



# ECHOD

1 NISSAN 5775 • MARCH 20-21 2015 • ROSH CHODESH NISSAN  
PARSHAT VAYIKRA/HACHODESH • CANDLE LIGHTING: 6:50PM

**Shaul Robinson**  
Rabbi

**Sherwood Goffin**  
Senior Cantor

**Yanky Lemmer**  
Cantor

**Lloyd Epstein**  
President

**Ben Keil**  
Executive Director

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening

6:50pm: Candle Lighting

6:55pm: 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 **Ben Keil**

8:30am: The Siddur in Depth in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Rabbi Ben Elton**: *Pre-Pesach Part 2 - Asher Ga'alanu in the Seder*

9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin**. Drasha by **Rabbi Ben Elton**: *The Nation and the Stranger*

9:15am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (lower level) led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**

9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

9:59am: Latest Shema

### Shabbat Afternoon

4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.

5:10pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

5:40pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *Making Sense of Sacrifice: A Short, Modern Introduction to Sefer Vayikra*

5:40pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211

6:40pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

7:52pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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

## WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Sunday, March 22nd- Friday, March 27th  
Sun- Thurs

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:00pm

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mon &amp; Thurs</u>	<u>Tues, Wed &amp; Fri</u>
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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

### Mr. Elliot Maza

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a board meeting on Sunday, March 22nd, at 7:30pm
- REMINDER:** Nuts and any foods containing such ingredients are not permitted anywhere at LSS. There are children and adults who are severely allergic to such foods.

## PASSOVER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sell your Chametz** by filling out the form that can be found at [lss.org/chametz](http://lss.org/chametz) or in the literature racks. Completed forms must be received in the shul office by Wednesday, April 1st.
- Purchase your **Shmurah Matzah** from the shul at a discounted rate of \$23.50/pound in regular and whole wheat. The deadline to order is Sunday, March 22nd. Order at [lss.org/matzah](http://lss.org/matzah)
- The **OU Guide to Passover** can be picked up in our office or in the literature racks.
- The preparation for Pesach must include a demonstration of concern for the needy. You are urged to donate **Maot Chitim** through the Shul's Chesed fund via [lss.org/donate](http://lss.org/donate)
- See our weekly classes on page 2 for details on **Pre-Passover classes**.
- Chametz Drive**—Sunday, March 29th, 10am-2pm. Bring your opened and unopened nonperishable chametz foods to the lobby for distribution to non-Jews at a local food pantry, soup kitchen, and homeless shelter.
- Kelim Kashering**—Sunday, March 29th 9:15am-12pm.
- Louis Lazar Shabbat Hagadol Drasha** will be delivered by Rabbi Shaul Robinson next Shabbat at 6:55pm on the topic "From Talking in Shul to Talking to Hashem - how Hallel brings the Redemption."
- BUY your **FAIRWAY cards** now for your PESACH shopping.
- Visit [lss.org/Passover](http://lss.org/Passover) for the full Passover schedule, and even more Passover details.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Haskama Minyan

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Main Kiddush

Sponsors Welcome

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Jeffrey Solomon**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, **Sandra Solomon, a"h**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Iris & Owen Cahn** to commemorate the 17th yahrtzeit of their mother **Irmgard, a"h**.

## 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

5-8th boys and girls: Room 211—10:15am

Youth Breakfast @ 9:30am in room 206

### Matzah Baking Program for kids • Sunday, March 22, 2015 • 1PM - 2PM

Join Rabbi Yisroel Fried for matzah baking. Kids get to be totally hands on, and grind flour, mix the dough and bake their very own Shmurah Matzah. Ages 3 and up. \$7.50 each.

### Pre-Passover Movies and Fun • Sunday, March 29, 2015 • 10am-3pm

Pre— passover movies and fun. Pizza will be served. \$10

Sign up for youth events at [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth)

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY

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

**Topic:** *Mitzva 114 Not to sentence to death on Shabbat*

### TUESDAY

**Parsha Class** with 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 (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

**Movies and Midrash w/ Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 7:30pm

NEW 3-part Series. The movies that will be shown come from the **Ma'aleh School of Television, Film & the Arts**

### 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

**Nach B'lyun: Sefer Shmuel Beginning w/ Chapter 11**  
With Rabbi Hayyim Angel

The Spring Semester of the popular Series began on Wednesday, January 28th. \$20 per class.

