



# ECHOD

8 CHESHVAN 5775 • OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, 2014  
PARSHAT LECH LECHA • CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:36PM

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

- 5:36pm: Candle Lighting  
5:40pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**

## 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.  
This Week's Topic: *Why Don't We Duchan Daily?*  
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. 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 Ben Elton**.  
10:01am: Latest Shema  
12:30pm: Beginners Shabbat Luncheon in room 206/207

## Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.  
3:50pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
4:20pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha Shiur by **Rav David Stav**: "Is Jewish Unity Really That Important and What Price Should We Pay?"  
4:20pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**  
5:20pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary followed by Seudah Shlishit  
Seudah Shlishit talk by **Benny Ish Shalom**, the founder of *Bet Morasha in Jerusalem*.  
6:35pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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

## Weekday Prayer Schedule

**Sunday, Nov 2nd - Friday, Nov 7th**

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun - Thurs at 4:35pm

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 **Amalia and Orly Stulbach** on their b'nai mitzvah, to their parents, **Paris and Harry**, grandmother **Shirley Wald**, and sister **Keren**.
- Mazal Tov to **Dr. and Mrs. Henry N. Lieberman** on the marriage of their grandson, **Dovid Pamensky to Avigayil Poupko** in Jerusalem.

## Thank you to our Sponsors

### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Joel Tenenholtz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, **Hannah Tenenholtz, Chana bat Zev, a"h**; and by **Manny Zareh** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his grandfather, **Shmuel Ben Yosef and Rivka, z"l**.

### Beginners Service Kiddush

Sponsored by **Sandra Herschli** in celebration of Ira Weinstock's birthday.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Paris Wald and Harry Stulbach**, in celebration of the b'nai mitzvah of their daughters, **Amalia and Orly Stulbach**, and in commemoration of the upcoming first yahrtzeit of Paris's father, **Mark Wald, z"l**.

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Shuli Cohen** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her husband, **Rabbi Herschel Cohen, z"l**, and by the **Laufer family** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Michael's father, **Yaakov ben Myer, z"l**.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Beth Epstein** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, **Sarah Kesner Epstein, a"h**.

## 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)

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*Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night*



## Weekly Learning Opportunities

### MONDAY

- **The Jewish Living Workshop** • 7:30-8:30pm  
*See outside flyer for more details*
- **Mini-mester with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** • 7pm
  - *Religious Zionism*: Nov. 3
  - *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: Ashrei**

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

### THURSDAY

- **Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 7:00pm

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

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

### WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? A RED ALERT?

American Jews are a funny breed. When the war with Gaza raged this past summer, many flew to Israel *davka* because rockets were being fired into Israel. Now, with the cease fire holding, not so much. Yet, as we heard from Yitzhak Sokoloff, our Israeli speaker last week, Israel's economy, particularly in the south is still recovering from the war and many of its residents feel forgotten now that the world's attention has moved to the next big crisis. This is where you can make a difference!

Join Rabbi Robinson as he leads the Solidarity Mission to Southern Israel. The mission flies out in just a few short weeks, Motzei Shabbat, November 22. It lands in Israel mid-afternoon on Sunday in time for a walking tour of Jaffa before dinner and orientation.

Monday morning the group will head south where it will spend four days meeting with ordinary citizens who bore the brunt of the recent war. Participants in the mission will also meet community leaders, soldiers who fought in Operation Protective Edge, doctors & therapists who tended to the wounded and even Jewish "cowboys" who help protect *kibbutzim* and *moshavim* from would-be Arab rustlers. Participants will have the option of flying back to the States on Thursday night or extending their trip.

The itinerary includes many amazing places to which you would never access no matter how many times you've been to Israel. It will feature thought-provoking speakers. And, as we wrote last week, through your very presence, you will provide *chizuk* (strength) to the residents of the Southern communities that you will meet. Not only that, but you will be even more strengthened by the very same ordinary people that you will meet. *Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek*.

So, don't wait for the next red alert to sound, please register for the mission. Also, help us spread the word about the mission by letting your friends and family know about it. Members of all shuls are welcome and encouraged to register. In fact, in a wonderful show of *achdut* and *achavat Israel*, The Jewish Center, Ohev Zedek, Ohev Shalom, Spanish & Portugese and Kehilat Jeshrun have all promoted "our" mission to their members.

For complete information about the trip, including itinerary, hotels, and prices please visit [www.lss.org/israel](http://www.lss.org/israel) For questions and to make reservations, please call Marcia Katz at (800) 213-8260 Sunday through Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Eastern Time, Friday 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM EST or email [esther@keshet.co.il](mailto:esther@keshet.co.il) In shul, please speak with either Ann Crane or Nathan Vogel.

Be'shanah **hazot**, b'Yerushalaim! And Southern Israel, too!

