



# ECHOD

15-17 TISHREI 5775 • OCTOBER 8-11, 2014  
SUKKOT & SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

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## Erev Sukkot, Wednesday, October 8th

- 6:09pm: Candle Lighting\*  
6:15pm: Mincha/Maariv in the Nathaniel Richman  
Cohen Sanctuary  
6:59pm: Begin Meal in Sukkah

\*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.

## Sukkot Day 1, Thursday, October 9th

- 8:00am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**  
6:15pm: Mincha followed by a shiur by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**:  
*The History of Happiness*  
7:07pm: Candle Lighting  
7:08pm: Ma'ariv in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary  
7:08pm: Begin Meal in Sukkah

## Sukkot Day 2, Friday, October 10th

- 8:00am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**  
6:06pm: Candle Lighting  
6:10pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman  
Cohen Sanctuary

## Shabbat Chol Hamoed, October 11th

- 8:00am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
8:45am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Drasha by **Rabbi Yosi Levine**, Senior Rabbi of  
The Jewish Center  
9:51am: Latest Shema  
4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikkur Cholim Society meets in front of LSS  
5:55pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit  
7:05pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## Weekday Prayer Schedule

### Sunday, Oct 12th - Wed, Oct 15th

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun- Tues at 6:10pm

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mon &amp; Tue</u>	<u>Wed (Hoshana Raba)</u>
Shacharit: 6:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:10am	Shacharit: 6:15am
Daf Yomi: 7:55am	Shacharit: 6:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:30am	Shacharit: 8:00am

See October calendar for Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah Prayer Schedule

## Mazal Tov to our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Marilynn and Marvin Goldman** in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 11th.
- Mazal Tov to great-grandparents **Linda and Howard Sterling** on the birth of a baby girl, **Rachel**, to their grandchildren, **Uri and Chaya Sterling** of B'nai Brak.

## SUKKOT DETAILS



Welcome to everyone who made a reservation to eat in our Sukkah during the first days of Sukkot and Shabbat Chol Hamoed. Your seat assignments can be found on the Sukkah map on the second floor.

- During the rest of Chol Hamoed and the last days of the Yom Tov, a reservation is not necessary to eat a meal in the Sukkah. Please feel free to use our Sukkah for eating, learning, relaxing, and general dwelling. (The building closes at 10pm and there will be not be any entrance allowed after 9:30pm) We do not allow sleeping overnight in the sukkah.
- Rabbi Ben Elton's Book Launch • Monday, October 13th**  
**In the Sukkah • 7:30pm**  
Join us for the Launch of the paperback of Rabbi Dr Ben Elton's new book: **Britain's Chief Rabbis and the Religious Character of Anglo-Jewry, 1880-1970**. He will be in discussion with **Rabbi Dr. Alan Brill** on *Transatlantic Modern Orthodoxy: Past, Present and Future*.



## Announcing 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**

## Simchat Torah Kiddush Luncheon

Join us in honoring our Chattanim and Atarot in a Simchat Torah luncheon following Hakafot (Approx 1pm)  
In the LSS ballroom (Catered by Prime Hospitality)

Advanced registration only please at

[lss.org/SimchatTorahLunch](http://lss.org/SimchatTorahLunch)

\$25/adult; \$20/child; \$100/family max

**MISSION TO SOUTHERN ISRAEL: OPTIONS, OPTIONS, OPTIONS**

**Core Mission:** Departs New York, Motzei Shabbat 11/22. Sunday, transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv, walking tour of Jaffa to stretch your legs after the long flight, dinner and orientation. Monday morning we head south; our hotel for the next three nights will be in Ashkelon. We will meet ordinary residents and community leaders of this hard hit area. We will also meet soldiers who fought in Operation Protective Edge, doctors who treated the wounded and therapists who are performing rehab, high level government officials and, yes, Israeli cow-boys who protect *kibbutzim* and *moshavim* from would-be farm animal rustlers. The Core Mission ends on Thursday (11/27) at which point participants can take a late night flight to the States. Why rush back, though? We offer many exciting extensions.

**Friday excursion:** Daven Shacharit at Kever Rachel, visit Gush Etzion, Hebron, Mincha at Maarat Hamachpela.

**Shabbat in Jerusalem:** Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel. Meals either in the hotel or, if you prefer, be hosted by former LSS members who made Aliya.

**Sunday Excursion in Jerusalem:** Meet with the residents of the City of David, visit the Jewish and Moslem Quarters, meet with a commander of the border police and with an archeologist.

**Monday Excursion in Tel Aviv:** Visit the Palmach Museum, experience the sights, smells and tastes of the Levinsky Market and the Carmel Fruit and Vegetable Market, meet with a Brooklyn-born paratrooper turned historian of Tel Aviv. Fly back to the States on Monday night, or stay longer to explore on your own or visit friends & family.

The best way to review the day-by-day itinerary of the Core Mission and the various extensions is to visit [www.lss.org/israel](http://www.lss.org/israel) on the shul's home page. Please call Marcia Katz (800) 213-8260 with your questions or to register. Or, if you prefer, email [esther@keshetisrael.co.il](mailto:esther@keshetisrael.co.il) In shul, please speak with either Ann Crane or Nathan Vogel.

