



ECHOD

5 - 7 SIVAN 5775 • JUNE 10-13, 2015

PARSHAT BAMIDBAR & SHAVUOT

CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:10PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi
Sherwood Goffin
Senior Cantor
Yanky Lemmer
Cantor
Shirley Stark
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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 6:54pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 6:45pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 8:10pm: Candle Lighting
- 8:15pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am: Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush.
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:08am: Latest Shema
- 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

Shabbat Afternoon

- 12:30pm: Mishnah Siyum Lunch in the ballroom
- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 6:25pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 6:55pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbinic Intern Mark Weingarten**
- 6:55pm: Bible Class and the Book of Ruth with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 7:55pm: Mincha (No Seudah Shlishit)
Shiur by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: *This Revelation May Have Side Effects: Antisemitism & Matan Torah*. Sponsored by **Dorothea Krieger** in commemoration of the 4th yahrtzeit on the 9th of Sivan of her father **Eliezer Natan ben Moshe Nachum HaKohen (Leo Krieger) z"l**.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of Tuesday, June 13– Friday, June 17

Tue – Thurs: Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:20pm

Tues, Wed & Fri

Thursday

Daf Yomi: 6:20am

Daf Yomi: 6:15am

Shacharit: 7:10am

Shacharit: 7:00am

Shacharit: 7:50am

Shacharit: 7:50am

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE

Saturday Night, June 11th

- 9:10pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 9:11pm: Ma'ariv
- 12:00am: Beginners Shavuot Learn-In in room 206/207
- 12am-5am: Tikkun Leil Shavuot—see page 2 for the full schedule

Shavuot Day 1– Sunday, June 12th

- 4:58am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbinic Intern Marc Weingarten**
- 10:30am: Youth Groups
- 7:15pm: Tea, Terrace, Torah with **Rabbi Dr. Richard Hiday**: *Recreating Sinai: How to Find Truth in an Age of Relativism*
- 7:15pm: Book of Ruth class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 8:15pm: Mincha & Shiur by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** *Grit- Naomi, The Unsung Hero of Megillat Ruth*
- 9:11pm: Earliest Candle Lighting/Ma'ariv

Shavuot Day 2– Monday, June 13th

- 8:00am: Hashkama Minyan (including Yizkor) in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 9:00am: Services (including Yizkor) in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 10:45am Yizkor Drasha (Approx.)
- 12:30pm: Young Professionals Picnic Lunch & Learn in Riverside Park
- 7:15pm: Book of Ruth class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 8:15pm: Mincha/ Seudah Neilat HaChag
- 9:11pm: Maariv/Yom Tov Ends

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. David & Mrs. Shira Gilboa

Mr. Irving Wiesen & Ms. Lois Liebowitz

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Dr. Robert & Ruth Riemer** upon the engagement of their granddaughter **Tamar Jennifer Ossip** to **Eliezer Buechler** of Dix Hills, Nassau County and to parents **Alissa & Avi Ossip** and **Rabbi Howard & Laura Buechler**.
- Mazal Tov to **Joel & Judy Schrieber** on the birth of a great-grandson to their grandchildren **Ariel & Sara Bluma Fein** in Jerusalem, Israel.

SHAVUOT

Siyum Shabbat Luncheon—Shabbat, June 11th at 12:30pm

People who have already registered for the Siyum luncheon should join us in celebration of this year's communal study of Mishnah in the ballroom right after services.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot— Saturday Night, June 11th

Join us for a full night of learning with clergy and guest speakers culminating with Shavuot morning services in the main sanctuary. *Full shiurim schedule below*

Picnic Lunch and Learn—Monday, June 13th (2nd day of Shavuot) at Riverside Park

Join us for a Lunch and Learn in the park!!! It is BYOL (bring your own lunch) but the shul will provide some Torah from one of the Rabbis.

