



# ECHOD

1-3 TISHREI 5775 • ROSH HASHANA & SHABBAT SHUVA  
PARSHAT HA'AZINU • SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2014

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## This year, we are hosting 4 Rosh Hashana Services at Lincoln Square Synagogue:

The **Beginners Service** is held in the *Second Floor Belfer Beit Midash*

The **Kollel Minyan** is held on the *Third Floor*

The **Main Sanctuary Service** is held in the *Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary* on the ground level

The **Ballroom Service** is held in the *LSS Ballroom* on the Lower Level (LL1).

*Unless otherwise noted, all services will be held in their respective locations.*

**U**shers are available at each service with a list of Attendees and their respective seat assignments (if applicable.) Feel free to ask the Ushers for help in locating your assigned seats. The Main Sanctuary and Ballroom Services have a seating charts on display outside of the entrances so that you can locate your seats prior to entering. The *Kollel Minyan* and *Beginners Service* do not have assigned seating, however, we only have enough seats available for those who have made a reservation in advance.

We ask that you please refrain from conversation while inside the Service out of respect to the other service attendees and to keep the sanctity of the Holiday. The Clergy and Staff at Lincoln Square Synagogue would like to wish you a happy and healthy 5775.



## שנה טובה ומתוקה ושבת שלום

### Erev Rosh Hashana • Wednesday Evening September 24, 2014

**6:32pm:** Candle Lighting

**6:40pm:** Mincha/Ma'ariv (all services)

### Rosh Hashana • Day 1 Thursday, September 25, 2014

**7:30am:** *Kollel Minyan* Morning Services

**7:45am:** *Main Sanctuary & Ballroom* Morning Services

**9:00am:** *Beginners Service* Morning Services

**5:35pm:** Tashlich (*see box on page 2 for details*)

**6:35pm:** Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

**7:30pm:** Candle Lighting

**7:31pm:** Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

### Rosh Hashana • Day 2 Friday, September 26, 2014

**7:30am:** *Kollel Minyan* Morning Services

**7:45am:** *Main Sanctuary & Ballroom* Morning Services

**9:00am:** *Beginners Service* Morning Services

**6:29pm:** Candle Lighting (Erev Shabbat)

**6:35pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

### Shabbat Morning • September 27, 2014

**7:45am:** Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**

**9:00am:** Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Ben Elton**

**9:15am:** Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in LL201 (Lower Level)

**9:45am:** Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.

**9:46am:** Latest Shema

### Shabbat Afternoon • September 27, 2014

**4:00pm:** Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society Meets in Front of LSS.

**4:50pm:** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

**6:00pm:** Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary

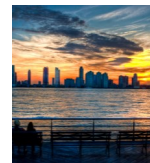
**6:25pm:** Louis Lazar Memorial Shabbat Shuva Drasha By **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary: "The Shmita Year- Holy People, Holy Land and the Secret of Teshuvah."

**7:28pm:** Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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

### Tashlich Details

Shul members will meet to recite tashlich at 5:35pm at the Hudson River edge near 72nd street. Head west down 72nd street towards Riverside Drive, and follow the street to go below the West Side Highway. Follow the path in to Riverside Park behind the Statue of Eleanor Roosevelt, and it will take you to the edge of the river.



**See separate flyer for Children's Programming  
on Rosh Hashana**

### 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.

### Thank You To Our Sponsors

#### Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Fund

#### Beginners Kiddush

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

***There will not be a main Kiddush or a Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat***

#### Louis Lazar Memorial Shabbat Shuva Drasha

Louis Lazar Memorial Shabbat Shuva Drasha is additionally sponsored by **Vivien and Muk Eisenmann** in loving memory of Vivien's mother's 20<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit, **Chana Bat Yosef, a"l**.

### The High Holiday Campaign

The High Holidays are upon us. To make a contribution to the 2014 High Holiday Campaign, visit <http://www.lss.org/hhcampaing2014>

### Book of Remembrance

LSS is once again publishing a Remembrance Book for Yom Kippur in which names of departed friends and relatives may be listed. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, September 30th. To put names in the Book of Remembrance, please visit [lss.org/bookofremembrance](http://lss.org/bookofremembrance)

### Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, Sept 28th - Friday, Oct 3rd Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Mon - Thur at 6:25pm**

| <u>Sunday (Fast of Gedaliah)</u>  | <u>Mon, Tue, Wed, and Thur</u>    | <u>Friday (Erev Yom Kippur)</u>   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fast Begins: <b>5:37am</b>        | Daf Yomi: <b>5:45am</b>           | Daf Yomi: <b>6:15am</b>           |
| Selichot/Shacharit: <b>6:20am</b> | Selichot/Shacharit: <b>6:30am</b> | Selichot/Shacharit: <b>7:00am</b> |
| Daf Yomi: <b>6:45am</b>           | Selichot/Shacharit: <b>7:15am</b> | Selichot/Shacharit: <b>7:35am</b> |
| Selichot/Shacharit: <b>8:00am</b> |                                   | Mincha: <b>1:30pm</b>             |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv: <b>6:15pm</b>     |                                   | Mincha: <b>3:00pm</b>             |
| Fast Concludes: <b>7:15pm</b>     |                                   | Mincha: <b>4:00pm</b>             |