**Volunteers for Israel:** Though not officially part of the mission, please consider this option. You can work on an IDF base doing everything from cleaning, painting, assembling medical kits. You'll live on the army base from Sunday (11/30) to Thursday (12/4), meet active IDF soldiers, receive 3 kosher meals a day, enjoy cultural activities in the evening and the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped Israel with your hands. Lloyd's parents have gone through multiple tours of duty with this program and are happy to answer questions. For more information, click on the Volunteers for Israel icon on the [www.lss.org/israel](http://www.lss.org/israel) landing page and scroll all the way to the bottom. Or, visit the Volunteers for Israel web site at <http://www.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*  
**Starting October 20th** ↘
- **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 (NO CLASS THIS WEEK)
- **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  
**Starting October 21st** ↘
- **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.

#### WEDNESDAY (Starting Oct. 22nd)

- **Wednesday Beit Midrash Night** • 7:30-9:15pm
- 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**

- **The Beginners Service** will resume on the Shabbat after Sukkot, **Saturday, October 18th, 2014.**
- **Beginners Sukkah Party at Ramaz Middle School, 114 East 85th Street: THIS 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.**
- **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-What to expect at a wedding and Sheva Brachot.**

## **Welcome to the Newest Members of our**

**LSS Community**

**Landon and Alana Berns**

## **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 Holidays 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)**

**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](mailto:hjstein@gmail.com)

## **Youth Groups Yom Tov Sukkot & Shabbat Chol Hamoed 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 the Sukkah**



## **Youth Sponsorship**

Thank you to **Alene and Morris Krimolovsky** for sponsoring the October Birthday cupcakes.

**Lincoln Square Synagogue will be taking part in the world wide Shabbat Project:**

**[www.theshabbosproject.org](http://www.theshabbosproject.org)**

**The Shabbos Project**

Look out for an email during Chol Hamoed, and next week's echod for how you can be part of this world wide project!

**This Week's Shabbat Echod is sponsored by:**



**Prospective Student Weekend**

**November 7-9, 2014**

**Registration Deadline: October 30, 2014**  
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**Deadline for nominations is December 19, 2014**






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For details on Sponsoring an Echod, email [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org).



## 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: Yoel Epstein

Sukkos is characterized, according to the Yom Tov liturgy, as *zman simchaseinu* – the time of our happiness. What distinguishes Sukkos as a particularly joyous occasion? Perhaps on the simplest level, we can understand the special joy of Sukkos as a celebration our enhanced connection with God, which we attained on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. But we can look at the unique joyfulness of Sukkos by looking at Sukkos in the context of Pesach and Shavuot. In biblical times, Pesach celebrated the ripening of the spring crop, Shavuot celebrated the summer harvest, and Sukkos celebrated the gathering of the grain in the fall. While all these times were joyous, the gathering of the grain, as the culmination of the year's efforts and successes, was mostly likely an especially happy period. Furthermore, even in a non-agrarian society such as ours, we still celebrate Sukkos at the beginning of the fiscal year and can utilize this time to celebrate whatever successes Hashem has granted us in the previous year. But even if we can see how the time of year has great potential for happiness, is there any aspect of the yom tov itself that helps us experience and express this happiness? Perhaps we can offer a suggestion based on an insight of Rabbeinu Bachya, in his 11<sup>th</sup> century ethical work *Chovos Halevovos*.

Rabbeinu Bachya (Introduction to *Shar Hachinuch*) discusses a perplexing, yet pervasive problem: many people seem to be largely unable to appreciate the bounty that God constantly showers upon them. Why does this problem persist? Rabbeinu Bachya proposes - among a number of other suggestions - that many people are unappreciative because they have come to associate their feelings of contentment and satisfaction with the attainment of certain specific goals. If they fail to accomplish these goals, they are unsatisfied, and even when people successfully accomplish these goals, they remain unhappy, because there is always more to attain. Their constant desire to accomplish and attain more prevents many people from stopping to appreciate and thank Hashem for all the good that they already have. How can people rectify this tendency to underappreciate Hashem's kindness?

If people are unappreciative because they are too caught up in pursuing specific attainments, perhaps they can become more appreciative if they disengage from these pursuits. Sometimes, the force of painful circumstances can push someone to take a step back, such as when a person invests much energy and time towards a specific goal and their efforts completely fail. Even in such a case when the disengagement is painful, one can potentially utilize the opportunity to take a step back and remember that there are so many good things that one already has attained. But it certainly seems preferable to disengage at a time when things are still going well, to stop and appreciate what we have without having to lose something first. How might we accomplish this?

Perhaps we can explain that one of the purposes of the mitzvah of sukkah is to help us to disengage from our pursuits in a positive way. As we leave behind the previous year and embark on a new one, as we gather in the grain of the previous year and ready ourselves to plant the new crop, there is certainly great opportunity for joy. At the same time, we can easily lose sight of what we have already gained and accomplished, and become immersed in the pursuit of future success. When we leave our homes, the symbols of our material success and attainments, for our relatively simple sukkos we are gently reminded to take the opportunity to disengage. When things are still good, when we can look forward to future successes as much as past ones, we are asked to take a step back from our specific goals for the future and remember all the good that we already have. We can now also understand how the mitzvah of sukkah helps us experience the unique joy of Sukkos. By using the opportunity to disengage provided through the sukkah, we can in turn embrace the many blessings that Hashem has granted in the past year, and fully experience *zman simchaseinu*.