25th. (The class will not meet on Wednesday, June 4th because of Shavuot.) The cost is \$100 for the entire series or \$20 per class. Sign up in advance at [lss.org/RabbiAngel](http://lss.org/RabbiAngel)

## Shavuot 5774 • June 4-5th, 2014

### LEARN FOR DR. HARRY STULBACH

The Shavuot Mishnah learning program of the LSS community is dedicated to **Zvi Dov Yisroel ben Chainah, Dr. Harry Stulbach**, with wishes for a *refuah shlema*. May Harry, his beloved wife, Paris, their lovely daughters, mother-in-law Shirley Wald and the entire LSS community share many more years of smachot.

This year's Mishna Learning is also dedicated to the memory of **Leiser and Mina Presser (z"l)** whose yahrtzeits occur in this season, dedicated by their children **Bina and David Presser**.

If you have not yet signed up to study, there is still time. Email us at [mishnah@lss.org](mailto:mishnah@lss.org) and we will gladly get you started. New to Mishnah study and not know where to start? Attend the Beginners Mishnah Class taught by Moshe Sheinwexler this Shabbat afternoon.



### SHAVUOT LEARNING

This Shavuot, there will be two full days of learning with LSS Clergy and guests scholars including **Rabbi Mark Angel & Rabbi Mark Wildes** as well as youth and teen programs and a full night of beginners learning. Tikkun Leil Shavuot with guest keynote Scholar-in-residence **Chaim Sukenic** of the Jerusalem Institute of Technology.

*The full schedule of shiurim will be coming soon...*

### SHAVUOT SIYUM LUNCH • JUNE 5th, 2014

Join us on the second day of Shavuot for a Siyum lunch in celebration of this year's communal study of Mishnah. Families are also welcome to this special lunch that will include learning games and prizes. The festive fleishig (meat) meal will be catered by Prime Caterers and will be held in the ballroom.

*More details coming soon...*

### A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LSS MEMBERS TO VISIT EASTERN EUROPE WITH THE JDC THIS SUMMER

The Joint Distribution Committee is pleased to offer members of Lincoln Square an opportunity to join one of its missions to Eastern Europe to see first-hand the role it plays in the support and renewal of Jewish life in the former Soviet Union and its satellites. There is a trip to Poland and Hungary departing New York on July 6th, and one to Romania and Hungary on July 20th. Both trips will feature a visit to the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation/JDC Camp in Szarvas, Hungary, which we were introduced to when its director, Sasha Friedman, addressed the community a few weeks ago. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Neuwirth at [rebeccan@jdcny.org](mailto:rebeccan@jdcny.org) and mention that you are a member of Lincoln Square Synagogue.



## 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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BY: ARI KLAPHOLZ

It appears that our relationship with the Almighty is non-negotiable. We are either all in or out. If we are in, we are promised agricultural abundance, peace (internal and external), military supremacy, special providence to sustain us at in prosperity, and the presence of the *Shechina* in the *Mikdash*. If we are out, we are subject to physical and spiritual destruction, societal collapse, and exile. Why this hyperpolarized, bipolar relationship? Why not the law of averages? If we keep some of the *chukim* and *mitzvot*, cannot we have on “average” a decent, respectable life without this hyperbolic ideal existence? And if we don’t measure up, then let us just be subjected to the usual forces of history and not be punished by a vengeful God bent on bringing us to the brink of oblivion, only to be resurrected anyway?

There is a famous dispute between the *Ramban* and the *Abarbanel* regarding the two *Tochachot*, the two rebukes, in the Torah, one found in our parsha, and the other in parashat *Ki Tavoh*. The *Ramban* states that each refers to the time periods of *Churban Bayit Rishon* and *Churban Bayit Sheni* respectively, each having its own redemptive period. He claims, as the *pesukim* imply, that the first exile was in response to the violation of the *shmita* and *yovel* laws, signaled by the fact that Israel was exiled for the same number of years as the *shmitot* and *yovlot* were not kept, in a punishment which was measure for measure. There is no mention of ultimate spiritual repentance, nor of the comprehensive return of all Jews from global exile as appears in the second *Tochacha*, which will occur with the second redemption. The *Abarbanel* disagrees and states that the *Tochachot* refer to one long demise of the Jewish people, as part of one *churban*. The period between the rebuilding of the second *Beit Hamikdash* and its destruction was not a period of *geulah*, return, but rather a period of *pekidah*, a period of remembrance. It was an opportunity given to us for self- reflection, self improvement, and to bring about the final redemption. We blew it on the second go around as well and have been paying the price ever since.

I would suggest that the gist of the historical argument of *Abarbanel* may be based on the operational definition and purpose of *tochacha*, rebuke, in the first place. In *Vayikrah* 19:17 it states, “*hocheach tochiach et amitecha*” – reprove your fellow if you see a transgression being committed. From the *gemarot* in *Erchin* 16b and *Shabbat* 55a it appears that the obligation to rebuke another stands even in the face of resistance, even when it is clear that the receiving party will never listen and will never correct his ways. On the other hand from the *gemarot* in *Beitza* 30a and *Yevamot* 65b it appears that one should commence with rebuke only if there is a receptive audience. One may cause more damage by angering an unwilling participant causing to him to commit a sin willingly than unknowingly. How does one resolve this contradiction? The *Yere'im* takes the approach that that there are two imperatives for rebuke. One, there is an independent obligation to react to something egregious, particularly when it is done with intent. You simply react to highlight the deviancy of the behavior of the transgressing party. Second, there is the independent obligation to rebuke someone as part of a corrective maneuver usually in the case where there you know there is a chance, small though it may be, that one will change their ways. It seems to me that the *Abarbanel* thought that the two *Tochachot* represented these two purposes of rebuke on the national level, and therefore two processes. There is a time to rebuke because you believe in their potential to change. There is yet another time to rebuke your audience because they have failed you again and again. I hope that we are nearing the transformation point in our own lives where our *galut* becomes an expression of rebuke in prodding us to change, to improve ourselves individually and collectively. May we merit to see the end of our endless days of rebuke. Shabbat Shalom