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27 IYYAR 5775 • MAY 15-16, 2015 • 42nd DAY OF THE OMER
PARSHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI • SHABBAT MEVARCHIM
CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:49PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi
Sherwood Goffin
Senior Cantor
Yanky Lemmer
Cantor
Lloyd Epstein
President
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Executive Director

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 6:36pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin**
- 7:49pm: Candle Lighting
- 7:55pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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 Sherwood Goffin**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:14am: 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

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 6:05pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:35pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "Chassidus: A Proposal for the Modern Orthodox"
- 6:35pm: Bible Class and the Book of Ruth with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 7:35pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 8:50pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

MOLAD

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be on Monday 11 minutes and 5 chalakim after 2 pm. Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be on Tuesday

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, May 17– Friday, May 22
Sun– Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:55pm

Sunday (Yom Yerushalayim)	Monday & Thurs	Tues (R. C. Sivan)	Wed. & Fri
Daf Yomi: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:40am	Shacharit: 7:50am
Shacharit: 8:30am			

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the **Adler-Landau family** in the merit of all the good **Sammy Horwitz** does for the community, and in memory of his mother, **Chaya Hudet bat Moshe Dovid**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Sarah and Curtis Kloefer** in celebration of the bar mitzvah of their son, **Jonathan**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Helga Weisburger** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved father, **Ephraim Preschel**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Lois Gottesman** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father **Bernard Gottesman, z"l**, and her maternal grandparents, **Esther and David Davidovic, z"l**.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Jonathan Kloefer**, his parents **Sarah and Curtis Kloefer**, and entire family, on his bar mitzvah.
- Mazal Tov to **Revital and Ariel Ackerman** on the birth of a baby boy.

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

51st ANNUAL DINNER

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Annual Dinner
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 | 6:30 PM
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HANNAH & PAUL FREILICH
Guests of Honor

JACKIE & JONATHAN KOTLER
Young Leadership Award

SHAVUOT

Siyum Shabbat Luncheon—Shabbat, May 23rd (the day before Shavuot.)

Join us for a Siyum luncheon in celebration of this year's communal study of Mishnah. Everyone is invited to this special luncheon that will include learning, games, and prizes. The festive meal will be held in the ballroom.

Price (Until Registration Closes on May 18th) Adult: \$30 Child: \$20

Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Social—Motza'ei Shabbat, May 23rd, at 10:45pm

Great discussion with Rabbi Shaul Robinson on Blasphemy and Free Speech. Doesn't get sweeter than that! \$5

Tikkun Leil Shavuot— Saturday Night, May 23rd

Join us for a full night of learning with clergy and guest speakers culminating with Shavuot morning services in the main sanctuary. *Full shiurim schedule and more details coming soon.*

Women's Tefillah Group will be reading Megillat Ruth on the second day of Shavuot in the afternoon, followed by talk by Nyla Kamlet. Please sign up by emailing megillat.ruth2015@gmail.com to join the reading - you can read a single sentence - and be included in this women's communal event.

Picnic Lunch and Learn—Monday, May 25th (2nd day of Shavuot) at Riverside Park

Join us for a lunch and learn in the park! It is BYOL (Bring your own lunch) but the shul will provide dessert and words of Torah from our clergy .

MISHNAH STUDY PROGRAM

Our annual Mishnah study program, will culminate with a siyyum luncheon on Shabbat, May 23rd. Everyone is encouraged to join in the learning effort by emailing Mishnah@lss.org or speaking to Gabriel Gershowitz, Rabbi Charlie Savenor or Julie Walpert at Shul.

YOUTH SHAVUOT PROGRAMS

- Exciting Tikkun Leil night for 6th grade and above! This includes mini-cheese cake making, TONS of snacks, lots of coffee to keep us awake and really interactive classes.
- Ice Cream party on second day of Shavuot
- Tween Day— Tweens lead the games for all other Shabbat groups after davening.

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Board of Trustees Meeting • Tuesday, May 26th, at 7:30pm

There will be an early Mincha at 7:15pm before the meeting.

Scholar in Residence: Ido Aharoni, Israeli Consul General to the United States • Shabbat, May 30th

Join us as we, together with the Development Corporation for Israel, Israel Bonds, welcome Ido Aharoni as our Scholar-in-Residence on the Shabbat preceding the Celebrate Israel Parade. Main Kiddush that week is sponsored by Israel Bonds in celebration of their national new leadership Shabbaton.

Spring Book Club Meeting: Ben-Gurion: Father of Modern Israel by Anita Shapira • Sunday, May 31st, at 7:30pm

The Spring Book club will meet at the home of Gail Castagnello. We will be discussing the Book [Ben-Gurion: Father of Modern Israel](#) by Anita Shapira. Our presenter will be Professor Gilbert Kash, political science professor at Kean College in NJ.

