



ECHOD

28 KISLEV 5775 • DECEMBER 19-20, 2014 • PARSHAT MIKETZ
 SHABBAT MEVARCHIM • SHABBAT CHANUKAH
 MENORAH LIGHTING: 4:11PM • SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:13PM

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

Friday Evening

- 4:11pm:** Chanukah Candle Lighting
4:13pm: Shabbat Candle Lighting
4:20pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**.

Shabbat Morning

- 7:40am:** 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: *Sheasa Nissim Lavoteinu*
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Post-musaf Drasha by **Eric Goldstein**, *CEO of the UJA: "A 21st Century Kehilla."*
9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (lower level)
9:33am: Latest Shema
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

- 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 **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *"I'm on the outside/ I'm lookin' in": Thoughts on the Academic Study of Torah*
4:05pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
5:14pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends/ Light Chanukah Candles

Welcome to the Newest Members of Our LSS community

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Harriet Laveman
 Drs. Leah Gruss and Joel Spielman



Welcome to our Guest Speaker, **Mr. Eric Goldstein**. Long active in the Jewish community, Mr. Goldstein served in a number of senior lay positions within UJA-Federation including vice chair with broad oversight of UJA-Federation's work in Israel and the former Soviet Union, Executive Committee member, and chair of its Lawyers Division, Commission on Jewish Identity and Renewal, and Global Strategy Task Force. He currently serves as the CEO of the UJA. He will address the congregation after musaf on "A 21st Century Kehillah."

Mazal Tov to our Members

- Mazal Tov **Aaron and Jenna Harris** on the birth of a baby girl, **Anna Ray**.
- Mazal Tov to **Labrini and Jeff Goldgrab** on the birth of a baby girl, **Nefeli Emily**.
- Mazal tov to **Freddy and Rocky Kohn** on the engagement of their daughter **Miri** to **Dovid Pressman**.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokolow** on the publication of his new book *Tanakh, An Owner's Manual*. The book also includes an afterword by **Rabbi Hayyim Angel**. A recent review of the book by the Jewish Press is available in the lobby.

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, Dec 21st- Friday, Dec 26th Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun - Thurs at 4:20pm Late Ma'ariv Mon – Wed: 8:15pm

Sunday	Mon, Tues, and Wed	Thurs*	Fri
Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:40am	Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am

*The shul office will close at 1pm on Thursday, December 25th for staff training

See page 3 for Menorah Lighting Times

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



The molad for Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Sunday night 31 minutes after 10 PM. Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Monday and Tuesday.

Welcome to all those who are attending the Chanukah Dinner and Music Festival Motza'ei Shabbat.
The Chanukah dinner is sold out, however tickets to the concert will be available for purchase at the door.

Upcoming Events - lss.org/events

- **Asara B'Tevet Food Drive • Thursday, January 1st • Between 7am-5pm**

Collecting Between Shacharit and Mincha in the entrance hall. Use the money you save on not eating meals to help the hungry: Jewish homeless at Project ORE and all hungry at our local food pantry.

- **Film Screening: Hamorah Irena • Motza'ei Shabbat, January 3rd • 8:00pm**

In the toughest neighborhood in Jerusalem, where children quickly learn not to expect too much—stands one uncompromising third-grade Russian teacher. With rare empathy, determination and occasionally controversial teaching methods, *Hamorah Irena* refuses to let her students give up on themselves. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.



Sign up in advance for our events at lss.org/events

Weekly Learning Opportunities

MONDAY

- [Kaddish Class](#) with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 8:30pm

TUESDAY

- [Parsha Class w/ Rabbi Shaul Robinson](#) • 10:30am
- [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
Facilitated by Ron Platzer
- [Special Chanukah Shiur w/ Rabbi Ben Elton](#) • 8:30pm
Candle lighting and refreshments followed by shiur by Rabbi Ben Elton: *Publicizing the Miracle of Chanukah: Unique Dimensions.*



At the home of Esther and Adir Greenfeld:
100 Riverside Blvd.

