



# ECHOD

19 SIVAN 5775 • JUNE 5-6 2015

PARSHAT BEHA'ALOTCHA • CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:06PM

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Shabbat Evening

- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Chaim David Berson**.
- 6:51pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:06pm: Candle Lighting
- 8:10pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

### Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
- 8:30am: The Siddur In Depth with **Rabbi Ben Elton** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: *Adon Olam*
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Guest **Chazzan Chaim David Berson**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**, followed by kiddush in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Grand Foyer, and on the terrace.
- 9:08am: Latest Shema
- 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
- 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.
- 6:25pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:55pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur led by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "*Pirkei Avot Highlights, #2: A Journey In Jewish Ethics - Chapter 1*"
- 6:55pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 7:55pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 9:07pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of June, 7- June 12  
Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:15pm

Sunday	Monday & Thursday	Tues, Wed & Fri
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

## WELCOME TO OUR GUEST CHAZZAN



Welcome to our guest Chazzan, **Chaim David Berson** of the Jewish Center, who will be leading services this Shabbat.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Manny Zareh** and his family, in loving memory of his grandmother, **Miriam Zareh, a"h**.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Sydell Roth** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her husband, **Joseph Roth, z"l**; and by **Eve and Marc Karstaedt**, in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **David**.

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Beatrice Stoller** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, **Irving Mazur, z"l**; and by **Tina and David Berezin-Bahr**, in celebration of the upcoming marriage of their daughter **Dahlyt to Moshe Kase**.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Eve and Marc Karstaedt**, in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **David**; and by **Shari and Joseph Sonnenberg** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Joe's father, **Solomon Sonnenberg, Shlomo Zalman ben Chaim Dovid, z"l**, and in thanks to Ben Keil, our Executive Director, for the incredible work he has done for LSS.

## MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Eve and Marc Karstaedt** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **David**.
- Mazal Tov to **Allison and Yitzy Rubin** on the birth of a baby boy. Mazal Tov to big brother **Zach**, grandparents **Elaine and Scott Liebman**, and grandparents **Carolyn and Rabbi Elli Rubin**.
- Mazal tov to **Esther and Adir Greenfeld** on the birth of a daughter, **Tali Chen**

WE WILL BE WISHING MAZAL TOVS TO ALL CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATES IN THE ECHOD ON SHABBAT OF JUNE 20th. PLEASE EMAIL [MADELINE@LSS.ORG](mailto:MADELINE@LSS.ORG) WITH THEIR NAME(S), THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO YOU, THE SCHOOL FROM WHICH THEY GRADUATED, AND THEIR DEGREE EARNED.

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## FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

### Remembering Yaakov Birnbaum, z"l • Sunday Evening, June 7th, Mincha at 7:45pm, Program at 8pm

Recognized as the father of Soviet Jewry movement, Yaakov's life was devoted to advocating for freedom, human rights and social action. Natan Sharansky, human rights activist and former political prisoner in the Soviet Union, will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Sharansky currently serves as the Chairman of the Jewish Agency. LSS Founding Rabbi, Shlomo Riskin, will be one of the featured speakers.

### Senior Women's Talk Time • Next Session is Wednesday, June 17th, at 10:30am (NO CLASS NEXT WEEK, 6/10)

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.

### CLE Class: Looking For Lawyers in All the Right Places & Effective Internet Searching

#### Wednesday, June 10th • 7:00pm-8:15pm

The CLE Class is for lawyers or anyone who needs to be able to prepare to work with lawyers and needs to know about lawyers. The second half of the program focuses on intermediate Internet searching which is a critical skill that everyone must master to be able to effectively conduct research about people, companies, industries, and locate free articles, cases, and statutes. Locating web sites that once existed and keeping up with changes to current sites will be taught, along with how to set up Google Alerts. Taught by Nathan Rosen, Esq. \$10 to attend

## 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*

## WOMEN'S TEFILAH GROUP

Attention LSS Women:

Please join the Women's Tefillah Group for Mincha on Shabbat, [June 13 at 6:30 pm](#) in the Beit Midrash as we celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Esmé Kamlet.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

In addition to "political" action, Israel would greatly benefit from "economic" action at this time. One of the best ways to show your solidarity with Israel is to buy Israel bonds. The single role of Israel Bonds is to strengthen Israel's economy.