Remembering Yaakov Birnbaum, z"l • Sunday Evening, June 7th, time TBA

Recognized as the father of Soviet Jewry movement, Yaakov's life was devoted to advocating for freedom, human rights and social action. Natan Sharansky, a human rights activist and former political prisoner in the Soviet Union and currently the Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel will be the keynote speaker.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am

Topic: *Mitzvah 378: The Priestly Blessing*

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'lyun with Rabbi Hayyim Angel

Began on April 15h. \$25/class. Sign up at lss.org/rabbiangel

THURSDAY

Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson

7:00pm

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **LAST** session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, May 18th**. Topic: **The Mikvah and family Purity (The class will meet early and offsite)**.
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, May 18th** at **6:30pm**, and continue for **2 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, May 18th** at **6:30pm**, and continue for **2 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at 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.
- **Save the dates!** Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will be teaching a **FREE Crash Course in Basic Judaism at Congregation B'nai Israel, 45 Twombly Avenue in Staten Island**, for 3 consecutive Wednesday nights, starting on May 27th at 7:00pm. To register, please visit www.njop.org/ccbj or call **646-871-4444**.
- **Save the date!** The **FINAL Beginners Luncheon** of the season will be **Shabbat, June 6th, 2015**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, June 4th**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call **212- 874-6100**.

ISRAEL CORNER • תניף לארשי

YOM YERUSHALAYIM: LECTURE & ISRAELI BBQ



This Sunday night you could have Shabbat leftovers for dinner. Or, you could celebrate Yom Yerushalayim with an Israeli-style BBQ. Festivities start at 4:00pm in the Beit Midrash with a very timely lecture by Gidi Grinstein on *Jerusalem and the Challenge of Jewish Sovereignty*. (There is no charge for the lecture.)

At 5:00pm join us for the BBQ on the terrace with an accompaniment of Israeli music. Cost: \$25 advance registration (strongly recommended), \$35 at the door. To register, please visit www.lss.org/yomyerushalayim

CELEBRATE ISRAEL 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/parade. The deadline for purchasing the tee shirts is May 18.

Manhattan Day School Auction—310 W. 75th St. • Monday, May 18th, at 7:00pm

Register, purchase tickets and sponsor at www.biddingforgood.com/supportmds.

Catering by Sova Caterers, open bar, over \$2000.00 in prizes. Hope to see you there!



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: Jeff Schwartz

Who do You Trust?

Baruch Hagever Asher Yivtach BaHashem... words familiar to most of us, appearing as they do near the very end of *Birkat Hamazon*. Their source is in the *Haftarah* we read today, for *Parashat B'chukotai* (from Jeremiah, Chapter 17, verse 7). This verse with which we are familiar is preceded by two others. Verse 5 begins *Arur HaGever...* cursed is the man who trusts in man (*Asher Yivtach B'Adam*) who, verse 6 tells us, will be like a desiccated tree in the desert who won't see when good comes and will live in a dry, salty and uninhabited desert. In contrast, after verse 7 tells us that he will be blessed, verses 8 and 9 elaborate: he who trusts in God will be like a tree planted by water with roots spread by a riverbank, not fearing the heat when it comes, not anxious about a year of drought, and not ceasing to give fruit.

Reading and re-reading these verses, I was struck by the beautiful, yet starkly contrasting images: desert vs riverbank; shrub vs fruit-bearing tree; isolation vs a life with spreading roots. Beyond the images though, the words evoked other biblical associations. That the cursed man "won't see when good comes" immediately took me to tearful Hagar, out of drinking water, sitting and watching her young son die, placing him under one of the shrubs in the desert. God hears the boy's voice and the text says (Genesis 21:19) "and God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water." Was it there all the time, and in her isolation from God she had no access to the outside world? In the words of Simon and Garfunkel (I'havdeel) "...I touch no one and no one touches me...I am a rock, I am an island." When we are alone we can lose hope and when we lose hope we fail to see the world and the options it offers to us.

I also noticed that the one who trusts in God is not promised an idyllic life without troubles. Rather, such a person will not fear the heat (*v'lo yireh ki yavoh chom*) and will not worry about a drought year (*u'bishnat batzoret lo yidog*). In other words life will continue to present individual and community challenges from job loss to earthquakes in Nepal. Despite trusting God we still need to figure out how to cope with things. Jeremiah's words indicate that trusting in God to never leave us alone to shoulder challenges can open up new possibilities and new hope. Knowing we are not alone with our troubles allows us to perceive things we may not have otherwise.

The contrasting words "*Cursed is...*" and "*Blessed is...*" raise an important issue. Is the prophet promising a reward bestowed from God if we trust him, or is he promising a rewarded life as a natural consequence of our trust in God? From these verses, it seems to me to be the latter; that putting trust in God leads us to trust ourselves. Facing adversity alone leads too quickly to pessimism and failure; while facing adversity with the constant presence of God beside us lets us see things we didn't know were there, keep worry and fear at bay, and see the good that is there. In this light, Jeremiah's message is a surprisingly hopeful one and it brings to mind another biblical association (Psalms 1:3): One who is involved in Torah is like a tree planted by streams of water...giving fruit in its season and having leaves that don't wither and is successful in life.