SHAVUOT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

6:55 PM **RABBINIC INTERN MARK WEINGARTEN** LOUIS & RHODA LAZAR MEMORIAL SHIUR

6:55 PM BIBLE CLASS AND THE BOOK OF RUTH WITH **RABBI EPHRAIM BUCHWALD**

8:10 PM **RABBI JOSH ROSENFELD** *THIS REVELATION MAY HAVE SIDE EFFECTS: ANTISEMITISM & MATAN TORAH* Sponsored by **Dorothea Krieger** in commemoration of the 4th yahrtzeit of her father **Eliezer Natan ben Moshe Nachum HaKohen (Leo Krieger) z"l**.

FIRST DAY SHAVUOT, SUNDAY JUNE 12

10:30AM **YOUTH ACTIVITIES** SPECIAL SHAVUOT ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR GROUPS: KIDS AGES 2ND GRADE AND OLDER WILL MAKE ICE CREAM IN GROUPS. IN THE YOUNGER GROUPS WE WILL PLAY SPECIAL SHAVUOT THEMED GAMES AND MAKE EDIBLE CANDY TORAHS.

7:15 – 8:15 PM TEA. TERRACE. TORAH. WITH **RABBI DR. RICHARD HIDARY** – *RECREATING SINAI: HOW TO FIND TRUTH IN AN AGE OF RELATIVISM*

7:15 - 8:15 PM BOOK OF RUTH WITH **RABBI EPHRAIM BUCHWALD**

8.15 PM MINCHA & SHIUR BY **RABBI SHAUL ROBINSON** *GRIT - NAOMI, THE UNSUNG HERO OF MEGILLAT RUTH*

SECOND DAY SHAVUOT, MONDAY JUNE 13

10.45 AM (APPROX.) **RABBI SHAUL ROBINSON** *YIZKOR DRASHA*

7.15 – 8.15 PM TEA. TERRACE. TORAH. **RABBI JOSH ROSENFELD** – *RETURN TO THY TENTS-: JEWISH SEXUALITY & MATAN TORAH , A SENSITIVE CONVERSATION*

7:15 - 8:15 PM BOOK OF RUTH WITH **RABBI EPHRAIM BUCHWALD**

DR ADENA BERKOWITZ RECEIVED HER MA AND HER PHD FROM THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. SHE ALSO HOLDS A LAW DEGREE FROM YESHIVA UNIVERSITY'S BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW,. SHE IS THE LEADER OF THE KOL HANESHAMAH COMMUNITY ON THE UWS.

AMI EDEN IS THE CEO AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY. HE PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS THE EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE JEWISH DAILY FORWARD AND WAS THE FOUNDING EDITOR OF THE FORWARD WEBSITE.

GIDI GRINSTEIN RECEIVED HIS MA IN GOVERNMENT FROM THE JFK SCHOOL AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND IS THE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF REUT INSTITUTE A NON-PARTISAN, NON-PROFIT STRATEGY GROUP THAT FOCUSES ON ISSUES RELATED TO ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH WORLD.

RABBI DR. RICHARD HIDARY IS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF JUDAIC STUDIES AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AND THE DISTINGUISHED RABBINIC FELLOW AT CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT (Saturday night/Sunday Morning, June 11-12 in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary)

This year's Shavuot learning & refreshments are sponsored by **Bina Presser** in memory of her parents **Leiser & Mina Presser, OBM**, whose yahrtzeits occur around Shavuot.

12.00 – 1.15 AM **RABBI SHAUL ROBINSON, AMI EDEN, & GIDI GRINSTEIN** – *THE FUTURE OF MATAN TORAH: A PANEL DISCUSSION AND CONVERSATION*

12.00 – 1.15 AM (FOR TEENS) **RABBI JOSH ROSENFELD**
FINDING TORAH IN THE STRANGEST PLACES

1.30 – 2.30 AM **DR. ADENA BERKOWITZ**
LIPS ARE MOVING... BUT WHAT ARE WE PRAYING? A LOOK AT THE INTRODUCTORY MORNING BLESSINGS

1.30 – 2.30 AM (FOR TEENS) **RABBI SHAUL ROBINSON**
AMAA: ASK THE RABBI (ALMOST) ANYTHING

2.45 – 3.45 AM **RABBI SHAUL ROBINSON** *MIEMATAI?- TRADITION UNDER ATTACK ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE TALMUD*