If you have not yet made a purchase of an Israel bond in 2015 please make it NOW! *Rates are as high as 3.70%. Limited time only*

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Due to overwhelming interest in the MDS Toddler Program (2 year olds\*), an additional class has been added for the 2015-16 school year, offering two-day, three-day and five-day options. Limited space available!

Please contact Cindy Sherman, Director of Admissions, at [212-376-6800 ext. 534](tel:212-376-6800) or [csherman@mdsweb.org](mailto:csherman@mdsweb.org) to schedule your personal tour.

\*child must be 2 years old by December 1, 2015.

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

*If you would like to receive the  
Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up  
at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org).*

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## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY

**Minchat Chinuch** with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

Topic: Minchat Chinuch Mitzvah 386: Tzitzit

### 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

### THURSDAY

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

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to those who are attending the last Beginners Luncheon of the season!**
- **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** will teach the 3rd of the 3 session **FREE Crash Course in Basic Judaism at Congregation B'nai Israel, 45 Twombly Avenue in Staten Island, on Wednesday night, June 10th, at 7:00pm.** To register, please visit [www.njop.org/ccbj](http://www.njop.org/ccbj) or call 646-871-4444. **This week's topic: Intimacy.**
- The **LAST** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, June 8th at 6:30pm.** The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, June 8th at 6:30pm,** and continue for **2 more weeks.** The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all.

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

### CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE

Kol Ha'kavod to the Lincoln Square members who braved a dire weather forecast and came to join the 30,000+ other marchers in the parade. We proudly raised our blue and white flags, happily acknowledged waves and greetings from the crowds on the sidewalks, and shouted Am Israel Chai! Through sheer coincidence, our group marched right behind the El Al float (much better than marching behind the NYPD mounted police unit). It is safe to say that by the time we reached 74<sup>th</sup> and Fifth, we all could sing the El Al jingle.

As we have previously noted, our shul marched under the banner of United Congregations for Israel, a consortium of synagogues located within a few blocks of each other. In doing so, we wanted to show that, while we may not always agree in our religious practices, when it comes to support for Israel, we stand together in the spirit of *achdut* (unity).



## CHESED CORNER

**Become part of the TELEPHONE FRIENDS PROJECT at LSS.** Hearing a warm "Shabbat Shalom" or "Good Shabbos" on a Friday afternoon from a friend or relative can bring a joyous note into the home before candle-lighting. But some of us are not blessed with loved ones or friends who regularly make such calls, and others have simply fallen out of the habit. A friendly call before Shabbat might also be appreciated by those who are new to the neighborhood, making them feel closer to the community. Would you like to volunteer to make Good Shabbos calls? We'll provide you with a list of people who would appreciate hearing from new LSS friends. And if you're unsure what to say after a cheery Good Shabbos, we're happy to provide you with guidelines. If you'd like to participate, please email [chesed@lss.org](mailto:chesed@lss.org)



## 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: Morris Shamah

### A PEW REPORT ANTIDOTE

Great. This is the week of my favorite פרשה - בהעלותך - *Behalotecha!* And why so do I look forward to this portion-because of the words said by Moshe: "Would that all the Lord's people were all prophets." Bamidbar 11-29.

This whole section moves me so-Moshe complaining to God, God's answer to him, the election of 70 new enlightened assistants, the complaints about Eldad and Medad that did not follow protocol and remained in the camp where they prophesized-Joshua's request that they be imprisoned and Moshe's answer to his overzealous assistant.

Wait-I think this is a week that I volunteered to write a piece for Lincoln Square-for the **דבר** Yep sure enough-there's Barry Youngerman's Email reminding me. So I guess I have a lot of studying to do to prepare for my *devar*.