Sign up at [lss.org/RabbiAngel](http://lss.org/RabbiAngel)

### THURSDAY

**The Haggadah you Haven't Heard Before** • 7:15pm

A 2-Part Seder Prep with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld

## FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

**Beit Cafe • Motza'ei Shabbat, March 21st • 8:30pm**

Hot Coffee, Cool Music. Featuring legendary Israeli Performer, Shlomo Haviv. Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$36 at the door. Sponsorship for \$100 (includes two reserved prime seats and an opportunity to request a song from your favorite Israeli composer. Sign up at [lss.org/israelcafe](http://lss.org/israelcafe)

**Shabbat HaGadol Dinner • Friday, March 27th • 8pm.**

Save the date. More details will be available soon.

## HOSPITALITY

### PESACH SEDER HOSPITALITY

LSS will again carry out a Pesach Hospitality Program to ensure that all members have an opportunity to participate in a traditional seder in a warm environment. To accomplish this we need both hosts and guests.

If you will be conducting sedorim at home this year and can accommodate one or more guests, please let us know. If you would like an invitation, please do not hesitate to ask; your presence will be welcomed.

Please notify us at [Hospitality@LSS.org](mailto:Hospitality@LSS.org) and insert the word "Seder" in the subject. We look forward to matching hosts and guests in a way that will enrich the holiday for all. Thank you.

Harriet Frank & Lianne Weinberg Lubitz

Hospitality Committee

**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  
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## Beginners Announcements

- Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** will meet on **Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm**, for **1 more week**. The course provides an in-depth study and analyses of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and analyzed.
- The **LAST** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, March 23rd at 6:30pm**. The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.
- The **LAST** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, March 23rd at 6:30pm**. The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, March 23rd, 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: Passover – Kosher Tryout. I can try keeping Kosher for eight days – where do I start? Also, how to make Charoses (part of the Seder plate).**
- **Save the date: Beginners Passover Shabbaton**, scheduled for **NEXT Friday and Saturday, March 27th-28th**, devoted to the theme of Passover. Reservations must be made by **THIS Wednesday, March 25th**. Cost is \$40 (includes two meals). Register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Save the date: Beginners Model Seder**, scheduled for **Thursday, April 1st, 7:00pm**. Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and Psachya Septimus for an intimate and exciting early rendition of the traditional Passover Seder. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$10 before March 30th, \$15 at the door, payable to LSS (earmark Model Seder). For information or to make your reservation, contact LSS at **212-874-6100** or at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- **Passover Hospitality**: LSS Beginners, interested in hospitality for Passover sederim and/or Shabbat or Yom Tov meals, may contact Rabbi Buchwald at **646-871-0012** or e-mail [jessica@njop.org](mailto:jessica@njop.org). Please leave an accurate message with dates of meals & specify lunch or dinner. Deadline for requests is **THIS Thursday, March 26th, 12 noon**.

## Israel Corner

*Note: This article contains links and is best viewed online. If you are reading this in hard copy, please consider reading the electronic version of the Echod after Shabbat.*

### LIVE ISRAELI MUSIC

Last call! Thank you to all those who have already registered for the Beit Café this Motzei Shabbat, March 21. You are sure to have a great time as you enjoy live Israeli music, munch on yummy desserts and sip coffee. If you haven't yet registered, there is still time, but not much.

The very reasonably priced tickets are \$25 for advance registration, \$36 at the door. To register, please visit [www.lss.org/israelcafe](http://www.lss.org/israelcafe)

### NORPAC CONFERENCE

Join Rabbi Robinson, other members of LSS and over 1,000 other citizen advocates who care deeply for the safety and security of our brothers and sisters in Israel. Register for the NORPAC one day mission to Washington on Wednesday, May 13. Our bus will leave and return to LSS on the same day.