4.00 – 4.45 AM **RABBI JOSH ROSENFELD**
NA'ASEH V'NISHMAH IS A COMPLAINT! SHAVUOT WITH REBBE NACHMAN OF BRESLOV

12AM – 4:45 AM (BEGINNER'S LEARNING PROGRAM, 1ST NIGHT OF SHAVUOT) **RABBI EPHRAIM BUCHWALD** *THE TARYAG MITZVOT: A SURVEY OF THE 613 COMMANDMENTS, BEGINNING WITH MITZVAH NO. 426: "PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERMARRIAGE" (ROOM 206/207)*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR *BOOK OF RUTH WITH RABBI EPHRAIM BUCHWALD*, SUNDAY & MONDAY, 7.15 – 8.15 PM

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Shabbat Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Joel Tennenholtz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his brother, **Perry, Peretz ben Benyamin z"l**, and his grandfather **Morris Tennenholtz, Moshe Yosef ben Yitzchak z"l**.

Shabbat Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Helga Weisburger** in commemoration of her father's yahrtzeit **Ephraim ben Menachem Mendel, z"l**, and in honor of **Rabbi Buchwald**.

Neilat HaChag

Sponsored by David Stone in commemoration of the 48th yahrtzeit, on 8 Sivan, of his beloved father, Robert Stone z"l, and on the 50th Anniversary, on June 11, of his marriage to his beloved wife, Arlene R. Stone a"h".

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Sponsored by **Bernard & Naomi Zweig** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother **Frieda, ז"ל פרידה בת עובדיה יעקב**; and by **Sara & Eli Kravitz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Elie's grandfather, **Bill Kravitz, z"l**.

UPCOMING EVENTS- RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS AT LSS.ORG/EVENTS

Women's Talk Time • Thursday, June 15th, at 11:30am.

Women are invited to attend an ongoing discussion group facilitated by Ruth Riemer. All ages are welcome. Our last topic was: "Daughters\Daughters in Law."

Board of Trustees & Governors Meeting • Wednesday, June 15th, at 7:00pm

Yiddish Soul Concert • Wednesday, June 15th • 7:00pm

A free concert of cantorial and Chassidic stars. Gates open at 6PM at the Central Park Summer Stage. Come see **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer** and other stars light up the stage.

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The following article has links to important information; please consider reading the online version of the Echod after Shabbat.

Activities in Israel

We recognize that many of our members have been to Israel many times and may be interested in some new, off the beaten tourist path activities the next time that you are there. In last week's Pinat Israel we asked that you consider performing volunteer work on an active IDF base through the www.Volunteers for Israel program the next time you are in Israel.

This week, we are happy to pass along an open invitation from Lloyd Epstein. Lloyd has kept in touch with a good number of former LSS members who would be happy to take our members on a variety of tours, at no cost other than transportation, meals and any entrance fees. Here is a sample of possible tours: Photography tour of Tel Aviv Yafo; Yishuvim and industrial towns in Negev; Chareidi Jerusalem; Alon Shv'ut, Yeshivat Har Eztion; Haifa and its surroundings. For more information, please speak with Lloyd or email him at lepstein@epsteinweil.com

Do you know of any off the beaten activities in Israel that our members might enjoy? Please pass them along; email supportisrael@lss.org

Ha'Karat Ha'Tov

We often ask you to email or call our elected officials to ask them to take a certain position that we support. This time, we are happy to ask you to email Governor Cuomo to **thank him** for ordering New York State agencies under his control to [stop doing business](http://stopdoingbusiness.com) with companies that participate in the boycott of Israel. Please email the Governor at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/contact>