So let's see, first I'll do the text of the *Parasha* with Rashi, Ibn Ezra, Ramban and Rashbam. Oh and of course, I will refer to **באר** the book my Dad published with the explanation of Ibn Ezra, and then I'll use my new books by Lookshin-the extensive commentary on the Rashbam. But I better not forget to read Rambam's Guide to the Perplexed-section 2, to understand what he says about these 72 new prophets. Or were they really prophets? And how can Moshe argue with God? And are there any parallels in the Tanach to the Eldad and Medad incident?

Oh, I better not forget to read the sections on this in Elhanan Samet's literary analysis of the section. Good-I have three of his sets on literary analysis of the *Hu-mash*. But then-read Benny Lau in his books--**אמתנות**, his writings are really homiletic in these books. But so what.

Oh no-I forgot all my Internet mailings-especially the one's from the Virtual Beth Midrash-the VBM-from Yeshivat Alon Shevut. And what about Nehama Leibowitz and Yeshayahu, her brother-surely I can check those. And the podcasts, and maybe some want to hear what the Zohar has to say about Eldad and Medad. And with all this don't forget to go back to all the Talmudic sources to which all these commentators refer. I better also check out *Torah Shelemah*-maybe I'll find a Midrash that the others missed.

And maybe also the Milgrom commentary in the JPS series-and do I dare to open any of the sources that deal with source criticism-no, what for, oh-but there is Torah.Com-with all those guys that are religious and try to fit it all in with the Higher Criticism.

And speaking of criticism-or really analysis-what about advanced literary criticism-like the analysis we see in Ronnie Benun's emerging works-based on a careful computerized study of the text? And if I do that I should check out his mentor's work-Rabbi Solomon David Sassoon-And surely I cannot forget my cousin Rabbi Moshe Shamah's phenomenal work, the first modern traditional commentary to come out in a long time-"Recalling the Covenant"

Oy-I forgot my new BAR ILAN Responsa program-where I can get so much more info.

But what in the world am I talking about-I have a full week of scheduled patients to see -tickets to the Opera one night, another night tickets to a play, my Mom's sick in the hospital, the Mets are playing late night games all week, I cannot in any way neglect my gym classes-when do I read my novel of the week, and my secular non-fiction. What about the newspapers??? I cannot neglect my kids, grandkids and great grands!

OMG-slow down stop hold it. Do a little studying and write something simple for Barry- after all, its only one page that LSS wants.

Yes, yes, yes. I realize how silly the above sounds. **But I am trying to make a point.**

In today's post-modern relativistic anything goes world (as long as it lets you feel good without harming another), with the view that there are many ways that God reveals Himself to His creations, **and they are all valid-that there is no one truth-not in the physical and not in the spiritual world**-in such a world, which I reject-we must hunt after **the truth**. And to me that truth is Torah. And we must study, study and study in order to fortify our beliefs, in order to set an example to our kids, in order to continue to spread Torah. What serious but uneducated observant Jewish College student can stand up to today's pervasive, permissive, and omnipresent Western culture?

Some might say, as Rav Shagar writes-"Don't bother me-I believe in Torah and I do not have to defend my belief-you believe your way and I believe my way. Just leave me alone".

Fine, if you can hope to maintain your next generation as a Torah true family with that approach-go ahead-but why should the next generation take on your way of life if the alternative is just as valid?

As my Nephew Rabbi Joe Mizrahi points out, American Jewry would have disappeared had we not had a periodic infusion of Jews, often traditional, from other parts of the world. These Jews-the Germans of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, later the giant 2 1/2 million person Eastern European migration, the Sepharadim that came, the post WWII immigration and others have served as spiritual antidotes to the great assimilation that threatened us so often. But now there are no more significant numbers of Torah true Jews to draw to America.

Perhaps our next and long term intravenous infusion will come from the information explosion of our age. From the publishing of so many Torah sources in Hebrew and English, from the podcasts and Web sites. ETC ETC ETC

Remember-some two thousand years ago our Rabbis laid down a curriculum of study for all. Having no Beth Mikdash we needed a new center of Judaism. And education and the synagogue became that center.

As Dr Isadore Snapper once snapped at me-"**don't be a schnook, look in the book**" or as my teacher, the great Rabbi Yehuda Gershuny *ztl* would repeat over and over-"**learn, learn, learn.**"