



ECHOD

9 SIVAN 5774 • PARSHAT BEHA'ALOTCHA
JUNE 6-7, 2014 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:07PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi
Sherwood Goffin
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Yanky Lemmer
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Lloyd Epstein
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Friday Evening

- 6:45pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 6:51pm:** Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:07pm:** Candle Lighting
- 8:10pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main 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 Main Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.
- 9:08am:** Latest Shema
- 9:15am:** Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:30am:** Youth Breakfast
- 9:45am:** Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 12:30pm:** Beginners Luncheon in room 206/207

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm:** Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
- 6:25pm:** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:55pm:** Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 6:55pm:** Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha Shiur by **Rabbi Ben Elton**:
Kiddush at Seudah Shlishit
- 7:55pm:** Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 9:08pm:** Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

- Youth Breakfast** at 9:30
- Pre-K:** 10:00 am — Room 206
- K and 1st grade:** 10:00 am — Room 207
- 2nd - 4th Grade (girls):** 10:00 am — Room 217
- 2nd - 4th Grade (boys):** 10:00 am — Room 208
- Tween Minyan:** 10:00am— Ballroom

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Sunday, June 8 - Friday, June 13

Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Sun-Thurs** at 8:15pm

Sunday	Mon & Thurs	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

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Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsors Welcome

Main Kiddush

CoSponsored by **Hans Seidemann** and **Marion Rettke** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Hans's mother, **Felicia Siedemann, a"h**; by **Dorothea Kreiger** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father **Leo Krieger, Eliezer Natan ben Moshe Nachum HaKohen, z"l**; and by the **Nord** family in celebration of **Benny's** Bar Mitzvah.

Beginners Minyan Kiddush

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Seudah Shlishit

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Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Elena and Victor Nord-Levin** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Benny**. Mazal Tov to younger brother **David** as well as the entire family.
- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Gale and James Kaufman** on the birth of a baby boy, born to their children **Shira and Hayyim Danzig**.

Please email information on recent graduations to Madeline@lss.org.
The graduates will be listed in the June 14th Shabbat Echod.



Beginners Announcements

- Welcome to those who are attending the last Beginners Luncheon of the season.
- RESCHEDULED: Save the dates!** Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will be teaching a **FREE Crash Course in Basic Judaism** at East Hill Synagogue in Englewood, NJ at 255 Walnut Street, for 3 consecutive Tuesday nights, starting on June 10th at 7:00pm. To register, please visit www.njop.org/get-involved/events/crashcourse or call 646-871-4444.
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, June 23rd, 2014 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.beginners.lss.org.

Weekly Learning Opportunities – lss.org/classes

SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha** w/ **Rabbi Ben Elton** • 9:15am
(This coming week is the final class until July)

TUESDAY

- Parsha Class** w/ **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 10:30 am
- Tuesday Beit Midrash Night** • 8:15-9:15pm

WEDNESDAY

- Nach B'lyun, Sefer Shmuel** w/ **Rabbi Angel** • 7:15pm-8:15pm

For more details and to sign up, visit lss.org/RabbiAngel. \$20 per class.

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

THURSDAY

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

Join our community. Go to lss.org/become-a-member.html



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: RABBI JAY STEIN

This week's reading is filled with emotion. The Jewish people are upset about their circumstance. God is angry about their behavior. Miriam and Aaron are jealous so God gets even angrier. Miriam gets punished and the Jewish people get obstinate. In fact, the only one in the story that is not overtaken by emotions is the most emotional, reactive figure in all of the Torah, Moshe. It is Moshe who, in a fit of rage, strikes down the Egyptian taskmaster. It is Moshe who, trying to draw water from a stone, hits the rock. It is Moshe who, upon seeing the Jewish people build the golden calf, smashes the two tablets. Yet, in this week's reading, he is essentially docile. Moshe has one line, albeit a good one. However, the rest of the story is filled with grand gestures and lines drawn in the sand and we know that the reason Moshe had such a small role is that others have taken up the mantle. Moshe is a non-player in a story that is about him, but that is only because he doesn't have to be a player.

Chapter 12 opens with Miriam complaining to Aaron that Moshe has married a Cushite woman and that she and Aaron have been relegated to supporting roles. God hears the attack against Moshe and becomes infuriated and punishes Miriam. The Jewish people see how she has been treated, recognize the role she has played in their survival in the desert and refuse to move on until she is returned to them. Moshe prays for her recovery. She is healed and returns and the Jewish people then pick up where they left off.

Everyone in the story acts out of character. Miriam, the quiet savior of Moshe, becomes vocal. Moshe who is so afraid of speaking that God appoints Aaron spokesman offers an incredibly eloquent prayer for healing. The Jewish people, so used [add d to use] to worrying about their own needs, stop for a moment to think of someone else's suffering. It is precisely through their role reversals that they and we learn an important lesson. We learn that when we care for someone else and reap the rewards that come with that, from that, we are at our best.

Moshe steps forward and says, el na refa na lah, (Numbers 12:13) God please heal her. Then the story ends with a great phrase 'veha'am lo nasa ad he'asaf Miriam' (Numbers 12:15) and the people did not march on until Miriam had been readmitted. The word he'asaf – readmitted – is more powerful than just “readmission.” It is the word that actually introduced in the beginning of the parasha with regards to tribe of Dan who had a unique task. V'nasa degel machaneh b'nei dan m'aseif l'chol ha'machaneh. (Numbers 10:25) The tribe of Dan was given the task of making sure no one got left behind.

The use of language in both places leads Rashi to offer a really beautiful explanation. With regards to Miriam and Dan's job, the words “to gather” and “to travel” are placed side by side. It is our Torah's way of saying we can't move on unless we have all of the people we need. Rashi, based on a statement from the Yerushalmi says, “Since the tribe of Dan was numerous in population, it would journey last. V'chol mi she'haya m'abed davar, haya machziro lo. Whoever would lose anything, it would restore it to him.

To which, the rest of the story begs us to ask, “Who is taking care of the people who have been lost, left behind, neglected, forgotten?”

A generation ago, the Jewish community mobilized to help bring down the iron curtain permitting Jewish prisoners of conscience to leave the Former Soviet Union. A decade ago we were finding the lost Jews of Ethiopia. In our lifetime, there has been two redemptions, two miracles and two national triumphs.

Without a doubt this week's parasha has extraordinary national implications but, ultimately, it is about not forgetting one single person. Based on Federal Poverty Guidelines, more than 525,000 Jews are impoverished. Each and every one of them is important to us. Perhaps they are the lost Jews of our our generation, whom we must make sure are not left behind.

Featured Upcoming Events– lss.org/events

Aging Symposium



Sunday, June 8th • 10am

A community-wide Aging Symposium presented by Synergy HomeCare on important aging related issues including finances and health.



Rabbi Hayyim Angel's Book Launch

Monday, June 16th • 7:30pm

Join us for the launch of Rabbi Angel's new book: [Peshat Isn't So Simple: Essays on Developing a Religious Methodology to Bible Study](#).



Ma'aleh Film

Thursday, June 19th • 6:45pm

Join us for an evening of short films made by Ma'aleh graduates offering three very different views of the Israeli experience. \$10



Reb Shlomo Carlebach's Visit to LSS

Shabbat, June 21st • 8:15pm

Join us at Seudah Shlishit where Rabbi Dr. Natan Ophir (Offenbacher) will discuss "**Reb Shlomo Carlebach's Visit To LSS 20 years ago**".



New Member Social

Shabbat, June 21st • 4:00pm

Meet the newest members of our LSS Community.