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25 ELUL 5774 • PARSHAT NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH
SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2014 • CANDLE LIGHTING: 6:41PM

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Join us tonight- Motza'ei Shabbat, Saturday, September 20th- for Selichot Services!

****See the Selichot schedule below the Shabbat Schedule**

Friday Evening

- 6:41pm:** Candle Lighting
6:45pm: 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 on *Kaddish*
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)
9:44am: 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 front of LSS. New volunteers are needed. *See details in blurb*
4:55pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
5:25pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "So I Dub Thee Unforgiven?": The *Selicha u'Mechila* Paradox
5:25pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
6:25pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
7:40pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

**Selichot Services

- 10:00pm:** Introduction by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** followed by Selichot led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
11:15pm: Selichot Shiur with **Rabbi Dov Linzer**, Rosh HaYeshiva, Yeshivat Chovevei Torah: *Tekiat Shofar: Who's Listening?*
12:15am: Rambam Hilchot Teshuva, with **Rabbi Ben Elton**
1:00am: Selichot led by **Ruvan Cohen** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Security Notice

For Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur: Backpacks and large bags are discouraged. All bags are subject to search. Please enter and exit the shul only through the main entrance, never through the North exit near the front of the main women's section.

Emergency exits are only for emergencies. Have a safe Yom Tov.

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Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Fund.

Beginners Service Kiddush

Sponsored anonymously in loving memory of **Shmuel Shoshani z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Deina Shapiro** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, **William Shapiro, z"l**.

Co-Sponsored by **Libby Peppersberg** in loving memory of her mother **Bertha Peppersberg, a"n**, on the occasion of her 18th yahrzeit.

R' Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by the Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan to wish the community a Shana Tova U'metuka.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Miriam and Alan Axelrod** in memory of Miriam's mother, **Doris Wolinetz, a"n**, whose Yahrzeit will be observed this coming week.

Take Part in the Mitzvah of Bikur Cholim

Every Shabbat, a group of volunteers leave from in front of LSS and head to Roosevelt Hospital to visit the sick. This chesed opportunity is open to all and there is no commitment necessary. If you have not taken part yet, please consider doing so.



Welcome to the Newest Members of our LSS Community

Nir and Barbie Golan
Professor Shaul Hochstein
David Adelsberg and Jocelyn London
Michael Prell
Beatrice Stoller
Cherie Zucker

Wouldn't it be nice if we invited our new members to a Shabbat meal in our homes? If you want to volunteer, drop an email after Shabbat to hospitality@lss.org

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, Sept 21th - Wednesday, Sept 24th

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun - Tues at 6:45pm

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday & Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:00am	Selichot/Shacharit: 6:00am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Selichot/Shacharit: 6:40am	Selichot/Shacharit: 6:45am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Selichot/Shacharit: 7:30am	

Late Ma'ariv/Selichot: 9:30pm (Tue)

See the full Rosh Hashana Tefillah Schedule on additional Flyer

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NEXT SHABBAT - SHABBAT SHUVA

Don't miss the very special Shabbat Shuva drasha,
delivered by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:

"The Shmita Year - Holy People, Holy Land and the Secret of Teshuva"

6:00pm- Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

6:25pm- Shabbat Shuva Drasha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary



High Holidays 2014

Rosh Hashana is less than 1 week away. If you have not yet purchased your High Holiday seats, now is your last chance. Women's Seats in the Main Sanctuary are now completely sold out. We have limited men's seats available in the main sanctuary.

Seats are still available for purchase in the Ballroom, Kollel Minyan, and Beginners Service.

To purchase High Holiday seats, visit

lss.org/HighHolidays2014

See additional flyer for more information.

ROSH HASHANA HOSPITALITY

As you prepare for the Yomim Noraim, we encourage those who have room at their tables to reach out to other members of our congregation who would greatly enjoy an invitation during the holidays.

Extending hospitality to our friends and neighbors can enrich both host and guest and set a wonderful tone for the year ahead. If you would like help in finding another guest, please contact hospitality@lss.org.

