



# ECHOD

22 CHESHVAN 5775 • NOVEMBER 14-15, 2014  
PARSHAT CHAYEI SARA • CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:21PM

**Shaul Robinson**  
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**Sherwood Goffin**  
Senior Cantor  
**Yanky Lemmer**  
Cantor  
**Lloyd Epstein**  
President  
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## Friday Evening

- 4:21pm:** Candle Lighting  
**4:25pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary  
**5:00pm:** Family Kabbalat Shabbat in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
**6:00pm:** Family Shabbat Dinner (By pre-registration only)

## 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 Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**  
**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. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**  
**9:10am:** Latest Shema

## Shabbat Afternoon

- 3:00pm:** Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.  
**2:50pm:** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
**3:20pm:** Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**  
**3:20pm:** Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha shiur with **Rabbanit Dr. Michal Tikochinsky**: "Women converts, women attendants: the halakhic basis for keeping women's mikve immersions private."  
**4:05pm:** Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary followed by Seudah Shlishit with **Rabbanit Dr. Michal Tikochinsky**: "A modern perspective on Parashat Chayei Sara."  
**5:21pm:** Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary  
**5:30pm:** Family Havdalah

*Thank you to our volunteer greeters, security guards, and ushers this Shabbat.*

### Weekday Prayer Schedule

**Sunday, Nov 16nd - Friday, Nov 21th**

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun - Thurs at 4:25pm

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

## Mazal Tov to our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Reese Dolfman** on her bat mitzvah. Mazal Tov to parents **Marc and Adina Dolfman**, and younger siblings **Morrison and Madeline**.
- Mazal Tov to **Madeline Kaplan and Daniel Kramer** on their recent marriage.
- Mazal Tov to **Avram and Sharon Blumenthal** on the birth of a baby boy, to their children, **Ben and Tamar Blumenthal**.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi David Freedman and Helene Katz Freedman** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson **Yacov Chaim**, son of **Lavey and Aliza Freedman** of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

## Thank you to our Sponsors

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Steve Kay Kupietzky** in honor of his father, **Rabbi Jonah Kupietzky's**, upcoming 80th birthday.

### Beginners Service Kiddush

Sponsored by **Roberta and Robert Hadi** in honor of their son **Jonathan's** 21st birthday.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Marc and Adina Dolfman** in celebration of the bat mitzvah of their daughter, **Reese**.

Co-sponsored by **Rabbi David and Helene Katz Freedman** in celebration of the bar mitzvah of their grandson, **Yacov Chaim Freedman**, in Ramat Beit Shemesh.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Miriam Gedwiser and Oren Bassik** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Miriam's father, **Shmuel Gedwiser, z"l**.

### Scholar in Residence, Rabbanit Dr. Michal Tikochinsky

Rabbanit Tikochinsky is a leading Talmud scholar and educator, with advanced degrees in Law and Talmud from Bar Ilan University. She is the Director of the Moshe Green Beit Midrash for Women's Leadership and the Women's *Halakha* Program at Beit Morasha.



## SAVE THE DATE

Chanukah Dinner & Music Festival  
Motza'ei Shabbat- December 20th, 2014



For more details and to sign up, visit [lss.org/MusicFestival](http://lss.org/MusicFestival)

מי ימלל גבורות ישראל

## Weekly Learning Opportunities

### MONDAY

- [The Jewish Living Workshop](#) • 7:30-8:30pm  
*See flyer for more details*
- [Mini-mester](#) with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** • 7pm  
*20th Century Jewish Philosophy & Philosophers: Nov. 17th, Nov. 24th, & Dec. 1st.*

### TUESDAY

- [Parsha Class w/ Rabbi Shaul Robinson](#) • 10:30am
- [Intro to Bible w/ Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald](#) • 6:30-8pm
- [Tuesday Beit Midrash Night](#) • 7:30-9:15pm
- Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings  
Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robyn Mitchnick
- Politics and Kingship: The Book of Samuel  
(Currently following Ma'ariv) Facilitated by Ron Platzer
- [Faith and Prayer Class w/ Rabbi Ben Elton](#) • 8:15pm  
Consider the central texts of our liturgy and discuss openly what they mean to us and how we respond to them.  
**Next Class Topic: The Blessings of the Shema**

### 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  
An in-depth look at a single Talmudic subject matter, starting from the relevant biblical texts and delving into the logic system of the Gemara. This year's topic will be "**Misappropriation & Trespass**"
- [Nach B'lyun: The Second Book of Shmuel](#) • 7:15pm  
**w/ Rabbi Hayyim Angel**  
The Fall Semester will meet for 6 more sessions. The cost is \$125 for the entire 8-session series or \$20 per class. Co-sponsored by The Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals (Jewishideas.org).  
Sign up at [lss.org/RabbiAngel](https://lss.org/RabbiAngel)

### THURSDAY

- [Parsha Class](#) with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 7:00pm

**For full class descriptions, visit [lss.org/classes](https://lss.org/classes)**

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

### KI MI TZION TETZE TORAH

This Shabbat we are honored to host Rabbanit Dr. Michal Tikochinsky of Beit Morasha in Jerusalem as our speaker both before *mincha* and during *seudat shlishit*. Rabbanit Tikochinsky is a leading Talmud scholar and educator, with advanced degrees in Law and Talmud from Bar Ilan University. She is the Director of the Moshe Green Beit Midrash for Women's Leadership and the Women's Halakha Program at Beit Morasha. A couple of weeks ago, we heard from Benny Ish Shalom, the founder of Beit Morasha. What is this organization?