*See Separate Flyer for Yom Kippur Schedule*

### Welcome to the Newest Members of our

#### LSS Community

**Jane Stiefel**

**Coby and Natasha Zekry**

### Mazal Tov

- Mazal Tov to **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer** on the release of his new CD titled "It is Shabbos". More information can be found at [itishabbos.com](http://itishabbos.com)
- Mazal Tov to **Dana Keil** on being awarded a Joshua Venture fellowship for her project, *Room on the Bench*.
- Mazal Tov to **Irv Rotter** on the engagement of his daughter, **Devora** to **Aaron Grant**. Mazal Tov also to sister **Abby Rotter**.

### Weekly Learning Opportunities – lss.org/classes

#### 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
- **Kadish Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 7:30pm

There will be a **Board of Trustees Meeting** on **Monday, September 29, 2014 at 7:30 pm** in the Main Sanctuary followed by a **membership meeting** at **8:45pm**. The purpose of the meeting will to be discuss and vote on a resolution authorizing the shul to take out a \$3.5 million mortgage. A copy of the commitment letter from the bank and the proposed mortgage will be available to be reviewed in the shul office. A proxy form can be downloaded on the Member's only page at [lss.org/members](http://lss.org/members)

This Week's Shabbat Echod is sponsored by:



## Prospective Student Weekend

### November 7-9, 2014

**Registration Deadline: October 30, 2014**  
Reserve your space today. Student housing is limited.

Parents: There will be a program just for you that includes a tour, information sessions, class visits and more.

[www.americanhebrewacademy.org/psw](http://www.americanhebrewacademy.org/psw)

For additional information, contact the Admissions Team:  
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## Do You Know

### Bright, Well-Rounded Jewish 8th and 9th Grade Students?



To nominate a student today, visit our website:  
or contact us at (336) 217-7074

Deadline for nominations is December 19, 2014



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 starting up again- Monday nights from 6-8pm in room 208. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Contact [hjstein@gmail.com](mailto: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- 10 am  
**2-4 grade boys:** Room 210- 10 am  
**Tweens:** Room 211 at 10 am  
**Youth Breakfast is back @ 9:30am in room 206**



See separate flyer for  
Rosh Hashana Children's  
Programming

## Beginners Announcements

- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, September 29th, 2014 at 6:30pm**, and continue for **2 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1½ hours and are free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- High Holiday Beginners Services** will continue on Yom Kippur: **Friday, October 3rd, 6:20 pm**; **Saturday, October 4th, 9:00 am**, 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](http://www.lss.org/beginners). No one will be turned away due to lack of funds. **CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED, 10AM-2PM, AGES 4-6TH GRADE** (children under 5 must have an adult with them).
- Sukkot Shopping: Tuesday, October 7th, 7:00PM**. Meet at **135 Henry Street** to buy lulavim and etrogim at rock-bottom prices!
- 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](http://www.ckj.or/pay) or 212-774-5678.
- 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](mailto:jessica@njop.org).
- 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](http://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 29th, 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: Tisha B'Av, Yom Kippur.

The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund discreetly distributes thousands of dollars to our own community members to defray the costs of Shabbat and Yom Tov meals and clothing. Help yourself and your neighbors by sending your contributions, earmarked for LSTSF to the LSS office. If you are aware of any LSS community member (including yourself) who could benefit from a Shabbat meal, please let us know by contacting the LSS office or by confidential email to [rabbi@lss.org](mailto:rabbi@lss.org).



# 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](http://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. More information is available at [lss.org/Israel](http://lss.org/Israel)

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

- **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.



**Join our community. Go to [lss.org/join](http://lss.org/join)**

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

If you would like to receive the  
Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up  
at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org).

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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

1-3 TISHREI 5775 • ROSH HASHANA & SHABBAT SHUVA

PARSHAT HA'AZINU • SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2014

BY: MARK HUS

This week's Torah portion is *Ha'azinu*. This Shabbat is *Shabbat Shuvah*. It is entirely appropriate for *Ha'azinu* to be read on this very important Shabbat.

The final 16 verses of last week's reading introduce the song that constitutes the first 43 verses of *Ha'azinu*. After the Almighty directs Moshe to take Yehoshua with him to the Tent of Assembly (Witness), He tells Moshe that he will soon join his ancestors at rest and, that after he is gone, the Jewish people will stray from G-d and provoke His wrath. In response and anticipation, Moshe is ordered to transcribe the Song of *Ha'azinu* and teach it to the Children of Israel so that it can serve as evidence of the Almighty's relationship with the Jewish people, (Ch. 31 verse. 19). Moshe complied (verse 22) and then asks that the leaders of the people gather before him so that he can call the heavens and the earth to serve as his witnesses that while he knows that the Sons of Israel will sin and suffer greatly, that G-d will still be with the Jewish people forever.