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TONIGHT! 12:00am-7:00am – All Night Shavuot Learn-A-Thon.** The keynote opener will start at 12:00am and **Rabbi Buchwald's** class starts at 1:00am and continues to 4:45am. Topic: "The Taryag Mitzvot: A Survey of the 613 Commandments," starting with mitzvah #426: "Prohibition Against Inter-marriage." Refreshments will be served. No reservation necessary.
- **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** will be teaching a **FREE Crash Course in Basic Judaism** at **The Long Beach Hotel, 405 East Broadway, Long Beach, NY 11561 in Long Beach**, for 3 consecutive Wednesday nights, starting on **THIS Wednesday, June 15th** at 7:30pm. To register, please visit www.njop.org/ccbj or call 646-871-4444.
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II**, will begin **Monday, June 20th** at 6:30pm. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners Co-Sponsored by NJOP.
- **Save the date!** "First Call" **Beginners Luncheon**, to be held **Shabbat, September 10th**, in honor of **Dr. Leonard Davidman**. The cost is still only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners. Please make your reservations and payment by **Thursday, September 8th**.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:00 pm

A program dedicated to the memory of Bruce Ritholtz a"h with the ambitious goal of studying and completing an entire tractate of Talmud, focused on analysis and group discussion. This year we will be studying tractate Ta'anit.

Beit Midrash Night:

- **Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 7:05pm**
Adultery, incest, rebellion -- the travails of David, the greatest Jewish king -- A great story, complex characters, a subtle, sophisticated text.
- **Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings • 7:00 pm** - Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robin Mitchnick (*Meets in a private residence, please call office for details*)



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: Jerry Tov Greenberg

WEDNESDAY

Beit Midrash Night • 8:40pm

Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky. The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai: We continue to analyze the Israeli poet's final masterpiece, Patuach Sagur Patuach.

THURSDAY

Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 6:45pm

Join Rabbi Shaul Robinson for an exciting and timely look at the weekly portion utilizing contemporary and ancient commentators to uncover new depth in Torah study.

Cholent Chabura with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 8:45pm

Welcome Shabbat early and explore a challenging new topic in Jewish thought each week in this informal and friendly gathering. Chabura meets in a private residence. *Please contact office for location.*

Music is both my passion and profession, and the cantillation for Torah and Haftorah resonate keenly for me. In this week's selections there's a striking contrast between the *trop* and the text. It's one worth noting. (Pun intended.)

The *parsha* of *Bamidbar* opens with Moses taking a census of the tribes. All the statistics are included in numbing detail. The information is repetitive and unvarying.

The haftorah is from chapter two of *Hosea* and begins with a prognostication that the numbers of *B'nei Yisrael* will be as immeasurable as the sand of the sea. That's the connection to the torah reading. But the subsequent storyline builds upon the prophet's personal life from the previous chapter, with his seemingly doomed marriage miraculously transformed. It's a story of obligation, love, betrayal and forgiveness, where Hosea and his wife and children become stand-ins for *HaShem* and *Klal Yisrael*. It's dramatic and lyrical, full of allusion and altogether remarkable.

And yet, in both the torah and haftorah readings the *trop* and the text seem to be mismatched. In boring *Bamidbar*, the cantillation is rich and textured. In riveting *Hosea*, with few exceptions, it's colorless and dreary. As a composer I'm naturally curious about this. Was it accidental, or incidental, or was it a mindful calculation on the part of the maestros who first put them together?

The last lines of the haftorah are among the most meaningful expressions of love ever recorded. The Hebrew is elegant, but even in English the essence comes through: "And I will betroth you unto Me forever; and I will betroth you unto Me, in righteousness and in justice, in lovingkindness and in compassion. And I will betroth you unto Me in faithfulness, and you will know *HaShem*."

Despite the soaring sentiment, the *trop* remains as mundane and earthbound as ever. To me, however, this passage sings. It sang to me on the day of my bar mitzvah fifty-six years ago this week and continues to sing every time I put on *tefillin*. Eventually I was inspired to write the song down, and if I may, I'd like to share it with you.

Besides, I've always wanted to end a *dvar torah* with an actual coda.

I wasn't able to record a fully orchestrated performance in time for this publication, but if you'll be kind enough to consider this as a work-in-progress, I posted a piano-vocal practice version on YouTube and invite you to listen to it after *Shabbat* by visiting the following link.

Here's the coda: https://youtu.be/zXXwuZwbZ_Y (or do a YouTube search under "Jerrytov")