This Week's Shabbat Echod is sponsored by:

[Penrose Galleries Judaica](http://PenroseGalleriesJudaica.com)

Founded by Long time 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

5pm: Family Kabbalat Shabbat

6pm: 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

4pm: Youth Groups, special afternoon edition

4:30pm: 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

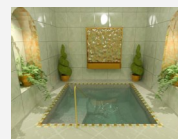
Youth Breakfast @ 9:30am in room 206



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

### Community Discussion: Women and the Mikvah Experience • Monday, November 3rd • 8pm

A panel and community conversation which includes: Acknowledging the challenges of observing taharat hamishpacha and the particular challenges of mikvah night; Sharing our pain over recent breaches in privacy, respect, and dignity; brainstorming different ideas to enhance the safety and sanctity of our mikvaot; and Discussing how the mitzvah of mikvah can bring joy and fulfillment to our lives. Free. Sign up at [lss.org/mikvaevent](http://lss.org/mikvaevent)



### El Al Ambassadors visit Stephen Wise Free Synagogue (30 W. 68th St.) • 7pm

As part of a new joint initiative between El Al Israel Airlines, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Stand with Us, and the Israel Foreign Ministry, come and more about their lives in Israel and their experience in the "skies".



### Free Flu Shots • Wednesday, November 5th • 4-6pm • In the lobby



### Annual LSS Hospitality Shabbaton • November 7-8, 2014

OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY. Sign up to be a guest or a host at [lss.org/hospitality](http://lss.org/hospitality)



### Film Screening • Motza'ei Shabbat, November 8th • 8pm

The new LSS film season is beginning! Join us for a showing of two unique Israeli films.

**Ponevezh Time:** What is it really like to be a full-time yeshiva student at the renowned Ponevezh Yeshiva?

**The Dreamers:** Ruchama and Tikva, two charedi women, embark on a journey to fulfill their dream of making movies. Rabbi Robinson will facilitate a discussion following the movies. The cost \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. Sign up at [lss.org/film](http://lss.org/film)



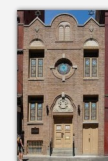
### Fall Clothing Drive • Sunday, November 9th • In the LSS Lobby • 10-1pm

We will be collecting gently-used clothing in clean and whole condition (no baby clothing please) that will be distributed for elderly, sheltered homeless. Volunteers are needed.



### 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

- **Welcome to those who are attending the Beginners Luncheon.**
- **THIS Monday, November 3rd, 8:15-9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.
- 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 **6 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.**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** and **One Day Review (only 1 session)** will begin **THIS Monday, November 3rd, 2014 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will begin **NEXT Monday, November 10th, 2014 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 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 3rd, 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: Transition prayers – connecting with G-d upon awakening, going to sleep and on the road.**



## **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 LECH LECHA**

**By: Rabbi Charlie Savenor**

### **"Crossing Over and Jumping In": Parashat Lech Lecha**

One of the bumps in Abraham and Sarah's journey to the Land of Israel is the war between the kings, during which Lot, their nephew, is captured. Upon hearing the news, Abraham immediately springs into action to save him.

In the context of this biblical battle Abraham is referred to as "Ha-Ivri," which we understand as "The Hebrew". Since this is a regional conflict, it makes sense that Abraham's allegiances be identified. However, this moniker is complicated because "Ha-Ivri" literally means "one who crosses over." Our traditional commentators believe that he got this name because he crossed over the Euphrates River to reach the Land of Israel.

According to the Midrash, this name is not about Abraham's origins, but rather his place in the world. The rabbis teach that the whole world stands on one side, and Abraham and Sarah on the other. This is true not just in their acceptance of only one God, but also their commitment to justice, peace and action.

I believe that Abraham's dramatic response to the news of Lot's predicament teaches us another aspect of what it means to be an "Ivri." Embedded in our spiritual DNA is the inclination to cross over from passive spectators to history to proactive shapers of the future. To be an "Ivri" connotes the willingness to jump in when we can make a difference.

Another biblical figure who identifies himself as an Ivri is Jonah. This puzzling prophet receives his calling, and, instead of leaving for Nineveh, flees to the Jaffa seaport and catches the first boat out of town.

Only hours after setting sail away from Nineveh, God creates a storm to stop the boat. This storm is so horrible that every passenger on the boat prays to their God for help, except Jonah. In order to attribute responsibility for the storm, they draw lots. No surprise to us, Jonah draws the short straw.

After explaining that he is running away from God, he assures them that he knows how to quiet the sea. He tells them: "Pick me up and throw me overboard." One can read this directive as Jonah's desire not just to escape from his responsibility of going to Nineveh, but also his yearning to leave this world entirely.

While suicide appears to be one plausible explanation for his desire to be thrown overboard, I believe that there is a clue that Jonah's actions communicate other intentions.

With the ship in danger, the crew and other passengers turn to Jonah and ask him, "What do you do? Who are your people?" "*Ivri Anochi*," Jonah replies, "I am a Hebrew." I am a Jew.

Witnessing first-hand a boat being battered by the sea and countless lives at stake, Jonah's description of himself sets off a flare gun in his heart, mind and soul. At that very moment, Jonah realizes he can save these people.

Through this lens, we might understand his words as not "Throw me overboard," but rather "Help me jump in." Jonah knew what needed to be done to save a ship full of people, so he embraced the opportunity to make a difference.

With many challenges facing the world today, Abraham and Jonah remind us that we have a responsibility to act because "Ivri Anochi," we are Jews. The world needs our help, so now is the time to jump in.