



# ECHOD

20 IYYAR 5775 • MAY 8-9, 2015 • 35th DAY OF THE OMER  
PARSHAT EMOR • CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:42PM

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

- 6:31pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 7:42pm: Candle Lighting
- 7:45pm: 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: *Av Harachamim*
- 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)
- 9:17am: Latest Shema
- 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.
- 6:00pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:30pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Tuvy Miller**: *"Where Exactly Were Those Sukkot?"*
- 6:30pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 7:30pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 8:43pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, May 10– Friday, May 15

### Sun– Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:50pm

| Sunday            | Monday & Thurs    | Tues, Wed, & Fri  |
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| 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 SPONSORS

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Aviva and Marvin Sussman** and **Dr. Judy and Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokolow** in memory of their parents, **Roslyn & Sol Sussman z"l**, and **Charles Bendheim z"l**, whose yahrtzeits are during the month of Iyar; and by **Mr. Solomon Weiss**.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Rabbi David and Helene Katz Freedman** in celebration of the forthcoming wedding of their son **Baruch** to **Linda Rosenfeld**.

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by members of the Beginners Service in honor of **Chaviva Warner's** "4th MOT Birthday;" and by **Chaviva** in thanks to **Rabbi and Rebbetzin Ephraim and Aidel Buchwald**.

### Seudah Shlishit

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew and Emily Korman

## MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Rabbi David and Helene Katz Freedman** on the forthcoming wedding of their son **Baruch** to **Linda Rosenfeld**. Mazal Tov also to **Lavey and Aliza, Yonatan and Rachel, Yoanna, and families**.

## SAVE THE DATE—51st ANNUAL DINNER

LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR 51<sup>st</sup>  
*Annual Dinner*  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 | 6:30 PM  
LSS.ORG/DINNER

» honoring «  
HANNAH & PAUL FREILICH  
Guests of Honor

JACKIE & JONATHAN KOTLER  
Young Leadership Award

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY

**Minchat Chinuch** with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am  
Topic: *Mitzva 331: Blowing the Shofar on Yom Kippur*

### 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](http://lss.org/rabbiangel)

### THURSDAY

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

## 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

**MESSAGE TO THE TEENS:** All High school students are invited to a Friday Night dinner at the home of Rabbi and Mrs Robinson, next Friday Night, May 15th for more info or to rsvp pls email Rabbi Rosenfeld ([jarosenf@gmail.com](mailto:jarosenf@gmail.com)) or youth director Joel Sichel ([youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org))

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

### YOM YERUSHALAYIM: LECTURE & ISRAELI BBQ



On **Sunday, May 17** we will observe the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem after the Six Day War. At **4:00 pm** we will hear Gidi Grinstein discuss: "Jerusalem and the Challenge of Jewish Sovereignty". There is no charge for attending the lecture.

At **5:00 pm**, the action will move outdoors, to our beautiful terrace. We will feast on an Israeli BBQ that will include schwarma, kebabs, falafel, Israeli salads, and much more while listening to Israeli music. Beteavon! Cost: \$25 advance registration (strongly recommended), \$35 at the door. To register, please visit [www.lss.org/yomyerushalayim](http://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](http://www.lss.org/parade). The deadline for purchasing the tee shirts is May 18.

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, May 11th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. 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: Shavuot – Preparing ourselves and our home.**
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, May 11th 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 **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, May 11th 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).
- 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 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](http://www.lss.org/beginners) or call **212- 874-6100**.

## SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT– New Cadet Class

**You can join the Lincoln Square Security (CSS) team.**

If you have leadership qualities, are physically fit, mentally agile and concerned for the security of your fellow congregants then the Cadet Course is for you. The course begins in May and is filling up. Please email [Security@lss.org](mailto:Security@lss.org) to register for the course.

