



ECHOD

30 TISHREI - 1 CHESHVAN 5775 • OCTOBER 24-25, 2014
PARSHAT NOACH • ROSH CHODESH • CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:45PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi

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Lloyd Epstein
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Friday Evening

5:45pm: Candle Lighting

5:50pm: 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 **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**

8:30am: *Insights into Tefilla* with **Rabbi Ben Elton** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
This week: *Responses to the Priestly Blessing*

9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin** and **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 Josh Rosenfeld**

9:57am: Latest Shema

Shabbat Afternoon

The Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society will not be meeting this week, but will resume next week.

4:05pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

4:35pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *Did Noah and His Ark Actually Exist?: The Limits of Allegory & Metaphor* in Sefer Bereishit

4:35pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211

5:35pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

6:44pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Sunday, Oct 26th - Friday, Oct 31st

Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Sun - Thurs at 5:45pm**

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 **Paulette and David Meyer** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Jack**. Mazal tov also to sister **Rachel** and brother **Robby Charnoff**.

Thank you to our Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Miryam and Amos Alter**, in honor of their new granddaughter, **Mindy Alter**, daughter of their children **Avraham and Tammy Alter**.

Beginners Service Kiddush

Sponsored by **Joshua Slepian** in honor of **Rabbi Buchwald**

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Lu and Michael Schulder** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Michael's father **Paul Schulder, z"l**; by **Michelle and Eli Salig** in commemoration of Yahrtzeit of Eli's father **Julius Salig, z"l**; by **Hannah and Paul Freilich** in commemoration of the Yahrtzeit of Hannah's father **Max Holmes, z"l**, and by **Michael Laufer and Miriam Morgenstern** in commemoration of yahrtzeit of Miriam's father **Rabbi Saul Morgenstern, z"l**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Lois Gottesman** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved mother **Rosalie Gottesman, a"h**.

Upcoming Events - lss.org/events

- Freedom Place Commemoration • Sunday, October 26th • 2pm**
LSS hosts a 50th anniversary commemoration of the murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michale Schwerner, an African-American and two Jews killed in Mississippi in fighting for black voting rights. Freedom Place, a street in our area, is named in their memory. A film about the events will be followed by distinguished speakers, including Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner siblings.
- Book Talk by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin • Thursday, October 30th • 7:30pm**
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin will give a talk titled "Anything Worth Doing is Worth Doing Now: Lessons from the Lubavitcher Rebbe" He is the Author of the NYTimes bestseller: Rebbe: The Life and Teachings of Menachem Mendel Schennerson, the Most Influential rabbi in Modern History. He will be interviewed by Gary Rosnblatt, editor and publisher of The Jewish Week. **LSS Members can sign up on our website for \$20.**
- 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
- Fall Clothing Drive • Sunday, November 9th • In the LSS Lobby • 10-1pm**
We will be collected gently-used clothing in clean and whole condition (no baby clothing please) that will be distributed for Elderly, Sheltered Homeless.
- 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 haredi women, embark on a journey to fulfill their dream of making movies. \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door
- Fall Clothing Drive • Sunday, November 9th • 10am-1pm**
Collecting clean clothing for elderly, sheltered homeless.

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: Oct. 27, & 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** • 6:30-8:30pm
- **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: Sacrifices

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 8 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).
Sign up at lss.org/RabbiAngel

THURSDAY

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

For full class descriptions, visit lss.org/classes

ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

WHY IS THIS MISSION DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER MISSIONS?

After a slow start, no doubt because of all the *haggim*, registration for the Solidarity Mission has started to pick up. For those of you still trying to decide, here are some reasons to register, as well as answer to the FAQ's that we have received:

- "Why should I go now? Isn't the war over?" The war is indeed over, but the emotional and economic pain that it caused lingers, especially in the hard-hit South. Every night that you will stay at the hotel in Ashkelon, every meal that you eat in the Southern villages will help the local economy. And, simply seeing the members of the mission walk the streets of Sderot will remind those residents that they have not been forgotten and that all Jews are indeed responsible for one another.
- Rabbi Robinson will personally lead the trip. Expect erudite commentary and understated British humor. Fair warning: If we see a tank, Rabbi Robinson is likely to climb on it.
- "Do I need to fly out with the group on Motzei Shabbat, 11/22?" Not at all. You are welcome to fly out a few days early and meet the mission in Israel. The only thing that is required is that you be in the lobby of the Renaissance Hotel in Tel Aviv on Monday morning (11/24), ready to board the mission's bus and head south.
- We offer what you asked for! The Israel Action Committee has worked very hard to come up with a mission that reflects the interests of our shul members. The itinerary was selected to reflect the input that we received when we conducted a survey of the membership earlier this year. We negotiated with four different organizations before selecting the one that we felt provided the best value.
- There will be no solicitation of funds whatsoever! The price of the mission includes donations that will be made to the various institutions to be visited.
- "I've been to Israel many times before. Why do I need to go?" We could tell you that you will provide *hizuk* (strength) to the residents of the Southern communities that you will meet. And this would be true. The bigger truth, though, is that you will be even more strengthened by the ordinary people that you will meet. *Chazak, chazak, v'nithazek*.