You will be energized by the support exhibited by Members of Congress as you participate in the efforts to solidify this invaluable relationship. One day of your life can make a huge difference in the lives of our fellow Jews in Medinat Israel. Please register at [www.NORPAC.net](http://www.NORPAC.net) To read more about the mission, please visit [www.lss.org/advocacy](http://www.lss.org/advocacy)

### GOING TO ISRAEL FOR PESACH?

Former LSS members who have made aliya are eager to meet with you, show you the sights (yes, even if you have been there many times before), and to host you in their homes. If there is sufficient interest, Beit Morasha in Jerusalem, the institution that is the home of Rav Benny Lau and Rabbanit Michal Tikochinsky, will arrange special seminars for you. Tzohar, the institution that is the home of Rav Stav, has made a similar offer. To start, though, you need to let us know if you will be in Israel over Pesach and would be interested in any of these programs.

Please email [nathan.vogel.lss@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.vogel.lss@gmail.com)



## 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 VAYIKRA/HACHODESH

By: Barry Youngerman

Today is Shabbat Hachodesh, one of the four special shabbats that precede Pesach. It always falls just before the start of the month of Nissan or on its first day -- as it does this year. It serves to focus our attention on the approaching holiday which this year is exactly two weeks away.

The special reading for Shabbat HaChodesh is appropriately from Exodus, 12:1-20. In the preceding verses at the end of chapter 11 Moses warned Pharaoh of the final, devastating plague, the death of the first-born, and told him that Egypt itself would beg the Israelites to leave. Towards the end of chapter 12 the plague occurs and the Israelites do indeed leave Egypt.

What was so important to justify interrupting this dramatic, world-changing narrative? The first verse of the reading seems like an anti-climax. God tells Moses and Aaron that the month they were beginning (later called Nissan) should be considered the first month of the year. That's it? We all know there are several "first months" of the year, including Tishrei when we celebrate the New Year.

Our rabbis interpreted the verse as introducing the mitzvah of Rosh Chodesh (the New Moon), the first collective mitzvah addressed to the entire Jewish people. Previous mitzvahs concerned all of mankind (the laws of Noach) or were given to individual patriarchs. Subsumed within this mitzvah is the commandment to maintain a sacred calendar of special days and time-related commandments.

God will later supply many of the details of this yearly and multi-year calendar, via the revelation at Sinai. The stately progression of our sacred calendar and its associated mitzvot is a large part of our everyday identity as Jews, and the precedent apparently had to be established before we left Egyptian slavery on the journey toward freedom. As a start, in this special reading, God details the laws of Passover, such as eating only unleavened bread and performing the Pascal sacrifice (which we recall in our seders). These must be carried out not just in Egypt as a preparation for departure, but also in every Nissan "for all the generations to come".

In verse 17 God explains a key feature of our sacred calendar-- we must use it to remember our history and keep it fresh in our minds. "ושמרתם את-המצות כי בעצם היום הזה הוצאתי את-עבאوتיכם מארץ מצרים." "You must carefully observe [the commandment of] matzas because on this very day I will bring your hosts out of the Land of Egypt."

As individuals and as a people we stand in direct spiritual relations with our Creator, but we do it in the context of a natural world He also created. Just as the heavenly bodies, which mediate the calendar for us, must always act in accordance with law, so, we are being told, must we.

The message is often implicit, but for me the most stirring and open expression of this idea is in Psalm 148, which we read every single day. All created things must praise God, in a chorus including the moon and the stars, the mountains and oceans, animals of all description, and the rich variety of humans. Praise is due for the one who created and sustained them *and gave them an eternal "law to govern and make sense of their existence."* The sacred calendar ties together the heavens with mankind, and, as we shall later see, with the animals and plants involved in many calendar-related mitzvot.

And it all starts on Rosh Chodesh Nissan. May we all have a Chodesh Tov, and merit a kosher and sweet Passover.