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'Iyun: The Second Book of Shmuel](#) • 7:15pm
w/ Rabbi Hayyim Angel

The cost is \$20 per class. Co-sponsored by The Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals (JewishIdeas.org). Sign up at lss.org/RabbiAngel

THURSDAY

- [Parsha Class](#) with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 7:00pm
(NO CLASS THIS WEEK 12/25 OR NEXT WEEK 1/1)

Beginners Announcements

- **THIS Monday, December 22nd, 7:00 pm, Beginners Annual Chanukah Bash.** Live music by Rabbi Elly Krinsky. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Sorry, no phone reservations.
- Save the date! New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, January 5th, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date!** Register now for **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald (Begins **Tuesday, January 27th, 2015 6:30-8:00pm**). An in-depth study and analysis 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. To register, please call **212-874-6100** or register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- **Save the date! One Day Review (only 1 session)** will be held **Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 1 class lasts 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date!** New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will begin **Monday, February 9th, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Chanukah Candle Lighting Times



Night 5 - Saturday, Dec. 20th

Light Menorah after 5:12pm

Night 6 - Sunday, Dec. 21st

Light Menorah after 5:03pm

Night 7 - Monday, Dec. 22nd

Light Menorah after 5:04pm

Night 8 - Tuesday, Dec. 23rd

Light Menorah after 5:04pm

Happy Chanukah
from the clergy
and staff at LSS



ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

KI MI'TZION TETZE TORAH

In last week's Israel Corner we introduced the Beit Morasha in Jerusalem (BMJ) organization and the **IDF Chanukah Study Kit** written for commanders to educate soldiers under their command about the meaning of the holiday. The purpose of the study guides is to strengthen the Jewish and Zionist identity of the soldiers, increase awareness of their Jewish values and heighten their motivation for meaningful military service. To read more about BMJ and to read the entire Chanukah Kit, please visit <http://www.lss.org/beitmorasha>

Here is an excerpt from the Chanukah Kit which described the civil war aspect of the conflict that Rabbi Robinson discussed last Shabbat.

Alexander the Great of Macedonia conquered the Land of Israel from the Persians in the year 332 b.c.e. After his death, his empire was divided into the Seleucid Empire (based in Syria) ruling over the northern portion of the Middle East, and the Ptolemaic Empire (based in Egypt) ruling over the southern portion, including Israel. The Ptolemies were tolerant of the Jews, giving them cultural, religious, and national autonomy. But in the year 200 b.c.e., Israel passed into the hands of the Seleucids under the rule of Antiochus III, father of Antiochus IV who fought the Hasmoneans.

The Seleucids attached great importance to promoting Hellenistic culture in their realm. Within a short time Hellenistic influence even infiltrated into the priestly families in Jerusalem. Political and cultural friction between Hellenistic Jews and more traditional Jews was inevitable. Decrees against traditional Jewish practices were made and, as a result of this, a war broke out to remove the yoke of foreign government from the Jewish nation.

One must remember that the confrontation was not only between the Hasmoneans and the Seleucid Hellenistic rulers but also against the Hellenistic ruling classes and priestly classes of Jerusalem. But the majority of the people, and especially those from rural areas (such as, for example, the Hasmoneans), were opposed to and fought against the adoption of the foreign culture's customs.

Points to Ponder and Discuss as you get together with family and friends to celebrate the holiday:

- National sovereignty then and now - The Hasmonean Dynasty held sway for approximately one hundred years. What lessons can we apply to Jewish sovereignty in Israel today?
- Cross-cultural relations - The influence of Hellenism and anti-Hellenism in the past vs. the cross-cultural influences of the present.
- From the story of military victory to the tradition of miracle and symbolism – As a consequence of the tragedy of the Bar Kochba Rebellion that failed (in 132 c.e.) and the destruction of the Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel, the memory of the initial, short-lived Hasmonean victory was replaced by the memory of the Divine victory of a miracle. What are the implications in how we celebrate the holiday today? What might be some lessons from the short-lived Hasmonean Dynasty that could be applied to the current situation in Israel?