The Security Chair & Vice President LSS  
Ian Silver

## 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.

Early Bird Price (Before Wednesday, May 13th) Adult: \$25 Child: \$15

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

### **Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Social—Motza'ei Shabbat, May 23rd**

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

### **Tikkun Leil Shavuot**

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

### **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 some desserts and some torah from one of the Rabbis. Free

### **Stay Tuned for Youth Shavuot Details**

#### **MISHNAH STUDY PROGRAM**

We are excited to announce our annual Mishnah study program, which will culminate with a communal siyyum luncheon on Shabbat, May 23rd, the beginning of the three day yom tov of Shavuot. Everyone is encouraged to join in the learning effort by emailing [Mishnah@lss.org](mailto:Mishnah@lss.org) or speaking to Gabriel Gershowitz, Rabbi Charlie Savenor or Julie Walpert at Shul.

## FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Love Your Body, Love Yourself: Judaism's Whole and Holy Approach to Healthy Intimacy (CLASS FOR WOMEN ONLY) • Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 8:00pm**

Join us for a lecture from Abby Weisz, MA, LMSW, Licensed Therapist, Intimacy Educator on a discussion on body image, and how it relates to personal sexuality and shared intimacy, within the framework of Torah teachings.

### **Yom Yerushalayim: Lecture & BBQ • Sunday, May 17, at 4:00pm**

Gidi Grinstein, founder of the Reut Institute in Tel Aviv and author of "Flexigidity: The Secret of Jewish Adaptability" will speak on issues related to modern Jerusalem. The lecture will be followed by an Israeli-style BBQ (schwarma, falafel, kebabs, salads, baba ganoush, malt beer and much more!). Family friendly pricing: \$25 per person in advance, \$35 at the door (space permitting) Sign up at [lss.org/yomyerushalayim](http://lss.org/yomyerushalayim)

### **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.

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

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.



## 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 EMOR

By: Yoel Epstein

### Love is in the Details

Almost exactly a year ago, Rav David Lau, the then newly elected Chief Ashkenazic Rabbi of Israel, spent a Shabbos on the West Side. On Shabbos morning the rav toured the community and spoke at a number of shuls, including our own. On Shabbos afternoon, Rav Lau - in a small gathering which I was privileged to attend - met with a number of high school students from our shul and answered their questions. One of the boys asked a question from a Gemara that was bothering him. The Gemara in Kiddushin (30a) asks why the ancient Sages were called "counters." The Gemara answers that they received this title because they counted every letter of the Torah. By counting every letter, the Sages knew the middle word, passuk, and letter of the Torah. The boy asked Rav Lau why the Sages cared to count every letter of the Torah. Is there any law or ethical message derived from this count? Why does the Gemara feel that it's important to record this?

Rav Lau's answer was quick and insightful. Rav Lau related how as a young boy he was avid fan of an Israeli sports team. It goes without saying that the young Rav Lau knew the names of all the players. But he also was familiar with just about every stat and new development of the team. Why did he care to know exactly how many baskets each player got? Why did he care about every assist, rebound, and free throw? The answer is simple. The young Rav Lau adored his team, and as such he was avidly interested in every detail about it, no matter how trivial. The Sages, explained Rav Lau, had the same intense love for and fascination with the Torah. As such, they were not only interested in the parts of the Torah that have clear cut significance, but, were experts in Torah "stats" and "trivia," such as the exact number and placement of words and verses in the Torah.

But Torah "stats" – as explained by Rav Lau – are just one example of the Sages' adoration of the Torah. According to Rav Shomo Volbe (AleI Shur Vol. 2, Ma'areches HaTorah, Chap. 5) all of the detailed legal discussions which comprise most of the Talmud are powerful expressions of the Sages' intense love for God and His Torah. Through their extensive, detail-oriented deliberations, the Sages clarified and brought to light the wealth and complexity of the oral tradition as we know it. And building off the Sages, the great rabbinic scholars of subsequent generations authored libraries of tomes to investigate and expound upon every detail of Talmud and every application of its principles. In their endless love and fascination with the Torah, the Sages and later scholars were interested in every possible detail.

Rav Lau's and Rav Volbe's words are particularly significant as we complete the last weeks of the Omer and prepare for Shavuos - the holiday which marks the receiving the Torah. As we prepare to receive the Torah, we have the opportunity to renew and reenergize our attitude. Perhaps we can use this time to refresh our approach to the intricate and sometimes overwhelming details of the Talmud and Jewish law. Perhaps we can try to connect with the passion expressed by the Sages in these details. Perhaps we can learn to be a bit more like a young boy learning the stats of his favorite sports team.