



ECHOD

15 & 16 NISSAN 5775 • APRIL 3-5, 2015
PESACH • CANDLE LIGHTING: 7:05PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi
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Senior Cantor
Yanky Lemmer
Cantor
Lloyd Epstein
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PASSOVER SCHEDULE

Friday, April 3rd - Erev Pesach (Taanit Bechorot)

Daf Yomi: 5:45 am

Shacharit: 6:30am and 7:30 am

The first born are invited to complete a Talmudic tractate either after the first minyan or after the second minyan, so that they may eat on what would be a fast day for them.

Last time to Eat Chametz: 10:13 am

Biur Chametz on the LSS terrace: 7:30am-11:24am

Latest time to Burn Chametz: 11:24am

Candle Lighting: 7:05pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:10 pm

Begin Seder after 7:54pm

Shabbat, April 4th - Pesach Day I

Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash: 8:00am

Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: 9:00am

Pre-musaf Drasha by Rabbi Shaul Robinson

The Beginners Service will resume on Shabbat, April 26th.

Youth Groups (K-4th): 10:00am

Mincha: 6:55pm

Followed by Shiur by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow

Ma'ariv/ Begin Seder/Light Candles 8:06pm

Sunday, April 5th - Pesach Day II

*Omer Day 1***

Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash: 8:00am

Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: 9:00am

Pre-musaf Drasha by Rabbi Shaul Robinson

Youth Groups (K-4th): 10:00am

Mincha: 7:15pm

Followed by Shiur by Yoel Epstein

Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends: 8:08pm

Monday, April 6th - Pesach Day III - Chol Hamoed

Omer Day 2

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:00am and 7:40am

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:15pm

Tuesday, April 7th - Pesach Day IV - Chol Hamoed

Omer Day 3

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:00am and 7:40am

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:15 pm

Wednesday, April 8th - Pesach Day V - Chol Hamoed

Omer Day 4

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:00am and 7:40am

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:15pm

Thursday, April 9th - Pesach Day VI - Chol Hamoed

Omer Day 5

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:00am and 7:40am

Candle Lighting: 7:11pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:15pm

Friday, April 10th - Pesach Day VII

Omer Day 6

Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash: 8:00am

Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: 9:00am

Youth Groups (K-4th): 10:00am

Candle Lighting at 7:12pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:20pm

Shabbat, April 11th - Pesach Day VIII- Yizkor

Omer Day 7

Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash: 8:00am

Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: 9:00am

Youth Groups (K-4th): 10:00am

Mincha at 7:05 pm followed by Neilat HaChag

Ma'ariv & Yom Tov ends: 8:15pm

CHAG KASHER VE'SAME'ACH!

****Don't forget to count the Omer after Ma'ariv starting on the second day of Pesach, April 4th**

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Groups Schedule (Yom Tov days)

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. David Altman and Mrs. Leah Kasztl

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We will not have classes during the week of Passover. See below for our ongoing classes that will resume the following week.

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am
(Class resumes April 19th)

TUESDAY

Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

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 **See description in separate box

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

Spring Semester of Nach B'Iyun with Rabbi Hayyim Angel
Begins in April 15h. Sign up at lss.org/rabbiangel

****Adultery. Treachery. Murder. Rebellion. Treason. No, not a new HBO series, but one of the most interesting books in *Nach*, *Il Samuel*. Join our lively verse by verse reading/discussion as we delve into this complex, rich and exciting text.**

Tuesday nights at 7:30 . Facilitated by Ron Platzer

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Yom HaShoah Reading of the Names • Wednesday, April 15th

For the 17th consecutive year, the Upper West Side community will gather to read the names of those among the six million murdered Jews. The reading will begin on Wednesday, April 15 at 10 pm at B'nai Jeshurun 88th Street and continue throughout the night with representatives of Upper West Side congregations and other members of the community. It will resume at 9 am on Thursday, April 16 at the JCC ending with the recitation of the kaddish. Come read or witness by your presence. **This year the LSS slot is 6:00-6:30 AM**