Youth Announcements – lss.org/youth

Math Circle is starting up again- Monday nights from 6-8pm in room 208. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Contact hjstein@gmail.com

Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

Pre-k: Room 206 at 10:00am

k-1: Room 207 at 10:00am

2-4 grade girls: Room 208 at 10 am

2-4 grade boys: Room 210 at 10 am

Tweens: Room 211 at 10 am

Youth Breakfast is back @ 8:30am in room 206



In case of a bereavement,
please call our Clergy at 646-
543-7485 (day or night)

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Upcoming Events - lss.org/events

- Museum of Jewish Heritage Visit • Sunday, September 21st • 10:15am**

Join LSS for a tour of the Museum of Jewish Heritage's exhibit, "Against the Odds" led by LSS member, Janice Katz. \$18 for LSS members, \$25 for non members. Meet in the lobby of the museum at 10:15am.



- Upper West Side Pre-High Holidays Chazzan Sing-a-long and Workshop • Monday, September 22 • 8:30pm**

Don't miss this fascinating and inspiring pre High Holy Days class in the LSS main sanctuary given by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer, Cantor Berson of the Jewish Center and Cantor Zevi Muller of WSIS. The class will include a discussion about the prayers and music of the High Holy Days as well as a presentation/singing of some High Holy Days melodies.

- Pre-Yomim Tovim Shiur with Manhattan Yoetzet Halakha, Lisa Septimus • Tuesday, September 30 • 7pm**

The event will be held at Congregation Shearith Israel, The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, 70th St. (at Central Park West).

- SELF PORTRAIT- After school Program for Girls • Sunday, October 26 • 11am-12:30pm**

SELF PORTRAIT is an after school workshop at LSS that helps your child develop a strong sense of self, build positive self image and enhance self-esteem. Through the art of photography, children will explore their world and see themselves in it.



SUKKOT

- Luluv and Etrog Sale • Monday, October 6 • 6:45pm-8:45pm • In the Entrance Hall Lobby**

Come buy a beautiful Etrog and Lulav set at the shul as West Side Judaica sets up shop for the evening in the first floor lobby. No registration is necessary. 15% of all proceeds will go to support LSS.



- Sukkot meals are now available for purchase. Visit lss.org/sukkotmeals to reserve your Sukkot meals.**

Sukkot meals will be available for purchase on the following days:

Dinner

Wed, 10/8 (1st night of Sukkot)
Thurs, 10/9 (2nd night of Sukkot)
And Fri, 10/10 (Shabbat Chol Hamoed)

Lunch

Thur, 10/9 (1st day of Sukkot)
Fri, 10/10 (2nd day of Sukkot)
And Shabbat Day, 10/11 (Shabbat Chol Hamoed)

DINNER PRICING:	Catered	Bring Your own
Member	Adult: \$60	\$7
	Child: \$45	
Non-Member	Adult: \$65	\$10
	Child: \$52	

LUNCH PRICING:	Catered	Bring Your Own
Member	Adult: \$54	\$7
	Child: \$40	
Non-Member	Adult: \$59	\$10
	Child: \$46	

Stay tuned for Chol Hamoed Programs including Rabbi Ben Elton's Book Launch, Youth Sukkah decorating, and more!

ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

SOUTHERN ISRAEL MISSION

The Israel Committee is evaluating proposals from a number of different organizations that have experience running missions to Israel. We are seeking a program that will meet our members' interests, at the best possible rate. Here is the still *tentative* program of the mission:

The **Core Mission**, which will be led by Rabbi Robinson, will fly out **Motzei Shabbat, November 22**. Most of the time will be spent in the South of Israel. Activities were selected to reflect the preferences of our shul members as expressed in a recent survey:

- Visit an IDF base and engage in a discussion with hayalim on the challenges of ethical warfare
- Visit soldiers receiving medical & rehabilitation treatment
- Visit residents and leaders of communities in the hard-hit South of Israel
- Hear from high ranking government officials, hopefully including MK's
- Meet Jewish "cowboys" who protect *moshavim* and *kibbutzim* from would-be Arab rustlers

The Core Mission will end Thursday night (11/27) at which point some participants may choose to fly back to the States. Others may opt for a **Shabbat extension** in Jerusalem (11/28-11/29) and for **optional excursions** (11/30-12/1) to interesting cultural, religious and business destinations that are off the beaten tourist path. Much more information coming up soon!