### Beit Morasha of Jerusalem: The Center for Advanced Judaic Studies and Leadership

is devoted to advancing a vibrant and inclusive vision of Judaism, through cultivating inspired and dynamic Jewish leadership for the State of Israel and the Jewish world.

**Robert M. Beren College** is the seat of Beit Morasha's advanced Judaic studies and academic programs including the **Interdisciplinary Beit Midrash** Programs for women and for men, **MA Programs** in Talmud and in Jewish Philosophy, certified training in Jewish Psychology and academic consultancy services for a wide range of educational and communal institutions.

Since its founding in 1990, Over 85% of **Beren College graduates** have assumed positions of leadership as program directors, educators, rabbis and policy makers in Israel and all over the world. **Identity and Purpose**, the IDF Jewish values project, has reached over **230,000 IDF officers and soldiers**, deepening their knowledge of Jewish ethics and values, challenging their assumptions and revitalizing their Jewish experience. Its resounding success has engendered the establishment of a distinct Jewish Identity Department in the IDF that also includes the **IDF conversion program, Nativ**, and includes a fruitful collaboration with the Genesis Philanthropy Group (GPG), in creating **Jewish Identity Programs for Russian Speaking Jews**.

The newly established **Edward I Koch Center for Public Policy and Jewish Ethics** encompasses Beit Morasha's academic and research programs that deal with the interrelationships between developing a just public policy and Jewish ethics and values.

With the establishment of the **Israel Institute for Conversion Policy** at Beit Morasha and the appointment of Professor Ish-Shalom as Chairman of the Ministry of Education Committee for Jewish Heritage Education, Beit Morasha's ethical and erudite voice echoes both in Knesset corridors and in classrooms across the country.

New Beit Morasha initiatives include the establishment of the Center for Israeli & Jewish Culture in Haifa in collaboration with the "Realit" Educational Network as well as leadership programs that provide support and professional enrichment to young leaders from the Arab, Haredi and Ethiopian sectors.

This Week's Shabbat Echod is sponsored by:

**Penrose Galleries Judaica**

*Founded by Longtime LSS Members Andrea Penkower Rosen and David A. Rosen*



For details on sponsoring an Echod, email [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org).

**Youth Announcements - [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth)**

**Math Circle** is in session- Monday nights from 6-8pm in room 208. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Contact [hjstein@gmail.com](mailto:hjstein@gmail.com)

**Family Shabbaton- November 14-15**

Come together with Lincoln Square Synagogue for a unique Family Shabbat Experience, November 14-15

**Friday, November 14**

**5:00 pm:** Family Kabbalat Shabbat

**6:00 pm:** Family Shabbat Dinner - great food, great people, and a magician for the kids. \$125 per family of 4. Register to attend at [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth)

**Shabbat November 15**

**9:30 am:** Youth breakfast and Shabbat Groups

**4:00 pm:** Youth Groups, special afternoon edition

**4:30 pm:** Shalosh Seudos

**5:30 pm:** Family Havdalah service

**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

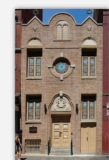
**2-4 grade boys:** Room 210- 10 am

**Youth Breakfast @ 9:30am in room 206**



**Upcoming Events - [lss.org/events](http://lss.org/events)**

- **Greek Synagogue Tour • Sunday, November 16th • Congregation Kehila Kedosha Janina, 280 Broome St.**  
Join us for a lecture, tour, and lunch. The cost is \$25 for members/\$30 for non-members. RSVP by Monday, November 3rd.
- **Book Club Meeting: "Love and Treasure" by Ayelet Waldman • Monday, December 1st • 7:30pm**  
Jack Wolkenfeld will be leading the discussion which will take place at the home of Gale and Jim Kaufman, 316 West 79th St.
- **Chanukah Dinner and Music Festival • Motza'ei Shabbat, December 20th**  
Chanukah dinner at 7pm; Concert Followed by Dessert reception at 8:30pm  
Featuring singer and songwriter **Eitan Katz**, LSS chazzan **Yanky Lemmer**, with guest appearance by LSS senior chazzan **Sherwood Goffin**. Dinner, Concert & Dessert: \$75; Dinner Only: \$38; Concert & Dessert Only: \$56; Children's Party with movie and magician: \$10, family \$25; Sponsorship packages available. *Sponsored by the UJA Federation of New York*