Hag Sameach!

This Week's Shabbat Echod is Sponsored by:

Bernie Zweig

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Hope this note finds you well. I want to share some personal exciting news with you.

As a way of celebrating my 65th birthday I will be running the Jerusalem Marathon along with all my children, Elli, Josh, & Gabi. The goal is to improve my health so that I hopefully will enjoy my family, friends, community, and provide service to my clients for a long time.

I'm also taking this opportunity to raise money for a worthwhile organization: SHALVA - The Association for Mentally & Physically Challenged Children in Israel. I have a goal of reaching \$10,000 of sponsorship by December 31st. I invite you to sponsor us and contribute to this cause in this season of giving and gifting and especially as all donations are 100% tax deductible. When training in freezing weather or running through a pain of a stitch, it is the people that are rooting for me that keep me going.

I wish you could see the work SHALVA does, the organization provides a loving and goal-oriented environment where children with special needs from birth through young-adulthood develop skills required for a better life. Children are admitted to the program on a first-come-first serve basis regardless of ethnicity, religion, or financial status. All SHALVA programs and therapies are provided completely free of charge!

You can sponsor us in two ways: Either visit my personal profile page at http://www.run4shalva.org/en/school_profile.php?id=124 and donate via credit card; or mail a check to me payable to SHALVA at 303 West 66th Street Apt 1EW New York, NY 10023.

Thank you in advance for rooting for us and if inclined contributing to Shalva. I look forward to sharing my progress with you! And have a Happy Chanukah.



Sincerely,

Bernie Zweig

PS: to learn more about SHALVA and their incredible work, please visit their website at www.shalva.org.

In case of a bereavement,
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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 MIKETZ

By: Jesse Cogan

Imagine twelve years in a dungeon populated only by vermin, their droppings and your yetzer harah, who sits on your shoulder and badgers.

"You're still davening Yosef? There's no God down here." Yosef knew this voice. It had been with him since he was born.

A yetzer HoRah is not someone you talk to. In fact, it's not a someone at all. We tend to personify this evil fellow, using aggressive, military terms like eradicate, conquer, and obliterate and images of fire shooting from his nostrils or fangs ready to draw blood. The Yetzer Harah, however, isn't a boogymen. He is an inclination.

Eradicating and strengthening inclinations is a lifetime pursuit. It works because there are good inclinations, too. Like a graphic artist controlling the nuances of color, searching for the perfect shade of gray, people can add black or take away white at will; either way you get a new shade of gray.

The mix you create between good and evil is also in your control. Fight evil with mitzvot. Stop robbing banks and boost your Yetzer Hatov. The shades of gray that emerge, ultimately reveal your character and personality.

Yosef started his unexpected voyage to Egypt with a dark gray inclination to jealousy, a vain streak, and a condescending personality. His new dungeon lifestyle offered no mirror to his vanity, no way to incite his brothers' jealousy and no father to lead the way.

Yosef began working on his own personal mix, adding white to his troublesome areas, and taking out black from others. Grays became lighter and lighter and his closeness to God stronger.

On emerging from the dungeon, he continued what he started. He added white to the gray of temptation refusing to give in to Mrs. Potifar's dark gray seduction. When he first met his brothers, he whitened his inclination to hurt and anger. He darkened the gray of deception when he put his goblet in Benjamin's luggage.

Since you can control your mix, you can control your inclinations. If your inclination is to eat too much, go to Weight Watchers. If your relationship with alcohol is getting dangerous, try AA. Hurting your family by learning too much, pick a sugya, a topic, to learn at home.

Yosef's mix, so pure and wise, earned him the title "Yosef HaTzadik. As a tzadik, however, he knew he wasn't in control at all. There is only One in control and He controls a lot more than inclinations. He controls everything.