The deadline for registration is **October 29th**. After that date, registration depends on the availability of rooms in the hotels where we will be staying. In the meantime, please 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.

For complete information about the trip, including itinerary, hotels, and prices please visit 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 In shul, please speak with either Ann Crane or Nathan Vogel

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

This Week's Shabbat Echod is sponsored by:

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Youth Announcements

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

SELFPORTRAIT

Sunday, October 26, 11am-12:30pm

SELFPORTRAIT 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.



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



Join our community. Go to lss.org/join

Beginners Announcements

- 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 **7 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. **Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members.**
- Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **NEXT Shabbat, November 1st, 2014**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **THIS Thursday, October 30th**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call **212-874-6100**.
- Save the date! NEXT Monday, November 3rd, 8:15-9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** and **One Day Review (only 1 session)** will begin **NEXT 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.
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will begin **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.
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **Monday, October 27th, 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: Putting up a Mezuzah.**

In case of a bereavement,
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543-7485 (day or night)

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Insights into the weekly Parsha and other matters at the heart of the LSS community

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PARSHAT NOACH • ROSH CHODESH

By: Rabbi Ben Elton

The Torah calls Noach 'ish tsadik tamim haya bedorotav' – a perfect tsadik in his generations. Rashi brings two interpretations. The Tanhuma says that the pasuk implies that even in the degenerate times in which Noach lived, he was able to be tsaddik. However, had he lived in a better age he would have been even greater. Bereshit Rabba has a different reading. In the generation of the flood Noach was considered a tsaddik, but in Avraham's generation he would not have been thought anything special. These midrashim are sometimes thought to contradict each other. In fact, they largely agree. Noach was righteous, but he was not the greatest tsaddik.

Why do both Midrashim stress that Noach was somehow lacking? I suggest that the Midrash is trying to explain the events after the flood. When Noach came off the ark, he planted a vineyard, became drunk and was disgraced. This seems like a very different Noach than the one we got to know at the beginning of the parsha. In the first part of Noach's life he was obedient, conscientious, Godly, but after he left the ark he became animalistic. The first fruit he planted on the newly dry earth was grapes, so he could indulge in alcohol.

The Abarbanel noticed this dramatic shift in Noach's character, and he located the turning point at the moment when God told Noach to leave the ark. God instructed Noach to disembark with his wife, and his sons with their wives, and to repopulate the world. But Noach does not follow the instructions precisely. He left with his sons, and his wife left with his sons' wives.

God was telling Noach to refound the world. To raise more children and establish productive communities. Instead, he remained separate from his wife and rather than establishing farms to produce basic foods to support new communities, he remained isolated, physically and emotionally. Family relations broke down to such an extent that his own son humiliated Noach in his drunkenness.

Noach was a tsadik for the time of the disaster, but he was not a tsadik for the time of rebuilding. When he was told to save himself and his nearest and dearest he complied willingly. He even followed God's instructions to bring on animals. He was dutiful, but he had no spontaneous thought for his fellow men and women who would die in the flood. He could not found the Jewish People, the world had to wait for Avraham.

God gave Noach the long and arduous task of building the ark so that the people around would ask him what he was doing, he would tell them that God was going to bring a flood as a punishment and they should repent. Noach answered their questions, but he was passive, reactive. There is no indication that he went out of his own accord to end the wickedness in his generation and to save the surrounding from its sins.

That is the great contrast with Avraham Avinu. Our model is not Noach's closed ark, lined with tar inside and out, impervious and impregnable, but Avraham's tent, open and inviting. Avraham sat at the entrance to his tent looking for guests. According to the Midrash, he actively went out and sought converts to ethical monotheism. That is why he became the father of the Jewish people.

There is a concept of 'Benei Noach' in Judaism, which asserts that all humanity should recognise and obey God. Interesting, of the seven Noahide Laws, only one – to establish a system of justice – is a positive commandment. The rest of the laws are prohibitions and the seventh merely enforces those restrictions. The calling of the Jewish People, those born as Jews or who choose to become Jews, is more demanding and difficult. Our responsibility is to reach out to others, to be active in promoting justice, ethics and the worship of God. We don't build an ark and float on the surface as humanity drowns beneath the waves. We engage with the people and society around us and try to be 'metakn ha'olam bemalchut Shad-ai', to perfect the world under the sovereignty of God.