**Beginners Announcements**

- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible (Began Tuesday, October 21st, 6:30-8:00pm)**. This course, which meets for another **4 weeks** provides a general overview of the content and style of the Bible. We will review basic literary and theological approaches to Bible study, traditional and modern, through the analysis of the Biblical text. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). **Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members.**
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, November 17th, 2014 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](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- The **2nd** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet **Monday, November 17th, 2014 at 6:30pm** and continue for **3 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, November 17th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. The 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: Zmirot workshop (with placement for Shabbat lunch, November 22nd).**
- Save the date! **Friday and Saturday, December 12th-13th** for the **Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton**. \$40 includes three meals. Payment and reservations must be received by **Monday, December 8th**. Register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- Save the date! **Monday, December 22nd, 7:00pm** for the **Beginners Annual Chanukah Bash**. Live music by Jerry Greenberg. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Sorry, no phone reservations.

**Freedom Place Commemoration Follow-Up.** On October 26, Lincoln Square Synagogue held a Freedom Place Commemoration to honor the memories of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, who were murdered 50 years ago as they fought for the right of blacks to vote in Mississippi. On November 10, the White House announced that these three civil rights activists would receive, posthumously, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civilian award, in recognition of their efforts, which inspired many of the landmark civil rights advances that followed their murders.



## 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 CHAYEI SARA

By: Mark Hus

This week's Parsha contains a verse that has always been, for me, most difficult to comprehend. The first verse in Chapter 24 states: "And Abraham was old nearing the end of his days and the Almighty blessed Abraham with everything."

Everything??? Everything??? The man had just buried his wife, the love of his life. He had just lost his life's partner and – he had everything??? As if losing his wife was not enough, he had also effectively terminated whatever relationship he once had with not one, but with both of his sons. Soon after Yitzchak was born, at Sarah's request, he evicted Ishmael and Hagar. And then, at G-d's direction, he tried to sacrifice Yitzchak, the son he had waited and longed for for one hundred years. After binding Yitzchak on the altar, he and Yitzchak became estranged. The text makes this abundantly clear. As Abraham and Yitzchak had approached Moriah, they walked "together." (Chapter 22 verses 6 and 8.) After the ram is sacrificed in lieu of Yitzchak, however, Abraham returns without Yitzchak to the youths who had accompanied him and his son on their journey to Moriah. Then, instead of Abraham and Yitzchak being together, it is Abraham and the two young men returning together to Be'er Sheva. (Chapter 22, verse 19.) Abraham and Yitzchak have no further direct interaction in the text until Yitzchak and Ishmael bury their father at the end of this week's Parsha (if that even qualifies as interaction.) Abraham and Yitzchak did not discuss with one another the bride that Abraham arranged to have brought to his son. There is no suggestion of a wedding party at which the father and son were together. Their paths simply did not intersect after the Akeidah.

So what are we to understand when we are told that Abraham had been blessed with everything? We know he was wealthy. Financial security is important, but is it everything? He also was respected and revered by those around him. The Hittites called him the Officer of G-d among man. But do financial security and respectful notoriety add up to everything? (N.B. If you answered "yes", please feel free to stop reading. If not, please continue.)

One commentator I looked at (B'chor Shor) suggested that Abraham had everything because the only thing that he was missing was a bride for his son, a situation he would soon take steps to rectify. Shadal (R' Shmuel David Luzatto) citing the Rashbam, suggested that to those who looked at him from a distance, Abraham, who had wealth, notoriety and respect, did have everything. Shadal suggests that these traits would draw people to him who might be improper influences on his son and that this prompted Abraham to look back to his roots for a daughter-in-law, hence the inclusion of the statement immediately before Abraham begins looking for a wife for Yitzchak.

These explanations do not provide a completely satisfying answer to the troubling implication that wealth and notoriety constitute everything. I think that what we see from the story of how Abraham approached the task of finding his son a bride and how he lived during his remaining years gives us more of clue. Abraham understood the importance of faith and family. He understood that this was vital to life. Accordingly, he made sure that his son would marry someone who would be appropriate. He made sure that Eliezer fully comprehended the kind of woman he should find for Yitzchak in Aram Naharayim.

Abraham maintained his honesty and integrity throughout his life, even after trying losses. These traits, along with the inner strength to carry on in the face of adversity were the most important things that G-d had given him. I am still not sure that at the moment the Torah chose to tell us that he had it all, that this was entirely accurate, but I am willing to accept that G-d had shown Abraham much favor and that Abraham was doing pretty well.

Abraham continued to live, taking a wife and pilagshim and having children. As he approached his end, he gave those children gifts and sent them eastward to avoid any chance of a challenge to Yitzchak's entitlement to Abraham's legacy. When Abraham died, he gave **everything** he had to Yitzchak. He gave Yitzchak his material wealth and, more importantly, he gave him spiritual treasures: his faith, his ethics and his values. *Shabbat shalom.*