



# ECHOD

21-24 TISHREI 5775 • OCTOBER 15-18, 2014  
SIMCHAT TORAH & PARSHAT BERESHIT

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## Wednesday, October 15th • Hoshana Rabah

5:58pm: Candle Lighting\*

6:00pm: Mincha/Maariv in the Nathaniel Richman  
Cohen Sanctuary

\*An Eruv Tavshlin must be made in order to eat food on Shabbat that was prepared over the Yom Tov. Please note if you forget to make an eruv tavshillin, you are covered under the one that the Rabbi makes. This applies ONLY to people who forget, not who rely on this in advance.

## Thursday, October 16th • Shmini Atzeret

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

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

6:05pm: Mincha in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

6:56pm: Candle Lighting

6:57pm: Ma'ariv and Hakafof in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen  
Sanctuary

## Friday, October 17th • Simchat Torah

7:00am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

8:30am: Services and Hakafof in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen  
Sanctuary

Shiur During Leining with **Rabbi Ben Elton: Bereshit and Belief**

9:00am: Womens Tefillah Group Service in room 206/207  
followed by Hakafof in the Belfer Beit Midrash

1:00pm: **Simchat Torah Kiddush Luncheon** in the Ballroom

5:55pm: Candle Lighting

6:00pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman  
Cohen Sanctuary

## Shabbat, October 18th

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 Main  
Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Ben Elton: The Shabbos App**

**After Services:** Shiur by **Sam Yamshon: Making Ethical Decisions**  
(See Bio in separate box\*\*)

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

9:54am: Latest Shema

4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in front of LSS.  
New volunteers are needed.

4:10pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in  
the Belfer Beit Midrash

4:40pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Ben Elton: Who  
Were the Nephilim?**

4:40pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211

5:40pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

6:54pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## SIMCHAT TORAH

Mazal Tov to our Chattanim and Atarot

Chatan Torah: Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

Chatan Bereshit: Dr. Ari Klapholz

Chatan Maftir: Michael Roxland

Ateret HaTorah: Dr. Golda Hudes

Ateret HaKehila: Robyn Samuels



Welcome to all those who are joining us for the  
Simchat Torah Kiddush Luncheon  
In honor of our Chattanim and Atarot  
Friday, October 17th in the Ballroom (Approx 1pm)

**See Page 3 for Youth Simchat Torah Programs**

## Mazal Tov to our Members

- Mazal Tov to grandfather **Richard Zinaman** on the birth of a baby girl to his children  
Melissa and Evan Schwechter.

## Thank you to our Sponsors

### Simchat Torah Kiddush lunch

Sponsored by the Lemmer family, Klapholz family, Roxland family, Hudes family,  
and Samuels family

### Shabbat Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Fund

### Shabbat Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Edna and Bill Caplow** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Bill's  
father, **Max Caplow, z"l**.

### Shabbat Beginners Service Kiddush

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

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Sponsored by **Bernard Broome** and **Janet and Stan Broome** in commemoration of  
the yahrtzeit of their father **Sidney Broome, Yisroel Yitzchak ben Avraham  
Shlomo, z"l**

The Molad for Rosh Chodesh Mar Cheshvan will be on Thursday Morning 2  
Minutes and 16 Chalokim after 9 AM, Rosh Chodesh Mar Cheshvan will be on  
Friday and Shabbat.

## Weekday Prayer Schedule

**Sunday, Oct 19th - Friday, Oct 24th**

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun - Thurs at 5:55pm

Sunday	Mon & Thurs	Tues & Wed	Fri (RC Cheshvan)
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am	Daf Yomi: 6:25am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am	Shacharit: 7:00am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:40am

**\*\*Sam Yamshon** is a third-year medical student at the UC Davis School of  
Medicine, where he is president of the Bioethics Society and the co-Director of the  
Shifa Community Clinic. Prior to medical school he completed a fellowship at  
Columbia University where he taught a class entitled "Medical Ethics, Health and  
Jewish Law", and he has spoken at both academic and Jewish institutions surveying  
important topics in modern medical ethics.

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

### MISSION TO SOUTHERN ISRAEL

The war may be over, but our brothers and sisters in Israel are still struggling with its emotional and economic toll. You can make a difference!

The Solidarity Mission to Southern Israel led by Rabbi Robinson will depart New York, on Motzei Shabbat 11/22. Participants in the mission will meet ordinary residents and community leaders of this hard hit area. They will also meet soldiers who fought in Operation Protective Edge, doctors, physical therapists, social workers, high level government officials and, yes, Israeli cowboys who protect *kibbutzim* and *moshavim*. While the Core Mission ends on Thursday night (11/27), extensions are available for touring Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

For complete information about the trip, including itinerary, hotels, and prices please visit [www.lss.org/israel](http://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](mailto:esther@keshet.co.il) In shul, please speak with either Ann Crane or Nathan Vogel.