*Ha'azinu* is, in effect, Moshe's *t'shuvah drasha*, his atonement speech, to the Jewish people. He chastises the Israelites, admonishes them, scolds them and, finally, reminds them how they must try to live their lives. As promised, Moshe begins by calling on the heavens and the earth as his witnesses and praises G-d for His creations and His justice. He urges the Israelites to understand that they have sinned and will sin again but that despite their repeated transgressions, they must always seek to return to the correct path. Moshe explains that with G-d at their side the Israelites can accomplish great things, but without Him they are lost. He reminds them that their accomplishments are those which G-d has allowed them to achieve.

Moshe provides hints as to the three major elements of the *t'shuvah* process. Rosh Hashanah is called *Yom Hazikaron*, the day of remembrance, but what are we expected to remember? The second aliyah of today's parsha begins with the words *Zechor yemot olam, binu shnot dor va'dor* "Remember the days of yore, understand the years of the generations which have gone before you." These words direct us to one set of memories upon which we must focus if we want to better ourselves. We must hearken back to our ancestors and appreciate and understand everything they have given us: the traditions; the teachings; the ethics; the examples they have set; and so much more. We must appreciate the many sacrifices which have been made, by those earlier generations, which allow us to be where we are today.

If these memories are not humbling enough, we must also review our own actions of the past year and weigh them against the standards that G-d has set for us. A careful examination usually reveals to me that I have fallen short of my own expectations for myself, let alone those which God has set for me. When I try to measure myself against the examples which my parents and grandparents provided for me, I am even more motivated to try to better myself.

The next step is a return to G-d, which Moshe alludes to after he has completed the song and says "pay attention to all of the things about which I have testified before you today. . . to ensure that you follow all of the rules of the Torah." (Ch. 32; Verse 46) The ten day period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are called the *Aseret Y'mai T'shuvah*, the ten days of return – not the days of atonement. First we must seek to return to G-d and the Torah's teachings and thereby better ourselves in the face of our shortcomings. Forgiveness/atonement is the final step in the process after we have shown our desire to get closer to G-d.

(Interestingly, there is a similar tripartite progression in the *shemonah esreh* which we say three times each weekday. After the three introductory blessings, we first ask G-d for the ability to comprehend and understand. Next we ask Him to help us to return to His Torah and his righteous ways. Only then, in the sixth blessing, do we seek forgiveness for our actions. Only after we have completed the daily *t'shuvah* process, on a small scale, do we begin to ask G-d to provide us with our physical, material, communal, societal and spiritual needs.)

At the end of the parsha, after he is done admonishing them, Moshe repeats to the Jewish people, what he said before he began the "song," that it is the Torah that will guide them through life and will provide them with the roadmap for their actions and deeds to ensure meaningful and prosperous lives. He is urging future generations of his people to do *t'shuvah* in future whenever they stray from the path of righteousness.

May we all be successful in our efforts to heed his words and be successful in our attempts to do *t'shuvah*. May all our prayers be answered and may we all be blessed with a year of good health, prosperity and peace. **Shabbat shalom and g'mar chatimah tovah.**

# Children's Programming on Rosh Hashana @ LSS

Children's group will take place the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Rosh Hashanah from 10am - 2pm. Please help your children be prepared to stay in groups and maintain a respectful decorum. Also remember to pick up your children on time.

**Toddler/pre-k Room 206:** Programing will consist of stories and play for both days. The first day we will be celebrating the creation of the world with an edible project: decorating rice cakes in earth shape, colored cream cheese and animal crackers as toppings. We will also be having a birthday party, (complete with hats) to celebrate the creation of the world.

On the second day we will be repeating this project. We will also do an apple tasting.

Please note that although we have an adult facilitator in the classroom, **children cannot be left without an adult**. We welcome babysitters to join us for that day, however, do to security concerns, babysitters must be met by parents at the front door.

**K/1<sup>st</sup> grade Room 207:** Programing will consist of stories and play for both days.

The first day we will be celebrating the creation of the world with an edible project: decorating rice cakes in earth shape, colored cream cheese and animal crackers as toppings. This group will also be having a birthday party, (complete with hats) to celebrate the creation of the world.

We will be repeating this, as well as a blind apple tasting. This group will also act out the creation of the world story.

**2-4<sup>th</sup> grade Girls 208 / Boys 210:** This group will start off with some davening, and then the group leaders will facilitate discussions regarding tesuvah and other topics. This group will have structured games, and a blind apple tasting activity.

**5-6<sup>th</sup> grade Room 211:** We expect children this age to daven with their parents or respectfully in the ballroom. At 1:00pm there will be a workshop with a clergy. The first day will be for the girls led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld, and 2nd day will be for the boys led by Rabbi Ben Elton. Any 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader is welcome to help out in the toddler room or pre-k room.