ISRAEL CORNER

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 To read more about the mission, please visit www.lss.org/advocacy If you have any questions about the conference, please see Daniel Feder.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Beginners Service will resume on Shabbat, April 26th.**
- The **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will **NOT** meet on **Mondays, April 6th or April 13th**. The workshop will resume on **Monday, April 20th, 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: **Kosher – Like to keep it but what do I do when I go to non-Kosher relatives/friends?**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, May 2nd, 2015**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, April 30th**. You can register online at www.lss.org/beginners or call **212-874-6100**.
- **Save the date! Monday, May 4th, 2015, 8:15-9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**



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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PESACH

By: Jerry Tov Greenberg

FOUR (MORE) QUESTIONS

This weekend, at a seder near you, the youngest in attendance will enthusiastically recite the Four Questions. It's been many years since that task has fallen to me — truthfully, many years since I've been the youngest anywhere — so let me bend tradition and ask four questions of my own:

On Passover night who is passed over?

What is the reason why is the wrong question? (Hint: What is the reason.)

Can Alzheimer's patients be excused from participating in the seder?

Is it OK to limit our information about Pesach to what we find in the Haggadah?

1st Answer: So, who is passed over on Passover? Were you about to say the first-born of B'nai Yisrael? That wasn't the question. It's not "Who **was** passed over" but rather "Who **is** passed over?" The correct answer is Moshe, who is passed over completely. In the entire Haggadah his name appears not once. Joshua, Pharaoh, Laban, Ben Zoma, there are a cavalcade of cameos, but search all you want, there's no mention of Moshe.

Why is the leader of the Exodus deliberately left out? The prevailing view is that the Haggadah's creators wanted Hashem to be the sole focus and thought Moshe might be a distraction. Still, there are signs. Literally, there are **signs**: "uv'otot." ("And with signs!") Midway through Maggid, just before we spill the first three drops of wine, we arrive at the phrase: "And with signs — this [refers to] the rod. Take this rod in your hand and perform the signs." We can safely infer that the rod is Moshe's, and the instruction to "perform the signs" (Snake Time!) is his, also.

Typical Moshe: he does all the work, and the staff gets the credit.

2nd Answer: Why is why the wrong question? Because words matter, and "Ma nishtana" isn't a "why" question. If it really wanted to ask "why," the Haggadah would have used "lama" or "madua." Instead, it asks "ma," and "ma" is a "what" question: "**What** differentiates this night from all other nights?" It's one single question, immediately followed by four responses. To wit: On this night, 1) we eat only matzoh; 2) we eat only bitter herbs; 3) we dip our food twice; 4) we lean while eating. The Four Questions are actually the Four Answers.

3rd Answer: A few lines after the Four Answers we read that even if we were all wise, enlightened, venerated and well-schooled in Torah, we have a mitzvah to tell the story of Yetziat Mitzrayim. Obviously the time to tell that story is at the seder, where everyone is welcome. One page later we're introduced to the Four Sons — "one wise, one wayward, one simple, and one who doesn't even know how to ask a question." We're advised to respond to each son according to his temperament. Clearly those with Alzheimer's fall into the category of "one who does not even know how to ask a question." Blessedly they're included too. We all are.

4th Answer: Finally, is it OK to limit our information about Pesach solely to what we find in the Haggadah? Well, the more we explore, the more we discover that as a resource, the Haggadah is in fact limitless. Need validation? It's already in our everyday parlance: Hakol b'seder. Hakol b'seder. **Everything's OK. It's all in the seder!**

Here's wishing that your seder is especially b'seder, and as we say in Kansas City, "Chag Pesach Kosher V'Sameach, y'all!"

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This dvar is dedicated to my father, Allan I Greenberg a"h, who was the acknowledged master of ceremonies for all things seder. He never ceased to amaze us, going through each section verse by verse and often word by word, first in Hebrew, then providing his own spontaneous English translation; asking questions, telling stories, doing special effects at the Red Sea, the whole time looking suspiciously like Charlton Heston. (Truth be told, the two of them were never spotted in the same place at the same time.) It's equally dedicated to my mother, Lillian Sweet Greenberg z"l, who would have laughed heartily at every one of these jokes, even the ones she knew could have used a bit more polishing. Both are missed, and their memories are cherished.