Do you have **children or grandchildren** who have made Aliya? Do you have children or grandchildren who are studying in Israel during their gap year? Why not visit them either before or after the Solidarity Mission? If you are a little flexible about the dates of your trip, you can book a flight on El Al for under \$1,000.

Want to learn more about the Solidarity Mission? On **Thursday, October 23 @ 8:00 PM**, Mr. Yitzhak Sokoloff, from Keshet, the organization that is running the mission will speak on the topic of "The Challenge of Being a Moral Army in an Immoral World". Yitzhak will also speak and answer questions about the upcoming Solidarity Mission.

Ready to get your hands dirty? Work on an IDF army base performing manual, civilian work (such as packing medical supplies) side-by-side with soldiers right after the Solidarity Mission. Your 5-day "tour of duty" would start on Sunday, 11/30. Information about the volunteer program is available at [www.vfi-usa.org](http://www.vfi-usa.org)

If you are interested in volunteering, there will be a mandatory informational meeting on **Tuesday, October 21** at 6:00 PM at the offices of Volunteers for Israel, 330 W. 42nd Street, Suite 1618. For information, please call Jessica or Richard Bernstein (212) 643-4848 or email [new-york@vfi-usa.org](mailto:new-york@vfi-usa.org)

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

### 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. 20, Oct. 27, & Nov. 3
  - *20th Century Jewish Philosophy & Philosophers*: Nov. 17th, Nov. 24th, & Dec. 1st.

#### 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  
(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.  
First Class Topic: The Morning Blessings

#### 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](http://Jewishideas.org)). **Sign up at [lss.org/RabbiAngel](http://lss.org/RabbiAngel)**

The Shabbat Morning Class **Insights into the Siddur** recommences on Shabbat Parshat Noach (October 25th)

**For full class descriptions, visit [lss.org/classes](http://lss.org/classes)**

## Beginners Announcements

- 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 **THIS MONDAY, 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 **THIS 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.
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, November 1st, 2014**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, October 30th**. You can register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners) or call 212-874-6100.
- **Save the date! 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 **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](http://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](http://www.lss.org/beginners).
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **NEXT Monday, October 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](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com) or [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org). Topic: Jewish Life Cycles- Bris, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Jewish Funeral, and Paying a Shiva call.

## Security Notice

All bags are subject to search. Please enter and exit the shul only through the main entrance. Never exit through the front of the main women's section. If you see something - or someone - say something. Contact Ian Silver the LSS head of security to volunteer [security@lss.org](mailto:security@lss.org).

## The High Holiday Campaign

The High Holiday campaign is still open. To make a contribution to the 2014 High Holiday Campaign, visit <http://www.lss.org/hhcampaign2014>

## Youth Announcements

### [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth)

#### Youth Groups Yom Tov & 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  
Youth Breakfast @ 9:30am in room 206



### Simchat Torah Youth Programs

**4pm- 5pm: Wiggle, Giggle, Dance with Torah Party** hosted by Nyla and Dena • For Toddlers through K  
We will start with some Torah hugging, a reading of a Simchat Torah book. We will read a Dr. Seuss book about spots. Next a banana sport project consisting of poking chocolate chips into a banana to make spots, and finishing with Torah Dancing.

**5:15pm Torah Trivia / Raffle / Ice Cream Extravaganza**  
Ages 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
There will be 5 parents quizzing kids on different Torah topics. Each correct answer gets a raffle ticket.

**6:15pm** - Chinese auction for raffle tickets earned at that event. Kids can exchange 5 tefillah tickets for one Chinese auction ticket as well. There will also be a high rollers raffle for kids who have been saving their tefillah tickets all year. There will be some big prizes as well as privileges (ex: movie nite for that age group, extra candy at groups, etc)

**6:40pm ice cream party**  
**7:15pm Dancing with torah in shul**  
**7:40pm Kids dinner – in the ballroom**



The ice cream party and Kids dinner is sponsored by the **Mero family** in memory of **Norbert Unger and Herbert Mero, z"l**.