TODAH RABBAH FROM THE ISRAELI VENDORS AT LAST WEEK'S FAIR

"There are not enough words to say how good it makes me feel knowing that people from the other side of the globe care about us so much."

"Thank you for bringing us into your community and help us survive a very hard financial summer! Please know that this trip made a big difference. We hope to see again really soon, but this time in Israel!"

"Our trip helped not only economically, but also emotionally. We felt the love of the community."

Beginners Announcements

- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, September 22nd, 2014** at **6:30pm**, and continue for **3 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1½ hours and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **High Holiday Beginners Services** at **Lincoln Square Synagogue**, in the **Beit Midrash (2nd Floor)**. Tickets for LSS members \$75; non-members \$125. For reservations, call 212-874-6100 or visit www.lss.org/beginners. **Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday Sept. 24**, 6:40 pm; **Thursday and Friday, Sept. 25 & 26**, 9:00 am; **Thursday, Sept. 25**, 6:35 pm; **Friday, Sept. 26**, 6:35 pm. **Yom Kippur: Friday, Oct. 3**, 6:20 pm; **Saturday, Oct. 4**, 9:00 am. **No one will be turned away due to lack of funds. CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED, AGES TODDLER-6TH GRADE.**
- We are happy to announce that, once again, the **Louis Lazar Memorial Fund** is sponsoring the **50% off campaign** for **Beginners**. **Mezuzot: \$18**, **Tefillin: \$270**, **Jewish books: 50% off**, **\$200 worth of books for \$100**. Expires **10/20/2014**. To place an order, please email Jessica at jessica@njop.org.
- **Beginners Sukkah Party** at **Ramaz Middle School, 114 East 85th Street: Tuesday, October 14th, 7pm**. Featuring words of inspiration from Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, Rabbi Elie Weinstock and Rabbi Daniel Kraus. \$38 per person, \$70 per couple. Register online at www.ckj.or/pay or 212-774-5678.
- Register now for **Introduction to Bible**, with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald (Begins **Tuesday, October 21st, 6:30-8:00pm**). This course 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. **Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members.**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet this **Monday, September 22nd, 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 or www.lss.org. **Topic: Rosh Hashana Customs.**

Weekly Learning Opportunities – lss.org/classes

SUNDAY

- [Midrash on the upcoming Parsha](#) • 9:15am
w/ **Rabbi Ben Elton**

MONDAY

- [The Jewish Living Workshop](#) • 7:30-8:30pm.
See outside flyer for more details

TUESDAY

- [Parsha Class w/ Rabbi Shaul Robinson](#) • 10:30 am
- [Tuesday Beit Midrash Night](#) • 7:35-9:15pm
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
- The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai
Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky

Special Elul Intensive Classes

Mondays-

Movies and Midrash with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
Films on the themes of the High Holidays followed by a shiur exploring and expanding on the issues they raise.

(The films come from The Ma'aleh School of Television, Film & the Arts in Jerusalem.)

*The final two class will be meeting on **Monday, Sept. 22** and **Monday, Sept. 29th**.*

Tuesdays-

Kaddish Class with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.
Saying Kaddish for eleven months after a passing is one of the most powerful experiences of mourning. Join us to learn and share
The class will **NOT** be meeting next Tuesday. The final class will be held on **Tuesday, September 30th**.

PROTEST THE MET'S PERFORMANCE OF ANTISEMITIC OPERA

Join the Rally on Monday, September 22nd, at 4:45 pm at Lincoln Center to protest the Metropolitan Opera's refusal to cancel its scheduled performance of "The Death of Klinghoffer", an opera that has been widely denounced as justifying the Palestinian terrorists who hijacked the Achille Lauro cruise ship in 1985 and brutally murdered disabled veteran Leon Klinghoffer.