## **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.

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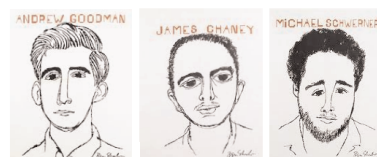


**HONOR Society**



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## Freedom Place Commemoration



**Sunday, October 26th, 2014 at 2pm**



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

- **Israel Discussion • Thursday, October 23 • 8:00pm • In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary**  
Mr. Yitzhak Sokoloff, a representative from "Keshet" will speak on the topic of: "The Challenge of Being a Moral Army in an Immoral World" as well as discussing the upcoming LSS Mission to Southern Israel and answer any questions. Yitzhak Sokoloff is an educator and Israeli political analyst who lectures widely on the imperative of creating a moral society in the State of Israel.
- **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. 
- **Freedom Place Commemoration • Sunday, October 26th • 2pm**  
LSS will host a program commemorating the murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, an African-American and two Jews killed 50 years ago in their fight for black voting rights in Mississippi. One of the three (Goodman) grew up in our neighborhood, and Freedom Place, the nearby street between West End Avenue and Riverside Boulevard, is named in their memory.
- **Free Flu Shots • Wednesday, November 5 • 4-6pm • In the lobby** 
- **Annual LSS Hospitality Shabbaton • November 8-9, 2014**   
Time to start thinking about the new guests you're going to invite. More details to follow.

## 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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By: Solomon Max

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

*In the beginning Hashem created heaven and earth*

הַיֹּשֵׁב עַל חֹג הָאָרֶץ וַיִּשְׂבֶּיהָ כַּחֲגָבִים הַנוֹטָה בְּדֶק שָׁמַיִם וַיִּמְתָּחם כְּאֹהֶל לְשָׁבֶת (ישעיהו)

*It is He who sits upon the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are as grasshoppers - who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent dwelling; (Isaiah)*

When the Jewish people first learned how the earth and heavens were created they had a preconception of what the heavens and earth were. The earth consisted of the known lands around or near the Mediterranean Sea, and the heavens were the sky with the sun, moon, planets, and stars. The Creator, was the entity that was capable of constructing all that could be seen. The size of the perceived earth was approximately 5000 miles in length.

Consider this page of text as a map of the universe. A printed period "." on this page could represent the size of greater Jerusalem, and this printed page could represent the perceived size of the earth to those who received the Torah - a linear factor of about 1,000. Their image of the power of the Creator in some way would correlate with the size of what He created. If He had created a Jerusalem sized world He would have seemed less powerful.

As time passed, the perceived earth with the heavenly bodies grew. Ptolmey - at about the time of the Mishnah - published a model of the universe that Maimonides assumed to be correct. It represented the perception of the most educated as to the size of the universe. In graphical terms, if the original perception of the universe was reduced to the size of a period, then the universe, as described by Maimonides, was now the size of this sheet of paper. In some sense, the Creator now appeared to be 1,000 times more powerful than the Creator of the previously perceived universe.

Around the time of the writing of the shulchan aruch, another factor of 1,000 was uncovered, the ratio of the period to the sheet of paper size. The work of Copernicus, Kepler, and Newton revealed that the Creator had actually built a universe that was a factor of 1,000 larger than Maimonides' universe. Once again the power of the Almighty was revealed to be far greater than previously imagined.

During the 18th century Herschel uncovered another factor of 1000 and in the 20<sup>th</sup> century two more factors of 1,000 were discovered because of the work of Hubble, Einstein, and others. A complication arose - the distances were such relative to the newly discovered speed of light - that most detectable celestial objects had to have been in place long before any possible simple interpretation of the date of the creation described in Bereishit.

All these changes in our perception are fulfilling the dictate given in the creation narrative -

וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם אֱלֹקִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת הָאָרֶץ וּכְבֹּשֶׁהָ

*Hashem said to them (all living creatures), "Be fertile and become many. Fill the land and subdue it."*

It is not difficult to extend the concept of subduing the land to the concept of learning all that can be discovered of the universe by closely examining it to determine the details of the Divine creation.

As knowledge of the universe that Hashem created advances, the awe of the Divine power grows. The universe obeys its Creator's rules everywhere in time and space.

אֵיפֹה הָיִיתָ בְּיָסְדִי אֶרֶץ הַגָּד אִם יָדַעְתָּ בִּינָה: מִי שָׁם מִמְדֵּיהָ כִּי תִדַּע אוּ מִי נָטָה עָלֶיהָ קוֹ: (38:5 איוב)

*Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Explain, if you can understand.*

*Who has determined its dimensions? Who has put a tape-measure to it?(Job 38:5)*

May the Jewish people continue to preserve the message of the Divine creation.

חג שמח - שבת שלום