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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Bombing of AMIA, 1994



Memorial at the blast site to the 29 victims of the Israel Embassy bombing, 1992.¹

I want to share with you some of my experiences in Buenos Aires this past winter, when I was introduced to a little known example of *teshuva*, and not at all from a Jewish source. It is particularly appropriate for this week's *parasha*, *Nitzavim*, and for this time of the year, as we approach the *yamim nora'im*. Both ask us to focus our minds and hearts on choosing good over evil and life over death.

We all (those of us of a certain age that is) remember the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, and the 1992 bombing of the Israel embassy that preceded it.² Of course our local guide took us to both bombing sites, somber visits indeed. She also took us to the Metropolitan Cathedral, the equivalent of the National Cathedral in Washington DC. We were a polite audience. No one questioned its appropriateness for a group of Orthodox Jewish tourists. We assumed the place was significant, probably to her, certainly to the heavily Catholic Argentine people, and so we trooped along.

Our arrival at the cathedral was timed to coincide with the colorful changing of the guard, confirming that this is indeed an important place to the locals. In fact the guard is for the mausoleum of General Jose de San Martin, the hero of Argentine independence from Spain. It's the first thing you see as you enter, on the right.

The cathedral interior is massive. Our guide gave us time for a quick look from the rear before steering us to the left, away from the central nave. She led us slowly down this side aisle and almost immediately

¹ There are 22 trees and seven benches that invite rest and meditation. On one wall is a plaque with each victim's name, and on the other the official name of the site, Plaza Embajada de Israel.

² With 85 dead and hundreds wounded, the AMIA bombing was the worst terrorist act in Argentine history. Both bombings were proclaimed by an Argentinian prosecutor to be Iranian acts of terror and the Argentinian government is widely believed to be complicit in both.

stopped at a modest chapel, a niche off the aisle. Looking up, amazingly, there was a collection of papers on the wall, all in Hebrew, a montage suspended between two pieces of glass. The papers, she told us, were rescued from several Shoah sites, and from the rubble of the AMIA and Israel embassy bombings. The display was put up in 1997 in this prominent part of the church, not far from the entrance, at the bidding of the then Archbishop Antonio Quarracino, the predecessor of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis I. The montage and the chapel were intended to serve as a memorial for the Jewish community and to the Shoah, an expression of regret for Christian and world anti-Semitism. Modest in execution but powerful in effect, it includes such things as a Hebrew song sheet, the *sha'ar blatt* of a small but old *gemara*, a fragment of a child's printed *megillah*, and more.¹³ The four corners of the glass are etched with familiar Jewish symbols: a *menorah*, a *magen david*, etc. The montage cannot be mistaken for anything but a Jewish exhibit, even to those who don't recognize the Hebrew.

The Argentinians claim that this is the only memorial of its kind located within a church. In fact it is not (there is another in Berlin) but as an act of public contrition it ranks among the most moving. However, there was one more act of *teshuva* to witness, even more powerful than the exhibit. On the floor inside this "Jewish" chapel is a white marble memorial paving stone that says *Antonio Quarracino, 1923 – 1998*. It was Quarracino's request to be buried in the crypt under this spot, eternalizing his message of responsibility and remorse in an intensely personal way.

Being raised in a home of shoah survivors creates a wariness that is almost a reflex. Touched as I was by Quarracino's acts of *teshuva*, I couldn't shake a measure of distrust and skepticism. "*Really?*" and "*What difference does one gesture make when anti-Semitism still rears its ugly head around the world?*" But I was wrong. Change does not have to happen in large dramatic swoops; sometimes it comes one person, one small step, at a time. It can be brought by people who don't despair at being a voice in the wilderness, people who feel the imperative to fight evil, impractical as it may be.

Before the first anniversary of the memorial's unveiling, as it turned out shortly before his death, Quarracino wrote: "It will soon be a year since the unveiling of this worthy memorial inside the Cathedral, to which I have invited all Jews to cover their heads if they so wish. The place of the memorial will be close to the resting place that I long for inside the Cathedral, to keep pleading for brotherhood as I have done all my life." In him I see a man sharing our own imperative to be an *ohr lagoyim*, knowing that a better future will be only realized when all people work toward good in the world that we share.

¹³ I'm no expert but the papers that I looked at did not seem to be *shaymot*. It would appear that someone was advising well.